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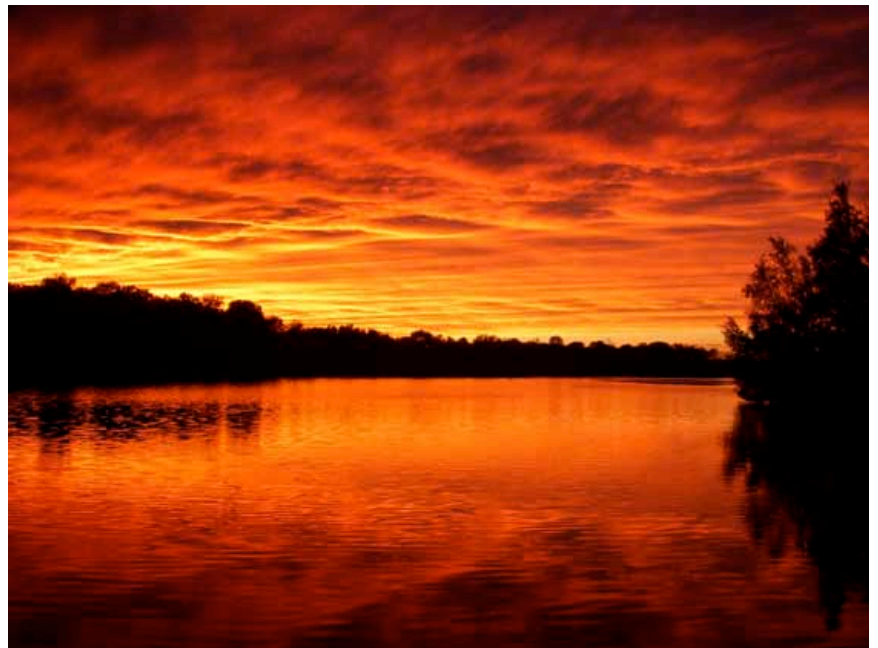
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In the meantime, keep checking the website for breaking news or Simonton Lake stories that you won't want to miss.

## Falling for colors around the lake



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### New Neighbors?

We would love to bring them a welcome packet and put their name in our newsletter. Please notify Sue Ward at 574-206-0450 or email sckjward@comcast.net

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To activate our Neighborhood Watch or report a crime contact Chris Toles cmt6061@comcast.net (Always call the police first.)

## Community Contacts

**Simonton Lake Conservancy**  
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### DNR

Main office: (317)232-4160  
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### Sheriff Elkhart County

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## Events on the Lake

*Annual Fall Hog Roast has been postponed.*

**October 1** Lake Calendars go on sale, Order form in this issue

**December 15** Articles due for the January Issue of Simonton Says

**December 31** Make your tax deductible donation to the dredging project before midnight.

**January 2015**-January issue of Simonton Says

**March 15** Articles due for the April issue of Simonton Says

**April 20** Lake Association Garage Sale registration forms due today

**May 2** Lake Association Garage sale  
**May 20** Lake Association Annual Dinner and Meeting

**May 24** Memorial Day Weekend

### Our Mission

*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:

**www.simontonlake.org**

## The 17th Annual Garden Walk Comes to Simonton Lake

*By Carole Foutz*

The Michiana Master Gardener's Association Garden Walk in the Simonton Lake area July 12, this summer, was a great success! Organizers were extremely happy with the 225 attendees especially with the damp forecast for the day. The 6 gardens on the lake and the 2 near the lake were all well attended. Various styles of gardens were displayed from cottage gardens to formal gardens. Unique gardens with ponds, water features, children's gardens, etc. made the visits to each extremely appealing to the visitors.

The Hospitality Center at the Sportsman's Club was the meeting place where visitors found displays, plants for sale and earth-friendly crafts. Master Gardeners and the garden owners were available at each garden to guide or answer questions.

We personally enjoyed meeting many new neighbors in our garden. So often we go by our homes on the lake in a boat and it sure is great to meet the people you have waved to for years but sometimes never met. We also found that some of the visitors



*Pictured above: Karen Shaver, Theresa Maier, Ronda Losee, Deb Weaver, and Lynn Allison*

from Elkhart or Elkhart County had never seen Simonton Lake up close. They were full of questions and compliments. Simonton Lake has been privileged to have hosted this event

twice in 10 years! This is a great event for the community and for Simonton Lake. Putting our lake area on display for the community and letting them know more about our lake neighborhood is a good thing for all.

## Introducing our new SLAHA Board Member and Treasurer!

We are pleased to announce and introduce our new SLAHA Board member and treasurer replacing Erin Harding. We would like to thank Erin for the great service you gave to our association since its inception, 6 years ago.

Heidi Cintron and her husband, Luis, live on North Shore Drive. Heidi brings a number of excellent qualifications and skills to this position. She has a background in business, real estate, banking, mortgage loans and a law degree. Heidi and her husband are licensed foster parents and share a passion working with teenaged children.

We want to thank Heidi for volunteering her skills and time to work with SLAHA.

## 2014 the Year of the Weir?

Could 2014 be the year that Simonton Lake residents finally get what home owners on most other lakes have enjoyed for years, a weir? That situation has actually become a distinct possibility. Recently the four regulatory agencies responsible for permitting construction of the weir met at the future job sight. After reviewing the weir construction plans, the permitting agencies made suggestions where there might be concerns. This was done so that plans would contain the best design when they were delivered to the regulatory agencies when the permits were requested. These revised plans are now in the hands of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources who, on behalf of the residents of Simonton Lake, is requesting all appropriate weir construction permits.

IDNR should receive all construction permits by November. Once those

permits are in hands the Elkhart County Surveyor, the construction bidding process can begin. Bidding should be concluded in the month of November with actual construction getting underway in December. Residents have two things working in their favor for a 2014 completion of the project. First, the weir is a fairly simple project and baring complications should take only about two weeks to complete. The second point that works in the residents' interest is a forecast for another severe winter. If this December is as cold as last year, the ground will be solidly frozen and facilitate access to the construction site.

This scenario doesn't leave much room for surprises but it looks as if lake dwellers could be looking at the final chapter of the "great weir saga." I suppose this holiday season we might all be singing; "all I want for Christmas is a brand new weir."

*Taste of Another Era.....*

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# Life on the Lake


After many years at the helm of The Simonton Lake Drive In, Rick and Roni Hoff will retire at the close of the season.

Rick and Roni took over the operation of the Drive In from Orville "Bud" and Helen Hoff. When the Drive In opens next spring Jason and Amanda Hoff will be the third generation of the family to own and operate the stand.

Every day that the Drive In is open a member of the family is present. So, while the rest of us were relaxing on a float out in the lake, Rick and Roni were down at the highway making root beer. On busy days they went through about 400 gallons.



Each spring as long as I have lived at the lake we waited to get our first taste of Drive In onion rings and burgers. We know the winter is over when the first taste of root beer hits our taste buds. Countless lake kids have worked as car hops at the Drive In. They not only learned how to make change and how to be nice to customers, they learned how to work hard, be respon-

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Jason, a computer programmer, will keep much of the Drive In the same. After all, it works. But, Jason, like many of our kids, comes from the technology generation and has already done some updates. It is just comforting to know that next spring my favorite root beer and onion rings will still be there. At my age little things like that are important.

Rick and Roni went through a terrible home robbery a while ago. As many of you know, when something is stolen from your home that feeling of safety is lost. Feeling safe in your own home just shouldn't be taken away. Then recently there was a second robbery. I'm not much for vigilantly justice but if we lakers knew who it was, I think we could make them think twice about coming near our lake again. Maybe we can take turns watching their home from the bushes to see if the robbers dare to return.

Things like this just shouldn't happen to nice folks like the Hoff's who have given the lake so much. We know that they aren't retiring totally but will concentrate on their other business ventures. We wish them the best and thank them for preserving and continuing a lake legend-The Simonton Lake Drive In! Until next time.

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# Pet Tails

*This month we feature Sammy (Samantha Rose) Hopman, Maria Hopman's dog.*

When I retired, I was thinking about getting a dog, but was not sure if I was ready or not for the commitment. I take care of the Steve and Marie Garatoni's dog, Franklin. Franklin was getting older (about 14 years old), and it was getting harder for him to get in the kayak and on the wave runner. Theresa Maier's nephew Mike from Chicago was visiting and saw an advertisement in the paper for miniature schnauzer pups. He called me and suggested we take a look. So, Theresa, Mike and Sid Foster went with me. There was only one pup left. She was a black female. I did not want a female nor

did I want a black puppy. I guess I was looking for a Franklin look alike. We were sitting on the grass in the owners' yard and Mike asked him to put "Curley", her original name, on the ground. Mike started calling her, but she came straight to me and sat on my tennis shoes! That was all it took. She went home with me. "Sammy" is a good lake dog, she loves the wave runner and kayak and any boat she can get on. Here she is pictured with the original Schnauzer in my life "Franklin".



## Leaping Lass Places Second in Division



Lou Putnam's dock star, black lab Birdie, went soaring into second place in the junior division of Indiana Dock Dog event June 7-8 at Cabelas in Hammond Ind. You may remember, she is the daughter of Buckeye, the Leaping Labrador, owned by Bob Evans.

Birdie's best jump of the weekend was 14'3". She came home with three red second place ribbons and a large ribbon for placing second in the finals. She also won a \$50 gift card from Cabelas. Her pet parents, Bob and Lou Putnam, promptly purchased her a new orthopedic bed at the store to take home. She currently shares that bed with her twin brother, Bogey, who is unable to participate due to ear infections. He is in dry dock for the season.

Way to go Birdie!

*Left: Lou Putnam on the dock throwing a bumper for Birdie to jump.*

*Right: Birdie proudly showing off her ribbon.*

*Lou also had an article written about her and her dogs in the PaperTM July 8, 2014. (<http://www.thepapers.com/OnlineIssue.aspx?pub=thepaper&ed=elk&issue=go-07-08-14>)*







Autumn has done it again, thrown summer aside and chilled the air. It's time to pull out the boat and the pier, put away the patio furniture as well the summer toys.

This doesn't mean the fun has to be blown away by the cool breeze. There will still be fun to be had, including the following events put on by the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club. The club has two events left in 2014.

This has been a lake season that has been appreciated possibly like none before because of the harsh winter that preceded it. The events have been numerous, the turkey shoots,

the casino nights, the poker run, the fireworks and the Kids' Fishing Contests. Thank you to all who have supported the Sportsmen's Club this year. You have made it fun for us, and we look forward to seeing you at our events in 2015.

Just think, only nine months until summer.....See you around the lake.

## SLSC Fall Turkey Shoot

On November 22 and 23 the SIMONTON LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB FALL TURKEY SHOOT will be held at the clubhouse. The event runs from



10:00 am to 5:00 PM both days. Contact a club member for information. There is no charge to

get in the door of a turkey shoot, and a great time is had by all.

## SLSC Casino Night November 1



CASINO NIGHT will be held November 1 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM at the clubhouse. There will be a \$2000 cash prize awarded. Only 200 tickets will be sold. The price of the ticket is \$25. For tickets or information on the best CASINO NIGHT you've ever attended call:

Jack Tucker 574-370-3326,  
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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## News from the Membership Committee

### ***Association Membership***

Please be sure to get your dues into the association asap. The membership year goes from June 1 to May 31st. We send out our dues reminders just prior to the Lake Association meeting in May. As neighborhood associations go our dues is very reasonable and helps support many events and improvements.

We will run a list of members in the January issue of "Simonton Says"

### ***E-Mail Group***

Please help us get information to you by getting us your e-mail address. Send your e-mail to ramatherly@gmail.com

### ***2015 Lake Calendar***

Get your 2015 Simonton Lake Calendar. Order forms are in this newsletter. Photography of the lake sent in by lake residents makes this calendar a must have. It's simply a beautiful calendar. Lake calendars are \$10.00 and make great gifts for the holidays. Everyone needs a calendar. The proceeds helps the Membership Committee pay for our other all-lake events. Printing of the calendar was done by The Graphics Group, whose owner is Mike Smith.

### ***New Neighbor Bags***

Please get names of new neighbors to Sue Ward at [scjward@comcast.net](mailto:scjward@comcast.net) Please include an address to aid in delivery of a bag.

Inside the bag we include 2 Simonton Lake plastic drink cups complete with lid and straws. These blue cups have the Simonton Lake logo on the side. Also included is a gift certificate to Pete's Simonton Lake Tavern, a current copy of the newsletter and some information about the Lake Association and Trust. All of this goes out in a colorful cloth bag with the logo on the outside. The bag is perfect for carrying beach towels or snacks.

### ***Hog Roast Postponed***

The Hog Roast, originally planned for Sept. 27th was postponed. Ticket sales were minimal. We lakers are busy in the fall. We are looking at a date in late January or February. Of course we might have to get there by snowmobile. But, it might be a nice way to get out of the house when the winter has kept us inside.

### ***Lake Association Neighborhood Garage Sale***

The second annual Lake Association Neighborhood Garage Sale has been scheduled for May 2nd, the first Saturday in May. Registration forms will come out in April. If you are a member of the Lake Association, registration is free. If you are not a member, registration is \$5.00. If you register, we place signs at the nearest crossroads to your home, give you a sign for your yard and place the ad in the Elkhart Truth. If you don't register, you're on your own as far as directing folks to your sale.

Last year was a great success with lots of traffic and lots of sales. Mark your calendar for May 2nd!

### ***Newsletter Report***

The Newsletter Committee has transitioned in replacing the positions which Dick and Kay Rhodes left after moving away from the lake. Lou Putnam has replaced Kay in putting together and laying out the newsletter. She compiles the newsletter from information, pictures, and articles that our committee and the community submit. Jon Hart has replaced Dick in heading up the advertising segment of our newsletter. This is a very crucial part of the newsletter as the revenue which it brings, pays for its costs. Jon has a background in advertising and is able to step into this role comfortably. Angie Peterson, an advertiser and a SLAHA member, is doing the graphics design for our advertisers, which Kay was also doing for our newsletter. Linda Jimison has taken over as our webmaster for [www.simontonlake.org](http://www.simontonlake.org). Kay was performing this task also. Linda has a background and experience with web design.

Amy Matherly and I are quite pleased with our new replacements for these positions. We have a great committee which is working hard at submitting articles and pictures, monitoring the website, keeping our community informed of birthdays and anniversaries, bringing in information from the Sportsman's Club, and many tasks needed. Thanks to all for your great help and work!

We encourage any information, articles, pictures OR ideas for articles. Send them to anyone mentioned above or myself, [clyfoutz@yahoo.com](mailto:clyfoutz@yahoo.com).

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## Wildlife in our Backyard

Connie and Jon Hart, Forest Lane, occasionally hear a coyote near their home. But now they have proof that they haven't been into the cooking sherry. This coyote was spotted just across from their house along the channel. Coyotes are not rare in northern Indiana. In September 2013 Elkhart Municipal Airport manager Andy Jones reported that at least two landings had to be aborted because of coyotes near or on the runway. Another plane just missed a coyote by about 20 feet. Live traps were set but not coyotes were caught.

National Geographic says these adaptable animals will eat almost anything from rabbits to snakes to fruit and grass. They are excellent hunters with keen vision and a strong sense of smell. Coyotes form strong family groups giving birth to litters of three to twelve pups during the spring. Members of the dog family, coyotes are smaller than wolves and are found all across North America.





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Not long ago Carole and I were pondering an article in the business section of the newspaper that reported the Hacienda restaurant group was going to open an Italian restaurant. Our general reaction was how do you think that will work? Of course everyone is familiar with the Hacienda franchise. You may remember their first eatery began some thirty years ago in the old mansion in front of the former Kamm Brewery in Mishawaka. It was an instant success and the company has grown to 13 popular locations. But businesses must remain relevant to increasingly fickle buyers, so the management team began researching market trends and designed a completely new,

## Bar Bici

to Hacienda, platform.

The alpha Bar Bici is located in Eddy Street Commons which is the poster child for new urban retailing. The restaurant has a bicycle themed decor with a beautiful 1970's teal Bianchi hanging on the wall. The crew members are all dressed in team shirts and the old style turned up bill bicycle hats. Many have asked me, why bicycles? First, bicycling may be more in the Italian DNA than flashy red sports cars. Secondly, and maybe more to the point, nothing is more associated with young, hip, and urban than the bicycle. Let me tell you it works. When you walk in for the first time you get a vibe that there could be thousands of places just like this around the world.

The menu genre is Italian street food. So think of Venice, a city with roots over a thousand years old. Space is very limited, so creative food purveyors sell hand held meals out of store fronts. It is user friendly and less expensive than at sit down establishments. All meal options begin with a Tavoleta; soft, tasty, freshly baked flatbread. On this edible plate you build your sandwich, salad, or pasta creation. Once you have determined which of the three directions you wish to pursue, or create your own, you walk the team member serving you through the variety of fresh food options you want to be included in your build. Picture a slightly up market variation of Chipotle. I chose the Ricotta Chicken sandwich at \$7.45 and Carole had the Lemon Chicken Salad for \$8.95. We both found our choices quite tasty.

As good as the food tasted, I think I may have found the drink options even more exciting. Let's begin with beer. The only beer served, in bottle or on tap, is Greenbush. Greenbush Brewery is a wildly popular micro brewery in Sawyer, Michigan. (Stay tuned for another D&D article) A second choice might be the apple/pear (white) sangria. Nothing says sitting under an umbrella gazing at the Mediterranean like sangria. Finally, in keeping with the popular Hacienda frozen drinks, you might choose a frozen peach bellini. The bellini was invented by an American bar owner who opened a business on San Marco Square in Venice in the 1920's. It is made with peach nectar and Prosecco, a sparkling Italian wine. Of course there are soft drinks available too.

While we didn't choose the desert option it may well be an excuse to return. The feature desert is gelato served Sicilian-style on a warm slightly sweetened egg bun call the Brioche con Gelato. I think I picked up a few pounds just describing it. It appeared to us that this was an extremely well thought out and executed restaurant design.





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## Private Dredging Information Meeting

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If you are interested in dredging in front of your home you should attend this meeting.

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## Granddaughter of the Marcus' attends Girls State

Francesca Polizotto, granddaughter of Kay and Dale Marcus (Wuchner) of Maplewood Drive, attended Girls State this summer. Each High School in the state of Indiana may choose one or two of their top junior girls to attend this prestigious week-long conference. During the week the girls are organized into two mock political parties, precincts are set up, elections held and then the government begins to function. The attendees are instructed by Hoosier women who are themselves involved with government and politics. This year Girls State was held at Trine University (formerly Tri-State) in Angola, Indiana. 550 girls attended. At the Honors night, Francesca was selected as one of two girls from Indiana to represent Girls Nation in Washington D.C. This all-expenses paid experience allowed Francesca to interact with girls from all 50 states and learn about how the federal government works, the constitution and how laws are made, enforced and upheld. In addition Francesca also was an English tutor in Salzburg, Austria. What a summer! Congratulations to Francesca and to her proud grandparents!

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## Simonton Lake Preservation Trust

Is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The Simonton Lake Preservation Trust was established as a "banker" of sorts for project at the lake. In technical terms we are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. **DONATIONS MADE TO THE TRUST FOR ANY PROJECT ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

At this time our first priority is to continue to work with the Lake Association on raising funds for the dredging project.

Questions should be directed to Ryan Harding, John Rose or Amy Matherly.

After the dredging project, the Trust will continue to exist and pursue other efforts to preserve, protect and enhance the lake watershed.

**Donations to the trust are tax-deductible**

And can be made by mail to:

**Simonton Lake Preservation Trust  
PO Box 469  
Elkhart, Indiana 46515**

For more information call or e-mail:  
**Ryan Harding**, president and lawyer for the Trust,  
rwharding@mwe.com

**John Rose**, treasurer,  
johnrose11@comcast.net

**Amy Matherly**, secretary,  
ramatherly@gmail.com

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## Update on the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust

### Estate Planning with the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust

If you would like to include Simonton Lake in your estate plan the Trust can be of help. Created in 2013 the Simonton Lake Preservation Trust is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Because of this status none of your gift will be spent on taxes.

You may specify how your gift is to be used. The list might include such things as beautification, land purchases, water purity, safety programs, environmental efforts or scholarships.

What kinds of gifts can you leave to the trust?

- A bequest through a will or trust
- A charitable life income plan or annuity
- A gift of property
- A gift of life insurance
- A retirement plan asset

It is the mission of the Trust to "Preserve, protect and enhance the Simonton Lake area watershed for present and future generations."

**Your gift will help us in this mission. What a great legacy!**

For more information contact:  
Ryan Harding, Trust President.

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### Shaklee Fund Raiser Benefits the Trust

Support our ONGOING Fundraiser with Shaklee Corporation for the Simonton Lake Buying Club. This is something you can participate in even though you have or have not donated money to the project.

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Lake.myshaklee.com or when you contact our **Simonton Lake Buying Club contact person Sue Flemming at jsflemming1@gmail.com or 574-266-9996 or 574-370-6797.**

As an added bonus Shaklee will give anyone a FREE buying club when they order one of the special regimens or kits pictured on the website at [www.SimontonLake.myshaklee.com](http://www.SimontonLake.myshaklee.com). Look for it under the tab "ABOUT US". One kit that we would really recommend is the GET CLEAN STARTER KIT. This kit has a lot of the products you are already using now & the Get Clean offers all eco-friendly products. This is another way to clean up our lake. You can also order individual products by clicking on the SHOP button [www.SimontonLake.myshaklee.com](http://www.SimontonLake.myshaklee.com).

If you have any questions contact Sue at [jsflemming1@gmail.com](mailto:jsflemming1@gmail.com) or 574-266-9996 or 574-370-6797.

*Check out: [www.simontonlake.org](http://www.simontonlake.org) for all of your lake community events, stories, information and photos.*

## Ecozone update

Back in 2011 we had a water quality study done on Simonton Lake. There were several recommendations on maintaining and improving our water quality. One of these recommendations was to establish an ecozone. An ecozone is an area where aquatic plants are allowed to grow. The plants become a natural filter for the water in the lake.

At this time our plan has been approved by the DNR Commissioners. However, there are a few steps in the legal process that need to be completed. Even though we held our own public meeting in the fall of 2013, the DNR must hold their own public meeting. This meeting will be on October 23 at 1:00 at the Sportsmen's Club. Anyone who has questions or concerns about the ecozone at Simonton Lake should attend this meeting.

A public notice will be placed in the Elkhart Truth by the IDNR.

Also, anyone interested in offering comments on the Simonton ecozone may do so at this time via the in-

ternet. Go to <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm> and scroll through the list until you see the line titled Simonton Lake Boating Zone. Then click on the area on the right that says "comment on this rule" and a separate window will open for their comment. Positive as well as negative comments are welcome.

# Private Dredging Information Meeting

*November 12th @ 7:00  
Sportsmen's Club*

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## Old Glory has company on the lake



A Heron with "Old Glory" is spotted by Leanne Brekke on North Shore Drive early one morning on top of the boat canopy. Perhaps he or she is hoping that the eagle atop the flag pole will strike up a conversation.



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For more information see page 18.



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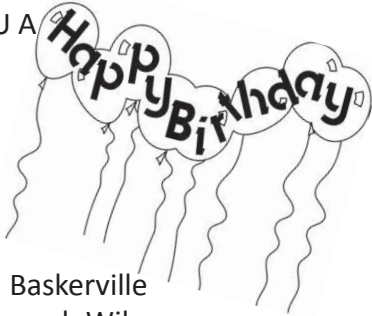


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 10/25 Ken Ward  
 10/31 Bob Putnam  
 11/5 Carole Foutz  
 11/5 Marie Garatoni  
 11/10 Bayleigh Sue Hovarter  
 11/9 Arlie Jo Barhydt  
     Granddaughter of Jim Ulery  
 11/24 Camden Curtis Niederwerfer  
     Grandparents Curt & Wendy Willis  
 11/30 Sue Ward  
 12/6 Chris Schultz  
 12/9 Olivia McKee  
     Grandparents Ron & Sue Taylor  
 12/10 Dave Foutz  
 12/11 Ron Taylor  
 12/21 Bobbi Meyers  
 12/27 Megan Shultz  
 12/31 Ethan & Aaron Dittmer  
     Grandparents Dick & Kay Rhodes



- 10/7 Deb & Tom Swanson  
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 10/11 Erin & Chad Winchester  
     Daughter of Cindy  
     and Vaughn Nickell  
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## MESSAGE BOARD

The Lake Calendar is only \$10. On sale now. See page 12. Contact Amy Matherly 262-4773 or Sue Ward 206-0450.

The Lake Association Neighborhood Garage Sale for 2015 is May 2.

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## 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.

**Treasurer's Corner**

Below is a brief financial update on the association:

**Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association, Inc.  
January 1, 2014 – June 2, 2014 (CASH Basis Accounting)**

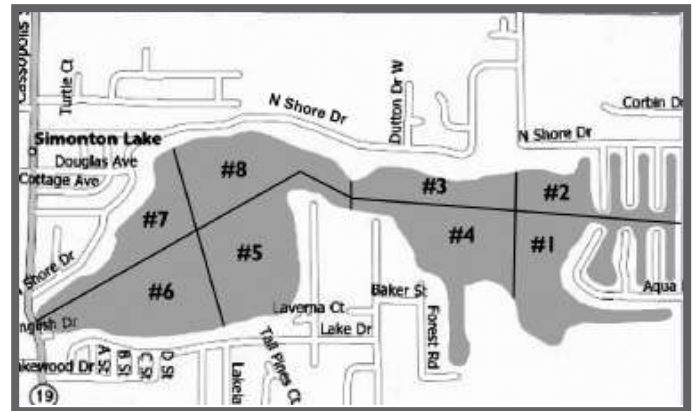
ITEM	SUBTOTAL	TOTAL
Advertising	\$275.00	
Fireworks Donations	3,670.00	
Other Events (e.g., Hog Roast)		
LARE Grant from State of IN	7,500	
Membership Dues	4,560.00	
Sales (T-shirts, Calendars)		
Other (e.g., interest income)	5.68	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$16,010.68</b>
Board of Directors (e.g., Hog roast, general meeting expenses, insurance)	766.28	
Fireworks Transfer to Sportsmen's Club	3,670.00	
Lake Environment	8,496.87	
Lake Safety		
Membership/Outreach	380.51	
Newsletter / Website	1,939.06	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$15,252.72</b>
<b>NET POSITION AS OF 6/2/1014</b>		<b>\$757.96</b>

As always, if you have any questions about our association finances, please don't hesitate to contact Heidi Citron at Heidijo10@hotmail.com

Please fill out the membership form contained below. Thank you for your support of our association through your membership – this support allows us to advance the interests of our lake!

**Area Representatives**  
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Ken and Sue Ward	206-0450
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Anne Harbaugh	264-7792
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6. Dick Martin	264-7656
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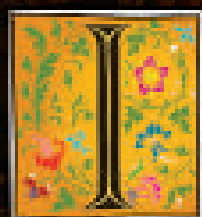
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**Austin Evans**, 15, caught this 19" small mouth bass off of North Shore Drive a few



hundred feet from shore. Austin, already an avid fisherman, was fishing from a small kayak with a rubber worm. He said it is the biggest fish he ever caught on the lake. He got his picture taken with the fish and said he intended to release the fish back into the lake. So, this big guy is still out there.

**Holly Swanson Conley**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Swanson has been named Principal at Osolo Elementary School. Holly taught at Monger elementary for 10 years prior to taking this position. She is married to Derek Conley.

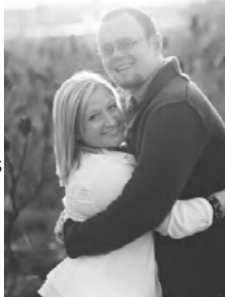
**Ann Harbaugh** has retired from her position as Social Worker at the Elkhart Community Schools. She served the children of our community for 23 years. Congratulations!

## New Neighbors

Beach Drive welcomes new neighbors **Mark Schneider and Christine Shafer**. Mark was previously a North Shore resident. Christine spent time on Grass Lake in Michigan while growing up and has always wanted to live on the water. They had been looking for quite a while and when Jerry and Carol Aller (sadly) put their house up for sale, Mark and Christine went for a look and fell in love with it. They love the peace and quiet, the neighbors, and all the wildlife – except for the muskrats! (Jerry and Carol have moved from the Lake but still have a water view – a pond complete with ducks!)

## Weddings

**Elizabeth Glick**, daughter of Karen and Ron Glick, is engaged to Adam Clifford. The wedding was held at Dunlap United Methodist Church on Sept. 27th. Look for the wedding pictures in our January issue. Ron Glick is Susie Broderick's brother. Susie and Bill hosted a Sunday morning post-wedding brunch at their house for family and friends.



**Steve Wogoman and Delores Troyer** were married on July 31 at their new home on Lake Drive. Steve is a former resident of North Shore Drive along the area folks call the cove. Actually Steve refers to the cove as Wogoman's Cove. The happy couple chose July 31 because



it was exactly 10 years from the date that we met at a lake house party just down the street from their new home. As it turned out, we just figures out that they had dated in high school

but neither Steve nor Delores remembered them. (Now that's a bad date!) Delores' children and most of Steve's Air Force buddies were able to be at the wedding. A special blessing was the presence of both of their mothers, aged 84 and 87. The weather was perfect. What more can you ask for?

**Lauren Bellamy**, granddaughter of Larry and Ginny Bellamy, and daughter of Jeff and Deidre Bellamy, was married July 12th, 2014 at Sugar Grove Church in Goshen to David



Ganger. They honeymooned in Gatlinburg, TN. Larry and Ginny are overjoyed and blessed to open their family circle not only to David but also to the entire Ganger family.

## Farewells

Phyllis Nusbaum's mother, **Margaret Louise Davis**, 92, formerly of Garver Lake, passed to her rest Wednesday, Aug. 27. She was born Sept. 23, 1921, in Richland County, Ohio, the daughter of William A. and Margaret J. (Hoverstick) Wages, and she has lived in Michiana for many years. Margaret worked for CTS in Elkhart, Ind., for several years and retired from there in 1982. She enjoyed playing golf with her lady friends at Four Lakes Country Club in Edwardsburg. She was married Oct. 5, 1940, in Cassopolis to LaMar Davis. He passed away Feb. 16, 2005. In addition to Phyllis, Margaret leaves behind her daughters, Karen Louise Haas, Patricia Ann Dorn and Sandra Lee Lovely. Our hearts to out to Phyllis and her family on their loss.



**Raymond Stutsman** passed away on July 13th. He was born in 1931 in Elkhart and married Nancy Noreus in 1964. She preceded him in death in 2008.



Raymond is survived by four children. Two of his children, Cory Stutsman and Jayne Steed are lake residents. Raymond was a graduate of Elkhart High School and Purdue University. He served in the U.S. Navy as a naval aviator during the Korean War. Raymond received a master's degree in business

from Western Michigan University. Raymond was active in Big Brothers in Elkhart. After retirement he restored World War 2 War Birds and won Grand Champion at the Oshkosh Air Show for restoring a P-47. He flew his P-47 down the Potomac in formation with Church Yeager for the opening premier of the movie "The Right Stuff." Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

**Jackie Snellenberger** passed away on September 1st. She graduated from Elkhart High School in 1958 and attended the University of Indianapolis. She married Dick Snellenberger on June 23, 1962 in Elkhart. Dick and Jackie had a son, Craig and a daughter, Kim. Her brother Dean Scholfeld lives in Elkhart. Jackie was the secretary of the music department for the Elkhart Community Schools for 30 years. A member of Faith United Methodist Church, Jackie played in the bell choir. She enjoyed spending time with her family, road trips and wintering in Florida. She will be missed.

