



Simonton Says...



Aerial photo of the Lake

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- New Neighbors, Frank & Kathy Stec
- Lake Calendar, Gina Hoff
- Garage Sale
- Memorial Day Boat Parade
- Dues, Susie Broderick

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- Ecozone
- Weir
- Water Quality Concerns

Safety:

- DNR related issues
- Lake Alerts, Contact Chris Toles cmt6061@comcast.net
- Buoy watch
- Hazards in the water
- Buoy Watch, report damaged or loose buoys

Our Mission

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

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EVENTS ON THE LAKE

April 30, May 1 Spring Garage Sale-
May Spring Newsletter

May 1 and 2 Sportsmen's Club Spring
Turkey Shoot

May 8 "Stamp Out Hunger"

May 19 Lake Assoc. Annual Meeting

May 22 Sportsmen's Club Casino
Night

May 30, Memorial Day Boat Parade

June 5-Sportsmen's Club "Firecracker
Open" Golf Tournament

June 12 Sportsmen's Club Kids Fishing
Contest

JULY 3 POKER RUN AND FIREWORKS!

July 10 Deadline for Aug. "Simonton
Says."

July 18 SLSC Jim Friend Event

August 7 Sportsmen's Club Kid's Fish-
ing Contest

August Summer Newsletter

September 6 Labor Day

Sept. 18 and 19 Sportsmen's Club
Turkey Shoot

Fall Garage Sale- Sept. 24 and 25

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Simonton Lake Conservancy

574-206-8485

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Hours M-F 8:30-4:30

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES



LAKE CALENDARS 2021

We sold about 50 of our 2021 Lake Calendars. The rest will go into our New Neighbor bags.

Thanks to all of you who purchased calendars and who sent in pictures for the calendars. While our purchases were down, we will try again in 2021. Lake Calendars for 2022 will be available in November of this year. Get your order in as soon as you can to reserve your copy.



NEW NEIGHBOR GIFT BAGS

Sue and Ken Ward who have coordinated this

Lake Association outreach have decided to retire from this position. Kathy Stec is our new coordinator and delivery person for New Neighbor Gift Bags. If you have a new neighbor on your street, please email Kathy at fkstck@yahoo.com.

She'll make sure a "New Neighbor Gift Bag" is delivered. We don't want to miss anyone.



SPRING GARAGE SALE APRIL 30 & MAY 1

The Lake Association Garage Sale was held on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. We had a great sale in the fall and hope that the sale this spring was as successful. The Fall Garage Sale for 2021 is scheduled for September 24 and 25. Mark your calendars!"



Dues for 2021 are still being accepted. If you have not gotten your dues in yet, there is still time. Look for the membership form at the bottom of the page entitled "Notes from the Board." Send your dues to:

**SLAHA
PO Box 1706
Elkhart, Indiana 46515-1706**

The strength of our organization depends on your financial support and your volunteer efforts.

**SIMONTON LAKE AREA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. (Meal) 7:00 p.m. (Meeting)**

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Door Prizes to be announced via Lake Alert and Facebook

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CRIME REPORT

Sunday, March 28

A white Ford F150 truck was stolen from a home on Dolph Road (on the north side of Little Simonton).

Tuesday, March 30 the truck stolen from Dolph Road was found abandoned in a field in Cass County, Michigan.

Beware of Scams;

Email Hacking-Lake Association President, Carole Foutz, has had her email hacked several times in the last couple of years. The scam in these instances are requests that seem to come from Carole and sent out to Carole's contacts asking for the recipients to buy gift cards for various causes. The Lake Association never does any gift card purchasing for other organizations.

Social Security and IRS- Several lake residents have received calls that they owe money to the Federal Government and will be prosecuted unless they call the number left in the message. This is a scam. Other lake residents report that they have received calls saying their Social Security checks will be stopped unless a return call is made. This is also a scam.

Website Scams- At least two agencies in the area have received calls saying they would be sued unless photographs owned by the caller were removed from the agency's website or a fee was paid to the photographer. This was a scam. The creator of the websites, in both cases, used stock photos for which a fee had already been paid.

Arrests Threatened The Elkhart County Sheriff's Office has been receiving reports from people who have gotten alarming phone calls. The caller ID shows up as the Elkhart County Sheriff's Office phone number, but the calls are not coming from that agency. The caller says the person's social security number has been used for something illegal in Texas and the person will be arrested on a warrant unless they purchase gift cards and reveal the number on the back of the card. One caller went as far as to use Sheriff Jeff Siegel's name. These calls are NOT coming from the Elkhart County Sheriff's

Office and are not to be taken seriously. Please do not fall victim to this scam. The Elkhart County Sheriff's Office will NEVER call and ask you for gift card information.

March 2021-Golf Cart Concerns-Several residents have voiced concerns about golf carts speeding and driving erratically in lake neighborhoods.

According to County Ordinance 2016-504 adopted in 2016:

A golf cart driver must have a valid current license.

Golf Carts may be operated on roadways in unincorporated areas of the county, but NOT on numbered County Roads or State Highways.

The operator of the golf cart must comply with all traffic laws, rules, and regulations only between sunrise and sunset.

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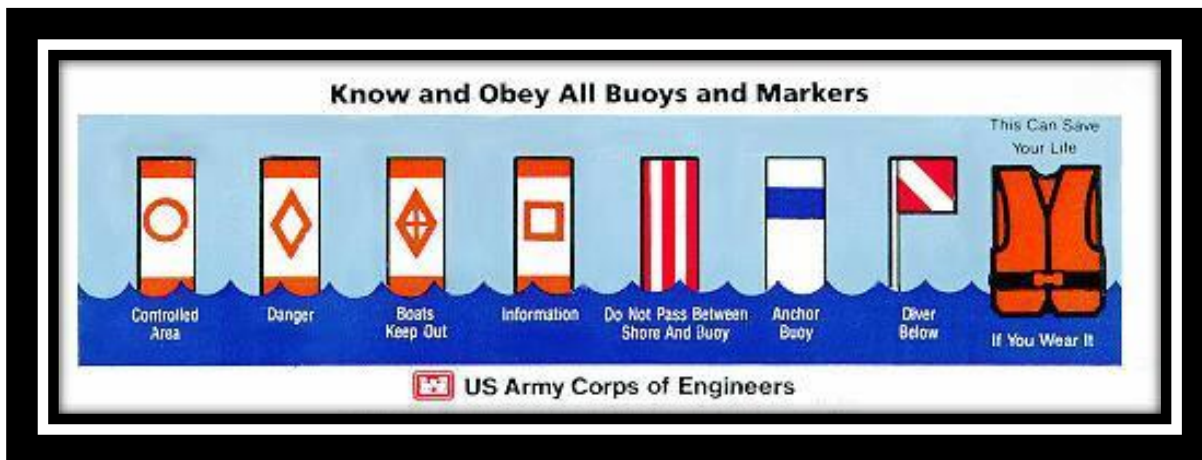
It's Boating Season! BE SAFE, BE SMART, BE COURTEOUS!

By the **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- **Controlled Area:** This buoy has a red circle and the information you need is printed inside that circle. On Simonton Lake you will see this buoy with "Slow, No Wake" **THE CHANNELS ARE NO WAKE AREAS**.

IF YOUR BOAT PRODUCES A WAKE AS YOU DRIVE AND YOU ARE IN A NO WAKE AREA, YOU CAN BE TICKETED!

- **Information-**On Simonton Lake our Ecozone is marked by several of these buoys. Only trolling motors are allowed in the Ecozone. No power boats! No wave runners! No anchoring



When meeting another power boat head on, keep to the right (starboard)



When a power boat meets a sailboat the power boat is the one which must change course.

- **Make sure your 2021 Boat Registration number and Excise Tax are properly displayed.**
- **Make sure you have enough life jackets on board.**
- **Be courteous to other boaters.**
- **Watch out for swimmers in the water**

To get an "Indiana Boating Law" Handbook, go to the DNR website.

SIMONTON NOTES FROM THE BOARD

SPRING 2021 Edition

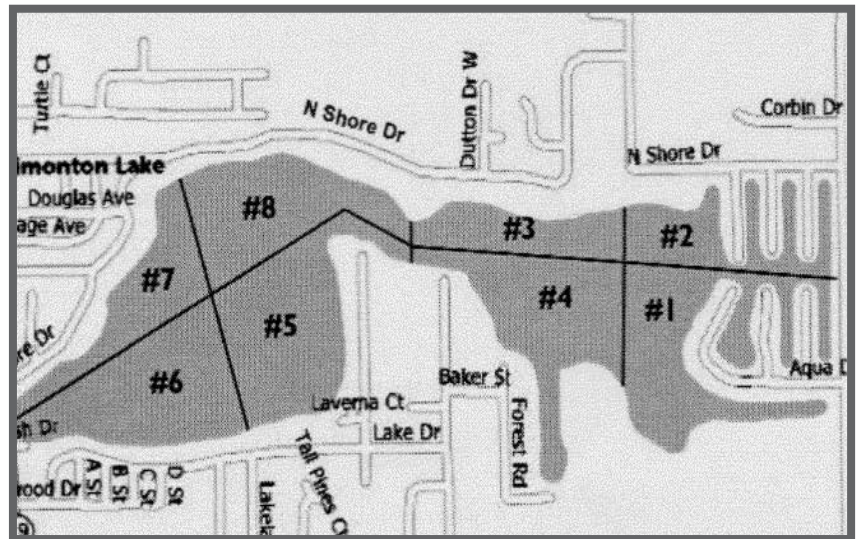
Association Dues: The membership drive for 2021 has begun. A form was mailed to you. Or you can use the form at the bottom of this page.

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

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

AREA REPRESENTATIVES Your Delegates for Neighborhood Concerns

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Area #5 Bob Meyers Cindy Nickell	675-0970 262-3105
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January to April 2021

ELKHART COUNTY ZONING APPEALS UPDATES

In preparing this article only the issues presented at the Elkhart Zoning Appeals Board meetings which concern land in the Simonton Lake area of Osolo Township are listed. For a complete list or for more information go to Elkhart County Board of Zoning Appeals website for agendas and complete minutes.

January Meeting

- No issues presented regarding the Simonton Lake area of Osolo Township.

February Meeting

- The application for construction of an accessory structure without a residence on property located on the north side of North Shore Drive west of CR 11 was denied.

March Meeting

- The application for a 15-foot variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for the construction of an attached garage 35 ft. from the centerline of the right of way on North Shore Drive north of Douglas Avenue was approved.

April 15 Meeting

- Scheduled for the April 15 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals: The application for a 15 ft developmental variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for the construction of an attached garage addition 35 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way on the north side of Aqua Drive.

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Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. (Meal) 7:00 p.m. (Meeting)

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Door Prizes to be announced via Lake Alert and Facebook

Memorial Day Boat Parade

Sunday, May 30, 1:00

Rain date Monday, May 31, 1:00

**Parade Start-Northeast shoreline of
Little Simonton**

**Decorate your boat with American Flags and
other patriotic decorations.**

**Stan Skinner will play Taps
from his pier at 1:00.**



**After Taps, boats will parade through the channel, go for a lap around Big Simonton
and disperse at the sandbar.**

**It is our hope that this event will allow lake residents and visitors to honor our fallen
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**Simonton Lake Area Homeowners' Association
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Scott Dean has been appointed our new Compliance and Enforcement Officer at the Indiana DNR.

The Compliance and Enforcement Section conducts on-site public assistance visits and investigates reported lake and stream violations. Their primary objective when they come across violations, is to educate, and work with the property owner to resolve the violation and make their issue compliant with the state's regulations.

LAKE PRESERVATION ACT CONTAINS THE STANDARDS

Compliance and Enforcement Officers enforce the rules found in the **Lake Preservation Act**. Here is an excerpt:

"Activities regulated by the Department under the Lakes Preservation Act include any project that will result in an alteration of a lake's bed or shoreline. Typically, this includes: dredging, new seawalls, seawall refacing, underwater beaches, boat wells, boat houses, and fish attractors.

The complete Lake Preservation Act can be found on the Simonton Lake website under "Resources." Scott has been with the DNR Division of Water for 13 years.

If you have a question about your pier or your neighbor's pier, call Scott Dean.

Scott H. Dean
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Office: (317) 234-1077
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STAMP OUT HUNGER

Every second Saturday in May, letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers, who participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers "Stamp Out Hunger" National Food Drive — the largest one-day food drive in the nation delivering more than one billion pounds of food the past 25 years.

To donate, just place a box or can of non-perishable food next to your mailbox before your letter carrier delivers mail on Saturday, May 8. Our local letter carriers will do the rest. The food is sorted and delivered to an area food bank or pantry. The food stays local and helps local families! Last year because of the COVID pandemic the "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive was cancelled. This really put a dent in our local food pantry reserves.

One in eight Americans face hunger every day in America. This drive is one way we can help our neighbors in our own area by simply placing some food in a bag at your mailbox.

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PET TAILS

By Sarah Coy

NOTE: Sally is a part time resident of Simonton Lake. When she is not here, she resides in Rock Hill, South Carolina where she is active in the Carolina Basset Hound Rescue, a group which rescues, cares for and places basset hounds in both North and South Carolina. See more about CBHR at their website.

Holly, a 5-year-old basset hound was rescued by Carolina Basset Hound Rescue (CBHR) back in 2017. She was adopted by a wonderful family who had previously rescued a dog they named Lucy.

Lucy is a 9-year-old basset beagle mix. One of Lucy's front legs is slightly twisted in a "Ballet" pose which is why her family thought she was abandoned on the roadside.

These two sweet girls were loved and adored by their family. Lucy was a daddy's girl and loved laying in his lap. Holly was a mama's girl and enjoying laying at her feet. Then COVID came along and both "dog parents" ended


up in the hospital in early fall of 2020. Dad passed in November. Mom started to get better and was moved to rehab where she took a sudden turn for the worse and passed the week before Christmas.

The daughter of this couple tried to hold the family together including her own pets and recover from major surgery herself as well deal with losing both parents in one month. She reached out to CBHR for help just before Christmas. CBHR had heard about the illness in the family as both mom and dad were dedicated volunteers for the group. CBHR policy is "once a CBHR dog, always a CBHR dog", so Holly was assured of a new home. Once CBHR learned that these two girls were bonded, Lucy was also brought into the rescue.

Then CBHR had to find a foster home quickly for these two. A couple of the officers of the group remembered that I had lost my two bassets in the fall of 2020 and they called me to see if I would consider fostering these two girls. They were located just an hour away from me, and, after my two bassets were gone, my home was just too quiet, so I said "Yes, I'll go pick them up tomorrow!". So, Holly and Lucy came to live with me. The other officers and board members started betting on how long it would take before I applied to officially adopt these two. It took just one week.

They are both sweet and loving girls. They have charmed everyone they have met in the neighborhood. My house is again full of barking and basset "zoomies", and I am loving it.





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BUOYS-Who buys them? Who maintains them?

BUYING BUOYS

The purchase of buoys for Simonton Lake is now the responsibility of the Simonton Lake Conservancy. Using special assessment monies, the Conservancy buys new buoys as needed. In some cases, old buoys need to be replaced. In other cases, additional buoys are needed.

The Conservancy has just purchased additional "No Wake" buoys and "Ecozone Buoys" to mark the Simonton Lake Ecozone, an area that is off limits to all motorized watercraft except trolling motors.

All buoys purchased for Simonton Lake are United States Coast Guard approved buoys.

WHERE DO WE HAVE BUOYS ON SIMONTON LAKE?

There are three areas marked by buoys on our lake:

- No Wake buoys and smaller "ice spar" buoys in the main channel.
- No Wake buoys in smaller channels.
- Ecozone buoys which mark the boundary of the Ecozone in the southeast area of Little Simonton.



Buoys on Simonton Lake have been permitted by the Indiana DNR Law Enforcement Division.

MONITORING BUOYS

The Conservancy is also responsible for the monitoring of our buoys. Which buoys are damaged and need to be replaced? Where are the problem areas that need more buoys? Are there buoys that have been illegally moved? This is where the Lake Association and individual lake residents come in. Our Safety Committee is tasked with watching over these buoys and communicating problems to the Conservancy. If you would be willing to help in this effort (Not a big job, just a little watchfulness and communication) please contact one of our leaders listed on page 3.

PUTTING BUOYS IN THE LAKE

The Conservancy Board is a group of just six people. They need our help to put in new buoys and move buoys that have been dragged out of place. Buoys must be placed in the water according to GPS coordinates. Bob Evans, long-time lake resident and volunteer, has GPS capabilities on his boat and has volunteered to head the effort. However, he needs some muscle to place the buoys.

In addition to the new buoys the Conservancy has just purchased, there are 11 small "ice spar" buoys that did not get placed last year.

If you would be willing to help, contact Bob Evans.



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Lake Association Membership

Don't forget to get your dues mailed in as soon as possible. To get Lake Alerts you must be a member of the Lake Association. Don't miss out on important information sent out this spring and summer.

Lake Alerts and Dues

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WHAT WE WERE WATCHING IN 2020

During the pandemic there was a lot of TV watching going on. What else was there to do until spring came and we could get outdoors? According to the Nielsen Company, a company that has been providing TV ratings for many decades, the most watched movie was "Frozen II" with number two being "Moana". Both animated movies undoubtedly provided some relief for parents of young children during the quarantine. For those of us who just had never gotten around to watching "The Blacklist" there were 8 seasons worth of shows to keep us entertained. Anyone who had never watched NCIS, had 18 seasons-worth of shows.

There are some statistics that show that older shows like, "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Golden Girls" became favorites. Maybe that humor never gets old.

The list seems to confirm that Americans favored shows that made us laugh or allowed us to escape for a short time from the reality of the pandemic.

Here are the Nielsen winners for 2020. Say, what were you watching?

Network Shows on Streaming Platforms	Original Streaming Series	Movies
1. "The Office"	1. "Ozark"	1. "Frozen II"
2. "Grey's Anatomy"	2. "Lucifer"	2. "Moana"
3. "Criminal Minds"	3. "The Crown"	3. "Secret Life of Pets II"
4. "NCIS"	4. "Tiger King"	4. "Onward"
5. "Schitt's Creek"	5. "The Mandalorian"	5. "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch"
6. "Supernatural"	6. "The Umbrella Academy"	6. "Hamilton"
7. "Shameless"	7. "The Great British Baking Show"	7. "Spenser Confidential"
8. "New Girl"	8. "Boss Baby: Back in Business"	8. "Aladdin"
9. "The Blacklist"	9. "Longmire"	9. "Toy Story 4"
10. "Vampire Diaries"	10. "You"	10. "Zootopia"

EMERGENCY VET CLINIC CLOSES, NEW CLINIC OPENS THIS SUMMER

Information for this article came to us from Chris Toles and the South Bend Tribune

The Animal Emergency Clinic on Grape Road in Mishawaka has closed ending 40 years of business. A new vet emergency clinic, North Central Veterinary Emergency Center, will open sometime in early summer.

Until this new emergency center is opened, lake residents will have to drive their pets to an emergency center in Westville, Fort Wayne, West Lafayette or Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The new North Central Veterinary Emergency Center will open in the former Family Video store at 5714 North Main Street, Mishawaka. Contractors are currently working to

convert the space, but no specific opening date has been announced.

AREA EMERGENCY VETERINARY CLINICS

Westville, Indiana
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New Kid on The Block

New at the home of **Jim and Pam Dunfee** is little **Abi** a golden retriever. She was about 10 weeks old in this picture when she was brought home to the lake.

PAPA JOE MAMO AND HIS DUCKS

We are wondering if the ducks Joe Mamo found in his flower box will return this year. If you look closely, you'll see mama duck has some babies. Papa Joe is proud!



NORTH SHORE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IS OPEN-

Just a reminder that North Shore Neighborhood Park provides a nice place for a picnic or a rest on a bike ride or walk. Here is Phyllis VanZile with her daughter, Kathy Stowe, and grandkids at the park for a fall picnic.



New Neighbors

- **Matt and Toni Queener** are new neighbors on Lake Drive
- **Doug and Marianne Bell** are also new neighbors on Lake Drive
- **Jeff and Anita Shank** are new neighbors on North Shore (Little Lake)
- **Bruno and Marissa Cataldo** are new neighbors on Laverne Court
- **Andy and Christy Tolch** are new neighbors on Twilight Drive.

Welcome to the Lake

MAIER GRANDCHILDREN

Theresa Maier's grandkids made a great snowman last winter. But the most creative part is when they added the mask.



Retirement

Speaking of **Theresa Maier**, she retired just in time to enjoy spring and summer at the lake. Theresa has served Elkhart County families for many years as a parent support coordinator. She developed parent education programs, helped families find help from other community agencies. Organized after school activities and made home visits. She will be missed but deserves a rest. Enjoy your retirement

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors

Grant Brekke, son of **Leanne and Dan Brekke**, is headed off to Purdue University in the fall. Grant was a member of the Elkhart High School Tennis Team. Grant's brother is off at IUPUI which makes the Brekke's empty nesters this fall.



Maddie Boomershine is the daughter of Jenny Boomershine. Maddie was a member of the Elkhart High School Varsity Volleyball Team and will continue her sport at Huntington University this fall.



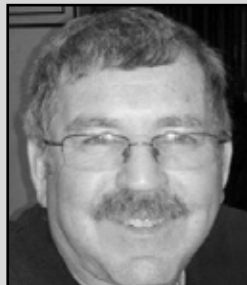
Emily Anderson is the daughter of Jon and Cathy Anderson. She was a member of the Elkhart High School Varsity Volleyball Team and the Varsity Track Team

Speaking of **Emily**, she is wiping out the competition this spring in the 100 and 200 and is also part of the Lions victorious 4 x 100 relay team. CONGRATULATIONS!



Farewells

Bruce E. Marlow, 72, started his boat and headed out for the Big Lake for the last time. He left the dock on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 3:29am (CDT) at Regency Hospital in Portage following a rather brief illness.

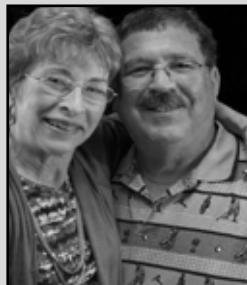


He was born October 21, 1947 in Elkhart to the late Paul and Dorothy (McKinley) Marlow and is survived by his caring wife **Diane** (Lichtenberg-er). They met at a singles dance in the Spring of 1988 and were married in a beach ceremony at Imperial Point in Largo, Florida on April 11, 1998. She survives at home after 32 wonderful years together.

Also surviving are children Christine (Taylor) Wells of Dunn, NC, Rick (Tamara) Cervenak of Wake Forest, NC, and Corey Brabon of Elkhart; brother Patrick (Linda) Marlow and sister Paula (Thomas) Ternet, both of Elkhart; grandchildren Rachel Wells, Elizabeth (Landon) Wells-West, Trey Wells, Joshua Cervenak, Hana and Eyan Brabon and yet one more who is on the way!! Preceding Bruce is his late brother, Mike.

He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, outlaws, friends, and golfing buddies. It is also worth mentioning that Bruce will be missed by his wonderful family in the Cleveland, Ohio area. And last, but not least, Bruce's entire Marlow family is eternally thankful for the wonderful compassion and care provided by his close-knit Simonton Lake neighborhood.

A memorial celebration of Bruce's life with United States Navy Military Funeral Honors was held Wednesday, October 21. Following services at the funeral home, family



Bruce and his best girl, Diane

and friends were invited to the Marlow's lakeside home for a special "Sunset Toast" ceremony followed by a dinner at the Simonton Lake Sportsman's Club.

Bruce was a 1966 graduate of Concord High School and then went to the South Bend College of Commerce while working on the railroad. He joined the US Navy May of 1968, where he served aboard the carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CV-42) during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in July of 1972. Bruce then continued his college education in Bloomington and received his degree from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business in 1975.

Bruce came back to Elkhart and was a branch manager for First National Bank. He went on to being an accountant and purchasing agent for several RV and cargo trailer manufacturers, retiring from Stealth Enterprises in 2016. Not one for being idle, he then worked part time for Associate Delivery Services, where he enjoyed spending time and working with his fellow retiree buddies.

Bruce had a love for all things nautical and had an innate desire to be around water wherever he travelled, as it brought peace to his soul. He was an avid golfer and devout fan of IU Basketball, especially back when Bobby Knight was at the helm. He had a serene appreciation of all things natural and relished his times outdoors where he could watch all of the wildlife and waterfowl. He also loved to help people, almost to a fault, because he enjoyed wandering around his neighborhood looking for folks who needed help doing things. According to Diane, these disappearances usually occurred right about the time dinner would be ready!

Because of Bruce's love for nature, memorial donations may be given to the Simonton Lake Sportsman's Club or to the Humane Society of Elkhart County. Bruce and Diane have long been protectors of the lake. Diane's beautiful photographs have graced many pages of this newsletter and Lake Calendars. Every time we see one of Diane's sunset pictures from her pier, we will remember Bruce. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends at the lake.

Hugh Jay Gruver, age 80, of Elkhart passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at IU Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. He was born April 17, 1940 in Goshen to Hugh J. and Inez Gruver. On July 20, 1963 he married Carol Ann Brant at River Park United Methodist Church in South Bend.



After graduating from Jimtown High School, Hugh honorably served his country in the US Army. Hugh began his career as a State Farm Insurance Agent in Mishawaka. He furthered his career in the RV Industry as a District Sales Manager for Georgie Boy, Shasta, Coachmen and Executive Motor Coach companies. After retirement Hugh was still active, working at Medix where he delivered ambulances. He was a member of Trinity on Jackson United Methodist Church, Elkhart Lions Club, Michiana Emmaus Board and the American Legion Post 143 in Bristol, IN. Hugh enjoyed gardening, landscaping, and travel.

Hugh is survived by his wife of 57 years, Carol, daughter, Kimberly (Brian) Daub of Elkhart, a son, Steven (Michelle) Gruver of Edwardsburg, MI, his son-in-law Thomas Evelock of Granger, IN, a sister Ruth Ann (Gordon) Bohs of Rochester, IN, his brothers, Ned (Brenda) Gruver of Goshen and **Ted (Kathy) Gruver** of Simonton Lake and 4 grandchildren—Jessica Mills (Austin), Jordan Daub, Marie Gruver and Aubrey Gruver. His niece, **Bethann (Tony) Smith** also lives at the lake. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Christine Evelock.

Hugh was buried at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Goshen with full military honors. Memorials for Hugh may be made to Trinity on Jackson United Methodist Church or Michiana Emmaus.

Hugh was a wonderful person, a dedicated family man and a great neighbor. He will be missed.

IT'S TICK SEASON

Excerpts from an article "Tick Season Upon Us" by Jeff Burbrink, Elkhart Truth, and Information from the CDC website

In his article on March 18 Jeff Burbrink, Purdue Extension Agent for Elkhart County, reported that ticks had been out in force for about a week stimulated by the warm weather. The predominant tick reported was a deer tick also known as a black legged tick, Lyme disease tick and bear tick. Also reported to him were the America Dog Tick and the Lone Star Tick.

VACCINES

Mr. Burbrink reported that while your dog can get an annual vaccine, there is no longer a vaccine for humans on the market. For humans, covering your arms and legs and wearing repellents is advised. After being outdoors it is a good idea to check for ticks.

REMOVING A TICK

If you find a tick attached to you remove it carefully. The Center for Disease Control advises: "Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water. Never crush a tick with your fingers. Dispose of a live tick by putting it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag/container, wrapping it tightly in tape, or flushing it down the toilet."

Deer Tick or Lyme Disease Tick

Significantly smaller than the more commonly encountered dogtick, adult female-deer ticks are about as big as a sesame seed and have reddish hind bodies with black markings. Males are slightly smaller than females and are solid dark brown.



Lone Star Tick Adult ticks

have eight legs and are brown to tan. Females have a single silvery-white spot on its back while males have scattered spots or streaks around the margins of the body.



American Dog Tick Adults are oval and flattened in shape and are brown with whitish to gray markings. As larvae, they have six legs while nymphs and adults have eight. These extremities allow them to effectively crawl through their environment, as well as animal fur and human hair.



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WITH A MANUAL.**

**IT COMES WITH A
MOTHER.**



Buying Old Marbles

I lost my marbles years ago. So, maybe I'm just trying to find 'em. Anyway, I love collecting them and would love to see what you have.

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



Bob Shultz 574-536-6960



ASKED & ANSWERED

March 2021

From: Steve Wogoman

RE: Foam on the Water

Question: If the wind is blowing in our direction (towards Lake Drive) we tend to get a large amount of foam along our seawall. We affectionately call it "fish soap". Neighbors get it too. What is this?

Answer: From the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

A Google search on Lake Foam brought hits from almost every state in the union including Alaska. The best answer came from the Michigan DNR which produces a brochure.

Most **lake foam** is caused when the surface tension of water is decreased, and air is mixed into the water. Organic materials from naturally decaying plants and animals can reduce the surface tension of water, and when the wind blows across it, or waves wash against the shore, bubbles are produced.

SUMMER BAND CONCERTS AT MCNAUGHTON PARK BEGIN JUNE 8

Starting on June 8, the Elkhart Municipal Band will begin their weekly summer concerts at McNaughton Park near the hospital. Concerts are scheduled for each Tuesday evening during the summer ending on August 10. Two local residents, **Dennis Wakeman** of Cottage Avenue and **Stan Skinner** of North Shore Drive are members of the Municipal Band. If you've never been to one of these concerts before, we urge you to attend. They are **free** and there is nothing better than sitting in the summer twilight and listening to amazing music.

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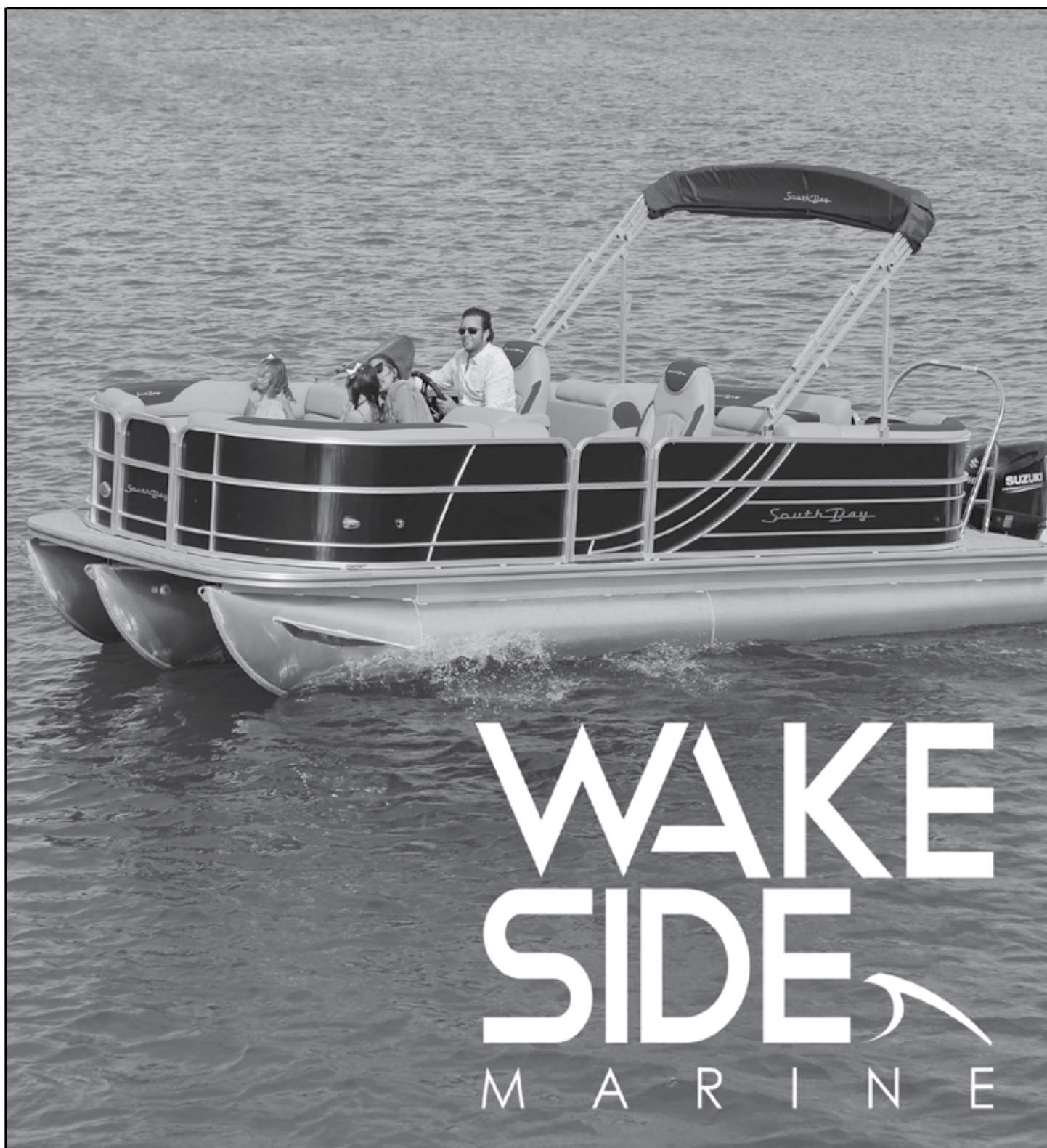
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Sportsmen's Club Events For 2021

**Club President
Dave Miller**

- May 1 and 2 Sportsmen's Club Spring Turkey Shoot
- May 22 Sportsmen's Club Casino Night
- June 5-Sportsmen's Club "Firecracker Open" Golf Tournament
- June 12 Sportsmen's Club Kids Fishing Contest
- JULY 3 POKER RUN AND FIREWORKS!
- July 18 SLSC Jim Friend Event
- August 7 Sportsmen's Club Kid's Fishing Contest
- Sept. 18 and 19 Sportsmen's Club Turkey Shoot
- October 3 Simonton Lake Harvest Classic
- October 16 Casino Night
- November 6 Fall Ball and Food Drive

*Casino Night | Firecracker Open
Kids Fishing Contests*

POKER RUN THEME

Each year the annual Poker Run has a theme. This year the theme is luau. So, get your grass skirts out and get ready to hula!

Watch our Facebook page for details!

JOIN THE CLUB

Founded in 1983 the Simonton Lake Sportsmen's Club is entering its 38th year. Over the years the club has sponsored many events highlighted by our 4th of July fireworks and done countless public service projects. In addition, they have a lot of fun together. This might be the place for you. If you are interested, see the information below:

Membership is \$25.00 per year.
Call Dave Miller at 574-596-4835 or e-mail Dave at davemilr@cs.com.

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Randy Miller, Secretary,
Scott Stephan, Treasurer,
Jack Tucker, Sergeant of Arms.
Board Members: Randy Cooper, Dale (bubba) Swihart,
Bob Evans, Bill Leighton, and Tom Krueger.

Walleye Project Continues

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

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SPRING CLEAN UP ON THE LAKE

As you take your kayaks or row-boats out on the lake this spring, we ask that you take a trash bag with you and pick up litter. Spring is a great time to do this because the water is high. If we each take some time to pick up trash the lake will be the better for it. We have reports that quite a bit of trash has floated up into the cattails in the main channel.

Here are some other ways to keep our lake clean:

1. Don't allow grass clippings, leaves or other lawn debris to fall into the lake.
2. Never blow your leaves into the lake.
3. Use a zero-phosphorus fertilizer.
4. Pick up pet waste. Never dump geese or duck droppings in the water.
5. When landscaping near the water, beware of possible erosion.
6. Big/waves cause shoreline erosion. Go slowly in NO WAKE areas.
7. Always take a trash bag in your boat, kayak, or canoe.
8. If you have a septic system - make sure it functions properly.
9. Don't use the lake as a bath-tub. Soaps and shampoos contain nutrients and pollutants that are harmful to the lake and organisms living in it.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

To add your family birthdays and anniversaries to this list,
e-mail tkshewmaker@yahoo.com

Birthdays

5/4 ---- Sue Taylor
 5/8 ---- Kelly Matherly Shewmaker
 5/15 -- Jeremy Walters
 5/21 -- Madelyn Grace Skipper
 Grandparents Buford & Becky Skipper
 5/22 -- Nixon Barhydt Grandson of Jim Ulery
 5/24 -- Steve Wogoman
 5/25 -- Linda Bowser
 ----- Frankie Saleh
 ----- Grandson of Bill & Susie Broderick
 5/28 -- Liam Trevor Skipper
 Grandparents Buford & Becky Skipper
 5/31 -- Tonda Lucchese
 6/1 ---- Bob Dudek
 6/11 -- Audrey DeGeyter
 Daughter of Morrie & Peggy DeGeyter
 6/12 -- Lisa Wuchner
 6/13 -- Kay Marcus
 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 -- Albert Rodriguez Kessler (AJ)
 Grandson of Van & Cathy Kessler
 ----- Chase Coleman
 6/18 -- Carter Matthew Jones
 Son of Matthew & Cassie Jones
 Grandson of Ed & Nancy Jones
 6/25 -- Wendy Cooper
 6/25 -- Linda Jimison
 6/25 -- Emmaly Kate Kwasny
 Daughter of Kyle & Julianne Kwasny
 6/28 -- Martha Nickell
 ----- Michelle Coleman
 7/1 ---- Micah David Obendorf
 Grandparents Dave & Tammy Obendorf
 7/1 ---- Susie Broderick
 7/1 ---- Phyllis Nusbaum
 7/2 ---- Elliot Reed Harding
 Son of Ryan & Erin Harding
 7/2 ---- Katy Barhydt Daughter of Jim Ulery
 7/2 ---- Dwight Bowser
 7/5 ---- Joe Arredondo
 7/6 ---- Gia Matherly
 Granddaughter of Ryan & Amy Matherly

7/9 ---- Cale Ulery
 7/12 -- Curt Willis
 7/14 -- Brett Polizotto
 7/16 -- Peggy DeGeyter
 7/17 -- Randy Hoff
 7/18 -- Molly Grace Kessler
 Granddaughter of Van & Cathy Kessler
 7/19 -- Cam Snyder
 7/24 -- Emmett Riley Harding
 Son of Ryan & Erin Harding
 7/25 -- Jenn Walters
 7/29 -- Leighla Kay Winchester
 Granddaughter of Vaughn & Cindy Nickell
 7/31 -- Casey Willis
 ----- Lisa Weinley

Anniversaries

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 -- Judy & Ed Hickman
 6/11 -- Natalie & Josh Hochstetler
 ----- Daughter of Dave & Colleen
 Replogle
 6/11 -- Jenn & Jeremy Walters
 6/13 -- Cindy & Vaughn Nickell
 6/16 -- Cortney & Michael McIntire
 6/19 -- Christi & Erik Smith
 ----- Daughter of Dave & Tammy
 Obendorf
 6/22 -- Linda & Dwight Bowser
 6/23 -- Heather & Wil Frentzen
 ----- Daughter of Greg & Barb McGough
 6/28 -- Gary & Marlene Taska
 7/11 -- Ann & Jerry Broderick
 7/11 -- Ellen & Andrew Meyers
 Son of Bob & Bobbi Meyers
 7/12 -- Jenny & Nathan Montiel
 ----- Daughter of Don & Carol Bradshaw
 7/12 -- Kelly & Greg Shewmaker
 ----- Ryan & Amy Matherly's Daughter
 ----- Terry & Kathy Shewmaker's Son
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INDIANA WETLANDS BILL MOVES FORWARD

This winter Indiana Senate Bill 389 moved forward and looked like it might become law. We have an area of wetlands which borders Little Simonton on the southeast shoreline.

Why be concerned about this marshy area on the Little Lake?

Wetlands are vital to a healthy ecosystem and water resources. They provide water purification, groundwater recharge, and critical wildlife habitat. Wetlands act like giant sponges in the landscape absorbing 1 - 1.5 million gallons of water per acre which reduces flooding.

According to the Indiana General Assembly website this bill in its original form:

- Repealed state regulated wetlands law.
- Repealed the law requiring a permit from the IDEM for wetland activity in a state regulated wetland.
- Stated that the repeal of that law is not intended to affect:
 - (1) the regulation in Indiana under the federal Clean Water Act of the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States; or
 - (2) the authorization of the state of Indiana to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program.
- Provided that the repeal of that law extinguishes any judicial administrative proceeding concerning an alleged violation.

In short, in its original form this bill would have repealed most protections for state-regulated wetlands in Indiana and terminated all pending legal actions against persons who violated the Indiana wetlands law.

However, the bill also must go through the Indiana House. On April 7 the House Environmental Affairs Committee adopted Amendment 24, which preserves protection of most wetlands. On April 12 the bill will be eligible for more amendments on the House floor during 2nd reading.

The Lake Association is watching the progress of this bill. We will update you on our Facebook page



From the air a view of Aqua Drive, the Ecozone and the wetlands south of the Ecozone. The Forest Road channel is to the left.

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Bottom Row: Becky and Bufford Skipper, Lou and Bob Putnam, Steve Wogoman and Delores Troyer.