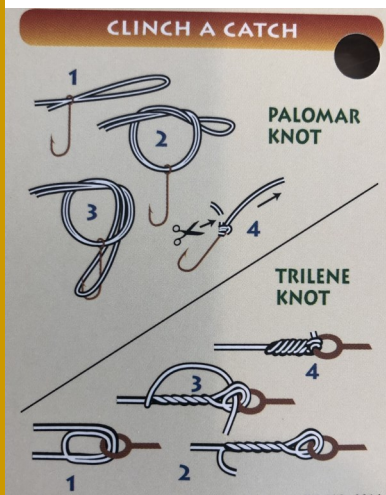


President Rick Anderson's Thoughts

The lake only dropped one inch in July leaving the August 1 level at minus 4 inches. During July, I measured and recorded lake visibility using the DNR's secchi disk. All the readings I took had lake visibility at about 1.8 feet. For Bass Lake, that's kinda normal. The August Property Owner's meeting will be on August 20 as specified in our bylaws. Give our bylaws a read; they are only a few pages and can be found on our website (inbasslake.com) or in the middle of our directory. At our August meeting, both the Republican candidate for Starke County Sheriff, Jack Rosa and Democratic candidate Kelly Fisher will be speaking. Besides that, I expect normal business; the agenda has not been put together yet. I intend to talk about the potential new "Welcome to Bass Lake" sign at the 3-way stop. The sign committee kick-off meeting is on September 17 at 9:00 a.m. in the BLPOA building. All who wish to participate will be welcome.

August is a great month to check out the celestial sky. Mars and Uranus are close and visible. The moons of Jupiter will cast shadows and they all can be seen with a 'backyard' telescope. The full moon was on August 11, that is when Saturn aligned with the Earth and the Sun. That was also the best time to view the Perseid meteor shower. What won't you see: You won't see any ski jumps on Bass Lake. I remember when there were three. The last of the three was junk and just hauled away from the Bass Lake Marina storage area. For Bass Lake, jumping is part of a time long ago. Just as well; I recall more than one jump injury accompanied by a trip to the hospital. I wonder what the future holds for the Marina. Time will tell. August is the last full month of summer. My advice is to make the most of it.



Want to teach your grandkids some new knots for their next fishing adventure? Here they are! Why KNOT? (get it?)

The BLPOA Bike Ride on the Erie Trail extension was the first ride I had on the new pathway; it is quite a nice extension. As usual the Bass Lake Festival was great. The October 15 evening Soup Social will be the next BLPOA social event. Several have volunteered to help, so what is now needed are soup makers. The last property owners meeting for 2022 will be in the morning of that day. Good luck at the "V. The new Jackpot has grown to over \$40,000. I believe two Easter eggs are still out there; One-Way (AKA: Linco) confirmed, no one has claimed their \$100. I can't mention the "V" without a special goodbye to my buddy Roger Huntington who died on August 1. I will really miss the interesting conversations between One-Way and Roger. Roger had a way of having interesting conversations with others too. *Stay Safe and Healthy, Rick*



Miss Bass Lake Tessa Conroy is a senior at Knox High School. She also works at the Bass Lake Pub!

Property Owners Association—Saturday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m., BLPOA Building

Bass Lake Neighborhood Watch: Monday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. BLPOA Building in the Blue Room

Bass Lake Festival Feedback—Debrief meeting, Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m., BLPOA Building.

Prairie Trails Club—The next Membership meeting is Wednesday, August 24 at 5:30 p.m., CDT (6:30 p.m., EDT) at the BLPOA building. www.prairietrailsclub.org

Bass Lake Conservancy District: (sewers, pump & lake weeds) September 10, 9:00 a.m. CDT, BLPOA Building

Starke County Park Board (our Beach & Campground): September 13 at 6:00 p.m., Starke County Annex

Prairie Trails Club—The Prairie Trails Club hosted the 2022 Bass Lake Fest 5K/3K, Run/Walk again this year. There were 160 participants! The PTC is very welcoming to new members. Check out our website, www.prairietrailsclub.org. The Erie Trail is now just over 11 miles long from North Judson to 700 E. Have you been to the new section of the bike trail? **6th Annual BLPOA Bike Ride—July 16, 2022** There were lots of enthusiastic bike riders on this year's BLPOA ride. The group enjoyed the new trail extension and some fine Bass Lake friendship. Thanks to Rick Anderson for coordinating it.



Bass Lake Property Owners Association

President Rick Anderson
 Vice President Rich Linkus
 Treasurer A. J. Gappa
 Secretary Kathy Laiter

Board Members

- Tom Busch
- Terry Chmiel
- Shirley Grajewski (just elected!)
- Stefanie Neal (just elected!)
- Mary Jesso
- Val Williams
- Ron Vendl

Board member contact information is on our website:
www.inbasslake.com

Bass Lake Yacht Club—What a great Festival weekend for the Club! While the wind forecast wasn't good, we think Bill Lavery was looking down on Bass Lake and generating wind for his name-sake race on Saturday! A great time for our many sailors on a challenging course! Congratulations to Lauren Zibble 1st place, Justin Neal 2nd place, and Terry Lavery 3rd place. And many thanks to Bass Lake's Grand Marshal Jeanene Lavery and family for hosting the awards ceremony!



Additionally, The Festival/Lavery Race was the last one of our early summer series of 8 races. Congratulations to Moses Demis who took 1st place by a wide margin! He's only 13 years old but smoked the adults in the series aboard his sunfish sailboat. Also congratulations to Terry Lavery (2nd place), and Lauren Zibble (3rd place). We had 13 different sailors compete in our inaugural season. Look for more boats on the lake as the Late Summer series begins August 13.

Lastly, our first Festival Parade was just as fun as racing! Thanks to all who came out and voiced their enthusiasm for the Club! We'll bring more freeze pops next year!! We're so grateful for the community support!! *Submitted by Jim DeYoung, Commodore/President of the Bass Lake Yacht Club*
www.blinc.org.



The Goat Drop was back in the 2022 Festival line-up. It was held at the Lost Pines Campground. Photo provided by Jenny Rocca.

Bass Lake Conservancy District - Things have been quiet around the BLCD which indicates all is well. July rainfall was 6.5". This was the most July rainfall since 2017! The average July rainfall is 2.99", year-to-date is 20.9". In July, our lake pump added 37 million gallons of water to the lake, year-to-date is 161.4 million.

We recently had NIPSCO install LED lighting at both the lake pump and the main lift station, located at CRs 210 and 450 S., to reduce light pollution. The Asset Management Study is ongoing and proceeding nicely. The Study will give us direction for the needs to safely and economically run your sewer system for the next 5-10-20 years. For more info see the March 2022 minutes which can be found on our webpage, www.blcd-ind.org. Hard to believe we are in the "dog days of summer"! Enjoy and stay safe. *Submitted by Russ Blais- BLCD Board Member*

Bass Lake Festival—Thank you to the Bass Lake Festival Board for planning and coordinating a fantastic 2022 festival! Officers of the Board include Tabitha Dillner, Jennifer Rocha, Mary Topelian and Kathy Linkus. Their contact information is in the BLPOA directory and on the festival website, www.basslakefest.com. Send them a thank you! Please attend the meeting on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the BLPOA Building to debrief festival, discuss new ideas and future Board positions.



There were over 100 cars in this year's Festival Antique Car Show. As they left the Show, many did a burn-out as spectators cheered.

Bass Lake Beach and Campground Update—Bass Lake Beach and Campground has been busier than ever! We have had great weather which has allowed for our beach goers and campers extra time in the fun and sun. The Fourth of July was a BANG!! The beach was packed and the campers enjoyed their little home away from home. The Bass Lake Festival was a huge hit. We understand the car show was the biggest ever with 119 cars entered in the Car Show. There was food from Papa Farm's Pizza and the Knox Boosters as well as cold adult beverages provided by 1056 Brewery. The volleyball tournament participants enjoyed themselves with great participation. What can we say; the cardboard boat races were the highlight of the events at our beach, by far. The boat creativity was outstanding. The Parks Department would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of you who helped us prepare for and execute our part in this wonderful Bass Lake Festival weekend. We are discussing how



Here are the winners of the Early Summer Racing Series which was 8 races. Left to right - Lauren Zibble 3rd Place, Terry Lavery 2nd Place, and Moses Demis 1st Place

we can do more for next year's Festival. Don't forget, we have kayaks available for rent. Also, Wednesday is free day admission! Come on out and enjoy these last few weeks of summer. *Submitted by Angelina Guiliani, Starke County Parks Department*

Need Space for a Family Party? Rent the large, renovated BLPOA building. Members pay \$125. Contact Rich Linkus for details, linkusr1@hotmail.com. Not-for-profits use the building at no cost.

Peaceable Primate Sanctuary—This Winamac charity has an August 27 event, Picnic with the Primates. Visit this nearby baboon sanctuary for an unusual lake activity! It is the first facility in North America built to provide an enriching environment for baboons. www.baboonsanctuary.org.

Interested in a Hike or a New Place to Launch? - The nearby Tippecanoe River State Park has ten marked hiking trails, with distances ranging from .8 miles to 3.5 miles. There are 112 campsites and a boat launch. Privately owned boats may be launched on the Tippecanoe River! www.stateparks.in.gov.

Kaley Brother's Store—Kaley Brothers Store was located in "downtown" Winona on Bass Lake's north-east corner. In this 1905 photo postcard, it is advertised as the Marshall Field of Bass Lake. That might have been an exaggeration, but it was a general store that carried a little bit of just about anything a person might want back around the turn of the last century. The Kaley's provided a new service to the lake area – a horse drawn delivery wagon.

John and Anna Kaley opened their store in the 1890's and ran it for more than thirty years. Daughters Lilah and Bulah are shown with their parents standing on the wood plank sidewalk. Lilah became a teacher and taught many years at the nearby Winona School. *Submitted by Ron Vendl, photo from Starke County Historical Society*

