

President Rick Anderson's Thoughts

Over a warm and windy Memorial Day weekend, lake level dropped. However, after a good June 1 rain, lake level returned to about one inch below the "top of the dam". Invasive Eurasian Milfoil remains a problem. Treatment of 172 acres was approved, scheduled and done on June 6 thanks to the Bass Lake Conservancy District. My hope is, the 172 acres will be enough to kill the bulk of our Milfoil. Will it be, that is a very good question. As always, time will tell.

At our June 4 BLPOA meeting the previous minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved. The July Election: For anyone interested in a BLPOA Board position, there is an opportunity. It looks like two board positions will be open. Go to our website (inbasslake.com) and review the revised election procedure. To be on the official ballot, there is now an application process with a **June 30 deadline**. More people getting involved in community activities improves our community. That is what I think. I think that because that has been my experience. Do you like to meet new people? Would you like to meet more of your neighbors? If so, becoming more involved is a pathway. Fill out and submit an application for a Board position. Other meeting topics: We will be resuming guest invitations to our Annual Meeting (COVID 19 had them suspended). Normal committee reports were given. The pizza party had a turnout of well over 200 people who sampled pizza from eleven local suppliers. I personally thank the many members who helped to make the event successful; without them the event would not have happened. The next Social Committee event will be the 5th Annual Bike Ride on July 16. Our intention is to ride the new Erie Trail extension. With the Board being short, the fall Soup Social will need volunteers if it is to take place. For events like the Soup Social to happen, it takes people. The Bass Lake Festival is scheduled for July 29, 30 and 31. Invasive Eurasian Milfoil was discussed. Following schedule treatment, if local weeds remain, Hydrothol Granular pellets can be used by individual property owners to treat up to 625 square feet. It is available from Amazon or Aquatic Control in Valpo. Solar Farm construction and the Second Pump Project is progressing. Papers have been signed and it is anticipated that a test well will be drilled this June. The application for an additional glacial stone grant will have an answer in July. At the Bass Lake Beach & Campground, a lot of progress is being made by the Starke County Park Board. A



The bald eagle is back! This photo was taken by Bass Lake enthusiast Richard Krzyminski on June 11.

"Welcome to Bass Lake" sign at the new 3-way stop is still in still being planned. A new committee will meet to consider options. The date of the "kick off" meeting has yet to be determined. Who remembers the old welcome signs at the old triangle? It would be nice to have something as good or better at the new/old location. The next Property Owners meeting is the Annual meeting with elections on July 9. At the VFW in Knox, the \$732,583 jackpot was won by a Starke County resident. The VFW staff is taking a well deserved break and a new game will have a starting jackpot of \$25,000 in early July. Believe it or not, the two \$100 Easter Eggs are still waiting to be found. "One-way" (the guy that hid the eggs) assured me they are out there and that \$200 is waiting. If I was looking, I'd look in the weeds. Stay safe & healthy, Rick

Bass Lake Coloring Book—Your Healthy Shoreline team has commissioned a Bass Lake coloring book. It will be used to educate kids about our lake and healthy shoreline ideas. If you would like to submit sketches, games, historical information or Bass Lake landmarks that we can include in the coloring book, email to kcarrier@briljent.com. We'll be sure to include your submission! It will be available for purchase on Amazon.

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

Bass Lake Neighborhood Watch: Monday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. BLPOA Building in the Blue Room

Bass Lake Festival Planning—Sunday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. CDT, at the BLPOA Building

Prairie Trails Club—The next Membership meeting is Thursday, June 23 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) July 9, 8:00 a.m. CDT, BLCD District Office

Starke County Park Board (our Beach & Campground): July 12 at 6:00 p.m., Starke County Annex

Bass Lake Marina Farewell

By: Michele Albon

A special thank you goes out to all the customers who have patronized the Bass Lake Marina for the past 29 years. We realize this is an unexpected departure for us. We appreciate all the support and understanding. We will miss you all!
The Bass Lake Marina Staff

Michelle thanks for all the memories. Especially facilitating getting the OPPO Boat and Ski Club ski jump in and out of the lake over all the years. Couldn't have done it without you and your team.. *Tom Busch, BLPOA & Starke County Parks*

Shelley, thanks for the memories, *The Andersons*

From the BLPOA—29 years of boat lifts, boat repair, droughts, gas, repairs, storage, cheerful, competent service. Oh how we will miss the top notch service you provided. We took you for granted! We wish Jake the best as he starts his career in Florida.



Pictured from the left are Bass Lake Marina owner Michele Albon and her son Jake. Lexy Norby, marina team member is also pictured. Buck was too busy getting lifts in the water to be present for the photo opportunity. This team served all of us well, for decades. We are grateful for their fine, fine service.

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
- Mary Jesso
- Rik Ritzler
- Val Williams
- Ron Vendl

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

Bass Lake Yacht Club—This new group is seeking members, especially people who just have powerboats. Volunteers are needed to take photos of races, race logistics and time keeping. Also members are encouraged to spearhead their own activities including fishing tournaments and waterskiing competitions. Check the website for information, www.blinyc.org.

Congratulations to Lauren Zibble! She smoked the fleet in the June 11 race. She was the first to finish and first overall in her Butterfly!



Lost Pines—A Bass Lake Resort—What was formerly known as “the Polish Campground” adjacent to the Bass Lake Cemetery has new owners and is now named Lost Pines. Call (574) 772-2351 or email info@lostpines.com. There is a revamped pool and there are cabins and tent space open for the Fourth of July weekend. www.lostpines.com

Bass Lake Bunch Books 1 and 2—These treasures are for sale at the Bass Lake Bait and Tackle. Get your signed copy today, or buy both for grandkids!

Bass Lake Beach & Campground - The beach season started off with absolutely beautiful weather! It was wonderful seeing everyone come out to enjoy time with friends and family. There is a new volunteer Harbor Master, Tom Busch, since there are now over 80 boat slips. They are still looking for help staffing the beach gate, assisting with kayak rentals and janitorial services. If you know of anyone interested in a summer job on the beach please call 574-772-9181. Note that the income realized from the campground and beach rental now stays in the Beach & Campground budget and is being used to improve the property for all. Hats off to Starke County for focusing on the future of this important community asset. Camryn Kopka, Parks Department Superintendent, can be reached at: ckopka@co.starke.in.us

Bass Lake Conservancy District - Rainfall for May was 2.60 inches for a YTD total of 12.28 inches. Lake pump total for May was 22.0 million gallons, 33% less than April because our lake is full! The pump will always be on when the water is below the top of the weir. On Monday, June 6, 172 acres of lake vegetation was treated. The survey indicated this amount and the Indiana DNR permitted treating all of it. BE AWARE, as a by-product of treatment and the old vegetation, there is heavy volume of floating Milfoil. Be careful when boating and swimming until it clears!



AQUATIC CONTROL Bass Lake 2022 LARE EWM Treatment MAP

The Annual Meeting of the BLCD will be held at the District office on July 9 at 8:00 a.m. The address is: 4450 S. 450 East. Enjoy the summer and be safe! *Submitted by Russ Blais— BLCD Board Member, www.blcd-ind.org.*

Bass Lake's Ecozone—The Indiana DNR has established an ecozone (see the green area of the map on the left) in the shallowest area of the lake, the south basin, the area with no homes. We are not permitted to request weed treatment in this area of the lake. It has always had vegetation. Boaters new to Bass Lake—stay out of this area! It has weeds, is shallow and is **not** boater-friendly. The Healthy Shoreline team is working with the DNR to determine next steps and how to mark this area!

Something for Everyone at the Bass Lake Festival — Our lake festival has 26 events. There is literally something for everyone. Registration is now open for many of the events. The Goat Drop and Cardboard Boat Race are back! A Bunco tournament is new this year. The festival will be held July 29, 30 and 31. Check the festival website for information, www.basslakefest.com. Contact Tabitha Dillner for further information, (219) 314-2030 or Mary Topelian, mjtopelian@att.net.

Grand Marshal Jeanene Lavery—Jean Lavery is the Grand Marshal of the 2022 Bass Lake Parade. After years of sailing on Lake Michigan, Jeanene and her husband Bill purchased their Bass Lake house which they call Irish Shores in 1992. The Laverys took ownership of the Festival Sailboat Race shortly after their arrival and have been hosting it ever since. Jeanene continues to host the race after the passing of her husband in 2007 and the race is named in his honor. She has kept the tradition alive with her ongoing generosity and enthusiasm for sailing on Bass Lake!

Mint Festival Train Excursions at Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum—Special for the North Judson Mint Festival and Father's Day, excursion trains depart from the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum depot in North Judson on both Saturday, June 18, and Sunday, June 19. Passengers ride in open-air sightseeing cars or vintage cars. The train excursion is round-trip from the depot and travels about five miles to the Kankakee River at English Lake, before returning to North Judson. Trains depart at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. (central time). Purchasing tickets at www.hoosiervalley.org is recommended as seating is limited. Before or after the train excursion, walk over to the Town of North Judson's Annual Mint Festival. Enjoy a large variety of vendors, food, and activities enjoyable for the whole family.

Crystal Ballroom—A photo loaned to the museum by Louise Williams of Knox shows Ted Weems Orchestra performing at the Crystal Ballroom at Bass Lake in 1947.

This was one of the last appearances of a "big band" at the lake. Ted Weems Band was nationally renowned and very popular during the 1930's and 40's. Ted Weems was associated with Pery Como and Jack Benny, among others. The four persons in the front are left to right: Robert McFarland, Louise (Rubbi) Williams, Bob Jackson and Hugo Anderson. Others believed to be in the picture are: Jim Voris, Ruth (Wells) Lucas, Joanne Rogers, Don Blakely, Barbara Rannells, Herb Rogers, Bill Owen, Herb Bilderback, Bob Matthew, Jerry Tollar, Alice (Dembowski) Condon, Casey Shubert, Janet (Garr) Palmer, Helen McFarland, Helen (Dunkelberger) Butler, Dolores (Burkey) Berg and Joanne (Anderson) Cook. *Submitted by Ron Vendl, photo from Starke County Historical Society*

