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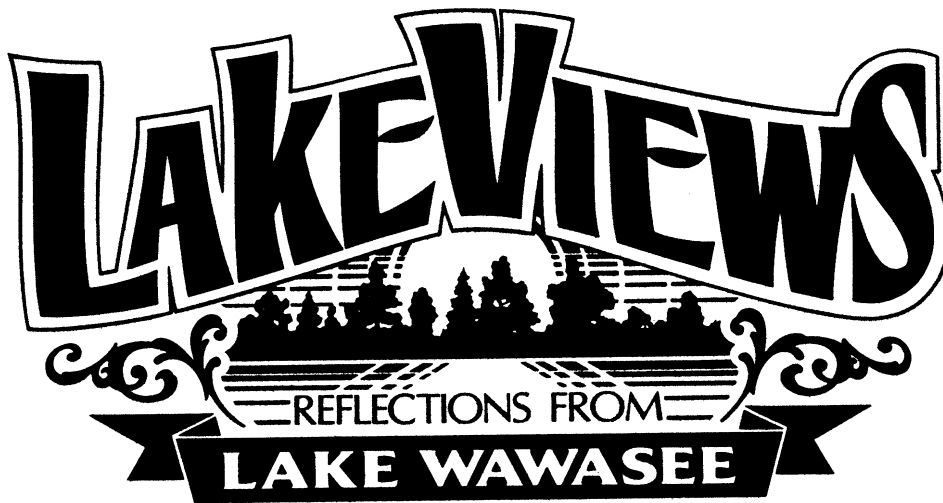
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AT THE HELM — WINTER 2012

Normally at this time of the year I would be writing to tell you about all the great winter weather we would be having, snow, ice, activities outside like ice boating, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, ice skating and fishing, but not this year . . . it has been a very strange winter that is for sure. As I look out across the lake there is ice . . . but not very good ice and with temperatures above freezing almost every day of this first week in February it does not look good for ice making. I guess not having such cold weather is not such a bad thing though, our heating bills are lower, and as you drive around the lake you will notice lots of building going on. I am sure those that are working to complete the building and remodeling projects before warmer weather are happy to have warm winter days. The only regret is I have a brand new pair of snowshoes sitting here gathering dust instead of snow . . . maybe next year!

Since many of you “buttoned” up your homes here your WPOA officers and directors have been busy dealing with some of the issues presented with the proposed changes at Oakwood.

In September you were sent a letter with a response card on the proposed pier changes at the Oakwood . . . and respond you did! Of the over 2100 letters we sent out to our property owners over 1600 of you responded which was phenomenal! Of the responses we received the most were not in favor of the number of proposed piers, but the great part was that you did not just send back your cards, you also let us know how you felt, the majority of you want to see something great happen at the Oakwood, just not in such vast numbers. I attended the public meeting held in Warsaw and presented our views to the DNR along with many of your neighbors and representatives of the WACF. As of the writing of this there has been no response from the DNR.

Later in the year we were again notified of a request to dredge over 800’ of the lakefront at the

Oakwood area. On January 5th I again joined approximately 100 interested persons at another public meeting with the DNR where we once again expressed our concerns about this project in an a very sensitive environmental area of Wawasee, so far there has been no response from the DNR on this request either.

I also know that many of you that were not able to attend these meetings have not been sitting idle, you have been talking with friends and neighbors, emailing your WPOA directors to let us know what you are thinking and what you want us to do. This is what the WPOA is all about, we are “dedicated to the preservation and orderly development of Indiana’s largest natural lake” and we need each and every one of you to help us in doing so.

I encourage each of you to continue to let us know what we as an association can do for you and look forward to hearing from you . . . feel free to email me kayyoung47@embarqmail.com or the WPOA office at wpoapier0@wawaseepoa.org. Have a great winter, see you soon!

2012 Artist Announced

We are proud to announce that this year’s artist for the WPOA Artist series will be Lawrence (Larry) Rudolech. Larry has been to Wawasee to paint with the Plein Aire painters and as such is familiar with the beauty of the lake.



Lawrence (Larry)
Rudolech

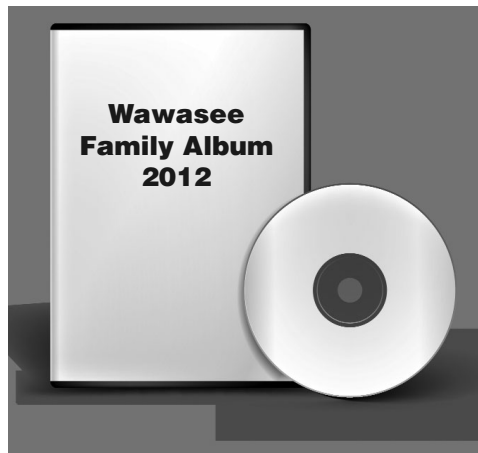
Larry’s art ability was recognized early by his high school art teacher who encouraged him to continue his training after graduation. Chicago was tempting but he couldn’t resist the atmosphere of The John

The Wawasee Family Album 2012 DVD Is Underway!

The first of our video/interview sessions took place on a gorgeous early October 2011 weekend! Mark Gibson of Envisionary Media, Terre Haute, IN recently sent me the “raw” footage of the weekend. What fun to see the gorgeous sunrises and sunsets, the swans, coots and ducks going about their fall business, water vapor escaping from lake surface against the cattails in Conklin Bay as the lake was cooling in the early morning. Then, all the signs of “people” activity that take place each fall. Some piers are out and stacked along the shoreline, while other piers are still in with all of the boats still in place and still ready for use! Some shore stations are empty and standing alone without access to piers, waiting to be picked up and hauled out of the lake. There is a fishing tournament with boats pulling up to full power to “announce” their presence to the fish all over the lake! Also, a sailboat peacefully motors toward the DNR ramp. The pier companies are at work. Mark videoed Sudlow’s and Rookstool’s lift removal operations. There is a lot of work that goes on in the fall to get everything out of the lake and ready for winter! It’s the ice that makes it necessary to remove EVERYTHING from the lake front. The power of the ice has cut off the bottom of at least one boat house. The ice changes the contour of the shoreline by moving rocks, causing cracks in cement seawalls, and digging out lawns as it breaches the sea walls. It all depends on the thickness of the ice when it breaks up and on the strength of the wind as it pushes the ice shoreward. This year we are not likely to have a spring melt “ice event” as we’ve only had an ice covering twice that has melted within a week of forming both times. Basically we’re only 6 weeks away from the average ice free date of March 15th. Therefore, we’re relying on photographs and private residents videos to show what winter normally is like on Wawasee.

Our interviews started with Anna Sudlow, at age 99! She’s the oldest permanent resident of this area whom I know and she has wonderful memories to share! She talks about “harvesting” lake ice, its storage and delivery to summer cottages for use in their “ice boxes”. She says that’s when “cottages” were really summer cottages with no indoor plumbing or electricity. Most people came to the lake for the full summer and were in residence by mid June for the beginning of

the fishing season! As a teenager she remembers the local “kids” using the Waco lake slide as a sled run in the winter. The guys would pour water down the grooves of the slide to freeze before climbing up to the top with their sleds and a girl friend to slide down and way out onto the frozen lake. At night they had to put out lanterns to mark the way back to Waco since there was no electric lighting! She also talked about watching the Great Wawasee Storm of July 21, 1943 as it bore down on the lake claiming the lives of 6 young adults. Anna noted that people need to “read” the weather. Violent storms can come up on Wawasee but



there is always a warning! “Just watch the sky”, she said, “and take cover till it passes”. Getting home should not be the major goal, but getting to safety should be paramount! On a lake ringed with homes, there is really a safe port all the way around the shoreline.

Next we went to Dick and Dot Wysong’s in the Kanata Manayunk Channels to hear about the pleasures of living just off the lake front with easy access to Johnson’s Bay. When Dick was a child living in South Bend, his family frequently visited Lake Syracuse where his Grandfather Milt Wysong had a home. Milt was an Indiana Conservation Officer and in 1944 he wrote a book, “The Hoosier Fisherman” that focused on where to fish on Lakes Syracuse and Wawasee, what bait to use, etc. Dick & Dot lived on Syracuse lake for years before downsizing and moving to Wawasee. They spoke of their love for both lakes and how it’s the same water and that the residents of both lakes have the same concerns, especially about water quality.

Kay and Jim Young invited us into their 343 Condo for our next interview. Kay, as President of the Wawasee Property Owners

Association, welcomes everyone to this new video adventure. Then Kay talks about her family’s (Spurgeon) lifelong adventures here with parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, as well as her own children. Jim talks about how much they enjoy condo life and the wonderful summer breezes that grace their porch all summer. He did note that in the winter those same northwesterly breezes turn into blasts of frigid air! They talked about their tradition of leaving their pier at 8:00 sharp each Sunday morning for Boat-In-Church. Many Sundays friends join them on their pontoon along with coffee and sweet rolls to enjoy the beautiful ride and the meaningful service.

You’ll really enjoy the interview with Spike and Linda Ford of Cedar Point. Their families both had long histories at Wawasee and were good friends as well. Spike & Linda paid little attention to one another as children. They tell a fun story about the weekend before their wedding some 48 years ago. They were coming up the stairs out of the lake to see that the next door neighbors were all dressed up ready to leave for their wedding asking how they (Spike & Linda) were going to make it on time! Needless to say they were a week too early! In addition, Spike & Linda reveal a mystery person known fondly as “Amos” (an Indian) who once lived and died at Wawasee in the mid 1700’s a full 100 years before the “trail of tears” that removed the native Indians from this area.

While on the lake watching the pier/lift removals, John Heckaman gave us an impromptu interview about how he was frequently in trouble as an older child because he often tried stretching the adult limits that had been set for him! Sounds like many young boys I’ve known and makes for a fun memory to be retold.

Lastly, we met Spike Ford again but this time in the role as Coordinator of the Wawasee Trails Project. He met us along the Trail at the Mud Lake bridge and overlook. He talks about Peter Nicholas being the originator of the Wawasee Trail concept. The concept came alive when Peter reconfigured Eli Lilly Road and provided a safe walking path alongside the road. Spike talked about how much support they are given by lake property owners and others who value having a trail system in the area and about the numerous grants they have

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Syracuse-Wawasee Trails Winter 2012 Update

We are proud to report that 2011 was a very busy and successful year for the Syracuse-Wawasee Trail project. With the help of our friends at the K21 Health Foundation and area businesses, service organizations and foundations, the McCon-nell Ditch bridge was built and the connectors from Wawasee High School to the Syracuse Village area were completed. Easements were secured from property owners at several locations along key trail routes. A unique memorial rest area was designed and completed — with others to come. Construction of more walkway sections along Eastshore Dr. on Syracuse Lake were completed. In addition to the Syracuse Kiwanis Club, three families have volunteered to help with periodic trail maintenance and clean-up. Another hugely successful WPOA Cottage Tour and Artist Series sale raised over \$20,000 for a second straight year. Thanks to all our supporters and volunteers, it was a good year.

In the fall we received a surprise challenge from an anonymous donor offering to match any funds we were able to raise up to a maximum of \$10,000. We, therefore, did a November mailing to Lake Wawasee and to Syracuse Lake property

2012 Artist Announced

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Herron School of Art in Indianapolis. Being a practical young man Larry pursued a career in Graphic Design in order to make a living.

In the late 1990's Larry came back to the fine arts and joined the Madison Art Club in which he is still active. In 2001 he entered and was accepted into his first Hoosier Salon Show and has had work in this prestigious show every year since, winning numerous awards.

As a member of the Indiana Plein Air Painters Association he feels he is beginning to nurture the artistic urges he has suppressed for so long as his first inspirations to paint were the country side and back roads of his native Indiana.

We are very excited to have an artist of Larry's ability to be painting this year's picture for our artist series. We know that his picture will be a great addition to the series and look forward to revealing it to you in our next newsletter.

owners. Once again, our lakes area supporters really stepped up. As of this writing, over \$23,000 in donations has been received blowing away the match goal.

WOW!

Over the past couple of months we've begun a program looking at our fund raising history to learn where our donors are geographically located relative to our trail master plan. To help gather additional information, our fall 2012 fundraising letter included space for donors to indicate areas of special interest. Based on some of the responses, the Trail Committee realizes that we need to establish a method for our donors to direct their donations . . . either to a general fund or to accounts designated for specific area trail segments. That issue will be on our agenda for the next couple of meetings and we will keep you updated on the trail website.

Speaking of our website, we can be reached at www.syracusewawaseetrails.com through the "Contact Us" link on our home page. The Trail Committee is anxious for your input on trail issues and we will always welcome your thoughts — positive or negative. Trail Committee member Mike Buhrt handles the website and is working on ways to make it easier for you to share your thoughts with us. We'll let you know of those developments as they occur.

In December, the Trail Committee met with representatives of the Indiana Department of Transportation at their Fort Wayne district offices to discuss the State Route 13 trail segment. We were impressed with how supportive they are of trail projects such as ours and how anxious they are to help us find ways to push those projects forward. Unfortunately, they don't anticipate any substantial increase in federal or state grant money anytime soon. We were led to believe that they feel our project has merit and they urged us to continue to submit grant applications. Despite the estimated \$1.25 million cost for the Route 13 trail and the reduced potential for funding, we are going to continue to look for ways to get it built. Therefore, we have requested an estimate from USI, an Indianapolis based engineering firm, for a complete engineering and design plan for the segment.

A trail segment which seems to continue to present challenges is the link from the Wawasee Boat Company, east along Cor-

nelius Rd. to Warner Rd. and then south linking to Eli Lilly Rd. Late last summer, as a result of having an easement request turned down, we secured a construction permit for an alternate route. Shortly before we were to begin construction, it came to our attention that the property owner might reconsider granting the easement and, therefore, we have delayed construction. If the easement is granted, we would be able to build the original, preferred route. While we hope to be able to do that, one way or another, we believe we will be constructing this link in the spring.

Since its founding in 2003, the Trail Committee has been a part of the Syracuse-Wawasee Parks Foundation. We learned that there has been some concern that a portion of the donations made to the Trail Committee might be diverted for town park use. We assure you that is not the case nor has it ever been the case. We have discussed how groups like ours in other parts of the country are structured to determine if reorganization might be beneficial for us. Those discussions continue but, at this time, we remain a working committee within the Syracuse-Wawasee Park Foundation.

We have begun preliminary dialogue with other trail groups within Kosciusko County. We will be investigating some interesting possibilities with those groups in the coming months.

As always, we invite you to visit our website at www.syracusewawaseetrails.com. Feel free to contact us through Spike Ford at fordresources@embarqmail.com or at 260-856-2701.

Family Album 2012 DVD

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received. Mark videoed several people using the trail while we were there.

Since we've had no sustained snow or ice to date, Memorial Day weekend will likely be our next major filming and interview time, followed by a couple of days during the 4th of July swell of family and friends to Wawasee. I'll keep you updated as the project continues through the spring and summer. Hopefully we'll have a completed video by late fall — in case you are looking for Christmas gifts!

Chautauqua-Wawasee, Inc. Update

By Ann Strong

The early plans are to offer 4 weekends of programming, two in July and two in August, alternating weekends beginning the 4th of July Week.

Early planning also includes holding events "off campus," since the property closing is yet to be.

Some of the events we are looking to include in this summers program are:

Arts: Artist evenings on Thursdays, Ft. Wayne Phil performance(s), cooperation with the IPAPA (Indiana Plein Arts Painters Association, Creative Fish Gallery and, craft workshops connected with the themes of

the educational series cooperation with Creative Fish Gallery

Education: "Study" of Eli Lilly's book, "Early Wawasee Days" with knowledgeable speakers talking about the geological history, American Indian activity in the area, pioneer experiences and then dialogues from residents about the history and growth of the neighborhoods surrounding the lake.

Religion: Continuation of Boat in Worship, of course, and as well as Kent Millard's series "Neighbors in our World" on early Sunday afternoons.

Recreation: Participation in the Flotilla Road Race, initiation of a family event in coordination with Liberty Ride, other TBA?

C-W continues this year in response to the desires and needs of the people in the community. This project has been an inspiring pleasure to initiate. There are many, many wonderful ideas and plans in store for the future generations in the community and nation, perhaps the world.

So many of you have supported this effort with ideas, enthusiasm, and participation, we are also working toward the 2013 expansion which has been an exciting collaborative experience also.

Contact Face Book and share your ideas. I am looking forward to see you around the lake and at C-W events.

Wawasee Property Owners Association Needs YOU

There is still time to pay your WPOA dues.....and be a member of one of the largest lake associations in the state.

"What does a dues paying membership do for me?" One of the most important things the WPOA does is give you a VOICE! One example is the recent survey we sent for the Oakwood Pier request. We

also give you a voice with the DNR, the Wawasee Area Conservancy, the Sheriff's Department, the Local Police, Governor's Lake Management Study Group, the State Legislature, the BZA through the Orderly Development Committee, the Syracuse Fire Department, the Syracuse Town Council , Bass Masters and any other activity or or-

ganization that affects you and the lake. WE WATCH OUT FOR YOU, THE LAKE, AND YOUR SAFETY!

Don't delay, send in your check today and be sure to include your email. We are building our database so that we can easily notify our members of important issues concerning the lake.

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Lake Patrol Boat Replacement Fund: Amount of Contribution \$ _____

Wind Turbine Update

Wind Turbine for Wawasee School Corporation? Two sides of this question are below, one from Dr. Tom Edington, Superintendent of the school corporation and one from Wawasee resident Dr. Joan Szydal.

Over a year ago the committee to study a Wind Turbine for the school was formed. It is comprised of representatives of various departments at the school, students at Wawasee and members of the community. The WPOA was asked to have representation and Spike Ford and I have been representing the WPOA at those meetings. It has been a very interesting process, the highlight of which was a "field trip" to Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation in Mentone to see an actual turbine of the type we had been considering. It was a very interesting trip. The turbine is big, especially when you are standing under it, as far as noise, as the blades move there is a slight "whoosh" again as you are standing close to the structure. When we walked back to the bus the sound was not audible. And as we drove away and it had become dark you could see the red light blinking, much like the lights on the radio tower on the east end of Wawasee and the towers in Syracuse. Were there concerns on aesthetics from the committee, yes as well as financial concerns both of which are pointed out in Dr. Szydal's editorial. The committee will continue to look at options to make our school corporation environmentally and fiscally responsible and Spike and I appreciate the opportunity to serve on this committee as your representatives. As always we look forward to hearing from you and if you would like further information the Mail Journal articles can be found on the WPOA website.

For the last year a committee formed by Dr. Tom Edington of the Wawasee School District has considered placing a wind turbine on the grounds of the school. The proposed revenue stream would benefit the school system and offset utility costs. Initially the wind turbine was to be located at Wawasee Middle School but issues arose over its proximity to the weather service's Doppler located off SR13 at the continental divide. The discussion has shifted to a location at Wawasee High School. At the committee's last meeting a few months ago, they decided that the economics of the wind turbine did not support proceeding with building the unit. But they would convene in three to six months to review any changes in cost or technology.

Wind turbines are being erected all across the United States and the debates are going strong. Proponents site this as a "green energy" source that is clean. But opponents site multiple concerns. The real economic cost/benefit is debatable

and is the primary reason the issue was tabled, at least for now, in this community. Considering variable wind speeds in the area, lack of financial incentives and available energy bonds and the cost of erecting the turbine and expensive ongoing maintenance, the outcome is not yet financially favorable.

Most opposition groups cite multiple concerns about living near a turbine including loss of sleep from noise and vibrations. This is especially true within a two mile radius of the turbine and sleep disturbance is commonplace within a one mile radius. This issue has some effect upon lake homeowners, but certainly will be problematic for those living within the town of Syracuse.

Real Estate data can reveal a substantial loss of home and property values. And there can be significant detrimental effects on wildlife. Because of this The US Fish & Wildlife Service has issued guidelines which recommend that wind turbines should not be installed near wetlands or near shorelines. Songbirds primarily migrate at night and can collide with the blades of the turbines. The turbines are a unique threat to raptors and specifically threaten bat populations. There are some studies that suggest bats can be effected by the change in air pressure surrounding the huge blades causing lung damage. But the primary issue in our area would be loss of migratory birds such as ducks, eagles and our beloved sand hill cranes.

As a child growing up on Wawasee, I don't think I even remember seeing an eagle or sand hill crane. But now seeing these is almost a common occurrence in the spring, summer and fall. It would be a shame to see these recovering populations once again threatened. There has been mention in the turbine committee that we are not on a "migratory bird route." But if this is true then how did the 300 ducks get to Wawasee that were in front of my cottage on a cold winter day last month. I don't think they hitch hiked!!!

And what about aesthetics!! The turbine tower



Photo was provided by the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation.

is massive at 230 feet tall. It would be visible for miles. It is 40 feet less than the 103.5 radio tower and 100 feet taller (10 stories) than the water tower on the grounds of Wawasee high school!! Although the water tower lights are visible just above the tree line from the east shores of Wawasee and Syracuse lakes, the constant red flickering strobe light on the top of a wind turbine will be easily visible for those of us wanting an unobstructed view of the west. Sunsets will never be the same!!! And we are losing our shore lines as we know them. Is there not value in the tree lined, natural unobstructed view as we gaze across the lake? If we let one turbine be erected, what about two or three? What about a few more radio and cell phone towers? There is legislation for this county that outlines requirements for cell phone towers, but it may not effect this possible placement. More stringent regulations are required.

As previously stated, the turbine issue has been tabled for the next few months. And I feel that Dr. Edington and the committee has been transparent about this process. I urge the community to consider the ramifications a structure such as this will have upon the area for the next 20 years or longer. But I urge all of you to stay involved and let committee members know how you feel. Your voice does matter!!!

Dr. Joan Szydal

A Wind Turbine for Wawasee?

The Wawasee Community School Corporation has formed a community committee to study erection of a wind turbine behind the high school I Syracuse. Why a wind turbine? Proceeds from the sale of electricity can bring an additional \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually for the next twenty-five or more years to our school general fund. Wind turbines are not cheap! Ours would cost \$2.5 million, paid for over five years at 1.75% interest rate. Wind turbines are not small! Ours would rise 325 feet to the tips of the blades, which turn slowly at a constant rate. The location is about two miles from Syracuse and Wawasee lakes. The committee hopes to complete its research and make a recommendation to the Wawasee Board of School Trustees by the spring. Your thoughts can be e-mailed to me at tedington@wawasee.k12.in.us

Tom Edington, Superintendent, Wawasee Community Schools

Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation Update

By Heather Harwood,
WACF Executive Director

The Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation (WACF) celebrated a 20th anniversary last summer. Over the last 20 years, WACF volunteers have worked hard to maintain good water quality in our watershed. Our Wawasee watershed straddles the county line between Kosciusko and Noble Counties covering 23,618 acres including Wawasee, Syracuse, Bonar, Papakeeche and the ten lakes in upper Turkey Creek.



WACF Education Center

Our Education Center has been expanded for meetings indoors, or outdoors in the Ruddell Pavilion. The 38-acre property on Conklin Bay has a new trail, mitigated and enhanced wetlands and natural shoreline on Wawasee. Join us this summer for "Lake Talks and Eats" the first Saturdays of June thru August. These programs are for the public to come and explore topics of interest with us. Last year's topics included a fishermen's report with the day's catch, responsible yard care, lake turn-over by Dr. Nate Bosch, Kosciusko Lakes and Streams of Grace College, and a kid's Bug Catch.

This summer was our 15th year of Friday morning canoe trips along Turkey Creek and the 10-lake chain. The canoe



Friday morning canoe trips thru the 10 lake chain.

trips have become increasingly popular and our canoe guys, and gal, always make the trip fun. The morning starts with local Indian history and a view of wetlands from a WACF-owned glacial moraine. We canoe down Turkey Creek through ten mostly pristine lakes that flow from the continental divide. The trip ends at Village Lake where you can check out the latest in WACF wear. The DNR has called this one of the best canoe trails in Indiana. Forty-three percent of Wawasee/Syracuse lake water comes from this source, much of it is spring fed.

Thank you for the response to our earlier letter notifying the public of the DNR hearings on the proposed dredging and group piers at Oakwood. WACF appreciates all who attended the hearings, those who spoke of their particular concerns, and those who had to stand at the back of the room for the two hour sessions. As of the writing of this article, there has been no announcement from the DNR on a decision. WACF tries to anticipate and solve threats to our watershed and its water quality.

These requests are of great concern and we encourage you to share your concerns with the DNR: Attn: Michael W. Neyer, P.E., Director, IDNR, Division of Water, 402 West Washington Street, W264, Indianapolis, IN 462-4. Email: MNeyer@dnr.IN.gov.

Pollution Control projects — working



Martin Creek Pond Restoration

with property owners and the DNR Lake and River Enhancement, is a big part of what we do. From agricultural runoff to development impacts and funneling, WACF tries to help solve problems and keep them from becoming BIG problems. Recently we restored Martin Creek Pond, upstream of the Leeland Channels to help keep sediment out of the channel and ultimately the lake (see photos below center). At the WACF Education Center, a grant from the Kosciusko County Community Foundation was used to restore the wetland behind the Center. (See before/after photos below).



WACF Center Restored Wetland BEFORE



WACF Center Restored Wetland AFTER

Wetland plants have been planted in and around the new restored wetland and pond area.

Dillon Creek is the #1 sediment contributor to Wawasee. It flows from the Cromwell area through farmland, dropping 100 feet in 2 1/2 miles, before entering the lake. The Elkhart River Restoration Association (ERRA) partnered with WACF on a Great Lakes Commission (GLC) grant, and along with a grant from LARE, will aim to control sediment in Dillon Creek and other areas. We are grateful to be working with the ERRA, the GLC and LARE.

The DNR has been working to control Starry Stonewort in Wawasee with the help of federal funds through the Great Lakes

Starry Stonewort Survey locations in Wawasee



Restoration Initiative. Starry Stonewort showed up on a channel off Johnson Bay four years ago, and has spread to several areas and over 90 acres in Wawasee. We

hope to continue to work on controlling it. Thank you to all our volunteers and local marinas that make our work possible. Please let us know if you have questions or com-

ments. Write to: WACF, PO Box 548, Syracuse, IN 46567. Phone 574-457-4549 or Fax 574-457-4432. E-Mail: info@wacf.com.



WILL IT RETURN? — *It has not been the season for ice fishermen, so far, as Mother Nature has yet to provide the temperatures to freeze over area lakes for continuous ice fishing adventures. Fishermen were able to get on the ice the last week or so, but that ended Monday evening when the 40 degree temperatures made the ice thinner than it already was. While there is no such thing as “safe ice,” fishermen were reporting 3 inches in places last week.*

Forecasts by the National Weather Service, Northern Indiana, are not showing any temperatures cold enough for the making of any ice.

Shown are a small handful of ice fishermen in the Macy Slip area on Wawasee Lake, an area which normally has been turned into a small village by this time in past winters. (Photo by Deb Patterson, The Mail-Journal)



Winter 2011

Calendar of Events for 2012

- May 19** WPOA Board of Directors Meeting
- May 28** WPOA Directory Delivered
- June 9** WPOA Board of Directors Public Meeting (Syracuse Community Center)
- June 23** WPOA/SLA Family Breakfast (Syracuse Community Center)
- June 30** Patriotic Pops (Oakwood Grounds, 7:30 PM)
- July 4** Fireworks — Syracuse Lake
- July 6-8** Plein Air Painters Week-end
- July 7** WPOA Fireworks
- July 14** WPOA Board of Directors Meeting
- July 28** WPOA Cottage Tour
- August 11** WPOA Board of Directors Meeting
- August 18** WPOA Annual Dinner
- September 8** WPOA Board of Directors Meeting

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