




## *A View From The Lake*

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*Schaefer Lake Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Events**

- June 18<sup>th</sup>** *Girlfriend Ride* – For additional information regarding the ride, contact Carol Ashbrook (Lot #81).
- June 20<sup>th</sup>** *Full Moon Float* – Gather at the deep end of the lake, bring snacks, hook on and float with your friends and neighbors.
- June 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** *Garage Sale* – Signs will be posted and the sale will be advertised. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Trotter or Chrysty Wiedersatz
- July 2<sup>nd</sup>** *4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat/Pontoon Parade* – Decorate your boat or pontoon in patriotic colors and join in the fun parading around the lake. The parade will begin at dusk. Lets go all out celebrating our country's birthday. 



**Congratulations to our Graduates!**

**High School** – Abbey Ashbrook, Noah Miller, Avery Tallent and Maranda Knight.

**Pre-School** – Brody Hege and Cailyn Diedrich.

**Kindergarten** – Kira Wiedersatz

**Pre – K** - Kaleb Carman



Did you know that Lois Vorthmann picks up trash around the lake on her morning walks?

Did you know that Nancy Snyder monitors the waterway for debris as she kayaks up the lake?

Our **thanks** to these two ladies for making our community a nicer place to live!

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**Lake Water Testing** – The lake water was tested for E Coli and Nitrates on 5/18/2016. Both levels were well below the acceptable levels. Water will be tested monthly through September.

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**Fishing Tournament Results** – 10 kids participated in the Kid’s Fishing Derby on Sat. the 4<sup>th</sup> of June with each child receiving a prize. The winning boat in the Big Bass Tournament was Mitchel Collier and Chad Taylor. They caught the biggest bass weighing in at 2.4 lbs. Their prize was \$70. Second place finisher was Marvin Hamilton, Jr. at 1.76 lbs. and he received \$30. The winner of the Big Bass Pot of \$50 also went to Collier and Taylor.



## Thoughts & Prayers

This is a new column added to this month's newsletter. It's intention is to make the membership aware of people in the Schaefer Lake community who need to be in our thoughts and prayers. Permission has been obtained before publishing any names. Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers. Why not drop them a card or give them a call to let them know you are thinking of them.

- Charlene Lewis – Health issues
- Dawn Deiwert - Recovery from knee replacement
- Keller Families, Hege Family and Mary Laudick – death in the family

**Eastern Bartholomew Water** – EBW indicates that they will probably start water installation around the beginning of July. We will keep you posted as we learn more. In the meantime, you can call them to obtain a membership form so you can be on the list to get water when it becomes available. Contact # 812-536-9777



**Meet Your Neighbors** – Starting in July, we will introduce a new column. Each month Dawn Deiwert will “interview” one of the Schaefer Lake neighbors and will write a column for the newsletter giving all of us an opportunity to “meet our neighbors”. Be ready for a call from Dawn asking to get to know you and your family better so she can introduce you to the membership via the newsletter. It should be fun!! As always, we welcome your feedback.



***Jerrilou Cole is interested in starting a monthly card group.***

I am up for suggestions on what you would like to play, be it the same card game every month, or play different card games each month. Please give me a call or email me if you are interested and what you would like to play. If we get a group together and not all of us know how to play a specific game, are you willing to give all of us lessons? This could be a great get together and I am happy to host it.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Jerrilou Cole

**Boat Ramp Key & Stickers:** From the month of June going forward all keys and stickers can be obtained by contacting Jamie Champlin ( lot #14). After your dues are paid and watercraft registration has been completed, Jamie will be more than happy to accommodate you. She will even hand deliver so give her a call!

# Safety Corner

A few years ago the SLLOA board voted to follow the Indiana Boating Laws Handbook. This handbook is very detailed and a link is provided on the webpage. Let a board member know if you would like a paper copy.

Many homeowners are new to boating and lake living. This section of the newsletter is intended to educate and remind residents of water safety. If there are safety topics that concern you or safety questions you would like the board to address here in the newsletter, please send an email to [Schaefer.lake@yahoo.com](mailto:Schaefer.lake@yahoo.com) or speak to a board member.



## June Safety Highlights

**Lights:** Page 10 of the handbook discusses navigation lights. There are red lights on the left and green lights on the right. There should be a masthead light on all boats out at night which shines white light forward and on both sides. There should also be white light on the back of the boat. **Lights need to be on 30 minutes before sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.**

**Lifejackets:** Page 38 of the handbook discusses personal floatation devices. In short, all skiers and jet ski operators must wear a life jacket. All boats are required to have a lifejacket on board for each person on board. The handbook identifies various types of personal floatation devices.

**Spotters:** Page 76 of the handbook discusses towing persons or objects. If a person or object is being towed there should be one person watching the skier at all times and a different person driving the boat.

**Safety Committee** – At this time we do not have a safety committee to enforce boating safety rules. We are looking for volunteers to help develop the committee. There is a Rules and Regulations Committee working to evaluate the safety rules. In the meantime, a statement that appeared in the 1995 water safety rules is still very applicable today:

“Each lot owner has the responsibility to preserve the safety of our lake. As such, gross violations observed by anyone should be reported to the SLLOA board immediately for resolution. Board members are listed on the SLLOA.com website.”

Finally, Remember to check out the [SLLOA.com](http://SLLOA.com) website. It is a work in progress, but we are working on making it more useful.