



**ADDRESS CHANGES**

We are diligently working on our database to make sure we have current lake addresses and current mailing addresses of those who prefer receiving mail other than at the lake. Please keep us informed of any changes that need to be made. If you are a "Snow Bird" and have a different winter address, please advise us of this address and the times this should be used. We want to be sure to reach you with any mailings we may have. To make a change, please send a note in the mail, call the office (260) 665-1730, or email the office at [office@lakescouncil.org](mailto:office@lakescouncil.org). Thank you for your assistance.

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## PRESIDENT'S LIVE BOX

*Submitted by Steve Schroeder, SCLC President*

Counting Our Blessings

As I reflect on this amazing 50th year, I am humbled by the gracious giving of our members, lake representatives, and our environmental partners. This was truly a very special year. *It is no accident that we are known in this region as one of the area's largest committed organizations. We have made our place in this region. Through our past success, accomplishments and positive efforts, we have made a name for ourselves. We have made significant strides over the past 50 years. But the job is not finished. We cannot do this alone.*

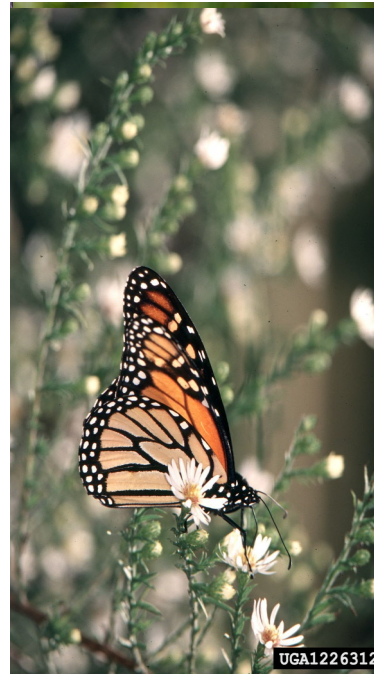
In January, we were informed we would receive legacy funds from Dale and Ruth Graft of Snow Lake. The Lakes Council is so proud of this gift and truly overwhelmed. A few months later, The Community Foundation gifted us, and many other nonprofits organizations with a surprise donation. Recently we received another gift from this Foundation.

How gratifying it feels when the community recognizes the good services and hard work from our volunteers. It makes the long busy days worthwhile and gives us the support we need to keep working to improve the environmental health of our lakes, rivers, and streams.

I would also like to recognize our partners in local government, The Mayor's office, The Board of Health, The County Surveyor Office, The County Parks Department And the DNR.

As my first year as President comes to a close, I realize our successes happen because of our partnerships. And I am truly grateful. We have been blessed.

Sincerely,  
Steve Schroeder. President SCLC



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## SNOW LAKE

*Submitted by Donnie Absher*

As my two-year term as President of The Snow Lake Cottagers Association comes to an end, I reflect on all that I have enjoyed learning and doing. The past two years we have tried to promote growth in our membership, continue to be proactive in our weed control, and pursue involvement in our association. Moving forward we have elected a new president who is involved in other community boards, and I feel he will continue to foster new growth and do what is in the best interest of our beautiful lake.

The Snow Lake Cottagers Association has many highly dedicated officers, board members, and volunteers who currently serve, and I have been very fortunate to work with all of them.

This summer was busier than ever on Snow Lake. We saw many families and friends enjoying the waters. With the number of boaters, safety is at the utmost importance. New signs and markings were placed to help those who come to Snow Lake use caution and be mindful of no wake areas. As fall draws near, we are grateful for all the memories made this summer, and look forward to all those that will be made next year.



*Photo Courtesy of Donnie Absher*

**LAKE OF THE WOODS/MCCLISH LAKE**

*Submitted by Thelma Knowles*

Coming up on my first full year as the newly elected President and it has been a busy one. We have elected 3 new block captains which will bring some fresh ideas and energy. New and exciting things are happening around the lake. New bridge, road work, dredging the channel, fund raising and chili cook-off just around the corner. Looking forward to completing all of these. See you next year, and yes, the donuts are tasty.



*Photo Courtesy of Thelma Knowles*

**LITTLE LONG LAKE**

*Submitted by Jim & Therese Shiffler*

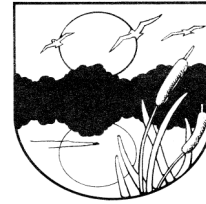
The summer of 2022 has been jam-packed for our lake and watershed community. We held our annual July 4th patriotic boat parade, were serenaded by Cliff Cody at Novak's Landing, dazzling fireworks, and a late July concert at Sunny Slope hosted by the Rigg, Hollabaugh, and Ross families. In addition, our community again celebrated many joyful family and neighborhood gatherings after a couple of years of isolation during the pandemic.

After feedback from members of our watershed, we officially formed the Little Long Lake IN-MI Watershed Association, Inc. Our stated purpose is to preserve, protect, enhance, and promote the water quality of Little Long Lake and its environs through sharing information, education, and safety. The purpose shall not include presiding over private property matters. An initial board was formed with three interim officers and seven trustees representing the various neighborhoods in the watershed. We have incorporated the association and are currently seeking federal 501(c)(3) status. Follow our progress on Facebook.

We continue to partner with the SCLC Water Quality team to monitor conditions at our two primary inlets to the lake. In addition, we coordinated with Indiana Clean Lakes Program to conduct water sampling and data gathering on our lake. As a result, we have submitted our volunteers' collected May, June, July, and August data.

Additionally, we initiated an entire summer of weekly water sampling in partnership with Bowling Green State University's Biology Department at six sites around and in the lake. Those results will be reported this fall/winter, with a full report available to our association at the first of the calendar year.

Finally, our Watershed Plan Committee has contacted the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative leadership team to explore opportunities to collaborate on practical actions to improve water quality within our watershed.



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**INDIVIDUAL & BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Lake \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Lake Property \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred mailing address if different than lake address:**

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Business Membership \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Water Quality Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed (Donations are tax deductible.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**LAKE PLEASANT***Submitted by Landon Brown*

Lake Pleasant is a wonderful place to live and vacation. I have come to develop a love/hate relationship with writing SCLC articles, as it means summer is drawing to a close. This year more than ever I am realizing just how fast time flies as we join in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the SCLC. As I look back on the growth of Lake Pleasant, I cannot help but think about how lucky we are to live in such a great place full of beautiful views, wonderful people, and a strong sense of community. Lake Pleasant has continued to ensure our water quality and lake life are at the top of our priority list. In 2022, Lake Pleasant continued to monitor water quality with the help of the SCLC, developed long-term plans for our lake outlet, doubled the number of safety buoys, and grew our HOA. We utilized LARE funding to maintain our aquatic vegetation program and developed a lake wide sediment analysis to locate areas we could improve with a potential dredging project in the near future. We also began the initial research and planning phase of a new fish stocking program based on recent DNR studies and plan to further discuss the benefits next year in our annual meeting. We have seen our high-speed internet service increase, we are working to streamline both propane and trash services, and also adding multiple speed monitoring signs throughout the lake to greatly reduce the amount of cars exceeding the speed limit. All in all it has been a productive 2022 and I look forward to the years to come as Lake Pleasant continues to grow along with the SCLC. So, on behalf of Lake Pleasant, we want to say THANK YOU to the Steuben County Lakes Council for all they do for the good of our community, not only today, but for years to come. Here's to another successful 50 years!

*Photo Courtesy of Landon Brown*

**LAKE JAMES***Submitted by Jim Parsell*

The Lake James Association (LJA) and the Lake have been very active this summer. The popular Fourth of July weekend fireworks show was a huge success. At the 12th Annual Lake James Antique Classic Boat and Car Show, the LJA's hospitality tent displayed a large portion of the local panels from the recent Smithsonian Waterways exhibit. In early August, the 1st Annual Paddle Quest was held, which encouraged adventurous residents to ride in or on anything they could paddle from the third basin Pokagon Beach to the Sandbar. They were rewarded with water and donuts. The LJA also hosted several Thursday evening Sandbar Socials to encourage the discussion of lake issues in a fun and respectful community gathering.

The Association continues to address important environmental concerns. A study is being undertaken to identify the extent to which starry stonewort has colonized in the lake and where it is located. Starry stonewort is a persistent, highly invasive aquatic species. The study results will help determine the response to this problem. The LJA participates with, and financially supports, the Steuben County Lakes Council water quality testing program. A recent test of the Croxton ditch, which flows into Lake James near the Lake James Country Club, revealed very high levels of E. coli. In response, the association is initiating a search for its source through testing at eight sampling sites along the course of the ditch, which flows from within the city limits of Angola to the lake. The first round of sampling should take place in September.

The final major event of the season will be the 20th Annual Pokagon State Park Seaplane Fly-In on Sunday, September 25.



## **Steuben County Lake Council** **50 Year Celebration—How It All Started**

Submitted by Janet Bohney, President Elect

There is no doubt that Steuben County is a beautiful place with peaceful nature centers, a state park, a state recreation center and an abundance of our most important resource, water.

The lakes of Steuben County provide all of us with beauty, recreation, resources, and so many other things. Many places throughout Indiana have some of the same things, but they don't have our lakes.

For a little bit of history, Steuben County and really all of the terrain in Indiana and many other states was created around 12,000 years ago.

Indiana in particular has three district regions, the Great Lakes Plain in the northern one-third of the state, the Tipton Till Plain in the central one-third, and the Southern Hills and Lowlands region in the southern third.

All of these regions were formed by the glaciers around 12,000 years ago. The glaciers really never reached the southern region. The glaciers started in the northern region and pushed all the fertile dirt, etc., as it headed south. It flattened the central region of the state and slowed to a stop.

As the glaciers started to recede, much of the good, rich dirt was dropped onto the flat land. When it preceded north it began to melt and water was left in the holes, and low areas that were formed as the glacier went south. The lakes of Steuben County were formed.

If you really want to be able to see the topography, take a drive from here down I-69 and I-65. It is obvious.

So, to keep our unique environment and preserve it, some very dedicated and knowledgeable people decided we needed a way to preserve what we had. So, on April 9, 1972, a group of like-minded, forward-thinking, concerned citizens met in the Hawkins home on Lake James. These people saw the need to create to establish an alliance for our lakes to insure preservation, and conservation for orderly growth.

The Steuben Lakes Council was born. The first board of directors established on September 26, 1972, consisted of Vernon Brant, John Burch, W.R. Doctor, K.D. Eichler, Elaine Hawkins, William Hill, Kenneth Kloose, E.F. Both, James White, and our Technical Vice President, Peter Hippensteel, who still advises us to this very day.

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Today this dedication to our beautiful environment continues by serving as an educational resource for water quality and environmental concerns.

The first council had 218 members in the Steuben County Lakes Council. Fifty years later the SCLC has approximately 1,000 members and our newsletters reach 7,500 residents and growing.

We are the most influential lakes council and the only lakes council to be continuously working in the State of Indiana.

Congratulations on 50 years!



*Board Members: Janet Bohney, Steve Schroeder, Pete Hippensteel & Cheri Carpenter*

*Photo Courtesy of SCLC*

## Water Quality Committee Report

Submitted by Bill Schmidt—Vice Chairman

Water quality testing has continued this year. As of the report, two of the three regular tests have been completed. The first testing set was done in May and the second was completed in late July. The first set of data had a few e coli that were high, but the incidence was low. The second test was concerning. The samples were taken in late July after a period of rain. It is not unexpected that samples values are elevated. The rains tend to clean the surface and wash contaminants in the county's waters. Roughly 60% of the sites tested had e coli values above 235. This is the value at which the state will close a beach. All of the testing data can be found on the Lakes Council's website.

The DNA testing was done shortly after the Fourth of July holiday. A total of thirty-one sites were sampled. The contractor sends a sample to the lab which does the DNA test. They retain a sample and do an e coli test. The e coli values were elevated in 26 Of the 31 sites. Human DNA was also elevated at all but one of the test locations. As has been discussed in the past, high e coli does not, in and of itself, mean a human source. High DNA does not necessarily mean the source is fecal. Skin, hair or other sluffings from the body are also a source of human DNA. High e coli and high human DNA raises a concern about contamination occurring from septic systems. The combination does not mean there are failed septic's, but that the possibility exists.

The Water Quality Committee would like to thank the membership for their continued support of the testing program. A Water Quality Committee meeting will be held in late October. For more information contact the Lakes Council Office.

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One benefit of being on the buoy crew and the mute swan egg-oiling crew for the Jimmerson Lake Association (JLA) is that you go boating off-season and see sights that others might miss. Those include very clean, weed-free water and the migrating loons and trumpeter swans. For me, the best boating is after Labor Day and before Memorial Day.

Okay, I'm sure everyone wants to know how the summer was. It was typical, with no reportable mishaps and fun being had by all. The high price of gas didn't seem to affect boat traffic much. Most boaters followed the rules, but many didn't. More boats seemed to be going full speed after sunset and through the night. Not all of them got away with it, however. I did witness a conservation officer catch a speeder who was returning from the Lake James fireworks. Please keep to an idle speed after dark to give the skinny dippers a chance to get out of the way.

This part is normally where the activities that JLA has done through the year to help keep the lake safe and fun would be listed. Just refer to previous years' articles, because we did them all again this year – except for one. At the April meeting, the board decided not to do the chicken BBQ that we normally do at the Lake James Classic Boat in July. Members noted that the cost of chicken was rising rapidly due to the increased cost of feed and the bird-flu epidemic. They felt it would have caused the price for consumers to be extremely high. We also didn't have enough members willing and able to volunteer for organizing, cooking and selling the chicken. Yes, this report has turned into a call for more active members and volunteers. This year's annual meeting in August had fewer than 20 people present. Where are our next buoy and egg-oiling crews going to come from?

## LAKE GEORGE

*Submitted by Dave Sorg*

The residents of Lake George had a great summer 2022. Family and friends enjoyed all that lake life has to offer. Of course, safety is a key focus area and the law requiring counterclockwise boating on boundary lakes greatly helps. However, on a busy weekend the sheer volume of boats and skiers and tubers and jet skis can lead to difficult situations. To assist drivers in understanding that a skier or tuber is in the water we are encouraging boaters pulling a skier to hold up an orange flag indicating that a skier is down and in the water. These have been provided at low or no cost and are available in many stores who sell safety equipment. Officers were elected at the July annual meeting and remain the same for 2023. Dave Sorg - President, Rex Melchi - Vice-President, Kevin Snyder - Treasurer, and Rick Weaver - Secretary.

**HAMILTON LAKE***Submitted by Cheryl Silverhart*

2022 has been a busy year on Hamilton Lake. We have had several new businesses join our community. Lakers Landing, Howie's on Hamilton, Hamilton Outfitters (a boating rental/fishing & boating supplies), Daisy's Treasure Chest, The Pallet Store and opening soon Green Bean Coffee and Pastry shop along with several other established restaurants and businesses. Hamilton is booming. Several of the restaurants have lake access.

The annual DNR boating class was a success. It is not too soon to mark your calendar for 2023. It is the first Saturday in May.

There are new tennis courts at Hamilton High School, open to the public. We have an active tennis group, along with a pickleball group, come join the fun.

We had a successful Goose round-up, with almost a 100% capacity of the transport trailer. There was great participation from the Lake community.

There are many activities for all ages throughout the summer. There are dances at Cold Springs, Live bands at area restaurants, along with the summer concert series at the park and Double H Farms. The Parks and Recreation have a FREE kid's summer program from June to July with a different activity every week. There is a wide variety of activities such as STEM, sports, crafts and many other activities to meet all types of interests of children of all ages.

We can't forget the annual Poker Run. Over \$26,000 was raised for lake enhancement. The community looks forward to this annual event. Over 1500 tickets were sold. Summer Fest is our end of Summer Celebration of the Hamilton community. There was a free kid's water slide and bounce house, along with many food and vendor booths. The evening activities ended with the auction of metal decorated oars. The auction funds future summer park programs. This was followed by a live band and beverage tent along with the Hamilton Lake Association Raffle. Fun was had by all ages.

Don't forget our traditional old-fashioned horse drawn Christmas parade. It is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. You will be amazed by Santa and all the lighted horse drawn carriages.

All in all, Hamilton Lake has a sense of community. Stop by and join in the fun.

**JIMMERSON LAKE***Submitted by Ken Erlenbaugh*

One of the many things that makes Jimmerson Lake unique is the large stand of tamarack trees on the west end of the main lake in the wetland conservation area. Tamaracks are deciduous conifers; they have needles like an evergreen but lose their needles each fall. Before the needles drop, they turn a spectacular golden color. If you were lucky enough to be still boating in the area in late last fall, you would have been treated to a superb display of gold that almost seemed to glisten.

Usually once the needles have fallen, the snow starts to fall, and it did, but the fun snow didn't really show up until well into January. The ice came on slowly, freezing in the channels long before the main lake became safe enough to enjoy. Unfortunately, the ice didn't last very long and was gone by the last week of February. The first boats were back in the water in early March.

*Continued on Page 19***MEMBERSHIP NOTES****Submitted by Cheri Carpenter, SCLC Office Manager**

Thank you to everyone who sent their membership contribution in for 2022. A special thanks also to all who contributed to our water quality project this year. With your help, we have been able to intervene when we find a problem area and also do water testing in the watersheds of Steuben County to keep our waters safe. Membership letters for 2023 will be sent out in January 2023. **The Cut-off for Scholarship donations to be listed in the early summer 2023 Bobber Watchin' publication will be May 1, 2023.**



Steuben County Lakes Council offers an annual scholarship to a student from Steuben Co. pursuing a degree in Environmental Science or Civil Engineering. Scholarship recipient, Lily Zolman, a junior at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan shared with the SCLC her summer internship and volunteer activities:

This summer I am a volunteer for Youthworks Conservation Corp which is an Americorp program in the Hiawatha national forest and with the National parks services in both Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and Isle Royal National park. Most of the projects I have done this summer have been trail maintenance such as trail reroutes to avoid sensitive areas, clearing trails of brush and debris, and building boardwalks and stairways to make trails more accessible. I have also worked on restoring a historical coast guard station in Munising, MI. Through this experience I have gained valuable knowledge of conservation and met some truly amazing people. Thank you all for helping me get here and to my future career I am forever grateful.

Thank you, Lily Zolman

**STEBEN COUNTY LAKES COUNCIL, INC.  
BOARD MEETINGS**

Learn more about your Steuben County Lakes Council by attending our Board meetings. They are held the first Saturday of each month (except January) at the Steuben County Community Foundation, 1701 N. Wayne Street, Angola, IN, at 8:30 A.M. Exception: The August 12, 2023 meeting will be at the Lake James Christian Camp & Retreat Center at 8:00 A.M. The meetings are open to the public. Come join the discussions and help us keep the lakes and streams clean and beautiful.

### Searching & Honoring the Past Presidents of the SCLC

Submitted by Cheri Carpenter, Office Manager & Board Secretary

In honoring the 50-year existence of the SCLC, there have been a total of 23 Presidents. Cheri started researching how many past presidents were still among us: she came up with 14 Presidents and of course, Sue Myers. Seven have passed which are: William Hill, Larry Sierene, Joe Casey, Henry Baker, Dick Reed, Al Patterson & Steve Fribley.

The 14 Presidents found were: Pete Hippensteel, James Kidd, Penny Getz, Don Reitz, Velda Dose, Ron Matthews, Bill Schmidt, Tom Sagendorf, Jim Aikman, Tom Hazelett, Janet Bohney, Mel Hathaway, Cheryl Silverhart, and present President, Steve Schroeder.

Cheri is still looking for and needing information on Nancy Vail (President in 1990) and Bill Burson (President 2010-2011). Anyone knowing information of these two past Presidents, please contact the SCLC office.

Ten Past Presidents attended the 50th Anniversary celebration at the Lake James Christian Camp & Retreat on Saturday, August 13.

Pictured below are:

President, Steve Schroeder, Mel Hathaway, Janet Bohney, Don Reitz, Jim Kidd, Velda Dose, Pete Hippensteel, Cheryl Silverhart, Bill Schmidt, and Tom Hazelett.



### FOX LAKE

Submitted by Kevin Colbert

#### ALL THE WAY LIVE

Fox Lake held its annual Light the Night Fundraiser “All the Way Live at the Lake” and it was a complete success. We had our largest crowd ever, over 500 in attendance coming together. It was definitely a Party with a Purpose.

We are finally getting back to a state of normalcy as we plan for our election of officers September 3<sup>rd</sup> and looking forward to our closing dinner in October.



Photos courtesy of Fox Lake Rep, Kevin Colbert



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### GOOD LUCK BRIDGET. YOU WILL BE MISSED



**Bridget and Rosie at Knee-high in July.**

### CROOKED LAKE

*Submitted by Dave Rosebrock*

Another year is flying by as we are nearly at Labor Day once again. All in all, 2022 has been a great Summer for lake activities.

The most significant event for our lake was made public last Fall. We lost another long time institution when Pat Casey announced their marina on the lake would be closing in the Spring of 2022. The family had decided to update and enlarged their facility on Orland Rd. Ten condos were proposed for the lake front property. As of late August, the permit granted for the development is still under appeal in the Courts. Sadly, Crooked Lake lost one of its two launch ramps, dock space for our patrol boat, and the only gasoline facility on the lake.

Our Annual Meeting was on Saturday, June 11. We met at the Steuben County Event Center near the Fairgrounds for the first time. Agenda items included our weed control program for the year, continuing work to improve water quality in the two main ditches draining into our lake, and proposals to get a gas facility back on the lake.

Thanks to much help from Park Superintendent Scott Schwartz, we were able to purchase a new dock at the park for our patrol boat and lift.

As usual, the fourth of July weekend was our busiest of the year including the Boat Parade and Fireworks on the 2nd, and the Freedom 5 Run and Walk on the 4th. Summer activities will conclude with our Poker Run on September 4.

We also continued cooperating with the Steuben County Lakes Council to maintain water testing to monitor for pollutants with potential for human disease. Thanks to all Council members and its leadership for this important work.

In closing, our Association sends sincere thanks to our many volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents to sponsor fun activities as well as their efforts to keep our lake clean and safe!

## 50th Anniversary Celebration—August 13, 2022

Angola Parks Department—Selman’s Timber Frame

Pictures From the Event



SCLC President, Steve Schroeder & 50th Anniversary Celebration Chair, Kevin Colbert



The Earthtones: John Day, Erica Schwartz and Jim Weber



Silent Auction raised \$488.00 from 23 Contributors from SCLC Lake Reps



50/50 tickets sold by Cheri Carpenter, Office Manager & volunteer, Vickie Lamb



Chicken BBQ from Land of Lakes Lions



SCLC Lake Reps assist with Food Table

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Bill Schmidt giving Water Quality Report



Former President, Tom Hazelett, Guest Speaker

## 101 Lakes Trust - Hippensteel Receives Environmental Visionary Award

Submitted by Amy Oberlin, Secretary, 101 Lakes Trust

The 101 Lakes Trust presented Pete Hippensteel with the second annual Environmental Visionary Award Wednesday, Aug. 17, during its annual meeting in the Wild Turkey Shelter at Trine State Recreation Area.

Hippensteel founded the Steuben County Lakes Council, which formed the 101 Lakes Trust in 2006 amid efforts to secure Trine State Recreation Area as a protected state property. "This area was our first project," said 101 Lakes Trust Board President Janet Albright. The land trust now protects Powers Reserve, a county owned property in eastern Steuben County, along with conservation easements at Arrowhead Lake, Lake Meserve and Lake Pleasant.

The lakeside easements were established by Ryan Matthews, the recipient of the first Environmental Visionary Award. The award recognizes those who stand out in their efforts to preserve, maintain and restore Steuben County's land and lakes.

Hippensteel, a retired Trine University biology professor, is the technical vice president of the lakes council, overseeing efforts to monitor water quality and establish measures to clean polluted waterways in the county. He published "Steuben County Lakes: 200 years of change to our lakes from 1816 to 2016." He was instrumental in the founding of the Indiana Lakes Management Society and has served on numerous state and local organizations furthering environmental conservation. Hippensteel has a number of awards under his belt, including a Lifetime Achievement award from the Hoosier Environmental Council.

The 101 Lakes Trust's mission statement is "To protect and enhance Steuben County's natural and built environment of lakes, rolling hills, streams and neighborhoods to stimulate and support a sense of community through conservation and research."

Its next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at Cahoots Coffee Café, 218 W. Maumee St., Angola. Those interested in learning more about the organization and how to establish conservation easements are encouraged to attend.

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We have been successful working with the USDA and IDNR to remove some of our invasive Mute Swans. The end goal here is for native Trumpeter Swans to inhabit our lake. With the warm temperatures in February and March, the geese hatched a little earlier than we expected, so egg oiling didn't go quite as planned.

Although summer is coming to a close, we still look forward to the recreation our lake provides in the colder-weather months.

## CLEAR LAKE

Submitted by Bridget Harrison

Dave, Bridget & Rosie at the 4th of July Parade.



My husband and I have made the difficult decision that we will move closer to extended family in Chicago by year-end. We all have a limited and unpredictable amount of time on this Earth and Dave and I would like to raise our daughter Rosie closer to her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

I've really enjoyed my time working at the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy and in this community. I've especially enjoyed collaborating with the Board, committee members, volunteers, and the community to preserve this beautiful corner of northeast Indiana. The love that so many have for this special place is inspiring! I'm so proud of the work we have all accomplished together.

The Board has begun the search for a new Executive Director to continue the current progress and momentum. Clear Lake is a special place, and the right person will be found to lead the Conservancy in the next chapter of its history. Fortunately, the Conservancy is in its strongest position since it was founded thirty-one years ago. Reach out to Board President, Karen Horrell with questions and help us share the job posting when you see it announced.

It quickly became clear at the start of my position that the Conservancy isn't one person. It's all of us working together. Water is safe-guarded, land is preserved and stewarded, and kids and grown-ups learn to love our natural environment. Everyone in the Clear Lake Township plays a part in keeping this treasure protected for today and for the future generations.

Your continued support for the Conservancy's work will be a tribute to what the Conservancy has accomplished since 1991 and especially over the past seven years as I've worked alongside all of you.

I hope to see you in person as I work with Karen and the Board to continue progress on Conservancy projects between now and the end of 2022. Thank you for your wonderful support and belief in the mission.

## SHORELINES 2021, SUBMITTED BY LAKE REPS

### BALL LAKE *Submitted by Cecilia Wyse*



Ball Lake was ushered into summer 2022 on an inspirational note. On Memorial Day at 3:00 PM Walt Lilley joined the nation (TAPS Across America) honoring our American heroes by playing TAPS over the lake. It was a moment to breathe deep and come together. Some other things that were a bit different this year were the numerous giant swallowtail butterflies flitting by, an increase of kayakers in their colorful floats, and visiting paddle boarders skimming their way about Ball Lake. What was the same? Pontoons promenading in the evening hours, fishing boats gliding through the early morning mist, hikers exploring Rob Canyon, bikers pedaling through Fish Creek Trail. Then in September the exit of summer was marked with a Lake Association cookout and chili cookoff. A little bit of paradise?

### BIG & LITTLE OTTER LAKE

*Submitted by Joe Lantz*

Here at the close of summer for Big Otter and Little Otter lakes, I personally think it has been pretty quiet lake wise. There is a commercial building being built along the north side of State Rd. 120. It will be interesting to see if the wetlands can handle the run off from this project. We as lake people and county officials need to be diligent to this development. Speeding has always been a problem on our two lakes and I do not see that ever changing. Stay warm and healthy lake people.

### BIG TURKEY LAKE

*Submitted by Scott Harris*

It has been another great year on Big Turkey Lake. We have welcomed many new friends/residents to our beautiful community. For Independence Day, we had an amazing firework display on the water, funded exclusively by donations. It is amazing how well this community pulls together.

Our fundraising efforts have been very successful again this year. Between our Chicken BBQ sales and our Logo sales, we have raised thousands of dollars that goes directly back into improvements for our lake.

Invasive weed spraying has been pretty successful. When we started spraying for Eurasian Water-milfoil years ago, we were treating 115 acres. We are currently treating just over 3 acres. However, Starry Stonewort has proved to be a little more difficult. We are hopeful that a successful treatment is developed for this.

We have not been successful raising the funds for dredging the full silt trap at the main inlet to our lake. We did receive a LARE Grant for this that expires at the end of the year. We will apply for an extension for the LARE Grant, so maybe will be able to secure funding next year. This full silt trap effects more than just our lake, as we are a major watershed for northeast Indiana.

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Andrea Huntington, executive director of the Indiana Land Protection Alliance, attended the 101 Lakes Trust's annual meeting. ILPA is a collaboration of land conservation organizations across the state. It is overseen by a board of directors that includes Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy Executive Director Bridget Harrison.

ILPA, based in Indianapolis, assists and trains nonprofit land stewards and it advocates at a state level for conservation. ILPA worked closely with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to secure Next Level Trails funding for land trusts, said Huntington, and plans to lobby for permanent annual state funding for the environment.

"We would really like to see around \$50 million go into land conservation next year,"

Huntington said. The state's environmental license plate nets just around \$1 million a year for actual conservation projects, she said.

ILPA provides grants for nonprofit and government entities doing community projects. Learn more at [protectindianaland.org](http://protectindianaland.org) or by calling 317-445-7474.



The Steuben County Lakes Council's Pete Hippensteel receives the Environmental Visionary Award from 101 Lakes Trust President Janet Albright during the organization's annual meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, in the Wild Turkey Shelter at Trine State Recreation Area.

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATES 2022**

**BUSINESS**

Andrews & Shipe LLC	JMR Cottage, Inc.
Big D's Bait & Tackle/Archery	J. W. Services
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Budreau, Austin—State Farm	Lawnscape Garden Center
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City of Angola, MS4	Metropolitan Title of Indiana, LLC
Core Promo, Inc.	Midwest American Fed. Credit Union
Cress Law Group	Pakratz Furniture Consignment
Croxton & Roe Insurance	Pleasant Township Trustee
Culligan Water	Sanborn's For Your Home
Current Mechanical	Special Cutting Tools
Ecowater Service	Stark's Plumbing & Heating Services
Farmers State Bank	Steuben County Community Foundation
First Federal Savings Bank of Angola	Steuben County REMC
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Ball Lake Association	Lake George Association
Big Turkey Lake Improvement Assoc.	Lake James Association, Inc.
Buena Vista Property Owners Assoc.	Lake Pleasant Homeowners Assoc.
Clear Lake Association	Lake of the Woods, McClish Lake
Crooked Lake Association, Inc.	Little Long Lake IN-MI Watershed Assoc., Inc.
Fox Lake Property Owners	North Otter Lake Association
Hamilton Lake Association	Pine Canyon Lake Association
Indiana Lakes Subdivision (Lake Arrowhead)	Snow Lake Cottagers Association
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Lake Gage/Lime Lake Association	Whisper Bay Condo Association

**Thank You!**

**ENVIRONMENTAL INTERESTS**

Aquatic Enhancement & Survey, Inc.	Lake George Conservancy, Inc.
Aquatic Management, Inc.	NE IN Solid Waste Management Dist.
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 Duch, Ronald V., D.D.S.  
 Hawkins, Pamela, E.S.Q.  
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 & Retreat Center  
 Lake James Lutheran Chapel  
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 Jimmerson Shore Cooperative, Inc.  
 Jimmerson Woods Cooperative  
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