

President's Message

We are right in the middle of winter at our lake. I am sure many of you are experiencing cabin fever that goes with the post-holiday month of February longing for warmer days and an unfrozen lake. However, winter at the lake also is a peaceful, quiet time allowing us to reflect on the recent past and look forward to the near future. As we kick off calendar year 2018 with this newsletter, I thought it most appropriate to reflect on our accomplishments as an association over the past couple of years. As life gets in the way, as it often does, we realized we do not celebrate our successes nearly as often as maybe we should.

Through fully volunteer efforts, important partnerships, and generous donations, we have continued to enjoy the traditions of the annual lake cleanup in the Spring, the Fish Fry at Camp Crosley, the flotilla and fireworks on Independence Day weekend just to name a few. Many on our lake do not realize the effort that goes on behind the scene to make these important events happen, but year after year these traditions carry on because of the tireless leadership of a few people. You know who you are and you expect no praise or attention, so I will respect your anonymity. However, THANK YOU on behalf of the entire membership and lake community.

In addition to the timeless traditions of our lake summer, over the past few years our association has embarked and achieved several milestone events for the health of our lake leaving a long-term positive impact on our families' ability to enjoy for generations to come. Specifically, with our partners, we completed a significant logjam removal project below the dam along the Tippecanoe River. Not only does this provide for improved paddling along the river, it improves flow downstream helping to reduce flooding in our lake. We continue to partner with the local organization, Paddlers for Conservation, on annual maintenance efforts along the river. Our association also took the important step in purchasing the cabins at the dam to provide access for IDNR to make our dam rehabilitation a priority. Without purchasing access, we would not be in the middle of a major dam rehabilitation project. We expect the dam to be reconstructed in 2018-2019, so by spring rains and summer 2019 we will see the positive results of a new dam. Finally, we are in the final stages of a massive sediment removal project that will improve the water quality, fisheries habitat, and recreational abilities for years to come.

We should be proud of our accomplishments and thankful to those who continue to work on behalf of our membership and lake community. I am confident we will continue to tackle every challenge and embrace every opportunity moving forward just as we have done in the past.

Best regards,

Neil B Myers, President, LTPO

LTPO Directory Cover Photos Needed



If you are interested in submitting any photos for the LTPO directory cover, please email them to Ian Crighton ian@crightontech.com

Things to consider when choosing images:

- Faces are best. I use a few "scenic" photos every year, but mostly people.
- These images are reproduced as a small size, so if they are too complex, it's hard to see the subject matter.
- The printed resolution is 300 dpi. This means any image less than 600 x 600 pixels will not work.

The deadline is March 10.

Thank you!

Ian Crighton, Directory Chair

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Beck, Randy & Deb—Armstrong Rd
Westover, Craig & Katie—Walker's Park

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STAR WARS Past & Present May the 4th Be With You

Don't be confused. **Force** yourself to mark your calendar for **July 7, 2018** for this year's flotilla. The theme is Star Wars Past & Present. Perhaps the Millennium Falcon will travel to a galaxy far, far away or at least to Lake Tippecanoe with family and friends. Star Wars opened in movie theaters on May 25, 1977, and throughout the 41 years there is a collection of memorable characters, species, quotes and spaceships to spark a floaters creative energy. This family-friendly, free event will take place at 1:00 PM, water front at Patona Bay. So if you are a fan, geek or just wanting to have fun, plan to join other warriors on the water or shoreline for a traditional great time.

Additional details to be published within the next few months. Log into www.ltpo.org for updates.

While celebrating the 4th of July, remember, "Heroes get remembered, legends never die."

Dan Drook, Flotilla Chair



Even During Winter: The Lilly Center's Commitment to Lake Tippecanoe

By Dr. Nate Bosch

The Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams works year-round to monitor the health of Tippecanoe, Oswego, and James lakes. Since lakes change with the seasons, year-round sampling measures how environmental factors affect the waterways.

Although ice may form, many streams do not freeze all the way to the bottom during the winter. Stream sampling during the winter allows the Lilly Center to gauge how nutrients and sediments are moving through those streams and into the lakes, even during changing seasons. For this reason, the Lake Tippecanoe Property Owners (LTPO) association has supported these strategic efforts for the last two years. The Lilly Center samples the Tippecanoe River, which flows into James Lake, and Grassy Creek, which flows into Lake Tippecanoe, as well as the Tippecanoe River as it flows out of Oswego Lake.

Using special equipment, the team measures and analyzes the water's temperature, depth, dissolved oxygen content, pH, and other characteristics. These are compared to numeric standards and guidelines, which help determine the water's health. Samples are collected for additional lab analysis such as nutrient levels and sediments, as well. The results help reveal what may be causing harm to a lake.

Our commitment to Lake Tippecanoe will be strengthened as we anticipate the Lilly Center's new headquarters in the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex at Grace College. In 2018 the Lilly Center will have a permanent home in the Science Complex! The Lilly Center's new location will feature state-of-the-art facilities and equipment so we will be able to test water samples from the Tippecanoe lakes on-site, which means faster data turnaround. We will have more opportunities to share important information like updates on blue-green algae levels and other potential concerns on local lakes.

To learn more about the Lilly Center, visit lakes.grace.edu





Peoples Award won by Ray Taylor



Wet n' Wild won by Bonnie Phillips



Nature's Studio won by Leo Dean Jensen

TWF Concludes 2017 Picture your Watershed Photography Contest



Lovin' the Lakes won by Melissa Winters

A picture is worth 1,000 words- especially when it comes to nature's beauty.

The Watershed Foundation's annual Photo Contest aims to share how community members live, learn and play on our area's lakes and streams.

"We love to see the pictures, share them, and let others know how important they are to protect and improve upon," explained Eileen Oaks, TWF Marketing Specialist.

The competition was open to all pictures taken in the Upper Tippecanoe River watershed; an area that includes over 60 lakes spanning from Crooked Lake in Whitley county through south of Warsaw.

Pictures were accepted from July until November 1, and then open voting for the "People's Choice" award began through TWF's website and Facebook page.

So, without further ado, The Watershed Foundation has announced the 2017 "Picture your Watershed" photo contest winners. With 277 votes, Ray Taylor's "Cedar Waxwing Lovebirds" was by far the public's favorite, winning the People's Choice Award! The Wet n' Wild was very close category, but Bonnie Phillips' "Shine On (Dragonfly)" outshone the other pictures! In the Lovin' the Lakes category, "His World" by Melissa Winters won over the judge's hearts and secured this category for the win!

Leo Dean Johnson accomplished what many have tried, and failed to do. Catching a "Supermoon over Tippy" with amazing talent and winning the Nature's Studio category!

"Thank you to all 28 photographers who helped make this year such a success! 81 photographs represented 14 lakes across our watershed, from Crooked and Loon Lakes, to Barbee and Tippy, to Pike and Winona Lakes!" said Oaks. "TWF would also like to thank each voter! The contest was visited over 2,100 times and over 3,400 votes were cast!"

TWF was founded in 1997 to protect and improve water quality in the Upper Tippecanoe River Watershed; spanning from Crooked Lake in Whitley County to the Warsaw-Winona area. Over the past 20 years, TWF has worked with farmers and lake residents to implement over 200 water quality improvement projects. In the last four years alone, these efforts have prevented over 815 million pounds of weeds and algae from growing in area lakes and streams.

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Board Meeting	February 17	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting	March 17	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting	April 21	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting/Lake Clean Up	May 19	8:00 a.m.	Patona Bay Snack Shop
Safe Boating Class	June 14	5:00—8:00 p.m.	Patona Bay Showroom
	June 15	6:00—8:00 p.m.	
	June 16	8:00—9:00 a.m.	
Board Meeting	June 16	8:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Fish & Tenderloin Fry	June 23	5:00—8:00 p.m.	Camp Crosley
Flotilla	July 7	1:00 p.m.	Big Tippe
Fireworks	July 7	10:30 p.m.	Big Tippe
Annual Meeting/Board Meeting	July 21	9:00 a.m.	TLCC
Board Meeting	August 18	8:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting	September 15	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room
Board Meeting	October 20	9:00 a.m.	NWCC-Banquet Room

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