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**Webster Lake**

**Spring 2018 Newsletter**

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## Annual Dixie Ride & Brunch

All WLCA members and their families are invited to participate in this year's Dixie Ride & Brunch on Saturday, June 16, at 9:30 AM. The Dixie will pull out from the Town Dock promptly at 9:30 AM. Please bring a dish to share potluck style on the Dixie while we cruise around the Lake. This year's cruise is a gift to WLCA members from The Dixie Sternwheeler, Inc., in memory of Tom Plew who passed away August 24, 2017. Tom was a longtime WLCA Board member, and our annual Dixie cruises for many years were a generous gift to all of us from Tom.



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## Weed Committee Report

WLCA, a member funded not-for-profit association, has undertaken the following actions over the past few years that have significantly improved the weed situation on the lake in general and, hopefully, specifically at your location. The total annual cost in 2017 of the actions listed below was \$44,403.25.

1. Volunteer officers of WLCA presented evidence and repeatedly urged the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to change its prior policy of "knock down" weed treatments on the invasive Eurasian Milfoil in Webster Lake. Beginning in 2016, IDNR permitted WLCA to "treat to kill" milfoil in specified areas of the lake. Approximately 150 acres of milfoil were killed in 2016, 59 acres of milfoil were killed in the spring of 2017, and another 79 acres of

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The purpose of WLCA is to control the inlet and outlet of Webster Lake; endeavor to keep the lake clean and safe for fishing, swimming and boating; and encourage the property owners and members to work together for the improvement of the lake in order 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.

## Kline Island Protection Project Update

Phase II of the Kline Island project was completed in the fall of 2017. Eighty percent of the cost to complete Phase II was covered by a LARE grant, and 20% from The Watershed Foundation (TWF), WLCA and some in-kind work provided by the



United Methodist Epworth Church Camp (owner of Kline Island). WLCA has all of the permits in place to begin Phase III, which is to address the erosion around the east side of Kline Island, with the hope of being completed in the fall of 2018. This would complete the project that TWF, in conjunction with the church camp, WLCA and the IN Dept. of Natural Resources, undertook to protect Kline Island's shoreline from erosion into Webster Lake. In addition, TWF purchased six buoys, through a grant, for WLCA to place around the east side of Kline Island. The grant for the buoys was obtained through the Kosciusko County Convention, Recreation, and Visitors Commission. WLCA extends a huge "thank you" to TWF for their generous contribution to the Kline Island preservation project. ☺

## WLCA 2018 Calendar of Events

**Saturday, June 16**

**Annual Dixie Ride & Carry-in Brunch (9:30 a.m.)**

**Saturday, July 7**

**Webster Lake Fireworks** - Starting time approx. 10:00 p.m.

(Rain Date: Sunday, July 8, at 10 p.m.)

**Saturday, August 11 ~ Annual Meeting/Election**

**9:30 a.m.** - Community Center Party Room. ☺

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## Weed Committee Report *Continued from front page.*

milfoil were killed in an unprecedented fall treatment in October of 2017. WLCA secured LARE grant funds from IDNR to help cover this cost.

2. Annually, WLCA covers 100% of the cost of at least one whole-lake shoreline weed treatment to control the various plant species native to Webster Lake and a less harmful invasive type of Curlyleaf that are filling the voids in the lake bottom vegetation cover left by the elimination of the milfoil. In 2017, WLCA also paid for a separate early spring “knock down” treatment of Curlyleaf on the heavily weeded northeast end of the lake in an effort to minimize weed chop, regrowth, and shoreline clean-up by the property owners in that area.
3. For the 2018 season, the WLCA Board of Directors applied for a permit to do the annual shoreline treatment and a possible second shoreline treatment (full or partial) should the condition of the lake require it. WLCA also requested a permit and applied for a LARE grant to help cover the cost of treating the invasive species of Curlyleaf. As of the time of this writing, the status of these applications is “pending”. An additional shoreline treatment could increase the annual treatment cost by as much as \$27,000 over last year’s total of \$44,403.25.
4. WLCA has been contributing financially and with volunteer labor to the Kline Island preservation work being conducted by The Watershed Foundation in conjunction with the Epworth Forest Church Camp. Halting the erosion of nutrients and organic materials from this island into Webster Lake helps reduce weed growth and maintain water depth.
5. WLCA previously purchased Lorange equipment to use in mapping the vegetation in the lake. The mapping process requires between 35 and 40 man-hours per year. Previously, an independent contractor was paid to do this report. Volunteer officers of WLCA donate their time and boats in this mapping process. The information obtained from this process greatly impacts decisions relating to weed treatments.

6. The weed committee has been and continues to investigate optional treatments or harvesting methods that might be used on duck weed—those tiny green plants that float in great sheets on the water’s surface and drift with the wind.
7. WLCA is studying the feasibility, costs, and grants available for some possible dredging projects. This research has just begun. Grants won’t cover 100% of project costs. Most grants require at least 25% of the project cost to be borne by those receiving the immediate benefit of the project, WLCA, or a combination of both.

I hope the above information properly relays to you the dedication of the WLCA board and provides additional insight as to how WLCA’s work with the IDNR is truly helping all of the owners and residents of Webster Lake and the community at large by keeping our waters navigable as well as fishable. Through our newsletters, website ([www.lakewebster.net](http://www.lakewebster.net)), and working relationship with The Watershed Foundation, WLCA is striving to keep property owners and boaters aware of the need to keep our water free of trash, sewage, fertilizer and nutrient runoff. To do more, WLCA needs to have a higher percentage of membership among those living on and/or using this lake. Our current percentage is approximately 50%, an increase over prior years. (Thank you.)

Please help by personally promoting membership in the WLCA to all of your friends and neighbors. Please maintain your membership and especially consider extra contributions towards the weed fund. Doing so will allow us to apply membership dollars currently spent on weed treatments to the costs of the new projects being studied. ☺

### WLCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Wyrick, *President*  
 Dawn Meyer, *Secretary*  
 Wanda Wyrick, *Treasurer*  
 John Dabler  
 Ron Erb  
 Terry Frederick

Tom Jones, Jr.  
 Steve Kemp  
 Mike McCall  
 Max Stackhouse  
 Jacob Yahne  
 Stephanie Yahne

## WLCA 2017 Financial Information

### Expenses:

20% Portion of invasive weed treatment costs	\$ 6,729.50
Shoreline weed treatments	29,403.75
Kline Island restoration	2,765.00
Licensing and software costs related to mapping	905.00
Annual Vegetation Management Plan required by IDNR	4,600.00
Other Expenses: insurance, newsletter, printing, mailing, safety buoys, expenses related to the dam, education expense, and miscellaneous	9,490.00
<b>Total Expenses excluding Fireworks*</b>	<b>\$53,893.25</b>

### Income:

<b>Total Income from Dues and Weed Fund Contributions excluding Fireworks*</b>	<b>\$54,700.00</b>
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\*Expenses for the fireworks show are paid exclusively by special contributions from members of WLCA and North Webster businesses and organizations. Moneys designated for fireworks are only used for the fireworks show and, therefore, are not included in the figures above.



## 2018 FIREWORKS SHOW

The 2018 Fireworks Show will be presented on Saturday, July 7, with a rain date of Sunday, July 8. The show will start at approximately 10:00 p.m. and will be staged from the west end of Kline Island. 100% of the funding for our annual fireworks show comes from the support of homeowners and organizations and businesses in the North Webster community. In addition to purchasing the fireworks display, site preparation, staging and permit expenses are required. Putting on a fantastic fireworks display is a long-standing tradition here at Webster Lake, and we strive to provide the very best show possible with your continued generous support. ☺



The Webster Ski Bees will present a free water ski show at the North Webster Town Park on July 7. The show will start at 6:00 p.m. 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.

## 2018 SKI BEES SHOW DATES

- ~ June 9, June 23,
- ~ July 7, July 21
- ~ August 4, August 18
- ~ NO Labor Day Show

All Shows at North Webster Town Park  
Bring Your Own Lawn Chairs — Shows start at 6:00 p.m.

[www.websterskibeas.com](http://www.websterskibeas.com)

## NEW BUSINESS IN NORTH WEBSTER – PEDALS & PADDLES

I was born and raised here in North Webster. When I was a kid my parents owned Fisherman Cove and my uncle owned the Dixie boat. I definitely grew up living the lake life. Later we sold Fisherman Cove and built a hobby shop in town which is now the Re/Max Realty building. Some people may remember me as captain of the Dixie in the 1980s.

After college I worked in the orthopedic industry for a while, but had also developed my own CAD software and started a software business. In 1996 I made the tough decision to sell my Webster Lake home and move away from the area. For 16 years I had property right on the Ohio River in southern Indiana. While there, I owned a 1923 sternwheel boat that was larger than the Dixie. I named the boat 'Barbara H', after my wife, whom I met in 2000. Like the Delta Queen and Belle Of Louisville, our boat was rated as a National Historic Landmark, which is a historical status greater than Historic Register. We operated it as a non-profit museum, taking it to various rivertown festivals. With this experience I qualified to take the Coast Guard exam for operating commercial vessels up to 100 tons, which I received in 2005.



Family health issues prompted us to move back to North Webster in 2016, and although I still have my software business, I was looking for something different to do. Owning a bicycle shop was just a dream I had in my youth, before life got too busy.

We are excited about the new bicycle shop, which we named Pedals & Paddles. We are located in the original Bart's Ski Center building at the south end of town. The main focus is bicycle sales, accessories and service, but as the name suggests, we also specialize in kayaks and related gear. During summer months we will offer bike and kayak rentals.

We sell quality bikes and kayaks that outperform those offered by the big box stores. It's difficult for small-town businesses to compete with big-store prices, but the old adage "You get what you pay for" still applies. We also provide expert service that you can't find at the big stores.

Our Grand Opening will be during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. We want to thank the community for the great support we have received since opening in November. ☺

-Steve & Barbara Huffman, owners



## 2018 WLCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please return this voucher with your payment)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Statements  Yes  No

Membership Dues \$ 100.00

Fireworks Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weed Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Checks Payable to WLCA

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

## SAVER CARDS

Saver Cards will be included with the WLCA annual statements which will be mailed out in the near future. WLCA encourages you to shop locally and use your Saver Card. Visit the WLCA website at <http://lakewebster.net> (Membership Section).



### **Ace Hardware**

733 South Main Street (SR 13)  
10% Off Each Gallon of Royal and Clark+Kensington paints (interior and exterior)

### **Ace Pest Control**

634 North Main Street (SR 13)  
5% Off Any New Service, Plus 5% Off if Paid By Cash or Check. Offer Valid for New Customer or New Service for Existing Customer

### **AK Hare Company**

119 North Main Street (SR 13)  
\$5.00 Off Full Service Color or Highlight  
10% off All Regular Retail Items

### **Bart's Water Sports**

State Road 13 and 800 North  
Buy 1 Get 1 Free Seasonal T-Shirt  
(Item #SR6014)

### **Bourbon Street Pizza**

643 North Main Street  
Any Large 2-Topping Pizza, Breadsticks & 2 Liter for \$15.99

### **Clark's Marine Service**

7498 N SR 13  
5% Off Retail Priced Manitou Pontoon and Evinrude Outboard. 10% Off Retail Priced Special Order Manitou Pontoon and Evinrude Outboard

### **Clayton's Garden Center**

7185 North SR 13  
10% Off on Fridays (Excluding Sale Items)

### **Custom Canvas and Awnings**

221 North Main Street (SR 13)  
10% Off Retail Price

### **Dave's Electric, Heating & Cooling**

307 East Washington Street  
\$10.00 Off a Service Call

### **Guy's Lawn Care**

19 EMS W30B Lane  
574-834-7074  
10% Off First Application of Fertilizer when you sign up for a yearly lawn treatment package

### **Heart of the Lakes Antique Mall**

132 North Main Street (SR 13)  
10% Off Any Item \$20 or More and Paid by Cash or Check, excluding firms and mark downs.

### **J & W Bakery**

Mid-Lakes Shopping Center  
564 South Main Street (SR 13)  
A Baker's Dozen (Buy 12 Rolls/Donuts & Get 1 Free)

### **Lions Karate**

126 South Main Street (SR 13)  
First Month Free, plus a Free White Uniform to all new students. Also, receive Free Sparring Gear, a Free Black Uniform and a Free Martial Arts Weapon once you earn your Yellow Belt. All equal to a \$295 Value.

### **Maverick Promotions**

611 South Main Street (SR 13)  
Free embroidery set-up & first 3 hours of artwork free for new orders + free sample gift with visit to our North Webster showroom.

### **Metcalf, Payne & Bell**

219 East Camelot Lane  
\$10.00 Off Cost of Opening OR Closing Your Summer Cottage

### **Owen Family Funeral Home**

SR 13 & 500 North  
15% Off Any Monument or Marker Purchased from Owen Family Funeral Home & Monuments in North Webster or Syracuse.

### **Patino's Mexican Food**

Mid-Lakes Shopping Center  
720 South Main Street (SR 13)  
\$5 Off on \$30 Dine-In Only Order

### **Pedals & Paddles**

105 East Esterbrook Drive  
10% Off Bicycle Accessories & 5% Off New Bicycles & Kayaks, excluding sale items.

### **Pilcher's Shoes**

127 South Main Street (SR 13)  
15% Off on Any Regular Price Product

### **Pizza King (Lakeview)**

405 South Dixie Drive  
\$2.00 Off 16" Pizza. Carry-Out, Dine-In or Delivery.

### **Sock's Marina, Inc.**

60 EMS W17 Lane  
5% Discount on Winter Storage Fee

### **Sue's Creations**

102 South Main Street (SR 13)  
10% off cash and carry in-store purchase.

### **Tangibles Resale and Consignment**

111 North Main Street (SR 13)  
5% of Purchase to go to the North Webster Area Food Pantry

### **Ye Olde Tackle Box**

Mid-Lakes Shopping Center  
708 South Main Street (SR 13)  
10% Off Live Bait

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## Annual Dixie Ride & Brunch, (continued from front page)

As a tribute to Tom, Karilyn Metcalf who is the President of The Dixie Sternwheeler, Inc., has shared her memories of Tom with all of us as follows:

Much of Tom's life was all about his love for preserving the past. He had a deep love for his own family, both past and present. He loved his church family, his American Legion family, his Dixie family, and his WLCA family. He had a passion for preserving everything that was good about each one of these important parts in his life and took an active

role in making each part of his life remain strong. Some people didn't know that his love of preservation also included restoring antique cars, grandfather clocks, and juke boxes. He had a passion for wanting to keep our beautiful Webster Lake healthy and keeping the Dixie strong. What would the Dixie be without Webster Lake, and what would Webster Lake be without the Dixie? I know that Tom is counting on all of us to pick up where he left off by making sure his legacy lives on through our dedication to the preservation of our blessings in North Webster. ☺