

**LAKENGREN
PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF
TRUSTEES - Regular
Open Meeting
July 11, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Marina Building. Present: President Paul Ellison, Vice-President Deron McEldowney, Secretary Judy Thaxton, Asst. Treasurer Dave Fourman, Rod Suman, Tim Simmons and Amy Gilbert. Also present were Manager Kevin Thorpe, Office Manager Tammy Moore, Board Recorder Daphne Brunett and 15 visitors. Absent: Treasurer Randy Blaich and Matt Brueggemann.

Presidents Remarks: Mr. Ellison noted that Janet Davis is recovering at home after her recent surgery.

11-07-89 Deron McEldowney made the motion to approve the June 13, 2011 Board minutes. Dave Fourman seconded. Motion approved.

Manager's Report: Mr. Thorpe noted the first phase of paving is done. Chip and seal is

almost done. The plan is to repair East Lakengren Drive and Brande with rock and gravel in September. Lake water testing was done at Belmont Labs and the readings were 4.0 and 9.6. He noted the state maximum is 230 and anything in the single digits, like ours, is extremely good. Another test will be done at the end of August. There is no need to treat the main lake because dropping the level 5 feet in the winter freezes out the plants.

Sheriff's Report: Mr. Thorpe gave the Sheriff's report since Deputy Caplinger was not present (celebrating 13th anniversary). 2011 has been a good year so far. Between May 1 and July 8 there were 2 vehicle accidents compared to 4 last year. There were 4 juvenile reports compared to 9 last year and 0 burglaries compared to 3 last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Policy Review Committee - The PDF manual is being completed.

Building Committee - will meet on Wednesday.

Safety/Security Committee - will meet a week from Thursday.

Marine/Lakes Management Committee - has requested installation of fountains in Kastrop and Thor lakes.

Activities/Entertainment Committee - The Red Cross event went well. There were games for the kids and a DJ. Many thanks to Kevin and Security for their help. The Tri-

athlon coming this Saturday. There will be a volleyball tournament on July 30th. The committee is selling Lakengren T-shirts. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Lakengren from the Red Cross for the recent cruise-in. There will be a music fest and picnic at the Lodge on August 20th.

OLD BUSINESS
The Board discussed the newest Lodge restaurant proposal.

NEW BUSINESS
The Board discussed the Marine Committee proposal for aerator fountains in Thor and Kastrop lakes. There will be some issue with getting electric for the aerators.

11-07-90 Amy Gilbert made the motion to authorize up to \$4,000.00 (four thousand dollars) per lake for aerator fountains. Tim Simmons seconded. Motion approved with 5 in favor, 1 against.

The Women's Club offered to purchase lighting for the Lodge up to \$300.00.

11-07-91 Judy Thaxton made the motion to accept the donation and offer to purchase lighting for the Lodge by the Women's Club, with Kevin Thorpe to work out the plan for installation. Rod Suman seconded. Motion approved.

11-07-92 Amy Gilbert made the motion to designate Janet Davis as LPOA representative to the Chamber of Commerce. Dave Fourman seconded. Motion approved.

Amy Gilbert made the motion to make a \$50 donation to the Preble County Historical Society. Motion died for lack of a second.

Steve Chrismer presented the proposal for the 5th Annual Drake Fest to be held on September 3, 2011.

11-07-93 Deron McEldowney made the motion to approve the Drake Fest for September 3, 2011 with open gate times for the activity to be set by Mr. Thorpe and Security. Amy Gilbert seconded. Motion approved.

RECOGNITION AND HEARING OF VISITORS

Gary Maynard asked when items can be submitted for the Annual Meeting. He was told items must be approved by the Board and should be submitted immediately.

Several teenagers requested new rims and blacktop for the basketball court. They were told this is in the plans and should be done by the end of the summer or next spring.

Stuart Milligan offered a business proposal to help with getting shades on the windows at the Marina Building and Lodge.

Gary Maynard noted that it appears that the Board seems to spend about \$5000.00 at each meeting.

JoAnne Hoffman thanked the Board and Mr. Thorpe for the paving on Valhalla Cove. She presented a cake made by Ginger Adams for everyone to

enjoy following the meeting. 11-07-94 Amy Gilbert made the motion to approve the new memberships. Rod Suman seconded. Motion approved.

11-07-95 Amy Gilbert made the motion to adjourn for a short break to have cake and then go to Executive Session. Rod Suman seconded. Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:00 pm.

During the Executive Session, Scott Claypool was interviewed to run a food service in the Lodge. It was agreed by all present to offer Mr. Claypool a contract. Details to be worked out with Kevin Thorpe and Mr. Claypool.

There was a discussion about Andrew Gaydosh marketing LPOA properties without commission and whether the properties should be rented out to individuals wanting Lakengren benefits.

The Board discussed the policy on mowing vacant lots and bankrupt properties.

11-07-96 Deron McEldowney made the motion to adjourn from Executive and Open Sessions. Rod Suman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

**LWA VIKING
REPORT FOR
SEPTEMBER 2011**

As reported in the last month's Viking, a hole in the casing of the 43-year-old LWA Well # 2 was discovered by Boone Waters Systems during a regular maintenance and video inspection in July. Boone reported that the hole was large enough to put the well at risk of imminent collapse. The LWA BOT took immediate action to install a new well casing liner and screen. That work has been completed successfully and Well #2 is back in operation. This action has extended the service life of the well long enough to permit the development of a replacement well without any disruption of service or reduction in supply. The LWA will begin investigating the development of a replacement well in the next year.

In another water-related matter, the repainting of the LWA water towers, which was delayed because of contractual disputes, has now been scheduled. Painting of the interior of the West Tower will begin in late August followed immediately by painting of the tower's exterior. After the West Tower has been returned to service, the exterior of the East Tower will be painted. All repainting work should be completed this summer.

The LWA has been advised that the EPA has approved the offsite pipeline portion of the landfill leachate project, and that the county is preparing to seek bids for construction of

the leachate force main as soon as approval of the onsite landfill portion of the project is received. It is expected that the project could become operational by the spring of next year.

In anticipation of the startup of pipeline flow, the LWA BOT has approved an additional contract with the Preble County Board of Commissioners to receive and process leachate delivered by the county to the LWA Wastewater Treatment Plant via tanker truck during the interim period prior to the completion of the force main. This agreement affords the LWA with the opportunity to monitor and adjust treatment processes over an extended period so that any risk of the facility running outside the parameters of the discharge permit are diminished. Under this contract, flow of leachate will be increased in stages so that the treatment plant can acclimate to the change gradually and adjustments made as necessary. A maximum of 12,000 gallons (2 tanker trucks) per day of leachate will be accepted during this interim testing and acclimation period. The rate of compensation, leachate

**VIKING
DEADLINES
2011**

September 16th
October 21st
November 18th
December 16th

testing requirements and other provisions are essentially the same as in the force main agreement.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the LWA office at (937) 456-4455.

**Marine and Lake
Management
Meeting**

From: Charlie Moore - Chairman

Subject: Meeting Minutes- August 4, 2011

Number of Committee

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Janet Davis, John Keefe, Jerry Spaeth

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Members present: 7

Recognized guest: None
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted to the committee and approved.

Old business: Members were thanked for their help at the Night Bass Tournament.

Dave Fourman stated that the LPOA Board has taken the funding for the aeration systems for Kastrop & Thor Lakes under advisement.

Committee thought it would be a good idea for the Lake Committee to test for phosphorus and nitrogen.

Committee was informed that 20 shirts have been ordered from the A&E Committee.

New business: Charlie Moore read some additions that the committee would like to add to the Marine & Lake Management Committee Charter, and was asked to suggest additions to the LPOA Board.

Charlie Moore read 3 proposals to the committee on a fish survey for the main lake in Lakengren. There was a discussion on all three; Committee will take recommendations to LPOA Board.

Next Meeting: Sept. 1, 2011 at the new Marina Building. New members always welcome. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Policy Review Committee

By Deron McEldowney
The Policy Review Committee is pleased to announce that the entire Policy Manual is available on our web-site at www.lakengrenpoa.net. Getting this done was a long process but it is nice to have it all in one place. Once you open it you will see that it is very user-friendly and easy to use. Forms that you might use have been made fillable. Just fill in the information and print it off, but you will still need to sign it.

We are also going to start scanning all of the old minutes of the past years, and putting them on disc for safe keeping. Placing the hundreds of pages of documents and minutes on a disc will save a tremendous amount of time finding something if needed.

Don't forget to recycle!

By Matt Brueggemann
As summer draws to an end and it becomes time to clean out the garage to get rid of all those empty pop cans, old editions of the Viking and paper/plastic sacks that have been accumulating in the corner then suddenly you find yourself buried in all that recyclable material. Why not recycle it?

Lakengren is one of the few

communities in Preble County that still recycles to help keep Lakengren and Preble County clean for years to come. In 2010, Lakengren recycled just over 276 tons of recycled material. So let's make an effort to beat that record in 2011!

New to recycling and you're not sure what can or cannot be recycled? Stop in at the lodge and pick up a recycling brochure provided by Tish Plaughner District Coordinator for the Preble County Solid Waste Management District, Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention. This brochure explains what can and cannot be recycled. Some items may surprise you as to they cannot be recycled. Or visit Rumpkerecycling.com for further information about recycling.

However, in order to recycle and be eligible for the Lakengren "get caught" recycling program, you need to obtain a red Rumpke recycling bin at no cost to you. Please contact the main office or stop in during normal business hours to obtain one. Once you have a red bin, simply fill it up with pop cans, plastic, newspapers and other recyclable material and place it at the end of your driveway on Sunday evenings for Monday pickup and each week you do so, you are automatically eligible to win.

Congratulations Lakengren

By Matt Brueggemann
Our community's hard work and concern for the future of Preble County has paid off for the year of 2010 when it comes to recycling. During 2010, the Lakengren Community has pulled together to recycle 276 tons worth of recyclable material which also exceeds the amount that the City of Eaton recycled for 2010!

Let's keep up the good work and continue on our efforts on helping keep Lakengren/ Preble County clean. Don't forget that by recycling you are automatically eligible each week to "get caught" recycling. If you "get caught" you are eligible to win one of several prizes including several gift certificates worth up to \$10.00.

If you would like to participate in recycling you will need to obtain a red Rumpke recycling bin free of charge from the LPOA office. To learn more please visit our website www.lakengrenpoa.org for more information.

Fall OLCA Meeting

by Paul Healy
The next meeting of the Ohio Lake Communities Association will be at Candlewood Lake on September 28 & 29. Candlewood Lake is located at Mt. Gilead, which is north of Columbus and east of 71.

The topics for Wednesday afternoon starting at 1:30 PM

are "Candlewood Lake Overview," "Security Issues at Candlewood Lake," "Revenue Sources & Savings," and "Reimbursement of Tax Dollars."

Thursday meeting topics are: OLCA reports, including Rick Lavinsky's law review, "Working with Outside Agencies to Gain Cooperation from your Upstream Neighbors," and "Home Owners Association & Governance." The final session at 3:30 PM will be a Question and Answer forum with Lake Managers.

The meeting program is available from our LPOA Office along with the cost to attend the meeting and suggested motel accommodations.

Lakengren will be host for the fall OLCA meeting in September, 2012. Lakengren was the host member lake five years ago. Your correspondent has been a board member of the OLCA for about 17 years. Margaret & I have attended most of those spring and fall meetings and found them most interest-

ing and gained many friendships.

Lifetimes of Happiness Celebrated

by Janet Davis
During this past month, several couples within Lakengren celebrated 50th Wedding Anniversaries. Some events were a surprise by family members, others celebrated their anniversary with a special cruise, and another held an intimate family dinner with relatives. Each to his own, all the couples had fantastic celebrations in their own way.

Special congratulations from the Lakengren community are bestowed upon Larry & Jean Armour of West Lakengren Drive, Neal & Janet Weaver of Ram Drive, and Bob & Jeannie Stoner of West Lakengren Drive.

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Buckles Unite Again

By Elsie Burkle

Joy returned again to the household of Elsie Burkle as a long awaited grandson came for a five- day visit, thanks to plans started by another granddaughter, Amanda and husband Joshua, who instigated the plans.

It had been 23 years since he had been here, when he was a teenager. His five- day visit was filled with trips and gatherings, starting and ending with fishing and good food.

A trip to Columbus, Ohio and German Village, meeting up with cousin Finny and Ni-

cole of Columbus and Aunt and Uncle Sue and Keith who came from Brunswick, Ohio. They met us at Schmid's German Restaurant for lunch and touring the village. We returned by way of Piqua, to the home of Elsie's daughter to tour a restored 1891 Hotel, which now houses the Pique Library. We journeyed to Covington, Ohio to dine at Buffalo Jack's, where we sat among statues of Indians, buffalos and lots of memorabilia of that era.

By Saturday more cousins and aunts and uncles arrived causing us to hire a twelve-passenger van. We anxiously motored to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for a long awaited trip to attend the Drum Corp International World Championship Finals lasting till very late at night. It was at that time, we heard of the stage collapsing accident at the Indiana State Fair.

On Sunday, several of us attended church services at Grace Lutheran Church and returned home to find family members had already arrived piled high with covered dishes food, casseroles, meats, vegetables, and desserts. With a chance of rain threatening, tables and chairs were set up in the garage instead of outdoors as planned But luck was with us as the weather cleared while games, fishing, and paddle boat rides were enjoyed by all.

Welcoming Brian were: Amanda and Josh Tussing from Pittsburgh Pa, Ginny Miller and Nicole Gorman from Columbus, Rachel and Chris Thobe from Huber Heights, Marissa and Brian Bonbright and children Spencer, Madison, Donovan and Holden from Beavercreek, Linda Bray from Beavercreek, Bill and Donna Burkle from Brandt, Jacob Burkle from Dayton, Sue and Keith Steinman from Brunswick, Chris Miller from Piqua, Cindy and Jim Kay from Lakengren, and, of course, an over elated Gramma, Elsie Burkle

Moving Sale,
689 E. Lakengren Drive, lamps, dishes, some furn, Xmas deco, clothes, linens, fabric, notions. Peg Baker 937-387-6978

Robert G. Varney, Sr., age 68, of Eaton, OH died Saturday, August 13, 2011 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, OH. He was born July 20, 1943 in Cincinnati, OH to the late Elster and Ena (Wheeler) Varney Sr. Bob was a member of the Camden United Methodist Church, Camden, OH; member of the Masonic Lodge, Cleves, OH; was Past President of the Lakengren Dragons; was Past President of Cincinnati Bell Pioneer Club; and he retired from Baywest Paper, Middletown, OH as a maintenance supervisor. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his son Duane E. Varney; granddaughter Samantha A. Varney; and brother William L. Varney. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Loretta J. Varney of Eaton, OH; son and daughter-in-law Robert O. and Lyn Varney, Jr. of Florida; daughter an son-in-law Rhonda G. and Darrin Wright of Richmond, IN; son and daughter-in-law Ryan G and Vivian Varney of Florida; grandchildren Jordan, Carissa, Cheyenne, Melina, Landon, Hayley, Alaina and Ginn; brother Elster Varney, Jr. of Mt. Orab, OH; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at Gerton Schmidt & Boucher Gard Funeral Home, 226 West Main Street, Eaton, OH with Pastor Nikki Baker officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Milford, OH. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Camden United Methodist Church, 100 South Lafayette Street, Camden, OH 45311. Online condolences and other remembrances may be sent by visiting, gsbfuneralhome.com .



We Need Your Blood

By Ginger Adams

The annual Lakengren Blood Drive will be held on September 29, from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. The mobile unit will again be located at the LPOA/LWA building. Every donation of blood helps three people in need! Your donations help people in Preble County, and if you know someone personally who needs blood, we can make sure they receive credit for your donation. Please call 456-1926, 456-3173, or 456-2646 to sign up to donate. You can even sign up on-line. Go to www.donortime.com and schedule your own appointment. It takes about 45 minutes start to finish to donate. We can take reservations or walk-ins. Free t-shirts will be given away, and if you are a five year donor, you're given a second special t-shirt commemorating the anniversary. Please call or sign up to donate. Every ounce counts!!!

Garden Club Travels for Dinner

By Janet Davis

On the evening of August 16, 2011, thirty-six members and guests of the Lakengren Garden Club began a journey for food. First and second stops were combined but were held at the home of Bob & Gladys Myers of Valhalla Drive. Hovering about the makeshift bar, you could fill your glass with red or white wine, or lemonade. The hors d'oeuvres were displayed and served on platters on the Myers' back deck. Seating was ample, but at times became elbow to elbow, if standing. Next course, was a spring salad with a light dressing served with wheat crackers. Yes, there were seconds available.

On to the Fourman abode at the other end of Valhalla Drive, where Dave & Dorothy created an outdoor array of chicken, scalloped corn, scalloped potatoes, green beans, tomatoes, and tiny bread slices to shove all that food around on your plate.

Betty Beck and her sister, Merrie Ann Brown of Arcanum, then served up tasty desserts at their home on West Lakengren Drive. After taking the five-cent tour of the lake front property and her fashionable gazebo, we all barreled into the kitchen to check out the fresh fruits with shortcakes, and several specialty cakes piled high with toppings. Yes, most of us went back for seconds, and thirds.

Here is Dorothy Fourman's recipe for her corn-casserole that everyone raved over: One can of creamed corn, one can of drained whole kernel corn, one small box of Jiffy cornbread mix, one stick of soft butter, 8 oz. sour cream, and two eggs. Mix all together and put into a baking dish. Bake one hour at 350 degrees.

Following all this food, we nestled in on Betty's screened in back porch to begin the business side of the evening. Dick Shank welcomed all for participating on this special evening. The secretary's report was read by Jean Armour. The treasurer's report was read by Sue Pohlbel. Both reports were approved by those attending. Betty Beck reported that she had mailed several Good Cheer cards to members.

Under Old Business, it was discussed with regard to repairing the old benches at the lodge versus purchasing lumber to have new ones made. It was decid-

ed that they would repair the old ones.

New Business covered the Yard of the Year winners. Sue Pohlbel announced their names as follows: Carol Baughton on Saxon Drive, Verna Fellsburg on Mariner Drive, and Charlie & Sarah Moore on Brande Drive. There were several honorable mentions. The plaques that were stored from last year, will be presented some time soon for a photo opportunity. The group was undecided as to what the prizes would be.

Jean Armour passed a calendar stating that she needed four more weeks of watering schedule to be filled.

A nominating committee was formed made up of Anne Schleich, Jean Armour, and Cheryl Taylor. This group will bring to the next meeting a slate of officers to be considered for the next year.

Janet Davis requested the Garden Club to consider making a donation, a pledge or lending support for the window blind project for the Marina Clubhouse. She stated the Women's Club had donated \$500.00 toward the project, and that she would be carrying this request to several other Lakengren clubs and committees before the next LPOA meeting in September.

Paul Healy brought up that he felt the drainage ditch problem near the Lodge by Larry Looker's house, also merited this group's consideration. He reiterated about the lamp post project that was many years ago, and felt that the ditch problem would garner more enthusiasm. The window blind project was discussed in more detail by the members and it was moved and second that a \$300 donation be sent to the LPOA Board from the Garden Club. Janet Davis thanked the group for their consideration and would advise the office of the Garden Club's decision.

Dick Shank announced that the Garden Club's September 20 meeting would be held at the Lodge, and a representative of Stockslagers would give a presentation on Rock Gardening. Did you know that a rock garden provides the perfect antidote for a yard plagued by boulders and rough bedrock? Planting preferences will be discussed for typical eye-catching blends in this type of yard.

At the end of the evening, thanks were extended to all the hosts and hostesses for the good food and companionship extended..

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Activities & Entertainment (A&E) Committee News

By Tim Simmons

As the Activities and Entertainment Committee (A&E) is becoming active again, we need the help and support of our community members to make it successful. We would like to take suggestions on activities or entertainment the residents of Lakengren would like to see or if you have an event you would like scheduled, email the committee at lakengrenane@gmail.com or contact one of the members.

We meet the first Monday of the month 6:00pm @ the Lodge.

Chairperson: Tim Simmons
Members: Peggy Simmons; Dean & Susie Call; Clint Moister; Judy Thaxton; Bob & Nicole Worley; and Jerry Spaeth

E-Mail: lakengrenane@gmail.com
I would like to welcome our new member Jerry Spaeth to the committee.

T-Shirt sales are going well and we appreciate everyone who purchased shirts. If you have not purchased a Lakengren T-Shirt we are continuing to take orders.

The T-shirts are royal blue with a white Lakengren logo. They are available in both Men's and Women's with prices starting at a low cost of \$10 for sizes S through XL and larger sizes are available at an additional cost. The shirts are made of a heavy weight 100% cotton pre-shrunk material. Pick up your order forms at the office, lodge, Cuttin' Edge (located in the strip mall across from the front gate) or clip form from the Viking. Please return order forms to the office or e-mail the A & E at lakengrenane@gmail.com. Payments are due when turning in order forms and if using E-mail, you will be contacted as payments will be collected prior to processing your order. We do have samples for display and to ensure correct fit if needed. All proceeds will go to the A & E Committee returning to the Lakengren Community.

Neon Glow Necklaces for sale

The committee is also selling Tri Colored Neon Glow Necklaces. We would like to thank everyone who purchased them during the Independence Day Celebration. We have plenty on hand and if anyone is interested in purchasing any for special occasions, parties or celebrations please contact one of the A & E Members. Helpful Hint: Glow necklaces are an excellent way to keep track of your children and pets after dark. The necklaces are offered

at a very low price of \$1.00 each, or you can purchase a tube of 50 for \$45.00 while supplies last. Again all proceeds will go back to our Lakengren community.

Past Events:

Jack Block Fun Days was fun for all who attended. The A & E Committee offered a free jumping mouse balloon to the kids and made special requested balloon creations for a small fee. The committee also sold drinks, Flavor-Ice, offered T-shirts for sale and ran the Skeeter-ball game which most all kids really enjoy. Since this was a Dragon sponsored event the A&E Committee donated a portion of the Skeeter-ball earnings to the Dragons for a total of \$20.00. Thanks to all who attended and worked hard to help make this a success.

The Coed Volleyball Tournament on July 30 went well. Not only did this event help raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association, but also provided some entertainment for all spectators and participants. This event was sponsored by the Dragons who sold hot dogs and the A & E Committee sold drinks, Flavor-Ice and raffled off a Lakengren T-shirt. Congratulations to Robbie Sams proud winner of the T-Shirt raffle. The A&E Committee donated a portion of the drink sales for a total of \$25.00 to the Alzheimer's Association. Thanks to all who attended and worked hard to help make this a success, especially Rick and Karla McMahan for organizing this event.

Up Coming Events:

Saturday September 17, 2011 7:00 pm Live Music at the Lodge

We would like to invite everyone to come join us for some Live Music at the Lodge. This is a FREE EVENT for the entire family; bring your own drinks and snacks either for you or to share with others. We will have some well known local talent providing a wide variety of music. Bring your instrument or instruments to play along and remember, singers are welcome too! We will offer Lakengren T-shirts for sale, order forms available if we run out of your size and will raffle T-shirts off throughout the evening. Come join us for some fun!

October discussion of events: Coed Corn Hole Tournament details to be announced

Adult Halloween Party details to be announced

December 10, 2011: Adult Christmas Gathering time TBA

December 31, 2011: New Years Eve Party at the Lodge 9:00 pm details TBA.

Other Items of Interest:

We have had several inquiries for initiating different sporting leagues.

For example: Some interest in a Coed Softball League, Coed Volleyball Leagues and a Girls Youth Fast-Pitch Softball League. We would like some feedback from the Lakengren

residents for volunteers and mostly participants to help make this a success. We have the facilities here in our community, lets get together to help utilize what we have and have some fun doing it. Please E-mail lakengrenane@gmail.com or contact one of the members if interested.

I would also like to thank Charlie Moore and the Marine & Lake Committee for supporting the A&E by purchasing Lakengren T-shirts. The shirts are identical to what we are selling but are imprinted with the Marine & Lake Committee on the back. These are nice looking shirts and everyone should thank each member for wearing them as this bulk order will help our committee sponsor events for the community.

Stay tuned for other upcoming events and watch for flyers posted for unexpected events.

Christmas Lights Committee

by Paul Healy

The next meeting of the CLC will be on Wednesday, September 21 in the Lodge at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to dine together can come at 6:00 PM. You may bring your favorite beverage and snack.

Attendees will be asked to sign up for one or more of the following events: A CLC and A&E co-sponsored Christmas Party in the lodge on Saturday, December 10; the Annual Open House with Santa Claus on Sunday afternoon, December 11, or the Mardi Gras Party (adult) on Saturday, February 18, 2012. There is also the option of the Boat Poker Run on the day of the annual fireworks in July 2012.

There was a discussion of not having the Annual New Year's Eve Party, but no motion was made to cancel it. Since not all members of the CLC were present at the August meeting, any sub-committee that would like to conduct and be in charge of this year's New Year's Eve Party should present their plans at the September CLC meeting. This committee meets every month on the third Wednesday. There are no dues to join..

Rumor, Hearsay, Information?

A little bird told the Viking editor that a new restaurant will be opening within the Valhalla Lodge in September. Wouldn't that be grand??

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Jack Block Fun Day

By Paul Healy

It was a very, very hot day on Saturday, July 23rd when the Dragons held their Annual Jack Block Fun Day. We wish to thank John Kirkman, President of the Dragons, and all the other club members for helping at this fun fest, and to Amy Gilbert for bringing her PA system and providing music and commentary during the afternoon.

The free pony rides and the petting zoo were the main attractions for the little ones. I, for one, fell in love with the baby goats. A cup of chopped carrots was bought for a buck and fed to the farm animals. When the little goats scampered in for their share of treats, the strings of my heart twanged.

It is reported that our Manager Kevin Thorpe and Deputy Sheriff Kevin Caplinger were dunked in the dunking machine.

The kids had fun, and so did the adults. It was spotted that John Kirkman threw the winning water balloon at Kevin Thorpe, who caught it waist high and then Kevin threw the balloon at Kirkman, who was sprayed when his blocking right had pierced the balloon.

We would like to thank the A & E Committee, the Women's Club that held the "Cake Walk"



in the air conditioned Lodge (so the icing wouldn't flow off the cakes), the Gasper Township Fire Department and the Camden-Somers Township Fire Department, especially for their fire hose spray onto the beach. all the other vendors. Thanks also to Don Lucas for running the cornhole tournament, and the Senior Center for providing the shuttle bus. It was almost too hot to play games, but Krissy Walsh won the Hula Hoop contest and Kayla Kramer put on a demonstration using about 15 hoops at one time. Zane Nelson of Englewood won the first cake in the cake walk. He was staying with relatives on Kastrup Drive. What did he pick, Oreo cookies. Before the Dragons could bring everyone together for the watermelon eating contest, lightning and thunder claps began. Mother Nature saw to it that we brought things to an immediate close for safety reasons.

(Editor's note: Two bicycles were donated and raffled off, but we were unable to secure the names of the winners. Maybe they will let us know so we can report it next month)



HALLOWEEN WALK

By Ginger Adams

The 14th annual Lakengren Halloween Walk will be held on Thursday, October 27th, from 6:00pm until 8:00pm at the Valhalla lodge. This years theme will be "Disney on Parade". There will be lots of painted Disney characters as well as costumed characters. You might see Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, The Queen of Hearts, Maleficent, and the Evil Queen from Snow White. And just maybe, Buzz and Woody, The Mad Hatter, and who knows who else? We will have a professional photographer again, and plenty of refreshments in the lodge. Hayride transportation will be provided. The Gasper Township Firemen will be on hand to pass out candy, too. We hope to see you for a fun fall evening of tricks and treats!!!

Ohio's Canadian Gneiss Rocks

by Paul Healy

Gneiss rocks were formed millions of years ago when the Canadian mountains were being formed from the earth's upward lava flows. The rocks are extremely hard, contain no fossils, and are peppered with colorful specs of minerals.

Previously it was related that Lake Lorelei, our sister lake community, found a round 12 ton gneiss rock six feet high when they were removing silt from one of their coves. You can read about it in their website and click on the May-June Legend and go to page 15. It was also related that other large gneiss rocks are located at Ohio State University and at the Ohio Governor's Mansion in Columbus.

Recently, it was found that Preble County has a gneiss rock that may weigh about 35 tons and it is on display in the

front yard of the Steve Bailey farm located at 9400 Crawfordsville-Campbellsville Road. It was examined by Earlham University and identified as a gneiss rock.

It may be the largest gneiss rock in Ohio. It is about 14 feet tall and as wide as a car. While Lake Lorelei's rock is round, the back side of the Bailey Rock is flat. It did not roll down from Canada. It slid and leveled whatever was in front of it. It was reported that the Canadian glaciers that moved the mountains were a mile high and their southern movement leveled Ohio until they melted south of us.

Take your kids to see "THE ROCK." John Bailey, Steve's dad, has some interesting stories about "The ROCK." He related that forty years ago Grandpa Campbell was going to dynamite the rock and Grandma Campbell said no, since it was too close to the house.

Story Book Stroll at Public Library

We are having a "Story Book Stroll" starting Sept. 14-23. There will be pages from the book "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" by Laura Numeroff on downtown business windows. Families will walk through town and read the story. The character from the book will be at the Eaton Branch on Wed. Sept. 14th at 6:30 to kick off the event. It will be a picture taking opportunity with a easy craft for the kids.

Story Time

Eaton Library Story Time is offered twice a week: Wed at 10:30am or Thurs at 4:45pm. Parents chose which day they wish their child to attend. An After School Craft is offered for children ages 6-12 on Thursdays at 4:45pm.

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Thurs 4:45pm
Library Mice (3-5yrs)
After School Craft (6-12yrs)

Fall Session

Registration (required): September 1st beginning at 9am
Fall Story Time begins Wed., October 5th
After School Craft begins Thurs., October 6th

Winter Session

Registration (required): December 1st beginning at 9am
Winter Story Time begins Wed., January 4th
After School Craft begins Thurs., January 5th

Spring Story Time

Registration (required): February 13th beginning at 9am
Spring Story Time begins Wed., March 7th
After School Craft begins Thurs., March 8th



Musical Picnic was Awesome

By Janet Davis

It was a slow start, but that's to be expected for a first-time event. The first set went to the Worley Brothers with Snuffy on bass. It was blue grass unlimited for nearly 30 minutes. Everyone was clapping and singing along. None ventured out onto the makeshift dance floor, though.

Following a break, Rocky Creek was welcomed as one of Dayton's most versatile string bands. They brought us lots of Celtic melodies like "Kiss Me I'm Irish", "Whiskey, Whiskey", "Country Road" and many others. In between these two sets, we heard from Melody Allison, who's on the staff of The Jefferson House. She sang several current melodies. Also snuggled between sets was Stacy of Ontario, Canada. She accompanied herself on guitar bringing some folk songs and current-day tunes. Jim Thaxton presented his musical talent by singing "365 days to Change my Ways." and "Whoop Somebody's Ass." Yes, he's Judy Thaxton's son and hails from Cincinnati.

The A & E Committee sold tickets during the evening. Cecilia Deneau won the blue A & E T-shirt, and Paul Healy won \$70 in the 50/50 raffle.

The Worleys came back for another long set and suddenly the dance floor got popular. Bob Worley shared with this reporter that he has been invited to attend the Poppy Mountain Blues in Morehead, Kentucky during September 13-18. Weedle will play at 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. on the 13th. Others on the bill that weekend are Ralph Stanley, Joe Diffy, and Newfound Road. Worley also said they will be playing at the Black Walnut Festival on October 15 and at the Lakengren Adult Halloween Party on October 22.

Other Lakengren folks took the mike that night singing renditions and playing instruments. Who says Lakengren doesn't have talent?

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July Bass Tournament

A field of 32 boats participated in the M&LM July 30th night tournament held here in Lakengren. 24 of the 32 teams checked in 108 fish totaling 173.16 Pounds. 1st place paid \$720.00, 2nd place \$310.00, 3rd place \$225.00 4th place \$170.00, & 5th place \$115.00. All prize amounts are based on the number of participants.

In addition to their 1st Place prize Jim Clawson & Larry Hamilton took home \$240.00 for the 1st place Big Bass of 3.03 lb. Russell Sheldon won \$80.00 for the 2nd Place Big Bass weighing 2.83 lbs.

All fish were returned to the lake after they were weighed in.

The Fall Open tournament will be held on September 25th with a 7am start and weigh-in at 3pm. Only official Entry forms will be accepted for this and all future tournaments. Forms are available from the LPOA office or Bruce Clark.

Weigh-ins are always open to the public.



1st Jim Clawson & Larry Hamilton



2nd Brian Morre & Don Miniard



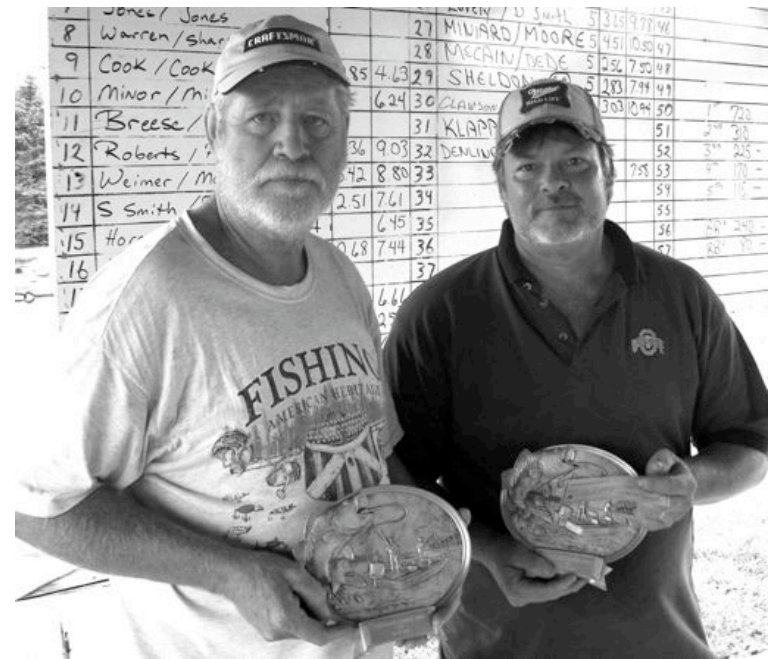
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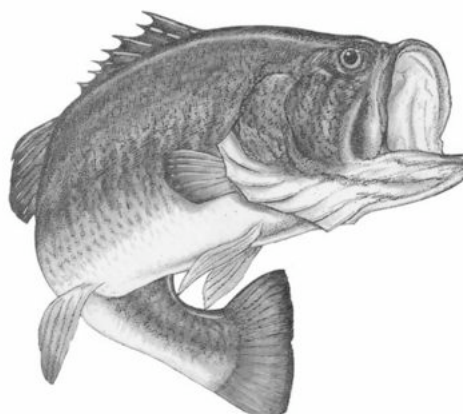
4th Clint Lovely & Dan Smith

Below is a tabulation of the teams that checked in fish.

Boat #/Team	Count	Big Bass	Total Weight	Place
30 Jim Clawson/Larry Hamilton	5	3.03	10.94	1
27 Brian Morre/Don Miniard	5	4.51	10.50	2
1 Jim Clark/Kevin Caplinger	4	3.99	9.84	3
26 Clint Lovely/Dan Smith	5	3.65	9.78	4
22 Dave Fricke/Dean Hill -1	5	3.92	9.54	5
12 Leon Roberts/Barry Roberts	5	3.36	9.03	6
13 Mark Weimer/Eli Montgomery	5	3.42	8.80	7
31 Bart Klapper/Ben Ballinger-2	5		8.58	8
29 Russell Sheldon/----1	5	2.83	7.94	9
5 Louis Ross/Ron Bowling	5	2.66	7.72	10
14 Scott Smith/Brian Smith	5	2.51	7.61	11
28 Mike McCann/Dave Dede	5	2.56	7.50	12
16 Larry Looker/Doug Combs	5	2.68	7.44	13
24 Frank Udowski/Ed Glaser	5	2.92	7.22	14
20 Luke Haynes/Kevin Thorpe	5	2.43	6.93	15
18 Chris Jones/Kris Johnson	5	3.02	6.66	16
15 Jason Hora/Drew McCoy	4	0.00	6.45	17
10 Gil Minor/Jim Mills	5	0.00	6.24 lb	18
3 Dean Rogers/Alan Rogers	5		5.49	19
9 Sam Cook/Brad Cook	3	2.85	4.63	20
2 Bruce Clark/Carl Clark	3	2.44	4.20	21
23 Ron Alexander/Chris Alexander	3	0.00	3.83	22
6 Phil Woelbeck/Bob Kunkel	4	0.00	3.70	23
19 Dan Moore/Ben Sizemore	2	0.00	2.59	24



5th Dave Fricke & Dean Hill



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Your Lakengren Dragons Baseball Team

By Kevin Caplinger

Spring came and with it brought life to a once desolate Rick Krohn Baseball Field. This once neglected field was converted into the proud home known as the "Dragon's Lair," to your Lakengren Dragons, a competitive 8U boy's traveling baseball team comprised of local area boys. We would like to thank you, Lakengren, for your generous contribution in helping your Lakengren Dragons in their 2011 inaugural season. We would like to thank our many generous sponsors of the Lakengren Dragons Baseball Club. Due to their kindness, the Dragons were able to purchase well-needed items that helped make the Dragons season a success.

During their first season of playing together as a traveling team, the Dragons competed hard each game and were able to play against some of the best established baseball clubs in the area. They finished their season strong with a 5 wins and 8 losses record, which is a great accomplishment for a first year Mid-West Ohio 8U baseball club. Many positive feedbacks were heard on how well organized and welcoming the Lakengren field was when the Dragons hosted home games. The fans from the opposing team had the luxury of being entertained by "Logan" the Dragons mascot as they basked upon the beauty of the lake, and were often able to get their fill of great food with hotdogs and other food items sold at the concession stand, which was run by parent-volunteers.

The Dragons concluded their season as advanced skilled ball-players. All of this was due to great kids, parents, sponsors and fans. Your Lakengren Dragons success will continue as they return next season to advance up to an even more competitive level in the Mid-West Ohio Baseball League as a 9U team. The Dragons success has, also, inspired a potential 8U baseball club in the 2012 season. Thank you, Lakengren, sponsors, family and fans for allowing us to showcase the greatness of this team and your community.

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Days Gone By

By Rosemary Eby Collins, the Poetry Lady

Thanks for the memories of days gone by.
 Days brightly colored by a child's imaginative eye.
 Quiet country sunsets and lazy summer days.
 Green, rolling pastures, where cows contentedly grazed.
 The son of birds and the music of a bubbling stream.
 The tall, warm grasses where I sat and dreamed.
 September brought the school bus, as it had done before.
 But when it came for me, first time, the meaning held something more.
 A world of textures, color and smell,
 The thrill of learning, and playing, as well.
 Teeter-totters, slides and the merry-go-round.
 Singing Row, Row, Row Your Boat in rounds.
 Thanks for those other children, with whom I played, learned and shared,
 The playground, the classroom, and teachers who cared.
 My body and mind grew with the years.
 As did my friendship with these people - my peers.
 My school, my teachers, my friends, I most fondly remember.
 And, could you guess, my favorite month has always been September?
 Those days, I hope, will always remain, a twinkle in my eye.
 And once again, could I just say, thanks for the memories of days gone by.



The final game

Lakengren Coed Volleyball Tournament

On one of the few days lately when Mother Nature started the day with rain and overcast skies, all of the volleyballers were thankful for the brief respite from the sun and heat. But as the day wore on; the temperature and the volleyball heated up. This first tournament featured 9 teams ranging from 4 to 9 players (only 6 on the court at one time). To shorten the length of the tournament, a second court on grass was made with the help of Dennis Wilhoit, Donnie Combs, Dave Cortner, Tim Simmons, and Bob Worley.

The tournament was a double elimination match play. Each match was the best of three games to 15 points with rally scoring. The "Showers of Perspiration" was the only 4 person team. Captain Brody Rike, his wife Mandy Rike, Ryan Innis, and Mitch Howard dominated the early rounds of play with their excellent ball control and powerful kills. The team called, "Six Pack." captained by Jesse Sams, along with teammates Robbie Sams, Lori Oda, Gerald Cornett, Gary Black, Nick Williams, and Teddy Lybrock fell



First Place Team "Showers of Perspiration" with players-- Brody Rike, Ryan Innis, Mitch Howard, and Mandy Rike

showing signs of playing short handed. "Six Pack" came back to win the next two games that would force a second match, since "Showers of Perspiration" had not lost before. In their third showdown of the day, again "Showers of Perspiration" won game one. In game two, "Six Pack" was ahead 23-18 - only 2 points from forcing the final third game- but "Showers of Perspiration" reached down deep and came back to win that game 30-28 making them the Champs of the First (annual) Lakengren Coed Volleyball Tournament.

There were many positive comments about the day and everyone is looking forward to the next tournament at Lakengren. A special thanks would like to be given to the referees, Joyce Black and Jan Buehner, to the Dragons for sponsoring the day, Amy Gilbert for the tunes, and Dennis Wilhoit, John Kirkman for grilling the hotdogs. Everyone appreciated the A & E committee for serving drinks and freeze-cicles to the thirsty. Many of the spectators and volleyball players would like to see Lakengren build a second sand court to accommodate leagues and more tournaments. We are proud to say...the proceeds from the day were donated to the Alzheimer's Memory Walk



Second Place Team, "Six Pack" with players--Jesse Sams, Robbie Sams, Lori Oda, Gerald Cornett, Gary Black, Nick Williams, and Teddy Lybrook

Bird Seed Thieves

By Jo Ann Hoffman and James Brooks

As Jean Armour of Lakengren Drive and I were comparing "war" stories - our battles against bird seed thieves, I remembered the following article by James Brooks. You see, every time I visit my mom in Tennessee, I come back with a handful of newspaper articles she has saved especially for me to read. James Brooks is a friend of the family. He not only belongs to the same bird club and has gone on many an outing with my mom and sister; he is also a lover of all Mother Nature from plants and animals to birds and bees. He writes a column "The Wild Life?" for the Johnson City Press Chronicle, mom's local newspaper. Nearly every feeder of birds shares the common frustration of critters stealing the seed. I hope you enjoy the humor of James Brooks as much as I did!

Battling critters never ends

By James Brooks

Einstein the evil genius raccoon has almost made me give up on bird feeding. Compared to the masked bandit and her merry band, squirrels are no problem whatsoever. Years ago I kept my black oil sunflower seed in a metal garbage can, but Einstein could easily flip off the lid. Then for many years I kept it in one of those plastic garbage cans with locking handles. Almost every morning I would see the telltale muddy pawprints on this lid, and either Einstein or Osama bin Possum gnawed off a decorative button on the top of the lid leaving a hole slightly smaller than an inch. This was no problem except that the odor of food tended to drive them crazy. Frustrated at their inability to get into the mother lode of sunflower seeds they attacked the feeders.

My attempts at trying chemical warfare to keep them away from the feeder that attaches to the kitchen window with suction cups are well documented. I have proven conclusively that chemical repellents, either liquid or granular, are just a waste of money when trying to keep away raccoons. I don't know if they climb the siding or leap to catch the windowsill. I do know that they eventually broke this feeder and forced me to clean up a lot of muddy pawprints.

This was a great disappointment to the cats, who loved sitting on the kitchen sink and having the birds come right up to their face as they snatched a seed. Birds that fly in and snatch a seed and depart, like chickadees and titmice, are there so briefly the cats don't have time to react. Birds that just sit on a feeder and munch away, like House Finches, kept the windowsill cleared of anything as the cats sprang at them. Basically it was kitty television, far more satisfying than the tube in the bedroom. All the cats on the other kind of television nowadays talk with human voices, because they are trying to sell cat food to humans. This is boring to cats. If commercials gave their pitch in real meows and purrs the cats would pay more attention and they'd sell more cat food. But I digress.

Both raccoons and possums can climb a pole, and although I put spring-loaded locks on my suet feeder, they eventually reached through the mesh and depleted the suet faster than the birds. I put the suet feeder overnight in the plastic garbage can and then mice found the hole in the lid. In short order they destroyed the suet feeder gnawing holes in the lid and chopping up the ropes that hold it for nesting material. Luckily, [my] master bluebird house builder built me a new suet feeder. While we were talking about this [at the local garden center], I bought a metal garbage can. Once again the raccoons were knocking off the lid, but I retaliated with two patio pavers, each about six times the weight of a brick. The newly slimmed-down Einstein has been unable to move these off the lid.

That brings me up to date on the battle with the critters. You may ask how I deal with squirrels. If I had any I would put an ear of corn on a tree in the woods, well away from the house. Having Jack the black rat snake slumbering in my attic is the best defense. [In March] he wakens and slithers out through the hole in the foundation and goes arboreal just in time for squirrel nesting season. Jack is big and he will be hungry.

James Brooks is a Johnson City Press staff writer.

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P.S . I have followed his advice and now have heavy round brick pavers successfully securing the lids of my birdseed buckets from raccoons, squirrels, mice and even beagles. However, unable to steal seed from the mother lode bucket, Einstein turned his attention to and has outsmarted my squirrel-proof feeder with weighted perch. Every night he stands with hind legs on the deck railing and stretches full length to reach the weighted perch, which he simply lifts with one muddy paw, brushes the seed out with the other and then drops down on the deck to eat - right next to my birdbath where he must wash his hands before eating. No bird would leave that much mud in the tub! I am well trained. Every morning I clean the muddy bath, add fresh water and reload the perch feeder with exactly one cup of sunflower seed - enough to feed the birds for one day with a minimum left over for Einstein.

Unfortunately, Jack does not reside in my attic to control the squirrels, but squirrels are not as smart as Einstein. They are foiled by the weighted perch so I don't fret over them. Besides, they glean my yard of black walnuts, a task much better for them than me!

Happy Birding!!

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Women's Club Food Fest

by Janet Davis

On August 3, the Women's Club held a Carry-in Picnic at the Marina Clubhouse. Since it was one of those sweltering muggy days (we've had so many), the cool temperature of the pleasant surroundings was very relaxing and enjoyable. I think it made us eat and talk more than usual. Preceding our 12:00 start time, Bob Stoner and Mike Schleich gave boat rides to anyone that wanted to take a spin around the lake.

Jean Armour, our worthy president, brought the meeting to order. The food tables were heaped with various and sundry delicacies. Jean welcomed the room full of members, along with two guests - Merrie Ann Brown of Arcanum (Betty Beck's sister), and Lora Haslett of Farmland, Indiana. Brenda Bentley gave her personal prayer of thanksgiving and a special rendition of the Paul Harvey poem about what would be good for our grandchildren. The hostesses on this day were Anne Schleich, Margaret Healy, and Cheryl Taylor. Phyllis Teaford, Assistant Secretary, read the July minutes, and the treasurer's report was read by Loretta Varney. Loretta reported that the club made \$110.25 at the cake walk during Jack Block Fun Day. There is presently a total of \$1,507.96 in the treasury. Both reports were approved as read.

Gladys Myers of the Good Cheer Committee made a request for cards and stamps, which was approved by majority. There was no correspondence to the club. Publicity Chair, Janet Davis, reported we had an article within the August edition of The Viking written by Jean Armour, as Janet missed the August meeting due to surgery. Jean reported that all the committee chairs were accepting another hitch with the LWC, except Carole Moore, the Historian. Carole stated there were boxes of stuff belonging to the club consisting of several years of old records. Discussion was held as to how long we had to retain these records; some said 10 years for treasurer's reports and 5 years for minutes. It was moved by JoAnn Hoffman to destroy the old minutes and to shred the re-

porter. Betty Beck is in the middle of the new member books for the Bereavement Committee will be Virginia Wehrly, first name, and Elsie Burkle, second. Regarding the Telephone Committee, Joanne Parks stated she will be gone 5 months this winter and Phyllis White took over her duties on this committee. Jean said that Phyllis White and Connie Moore will be cleaning up and correcting the club roster information and the new edition will be out some time in September.

Other items of discussion were the next Bake Sale on September 8 held on the first day of the Lakengren Community Garage Sale Weekend (Sept 8, 9, & 10). Do we need more lights within the library area was discussed again. Jan Weaver shared the information about blinds for the Marina Clubhouse which was presented during a past LPOA meeting. Stu Milligan, a new resident of Lakengren, gave a proposal to the LPOA board. He and his wife have formed a company called the Lakeview Shade & Screen Co. The proposal was slightly over \$1,200.00. It was moved by Cheryl Taylor and second by either Jan Weaver, Carole Moore or Betty Beck to donate \$500.00 toward this window blind project. Janet Davis stated she would bring the LWC message to the other clubs and committees within Lakengren to accept our challenge.

Other topics of discussion were the Lakengren Boys Baseball team, this year's water aerobics at the pool, and a luncheon to be held in January 2012 for our Maintenance Division that has been working daily on our road project.

New Business: Donna Eifort stated she would take over Carole Moore's position as Historian. Daphne Brunett won the 50/50 raffle (first time in 18 years). Congratulations Daphne.

We were all anxious to hit the feast tables, so we hurried Anne Schleich through her tentative 2011-2012 program schedule. I'll skip September and leave it for last, but the plans are as follows: October 5, Patterson Homestead Historic House Museum in Dayton; November 2, demonstration by the Preble County Sheriff's Department Canine Unit; December 7, Annual Christmas Party at the Lodge at Noon with Quarter Auction; March 7, Game & Bingo Day at the Lodge; April 4, speaker on Russia by former Peace Corps employee; May 2, field trip to Garr Mansion in Richmond with lunch at Galo's Italian Grill; June 6, carry-in luncheon at Lodge with installation of officers; July 11, field trip to McGuffey House & Museum at Miami University and lunch at Hueston Woods Lodge; August 1, a carry-in picnic at Marina Clubhouse to view the new blinds and with pontoon boat rides preceding the noon food fest. If you think all we do is eat, you're correct, but we do like to talk, also.

Now, September 7. Meet at 11:15 a.m. for short business meeting and then carpool to Buckeye Jake's in West Alex for a noon lunch. At 1:30 p.m. we tour Heaven's Corner, a zoo & animal sanctuary. Senior admission \$6.00, but \$9.00 for "younger" members (you can lie about your age, just don't get caught). LWC will pop for a volunteer to accompany our visit. Free parking. Don't miss this, as you will want to return with your grandkids at a later date.

Art Competition Coming

The Preble County Art Association is announcing a call for entries for the first annual "Plein Air" Art Competition at the Preble County Historical Society. Plein air is a French expression used to describe the act of painting outdoors. Venture into the great outdoors to celebrate the unique beauty of the Historical landscape where inspiration lurks around every corner. Please drop off your submissions October 1st 1-5pm. This exhibit will run Oct. 4th through the 28th. We will have our reception at Preble County Art Center on October 16th from 12:30 until 2:30. A Driving Barn Tour & Dinner, ending up at the Preble County Historical Society, will leave from the reception at 1:30. The barn driving tour will start at the Art Center giving guests an opportunity to view the Plein Art exhibit. Barn tour, dinner, & music tickets are \$30.00 per person. For more information, visit:

www.pchs.preblecounty.com. To reserve your tickets, please call the Art Center at 937-456-3999.

Our Next show Sacred Spaces will be on exhibit at the Preble Fine Arts Center from September 6 to 30. A public reception will be held at the Arts Center on September 24 from 2 to 4 pm. For an entry form and additional information, including detailed directions, please call the Fine Arts Center at (937) 456-3999 or email at office@takepartinart.net.

Card Scores

July 22 - PINOCHLE - 1st David Senften, 2nd Judy Thaxton, 3rd Joanne Parks, 4th Elsie Burkle, 5th Margaret Craig, 6th Sue Pohlbel
 August 12 - DOUBLE DECK EUCHRE - 1st Ruth Bell, 2nd Cheryl Taylor, 3rd Jan Weaver, 4th David Senften, 5th Sheila Senften, 6th Joe Taylor
 July 29 - DOUBLE DECK EUCHRE - 1st Tom Pohlbel, 2nd Cheryl Taylor, 3rd Margaret Craig, 4th Jim Parks, 5th Sue Harrison, 6th Marilyn Sliver
 August 19 - PINOCHLE - 1st Marilyn Sliver, 2nd Donna Hawley, 3rd Elsie Burkle, 4th Sue Harrison, 5th Bob Myers
 September Birthdays: Tom Carr September 11, Janet Jones September 22, Neal Weaver September 29



Date	Time	Street	Nature Of Call	Disposition
7/24/11	10:23 PM	Abenara Cove	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/8/11	5:16 AM	Baltic Cove	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/22/11	11:45 AM	Battle Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/23/11	1:19 AM	Battle Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/19/11	2:53 AM	Brande Drive	Suicidal Person	Call Recorded
7/19/11	10:39 PM	Brande Drive	Intoxicated Person	Call Recorded
8/1/11	9:00 PM	Brande Drive	Hazardous Materials	Handled by Fire Dept.
7/18/11	6:16 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Drug Offense	Report Taken
7/21/11	7:16 AM	E. Lakengren Drive	Petty Theft	Report Taken
7/24/11	12:47 AM	E. Lakengren Drive	Traffic Stop	Warning Issued
7/24/11	5:10 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Fire Related Investigation	Handled by Fire Dept.
8/3/11	1:25 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Traffic Stop	Warning Issued
8/4/11	5:07 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Intoxicated Driver	Arrest Made
8/12/11	5:13 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Juvenile	Call Recorded
8/17/11	8:00 AM	E. Lakengren Drive	Dog Bite	Call Recorded
8/7/11	1:56 PM	Eagle Drive	ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/11/11	2:22 PM	Eagle Drive	ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/24/11	12:39 PM	England Drive	Unclassified Offense	Report Taken
7/31/11	9:08 AM	Finland Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/2/11	8:15 PM	Finland Drive	ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/16/11	1:34 PM	Finland Drive	Domestic Dispute	Call Recorded
7/15/11	6:26 PM	Fiord Drive	Burglary Residential	Report Taken
8/15/11	9:35 AM	Hammer Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/30/11	12:02 AM	Hatchet Drive	Assault Misdemeanor	Report Taken
8/18/11	5:25 PM	Iceland Drive	Abandoned 9-1-1 Call	Call Recorded
7/23/11	1:56 PM	Kastrup Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/18/11	7:24 PM	Lightening Drive	Juvenile	Call Recorded
7/17/11	9:11 PM	Long Drive	Juvenile	Call Recorded
8/1/11	9:58 AM	Mariner Cove	Grand Theft	Field Interview
7/23/11	9:21 PM	Norseman Drive	Child Custody Dispute	Civil Matter
8/4/11	8:35 PM	Norwegian Cove	Intoxicated Person	Unable to locate
8/4/11	9:15 PM	Norwegian Cove	Suspicious Person	Call Recorded
7/23/11	7:58 AM	Old Norse Drive	Alarm Drop	Unable to locate
7/26/11	8:11 PM	Old Norse Drive	Suicidal Person	Call Recorded
8/9/11	12:50 PM	Saxon Drive	Warrant	Call Recorded
7/15/11	6:19 PM	Skodborg Drive	Child Custody Dispute	Call Recorded
8/5/11	2:26 AM	Skodborg Drive	ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/11/11	6:08 PM	Skodborg Drive	Traffic Complaint	Call Recorded
8/12/11	12:33 PM	Skodborg Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/16/11	11:10 AM	Skodborg Drive	Animal Welfare/Humane Complaint	Call Recorded
8/16/11	11:58 AM	Skodborg Drive	Attempted Suicide	Report Taken
7/22/11	8:25 AM	St.Olaf Drive	Grand Theft	Report Taken
8/8/11	1:22 PM	Theren Drive	Grand Theft	Report Taken
7/22/11	9:08 PM	Thor Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/11/11	8:23 PM	Thunder Drive	Sex Offense	Report Taken
7/20/11	2:18 PM	Valhalla Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
7/31/11	7:49 PM	Valhalla Drive	Fire Related Investigation	Handled by Fire Dept.
7/24/11	3:01 PM	Viking Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
8/5/11	9:24 PM	Viking Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/4/11	9:40 PM	Vinland Cove	Property Damage Misdemeanor	Call Recorded
8/10/11	7:35 PM	Voyage Drive	Theft Medication	Report Taken
7/28/11	7:52 AM	W. Lakengren Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/28/11	11:52 PM	W. Lakengren Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/29/11	1:19 AM	W. Lakengren Drive	Trespassing Person	Unable to locate
8/1/11	5:53 PM	W. Lakengren Drive	Traffic Stop	Warning Issued
8/3/11	2:59 PM	W. Lakengren Drive	ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/9/11	1:28 PM	W. Lakengren Drive	ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/11/11	3:21 PM	W. Lakengren Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
8/17/11	8:20 AM	W. Lakengren Drive	ambulance	Handled By EMS

NATURE OF CALL	COUNT
Ambulance	19
Suicidal Person	2
Intoxicated Person	2
Hazardous Materials	1
Drug Offense	1
Petty Theft	1
Traffic Stop	3
Fire Related Investigation	2
Intoxicated Driver	1
Juvenile	3
Dog Bite	1
Unclassified Offense	4
Domestic Dispute	1
Burglary Residential	1
Assault Misdemeanor	1
Abandoned 9-1-1 Call	1
Grand Theft	3
Child Custody Dispute	2
Suspicious Person	1
Alarm Drop	1
Warrant	1
Traffic Complaint	1
Animal Welfare/Humane Complaint	1
Attempted Suicide	1
Sex Offense	1
Property Damage Misdemeanor	1
Theft Medication	1
Trespassing Person	1
TOTAL	59



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FIREHOUSE POST

Greetings from "your" local firehouse where community volunteers and paid personnel come together to serve "you" the residence of Gasper Township. Know "you" are the reason why we do what we do. Thank you all for your continued support and for "helping us serve you".

"Protect Your Family From Fire"

For the past 89 years the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) has lead by being the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week which this year (2011) is on October 9-15. Fire Departments in the US and Canada observe Fire Prevention Week to mark the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and to help promote fire prevention related topics. To date this week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

So what is the NFPA? To firefighters this organization is our primary source of standards and guidelines from the gear we wear, the training we participate in and the apparatus we drive. They even help develop and research new techniques and equipment that help keep us safe and increase our proficiency protecting you, your family and property. From our first day in the fire service we learn just how important the NFPA is to us and our communities.

"Protect Your Family From Fire" is the 2011 theme for Fire Prevention Week. A fantastic theme because, fire prevention starts at home. What can we do to protect our families from fire? Home cooking



fires remain one of the leading causes of home structure fires and injuries, thus, being aware while cooking and keeping a "K" class fire extinguishers on hand can be one way to help protect your family from fire. Another way is to develop an escape plan for you and your family in the case of a fire, then practice. Having our residents develop and

practice an escape plan has a great impact if a fire should occur. Knowing that all occupants are out of a burning structure helps firefighters tremendously. Smoke detection... Can't say enough about smoke detection units. Having them and keeping them in proper working conditions is such a positive way to protect your family and property, because it alerts the occupants of danger and increases the time of detection. Thus, giving us those precious moments to protect your family and property.

Please visit the official NFPA's Fire Prevention Website for tips on safety and much more...

www.firepreventionweek.org

Be safe and "Protect Your Family From Fire".

Matters of Training "Calling all Cars"



On **October 8th** of this year Gasper Township Fire Department will be conducting a full day of departmental training (both Fire and EMS) to better our skills of extrication. If you should have an old vehicle (with title) that you don't want and would like to donate for this training please contact: Chief McWilliams at the fire station (937.472.0100) to arrange for a pick up at no charge to you.

For further information please contact the station and speak with...

- Chief, Ken McWilliams
- Asst. Chief, Larry Taylor
- Asst. Chief, Brian Collins

Gasper Township Fire Department
(937) 472-0100



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Minutes from Regular Meeting held May 16, 2011 at the Gasper Township Fire Station.

Gasper Township Board of Trustees President Eric White called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were board members Bill Roell, Larry Taylor, and Eric White, Fiscal Officer Anitra Roell, Maintenance worker

Bo Moore, EMTs Ann Fluegeman and Jenna Foust, PC Deputy Kevin Caplinger, OTARMA rep Tom Welsch, and Tom Wagoner of Wagoner Paving.

Larry Taylor is working on completing gates in fire station parking lot.

Road Business: Signs around township need to be straightened up. Eric told Bo that he had a complaint about the use of the boom mower to cut trees that were close to a residents yard.

There is a hole on Paint Creek near the east gate that needs patched.

Tom Welsch from OTARMA reviewed insurance renewal.

Road bids opened at 7:00 P.M.

Wagoner Paving-MC 3000 \$4.60/gal full seal 90/gal strip

#8 Limestone \$25.30/ton full seal \$27.25/ton strip

Hensly Paving-MC 3000 \$4.30/gal full seal \$4.55/gal strip

#8 Limestone \$26.25/ton full seal \$28.25/ton strip

Bill made motion to accept bid from Wagoner Paving, Larry second. Bill and Larry vote yes, Eric vote no.

Township building needs some repair. Eric will get supplies and start project. Need to open an account at Sherwin Williams. There is a place on Seven Mile Road that needs a new tile.

Deputy Caplinger reports that all is going good in Lakengren. No problems.

Fire Business: Reviewed run reports. Considering increasing size of parking lot at fire station. Fire Chief has found a car to purchase for use as "command vehicle." The purchase price is \$800. The cost is to purchase light/siren package. The car is actually being donated. Fiscal Officer reminded that spending needs to be watched. Discussed that car will be used for runs and is considered fire/ems vehicle, when this vehicle responds to scene it is billable.

Larry made motion to purchase car, Eric second, all vote yes.

Eric made motion, Bill second, all vote yes to accept Resolution 2011-14. Pertaining to fire levy. It will be a renewal of current levy.

Eric made motion, Bill second, all vote yes to accept Resolution 2011-13. Transfer funds from general fund to road/bridge fund to pay for insurance.

Bill made motion, Eric second, all vote yes to accept Resolution 2011-12. Accepting final vacation of Camden Road.

Trustees discussed current insurance coverage and increasing coverages as recommended by OTARMA rep.

Larry made motion, Bill second, all vote yes to increase brush truck coverage to \$60000 and 2003 International to \$225000.

Trustees signed checks.
May Fund Status
General Fund \$206,067.69
Motor Vehicle License Tax \$4,107.32
Gasoline Tax \$43,024.22
Road and Bridge \$946.00
Police Fund \$37,351.21
Special Levy \$65,424.51
Special Revenue(FEMA) \$0.00
Total \$356,920.95

Larry made motion to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Eric second.

May 2011 Regular Meeting

Minutes from Regular Meeting held June 20, 2011 at the Gasper Township Fire Station. Gasper Township Board of Trustees President Eric White called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were board members Bill Roell, Larry Taylor, and Eric White, Fiscal Officer Anitra Roell, Maintenance worker Bo Moore, PC Deputy Kevin Caplinger, fire fighters Bart Lainhart, Kent Unger, Tom Pekar, Matt Wheeler, Jon Orzechowski, Mike Jefferies, EMTs Rita Madigan, Brian Collins, Ken McWilliams, Emily Hauser, Jessica Dale, Lakengren Maintenance Manager Kevin Thorpe, and residents Kristi Taylor, Randy Blaich, and Janet Davis.

Lakengren is to begin paving on June 21 per Kevin Thorpe.

Eric read letter of resignation from Fire Chief Josh Haney. Eric made motion to accept resignation, Larry second, all vote yes.

Matt Wheeler asked what was the plan for the fire department, needing new leadership.

Joe Hodapp asked how we can increase new recruits for fire department.

Rita Madigan expressed concern about lack of back up when EMTs needed help for a run.

Randy Blaich asked about fire department plans for July 4 celebration. Also asked if someone would be finishing up research on water issues with Lakengren/fire department.

Fire/EMS is suggesting purchase of new pagers.

Road Business: Seven Mile bridge needs cleaned up, back hoe work needs done (Randy Call will assist), trim fence on Paint Creek Road at Mann Road, clean up tree on Tucker Road, and Eric is working on township building repairs.

Winters Road Cemetery----DP & L requesting permission to make changes at the cemetery, there is no exact record indicating that Gasper Township has ownership. PC Prosecuting Attorney wrote letter on behalf of township to DP& L. Bill made motion for Eric to sign letter on behalf of trustees. Larry second, all vote yes.

Larry Taylor made motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Eric second. 7:14 PM

7:32 ñ trustees requested all fire fighters present to join executive ses-

Sept. & October Calendar of Events

Pinochle & Euchre Fridays @ Lodge 7 p.m.

BP/Glucose screenings at the Fire Station M-F

Sep 1 Marine Lakes Mgmt Mtg 7 p.m. @ Marina Clubhouse

Sep 3 Drakefest - 5 to 11 p.m. - Open gate

Sep 5 LPOA & LWA offices closed on Labor Day - Last day for pool

Sep 8 Women's Club Bake Sale 9 to 12 @ Lodge

Sep 8 Dragons Mtg 7:30 p.m. @ Lodge

Sep 8-10 Fall Community Garage Sales - Open gate

Sep 10 Bass Club Mtg TBA

Sep 10 Dragons Hold'em Returns 7 p.m. @ Lodge

Sep 12 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ Marina Clubhouse LWA Bldg

Sep 15 Safety Committee Mtg @ 5 p.m. @ Lodge

Sep 16 Viking deadline for October

Sep 17 Open Bass Practice 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. @ Marina

Sep 17 Live at the Lodge - Listening music

Sep 20 Garden Club Mtg 7 p.m. @ Lodge - sprk on Rock Gardening

Sep 21 Christmas Lights Committee 6:00 p.m., Mtg begins 8 p.m. @ Lodge

Sep 24 Golf Cart Rally - registration 10 a.m. at 204 Hatchet Drive

Sep 25 Open Bass Tournament 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. @ Marina

Sep 26 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ Marina Clubhouse

Sep 28 Social Club TBA

Sep 29 Blood Drive 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. @ LWA Bldg (Blood Mobile)

Oct 1 Bass Club Mtg TBA

Oct 1 Dragons Hold'em 7 p.m. @ Lodge

Oct 5 Women's Club field trip to Patterson House - assemble 11:15 a.m. @ Lodge

Oct 6 Marine Lakes Mgmt Mtg 7 p.m. @ Marina Clubhouse

Oct 8 LPOA Annual Mtg 9:00 a.m. - Location TBA

Oct 9 - 15 Fire Prevention Week

Oct 10 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ Marina Clubhouse

Oct 13 Dragons Mtg 7:30 p.m. @ Lodge

Oct 15 Bass Club Anniversary & Awards Dinner, 7 pm @ Lodge

Oct 18 Garden Club field trip to Gratis (afternoon)

Oct 19 Christmas Lights Committee 6:00 p.m., Mtg begins 8 p.m. @ Lodge

Oct 20 Safety Committee Mtg @ 5 p.m. @ Lodge

Oct 21 Viking deadline for November

Oct 22 Adult Halloween Party (over 21)

Oct 24 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ Marina Clubhouse.

Oct 26 Social Club TBA

Oct 27 Children's Halloween Walk 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. @ Lodge

sion (Unger, Hodapp, Jefferies, Hauser, Lainhart, Wheeler, Pekar, McWilliams, and Collins)

8:00 ñ trustees dismissed fire fighters from executive session.

8:29 ñ trustees asked Ken McWilliams to join executive session.

8:40 ñ trustees asked Brian Collins to join executive session.

8:46 Bill made motion to return to regular session, Eric second.

Eric White made motion to appoint new fire command. Ken McWilliams interim chief, Larry Taylor interim assistant fire chief, Brian Collins interim assistant EMS chief. Bill second, Eric and Bill vote yes, Larry abstain.

Pay for the above command will be: Interim Chief @ \$27500/year; Interim Asst. Fire @ \$0; Interim Asst. EMS @ \$875/year

Swore in the three interim officers. Official swearing in of officers is scheduled for June 23, 2011. Completing off-

cer staff will be Joe Hodapp as Lieutenant/Chaplain (\$750/year), Matt Wheeler as Lieutenant (\$750/year), and Ann Fluegeman as Captain (\$875/year).

Trustees approved minutes from April 2011 regular meeting as read by fiscal officer. Bill made motion, Larry second, all vote yes.

Trustees approved minutes from May 2011 regular meeting as read by fiscal officer. Bill made motion, Larry second, all vote yes.

June Fund Status
General Fund \$248,207.93
Motor Vehicle License Tax \$4,980.96
Gasoline Tax \$48,258.10
Road and Bridge \$946.00
Police Fund \$6,858.63
Special Levy \$51,847.49
Special Revenue(FEMA) \$0.00
Total \$361,099.11
Larry made motion to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Eric second.