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In the meantime, keep checking the website for breaking news or Simonton Lake stories that you won't want to miss.



**Simonton Lake Drive-In Celebrates Fifty Years! -- story on page 18.**

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Photo by Maria Hopman

**Ready for Summer-**  
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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND FREE DINNER MAY 21st

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for all of your lake community events, stories,  
information & photos.

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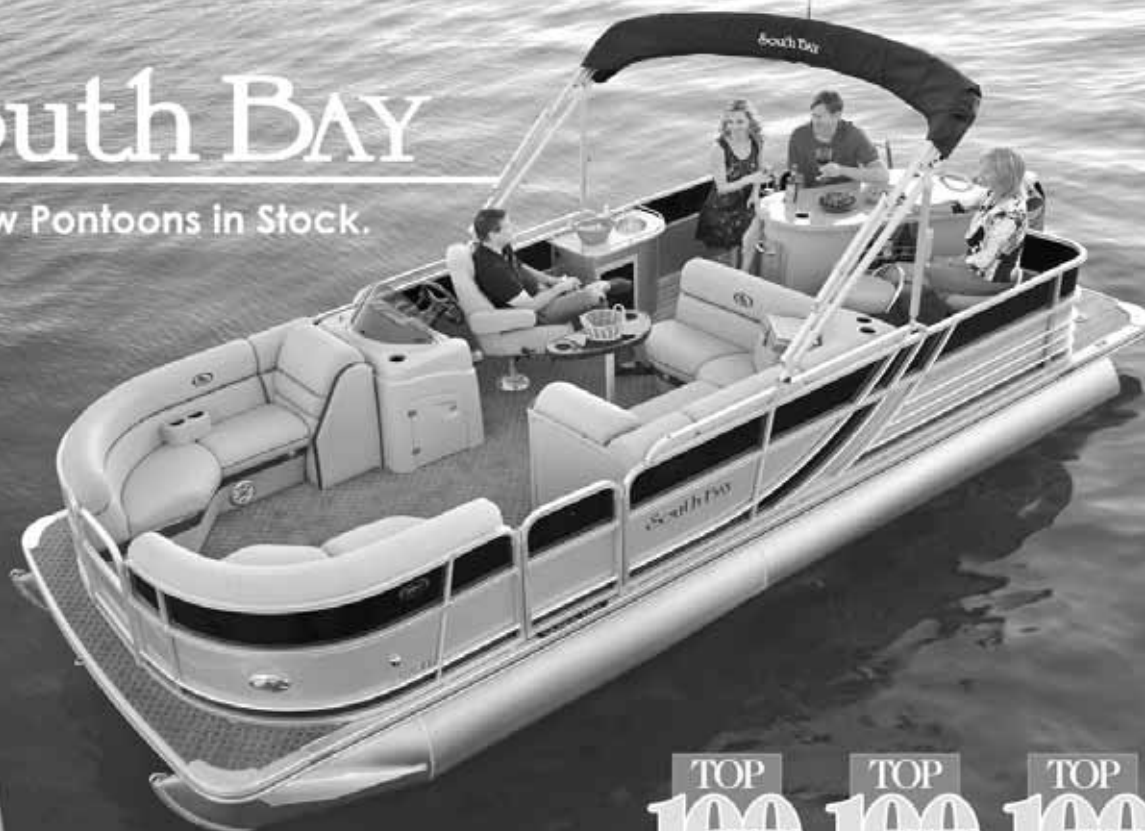
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Membership/Outreach, Environment, Lake Safety, & Newsletter/Website.

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*The **MISSION** of the Simonton Lake Area Homeowner's 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.*

## Our Newsletter

Our newsletter is published 4 times a year, but our website is filled with current information, stories, events, photos about the community. Check it out at:

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## Events on the Lake

- May 3 Neighborhood Garage Sale 9am-5pm
- May 17 Mostaccioli Open  
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- May 21 Association General Meeting 6:30pm at Sportsmen's Club
- May 25 Memorial Weekend Luminary Night
- Jun. 14 Youth Fishing Contest  
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- July 5 Poker Run (rain or shine)  
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- July 5 FIREWORKS  
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- July 6 FIREWORKS Rain date
- Aug. 10 Youth Fishing Contest  
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- Sep. 27 Hog Roast-Fall Festival

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## Does Your Seawall Need Some Repair?

-by staff writer

Living on the lake has wonderful benefits that many people would love to experience. These perks keep most of us here for a long time. We also have some “maintenance items” to deal with that regular homeowners never face. One of those “items” is our seawall. Property owners have numerous types of seawalls around the lake. If you have a newly



***We hope this isn't what your seawall looks like!***

constructed home with a new seawall, you should be set well for a long time and not have to give this subject any thought. Some of us have already had to make decisions about an existing seawall on our lot and taken the plunge to repair or replace it. However, many people are looking at a deteriorating structure or none at all and trying to make a decision what to do about it. One thing you can count on – you will have some time and/or money invested in the process.

This article will touch only on the basics when you finally decide it is time to really deal with your seawall situation. Maybe the information will get the wheels turning for your next project.

(The first two steps go hand in hand. Sometimes a contractor is needed to help determine the need for a seawall repair versus a replace-

ment.)

The first decision to be made is whether a new seawall is in order or a repair can be made. If the decision is a new seawall, the next step is to determine what type to put in. Glacial stone is used and highly preferred by the DNR; vinyl, steel and concrete seawalls are other options. If a repair is the route you take, re-facing has become a common choice. But other avenues exist; the extent of the damage might determine the type of repair.

The next step is finding a contractor to do the work if you do not plan to complete the project yourself. Finding a contractor is not necessarily an easy task. Some contractors install only specific types. Others have work scheduled months in advance. Talk to your neighbors and lake friends whom have had work done for recommendations. Just be prepared to be flexible on your timetable!

The third part of the project is getting the approval of the DNR to proceed with your plans. Most contractors who specialize in seawalls are knowledgeable of the steps necessary to get a permit and will include the paperwork in their price. The process is somewhat cumbersome, because the State asks for a LOT of information. If the contractor does not file the paperwork or you are doing the work yourself, all of the information you need is available on the State's website, [www.in.gov/dnr/water/4972.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/water/4972.htm).

When you initially look at the manual to help you through the paperwork process, you might want to shut off the computer and run the other direction. Take a deep breath and don't be intimidated. Tackle one requirement at a time and you will be amazed how every step falls into

place. Below is a brief summary of the requirements:

Print State Form 42946, Permit Application for Construction, from the website and complete. The form includes:

- Public Notice for adjacent property owners
- Project description
- Project location (with a location map and site map)
- Disturbed area drawing
- Project photographs

Each point listed above is explained with examples in the Permit Application Assistance Manual on the website.

A contractor indicated that sometimes the State will require additional information after the initial submission of the application. This point is another reason the permit takes time to secure.

After DNR approval is received, the seawall replacement or repair must take place within a 2-year window for that particular permit. The work involved in the permit process certainly will make you a proactive homeowner to complete the project within the allotted time!

Every case on the lake is probably a little different. In one situation, approximately a year after the seawall was repaired, a DNR representative came unannounced to the site of the repair and took photos of the completed work. The homeowner happened to be home at the time and walked out to meet the agent, wondering if a problem existed. She informed the person there were no problems; this visit was protocol for the department. The file was then closed.

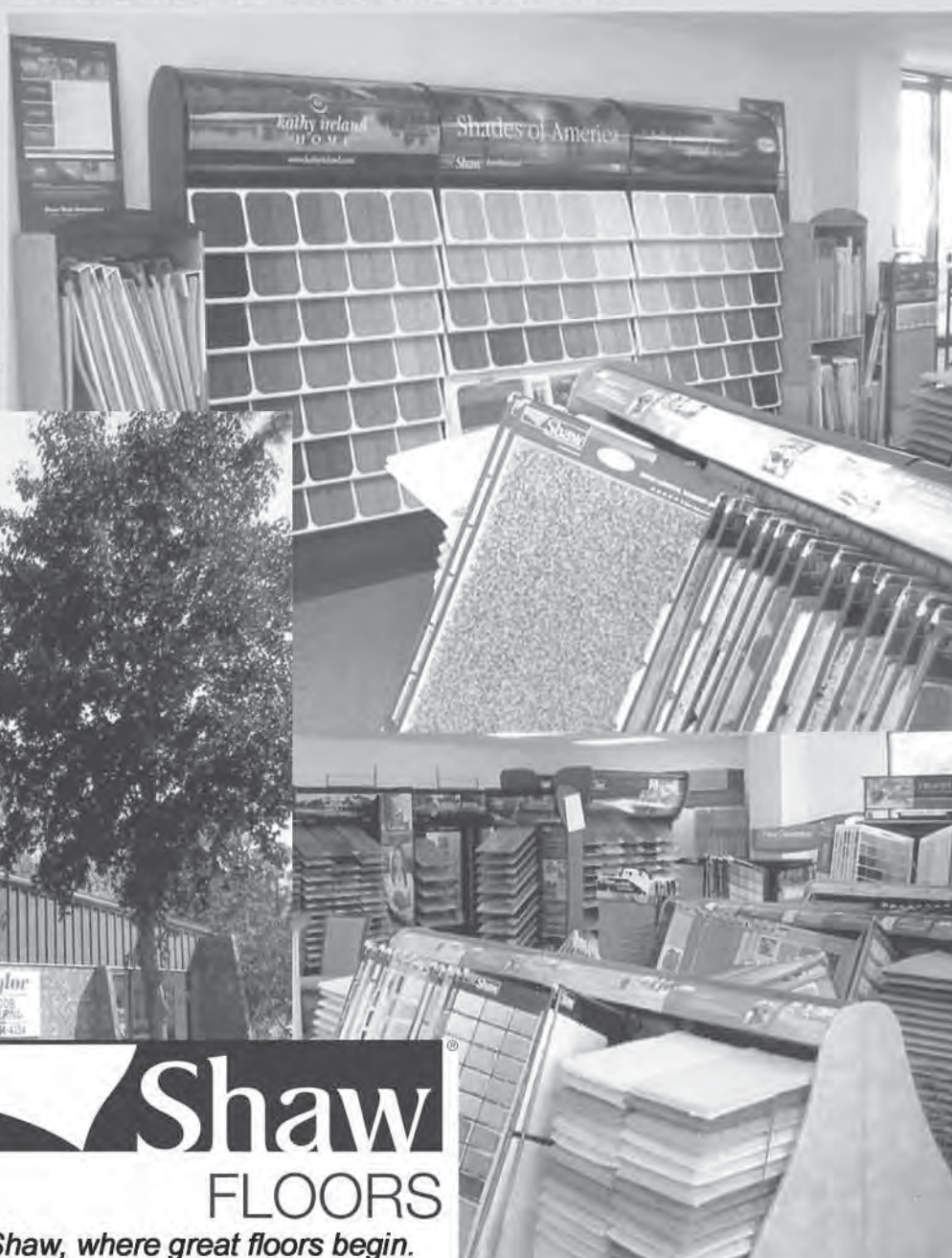
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## Dredging Project is a "GO" - Environmental Committee Update

-by John Lendman, Chairperson

After years of work by lake residents, the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners Association, the SLAHA Environment Committee and with support from the Sportsmen's Club, the DNR has granted Simonton Lake \$200,000 to dredge our shallow waterways. This money comes from the Lake and River Enhancement Funds (LARE). This has truly been a team effort. Without the existence of the Simonton Lake Area Homeowner's Association and the support of our residents, the Ecozone would not be a reality and Sediment Removal project would never have qualified for LARE funding, and in all probability the Weir would still be in debate with the county and state. The community's support has given the Association vis-

ibility and credibility.

Good things can happen when large numbers of people unite for a common cause. The Association has provided a structure that allows people to gather to discuss common interests and then work to make those dreams become a reality. Something that no one person could do alone is possible for there is strength and power in numbers. For example, in 2009 when the Environment committee (8-12 interested and committed people) applied for our Diagnostics study they set some goals for desired outcomes like Dredging and the Eco Zone. Without that committee's vision and perseverance these projects would still only be dreams.

Now that we have the grant money from the state we are required to match those funds. This is a bit scary but the newly created Simonton Lake Trust has already received some sizable donations. The dredging project is the biggest project ever attempted

at Simonton Lake that required so much money. But it is something we must do to keep the water in our lake clean. We will need everyone's help. We will need everyone's commitment. We will need for everyone to invest in the lake we love so that Simonton Lake is around for our kids and grand-kids.

On May 21 the Association will have our annual General Meeting. We want everyone to come and hear about this project and the other things the various committees are doing. We will start the evening at 6:00 with a delicious FREE meal hosted by the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust for all who attend. Bring nothing but your appetite. Then at 7:00 we will begin our meeting. Don't sit at home and wonder about the details of the dredging project. Come, have a great meal and listen for yourself. We hope to see you there. ■

## Simonton Lake Preservation Trust Acquiring Funds for Dredging Project

The Simonton Lake Preservation Trust, a recently established 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has begun to accept donations for the dredging project.

This three-member panel was delighted to hear that an application to the state has been accepted and that we have been awarded a \$200,000 grant. But, that \$200,000 won't pay for the entire project. What else is being done to get to our financial goal?

- The Trust has already collected over \$8,000.
- We have pledges of over \$20,000.
- We have a grant application pending with the Pfizer Corporation.
- We are applying for a grant from the Elkhart Area Community Foundation.
- We are looking for any other local foundations or trusts from whom we might receive funds.
- Both Pete's Simonton Lake Tavern and Flippin' Cow have donated money from their Sunday sales this winter.

- Shaklee Corporation and local Shaklee representatives Jim and Sue Flemming, have created a Simonton Lake Buying Group whereby profits from Shaklee products go to the dredging fund. There has just been created a unique website for Simonton Lake residents to purchase products with ease. Go to [www.simontonlake.myshaklee.com](http://www.simontonlake.myshaklee.com)

### How can you help?

- Join the Lake Association. There is power in numbers.
- Consider a tax deductible gift to the trust?
- Check with the company you work for. Would your company be willing to help?
- Do you know of a trust or foundation that might be willing to help? Let us know.
- Take a look at the Shaklee products to see what you might be able to use.

This dredging project is the biggest job we've ever attempted at the lake since the conservancy. But, it will make our water clean, protect our lake and increase our property values.. The trust is working hard. Won't you help us? ■



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# Life on the Lake

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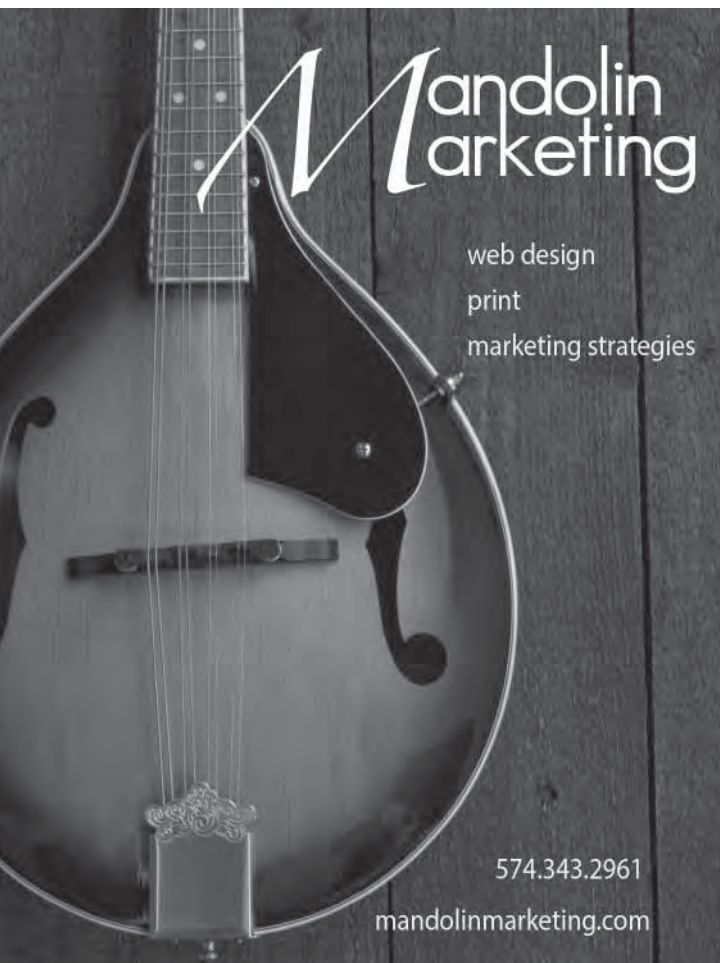
-by Amy Matherly

It was a long, long winter. I have never seen a winter when the lake was ice-bound until almost April. But, in its way it is yet another addition to the mental scrapbook of memories that we lakera have from our years of looking out on our lake.

I actually saw two sand hill cranes in the middle of the lake on the ice just days before the wind finally sent the ice crashing against the seawalls. You don't see this kind of thing just anywhere.

Now as spring approaches we have entered a new chapter at the lake. We have in front of us a huge task. We have been given permission by the state to dredge our shallow channels. We even have been given a grant of money which will pay for a big part of the cost.

We are fortunate people to have been given the opportunity to live on or near this lake. But with this opportunity comes the awareness that we are its guardians. We, the residents, hope to pass on this lake to future generations in better condition than we found it. And, that's saying something in the 21st Century. So many times we hear that we are leaving problems for the next generation to solve. But right here at Simonton Lake we can make a dif-



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ference. We can keep this place a haven of relaxation and recreation for ourselves, for our grandchildren and beyond. What a great legacy!

In the end what good can a person say that he or she has done? We want to look out at the lake and see that we have stood together with our neighbors to protect, preserve and enhance the lake we love. Think back to last summer as you listened to your children or grandchildren playing in the water. Won't you join us in preserving, protecting and enhancing our lake? Won't you keep our lake a place of beauty for our children and grandchildren? ■



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## Wildlife in our Backyard

### Who's Eating our Trees?

-by staff writer

Seen in a North Shore Drive neighbor's yard are these two trees scraped of bark to about 12 inches off of the ground. The bark is laying on the ground. So we assume that the culprit was not interested in the bark as his dinner.



Could it be the same varmit that ate the trunk of Chuck Vetter's tree?

Could it be the elusive neighborhood beaver? Gene and Betty Landis of Aqua Drive caught our resident beaver on camera around the end of March last year and sent this picture to the Simonton Says staff. Wonder where he is making his home this spring? ■



### What does Simonton Lake mean to your grandchildren?

-by staff writer

Here is a letter from Van and Cathy Kessler's (Blue Ribbon Lane) grandson: Andrew is eight years old and lives near Pittsburgh with his Mom, Dad and two sisters. Dad is Zach V. Kessler, Mom is Julie, his sister Leah is five and sister Molly is one. ■

Simonton Lake 7-15-13  
I had a great time  
visiting my Grammy  
and Pop who live on  
Simonton Lake in  
Elkhart, Indiana. Every  
day we went for  
a ride on their  
pontoon boat. We  
swam in the shallow  
and deep water. The  
most exciting thing  
we did was go tubing.  
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get in an innertube  
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you by a rope. We  
went fishing off of  
their pier. I caught  
about 15 fish! We  
went looking for  
turtles, and we  
caught a baby  
turtle! We let the  
fishes and turtle go.  
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## Street Safety

-by Dave Foutz

As the person representing Simonton Lake residents at the County Council, I directly and indirectly receive expressions for concern about street safety. The recent fatality at Bell and North Shore Drive has sparked a new round of neighborhood anxiety. I have passed these concerns on to Jeff Taylor, Highway Director for Elkhart County. The problem intersections and road alignments were pointed out to him. He along with his engineering staff drove around the lake discussing what changes, if any, were possible within the constraints of state law regarding highway construction. The legal parameters are not always recognized by the general citizenry. Often ideas that residences think would be logical may not pass legal review.

At the present time no changes suggested for the intersection of Bell and North Shore Drive were considered acceptable. That doesn't suggest that the discussion for that area is finished. I have recently noticed the stop sign on North Shore at Bell is placed in a visually difficult location. I realize driveways are so close to that corner it makes sign placement problematic. I will continue to work on that. However, there are two areas where corrective action is possible on Lake Drive.

I had mentioned the poor line-of-sight caused by the trees at the intersection of Johnson Street and Lake Drive. I had suggested making that a three way stop. The county said that if the property owner would agree they would remove the trees and haul them away. I have not yet located the property owner.

The second problem intersection

is the merger of Lake and Lakewood Drives. The Highway Department's suggestion is to realign Lake Drive as a T-intersection with a stop sign. Mr. Taylor suggested that we discuss this possibility at the annual meeting and gauge the feelings of the residents. I think this has merit and will present those ideas at the meeting.

Today as Carole and I were working in the yard and a person on a trail bike came past twice at a speed that could have approached 70 MPH. This lack of respect for public safety cannot be mitigated by alterations in street design. We need to remember that we are the most important element in street safety around the lake.

Dave Foutz

Elkhart County Council, District 1 ■

## Let's Light Up the Lake on Memorial Day Weekend

The membership committee thought long and hard about an event of some sort that we could do as a lake community for Memorial Day. We are full to the brim on the 4th with the Poker Run and Fireworks, but are lacking for the holiday which not only kicks off the summer season at the lake but memorializes the sacrifices of the men and women who guard our freedom.

We discussed having a wreath laid on the lake but thought that would take away from similar services already in place in surrounding towns and area cemeteries.

So, what we came up with was a simple do-it-yourself event that will show our support. We are asking that each lake resident place a luminary every five feet or so along your sea-

wall on bank.

What's a Luminary, you say? Luminaries can be made out of paper bags or plastic milk jugs. Or, you can buy special bags from party supply stores or sites. If you use a plastic milk jug you will need to enlarge the hole at the top. Then, simply place bird seed or sand in the bottom of the bag or jug enough to weight down the container so it won't tip over in the breeze. Finally, place a votive candle in the middle of the sand or seed.

We'd like you to light your luminaries at sundown on Sunday, May 25th. We hope that we will light up the lake all the way around. It should be beautiful. If it rains, let's try it on Monday the 26th at sundown. ■



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## Membership Committee Has Lots of Things Going On

### NEW NEIGHBORS

One of the jobs of this committee is to get a new neighbor bag filled with goodies, information and a gift certificate or two to folks who are new to the lake. As of last fall we had 8 new neighbors reported to us. We now have nice sturdy bags with the association name on the front. These bags will be great for taking beach towels or snacks out to the boat come summer. If you have a new neighbor please contact Sue Ward and they'll get a new neighbor bag out to them.

### MEMBERSHIP

This spring we will make a big push to get more folks to become members of the Lake Association. You might ask why this is important:

- First there is power in numbers. One person can ask for change or work for good but when he or she is joined by others the possibility for success multiplies.
- Second, as we look for money for our dredging project from local and national foundations and corporations we will need to show that the majority of the lake supports the project. If we can't show good numbers they won't award us any grant money.
- Your dues goes for good things like supporting the fireworks, producing the newsletter, putting on events like the neighborhood garage sale, hog roast and general meeting.
- There will be a table at the General Meeting and there is also a membership form in the newsletter. Remember if you are new to the lake your first year is free. If you are 70-79 you only pay \$20.00. If you are 80 or above

you are an Honorary Lifetime Member.

### FALL HOG ROAST AND CARRY-IN

This annual fun event is scheduled for Saturday, September 27 at the Sportsmen's Club. We'll roast the hog. You bring the salads, veggies, fruit, desserts, etc. We will have electric plugs to keep your crock pots warm and serving spoons. We will provide bottled water but you may bring whatever else you and your family would like to drink. Bring your friends. This is a wonderful event, great food, good conversation and fellowship.

### FIRST ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The membership committee would like to announce our first annual Neighborhood Garage Sale on May 3 from 9-5. Angie Fisher rhettfish2@frontier.com will be coordinating this event. We'll do the advertising, just get your items out to the garage. If you let us know you want to participate you can have a free yard sign for your yard. E-mail Angie or call 262-4773.

### KAYAK FOR CANCER SUPPORT

There has been interest voiced in hosting a kayak event here at Simonton Lake to support our local cancer support group. If you are interested please contact Simonton Says. The Membership Committee will support you. We just need a leader for this proposed event.

### NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

While the Newsletter Committee puts together Simonton Says, the neighborhood reps are the delivery people. You'll find their names in the newsletter on the page entitled Notes from the Board. There are some changes this time so take a look to see who delivers your newsletter. And, it might be nice to say thank

you. This dedicated group delivers in the summer but also in the dead of winter when we slide from mailbox to mailbox.

### MEMORIAL WEEKEND LUMINARIES

On Sunday of Memorial Day weekend the Membership committee urges each lake resident to set out luminaries every five feet on the seawall or shoreline. Luminaries can be made out of old plastic milk jugs or paper bags. Place a good amount of sand or birdseed in the bottom with a votive candle in the middle. If you are one of those crafty people who contribute to Pinterest, you'll find other more creative ideas. But whatever you come up with--Light your luminaries at sundown and let's let the lake shine. ■

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## Simonton Lake Drive-In Celebrates It's 50th Year!

-by Carole Foutz

This is the 50th season for the "drive-in" which opened on March 18. The first Hoff owner, Helen Hoff, turns 84 the next day! She can remember vividly the first of those tough years taking over such a demanding business as a young mother. The article to the right was published in the Simonton Says in July of 2010.

Now, after Rick Hoff, the current owner and son of Bud and Helen Hoff, is transitioning his son Jason to take over the business, a lot remains the same and a lot has changed. One thing that remains the same is the root beer recipe. Shortly after taking over the A & W business, Hoff's dropped the franchise in 1974 and the recipe has remained the same. It is made on site, but what is different this year is that they have added a chiller to keep the root beer at 38 degrees. At this temperature it is more flavorful and will keep those frosty mugs icier longer! With the healthier trend toward non-sugar drinks, they are still maintaining a constant flow of the old fashioned root beer. They have added raspberry tea for those that would like to try another of their own brews.

I asked Jason what was one of his first memories of the family drive-in and he said trying to get high enough from the floor to wash dishes and later to the grill. A step stool was provided and he was on the way to being a productive worker at the family business. When asked what kind of challenges do you think you are posed with now that the other two generations did not experience? Jason did not need long to think-competition! When I first moved out to this neighborhood years ago, we had to drive

### Simonton Lake Cruisin'

- reprinted from Simonton Says, July 2010 - by Dave Foutz

One of my most vivid high school memories is of the trips to the drive-in for a tall, frosty root beer between the two-a-day football practices during the dog days of August. Nothing reminds us of that bygone era than the Simonton Lake Drive-in. Few of these bastions of entrepreneurial spirit have survived the decades, but we are fortunate to have a prime example right here in our own back yard.

Simonton Lake Drive-in began life 1965 as the brainstorm of Charles Manfredi as an A & W Drive-in. The idea was a good one, but it seems that Charles didn't check with the wife first and the business was abruptly sold to Wayne and Jane Bowers. This couple had previously built or acquired three other A & W franchises in the local area. Their business model was to get a business up and running, then sell it at a profit to someone else. The Bowers' determined the Simonton Lake business was ready to sell in 1969.

About this time Bud and Helen Hoff were looking for a career change. Bud was in sales with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and Helen was a stay at home mom. This was about the time that the links between smoking and cancer were being made public in the Surgeon General's Report and Bud was becoming very uncomfortable with the idea of being involved with the business of selling cigarettes. And as they say, the rest is history.

In speaking with Helen, it's pretty clear that neither she nor Bud were fully prepared for all the demands necessary to run a business open to the public seven days a week. But, they rolled up their sleeves and dug in. Helen said those sixteen hour days were the biggest shock. As a small business owner, they would have to take care of everything. If something broke they may be there all night fixing it. The "season" is eight months long, and the four months off was devoted to recharging their batteries. Helen said on the first day she had off, she slept to 1:00 PM.

Four years after Bud and Helen took over the business they dropped the A&W franchise. This was a huge step. First of all, they removed a well know name from the sign. Secondly, they gave up the security of knowing another A&W wouldn't be built right down the street. The up side was they no longer had to pay the franchise fees, and possibly the most important of all, they had the freedom to be creative with their menu and marketing in developing the Simonton Lake Drive-in brand.

What were some of Helen's favorite memories? . . . why the people of course. She fondly remembers her regulars and says, "When you would see them pull in you would just put their order on the grill." She spoke with pride when she talked about the food and root beer. She firmly believes it is the root beer that keeps the customers coming back. She also has fond memories of the teenagers, mostly girls, who worked there. Both of the Hoff boys worked at the drive-in and Bud counseled against fraternizing with the help. But we all know how boys listen, both married car hops.

Bud and Helen ran the business for twelve years selling it to their son Rick and his wife Roni in 1982. The business continues in the Hoff family hands after forty years of serving Simonton Lake residents. Hey, why don't we just make a date to meet at the drive-in on Wednesday night and look at the really cool street rods?



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## ROOT BEER

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to the Dairy Queen which would have been the first “fast food” at that time. Now, we all can name some of their competitors. Of course, Jason mentioned the economy and keeping up with technology which improves their business. A new computer system has been added which has already shown that their made-to-order menu items are delivered quicker.

One of the same down-sides of

generation beginning with Helen stated this, Rick and now Jason experienced the same. It is extremely difficult during the “season”, but when the drive-in closes, time with the family is their priority.

Nostalgia can certainly play a factor in its longevity! Many of us remember the drive-in as a child, worked there, or



*Ad from the past*

running this family business over time- is time! And, that is monumental when putting in 10-12 hour days and raising a young family. Each

have enjoyed its uniqueness and simplicity of time past. Our daughters both worked years at the drive-in. We have memories of them walking out the door with their poodle skirts, letter sweaters on. Skates were present on carhops for awhile until insurance alerted them to discontinue

that. Of course, it is always fun to drive by or stop to see the vintage cars! The Simonton Lake Drive-In is an “institution” in our neighborhood!

So, what has set this family owned

business apart and able to survive 50 years? Jason says maintaining an exemplary, clean kitchen and facility, providing made-to-order food quickly, and providing a local tradition to the Simonton Lake neighborhood. I would add, a strong commitment of the entire family is still alive to keep the business going, and continually updating the drive-in to serve the community. Help celebrate their 50th by visiting the drive-in soon and having one of their “special anniversary burgers” which highlights their goal to providing healthy and fresh food and drink to our neighbors. ■

## Lemonade Day - May 3, 2014

-by Theresa Maier

My grandson, Adam Moore is very curious about money and how it works. He enjoys garage sales and spending time at Simonton Lake. So, when the “Lemonade Day” info came out we attended a workshop together at Concord Mall. Adam was skeptical at first, but after talking with the marketing folks and bankers about the loan process he liked the idea better. However, when he learned about building the stand he was hooked! The yellow backpack kit for how to build a business plan helped a lot! Adam and his Dad built the stand, Mom and brother Jake made lemon cookies and Grandma helped with the loan and lemonade recipe.

Lemonade Day shows kids how to **SAVE**, **SPEND** and **SHARE** money using a business plan. Adam **saved** some of his profits for a Disney trip, **spent** some of the money buying legos, and he chose to **share** his profits with the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust and his church.

Adam met lots of people, new neighbors, political



candidates, and learned a lot about owning your own business! By 10 am his \$10 loan was repaid with 30 cents interest to Grandma. :) Little brother Jacob was at swimming lessons and couldn't “help” out this year. Next year both boys plan to work the stand on Lemonade Day! ■



## Are You a new "Want-a-Be" Fisherman?

### Here is some handy information from the DNR.

-by staff writer

#### License Information

#### Welcome to the 2014 Indiana Fishing Guide and the fishing opportunities that await you on Hoosier waterways.

This article will provide you with the basic information about license requirements, bag and size limits and other rules you need to know before heading to your favorite lake, river or stream.

It is a summary of Indiana regulations designed as a service to anglers and is not intended to be a complete digest of all fishing regulations. Some rules may change after printing of this newsletter, so be sure to check the DNR website (Fishing.IN.gov) for updates.

These regulations only apply to fish that originate from, or are taken from, the public waters of Indiana. Fish from public waters that migrate into or from private waters are still covered by these regulations. These regulations do not apply to fish in private waters that did not originate from public waters.

#### Who Needs a Fishing License

To fish in public lakes, streams, rivers or tributaries in Indiana or its boundary waters, you must have a valid fishing license that is signed in ink, or qualify for a license exemption. You must carry your license with you when fishing and present it to an Indiana Conservation Officer (or any authorized law enforcement official) upon request. There are fines and penalties for fishing without a license.

Indiana residents who are 64 years old and born after March 31, 1943 are eligible to buy a Senior Annual or Senior Fish for Life License.

A fishing license may be revoked if the license holder is convicted of violating fish and wildlife regulations. Any equipment, appliances and apparatus used in the violation of Indiana fish and wildlife laws may be seized for evidence and, upon conviction, confiscated.

To qualify for resident fishing licenses, a person must have established a true fixed and permanent home and primary residence in Indiana for 60 consecutive days prior to purchasing a license or permit and not claim residency for fishing, hunting or trapping in another state or country. All others are non-residents.

To legally fish for or take trout and salmon from public waters, you must also have a valid trout and salmon stamp

privilege and a valid fishing license (signed in ink).

Trout/salmon stamps can be bought separately as a commemorative issue. Commemorative stamps do not convey fishing privileges. Contact the DNR Customer Service Center, Indiana Government Center South, 402 W. Washington St., Room W160, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

#### License Exemptions

#### A fishing license and trout and salmon stamp are NOT required for:

- Indiana residents born before April 1, 1943. Such residents should carry their driver's license or other identification to verify age and residency.
- Residents and non-residents under age 18.
- Residents who are legally blind.
- Residents of a state-owned mental rehabilitation facility.
- Residents of any licensed health care facility in Indiana taking part in a supervised fishing activity sponsored by the facility.
- Fishing in a private pond that does not have ingress or egress of fish from public waters. However, an angler must have permission from the property owner to fish.
- Residents of Indiana engaged in full-time military service while on approved military leave. However, the angler must carry leave orders and a valid Indiana driver's license or voter registration card.
- Resident owners or lessees of Indiana farmland who farm that land, their spouses and children living with them, while hunting, fishing or trapping on the farmland they own or lease. This exemption does not apply to land owned by a business, corporation or partnership unless the shareholders, partners, members or owners are comprised solely of an immediate family and farm that land. Farmland means agricultural land that is devoted or best adaptable to the production of crops, fruits, timber or raising livestock, or is assessed as agricultural land for property tax purposes.
- Some non-resident landowners, while fishing in public waters from the farmland they own, according to the exemptions that their state provides to Indiana residents. See Fishing.IN.gov or call (317) 234-5191.

(NOTE: Non-resident military personnel on active duty and stationed in Indiana may purchase an Indiana resident license.)

Indiana disabled American veterans can get a DAV fishing and hunting license application form from the County Service Officer or download the application form at Fishing.IN.gov. Mail the form with a stamped self-addressed envelope to DNR Customer Service Center. ■

**NOTICE: Four FREE fishing days....see details on page 29.**



## Guy Shopping

-by Dave Foutz

Ok guys lets load the ladies in the car and go shopping! I can hear the groans already, but don't stop reading just yet. Michigan City's Light House Mall is a very popular shopping destination for lake residents. Due to vast number of stores when you make the trip you're in for an epic adventure. The first guy-problem is that there are almost no stores we're interested in. The number of men's stores is limited and the few there target skinny young guys that look like cross dressers. How many pairs of jeans do I need? I'm retired! Secondly, the food options just aren't good and there is no beer. After the tenth time I go into Harry and David's for samples I'm getting some pretty nasty looks from the trusty associates.

Problem solved! Just a very short distance north of Light House Mall's north parking lot is Shoreline Brewery. I mean you can see it from the parking lot. It's big and it's PINK! What can I say? It wouldn't have been my color choice either. But be that as it may, it's on the northeast corner of Wabash Street and US 12. Shoreline hosts a family friendly, smoke free, multi TV environment. The interior has a rustic/industrial décor which is warm and attractive. We found the wait staff friendly and efficient resulting in a very pleasurable experience, but what

about the food and beer?

I have to be honest lechyd Da in Elkhart sets the bar for me where microbrew restaurants are concerned and I found Shoreline to be very competitive. The Shoreline team has eight years of brewing experience and maintains at least twelve of their brews on tap. They have a nice variety running the range from mild lagers to porters and stouts. Carole and I were able to easily find a beverage we found enjoyable. Chef Barry Smith, with twenty years of experience, has an extensive culinary background being educated in classical French cuisine. Which translates this way--you can get a very nice dinner if you are so inclined or opt for some more traditional bar food. I recently visited a microbrew pub run by a serious chef and was totally frustrated. I couldn't decode the menu and the food was so fussy it didn't match the surroundings. We felt comfortable with the food options at Shoreline and though they were very tasty and well presented. We both chose the pulled pork sandwich and enjoyed them.

Oh, the joy of modern technology! You can deliver your charming bride directly to the area of Light House Place Mall she prefers and then zip over to Shoreline and watch the games while enjoying your favorite microbrew. The wife can text you if she has any burning shopping questions, or if the shopping gets really tough, she can send you a text picture for you approval. When she finishes her shopping, she can call you and you can pick her up or return to the restaurant for a nice meal and then **she** can drive you home while you enjoy a nice nap. I love this country!! ■

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This year it is very important that all lake residents attend to hear the details of our dredging project. This is a huge project which has taken many hours of planning and meeting with state and local officials. We are working with the DNR and have gotten a grant of \$200,000 which will cover part of the expense. As a lake resident you will want to know what is going to happen, why the project is important and the impact it will have on the lake.

We will start off the evening with a free delicious dinner hosted by the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust at 6:00 That's right it's FREE. FREE. FREE. The Trust hopes that is enough incentive to get everyone to come to eat and stay for the meeting.

Don't sit at home and wonder what's going on. Let us know you are coming to eat so we will have plenty of food.

See you on the 21st at the Sportsmen's Club at 6:00. Come hungry! ■





-by Bob Meyers

Goodbye polar vortex, hello polar-less spring. The cold and snow are moving out; the heat and birds are moving in; also moving in are the events sponsored by the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club.

May 17 is the date of the 25th Annual Mostaccioli Open. Get a four-some together and yell "FORE" some.

The first Kid's Fishing Contest will be held Saturday, June 14. Watch

the SLAHA website for more information.

Another reason to watch the SLAHA website is the Annual Poker Run and Fireworks to be held the 5th of July. The website will list where and when to buy Poker Run hands. The Poker Run will be held on the fifth rain, sleet, snow, polar vortex or sunshine. If weather conditions do not allow the fireworks on the 5th, this event will be held on the rain date of July 6.

The second Kid's Fishing Contest will be held Saturday, August 10. That's when the youth will catch the ones that got away in June.

So enjoy the spring, enjoy the family and enjoy the many events. We've waited months to say this, "See you on the lake".



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## SLAHA Organization and Membership

- Vaughn Nickell, SLAHA President

**A**s we approach our 7th annual meeting on May 21st, I've been reflecting on the many accomplishments of our "committee driven" association. These many accomplishments have happened only because we have an Association that enables our members to organize in numbers and focus efforts for the betterment of our community. Our membership is our most important resource, and the larger our numbers the more power and influence our association has. Our association has 4 standing committees:

**Newsletter-** The newsletter is critical to our association and the committee has a big responsibility to keep our community updated. It is currently in transition as Kay and Dick Rhodes are moving away from the lake. They will be missed as they've been a major asset to our association and community. Carole Foutz is the board member and liaison to the committee. At this writing Carole and Amy Matherly are co-chairing this committee until they can transition the committee to new leadership.....anyone interested in leading the newsletter committee should contact Carole or Amy. (This committee has approx 15 active members)

**Membership-** The membership committee is the association's "feet on the ground". They make contact with members by distributing the newsletters, welcome packets, Hog roast, new this year is a garage sale, and other events. They are currently planning a big push for membership. Sue and Ken Ward along with Amy Matherly recently agreed to co chair this committee. Carole Foutz is again our board member liaison to the committee. (This committee has about 10 active members)

**Safety-** This committee was responsible for the recent improvements at the public landing. Through the efforts of this committee and Bob and Janet Kelsey the DNR took interest in our public landing conditions and prioritized our lake landing for major improvements. The safety committee promotes safety on and around the lake community. It not only initiated and promoted the neighborhood crime watch program, but it sends crime alert updates to our membership. Paul Wilson chairs this committee. Bob Kelsey is our board representative who acts as liaison to the committee. (This committee has about 8 active members)

**Environmental-** This committee was responsible for securing the LARE grants for the Diagnostics study (\$37,000), the Sediment Plan (\$8,500) and now the recently approved Sediment removal project (\$200,000). Because of the vision and persistence of this committee we are very close to achieving something that many thought could never happen. John Lendman is the chair of this committee and John Rose is the board liaison to the committee. (This committee has about 15 active members)

**SLAHA Board-** has 7 members (Ginny Bellamy, Jack Tucker and John Rose representing the little lake and channels and Carole Foutz, Erin Harding, Bob Kelsey, and Vaughn Nickell representing the big lake). One of the boards primary responsibility is to be sure the committees have the resources, assistance and support to be successful.

We are constantly looking for and need new blood to serve in our association. Unfortunately many of us wear numerous hats as we serve the association. We recognize not everyone has equal strengths, talents, or time, but encourage membership and active involvement that fits your comfort level. Our membership since inception has hovered around 160-200 households.

A recent Google Maps count showed about 360 homes directly on the lake (approx 170 east of public landing and approx 190 homes west of the landing) so our membership is 45-55% of property owners directly on the lake. With our planned blitz, I think it's reasonable for us to get 300 members this year. Our volunteer organization has no taxing authority so the Association's primary revenue stream comes from membership dues and support from advertisers in the newsletter. The membership revenue stream and our ability to fund our committees will become more challenging as more of our members advance to the senior and honorary discounted levels.

Fortunately, we have people willing to serve. Our nominating committee does not actively recruit unless we have vacant positions needing filled, however we are always looking for leaders to serve. Anyone Interested in serving on the SLAHA board should contact any of our nominating committee members ( Paul Wilson, Sue Ward, Carole Foutz, Dick Rhodes, or Vaughn Nickell). Additionally, anyone interested in serving on the nominating committee should contact the board as we have several positions to fill.

On May 21st we have our annual meeting at the Sportsman's Club. Please grab your neighbors and come join us for a 6:00 PM dinner sponsored by the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust and then at our 7:00 PM annual SLAHA meeting to hear reports from all our committees. You do not have to be a member to attend just come listen to what we are doing.....I'm sure we can convince you to support and join the association. We will have membership sign up tables.

### Dredging Opportunities

At our annual meeting on May 21st we will cover more details of the dredging project (phase 1 and



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Phase II). At the end of January we completed a lot of work preparing and submitting the application until nothing more could be done but wait to see if we won a LARE grant.....Last week we got it! The total cost of the projects has been estimated at approximately \$450,000. I expect actual bids and negotiations will begin in May and then we will have solid numbers for our costs. The LARE grant is for \$200,000 of which we must match 20% of our own cash and in-kind services. The Association has committed a \$20,000 donation to the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust (SLPT) for this project. Obviously the more money we can raise the more we can do and the sooner we complete the project. It is very possible we could begin the project this fall (Oct-Nov) 2014 while boating is minimal. If unable to raise funding we'll need to complete the dredging project by fall 2015 or risk losing the \$200,000 grant so the pressure is on! Certainly, \$250,000-\$300,000 is a lot of money, but as we mentioned at last year's annual meeting if we can get 400 home owners to each commit \$500 over a 1 or 2 year period we could raise \$200,000 and then I think this project is in the bag. Property owners should consider this as an investment in their property and community. All studies and evidence support our dredging project will have a positive impact in our property values. Also consider that a \$500 donation to the SPLT (501c3)

is tax deductible so if your marginal tax rate is 25% your \$500 donation costs you \$375.00. The Trust will be covering more detail on this. Now that the project has been approved the SLPT can start applying for other environmental grants and securing major donations.....I'm sure the SLPT will share more details on this at the Annual Meeting on May21st.

If the Association and SLPT is successful raising the remaining funds to move forward with the dredging project, and you are an individual needing deeper water to access your pier or deeper water for your boat lift or if a group of property owners need a shallow area, cove, or channel cleaned out, the association may be able to help these property owners with group permitting from DNR, negotiate dredging costs, and allow approved sediment dumping on our basin site. If we have enough interested parties we can explore these possibilities. Contact John Lendman if you have interest or better yet come to the May 21st, annual meeting to hear more detail.

**Weir update**

Since efforts to construct a weir began approximately 20+ years ago and well before our Simonton Lake Association restarted again in 2007, we decided to leave the weir project outside the SLAHA and Environment Committee. We thought and felt we had the project well in hand. Dave Foutz, Bob Evans, Ryan Harding, and myself have been keeping this project moving.....at times its been like a tag team event. We each have taken turns to push this project forward.

A little over a year ago we finally got the county and the IDNR to approve the project. The engineering firm has studied and recommended the weir specification. The court has ruled drainage funds to be used for the county and resident's share. This project will not cost homeowners another dime since we've been paying into the drainage fund for years. We are now waiting for the Army Corp's final approval before the project goes to bid. We are optimistic this project could begin this winter 2014-2015. The thought of next winter is a depressing thought ..., but Simonton could be a very busy and interesting place with dredging and weir construction going on at the same time.

As a side note.....prior to the SLAHA restarting in 2008, one of our biggest battles was getting the county to listen to us. Soon after the association's 2008 upstart we instantly had 200 members/voters and 700 newsletters going out 6 times a year... they began listening. There is little doubt in my mind if the SLAHA had not restarted we'd still be battling the weir project with the county. The LARE grants would not ever happened. The Dredging and Eco-Zone would not be happening. The public landing reconstruction would not happened. The Newsletter would not happened. Probably, State Road 19 would be taking more lives. All of this is possible when a community bands together in numbers with a focused and organized approach to solving the problems in our community. Thanks to all of YOU and for supporting the association. ■

**Thank you to our supporting members of the association for 2013/2014:**

Adams, Dave & Shirley  
Alexander, Don & Terrie  
Aller, Carol & Jerry  
Arredondo, Joe & *Esther\**  
Bachman, John & Patty  
Barhydt, Jason & Katrina  
Baskerville, Frieda  
Bellamy, Larry & Ginny  
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Berggren, Al & Jean  
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Bowser, Dwight & Linda  
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Broderick, Bill & Susie  
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Bullock, Mark  
Byrd, Chris & Linda  
Cass, Carol Mabry  
Chilcote, Ted & Mickie  
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Church, Bob & Joann

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 Cooper, Randy & Wendy  
 Cors, Doug & Myra  
 Davis, Keith & Natalie  
 Deford, Emerson & Pauline  
 DeJohn, Phil & Mildred  
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 Duncan, Ron & Pam  
 English, Randy & Teresa  
 Esenwein, Mark & Patricia  
 Evans, Bob & Georgia  
 Falcone, Ruth  
 Ferro, Greg & Jodi  
 Fewell, Gene & Mary Lou  
 Flemming, James & Suzanne  
 Foster, Robert & Deborah Weaver  
 Foutz, Dave & Carole  
 Fox, Jim & Sandy  
 Franger, Michael & Nancy  
 Friend, Jim & Janie  
 Fulton, Steve  
 Gaddis, Richard & Jan  
 Gawthrop, David & Betty  
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 Graber, Leroy  
 Gregory, Daniel & Leann  
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 Harding, Ryan & Erin  
 Hardwick, Danny & Cathy Fleming  
 Harman, Peggy  
 Helvey, Steve & Tina  
 Hershberger, Fred & Andrea  
 Hickman, Edward & Judy  
 Hicks, Steve & Gail  
 Hilde, Dick & Linnie  
 Hoff, Randy  
 Hoff, Rick & Roni  
 Hopman, Maria  
 Inabnit, Ralph & Marybeth  
 Johnson, Douglas  
 Keeslar, Doug & Sherry  
 Kelsey, Bob & Janet  
 Kessler, Van & Cathy  
 Kessler-Rutter, Margot  
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 Matherly, Chester\* & Doris  
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 Messick, Tom & Carol  
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 Mooi, Bob & Mary  
 Morgan, Christopher & Stacy  
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 Nickell, Doug & Glenna  
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 Pittman, Maria  
 Pletcher, Brad & Deb  
 Poppe, Donald & Janette  
 Price, Paul  
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 Rhodes, Dick & Kay  
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 Rollins, Bill & Pam  
 Rose, John & Stephanie  
 Rosenberg, Dov & Cindy  
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 Roth, Phil & Cindy  
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 Sellers, Lois  
 Shewmaker, Terry & Kathy  
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 Simper, Dave & Christine  
 Sink, Rob & Amy  
 Skinner, Stan  
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Slabaugh, Chris  
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 Snyder, Cam & Sue  
 Spicher, Mary & Robert Mehl  
 Spirito, Tom  
 Staines, Carl & Pamela  
 Steed, David & Jayne  
 Stickler, Rick & Lori  
 Taig, Steve & Sue  
 Taska, Gary & Marlene  
 Taylor, Ron & Sue  
 Thomas, Adelaide  
 Toles, Chris & Kim  
 Trovatore, Steve & Kris  
 Tucker, Jack & Lindy  
 Ulery, James  
 Van Zile, Dave  
 VanBruaene, Brent & Maranda  
 VanBruaene, Nancy  
 Verspelt, Randy & Rose  
 Vetter, Charles & Vivian\*  
 Waggoner, Tedd & Patricia  
 Ward, Ken & Sue  
 Warrick, Phyllis  
 Wenger, Mary  
 Wiemer, Chas & Bev  
 Willis, Curt & Wendy  
 Willis, David & Brenda  
 Wilson, Lynda & Wilson Medich  
 Wilson, Paul & Linda  
 Witkowski, Clifford & Josephine  
 Wogoman, Steve & Deloris Troyer  
 Wyncott, Tom & Kris  
 Yoder, Gerald  
 Zinsmeister, Richard & Pamela

If you are currently a member of the association and your name is missing from the list, please contact:  
 Erin Harding at: 312-771-6397  
 or email: eharding@nd.edu

*\*We mourn the loss of these members over the past years.*



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The Neighborhood Garage Sale was held on Saturday, May 3rd. Even though the weather could have been better, it was a great success. Bargains were found by all!



Photo by Maria Hopman

**Treasurer's Corner**

Below is a brief financial update on the association:

**Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc.  
January 1, 2014 – April 13, 2014 (CASH Basis Accounting)**

| ITEM  | SUBTOTAL | TOTAL               |
|---|----------|---------------------|
| Advertising   | \$200.00 |                     |
| Fireworks Donations   | 75.00    |                     |
| Other Events (e.g., Hog Roast)  |          |                     |
| LARE Grant from State of IN   | 7,500    |                     |
| Membership Dues   | 90.00    |                     |
| Sales (T-shirts, Calendars)   |          |                     |
| Other (e.g., interest income)   | 4.20     |                     |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>   |          | <b>\$7,869.20</b>   |
| Board of Directors (e.g., Hog roast, general meeting expenses, insurance) | 258.70   |                     |
| Fireworks Transfer to Sportsmen's Club                                    |          |                     |
| Lake Environment  | 8,438.00 |                     |
| Lake Safety   |          |                     |
| Membership/Outreach   | 116.51   |                     |
| Newsletter / Website  | 725      |                     |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>   |          | <b>\$9,538.21</b>   |
| <b>NET POSITION AS OF 4/13/1014</b>                                       |          | <b>(\$1,669.01)</b> |

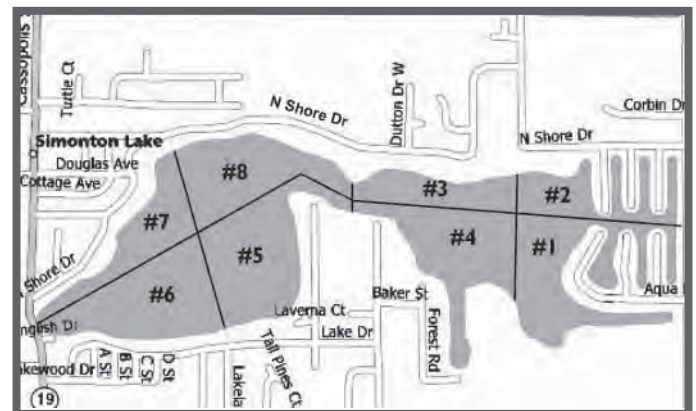
As always, if you have any questions about our association finances, please don't hesitate to contact Erin Harding at eharding@nd.edu. Please note that it is typical for our income statement to appear negative at this point in the calendar year.

**It is dues renewal time!** Please watch for your renewal letter in the mail or fill out the membership form contained in this newsletter. Thank you for your support of our association through your membership – this support allows us to advance the interests of our lake!

**Area Representatives**

**-your delegates for neighborhood concerns**

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| 1. Van Kessler             | 262-1685 |
| 2. Ann and Jerry Broderick | 264-1331 |
| John Brown                 | 264-2258 |
| Ken and Sue Ward           | 206-0450 |
| 3. Maria Hopman            | 262-1655 |
| Anne Harbaugh              | 264-7792 |
| 4. Jon Hart                | 262-1404 |
| Randy Hoff                 | 262-3432 |
| 5. Bob Meyers              | 675-0970 |
| Cindy Nickell              | 262-3105 |
| 6. Dick Martin             | 264-7656 |
| Ron Taylor                 | 262-1332 |
| 7. Dave VanZile            | 264-5201 |
| Jon Hart                   | 262-1404 |
| 8. Maria Hopman            | 262-1655 |
| Anne Harbaugh              | 264-7792 |

**SLAHA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd/Spouse Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preference for contact: \_\_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_\_Phone \_\_\_\_\_Mail  
 Participation Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current committees: Lake Environment, Lake Safety, Membership/Outreach, Newsletter/Website

**Please mail your completed form and check made out to SLAHA to:**  
**Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1706, Elkhart, IN. 46515-1706**

Please check the appropriate box below if you are NOT willing to share this information in a directory sent to members. We will not share this list outside of the association without your permission. \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email

**DUES: per household per year**

\_\_\_\_\_ Household: \$30  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Senior: (70 and over): \$20  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Honorary Membership:  
 (80 and over):  
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 Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT  
 ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 w/ Registration Form



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# MESSAGE BOARD



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Association General Meeting

Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Sportsmen's Club

### FREE Simonton Lake Preservation Trust Dinner

\*\*FREE Meal before the meeting  
Wednesday, May 21st 6:00

**\*\*WE MUST KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING.**

We don't want to run out of food.

RSVP: ramatherly@gmail.com

Or call 262-4773 by 5/14

## Simonton Lake Neighborhood Garage Sale

**Saturday, May 3, 9am-5pm**

- We will advertise for you in the Elkhart Truth and online
- Signs will be placed at intersections.
- Want a free sign for your yard? Let us know that you are participating by e-mailing rhettfish2@frontier.com or call 262-4773

**Sponsored by the Simonton Lake Area Homeowners Association, Membership Committee**

## Four FREE days of fishing on April 19, May 17 and June 7-8, 2014

Last year, Hoosiers enjoyed four days of free fishing and family-friendly fishing events. This year, the DNR is bringing them back. **During April 19, May 17, and June 7-8, Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters.** Typically, only youth (age 17 and younger) and a few other special anglers are exempt the license requirement.

## Memorial Weekend Luminary Night Sunday, May 25th

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## Neighborhood Garage Sale Saturday, May 3, 9-5.

## Mostaccioli Open

Lake neighbor John Lendman runs a golf tournament called the Mostaccioli Open. The money from the tournament will go to the Sportsmen's Club to help with all of the wonderful things that the club does around the lake and in the community. John is looking for sponsors for each of the 18 holes at \$100.00 each. Be sure to take a look at the advertisement on the open in this edition of the newsletter. It's on May 17th....

## BE AWARE OF CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

1. When a crime occurs: Make sure you first report the crime to the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department. **Call: 911**
2. Secondly - **CRIME TRACKING:** We encourage lake residents to forward safety issues (break-ins, vandalism, other crimes, etc.) so we can notify residents.

Report to: Chris Toles, Lake Safety Committee.

Call: 574-266-7768

Email: CMT6061@Comcast.net

The **Safety Committee** would like to thank everyone who helped with the CPR class which was to be held in March. The event was canceled because we just didn't have enough people sign up. Please let us know if you are interested in an event of this type in the future.

**MORE on the next page...**

# MESSAGE BOARD

## CLASSIFIED ADS

To place a classified ad, email: [ads@simontonlake.org](mailto:ads@simontonlake.org) Classified ads are \*free for paid members of the association. Non-members pay \$5. Ads will have to be resubmitted for additional issues. Ads are limited to 100 characters. No commercial business ads will be accepted to protect our sponsors who are supporting this newsletter. Deadline: 20th of month prior to publishing date.

**WANT TO BUY:** I've lost my marbles. At least my wife, Pam, thinks so. Actually, I buy old marbles. If you have any old marbles tucked away in your attic or basement, and want to sell them, give me a call. Or, if you have old marbles and want to know more about them, call me. Bob Shultz, 51096 North Shore, 536-6960.

### FOR SALE:

#### "Home for Sale By Owner"

50908 N Shore Dr. - 1200 sq ft, remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large great room, 25 ft lake front. List price \$249,900. Call Delores Troyer (574)214-6140.



#### "Home for Sale By Owner"

50900 N Shore Dr. - 750 sq ft, 2 BR, 1 bath, 15 ft lake front, large parking area. listed at \$189,900. Call Delores Troyer (574)214-6140.



### FOR SALE: Shorestation boat lift \$2500.

Blue cover, 4000 lb capacity, set up for 20-22 ft pontoon right now, but have parts to lift a speedboat (included) Call Brad Pletcher at 264-6982.



## We wish you a Happy Birthday!

- 5/2 Janet Kelsey
- 5/4 Sue Taylor
- 5/4 Jim Friend
- 5/9 Greg Ferro
- 5/21 Madelyn Grace Skipper
- Grandparents Buford & Becky Skipper
- 5/22 Nixon Barhydt, Grandson of Jim Ulery
- 6/1 Brynlee Grace Landis
- Daughter of Eric & Jody Landis
- 6/11 Dick Rhodes
- 6/13 Jacob Moore, Grandson of Theresa Maier
- 6/14 Alex Freshour, Grandson of Theresa Maier
- 6/14 Pam Shultz
- 6/14 Randy Cooper
- 6/16 Bill Leighton
- 6/16 Albert Rodriguez Kessler (AJ)
- Grandson of Van & Cathy Kessler
- 6/18 Carter Matthew Jones
- Son of Matthew & Cassie Jones
- Grandson of Ed & Nancy Jones
- 6/23 Charlie Byrns
- 6/24 Theresa Leighton
- 6/25 Wendy Cooper
- 6/25 Linda Jimison
- 6/25 Emmaly Kate Kwasny
- Daughter of Kyle & Julianne Kwasny
- 6/27 Elizabeth Abel
- 6/28 Martha Nickell

## Happy Anniversary!

- 5/16 Katrina & Jason Barhydt, Daughter of Jim Ulery
- 5/18 Dan & Leanne Brekke
- 5/22 Adam & Rachel Meyers
- 6/9 Mike & Angie Peterson
- 6/11 Natalie & Josh Hochstetler
- Daughter of Dave & Colleen Replogle
- 6/13 Vaughn & Cindy Nickell
- 6/16 Cortney & Michael McIntire
- 6/19 Christi & Erik Smith
- Daughter of Dave & Tammy Obendorf
- 6/22 Beth & (Doc) Ralph Inabnit
- 6/23 Heather & Wil Frentzen
- Daughter of Greg & Barb McGough
- 6/23 Lisa & Jordan Swanson
- Son of Tom & Deb Swanson
- 6/28 Gary & Marlene Taska





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#### **Hours:**

**8:30am to 4:00pm Monday - Thursday**

**8:30am - 3:00pm Friday**

**Closed Weekends**



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Do you know someone who is having a birthday, anniversary, etc?  
Email: [simon@simontonlake.org](mailto:simon@simontonlake.org)

**Cody and Colton Newkirk**, twin grandsons of **Carole and David Foutz** celebrated their first birthday on March 20th with a party at their home in Carmel. Parents are **Kristen (Foutz) and Mike Newkirk**.



Ryan and Amy **Matherly** celebrated with Grandson **Graham Ryan Matherly** on his first birthday on January 23 and with their granddaughter **Eulah June Shewmaker** on her 2nd birthday on March 26th.

**Steve Wogoman** and fiancé, **Delores**, are participating in the March of Dimes March for Babies Walk on Saturday, May 17. The walk will begin at Coveleski Stadium at 9:30. Registration is at 8:30. To sponsor Steve and Delores, go to [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org), click on 'sponsor a walker', then click on the 'EGH team.'

It might have been a cold day outside, but the hearts were warm inside. We want to offer our congratulations to **Randy and Gina Hoff**, who were married on January 18th at Elkhart East Christian Church. The reception was held at Christiana Creek following the ceremony and they honeymooned in beautiful Hawaii.



**Paul and Linda Wilson** are grandparents. Son Brian and his wife Melissa of Greenwood, Indiana are the parents of a new daughter **Lennon Grace Wilson**. Born January 27th at 13.5 oz and 19 and 3/4 inches. Lennon has an older brother Kyan at home.



A special shout out for **Linda Wilson** who will turn the BIG 6-0 on the 31st. Don't worry Linda. Sixty is the new 40.

### NEW NEIGHBORS

We want to welcome **Brad & Angie Gates**, Lake Drive. We are happy to have you join our community.

Have you ventured out on the pontoon this cool wet spring? In the back channel there is a beautiful new stone seawall and large deck over the water at the center of back channel. These improvements have been made by new Co Rd. 11 residents **Joel and Stephanie Bernier**. They are looking forward to the summer at the lake. Their daughter **Casey** graduates from Penn in June and has been accepted in the Purdue school of pharmacy. Welcome to the Lake!

Simonton Lake residents have been saddened by the untimely death of **Jon Stone** in a tragic accident on US 12 on May 1, 2014. Jon was owner of Stone Septic Service Union, Mi. and has installed and kept many Simonton resident septic systems working. Jon never met a stranger and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

**Tom and Barb Bortner**, North Shore Dr. opened up their Garage Sale on May 3rd at 8 in the morning. People were coming by as soon as they opened. **Leanne Brekke** said she had a steady stream of customers and she sold a ton of stuff. She hopes it becomes a yearly event.

