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Webster Lake Fall 2022 Newsletter

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WLCA MISSION STATEMENT:

WLCA's mission is to represent and cultivate the best interests of its membership and property owners by assisting in controlling the inlet and outlet of Webster Lake; endeavoring to keep the lake clean and safe for fishing, swimming, and boating; and encouraging the property owners and members to work together for the improvement of the lake. WLCA's purpose is to make the region healthful, restful, and attractive in the belief that doing so will help to enhance enjoyment of the lake and maintain and/or increase lake property values as well as benefit local businesses and the community as a whole. ❖

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It has been a good season on Webster Lake, barring the mid-summer wind and rainstorm that felled trees, shredded several boat canopies and damaged a few houses. The lake condition has held up well throughout the season, and (so far) there has not been a need for repeat shoreline or channel weed treatments. The fireworks show was spectacular! The WLCA Family Dixie Sternwheeler Ride was fun and very well attended. Hopefully, the pending shoreline restoration projects designed to reduce sediment and nutrient inflow into the lake will be completed on Captain's and Governor's Islands this fall and winter. Permits are pending for these island projects. These successes and events would not be

possible without the financial commitments from our lake property owners and local businesses. Thank You so very much for your support! Your annual dues payment, contributions to the weed and fireworks funds, and the grant monies applied for by WLCA and authorized by the DNR through the Indiana Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program provide the funding for maintenance of the lake and these traditional events. Keeping Webster Lake a viable all-sports lake aids in maintaining and elevating the value of everyone's property. Thank you for your investment in Webster Lake. Best wishes for your fall and winter seasons, Mike Wyrick

EARLY DAYS AND CURRENT WEBSTER LAKE



WLCA 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 17

Annual Dixie Ride - 9:30 AM

Saturday, July 1

Webster Lake Fireworks – Approx. 10:00 PM
(Rain Date – Saturday, July 8)

Saturday, August 12

Annual Meeting/Election
9:30 am – Community Center Party Room

Visit the WLCA website @ www.lakewebster.net
for information & updates

HOW DID YOU GET TO WEBSTER LAKE?

About 1909, Grandpa Joe Miller, (he was not my Grandpa, everyone called him that) had a cattle farm where he raised and slaughtered beef...where Miller's Landing is now located. He told my great-grandfather, Tony George, the Sheriff of Grant County (Marion), he could build a duck blind for himself and his deputies so they didn't have to drive all the way to Kankakee to hunt. Soon after, Joe made a deal with Tony and others to rent his land, and people built cabins for weekend hunting and fishing, and summer vacations. In 1916, my grandfather, Rex George, took his new bride, Fay Akin, to our cottage for their honeymoon. Soon, three children, Tony, Roberta, and Emily joined their family and spent every day of summer vacation at the cottage. They swam at Weimer's beach and Yellow Banks, and rowed everywhere. Rex would work in Marion during the week and leave the family at the cottage, commuting on weekends. Before there were seawalls, the Dixie stopped on the east side of the lake by pulling up to our front yard. Rex made a deal with Tag Huffman, Dixie captain, so that when my grandmother would put a cane pole with a handkerchief up in our front yard, Tag would stop and pick up my grandmother's grocery list. Tag would go to the White Front grocery in town, get her groceries and bring them back to her. His reward was the opportunity to sit in the back with my grandmother whilst having a beer from our flowing well, which my grandfather kept well stocked. When Joe Miller died, his son, Roy, took over the farm and sold the lots to people who had rented for years. In the early 50's, when my

Dad, Phill Perkins, was 29, he designed and built, with help from two uncles, our new cottage. They burned the old cottage on sight, hand dug footers, laid cement block, put in windows, doors and a roof... all in two weeks. There were eventually six of us grandchildren, so a second story was added to the cottage. Not too long after that, I learned to waterski, at age 7, behind a 16' wooden lapstrake boat with a 35 hp Johnson motor. I was the first "sixth man" on the top of the Ski Bees pyramid with my cousin, Mark, center bottom, and Bart Culver (Bart's Watersports) in row two! Skiing was allowed from 10am 'til 4pm, other hours were reserved for fishermen. Much to the chagrin of later Dixie captains, we used to dive off the upper deck of the Dixie and swim home. Our "new" cottage is now 71 years old, and my family is scattered in six states but we try to get together as often as possible. Grandma Shari spends summers in Miller's Landing with visits from her three children, four grandchildren, various siblings and cousins and Miller's Landing neighbors of 30+ years, and wintering in Florida.

Shari Perkins

PS. I forgot to tell about all 16 of us spending a week at Christmas at the cottage, or raking leaves over Thanksgiving eating Hershey bars and well water, or my Dad falling out of the top bunk losing his drawers in the process, but will save those stories for my grandchildren to tell!

IN THE WEEDS

2022 Expense Summary as of July 31:

Date	Type of Service	# of Acres	Herbicide	Gross Cost	LARE Grant	Net Cost to WLCA
2/8/2022	AVMP			\$4,600	\$3,680	\$920
5/4/2022	CLP	50	Mix	\$7,250	\$5,000	\$2,250
5/23/2022	EWM	25	ProcellaCor*	\$18,493.75	\$14,795	\$3,698.75
5/23/2022	Shoreline/Channel	37.75	Mix	\$10,192.50	No	\$10,192.50
5/26/2022	EWM	36.75	2, 4-D	\$8,820	\$7,056	\$1,764
6/16/2022	Shoreline/Channel	13.25	Mix	\$3,577.50	No	\$3,577.50
Total		162.75		\$52,933.75	\$30,531.00	\$22,400.75

AVMP = Annual Vegetation Management Plan; **CLP** = Curlyleaf Pondweed; **EWM** = Eurasian Water Milfoil

* **Note:** ProcellaCor treatments have a 3-year efficacy and are more expensive than 2, 4-D.

In 2021, ProcellaCor was used on a different 17-acre area. The 17-acre area treated in 2021 was virtually clear of EWM and required no treatment in 2022. No further weed treatments are planned for 2022 as of this date (8/7/22).

"HOW DID YOU GET TO WEBSTER LAKE?"

Hope you have been enjoying the "How Did You Get to Webster Lake?" articles in the newsletters. If you or your family would like to share your story explaining your history to Webster Lake, please submit your article by e-mail to WebsterLakeAssociation@gmail.com or use the "Contact Us" tab on the WLCA website at www.lakewebster.net. Photos may be included as well. This series will be continued over the next few years, and articles will be kept on file for future use.



Check out the Webster Lake Conservation Association Facebook page for news, events, pictures and happenings on and around Webster Lake. This page was set up in August of 2020 and has already grown to 735+ members. Lots of good pictures and thoughts about Webster Lake have been posted. Become a member and share your family's favorite photos and love of Webster Lake.

ABOUT THE WLCA

WLCA was formed in 1950 as a not-for-profit corporation and has qualified to receive charitable contributions. WLCA is funded by member dues payments and contributions to its invasive weed and fireworks funds. WLCA applies for an annual grant from the Indiana Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program for partial funding of herbicide treatments of invasive weeds. Grant awards vary from year to year.

WLCA has responsibility for the Webster Lake Dam control structures; works with the DNR in establishing an annual management plan for the control of aquatic weeds; secures bids and contracts for herbicide applications for the treatment of invasive weeds and weed treatments for shorelines and channels; assists property owners in securing grants for eligible lake restoration projects; contracts for the Independence Day fireworks program, secures event permits and provides the labor for setup and cleanup; purchases, maintains and places cautionary buoys around the lake; arranges for member social events; publishes three newsletters annually; maintains a Facebook page and a Website to keep members informed; assists Grace College students in the monitoring of Webster Lake water conditions; maintains timely communications with members and local businesses regarding lake conditions and happenings; and bills, collects, and administers funds used in payment of these projects and activities. All these responsibilities are handled by WLCA officers and directors along with a few member volunteers and paid contractors as needed—primarily for weed treatments, the fireworks show and the printing of the newsletters.

WLCA holds an annual meeting of the members

of the Association on the second Saturday in August of each year. The August meeting is for the purpose of electing directors for the Association and the transaction of such other business as permitted by the bylaws of the corporation. Member households, each with one vote, may vote at the annual meeting for directors and on other business presented. Elected directors attend a monthly business meeting held on the second Monday of each month from March through July and then from September through November. A November meeting is optional and held only if needed. Meetings are scheduled a year in advance and are posted on the WLCA website at www.lakewebster.net. Members of the general membership are welcome to attend any of the meetings but may only vote on business presented at the annual meeting.

The board of directors is comprised of fifteen directors. Five directors are elected each year for three-year staggered terms. The board elects its officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, at its September meeting for two-year terms. Directors and officers may be reelected for successive terms if recommended by the nominating committee. No director or officer receives compensation for any service rendered to the Association. However, they may be reimbursed for actual expenses that are reasonable and necessary in the performance of their duties and may be paid or compensated for services to the Association performed in a capacity other than serving as a director or officer. WLCA's financial records are audited annually by an independent individual.



2022 WLCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Name(s) _____

E-mail Addresses for Contact Purposes: _____

Lake Address _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Statements Yes No

Contact Phone(s) _____

Check Payable to WLCA

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Fireworks Fund \$ _____

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WEBSTER LAKE ZONE PROJECT. Webster Lake has launched its new Lake Zone Project with Zone Representatives now serving in more than half of the Zones. WLCA is looking for additional volunteers who are willing to serve as this communications

link between their neighbors and WLCA. The duties of a Zone

Representative do not require a lot of time to fulfill and may easily be done by summer or weekend residents. You may obtain information about this program by requesting information from WLCA through its website contact page at www.lakewebster.net or sending an email to websterlakeassociation@gmail.com.

WLCA FAMILY DIXIE RIDE FUN

