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Webster Lake
Summer 2018 Newsletter
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Annual Dixie Ride & Brunch Reminder

Please plan to attend the Dixie ride and brunch on Saturday, June 16th, at 9:30 am. The Dixie will pull away from the Town Dock promptly at 9:30 am. Please bring a dish to share potluck-style on the Dixie while cruising around Lake Webster. This year's cruise is a gift to WLCA members from The Dixie Stern-wheeler, Inc., in memory of Tom Plew. This brunch cruise will be a great opportunity to meet and fellowship with new and existing WLCA members – all WLCA members and their families are invited to participate in this fun cruise. ★

Kline Island Preservation Project Awarded 2017 ILMS Project of the year

The Webster Lake Conservation Association (WLCA) is the recent recipient of the 2017 Indiana Lakes Management Society's (ILMS) Project of the Year Award, which is one of the highest honors in the state bestowed to lake and conservation associations.



Kline Island is the largest of the islands on the lake. Even so, it is not immune to the onslaught of weather and wake. It was estimated that in the last twelve year period, Kline Island has become 25 feet narrower than it was. Along with controlling weeds, organizing lake events, and managing lake levels, WLCA has recently undertaken the very large responsibility to ensure the future of their islands. In the words of WLCA volunteer Michael Wyrick, "The majority of the islands on Webster Lake are melting away." WLCA was nominated by their partner, The Watershed Foundation (TWF), for their extensive work on Kline Island. Founded in 1950, WLCA serves residents of Webster Lake in North Webster, Indiana.

TWF, WLCA, the United Methodist Epworth Church Camp (owner of Kline Island), and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources entered into an agreement to protect Kline Island's shoreline by adding glacial stones and planting natural vegetation where needed with generous contributions from the IDNR LARE program. WLCA volunteers contributed over 40 hours in frigid November temperatures, planting and seeding the area.

Not only is this project saving Webster Lake's largest island, but it also reduces the pollution inputs into the lake and watershed. Sediment from the eroding island is reduced by 63.8 tons/yr, and Phosphorus, the nutrient needed to grow weeds, reduced by 54.2 lbs/yr. This project alone prevents 540,000 lbs weeds & algae/yr! The shoreline improvements are being done in 300 foot increments and are subject to permits and participatory grant funding. ★

In The Weeds

In the fall of each year, lake associations like Webster Lake Conservation Association (WLCA) engaged in weed management for their respective lakes and are required to present a proposed weed treatment plan for the coming year to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for discussion and final approval with or without changes by IDNR. Generally, an independent applicator certified and licensed in aquatic pest (weed) control by the State of Indiana directs the association in the creation and presentation of this Annual Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan (AVMP).

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Weed Committee Report *Continued from front page.*

The AVMP is based on an electronic survey of the weed masses in the lake. The weed masses are then identified as to the type or kind of weed that composes that particular mass. Those weed masses identified as invasive (not native to the lake) weeds are considered for treatment and a possible funding grant under the DNR Lakes and River Enhancement (LARE) Program. The acreage covered by the invasive weeds is determined, and all or a portion of that acreage may be approved for treatment by IDNR.

Upon approval of the weed management plan by IDNR, the association may submit an application for a LARE grant and an application for a permit for the application of a herbicide by an approved, certified applicator.

If the LARE grant and permit are awarded, the grant will pay 80% of the cost of treatment for the invasive species of weed only. If IDNR approves treatment of any Native Weeds under the AVMP, the lake association is responsible for paying 100% of that treatment.

The Webster Lake AVMP created in the fall of 2017 for the 2018 treatment year was written based on an expected amount of invasive Milfoil being no more than 100 acres. When surveyed prior to treatment in May 2018 by our new

applicator, it was determined that Webster Lake had 175 acres of invasive Milfoil. After much discussion with IDNR and Clarke Aquatic Services, IDNR agreed to allow WLCA to treat all 175 acres. However, this permit to treat more acreage did not increase the total of the LARE grant which was based on 100 acres. This means that WLCA will be paying 100% of the expense to treat the additional 75 acres of Milfoil outside of the grant.

The May 23rd initial treatment of 175 acres of Milfoil will cost approximately \$45,500. WLCA will receive approximately \$24,000 from the LARE grant. The net expense to WLCA and its members will be \$21,500.

Additionally, on June 13, WLCA plans to provide at least one shoreline and channel treatment and possibly two, if needed in 2018. Membership dues and member contributions to the weed fund pay 100% of the shoreline and channel treatments. Each shoreline treatment is currently estimated to cost \$16,700. Your membership and contributions to the weed fund are very important and appreciated.

If WLCA only does one shoreline and channel treatment in addition to the treatment of invasive Milfoil, the cost of weed treatment for 2018 will be \$38,200. There are other costs involved that will push the NET cost for weed treatment to approximately \$40,000 in 2018. ☆



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www.lakewebster.net is the place to visit to find information about Webster Lake & the Webster Lake Conservation Association. The website is periodically updated to provide information about Weed Control issues and treatments, social events and business meetings, Saver Card merchants and other information relating to Webster Lake. New this year is a Directory section containing lists of owners of properties around the lake by both names of owners in alphabetical order and by lake property addresses. All information in the Directory section is available from the Office of the Kosciusko County Auditor.

A "Special Messages" sections appears at the top of the first page of the website where information relating to the date of the annual fireworks show and weed control treatment dates are posted as soon as available—and any other informa-

tion to be communicated quickly to WLCA members.

The "Contact Us" section of the website is an effective means of contacting WLCA with questions, suggestions to better the Lake, other Lake news, and information about property ownership changes.

The "Information Links" section of the website connects you to information about the weather, fishing, the Dixie, the Ski Bees, the IN Department of Natural Resources, The Watershed Foundation and other community resources. ☆



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 PM 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.

Additionally, the Webster Ski Bees will present a free water ski show at the North Webster Town Park on July 7. 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. ★



BECOME A WLCA MEMBER AND RECEIVE A SAVER CARD!

WLCA has sponsored a Saver Card program for use by residents of Webster and Backwater Lakes. Saver Cards were mailed to all lake residents with dues statements in April. WLCA encourages you to shop locally and use your Saver Card to receive discounts from participating local merchants. Please visit www.lakewebster.net for current information. Participating Merchants and Offers are subject to change by the Participating Merchants at any time without notice. ★



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WLCA MISSION STATEMENT

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. ★

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

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS — NEW AND ESTABLISHED



Aimee Ray

MAMA RAY'S BBQ

Aimee Ray, aka Mama Ray, of Mama Ray's BBQ has been offering barbeque cuisine locally via an urban chic food truck for the past 3 years. She recently opened up a restaurant in North Webster with a grand opening and ribbon cutting this past May 5th. Aimee's "mama", as well as other family members and friendly staff, are

available everyday with the exception of Tuesdays, to serve their great, reasonably-priced, local BBQ. Check out Mama Ray's daily specials and discounts via Facebook, and welcome Mama Ray's to North Webster. ☆

TOM'S BARBER SHOP

Tom Conley moved from Muncie, Indiana, at 5 years of age to Chapman Lake, where he still resides today. Tom attended barber college in Indianapolis, then worked as a barber in Warsaw for 10 years before purchasing his own barber shop in North Webster in 1971, where he is still cutting hair today. Tom's business

has allowed him to meet people from all walks-of-life and he feels very blessed to have served a friendly community and lived a joyous, long life. ☆



Tom Conley



Mechanical Device to move Duckweed & Weed Chop — See Demonstrations June 16!

At the request of several of our members, WLCA has been searching for a mechanical method to help you keep your lake frontage clear of Duckweed and weed chop. We believe that we, in conjunction with Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc., have found a device that will help. For detailed information, please go to our website at www.lakewebster.net. You will find the information on the front page under "About Us", sub heading "Weed Treatment", top article.

Also, we will have this device set up at two different locations on the lake for demonstration on June 16, 2018, beginning at noon, immediately after the 9:30 AM Member Brunch on the Dixie Sternwheeler.

Demonstration locations:

1. 401 North 2nd Street, North Webster (Northwest Corner of Webster Lake – Wyrick Residence)
2. 45 EMS W14B Lane, North Webster (Northeast Corner of Webster Lake – Yahne Residence)



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. ☺

Visit the WLCA website @

www.lakewebster.net

Dixie Etiquette

At 65 foot in length, and powered by a paddle wheel, the Dixie boat does not have the maneuverability of most other watercraft. Please be mindful of the Dixie and its patrons who have purchased a ride for the enjoyment, the activity and historical tour of Webster Lake. The Dixie is only a bigger boat that is trying to share the water with others in a safe way. Please kindly allow the Dixie the adequate clearance it requires to tour the lake. ☆

