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Webster Lake
Summer 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. ❖

HOW DID YOU GET TO WEBSTER LAKE

This is how the Everett-Kemp family made their way to Webster Lake as written by Lisa Kemp-Winkelman. Sometime in the 1920's, our grandfather, Cecil Everett, purchased a duplex farmhouse on Webster Lake for \$2,000. On August 19, 1928, my grandparents were out enjoying the lake in their rowboat when my grandmother, Lucille Everett, went into labor. My grandfather had to row ashore and get into an old crank-type automobile and drive bumpy, dirt roads all the way back to Huntington, Indiana, where they arrived just in time for my mother, Nancy Everett-Kemp, to be born! Needless to say, she was an only child. They enjoyed summers at the lake and rented out one side of the duplex. When my mother got married, my parents took over the house, and we spent much of our summer at the lake. We usually had the other half of the cottage rented to families with kids for my brother, Steve, and me to play with at the lake. The cottage wasn't winterized and didn't even have hot water or shower facilities. In 1989, my parents had to tear down the old cottage and put up a new, smaller more modern home which my brother, Steve Kemp, lives in year round today. My husband and I have a mobile home at Webster Bay and come up every weekend. We both participate in helping with the Ski Bee shows. I direct and Steven picks up the fallen skiers. Two of my children have performed in the ski show for 7 years. On June 19, 2021, I got married on the Dixie! Webster Lake has been part of my family for 100 years and counting!



Cottage as it was in the 1970's



Lisa & Steve's grandfather, Col Cecil Everett



Lisa & Steve on the Dixie waving to people at the lake house



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If you wish to receive informative Mailchimp e-mails from WLCA about weed treatments and other events and news about Webster Lake, please provide WLCA with the e-mail addresses of interested members in your household by sending those e-mail addresses to websterlakeassociation@gmail.com or use the "Contact Us" tab on the WLCA website at www.lakewebster.net. WLCA must receive the name, e-mail address and lake address for each person to be added to the mailing list. WLCA and MailChimp will NOT sell or share your e-mail address with others.

WLCA 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 18
Annual Dixie Ride - 9:30 AM

Saturday, July 2
Webster Lake Fireworks – Approx. 10:00 PM
(Rain Date – Saturday, July 9)

Saturday, August 13
Annual Meeting/Election
In-Person and via Zoom
9:30 AM – North Webster Community Center Party Room *(link to meeting will be e-mailed by request)*

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

2022 WEBSTER LAKE FIREWORKS SHOW

The 2022 Webster Lake Fireworks Show will be presented on Saturday, July 2, with a rain date of Saturday, July 9. The show will start at approximately 10:00 PM and will be staged from the west end of Kline Island.

100% of the funding for this display comes from the support of the Webster Lake residents and business community - with lake residents providing approximately 80% of the funding. Putting on a fantastic fireworks display is a long-standing tradition here at Webster Lake. WLCA plans to continue to provide the very best show possible with your support. In addition to purchasing the fireworks display, site preparation, staging and permit expenses are required. WLCA needs your financial support to continue this tradition at its current level or add to it in the future. The cost of the 2022 fireworks show has increased by 25% over the cost of last year's show primarily due to the increased costs of production of the fireworks and the cost of getting them shipped from the manufacturer to our vendor. Our long-time vendor had not increased the cost for a number of years but was forced to do so this year due to the huge increase in shipping costs. Please

keep this increase in mind as you make your 2022 Fireworks Fund contribution. The amount collected in 2022 will definitely be considered in determining the size of the 2023 show since only money contributed to the Fireworks Fund is used to put on this annual show. The show for 2023 will have to be ordered in late July this year (2022) to lock in the date and vendor for the 2023 show. If this year's show is not paid for entirely by 2022 contributions, the 2023 show will need to be downsized.

The Webster Ski Bees will present a free water ski show at the North Webster Town Park on Saturday, July 2. The Ski Bee Show will start at 6:00 PM with a pre-show warm-up starting about 5:45. Best to bring your own lawn chairs if you plan to view the show from the Town Park. Many people "boat over" and park just outside the show area to view the ski show.

Dixie Rides will be available during the entire 4th of July weekend, including a special cruise during the fireworks - be sure to get your tickets in advance for the fireworks cruise. Visit www.ridethedixie.com for information.



SKI SHOWS - NORTH WEBSTER TOWN PARK 6:00 PM - PRE-SHOW ACTS PRIOR TO 6:00 PM Bring Your Own Lawn Chair

June 11 • June 25 • July 2 • July 16 • July 30 • August 13

The Webster Ski Bees are looking for new Ski Bee Members for the 2022 Ski Bee Season. Go to www.websterskibeas.com for more information on becoming a Ski Bee and the 2022 Ski Bee Show Schedule.



REVISED CAUTION MAPPING



As mentioned in the Summer 2021 newsletter, there are some areas of the lake that should be approached with caution. These areas have been re-mapped in a more specific manner and highlighted in order that the lake may be enjoyed without

the potential of boat damage caused by tree stumps and other debris such as decent-size cement chunks.

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 575+ 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.

thank you

"Thank You" to Lakeland Pier for putting in and taking out the pier at the island used for the display and staging of the annual fireworks.

"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.



WEBSTER LAKE ZONE PROJECT. Webster Lake has launched its new Lake Zone Project with Zone Representative 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.

IN THE WEEDS

If you want to see the full picture of planned and permitted weed treatments for Webster Lake for 2022, please visit the WLCA website at www.lakewebster.net/weed_treatment.php. On this webpage you will find the January 2022 “Updated 2020 Annual Vegetation Management Plan” which includes recommendations for 2022 treatments. Dates of treatments are not included in this posting but are sent by WLCA to more than 500 email recipients in advance of the treatment dates via Mailchimp, which is a mass email system.

On May 3 and May 19, Mailchimp advance email notices of treatment dates for invasive weeds, as well as shoreline and channel treatments, were sent advising of a May 4 treatment of (a) 50 acres of the invasive Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP), (b) a May 23 treatment of 25 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), (c) 39 acres of shoreline treatment, and (d) 14 acres of channel treatment outside the EWM treatment area, and a May 26 treatment of another 36.75 acres of EWM using a different herbicide than was to be used on May 23. Shorelines and channels not treated on these dates will be treated at a yet to be determined future date.

In addition to treatment dates, these Mailchimp email notices included information on water usage restrictions required as a result of the herbicide treatments, maps showing the various areas to be treated, and information on how the

invoices for these treatments are paid. Water usage restrictions can include instructions such as not to irrigate with lake water for 5 days and/or no swimming, etc. The Mailchimp treatment notices are posted on the WLCA website on the same page as shown in the above link and under the header titled “2022 Treatment Plan Updates.” Since the posting of these messages on the Website by an independent webmaster currently takes about a week to accomplish, Mailchimp is used to get this message out quickly and in a timely manner as the dates of weed treatments are often determined by the DNR and the weed applicator only a few days before the scheduled treatment date.

If you wish to receive these informative bulletins and have not yet provided WLCA with the email addresses of interested members in your household, please do so by sending those email addresses to websterlakeassociation@gmail.com or use the “Contact Us” tab on our website at www.lakewebster.net. WLCA must receive the name, email address and lake address for each person to be added as part of this request. WLCA and MailChimp will NOT sell or share your e-mail address with others. These bulletins are few in number so as not to be a bother to you, but rather a true source of needed information sent out in a timely manner.

HOW TO PAY WLCA DUES AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE WEED & FIREWORKS FUNDS USING PAY-PAL

WLCA offers PayPal as a convenient way to pay your dues and contributions to its Weed & Fireworks Funds—but, unfortunately, it is not a one-step process. PayPal’s payment format for a not-for-profit corporation allows only one transaction at a time to be processed. Multiple entries on a single transaction are not allowed, and there is no provision for a member to provide instructions for the distribution of donated funds.

The first transaction on the “Pay Dues and Donate Online” page of the WLCA website at http://www.lakewebster.net/eft_payments.php is specifically for dues payments. The second

transaction on the “Pay Dues and Donate Online” page is for donations to the Weed & Fireworks Funds. That transaction can be a contribution equally split (50/50) between the Weed & Fireworks Funds. To make unequal and/or specific donations to these Funds, the member needs to make a separate donation transaction to each Fund. Payment of dues and contributions to both the Weed & Fireworks Funds in differing amounts will require a total of three transactions. Your support is needed and appreciated in all three areas. Thank you.

2022 WLCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please return this voucher with your mailed payment)

Name(s) _____

E-mail Addresses for Contact Purposes: _____

Lake Address _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Statements Yes No

Contact Phone(s) _____

Check Payable to WLCA

Membership Dues \$ **100.00**

Fireworks Fund \$ _____

Weed Fund \$ _____

Mail to: WLCA
P.O. Box 79
North Webster, IN 46555

TOTAL: \$ _____

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE THRU PayPal
Information at www.lakewebster.net,
Pay Dues Tab

Code: *Summer Newsletter*

Zone _____

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WELCOME JEFF, ROBYN AND MATT AS THE NEWEST MEMBERS TO WLCA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS!!



Hi Everybody!

My name is Jeff Miller, and I have been on Webster Lake since the summer of 2011. Webster Lake has become an important part of the memories we have made with extended family and treasured friends for over a decade now. We cherish our summer weekends there with a healthy mix of relaxing, entertaining, boating, floating, and sharing a glass of wine with our favorite neighbors.

We have five daughters and two sons-in-law. Michelle (psychologist) and Devin (pilot) are expecting our first grandchild in October. Jen (sales director) resides in Chicago. Emily (account manager) and Nate (HR professional) live in Columbus, with their lively pup Howie (he's a runner). Alyssa (accountant) lives in Seattle. Claire (medical assistant) and her boyfriend, Taylor (machinist) live in Westfield. Claire has a kitten, Lilo, who has not yet experienced Lake Webster. Kathy and I live in Westfield and are semi-retired; doing some consultant work as former manufacturing executives. We have just invested in a 2-person kayak and look forward to exploring the lake from a different perspective this summer. I graduated from Michigan State University (engineering) and Michigan (business). I am looking forward to serving on the WLCA Board with my neighbor and friend, Brandon. I care deeply about this lake and community.

My name is Robyn Gertsbauer. I grew up on a farm in Columbia City, Indiana, and graduated from Columbia City High School and subsequently earned my accounting degree. I worked both public (CPA firms) and corporate accounting for about 10 years before opening my own tax and accounting office in Bremen, Indiana where I raised my two children.

Years later after completing my Series 7 and 66 licensing as an investment broker, I accepted a licensed banker-investment position with KeyBank, Key Investment Services. I sold my home and business in Bremen and moved to Webster Lake. I worked 12 years in the investment field with KeyBank before retiring in 2018.

I have been part of the W30 neighborhood at Webster Lake for over 30 years where I met "other half," Steve Kemp. He has been a life-long visitor and resident of the lake. We volunteer for lake safety buoys, dam master and Skibee pickup boat. And now we have three beautiful granddaughters who love the lake and all it has to offer as much as we do.



Hello Webster Lake residents!

My name is Matt Koble. Myself, along with my wife, Dina, and my two daughters, Kamryn (22) and Reagan (19), officially joined the North Webster community when we purchased a cottage on Webster Lake in August of 2019. Our family residence is in Nappanee, but with my wife teaching at NorthWood High School, we move into our cottage full-time for the summer as soon as the school year is complete. Our family is always quite anxious to get into our cottage at the end of the school year and start enjoying lake life as soon as we possibly can.



For me personally, it is great to be back in the area in the summer since I grew up on Syracuse Lake and attended Wawasee. It has been awesome seeing a lot of familiar faces, along with meeting so many wonderful people on the lake. Having the opportunity to live on a lake that is not only a great lake for water sports, but also such a tremendous fishing lake, has been incredibly fun. Webster Lake is truly a very special place.

I graduated from Indiana University with a degree in education and received my masters from Liberty University in Strategic Communications. I have spent the majority of my career in sales and marketing within the medical device industry. I am currently a Strategic Account Manger for Paragon Medical in Pierceton. I look forward to serving the community through WLCA and continuing to help make Webster Lake an awesome place to be!

REMINDER OF UPCOMING FAMILY DIXIE RIDE - PLEASE JOIN US- SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 AT 9:30AM

The Dixie ride is planned to be a fun event for WLCA members and their families of all ages. Snacks and beverages will be provided on the boat by WLCA, along with activities and prizes planned for our young cruisers. Please mark your calendar to attend and enjoy an hour of cruising on the Dixie around beautiful Webster Lake. This event kicks off the summer

season at Webster Lake and is a great time to meet and visit with other Webster Lake residents. Dixie Sternwheeler, Inc., **CONTRIBUTES** this "Tom Plew memorial Family Dixie Ride" in memory of Tom, who volunteered numerous hours of service to both the Dixie and WLCA.

