



SUMMER 2023

LOON'S CALL

LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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

LOON LISLE NATURE RESERVE PRAIRIE PROJECT

BY: CATHY DAVIS



The Wildflower Prairie in PROGRESS!

Come see what's blooming!

Our Indiana native plants are shining!

Throughout the prairie you will see black eyed or brown eyed Susan's/yellow and fleabane/white!

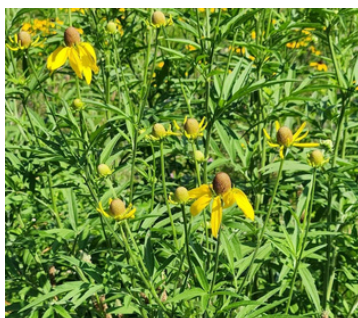
In June the stunning white flower was Foxglove Beardtongue/Penstemon digitalis!

Thank you volunteers for this little slice of Serenity!



Cathy Sobota Davis

Ohio Spiderwort - purple/blue
Tradescantia Ohiensis
And
Tall Thimbleweed - white
Anemone Virginiana



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Gray headed coneflower/yellow
coneflower/prairie coneflower
Ratibida pinnata



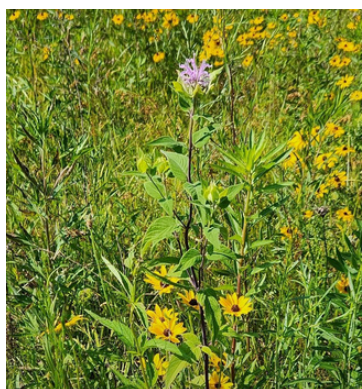
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Buttonbush at the shoreline
Cephalanthus occidentalis



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Nodding onion
Allium cernuum



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Wild Bergamot
Monarda Fistulosa



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Hoary vervain
Verbena stricta

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 Noble County Health Dept----- 636-2191

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KIDS FISHING DERBY

BY: JOAN BUTLER

There were 64 kids fishing on Saturday, June 3 and 20 volunteers helping make the day a success. A total of 74.15 pounds of fish was caught.

Lyn Crighton, Exective Director of The Watershed Foundation, gave a presentation about water.

The Loon Lisle Nature Reserve was a wonderful venue to have the derby.

Here are the results

Minnows

1st - Liam Graft 2nd - Oliver Graft
3rd - Raelynn King

Bluegills

1st - Hadley Anderson 2nd - Jaxon Christman 3rd - Hannah Frecker

Bass

1st - Madelyn Fromader 2nd - Ben Pontzius 3rd - Amelia Burman

Walleyes

1st - Cooper Sarrazin 2nd - Gracie Farthing 3rd - James Anderson

Muskies

1st - Ethan Curtis 2nd - Caleb Souther
3rd - Abigail Seder

Mark your calendars for next year - Saturday, June 1, 2024.

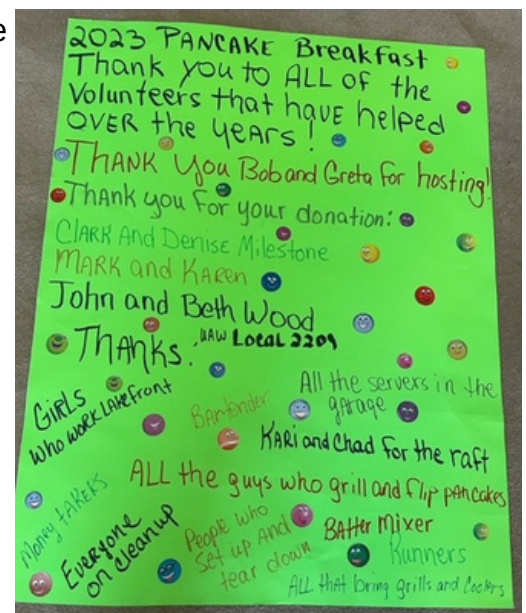


LOON LAKE & UPPER WATERSHED TOUR WITH TWF

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

BY: KAREN TREAT

Even with all of the rain, we still had a great pancake breakfast. Thanks to everyone who came out rain or shine. Thanks to all of these people who helped raise \$2858.00 for our Fireworks Fund!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY: PATTI THOMAS

I want to start out by acknowledging and thanking two important individuals. The association has two members leaving the board this year. I would like to thank them for their service to our organization and community and recognize their contributions through the years.

In no particular order, we would like to thank Rich Nelson. He joined our board August 26, 2017. He volunteered to be interim Treasurer May 18, 2018. He was elected treasurer August 25, 2018. And August 22, 2020 he became elected President. Over the years, Rich has donated much time to our board and association, not to mention he has been a great resource for me during this first year of being president. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Lindsay Gallmeyer who joined our organization in May 19, 2018. Lindsay has been one of the best resources and invaluable person to this association and she will be greatly missed. Since September 11, 2019 Lindsay has been a liaison for garage sale, and welcome signs. She created the newsletter, directory and email blasts each year and everything involved with those duties. She also printed all the forms, agendas and directories. Her attention to detail is unmatched. Not to mention she would keep me on track with deadlines, which is not a small feat! We wish you both all the best in your future endeavors and spare time.

The last few years have been interesting to say the least. As a community we became closer during and after covid, checking on our neighbors. Residents helped each other during the fish kill. We survived and helped each other out after the derecho. Loon Lake as an association took some hits the last few years, but as a community, we still prospered. We now have a pavilion, a wildflower garden that is producing flowers and plants well ahead of what the committee had projected. There are trees planted and bricks placed in memories of loved ones and blue bird houses made and placed by the youth. The 5K is back on track post covid and this year, brought back the serious runners, not to mention the monies raised from this event. The pancake breakfast broke records. The list goes on and on.

To achieve every advancement the association has achieved, many volunteers are involved. With the loss of Lindsay Gallmeyer, Rich Nelson, Clark Milestone, and Steve Weaver the board and it's committee chairs are needing you to help by volunteering your time and talents.

In addition to being president of the association, I also am in charge of handing out the new resident packages. I have handed out more packets this last year, then in the prior two years. I know we have lots of new residents on the lake and volunteering is a great way to meet neighbors, meet new people and learn a little more about the lake you live on.

The opportunities we have open are: Vice President position. The association has a printer available to anyone who would like to print the newsletters, board agendas, race brochures, Poker Run envelopes, welcome packets, dues forms and directory. Website updates. Any and all of these projects could be divided among many volunteers. If no one steps up to volunteer, some of the special perks that makes Loon Lake great and the community we love may not be available in the future. Please consider volunteering and donating some time and talent. You can get in touch with any board member and we will be happy to help train you if necessary.

Thank you,
Patricia Thomas- Loon Lake Property Owners Association President

LOON LAKE PAVILION

BY: CAROL KURTZ

The Loon Lake Pavilion broke ground one year ago on August 1st 2022. A Celebration Chili reception was held on October 1st.

Three Association/Board Meetings, The Fishing Derby, TWF Tour and the 5 K Run/Walk all were held there this Spring and Summer.

All in all a great start to many more years at our gathering place!

The best is yet to come!



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DONATIONS NEEDED

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

Goal- 400 Muskie and 1500 Walleye

Mail donations to: LLFMP
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LOON LAKE POKER RUN

BY: KATHY EHINGER & ABBY GREEN

Poker Run on the Lake Saturday July 29th

Registration Friday 28th 6-8pm at Ehinger's 7465 Brown Road and Saturday 8am to 10am turn in hands by 12pm.

Winners announced. 12:30 in Sycamore Bay.

Call or text Kathy at 260-437-8085 for more information.

\$5 per hand
 \$1 chance baskets
 \$5 per Chance-Colts Four Pack Tickets

Colt Tickets

Once again, you can purchase tickets for a chance to win a four pack of Colts tickets for \$5 (courtesy of Five Star Distributing). Not around that weekend? No problem, we will accept Venmo and Pay Pal contact Abby Green at abbygreen13@yahoo.com for details.

Donations

We will always take money donations for our chance baskets and Poker Run. Have a business contact that might donate? Call or text Kathy at 260-437-8085 with their information and we will reach out.

The Loon Lake community raised over \$3000 in 2022 our best year ever! Let's see if we can beat it this year. The fun, floating in the lake, and socializing is priceless!

WELCOME SIGNS

Want to post a special message on the welcome 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 quotes or messages!



I AM LOON LAKE

BY: WALT HESSLER

I am Loon Lake. I was created over 14,000 years ago as the glaciers retreated to the north and their massive weight changed the landscape. I was perfect and my waters were pure and alive. I became home to a variety of small macrophytes, fish, amphibious creatures, and numerous waterfowl. I was fortunate to have buffers of wetlands and forests around me protecting and filtering my waters. These areas were home to saber-tooth cats, wolves, beavers, moose, bison, and mastodons.

Eventually my waters were used by Indigenous Tribes who fished my waters and hunted in the rich surrounding areas. Over time settlers came into the area. Eventually the landscape around my waters was changed again as the settlers cleared some of the land to grow crops.

I am Loon Lake and in the late 1800's I experienced a major change to my 700 acres of water. Man intervened and my water and wetlands were reduced to 400 acres. In the 1940's my waters were reduced to 222 acres. Despite these major changes I remained a healthy vibrant lake.

The late 1800's also brought with it a resort on the south end of my waters. This brought more people in to enjoy my natural beauty. They even danced on the water using a barge to take the dancers around the lake. I loved to hear their music!

In the late 1920's I saw even more development with more cottages built on my shorelines and more people using the lake. In 1943 a store was built on my south shoreline and eventually included a gas station and a bar. I was excited to see all these people using my waters. However, I did not envision the problems this development would bring.

I am Loon Lake, and I was diagnosed to be 'dying' in the early 1990's! My very poor health was a result of the sewage from all the development on the lake and from the sediment and the high phosphorus levels from the surrounding farm fields. I was very concerned that I would not be able to continue to provide a safe place for those who loved my waters and all the creatures I love that I provide a home for.

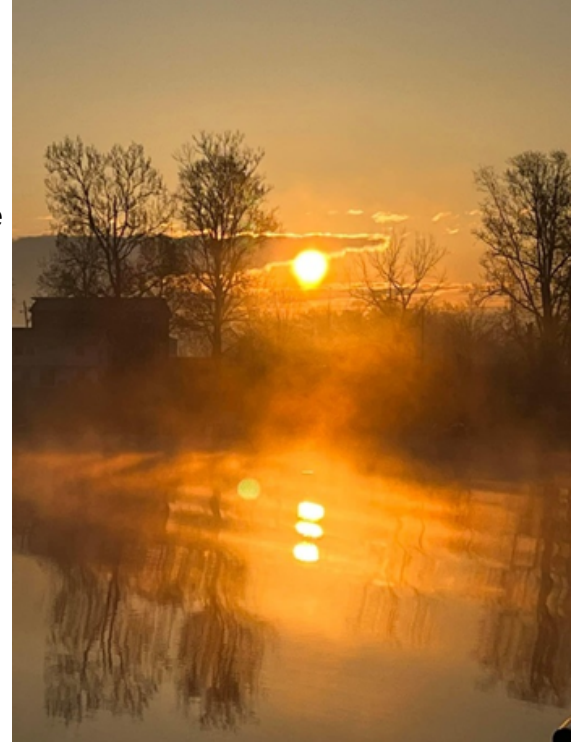
I am fortunate that there are people who cared enough to help me get better. In the late 1990's a retention pond was constructed to reduce the amount of very harmful sediment that contaminated my water and made me sick. The farms around me started using conservation practices that greatly reduced the impact from their agricultural fields. A sewer system was put in on the lake in 2001 that virtually eliminated sewage contamination. A foundation was created to help protect my waters and many others around me.

I am Loon Lake and I have seen and endured many changes since I was created over 14,000 years ago. Today I am healthy! However, I still have many threats to my waters from invasive aquatic plants, invasive waterfowl, and contamination from the waters that flow into my lake waters.

I am optimistic about my future as I know there are those individuals and a foundation that are my caretakers. I hope there will be others that will be caretakers in the future. This is the only way I can be sure my waters will stay clean for future generations. Maybe for another 14,000 years?

I am Loon Lake.

(Credit to Shelly Lukemeyer from Wawasee for the idea and some content for this article)



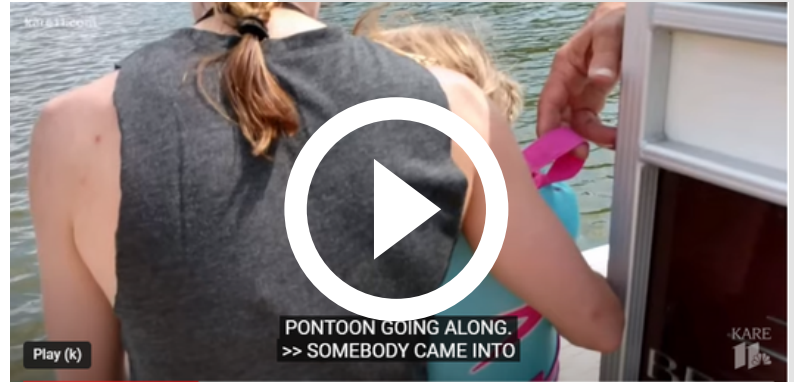
DID YOU KNOW PONTOONS CAN BE DANGEROUS?

BY: GEOFF VELPEL

Many know that jet skis can be dangerous and quite a few serious injuries are experienced each year throughout Indiana, but this video will show why pontoons contain that yellow warning label on the door out into the bow area.

This incident occurred in Wisconsin so please take it in and spread the message so this won't happen to our friends and family. So DNR has made it illegal for a person to be on the bow or outside the railing when the boat is under power to try and protect people from this terrible accident.

Also, I personally received a ticket from DNR on Dallas Lake many years back for sitting up on the back of a seat to see the water better. This is called riding on the gunwale I believe the ticket said.



Let's kindly talk amongst one another about laws so most are informed and each individual will then do as they see fit. Let's make the rest of July and August a great summer for Loon Lakers and beyond.



18TH ANNUAL 5.5K RUN/WALK

BY: SCOTT DAVIS

After a couple of Covid influenced years, our theme for the 18th Annual Loon Lake Run/Walk fund raiser was "WE'RE BACK". Back to a fully timed race and fully back to a fun filled community event. On July 1st, race day, we were blessed that the air quality improved and the sky cleared for a few hours of sunshine. We had a great morning for the Run. With 200 registered participants, runners as young as 5, seniors as old as 78, and the Loon Lake community out to cheer, we had an AWESOME race.

As in past years, the majority of our racers came from the Fort Wayne/Columbia City area, many with Loon Lake connections. We also had runners from several states outside of Indiana and as far away as Hawaii. With the continued support of the Loon Lake Community, the LLPOA hopes the 19th Annual Race to be held on July 6, 2024 will continue to build on our successful 2023 Race.

Full 2023 Race results can be found at: <https://runsignup.com/>

thank
YOU!

Thank you to all of our amazing sponsors! From the 5.5K, to this newsletter and all of the amazing lake events in between, you help make everything we do possible...THANK YOU!





LOON LAKE APPAREL

BY: KAREN TREAT

For your Loon Lake apparel needs, call or text message Karen Treat at 260-438-7968. Loon Lake heat transfer design options are pictured below. Karen can send you three pages of shirt colors to choose from along with just a few items and prices (subject to change). Find more on the Loon Lake website: www.loonlakeindiana.org/apparel



SCREEN PRINT	PRICE
T-Shirt S-XL	\$12
T-Shirt 2XL-3XL	\$14
T-Shirt 4XL-5XL	\$16
T-Shirt Youth	\$12
Sweatshirt S-XL	\$24
Sweatshirt 2XL-3XL	\$29
Sweatshirt 4XL-5XL	\$30
Sweatshirt Youth	\$24

DROWNING CPR

BY: STEVE BURMAN

How and When To Perform Drowning CPR:

- Immediately call 911.
- Check for responsiveness using the Shout-Tap-Shout.
- Place the victim on their back on a firm and flat surface.
- Place two hands centered on the chest, your shoulders directly over your hands, and give 30 chest compressions at a depth of 2 inches.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, drowning is the single leading cause of death among children ages 1 to 4 after congenital conditions. Teens are at high risk, too. About 370 children in the United States ages 10 to 19 die from drowning every year. Why? Doctors say teens are more likely to take risks, underestimate dangerous situations and drink alcohol while swimming.

The LLPOA is offering The American Heart Association First Aid / CPR / AED class again this year. Please consider investing your time to learn these basics because YOU may be the best chance to keep a friend or relative from becoming a statistic!

Date: September 16

Time: 9:00 AM- Noon

Location: 7834 N. Brown Rd. (Brock's barn)

Cost \$45 (payable day of class)

To register: email snburm@gmail.com or call 317-440-3314. DEADLINE for registration is September 1

Note: NO test is required to be certified!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 29th- POKER RUN

AUGUST 12th- CAN PICK-UP

AUGUST 12th- PICKLE BALL TOURNAMENT*

AUGUST 26th- FALL ASSOCIATION MEETING

AUGUST 26th- LLFMP CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT*

SEPTEMBER 9th- CAN PICK-UP

OCTOBER 14th- LLFMP MUSKY CHALLENGE*

OCTOBER-28th- COMMUNITY TRICK OR TREAT*

*Not a LLPOA event

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