LAKE GEORGE BREEZE

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Photo by Jim Fennig, a resident! Rick Hill of Muncie, celebrated his 60th birthday by barefooting and slaloming in Oct!

Lake George Cottagers Association—2020 Calendar of Events

May 23 - Beach Directors Meeting

June 12-13 - Garage Sales

July 3 - Freedom Fest Music – DJ Tommy Dent
July 4 - Chicken Sale, Boat Parade "Favorite Movie" & Fireworks

July 25 - Annual Meeting Lake George Cottagers' Assoc.
July 25 - Annual Meeting – LG Conservancy District

Aug 29— Hog Roast

Sept. 5 - Beach Directors Meeting

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Wow! What a year 2020 has already been and the lake season is just getting started. We welcome our cottagers back to Lake George and hope we, and the rest of the nation, will return to some form of normalcy.

The Lake George Cottagers Association is doing its part to help. This edition of the Breeze outlines the activities planned for the 2020 season. Fortunately, most of these activities can be conducted at a safe social distance! We encourage all cottagers to enjoy the beauty and recreational opportunities of Lake George in a safe manner which is respectful of fellow cottagers.

Your Beach Director will be distributing the 2020 Lake George Directory along with this edition of the Breeze. If you have not yet paid your 2020 dues, please use the form inside the directory to mail your payment or visit our website (www.lakegeorgein.com) to pay online. Best wishes for another fun and safe Summer!!

Kevin Snyder – President – Lake George Cottagers Association

Lake George Cottagers Association - 2020 Freedom Fest

The Lake George Cottagers Association 2020 Freedom Fest activities promise to be safe and fun! On the evening of Friday **July 3, beginning at 7:30 PM,** our own DJ Tommy Dent will spin toons to get the holiday weekend started. Cottagers are invited to anchor their boats, at a safe social distance, off the southeast shore to hear a great music show.

The annual Boat Parade will commence at **6:30 PM** on Saturday July 4. This year's theme is "**Favorite Movie**". We look forward to seeing creativity and comedy on display.The annual Fireworks show will begin at **10:00 PM** on July 4. We have the same crew back again this year to provide one of the best shows in the area.

Don't miss it!

Lake George Conservancy Chicken Fundraiser - Saturday, July 4

(PICK UP BETWEEN 10 & 1 PM @ SHELTON'S FIREWORKS)

NELSON'S BBQ CHICKEN IS BACK!

$7.50 for ½ Chicken, buy 10 get 1 free
Volunteers will be selling tickets in June
or call Matt Minnick @ 563-613-3165 for tickets or *to volunteer*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Conservancy Annual Chicken BBQ – July 4th

The Lake George Conservancy's annual chicken BBQ fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, July 4th, with pick up once again at Shelton's Fireworks parking lot from 10 AM to 1 PM. We have contracted with Nelson's Chicken and confirmed that they will be able to provide their catering service within the state's COVID-19 mandated health and safety guidelines.

The Chicken BBQ fundraiser serves as one of the primary revenue sources for the Conservancy and the proceeds are used to fund our annual operating expenses. As we continue to acquire more environmentally valuable property around the lake our maintenance expenses continue to rise. This fundraiser is an easy and tasty way for everyone to support the Conservancy's mission for preserving the quality of life on Lake George.

Last year's fundraiser had one of the best volunteer turnouts ever! Despite the occasional shower everyone who worked the event had fun. The volunteers are divided into two groups with each working 1-1/2 hours (10:00-11:30 / 11:30-1PM). If you would like to help with the BBQ fundraiser, please call Matt Minnick @ 563-613-3165 to volunteer.

Board members and volunteers will begin selling tickets, priced at $7.50 (buy 10 get 1 free) in June, look for the fashionable yet understated yard signs

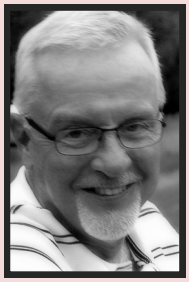
Thanks, and remember, ***EAT MORE CHICKEN!!!!***

Kate Ranshaw

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Lake George has a second **"Little Free Library".** Kate Ranshaw came up with the idea and her husband, John, built this beautiful book container. It is located at the Ranshaw home, 656 Lane 301, just north of Brown's Point The idea of a **Little Free Library** is simple, anyone can borrow a book by simply leaving one in its place. Kate is a former elementary school teacher and as a result there is an emphasis on books for children, but the library is open for everyone to use. There are thousands of Little Free Libraries located all over the world, more information can be found @ little free library.org (also at the conservancy building too)

WE THANK YOU OUR LAKE GEORGE VETERANS !!



Sayler Daughtery –Kope Kon Point

Sayler was commissioned as 2nd lt. in the U.S. Army the day before graduating from Purdue University in 1964, a product of the ROTC program. He served in the Army Reserves for 9 yrs during medical school, Internship, and residency. After finishing his residency with a rank of Major, he immediately went on active duty stationed at Ft, Wainwright, Alaska, (Fairbanks). Serving there 3 yrs from 1973-1976. as an Ear, Nose and Throat specialist. After military obligations were met, Saylor settled in Ft. Wayne , where he practiced as an ENT.

James Canan–Kope Kon Point

James was **WWII** s veteran in the Army from 1943 until 1946. He was European in September 1944 as a member of the 44th division, B company. While in the Voges mountains in France, he was wounded on October 29 by shell fragments and was eventually evacuated to England. In November of that year, he was **awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Service Star.** After recovery, he was shipped to Denmark and served at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force until his discharge in January of 1946. (now deceased)

Stan Parrish–Nipigon Beach

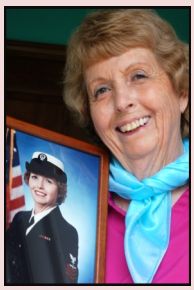
Stan is a veteran of the US Army, Security Military Police, Fort Riley, Kansas. December, 1972 thru December, 1974.

Jeff Espich –500 Lane 301

Jeff served in the US Army. 1965-66. Started in Ft Leonardwood MO, ended at Ft Belvor VA, as a Spec 5

Mae Wallis — 55, Lane140-B,

Mae Wallis and her husband Larry retired here last June. Mae spent 1968 and 1969 in the United States Marine Corps. Basic training and business training were done at Parris Island, South Carolina, after which her permanent duty station was Camp Pendleton, California.



Dorothy (Dottie) Othersen–360, Lane, 130

Dot, entered the Navy at age 33 in 1980 and retired 1997, I began as an Airman 3rd class. Became an Aerographer taking Weather observations, upper air observations used for forecasters To warn our pilots of the type of icing they would face during their flights. So after 15 years I became a First Class Petty Officer. I loved my job and the people I met and still stay in contact with several of my shipmates. I was stationed mostly in the states but was in Bermuda, and on Guam I was a forecaster at the Navy Weather Airport till they closed then I moved to our Naval Command Center where I did ship forecasting for all ships from Hawaii to Persian Gulf.

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Manford "Pete" Melchi

Pete served in the Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946. Pete went to radio school in Souix Falls, SD. He was then stationed on the island of Fernando de Noronha, off the coast of South America where he worked as a radio operator in 1945 helping bring back soldier from Africa and Europe. (Pete is deceased)

Bruce McAfee– 1069 Kope Kon Road

Bruce is also a new resident to Lake George, he and his wife Marlene bought his parent; home on Kope Kon. Bruce was in the US Navy, Submarine Service from October, 1973 to 1979 and was based in Groton, Connecticut. When: From October 1973 to August 1979

Ronald Hoelzel - 1029 Kope Kon Road

Ron served in the U.S. Army for two years. May 1953 to May 1955. Served "Stateside"

Fredrick L Pumroy (USAF, Retired) - 1093 Nipigon Bch

Served with USAF for 20 years & 9 months from 10 July 1964 to 31 March 1985. Served in Vietnam plus 12 locations. Was Command Pilot with over 5000 hours flying time. Retired as Lt Col.

Ford C. Zimmer Robert & Ethel Zimmer - Brown's Point

Ford Zimmer served in WWI - (left) Robert Zimmer, Master Sergeant, served 3 yrs in Europe along with his Ethel, Army Nurse Corp. First Lieutenant. Ford is Teri Park's grandfather and Bob and Ethel are her parent.

Boutique Update

We are hopeful the Boutique will be able to open in June, while adhering to CDC guidelines. Once the Michigan governor updates their restrictions, which are currently in place until May 28, we will have a better idea how to proceed. Please check the Conservancy's Facebook page and Website for updates and pictures of new Lake George clothing. We appreciate your support of the Lake George Conservancy through your purchases at the Boutique. **Sue Boomer & Pam Laux**

Lake George Conservancy – Memorial Day Breeze

May 10, 2020

The Lake George Conservancy 2020 membership drive is underway and to date we have received a good response to the annual appeal for renewals and new members. Membership dues are one of three primary sources of our annual operating funds, with the Boutique and Fourth of July Chicken BBQ being the others. Please consider joining our growing list of members to ensure we can continue to meet our goals for preserving the quality of life at Lake George.

The development of the oak savana on the north side of the lake continues. We now have four oak tree clusters planted and are planning at least two additional cluster plantings in the fall. This will bring that project 75% complete. We have been asked to investigate the possibility of making benches available for inclusion at the individual memorial clusters. This appears to be a real possibility for those wishing to add that to their memorial donation.

Memorial donations from 2019/2020 have been received for:

Doug Richey
Dr. Kenneth Dyer Rogers
Evelyn Hoham
Jack Boyles
James Canan
Don Wallis
Jim Warkoczeski,
Jane & Craig Hasselschwert
Kathy Johnson
George Hankins
Roger and Pat McKinney
John David Reed
Thomas Van Aman

The Swift signage removal is nearly complete, we continue to wait on NIPSCO to eliminate the live electrical line to the remaining sign structure so we can get the metal post cut and removed. In addition, the Stueben Tourism Bureau will be paying for and locating a way finder sign on the northeast corner of the 4-way stop to direct tourist to the various business that were affected by our sign removal.

The Boutique opening which is traditionally on Memorial Day weekend will be affected by the Michigan directives on reopening retail establishments. Sue Boomer and Pam Lauts are working on getting some of the new merchandise posted on the LGC website so you can preview the exciting 2020 line of Lake George apparel.

Lastly, the Chicken BBQ fund raiser is still being planned for the July fourth weekend, this will dependent on the state regulations that might evolve related to Covid-19. Our volunteers were excellent for the 2019 event and we would welcome volunteers for this years event as well.

OLD ORCHARD IS BEING TRANSFORMED INTO AN OAK SAVANAH

Gary Zandstra and Jim Lake work at the "Old Orchard" to prepare the soilfor planting Oak trees and wrap fencing around each to protect the bark from deer.

UPDATE–WEED CONTROL

The Lake George Conservancy District has selected Aquatic Weed Control to treat EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil) in early June this year. They will be using a product called Navitrol on the Michigan side of the lake (Bayview (if needed) and around the public access) and on the Indiana side they will use Navitrol and Procellacor. Navitrol has a 60 day irrigation restriction. Procellacor has up to a 14 day restriction for irrigation.

They will treat for SSW (Starry Stonewort) at least twice - In June and August. They will be using a combination of Cutrine Ultra and Hydrothol 191. No Restrictions.

By law, any herbicide application on the Michigan side will have a 1 day swimming restriction; however, there is no swimming restriction on the Indiana side.

For private treatment applications around the lake they will use either Clipper or Diquat, and there is a 3 day irrigation restriction attached to those products. Before their treatment applications they will place either a yellow sign or a yellow flag in yards adjacent to the treatment areas to advise property owners of any water use restrictions.

Please contact Aquatic Weed Control with any questions at 574-533-2597

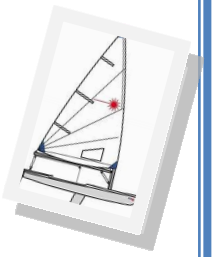
Eurasian Water Milfoil

Starry Stonewort

Lake George Sailing Association Laser News

Is anyone else looking forward to summer Laser sailing? **Saturday, June 6 at 1:30 PM** is the first scheduled racing session with the annual **Regatta planned for two weeks later on June 20th** (see separate article). Jack Stiefel will set up the course and call the signals for the two back-to-back June 6th races. Lasers, Sunfish, Force 5s, and similar single-handed dinghies are all welcome to compete.

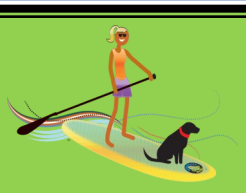
Other dates for racing are July 18, August 1, 15, and 29. Dues for the fleet are $25 payable to "LGSA." Sailors 18 and younger are free. Please submit dues to Kirsten Meyer (Treasurer), 1081 Kope Kon Road, Coldwater MI 49036 or to Nancy Stiefel (Fleet Captain), 400 Ln 201A Lake George, Fremont IN 46737



Oher 2020 fleet officers are Dan Andrews, Scoring Chair, and Jack Stiefel, Regatta Chair. Feel free to contact any of us with questions, suggestions, or opinions.

LOST PADDLE BOARD

SUP ATX paddle, black, adjustable. Call Jessica or Matt: 513-314-0233



What to do if you are stuck at home during Corona; how about social distancing cocktail parties or mask your sculpture?

Legal Lake Update

We are slowly moving toward the completion of the Legal Lake Level in Michigan. The Engineering report and the Circuit Court Petition is complete. The documents will be filed with the Branch County Circuit Court as soon as the courts reopen for business. It is anticipated the courts will reopen sometime this summer for both criminal and civil cases. It is unknown when our petition will be scheduled on the Judge's docket.

Once the petition is heard by the Judge and he rules in favor of a Legal Lake Level set in 1947 on the Indiana side of the lake, the Conservancy District will work on an Interlocal Agreement. It is anticipated that the agreement will not be totally completed until sometime in 2021 due to the Michigan Attorney General's office review and approval.

We will continue to keep everyone apprised of the review process as it unfolds. Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day celebration. **Rick Weaver**

Treasurer and Special Projects Coordinator.

Upcoming Opportunities to Serve as a LGCA Officer

The Board will be replacing two officer positions in the next term beginning in September, 2020 due to expiring terms. Candidates will be voted on during the LGCA annual meeting on Saturday, July 25. The positions open for new candidates are Vice-President and Treasurer.

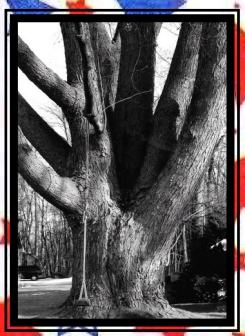
The Treasurer's position includes financial record keeping, writing checks, making deposits, updating the master spreadsheet with cottager information changes, filing state and federal forms, and preparing the cottagers' information for the annual Directory. The Vice-President is accountable for planning and management of Freedom Fest along with assistance to the President in overall management of LGCA business affairs. The Vice-President is expected to advance to the role of President at the expiration of a two-year term.

If you have an interest in this position, please contact President Kevin Snyder (817) 247-8816 or

Vice-President Dave Sorg (765) 637-8343

IN MEMORY OF KATHY

A memorial was scheduled for June 5 to celebrate the Life of Kathy Johnson but due to the Corona Virus it has been canceled. A new temporary date of **JULY 2** has been chosen. This day is also Kathy's birthday. The memorial will be hosted by Craig Johnson at his home at 1070 Windy Shore, Lake George. BUT, please note the time and date may need to be changed and a further update and reminder will be posted in the next month's Breeze.



THIS IS ONE BIG TREE!

While walking down the beach on Kope Kon I came across a this huge tree!! Impressed with its size and wondering what the girth might be I ran back home to get a measuring tape; it measured 17 feet around! That is one big Silver Maple. It would be interesting to know if this is the largest tree on Lake George or do you have one bigger in your yard? Call me if you have taken a measurement bigger than 17 ft. I be glad to take a picture and post!

REGATTA

GRAB YOUR CALENDARS & CIRCLE JUNE 20, FOR REGATTA

We are only a few weeks away from the **TENTH Annual Lake George Laser Regatta.** Don't miss it! Exciting racing will be the focal point, with six short races scheduled. Our social gathering will emphasize distancing in light of COVID-19.

Full details of the June 20 Regatta will be sent out soon to previous participants. If you have not participated in the past but would like to this summer, contact Regatta Chair, Jack Stiefel (260-577-5417), to get placed on the contact list.

Want to participate but don't have a Laser? It may be possible to use a borrowed one. If you want to participate but need a boat, please let Jack know.

Regatta Chair, Jack Stiefel (260-577-5417),

BOOK CLUB

Due to the Corona Virus, Book Club has been suspended until further notice. Please look in the July Breeze for further updates. Thank you. Robin Snyder

BOAT PARADE–"FAVORITE MOVIE"

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO JUDGE PARTICIPANTS!

If interested, contact RANDI STONE via email or text

317-437-1081 - stone.randie@gmail.com

Parade starts at Browns Point at 6:30PM!!

IMPORTANT

Lake George Sewer District–260-667-4143

Sewer Billing and payment issues call–260-665-3166

Emails to remember:

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LET SUMMER BEGIN!