INDEPENDENCE DAY

LAKE GEORGE BREEZE

VOL 77 - JUNE/JULY 2021 - NO 3

2021 EVENT CALENDAR

Fireworks & Boat Parade 7/3
BBQ Chicken Pickup 7/3
Annual LGCA Mtg 7/17
Annual LGCD Mtg 7/17
LG Conservancy Hog Roast 8/28
LGCA Director's Mtg 9/4
Luminaries 9/5

REMINDER!

GET YOUR LAKE GEORGE CONSERVANCY BBQ CHICKEN

SATURDAY, JULY 3rd ~ FROM 10 TO 1 P.M. AT SHELTON'S

Volunteers needed!! Work July 3 from 10—11:30 or 11:30 to 1 pm shift

CALL MATT: 563-613-3165 or mattandjulieminnick@gmail.com

ANNUAL BOAT PARADE

ALL YOU LAKERS COME OUT AND CHEER ON THE BOATERS WHO SPEND LOTS OF TIME DECORATING FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT!!

PLEASE CHEER ON THE PARTICIPANTS!

JULY 3rd BOAT PARADE! - THEME: FAVORITE BOARD/VIDEO GAMES.

MEET AT BROWN'S POINT AT 6:30 SHARP!

Randie Stone at Stone.Randie@gmail.com

LISTEN TO PATRIOTIC MUSIC

On WLFI 100.3 FM from 9:30-10:00 pm, July 3, prior to the fireworks to hear all your favorite Patriotic Songs!

Old Glory

Our New Glory

Lake George Conservancy – July 4th Breeze

The Lake George Conservancy 2021 Annual Member meeting was held June 19th at the Lake George Marina. Several dozen members along with the Board were present. Major topics for this meeting included the following:

The LGC financial position remains strong. There has been a rundown of the restricted funds account as we acquired several tracts of land recently. Operating capital is well positioned, and the balance sheet has grown overall over the past 12 months.

Paul Schlatter has opted to move off the Board, and John Albright is moving onto the Board. John and Mary reside on Browns Point and have been on the lake for many years. The Board wishes to thank Paul Schlatter for his years serving the Conservancy as an active Board member.

In 2020 the Board created an internal committee to study the best future direction for placing our land assets into permanent preservation. The committee, chaired by Tom Stone, recommends creating common language deed restrictions for every strategic property. This insures the future protection for our land. This is also a logical first step to placing our land into a permanent land trust, which will be studied for future consideration.

The Water Quality Testing discussion centered on the trend data that indicates a possible issue with E-coli at the northeast and northwest corners of the lake. While the results are above the recommended levels, they are not considered extremely high. Further DNA testing of the E-coli will be pursued to determine the source of the issue, that being human, foul or animal.

The LGC board has erected property signage at the corner of Old Angola Rd and Lane 201 to properly identify these LGC properties and recognize the previous owners' donations which facilitated the LGC to acquire these tracts.

The LGC Boutique is open and bringing new product in. This will be the last year Sue Boomer and Pam Laux will be managing the operation. The Board will be seeking new volunteers for the Boutique's 2022 season. Sue and Pam, thank you, for all you do. Also, thanks to all who purchase your Lake George gear at the Boutique; your purchases support he Conservancy's mission.

BOOK CLUB

COME JOIN THE BOOK CLUB

Lake George Book Club has reorganized post pandemic. We will continue to meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00AM in The Conservancy Building where we have enjoyed great attendance and lively discussions. If you are not on our email list and want to know what we are reading we will be posting a schedule on the Little Library box at the Conservancy Building.

100 FEET

ATTENTION BOATERS - STAY 100 FEET AWAY FROM OTHER BOATS!

What are your alternatives? 1) Don't go into a busy bay! (Avoid the situation) 2) Slow down or stop! (What is your hurry?) 3) Go to the wide side! (It's a big Lake why try to fit between a boat and the buoys?)

LAKE GEORGE PATROL OFFICER, PAUL SCHLATTER, REPORTS THERE HAVE BEEN NO BOATING OR PHYISCAL ACCIDENTS SO FAR THIS SEASON!!

PONTOON BOAT

Do you have a pontoon boat you're thinking of selling? If so, please contact Brian at:
616-485-7980

THANKS TO THE RESIDENTS!!

A big **thank you** to everyone who made the first annual **Light Up the Lake** a huge success. It was a wonderful way to honor **Memorial Day** and say hello to summer. As we cruised the lake the "light creativity" was a splendid sight. We can't wait until next year's light display. Peggy Behrendt

LOST AND FOUND!

Found: a nice **paddle boat.** It drifted in to shore and needs its owner! Please describe it, and it is yours. **Call 765-432-0655**

Found: Kayak from recent storm Call 260-341-2034 to identify and claim

FOUND PART

On Kope Kon Road, a part from a **Mustang** car. Please describe, and it is yours!! **Call 260-704-1055**

TURTLE TALKING TIME!

Lake George residents and your guests please read this! You may not know this, especially if you haven't lived here at the Lake very long, but there are some particular areas around Lake George where EXTRA CAUTION is really needed!! Two places of concern are **Kope Kon Road** by the **Marsh/Crooked Creek** and the **tennis court areas!!** Every May and June, there are many turtles crossing in those two areas, babies and adults! The babies are as small as a quarter and very hard to spot. Please look out for those darks spots on the road, they may be baby turtles!! For some reason, they seem to want to head back and forth from the marsh to Crooked Creek or vice versa! Watch out at the **tennis court too!!** Mother turtles usually cross the road right by the courts to lay their eggs! Unfortunately, those eggs usually never hatch because RACOONS totally destroy the eggs by morning. What we are asking from you is to really be aware of all these little creatures. If you see a turtle trying to cross, STOP, pick them up and put them in the creek or marsh. Several people do this, because it is heart-breaking to see squashed turtles, big or small! I found these two little girls by the KK tennis courts getting ready to lay eggs, I stopped, put both into a cardboard box and brought them to the end of KK to release them onto a nice sandy beach area to lay eggs and not get run over! **DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY!!**

WHY NOT PITCH IN?

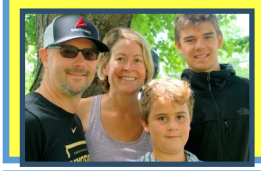
and build a turtle dock? With the decline of turtles, for many different reasons, one reason, the increase of seawalls. Turtle prefer hanging out in the quiet places like channels or marshes and not in the main body of our lake. Most of the channels properties either have high and steep walls or too much shade in grassy areas where they might not be able to bask in the sun. It is a struggle for them to climb steep concrete walls. How about some lakers who have time and care about our environment and nature in general, build a "turtle dock"! Not a hard project, you probably can get scrap wood someplace. The platform can be made of wood and it needs a little ramp that slopes into the water!! It can be anchored by a heavy object and tied to the platform and put into a quiet place, maybe the marsh area or the channels, Millpond etc. They really don't like wave action. Turtles NEED to BASK in the sun to help regulate their body heat and there's hardly a place to do that on Lake George ***It is a life or death is they can't get sun for several reasons.*** I noticed about 6 to 8 small and some big turtles crowded onto an unoccupied boat lift brace. Sorta sad! They'd rather bask on something that can give them quick access to the water and a grassy slope slows their exit down when fearful. Do you think kids would love to do a project like this???

HOLD YOUR ARMS UP HIGH IF YOU FALL FOR VISIBILITY!!!

This week is the busiest of the year! More Skiing/tubing than any other week! It has to be a collaborative effort! The driver watching the lake NOT the skier! The spotter keeping 100% attention on the person behind the boat AND making sure the driver hears them when someone falls! The driver getting back to the fallen skier/tuber as quickly as possible. And the skier/tuber must HOLD UP THEIR ARMS/SKI TO GIVE THEM THE GEATEST VISIBILITY! Take the time to review with all on board these simple safety instructions – before you go out on the water!

Let's have a SAFE and FUN summer!!

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES TO LAKE GEORGE



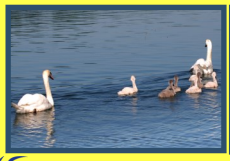
Meet Brian and Julia Stetler of Marshall, MI. Brian and Julia have 3 wonderful children: Andrew, 19; Isaac 16, and the fisherman of the family is Jack, 11. In May they bought long-time resident, Wally Castle's home at 1057 Kope Kon Road. Wally turns 97 in August and decided he needed to move closer to family in Ft. Wayne. The Stetlers have moved in and ready to enjoy summer at Lake George! If you have a pontoon boat to sell, they are looking for one!!

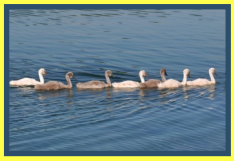
Meet the new Ruhl family!

This is Autumn and Chris Ruhl. They are the new owners of the former Mark Recht cottage at 528 Wing Point. Autumn, Chris and their son Brayden, 17, will live here full time Devin their oldest turns 20 in August and visits often! They are both working, Chris drives to Middletown, IN and Autumn managers their business rentals here.

Another New Kope Kon Resident

Please meet the Parker family. Donald and Annelisa now are the new proud owners of the former Snoddy's cottage at 1049 Kope Kon Road. They have 5 children who were not present, for this photo, but I might be able to update this information when time permits.





Of course we can't forget the new **Swan family**! They are residing in the marsh close to Caroline Drive. Mom and dad have been very, very busy with their new **7** signets!

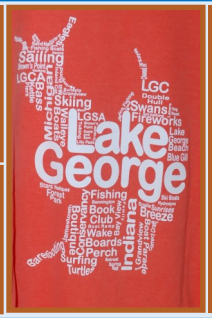
Looking to recycle in IN and MI??

The Steuben Co. Solid Waste Material Disposal site is located just off I-69 by the fairgrounds, behind Dry Dock Marina . They collect plastics, cans, glass, paper, cardboard, appliances, furniture and even boats as well as yard waste. Fees depend on the item. Summer hours M-F 8:00 AM-7:00 PM, Winter, Thurs, Fri, Sat. 260-316-1312.

"Problem Waste" is collected at the Ashley site, 1 mile East of 69 on Rt. 4, including fluorescent bulbs, batteries, computers, TV's. etc. for a small fee on Friday mornings, 8-12. The Ashley site also collects paints, automobile oil, bug sprays, aerosol cans, tires, etc. 800-777-5462 or www.niswmd.org.

Branch County recycling is handled at Biz Aid LLC, ½ mile S of main downtown, on Darling Drive. They recycle paper, magazines & cardboard, plastics #1 & 2, batteries, cartridges, electronic waste, including monitors, computers, phones. 517-227-4901, or http://bizaidllc.com. Slightly used furnishings can be donated to Habitat for Humanity Re-Store in Coldwater. They will pick up. Open afternoons Tues-Saturday. 517-279-2200.

LAKE GEORGE BOUTIQUE



If you haven't visited the Boutique yet, you might be missing out!! Lots of cool lake pillows by Pam, cutting boards, glasses, lights, Christmas ornaments, sweat shirts, T-shirts, baby clothes, bags, blankets and more, lots more!! At least come and just say hi to Sue and Pam and thank them for all the hard work! -

Saturdays from 9—1:00

AFTER THE STORM

It's always fun to see unobstructed views of the clouds after a storm. They are like heavenly signs that all will be well!

PLIATED WOODPECKER

Visited a LG resident's back yard this spring!!

INLAND CAT NEWS

The Inland Cat sailors are back on the lake! By now you've seen the Inland Cat Class Sailing Association boats out on the lake wending their way around the buoys on alternate Saturdays. After 62 seasons, the sailors and their 50 year old + sailboats are out there once again, having fun and as always, looking to welcome new sailors and crew.

Two races are held on race days starting at 1:30. Both racing days have encountered tricky wind conditions. Currently, Bill Kuebbeler is in 1st place in the Cup fleet, having come in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 2nd, with Jack Stiefel hot on his stern. The Gold fleet is led by Stan Parrish, with veteran sailor, Denny Mahuren in 2nd place. The next races are scheduled for July 10, with a just-for-fun Beer Can race to be held on July 14 at 5:30.

Jonathan Larimore is this year's commodore and encourages all Lake George to join—he can set newbies up with boats and skippers. The annual Regatta is also back for the summer of 2021, to be held on July 24, complete with a silent auction to benefit a local organization. A special Regatta Prep practice race will take place on July 18, 9:30 AM.

Have a question or just need encouragement to experience the fun? Contact Jonathan Larimore. In LG directory.

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HEY ALL YOU LASER SAILORS JOIN IN THE FUN!

The 2021 Laser summer racing began on June 12 in heavy wind and continued on June 26th. Race winners so far have been Mitch Ahaus and John Albright. All the skippers are honing their skills for the 11th Annual Regatta coming up on July 17.

Jack Stiefel is organizing the Regatta with Kevin Ahaus serving as racing chair. Becca and Denny Mahuren will serve as committee boat personnel; Kirsten Meyer will host the party afterward. Dan Andrews is the official scoring guru.

See the regatta registration form below; please RSVP by July 7. Fee is $15 per boat and due at the same time but definitely prior to the first racing session the morning of July 17.

Laser racing sessions continue through the summer:
July 31—Laser Races 7 & 8
Aug. 14--Laser Races 9 & 10
Aug. 28—Laser Races 11 & 12

Lake George Sailing Association Laser Fleet - 11th Annual Regatta
–ENTRY FORM–

Skipper _____ E-Mail Address _____

Sail Number _____ Standard, Radial, or 4.7 Rig _____

Entry Fee @ $15 per boat. $____

Supper for non-registrants @ $5 .....$5 X ____ = $ ____

Make checks payable to "**LGSA**"..... .....**TOTAL $_____**

Register by Wednesday, July 7.

Submit **ENTRY FORM** and **FEE** to: Jack Stiefel, 400 Lane 201A, Lake George; Fremont, IN 46737

REMEMBERED ALWAYS

Edward and Ruth Springer of Ossian IN were Lake George cottage owners since the early 1970's. They enjoyed time at this lake with all their family and friends. Ed and Ruth passed away this winter. We all have many good memories on the water, playing card games, and having the opportunity to love "going to the lake" and being with them. Thanks Mom and Dad, for the good times. Darlene

IN MEMORY OF FRANKLIN LOUIS GOEGLEIN

Franklin Louis "Frank" Goeglein, 83, passed away April 21, 2021 at home. Born in New Haven. He served his country in the US Navy and retired in 1999 from Zollner Corporation after 39 years. An avid sports fan, he could be found cheering on Purdue and Snider High School sports along with the Cleveland Indians and Browns. He enjoyed spending time at 1120 LN 301, Lake George with his family, along with playing golf at the Arlington Park Golf Club, bowling, and playing cards. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Goeglein; 3 children, Jody Glass, Cheryl (Patrick) Kinder, and Brad (Kim) and 7 grandchildren.

HISTORY OF YOUR LAKE

Lake George has a long and colorful history as home to generations of families dating back to the 1800's. Have you got a great story about Lake George that should be shared? We know there's lots of history on these shores. If you have a story, contact Faye Schlatter or Renate Brenneke by phone, email, or snailmail. We are also need old photos and postcards. The success of this project depends on you.!

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The ***Lake George Ski Club*** provided summers of fun in the late 60's. It provided a common, fun way for lake kids, who needed something to do, to get together all summer long. The club provided a slalom course, a ski jump and of course the weekly *Ski Club* dances held at the Hall's club house on Lane 140E. As members improved their skills, they branched out to neighboring ski shows and ski competitions. According to member Debby Gray Redder, the group was started by the Hall family kids, family and friends who also owned the best ski boat, a Chris Craft. Scott Townsend was always designated driver for competitive ski events and skiers worked all summer long on creating a human pyramid as well as the memorable "human skis."

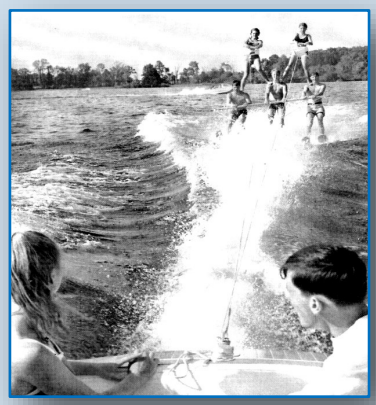
Slalom competition took place in the "kettle" with skiers navigating a set of buoys three times at higher and higher speeds. Debby Gray won three times, after Art Brenneke located a pair of nifty plaid fiberglass skis (new technology) to replace old wooden skis that better matched her size and weight.

Ski Club dances took place on weekends, complete with a band at the Hall Club House. Dances were organized by the Ski Club officers and even had adult chaperones (who may or may not have kept tabs on their charges.) They were always well attended and "people always got in trouble."

In addition to *Ski Club* dances, shows and competitions, there were talent shows, talent shows on skis, boat races and plenty of willing kids to provide for wonderful summers.

IN THE GOOD OLE DAYS

Top row: Deb Egley, Debby Gray
Bottom row: Paul Schlatter, Sam Hall, Dan Zintsmaster
Driver: Scott Townsend
Spotters: Melody Melchi, Tim Egley



LAKE GEORGE WISHES AMERICA A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!