



LOON'S CALL

LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2022

"Working together for a fun, safe and scenic lake community"

LOON LISLE NATURE RESERVE

BY LINDSAY GALLMEYER PHOTOS BY CAROL KURTZ

Work continues at the Loon Lisle Nature Reserve. Native prairie grasses are in their first year of growth, a brick patio has been installed near the lake with donated engraved bricks, trees have been planted, birdhouses are painted and hung. Most recently, work has begun on a 24'x36' pavilion.

We'd like to thank all the volunteers who are working to build this pavilion which will be enjoyed by residents now and for many generations to come. Thanks to not only the hard working builders but also to all those who have helped in other ways, by donating lunches, adopting trees, purchasing memorial bricks or benches, and more! We are looking forward to all the events we can enjoy as a community in the new pavilion once work is complete.

Watch for more photos and updates on the Loon Lake Community Facebook Group. To volunteer contact Carol Kurtz or Jan Barkley. Mail donations to: LLPOA PO BOX 605, Columbia City, IN 46725.



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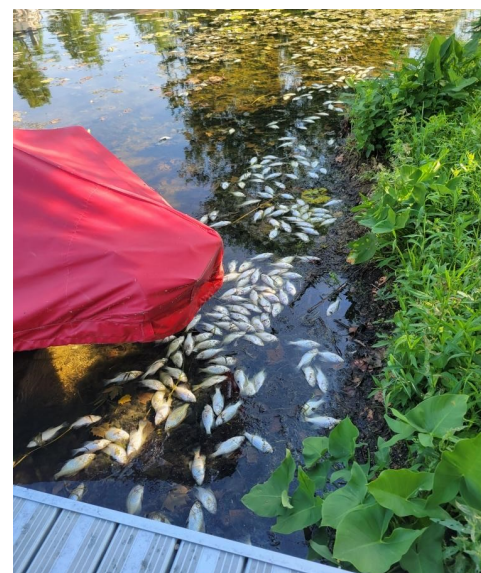
BY CAROL KURTS PHOTOS BY DEB HISS

Loon Lakers rise up and clean lake from the crappie die off. DNR testing had begun and results were in a slow process.

Our attention turned to what WE could control. The residents response was immediate realizing removal was necessary to halt the decaying bacteria (not to mention smell). We joined forces and volunteers collected and then transported bucket loads of dead fish to a farmers field for burying.

Our lake was brought back to its natural beauty and our own private testing results were posted showing bacteria levels so residents could make their own determinations on water activities.

Thank you to all! Loon Lake Strong!



LOON LAKE WELCOME SIGNS



Want to post a special message on the media signs around the lake? Contact Linda Garrison at 765-251-3955 to rent a sign for only \$5! Great for birthdays, anniversaries, retirements or even fun messages or quotes!

CPR & FIRST AID CLASS

BY STEVE BURMAN, LOON LAKE SAFETY COMMITTEE

The LLPOA Safety Committee will be offering an American Heart Association CPR and First Aid course Saturday, September 17th. Class will run 9:00a.m. through noon. It will be held in Brock's pole barn, 7834 N. Brown Rd. The cost is \$45 which includes a CPR/First Aid manual. Also good to know, there is NO test!

Spaces are limited so if you are interested be sure to sign up soon. The last day to register is August 30th. There will be a sign up sheet at the Fall meeting, you can send an email to snburm@gmail.com or text 317-440-3314 and we will get you on the list.

FALL MEETING

On Saturday, August 27th gather to hear news of what's happening and share your ideas. The meeting will be held at the Milestone/Newman/Treat garage at 7722 N Arnold Rd. Doors open at 9:00 am, meeting called to order at 9:30. We are having a Canned Food Drive to collect non-perishable food items to donate to a local food pantry to help support our community. Any donations are greatly appreciated! Please bring your own chairs. We hope to see you there!

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DONATIONS NEEDED

The Loon Lake Fish Management Program needs donations for the 10th annual fish stocking.

2022 Goal- 400 Muskies and 1500 Walleyes

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2022 KIDS FISHING DERBY

BY JOAN BUTLER

The 2022 Loon Lake Kid's Fishing Derby participants caught 80 pounds of fish. The morning started with registration at the boat ramp. 62 fisherkids signed up and went on their merry way to try to catch the most fish. As they left, the 20 volunteers started getting ready for the weigh-in at 11:30 a.m. While the kids were fishing, this was happening at the boat launch; hot dogs cooking, lemonade mixing, prizes organized, weigh stations calibrated, fisherkids categorized and Mr. and Mrs. Sittler are setting up their presentation. With all the fish being weighed, the prizes being selected and bellies being filled, the 2022 Loon Lake Kid's Fishing Derby was again a successful event.

Minnows: 1st place Maeva Martin 2nd place Hannah Frecker 3rd place Eli Chopson

Bluegills: 1st place Madelyn Fromader 2nd place Hadley Martin 3rd place Lucy Sarrazin

Bass: 1st place Parker Kleeberg 2nd place Cooper Sarrazin 3rd place Emma Frecker

Walleyes: 1st place Allyson Curtis 2nd place Zoey Barron 3rd place Lydia Munsch

Muskies: 1st place Ethan Curtis 2nd place Bradyn Gist 3rd place Porter Kleeberg



POKER RUN 2022

BY ABBY GREEN

Thanks to everyone who participated and volunteered in this year's Poker Run, which helped us raise over \$3,000 toward the fireworks fund! We'd like to recognize the people and businesses that made this year's event our most successful ever!

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Kathy and I are already planning how we can make 2023 even better, so we're happy to take suggestions. We are always looking for volunteers and donors. If you have connections at a local business that may donate to Poker Run or any of our fundraisers, feel free to reach out. Thanks again, and enjoy the rest of your summer!



5.5K RUN/WALK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The LLPOA is looking for a volunteer or two to head the Annual 5.5K Run/Walk in 2023. The run began back in 2005 when a group of running enthusiasts thought it would be fun to have a race over the July 4th weekend. It evolved to be one of Loon Lake's biggest fundraisers. We want to keep the tradition going. If you're interested in volunteering or want to learn more, please contact Gary Hicks at 260-403-7691.

POLINATORS PLAY A KEY ROLL IN YOUR 'HEALTHY SHORELINE'

BY JENNIFER ROMANO, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR, THE WATERSHED FOUNDATION

Healthy shorelines typically have an abundance of plants on the land next to the water creating a buffer between the lawn and the water. This type of shoreline works to filter pollutants from runoff, deter nuisance wildlife, stabilize the shoreline, and slow the effects of wave action. Glacial stones on the shoreline help slow wave energy reducing scouring and the resuspension of nutrients. Natural healthy shorelines can also be incredibly beautiful and easy to maintain without interfering with recreation.

One component of a healthy shoreline is having native flowering plants that attract pollinators to the shoreline. Pollinators can be bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and many other insects and animals. Over 2000 species of birds are involved with pollination.

Unless you look very closely you might not see what these pollinators are doing as they zip and buzz from pedal to pedal. As the pollinator moves along feeding on plants and flowers bits of pollen attach to their bodies and drop as they move. This pollen drops in other plant who are eagerly awaiting the arrival to continue their lifecycle. This pollen is used to produce fruit and seeds.



Using native plants in your healthy shoreline makes this process easier for the pollinators. Native plants have grown naturally in this area for hundreds and even thousands of years. They offer food sources that the pollinators are accustomed to finding and plants they rely upon.

"A lot of people might wonder what pollinators and native plants have to do with water quality in our lakes, rivers and streams" said Lyn Crighton Executive Director of The Watershed Foundation. **"It's simple, native plants soak up water, hold it in place and filter pollutants. Pollinators help the native plants thrive."** According to Clear Choices, Clean Water (indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org) approximately 70% of pollution in our waterways comes from stormwater runoff. Native plants slow that runoff due to their deep root system.



A great example of a pollinator working well with a native species is the Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) and Monarch butterflies. The Purple Coneflower rely on butterflies for pollination and the butterflies really enjoy the Purple Coneflower's nectar. Purple Coneflowers are beautiful, inexpensive, and easily grown. Homeowners enjoy the many butterflies that visit all summer long. This is definitely a win-win-win!

Finding native species to plant in your healthy shoreline is easy if you know where to look. Good resources include your local Purdue Extension Office, your Soil and Water Conservation District, or visit indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org where you will find a list of nurseries and garden centers that offer native plant species.

For more information on Healthy Shorelines visit The Watershed Foundation at watershedfoundation.org/opportunity/healthy-shorelines/



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BY KAREN TREAT

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Screen-Printing	Price
T-shirts S-XL	\$12
T-shirts 2XL-3XL	\$14
T-shirts 4XL-5XL	\$16
T-shirts Youth	\$12
Sweatshirts S-XL	\$24
Sweatshirts 2XL-3XL	\$29
Sweatshirts 4XL-5XL	\$30
Sweatshirts Youth	\$24

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LOON LAKE FISH MANAGEMENT EVENTS

BY CLARK MILESTONE

The Loon Lake Fish Management Program's Corn Hole Tournament will be on Saturday, August 27th at the Loon Lisle Nature Reserve. Sign up starts at noon with games beginning at 1:00pm. \$20 per team. All proceeds will go towards fish stocking (Walleye & Musky). Cash prize distributed at the end of the tournament based on the number of teams.

There will be a wide variety of raffle items with drawings at closing, come check them out even if you're not going to play corn hole. Food will be available for goodwill donations.

The Loon Lake Fish Management Program's Muskie Shoot Out will be on October 15th. Sign up beginning 7:30 am @ the Loon Lake Public Landing. The tournament hours are 8am – 3pm CASH Prizes distributed at the end of the tournament. Food will be provided, but BYOD.

For more info or Pre-Registration contact: Clark Milestone at 260-348-5706 or lake46725@gmail.com



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