

**LAKENGREN  
PROPERTY OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES - Regular  
Open Meeting July  
12, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the LWA Meeting Room. Present: President Paul Ellison, Vice-President Deron McEldowney, Secretary Judy Thaxton, Treasurer Randy Blaich, Asst. Treasurer Rick McMahan, Amy Gilbert, Bill Hapner, and Gerald Estes. Also present were Manager Kevin Thorpe, Office Manager Tammy Moore, Board Recorder Daphne Brunett, Officer Kevin Caplinger and 18 visitors. Absent: Matt Brueggemann.

President's Remarks: Mr. Ellison noted the Fireworks were a success with no incidents.

10-07-104 Gerald Estes made the motion to approve the June 14, 2010 Board Minutes. Randy Blaich seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Blaich noted the following funds available as of July 9, 2010:

2009 Carry Over ñ Final \$ 3,469.69  
Road Improvements Fund \$ 76,169.96  
Operating Fund-\$ 363,529.73  
Capital Improvements Fund-\$ 36,906.16  
Designated Lodge/ Building-\$ 8,417.26  
Emergency Reserve Fund-\$ 107,225.51  
Lake Improvements Fund-\$ 146,020.21  
Accounts Receivable as of July 9, 2010 were:  
2009 & Previous -\$ 90,337.49 (85 members)  
2010 Dues, Oper/Lakes/Road/ Capital Assessments, New Member Fees, Etc., due 4/30/10-\$ 68,717.22 (84 members)  
2010 Payment Plans-\$ 129,025.37 (370 members)  
Current Billing Less Than 30 Days Past Due/New Members/Mowing/Etc.-\$ 10,355.34  
10-07-105 Amy Gilbert

made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Deron McEldowney seconded. Motion approved.

LWA Report: Roger Rig reported that Choice One Engineering was chosen for the leachate project.

He also noted details are being worked out for trash pickup for the LWA through the Lakengren trash collection service.

Manager's Report: Kevin Thorpe noted the Marina prints have been approved and we are ready to start, but it would be better to wait until after Labor Day since there are so many activities and reservations for the Marina during the next two months. Roads to be asphalted sometime in August include Ram, Battle and Sail Drive, with patching on different areas around Lakengren Drive and Brande Drive.

Quotes for a new Grasshopper are being obtained, hopefully by Monday morning. The New Holland tractor went down this week with transmission trouble and is at Steinke Tractor for repairs.

Mowing is being done, but is not caught up yet due to recent rains. The Fireworks went smoothly. It was difficult to determine if there were more or less people attending this year. There were many house parties around the lake.

The lakes have been treated on a regular schedule. Valhalla Lake is on a one-week treatment cycle in an effort to get rid of the weeds and moss, but is at risk for a fish kill.

The trash company seems to be doing very well at this time. The worst problem has been people forgetting what day their pickup is and some taking advantage of it, or making a pile of garbage with no bags.

10-07-106 Randy Blaich made the motion to approve the purchase of a new mower up to \$12,657.00 from Capital Improvements. Amy Gilbert seconded. Motion approved.

Sheriff's Report: Mr.

Caplinger noted there were no problems with the fireworks this year. He also reported the ODNR was out on the lake the Friday before the 4th. He will be doing more training with them. Also, the bike patrol is working well.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Policy Review Committee: Daphne Brunett reported the committee met on July 7th with all members present. Two items were noted which were suppose to have been on last year's ballot for vote by the LPOA membership, but since the statute of limitations has expired, they require a new vote by the Board before being put on this year's ballot. First was the description of Member in Good Standing for the Code of Regulations, second was wording for the Code allowing for the publication of names of delinquent property owners in the Lakengren newsletter. In other business, the committee discussed the need for a complete review and revisions to the Code of Rules and Regulations that will protect the LPOA from possible legal issues with the passing of new laws by the State of Ohio concerning private communities. Also, the Deed Restrictions will end in the year 2020 and it is suggested that Deed Restriction items should be transferred to the Code of Regulations prior to 2020 to allow for a smooth transition.

Keeping the policy manuals up to date for the Office, Board, Policy Review Committee and Judiciary Committee has become very difficult and suggestions for easier ways to maintain the manuals are being considered. Last item was a request to change the Policy Review Committee chairperson from Daphne Brunett to Deron McEldowney.

10-07-107 Randy Blaich made the motion to approve Deron McEldowney as the new Chairperson for the Policy Review Committee. Bill Hapner seconded. Motion approved.

Viking Editorial Committee: Janet Davis noted the deadline is Friday, July 16th. She also asked when will the Board return to 2 meetings per month and she was told in September.

Safety and Security Committee: Several items were discussed, including checking boat stickers at the Marina-two members were out and found at least 20 boats without stickers. Deputy Caplinger will go out with John Shipley sev-

eral times this summer to help enforce things on the water. ODNR was out on July 3rd and did not report any infractions. Another item discussed was the old bar codes and the problems that continue with them. It was suggested that those with the original bar codes be asked to come in, and if their bar code is not tampered with, left on, but those that were tampered with will be coded out and new bar codes issued. If the owner refuses to put it on the vehicle, they would not get one.

Marine and Lake Management Committee: The written report stated the committee met July 11th with 6 members present. Bruce Clark has ordered plaques for the Night and Fall tournaments. Mr. Clark asked all who can help at the Night tournament to be there by 8-8:30 to set up. Chuck Rutherford voiced concern about the weed problem at Bear Lake. Charlie Moore stated the committee would see what can be done. The next meeting is August 5th at 7:00 pm at the Marina (weather permitting) or at the Lodge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Finance Planning Committee: Tom Pohlbel stated there have been several meetings noting the primary concerns are getting the roads done and that there be no more road assessments till they are done. Recreational and social activities need improvements through fundraising and donations. Problem is there are not enough volunteers to organize these things. The committee is looking into the costs of equipment.

10-07-108 Judy Thaxton made the motion to approve the YMCA camp. Randy Blaich seconded. Motion approved.

LWM: It was noted the committee now has a 5th member., Paul Myer.

**OLD BUSINESS**

10-07-109 Randy Blaich made the motion to approve the wording for Member in Good Standing to be submitted to vote to the membership as follows: Article II, Section 1.D "Full Voting Members (Property Owners), Tenant Members (Renters), and Associate Members as described in this Article II Section 1.A, B and C shall be considered "Members in Good Standing" when all dues, assessments, fines, or other financial obligations to the Lakengren Property Owners Association, and its subsidiary companies, are paid in full, or, in the case of payment arrangements, are

current to date, and, in addition, there are no outstanding citations, penalties or suspensions for violations of the LPOA Rules and Regulations, Deed Restrictions, or policies of the Lakengren Property Owners Association, Inc." Amy Gilbert seconded. Motion approved.

10-07-110 Amy Gilbert made the motion to approve the wording for Publication of Names of Delinquent Property Owners to be submitted to vote to the membership as follows: Article II Section 3 (last paragraph under PAYMENT DEFAULT)

**VIKING DEADLINES 2010**  
September 17  
October 15  
November 19  
December 17

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where. The foregoing is without prejudice to the LPOA's rights to pursue other remedies against property owners delinquent in the payment of such charges." Randy Blaich seconded. Motion approved with 6 in favor and 1 against.

Audience member Clayton Lucky recommended that only court cases should be published and that a statement to that effect should be put in the Membership Application.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The questionnaire for LPOA Trustees was discussed and a couple of changes made. It will be sent to the Viking.

It was asked if there were any objections to recording all the rules, regulations and by-laws with the county recorder. No objections.

Rick McMahan noted many people have complained about the trash on the beach.

Randy Blaich noted we are out of 96 gallon trash totes.

10-07-111 Randy Blaich made the motion to purchase 100 96-gallon totes @ \$5137.07 out of the LWM account. Amy Gilbert seconded. Motion approved.

Mr. Blaich also stated there should be a notice in the Viking that individuals can purchase additional totes. People need to do more recycling and use alternate methods of disposing of yard waste to save money for the LWM.

**RECOGNITION AND HEARING OF VISITORS**

Phil Davis asked for a variance on his boat length which is 20' 4".

10-07-112 Judy Thaxton made the motion to grant the variance for the

boat owned by Phil Davis. Rick McMahan seconded. Motion approved.

Gary Donaldson asked if the LPOA would reimburse cost for work done on a sump pump and drainage tiles. He was told the LPOA doesn't reimburse for such work, but occasionally will help with work.

Clayton Lucky noted the end of his cove needs dredging.

Paul Healy discussed the watershed problems in different areas.

10-07-113 Randy Blaich made the motion to approve the New Membership. Rick McMahan seconded. Motion approved.

10-07-114 Randy Blaich made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Deron McEldowney seconded. Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05 pm.

10-07-115 Randy Blaich made the motion to return to Regular Session. Amy Gilbert seconded. Meeting returned to regular session at 9:25 pm.

10-07-116 Randy Blaich made the motion to adjourn. Gerald Estes seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

**LWA VIKING REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2010**

Landfill Leachate Project Meetings

On Wednesday, August 18 the Preble County Commissioners held an informational meeting on the leachate force main from the Preble County Sanitary Landfill to LWA manhole # 534 on Paint Creek Road. Some Lakengren residents raised questions and concerns about potential impacts of the

leachate once it enters the Lakengren sewer system that were beyond the scope of that meeting and were therefore not addressed.

To provide those residents and any others who are interested the opportunity to bring these issues directly before the Lakengren Water Authority Board of Trustees, the BOT is scheduling a special informational meeting about the leachate project in Lakengren on Thursday, September 16, at 7:00pm at the Lakengren Lodge. Topics to be discussed at the meeting will include: 1) backup and overflow risks to residences adjacent to sewer lines through which the leachate will flow once it enters the Lakengren system; 2) the potential for odors from the leachate in Lakengren; 3) potential risks to the Lakengren water supply; and 4) planned testing and safety measures within Lakengren.

**Holiday Closing**

The LWA office will be closed on Monday, September 6, for the Labor Day holiday, and will reopen at 8 AM on Tuesday, September 7, 2010..

**Marine and Lake Management Meeting**

From: Charlie Moore - Chairman

Date: August 6, 2010

Subject: Meeting Minutes August 5, 2010

Number of Committee Members present: 6

Recognize guests: Paul Healy, Mike & Ann Schleich, Janet Davis & Jerry Spaeth, Judy Thaxton & Tom Wissman

The minutes of the last meeting were not read.

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

Old business: The Plaques vs. Trophies were well accepted by all.

Charlie Moore thanked all that helped at the Night Fishing Tournament.

New business: Paul Healy voiced concern about our lakes condition in regard to the problem at Grand Lake St. Marys. All concerns were addressed by Kevin Thorpe general manager and Charlie Moore chairman.

Charlie Moore is submitting a statement to the Viking with a method to minimize the possibility of this happening to Lake Lakengren. A recommendation is also being made to the Board of Trustees.

Mike Schleich was concerned about numerous dead fish and an oily film

on the water around his dock. A member of the committee stated the dead fish could be due to the extremely warm water and the oily film maybe from a boat motor leaking. Committee will monitor.

Janet Davis & Jerry Spaeth attended the meeting representing the Viking.

Judy Thaxton was in attendance as a concerned board member.

Charlie Moore reported to the committee on the price of fathead minnows. Committee will make a decision on how many and when to order at a later meeting.

Committee worked on setting dates for next years Open Bass Tournaments, will be voted on at a later time.

Next Meeting- September 2, 2010 7:00 p.m. at the Marina weather permitting or Lodge

New members always welcome. Everyone is welcome to attend,

**SUBJECT: FIRE PIT POLICY**

**Date of Adoption: September 27, 2004**

Reason for Policy: To provide uniform safety guidelines for the construction and use of recreational fire pits in Lakengren.

Source of Board Authority: Code of Regulations and Corporate By-Laws of Lakengren Property Owners Association, Inc., Article XIII-b.

POLICY: Fire pits are permitted at a residence in Lakengren when all of the following points are adhered to:

1. The fire must be in a recessed pit or ring no larger than 5 feet in diameter constructed of fireproof material, or a commercially produced fire pit.

2. There is no more than a light to moderate

breeze.  
3. The fire does not create an excessive amount of smoke that may create a visibility hazard to traffic.

4. The fire pit is located sufficiently at the most remote location from buildings and other combustible materials.

5. The member has a water hose, fire extinguisher, or other extinguishing agent capable of putting out the fire readily available.

6. The fire is for recreational/cooking purposes only, and shall not be used for disposal of household waste materials.

Violations of this policy may result in a warning, citation, or fine of \$25-50.

Submitted by: Lakengren Safety Committee.



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# A Matter of Security

By Ginger Adams

This month's article comes to us from our boat patrol officer. I know it's late in the season, but it's never too late to educate the property owners, no matter what the subject is.

This summer's hot days and cooler evenings have brought out more boaters than usual onto the lake at night. Many of them don't understand that turning on ALL navigation lights at SUNSET (not after dark) is a legal requirement and is for their own safety. For most boats on Lakengren this means a red light on the port (left) bow, a green light on the starboard (right) bow, and an all around white light above the stern.

From the front, red/green lights on the bow, with no all around white light, says you are a sailboat with the engine off. From the back, there is no indication that you are even there. From the front, a white all around light,

says you are at anchor and not moving. From the back it says you are either at anchor or are moving directly ahead.

It is illegal to show unauthorized lights while underway. This includes docking spotlights except briefly, when necessary.

The top ten reasons for NOT displaying running lights are:

1. Don't want to
2. It's not dark yet
3. Don't have any
4. Quit working
5. Can't find the switches
6. Runs down the battery
7. Attracts insects and bugs
8. Uses more fuel
9. Don't want to be seen speeding at night
10. Don't want to be seen skiing at night

Top 5 reasons for displaying running lights

1. Lets other boaters know where you are
2. Lets other boaters know which direction you are moving
3. Prevents collisions
4. It's courteous to other boaters
5. IT'S THE LAW:

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LAKENGREN

There you have it. Don't give the Ohio Department of Watercraft reason to come to Lakengren and issue citations.



## News from Paul Healy

For Prospective Members of Marine & Lake Management

At the spring meeting of the Ohio Lake Communities Association at Apple Valley, their Lake Committee gave a 45 minute presentation of their involvement. Their Lake chairman sent me their outline of the presentation by email. If you would like to see it, send an email to phealy6@woh.rr.com and it will be forwarded to you.

At previous Board meetings, it was suggested that we have contact with the Preble County Soil and Water Conservation District about our watershed. There have been some contacts made. Interestingly, one of our own Lakengren residents is one of the five board members. Indian Lake residents joined with their Soil and Water District 20 years ago. We may be late as compared to them but we are now addressing the possible problem. Last week, the Office cited the using fertilizer without phosphorus.

The next meeting of

this committee will be on Thursday, September 2, in the Lodge at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Fall Meeting of the Ohio Lake Communities Association

The fall meeting of the Ohio Lake Communities Association will be held at Lake Choctaw on Wednesday and Thursday, September 22 & 23. It is about 90 minutes away.

A director of the ODNR is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon and will discuss the blue alga. The full program will be in next week's article.

Margaret and I have been attending these meetings for some 18 years. We have developed great friendships with other lake members and find their achievements and problems of interest. Plan to attend this two day meeting if your life needs some stimulation.

### Drakefest

The fourth annual Drakefest will take place on Saturday, September 4th from 5:00 to 11:00 PM. The schedule of events is: 5:00- Festival begins with games and prizes for kids, concessions open. 5:45- Level Ground Band. 7:00- Adele Gates Band. 8:15- Gokart Drawing by Planet Off-Road. 8:30- Bad Medicine- A Tribute to Bon Jovi. 10:00 Lazer

with fireworks. 10:35- Fireworks with Grand Finale. 10:45- Leave Completely Exhausted.

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### Any Skunks Around

Our beloved Donna Guethlen called and said that some animal has entered her garage and chewed on her garage door opener wires. Bob Myers fixed the wiring. It happened again and she called me. The wires were attached and duck taped. Her deceased husband and good friend, John, had given me a live trap. We loaded it with peanut butter and placed it near a garage wall that an animal may have used to gain entrance to the crawl space. With the doors closed, the trap was sprung, the pea-

nut butter gone and no animal. The next night, the door was open about two inches and Donna found a skunk in the trap in the morning and thankfully, no skunk odor.

The trap was gently placed in a large plastic bag and dropped into the lake. The plastic bag ballooned up when water entered the bag. Somehow the baby skunk got out of the trap and the bag and started swimming around the sea wall. A stick was used to keep it close to shore. By the time Donna got a rake to rescue or drown the baby skunk it started swimming across the lake. I wish I had a video of it. It reminded me of our son, John, who adopted a baby skunk and advisedly, got rid of it prior to any smell.

Security was called for help prior to bagging the skunk. When told that we just captured a skunk, the reply was "is it anyone we know." Yes, we do have a sense of humor at Lakengren.

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# BOARD RESUMES

Lakengren B.O.T. Resume  
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 What skills, knowledge, abilities and/or talents do you possess that are relevant to the position of LPOA trustee?  
 Previously served 12 years

on the Board.  
 Why are you a candidate for the position of LPOA Trustee?  
 I have lived in Lakengren for over 30 years and I love what it has to offer.  
 Have you attended any of the LPOA Board of Trustees meetings? How often?  
 Many  
 Are you able to attend the regular meetings of the LPOA Board of Trustees?  
 Yes, anytime.

What are the most important issues facing Lakengren? How would you address these issues?  
 Lakes, roads, speed limit on roads. I had DP&L place a pole on my property & I pay the electric, \$18 per month, because of the racing cars. I don't want anyone hurt.  
 Please feel free to address any other issues you feel important.  
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**Judy Thaxton**  
 Lot 2170, E. Lakengren Dr.  
 Running for LPOA BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 It has come down to the end of my 3 year term. Decision making time. After much consideration & planning of the next 3 years of my

life. I have decided to finish Lakengren community if they would like to have me finish what we, the current board & myself, have projected as important for the community.  
 Working with this board has been a real eye opener. Credit for major accomplishments go to the hard working efforts of our General Manager, Kevin Thorpe, & his office & maintenance crews. With only one year left of his term on the board, Pres. Paul Ellison, has led us through serious issues with respect & dignity. Finances are a major issue with any private community, & we are in serious need of all to become MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. Pay your dues, members, We need the support of all to keep our community strong & in working order.

Are you aware of the members of this community who have donated time & in many cases dollars for the enjoyment of all of us? I am only going to name a few of the many, because these people are outstanding in my opinion & they deserve your thank you's.

Paul Healy, pres. Of the Christmas lights committee, sees to it that his committee decorates for the holidays, has a children's holiday program, also an adult one, & organizes the summer Poker Runs. Paul also writes the Lakengren News for the Register Herald. Our new Years Eve. Party & dance continues due to this organization. Paul has served on the board in the past, & continues to be involved, sharing his knowledge & talents wherever needed.

Dan McElwee, has personally led the Dragons into the growth they are experiencing. Dan attends the board meetings, offers challenging ideas to the board for fund raising, & social events. We are wearing Dan out as he continues to spend his retired time with the rest of us in mind. Dan's talents are numerous & he is always there to help out where he can.

Ginger Adams, now on security, is a long time resident, former board member, founder of the Halloween walk that she continues to run for the children of Lakengren. Ginger is another writer for the community, often updating us on safety issues. Her talents are sought by so many of us, I don't know

how she does it all & so well.  
 Dorothy Roebuck, requested a walking path for years. She kept dogging us until Helen Fisher gathered a group of like minded individuals & got the job done. Dorothy is writing a series of articles for the Viking describing the fun the old timers remember & especially how they used the cafe. Helen continues what she does so well, raising funds for projects here in our lake community.

Hats off to the above volunteers, but lets not forget the unpaid not mentioned. You probably know others that you would point to as having given above & beyond.

I'd point directly at Jerry Spaeth & Janet Davis who for years have created this newspaper of ours. The Viking keeps us all informed. (that is if you read it). They devote many hours each month to the paper. I cannot imagine how we would function as a community without them.

This community is my home. I can continue to work on the board if you chose. If not, I'm not going anywhere. - see you on the lake.

## Future Rock Star

In September Adrian Brunett will be vying for a win during the Dayton X-Fest along with ten nationally known rock bands. Sixteen bands were picked out of over 100 applicants for a "battle of the bands" by the radio station 103.9, the X, and the top four go on to X Fest, and maybe even stardom. Jorge and Daphne Brunett are Adrian's parents and they are really proud. Jorge is beyond proud, since he is the one who taught Adrian to play guitar. Good Luck.



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# LETTERS

## to the Editor!

(Nota Bene-The Viking appreciates Letters to the Editor and encourages residents to express their thoughts. However, letters that are libelous are not permitted. We also ask that when submitting your letters you do not use all capital letters! This is a rule of courtesy as they are difficult to read and it is like "shouting into the eye." In order to prove our point here is a recent letter we received. JMK)

TO WHOM THIS CONCERNS:  
I ATTENDED THE MEETING WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LAST EVE. AND WAS COMPLETELY IGNORANT/UNAWARE OF THE PLAN OF HAVING THE LEACHATE FROM THE LANDFILL TO OUR COMMUNITY VIA A HIGH PRESSURE SEWER LINE FOR THE NEXT 80 YEARS.

THE MAILING THAT I RECEIVED PRYOR TO THE MEETING, SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO EVERY MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY BEFORE IT WAS AGREED, TO HAVE THIS WASTE COME TO OUR FILTERING SYSTEM. IF THERE EVER WAS ANY NOTICE IN THE VIKING CONCERNING THIS MATTER, I MISSED IT. AND IF IT WAS NOTED IN THE FINE PRINT, I DIDN'T SEE IT. YOU SHOULD HAVE POSTED IT ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE VIKING, JUST AS YOU HAVE DONE WHEN YOU POST INFO FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETINGS, BIG PRINT AND THE WHOLE FRONT PAGE OF THE VIKING. DID YOU DO THAT, AND I MISSED IT ??? IF YOU WERE AFRAID THERE MIGHT BE OPPOSITION TO THIS MATTER, YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN, BE-

CAUSE THE MEMBERS THAT WERE THERE FOR THAT MEETING WERE NOT HAPPY CAMPERS/HOMEOWNERS !!

THIS MEETING WAS TO BE INFORMATIONAL. BUT I NOTED THAT THE ONLY WAY WE RECEIVED INFORMATION WAS TO POSE OUR QUESTION TO GET ANSWERS. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE WERE GETTING INFORMATION. MOST OF US, IF NOT ALL OF US, DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THERE WAS AN OPTION FOR THE LEACHATE TO GO THROUGH A BRAND NEW PIPE LINE TO CAMDEN'S NEW FACILITY THAT IS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO HANDLE THIS ISSUE. NONE OF YOU MENTIONED OR GAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PIPELINE UNTIL LAKENGREN MEMBERS PRESSURED YOU FOR SOME DETAILS. EVEN THEN, YOU WERE VERY RELUCTANT TO EVEN HAVE THE SUBJECT MENTIONED. SOMETHING STINKS AND IT COULD BE WORSE THAN WHAT THE LEACHATE PRODUCES ! IS THERE SOME KIND OF SHADY DEALING BEHIND THIS BIG DEAL ???

SO, I ASK YOU.....MR. PARKS, MR. PIERCE, MR. RIGA, AND OPERATIONS MGR. MR.GARY WAGNER .....

DID YOU CONSIDER ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE ON THE NOTICE WE REC'D. REGARDING THIS MATTER, BEFORE AGREEING TO HAVE THIS LEACHATE COME TO OUR COMMUNITY? IF YOU AREN'T THE PEOPLE TO DIRECT MY CONCERNS TO, WOULD YOU PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO THE PROPER PERSON/ PERSONS, OR REPLY TO ME, WHO I SHOULD DIRECT MY QUESTIONS AND FRUSTRATION TO.

ANY KIND OF RESPONSE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU.....

BARBARA BOWMAN  
Lot 713



Tracy Landsiedel of Nitelites was the guest speaker at the August Garden Club Meeting

## For The Love of Barns-Art Exhibit, Barn Tour & Dinner

"A Celebration of Barns through Art & Experience"  
For the Love of Barns Art Exhibit, Barn Tour, Dinner & Music, celebrating our love of barns through experience and through the eyes of artists is a collaborative project of the Preble County Fine Arts Center and the Preble County Historical Society.

The art exhibit will run from September 2nd to the 29th at the Preble County Fine Arts Center, located at 601 Hillcrest Dr., Eaton. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. Art center hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 1-5pm. One Best of Show award will be given at the end of the show. The winning piece will be selected by visitor vote, so make sure to stop in to see the show and cast your vote for your favorite piece of barn artwork.

A Driving Barn Tour & Dinner, ending up at the Preble County Historical Society, will take place on Sunday, September 12 from 1-7pm. The barn driving tour will start at the Art Center giving guests an opportunity to view the barn art exhibit.

Barn tour, dinner, & music tickets are \$30.00 per person and include:

β One raffle ticket for a chance to win artwork and gift cards along with great local prizes!

β A guided driving tour and stops at four historic

Preble County barns with barn historian Steve Gordon: on tour will be the Barns of Dick & Cindy Mitchell, John & Jean Tuggle, Jim & Barb Rohl, and the Preble County Historical Society

β The day ends with an Autumn Dinner & Music at the Preble County Historical Center. Autumn dinner (pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, homemade pies, cookies & ice cream. Live Music by Warren & Judy Waldren of Oxford.

For more information, visit:  
[www.pchs.preblecounty.com](http://www.pchs.preblecounty.com).

To reserve your tickets, please call the Art Center at 937-456-3999. Payment secures your registration, space is limited.

Preble County Art Association, Inc. 601 Hillcrest Drive, Eaton, OH 45320 Ph: 937.456.3999  
[www.takepartinart.net](http://www.takepartinart.net)

## Lakengren Cookbook

by Ginger Adams  
The Lakengren cookbook has been sent to the publisher! Those of you who submitted recipes for the cookbook can rest assured that you will have the book in about 45 days! Thanks to all of you who did send in your recipes. I think I have put together a book we can be proud of. If you would like to place an advance order and let me know how many cookbooks you want reserved, just give me a call at 456-1926, or stop by the guardhouse. You can also email me at [gadams@woh.rr.com](mailto:gadams@woh.rr.com). The cookbook will sell for \$10.00 each. The profits from the book will be used to buy a dedicated scanner for the Gasper Township Squad calls.

## Blood Drive

By Ginger Adams  
It's Blood Drive time!  
The annual Lakengren Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, September 30. The Blood Mobile will be parked at the LWA building from 3pm until 7pm. Again this year, free t-shirts will be given to those who sign up to donate blood. Refreshments are always provided. Remember, for each pint of blood you donate, three people benefit from it. You can also name a person you would like to donate blood for. Our own Preble County gets the credit for the blood donated, too. Please help us by donating blood. We'll see you on the 30th!



DATE	TIME	STREET	NATURE OF CALL	DISPOSITION
7/22/2010	3:02 PM	Baltic Cove	Civil Paper	Call Recorded
8/7/2010	6:22 AM	Baltic Cove	Dead Body Apparent	Natural Causes Report Taken
8/10/2010	9:26 AM	Brande Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/16/2010	9:00 AM	Brande Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
8/16/2010	4:05 PM	Brande Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
8/11/2010	4:27 AM	Dragon Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/16/2010	11:37 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Prowlers	Call Recorded
7/19/2010	11:06 AM	E. Lakengren Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
7/20/2010	10:30 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Petty Theft	Call Recorded
7/26/2010	5:39 AM	E. Lakengren Drive	Missing Person	Handled By EMS
8/1/2010	1:53 AM	E. Lakengren Drive	Unclassified Offense	Unable to locate
8/2/2010	4:32 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/7/2010	12:38 AM	E. Lakengren Drive	Juvenile	Report Taken
8/11/2010	5:00 PM	England Drive	Civil Protection Order	Call Recorded
8/11/2010	10:22 PM	England Drive	Civil Protection Order	Call Recorded
7/16/2010	8:05 AM	Finland Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
7/21/2010	9:01 PM	Fiord Drive	Abandoned 9-1-1 Call	Call Recorded
7/31/2010	4:37 PM	Fiord Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/10/2010	9:26 AM	Hatchet Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/15/2010	1:28 AM	Hatchet Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
7/16/2010	10:30 PM	Haugesund Cove	Suspicious Vehicle	Call Recorded
8/8/2010	3:05 PM	Haugesund Cove	Intoxicated Person	Trespassed Off Property
7/31/2010	9:08 PM	Kastrup Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/26/2010	9:13 AM	Kristina Drive	Fire	Handled By Fire Dept.
8/1/2010	3:06 PM	Lief Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/21/2010	9:05 PM	Lightening Drive	Abandoned 9-1-1 Call	Call Recorded
8/2/2010	2:55 PM	Lightening Drive	Petty Theft	Report Taken
8/11/2010	8:15 PM	Lolland Drive	Warrant	Call Recorded
7/22/2010	5:40 PM	Mariner Cove	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/28/2010	3:43 AM	Mariner Cove	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
8/11/2010	3:53 AM	Mariner Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/11/2010	8:26 PM	Norseman Drive	Warrant	Arrest Made
7/25/2010	2:49 AM	Norwegian Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
8/17/2010	1:20 PM	Norwegian Drive	Crash Property Damage	Hit Skip Call Recorded
7/25/2010	11:35 AM	Old Norse Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
8/19/2010	3:34 PM	Ram Drive	Child Custody Dispute	Call Recorded
7/16/2010	6:09 PM	Sail Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/26/2010	12:35 AM	Shield Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
7/26/2010	12:44 AM	Shield Drive	Juvenile Curfew	Referred To Other Agency
7/16/2010	6:49 PM	Skodborg Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
8/15/2010	8:05 PM	Skodborg Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
8/15/2010	4:46 AM	Snedstead Drive	Traffic Stop	Warning Issued
7/28/2010	12:49 AM	Striver Drive	Juvenile	Call Recorded
8/1/2010	1:30 PM	Striver Drive	Petty Theft	Call Recorded
7/17/2010	12:50 AM	Swedish Cove	Suspicious Vehicle	Call Recorded
8/10/2010	8:27 PM	Swedish Cove	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/30/2010	7:41 PM	Thor Drive	Fire Related Investigation	Unable to locate
8/19/2010	12:28 PM	Thor Drive	Threatening / Harassing Tx Calls	Call Recorded
8/2/2010	2:40 AM	Thunder Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/8/2010	3:55 AM	Thunder Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
8/1/2010	4:58 PM	Valhalla Drive	Juvenile	Call Recorded
8/4/2010	5:03 AM	Vinland Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/22/2010	7:33 AM	W. Lakengren Drive	Property Damage Felony	Report Taken
7/30/2010	8:16 AM	W. Lakengren Drive	Ambulance	Handled By EMS
7/31/2010	3:12 AM	W. Lakengren Drive	Assist Other Unit Non Emergency	Call Recorded
8/11/2010	1:21 AM	W. Lakengren Drive	Traffic Stop	Warning Issued
8/15/2010	9:00 PM	W. Lakengren Drive	Unclassified Offense	Report Taken
8/16/2010	7:32 PM	W. Lakengren Drive	Traffic Complaint	Call Recorded
8/19/2010	1:48 AM	W. Lakengren Drive	Armed Robbery	Report Taken

## NATURE OF CALL

Abandoned 9-1-1 Call	2
Ambulance	15
Armed Robbery	1
Assist Other Unit Non Emergency	1
Child Custody Dispute	1
Civil Paper	1
Civil Protection Order	2
Crash Property Damage Hit Skip	1
Dead Body Apparent Natural Causes	1
Fire	1
Fire Related Investigation	1
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile	3
Juvenile Curfew	1
Missing Person	1
Petty Theft	3
Property Damage Felony	1
Prowlers	1
Suspicious Vehicle	2
Threatening / Harassing Tx Calls	1
Traffic Complaint	1
Traffic Stop	2
Unclassified Offense	13
Warrant	2
TOTAL CALLS	59

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## Jack Block Fun Day

Even though the heat and humidity were oppressive on Jack Block Fun Day, those who tolerated it had lots to enjoy. The pony rides and exotic animal petting zoo liked their shaded area. Games like the dunking machine, putt-putt, cake walk, basket ball, bounce house, hula hoops and skeeter ball kept the kids busy. The Dragons and Gasper Fire Department supplied water to keep everyone hydrated. Ullery's Homemade Ice Cream and the Smokies Grill kept the Moms and Dad's happy while the kids enjoyed free hot dogs and orange drink. The Women's Club had plenty of customers most of the afternoon to win their special baked treats. Long lines were seen at the Social Club cotton candy machines. The Preble County Solid Waste handed out plastic mugs that changed color when filled with a cold drink along with cloth shopping bags made from recycled materials. The watermelon eating contest for kids had plenty of takers, and even some adults enjoyed some of the wet, sweet treats.

Chief Josh Haney had the brand new Medic 17 on display. This larger ambulance comes equipped with many new perks and lots of folks took a tour through the new unit. Thanks to the Senior Center and the MRDD for shuttling folks back and forth from the parking areas all afternoon. The Dragons sold raffle tickets and ran the game booths most of the afternoon on this hot day.

Then it was time for the Ski Show, announced by Tim Grill, DJ. But before the show, winners of the bicycles were announced - Patrick Pierce and Joe Reed. Raeghen McFarland won the 50/50 raffle and Mattie Wright won the putt-putt raffle. Members of the Ski Club put on a magnificent show with barefoot paddle skiing, flag lines and slaloms. There were cross overs and pyramids. It was called Battle of the Sexes, a contest between the boys and girls and this writer believes it was a tie.

The community wishes to thank Shetter Heating & Air for their donation. A special appreciation to Dan McElwee and all the Dragons. And to Kevin Thorpe and the Lakengren Security and the many, many unnamed individuals who helped to make this wonderful event a success.



## Editor's Note Card Scores

The editor received a nice letter from Patsy Frick about her husband Ed who recently passed away in Florida. Ed was instrumental in several facets of Lakengren life - building inspector, Dragon member, ran the pool, loved to mow yards and help out with community activities. He also built miniature doll houses and worked occasionally with Gary Perkins. He will be buried September 8 at 11 a.m. at Preble Memory Gardens in West Alexandria.

Jul 23 - PINOCHLE - 1st Ruth Bell, 2nd Mary Michael, 3rd JoAnn Burkhead, 4th Marilyn Sliver, 5th Neal Weaver

Jul 30 - DOUBLE DECK EUCHRE - 1st Ruth Bell, 2nd Sue Harrison, 3rd Mark Schottinger & Virginia Wehrly (tie)

Aug 6 - PINOCHLE - 1st Gladys Myers, 2nd Mary Michel, 3rd JoAnn Burkhead, 4th Neal Weaver

Aug 13 - DOUBLE DECK EUCHRE - 1st Joe Taylor, 2nd Donna Guethlen, 3rd Marilyn Sliver, 4th Barbara Renshaw

Aug 20 - PINOCHLE - 1st Alice Forte, 2nd Donna Hawley, 3rd Virginia Wehrly, 4th Donna Guethlen.

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# TAKE A GANDER AT THE GEESE

By Jo Ann Hoffman

V-formations of Canada Geese coming in for a landing on our lakes, the clamorous honking they use to communicate, and multiple families grazing on our lawns as the gander stands guard to hiss and attack any intruder are all such familiar sights and sounds to us here in Lakengren that we often dismiss the flocks, seeing them but not really seeing them. Take a gander at the geese! They are not always what they seem! especially this time of year. ?Wild? geese (as opposed to ?feral? geese that are year-round residents) pass through



here mid September - late November in their fall migration from breeding grounds in the arctic to winter homes in the Gulf. Intermingled among the Canada Geese, one can often find a rare gem.

Every year, I spot at least one Snow Goose mixed in with a migrating flock of Canadas. The first hint to look closer is a white bird among the dark ones. That is how I came to look twice and discover a swan a couple years ago. My first thought was a Snow Goose hitching a ride. Snow

Geese have all white plumage; pink legs, feet, and bill; a dark eye; and striking black wing tips that are primarily visible when they fly. Floating on the water or grazing on the grass with wing tips hidden, they look all white just as a swan is all white. Pick up



your binoculars and focus on the bill. The Trumpeter Swan has a black bill; the Mute Swan an orange bill; the Tundra Swan a yellow spot on a black bill; and the Snow Goose a pink bill with a black "grinning patch", a broad black band along the pink mandibles that gives the impression of a smile. If the bird happens to look up and stretch its neck, the Snow Goose has a shorter neck than a swan. They just rarely show up side by side for a comparison! so concentrate n the bill color.

Another occasional tag along is the Greater White-fronted Goose (Anser albifrons) once a casual but an increasingly familiar visitor from Greenland which comes through Quebec enroute to Georgia. The Greater White-fronted Goose is commonly called the Specklebelly, nicknamed for the irregular black streaks that decorate the grey belly. The speckled belly and solid white underparts showing behind the legs distinguish this otherwise predominantly grey goose. The problem is that the color and size vary in the adult birds as well as the amount of speckles, so the grey could be light or dark with lots or only a few dark streaks. Again, focus on the bill. The Greater White-front has a pink bill that does not match the color of its yellow or orange legs. It is the only native wild goose south of Alaska with a speckled belly. It is also the only one with orange or yellow legs.



The above qualifiers "native" and "wild" are important. Greylag Geese (Anser anser) were imported from Europe and Asia, domesticated, and raised for food centuries ago. Remember the

children's song Go Tell Aunt Rhodie? Well, the old grey dinner goose is not dead. Over time, many escaped and can now be found hanging out with flocks of Canada Geese. As the name suggests, the Greylag Goose is another grey goose and is very similar in coloring to the Greater White-fronted Goose. The two are often mistaken for each other. Just this past week, I spotted a grey goose at the lodge as it walked the deserted beach with a flock of Canadas. The lighter color and pink bill were obvious from a distance and my first impression was Greater White-front, but returning later with binoculars in hand, I saw that it was indeed a domestic Greylag. Technically, the Greylag has a widening of the bill as it meets the face, while the bill of the White-front is more uniformly straight; but what is thick and what is thin when side-by-side comparison is not available? Because the Greylag was bred for meat, its body is more bulky than the White-front, its neck is also thicker, and it has a noticeably distended belly hanging between its legs when walking that shows as a big white butt above the water when swimming. These are the best distinguishing traits between the Graylag and the Greater White-front (the bulky body, big belly, and widening bill) as the colors are so similar.

Unfortunately, just to keep things confusing! Greylag Geese have been schmoozing with the Canadas for so long now that hybrids are appearing. Check out the photos taken by Springfield, OH native Kevin McGowan and his son Jay at [www.birds.cornell.edu/crows/domgeese.htm](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/crows/domgeese.htm) Kevin is now a member of the U.S. Dept. of Natural Resources working out of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, NY. The family portrait of Greylag Mom in front, youngsters behind, and Canada Dad guarding the rear is a classic for a biology class in dominant, recessive gene traits!

From the much-maligned Canada Goose to the unusual Snow Goose and the trim Specklebelly, geese are monogamous. They mate for life, an unusual trait in the world of birds. The Reader's Digest Book of North American Birds describes bird fidelity as follows;

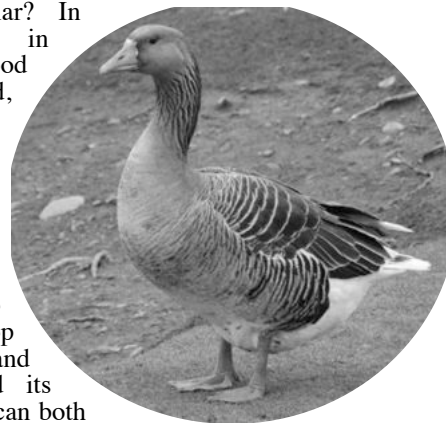
'It may be a perfunctory' Charmed, I'm sure, followed by mating, a familiar pattern among grouse and other species that hold no territory. And a female hummingbird is deserted by the male before the blush has left her cheeks. Geese, however, seem to approach the human ideal of faithfulness. Male and female usually remain together during migration, throughout winter's lean times, year after year, until death finally parts them.

Sound familiar? In sickness and in health, in good times and in bad, 'til death do us part? I have heard many stories of a weak or sick goose dropping out of a migrating skein only to have its mate drop out too, to stand guard and tend its needs until they can both continue the flight together. Some pairs have lived together over 20 years before disease or predators separate them through death. Geese are also excellent parents. They stay with their goslings for almost a year and the gander is a fierce defender of his mate and offspring. Many of us have heard that first vocal warning and seen the vigorous head pumping up and down signaling an imminent attack if we get too close. According to Alexander Wetmore in the National Geographic Birds of North America, Audubon himself was 'whacked by a gander's wing and thought his own arm broken' for getting too close to a nest in Kentucky. And, in 1941, a horseman accidentally trod on a nest in Ontario. Two Canadas dived at him. One hit him and knocked him from the saddle. The impact killed the bird.

The word goose has survived almost unchanged from the Old Norse word gas. It seems somehow appropriate that so many geese have adopted Lakengren, a community itself designed with Norwegian and Old Norse names. As those flocks of migrating Canada Geese stop by in this Old Norse community, and if you don't take them too much for granted, you may be blessed with the sight of a Snow Goose or a Greater White-fronted or maybe even a returning Trumpeter Swan. Take time to take a gander at those geese!

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## DAYS GONE BY

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 song 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 full of other children; surroundings I didn't know.

If I didn't, my heart knew, this is where I'd been waiting to go.

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.

By Rosemary Eby Collins  
Lot 1585

## BOOK SALE

Gently used books and other entertainment goodies are calling your name at the Friends of the Eaton Library's annual Fall Book Sale September 20 – October 4. The Brooke-Gould Memorial Library, 301 N. Barron St. is open Mon-Thurs 9-8 PM; Sat 9-4 PM – arrive early for best selection of adult, children, and teen titles! Book sale prices are set by donation, so please be generous as your funds help support the Eaton Library.

The Setup/Preview Sale is scheduled for Thursday, September 16 at 4:30 PM. Any Eaton Friend member who helps setup the book sale will be able to purchase items during the preview. Call or visit the library at to find out how you can become a Library Friend.

The ongoing "Special Books" Sale will also be available.

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# Happy Birding!!

# Snack Bar Memories

By Dorothy Roebuck  
I do hope everyone is ready for adventure as we travel inside and outside the gates of Lakengren with our Snack Bar customers. There were very few planned activities but mostly spur of the moment where we eat, socialize, and just have fun. So many of the activities inside the Snack Bar has now been covered by the proprietors and customers; birthdays, anniversaries, line dancing, and foods, even the Roebuck sandwich. Now we are ready for travel as we step outside the Snack Bar door into one of our favorite areas near the barbecue pit.

Many is the time the suggestion would be to have a cookout, and we would always find a stack of wood just for such an occasion ready for our resident firebug, Pauline Cook. She could really keep the coals in the pit hot and ready.

It was on one of these occasions that I received a phone call at home. There's going to be a cookout! This call gets us all readied for another covered dish affair for what looks like a very beautiful evening we were going to have under the tall Lakengren trees.

With nothing in the house to prepare, I rushed out to the Marsh Supermarket to get a couple of packages of hot dog rolls and all beef franks that I loved. We had a great evening eating and slushing, topped off with Frank telling jokes, but do you know who didn't get one all beef frank?

During these evenings we often partnered up and played a few games at shuffleboard. I don't know if there is much interest in shuffleboard these days, but we have been known to have a few good games going.

Now travels will take us out to the lake for anchored boating. A word I coined to fit why you found the group far out in the lake on the 4th of July with all the pontoon boats anchored in just the

ideal place to watch the fireworks. The fellows had tied them all together so you could walk from one boat to the other, much easier to share your foods and visit with your friends right on board their various boats. It was great hanging with the Snack Bar group having our fun evening highlighted with the greatest display of fireworks.

We are going to now make a big jump in our travels to the other side of the gate, but we are remaining on water. The big sea, as we watch the snack bar group climb aboard a rather large cruise ship. I wasn't along

this time...financially embarrassed, but since the book club was in operation at that time I gave each lady a gift of what I thought was either a short gown to lounge in or to sleep in. But when Donna got on board the ship, and found her luggage was missing, she unwrapped her gift and got dressed and borrowed a pair of one of the guys pants and created a showstopper! I was told a good time was had by all!

There are two other places outside the gate where we often went out to eat. When someone got the idea to venture outside the front gate, they would say "Let's go to Oxford for spaghetti!" You would then see a line of cars leaving the Snack Bar heading for Oxford to Frank and Jan's Spaghetti House. After our spaghetti dinner, we would all walk to the ice cream parlor for dessert, then back to our cars and head for home.

At other times the idea would be to go to Loretta's Diner in Camden. You would again see a line of cars leaving the Snack Bar heading for Camden. After that we would usually head for home. Frank, Jan, and Loretta also joined us at times eating at the Snack Bar. It was a fun thing..

## FALL GATHERING

The Preble County Historical Society presents a "Fall Gathering" on October 2 & 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Experience the warmth and charm of a country gathering at 7693 Swartsel Road (off Rte 122).

Fall colors will illuminate the scenery. Feel the excitement of stepping back in time or open a window into the past. There will be interpreters for Native Americans, Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War II, Cowboys, Vietnam and more. An auction on Saturday at 1 p.m., many artists who will display and sell their wares. Lots of music both days, farming demos, ham & bean soup, tractor rides, homemade ice cream, hiking and kid's activities, Kiddie tractor pull, Miami Valley Re-enactors and a petting zoo. Call 937-787-4256 for more info or how to donate to the auction.

## PC Chamber Brown Bag: Business Cents Series

Want to know how to improve your marketing presence on the web? Here is your chance to learn from an expert. The Brown Bag: Business Cents Series presented by the Preble County Chamber of Commerce and the Preble County District Library is kicking off the first of its ongoing series with a FREE hour long seminar on August 5th at noon in the Library Administrative Resource Center (450 S Barron St., Eaton).† Sinclair Community College Faculty Member Rex Mt. Castle will be presenting information for business people in our community.

Mr. Mt. Castle's earned his expertise working in the Web Development department for the Business Program. He is also in his 11th year of teaching for the Computer Information System and Business Information System departments in a class room setting and on Distance Learning. Rex has taught various classes in Web Development, Microsoft Office 2003 and 2007 along with Computer Concepts courses. His focus will be what are the elements and essentials for effective business webpage.

Future programs will be free to all Preble County Chamber Members and \$5.00 for non-members.

October 21, 2010: Jon Heffner, Heffner & Associates, Ltd., Topic: Tales from the Trenches: Avoiding the Biggest Business Pitfalls.

February 17, 2011: Pat Newcomer, Small Business Development Centers, Topic: Legal Issues: Succession Planning.

For further information contact: PCDL Director Abby Noland (937) 456-4250.



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### Burkle Family Gathering

49 family members gathered at the home of Elsie Burkle on Sunday, July 18th to help her celebrate her big 8-0 birthday, hosted and planned by granddaughters Ginny Miller and Amanda Miller Tussing.

Participants came from as far as Texas, Arkansas, Philadelphia, Northern Ohio and Indiana.

3 canopy tents were set up covering tables and chairs where they could watch games and paddle boat rides on Thor Lake or just looking out the sunroom windows from the house. Sunday morning thunder storms threatened to hamper the outdoor plans but were soon recovered and completed by the time everyone arrived.

Attending were all 6 of her children and their spouses:

Sue Steinman and Keith from Brunswick, Ohio

Ed Burkle from Castell, Texas

Christine Miller from Piqua

Linda Bray and Rich from Beavercreek

Cindy Kay and Jim from Eaton

Bill Burkle and Donna from Brandt

Also close cousin Gretchen Allen from Philadelphia, Pa. along with grandchildren and spouses with children, great grandchildren, and nieces with spouses and children.

A group picture was challenging trying to get everyone together and children settled so several were taken with none containing everyone. Food items were so numerous that three areas had to be set up. Lots of fun and laughter and memories were shared.

A memory to last a lifetime.

In addition to this gathering, on Saturday the day before, all family members attended the wedding reception of granddaughter Rachel Burkle to Chris Thobe at the FOP hall in Huber Heights.

Rachel and Chris were married in Jamaica on Elsie's birthdate of July 8th.



### Dragon Dinner A Hit

Dragons held their carry-in dinner at the Lodge on August 12 with 40-45 in attendance. There were casseroles, green & fruit salads, corn bread and desserts to accompany the fried chicken.

Following dinner President Dan McElwee expressed his appreciation to all who had helped at the recent Jack Block Fun Day activities. The next meeting will be September 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge.

### LWC Celebrates Summer

In July, the Women's Club traveled to the Wayne County Historical Society, but on August 4, a celebration of summer was held at the home of Don and Carole Moore on Oslo Cove. Bob Varney gave some of the guests a pontoon boat ride before the luncheon began.

Thirty-one members and one guest (Donna Eifort) enjoyed a carry-in picnic under the trees in the Moore's lake-side back yard. Salads and casseroles were a hit due to the hot, humid afternoon. Diane Miller's spoon bread came with a story about her mother and how this corn bread recipe became a legacy as it is shared with others. Ruth Keller gave the devotions from a church bulletin from Fairhaven Community Church entitled "Great Truths That Little Children Have Learned." Another selection was read from John Greenleaf Whittier, and she summed it up with her personal prayer, which was applauded by all.

Following several trips for salads and dessert selections, the group had to head indoors since a thunder storm was brewing. President Phyllis White began the business meeting with a pledge to the flag. The storm hit sending many to go close car windows, but it didn't last long. The minutes were read by Connie Moore and approved as read. The July treasurer's report was given by Loretta Varney including all additions and expenditures. The report was approved subject to audit. A letter requesting a donation arrived too late and would be acknowledged with a reply. With the old business wrapped up for the year, a gift certificate was presented to Phyllis for her years of service to the club.

Jean Armour, the incoming president, ran the remainder of the meeting, describing the planning session that was held in July to set up programs for the next ten meetings. Volunteers were then selected to do the devotions and hostess duties. These names will be listed in the new member booklets. It was noted that baked goods will be needed for the September 9 Bake sale at the lodge. This is the first day of the Community Garage Sale weekend and Jean stated that items may be dropped off at her home on the 8th, or on the same day before the sale begins at the lodge.

The September 1 Women's Club meeting will be held in the LWA Conference Room at 1:00 p.m. Cheryl Taylor will give a program on Computer Tips.

# August & September Calendar of Events

**Pinochle and Euchre Friday 7 p.m. @ Lodge**  
**BP/Glucose screenings at the fire station**

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BP/Glucose screenings at the fire station

Sep 1 Women's Club 1:00 p.m. @ LWA Building

Sep 2 Marine Lakes Mgmt Mtg 7 p.m. @ Lodge

Sep 4 Drakefest 5 - 11 p.m. @ marina, NO WAKE STARTS @ 7 P.M.

Sep 6 LPOA & LWA offices closed

LAST DAY POOL IS OPEN

Sep 9 LWC Bake Sale 9 a.m. @ Lodge

Sep 9 Dragons Mtg 7:30 p.m. @ Lodge

Sep 9-11 Community Garage Sales

Sep 11 Bass Club

Sep 13 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ LWA Bldg

Sep 15 Christmas Lights 6:30 dinner 8 p.m. meeting

Sep 16 Safety Committee 5 p.m. @ Lodge

Sep 16 Community Mtg on Leachate - 7 p.m. @ Lodge

Sep 17 Viking deadline for October

Sep 18 Practice Fishing 7 a.m. to Noon

Sep 21 Garden Club 4:30 p.m. field trip to Richmond

Sep 24 Rock into Fall 8 p.m. @ Lodge

Sep 26 Open Bass Tournament 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sep 27 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ LWA Bldg

Sep 30 Lakengren Blood Drive 3 to 7 p.m. @ LWA Bldg

Sep 30 Social Club 6:30 p.m. @ Lodge

Oct 2 Bass Club

Oct 6 Women's Club trip 10:00 a.m. @ lodge to car pool

Oct 7 Marine Lakes Mtg-7 p.m. @ Lodge

Oct 9 Annual Meeting 9 a.m. @ Lodge

Oct 11 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ LWA Bldg

Oct 14 Dragons meeting 7:30 p.m. @ Lodge

Oct 15 Viking deadline for November

Oct 19 Garden Club, Robert Blue @ Lodge 7 p.m.

Oct 20 Christmas Lights 6:30 dinner 8 p.m. meeting

Oct 21 Safety Committee 5 p.m. @ Lodge

Oct 25 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ LWA Bldg

Oct 28 Children's Halloween Walk 6 to 8 p.m. @ Lodge

Oct 30 Adult Halloween Party 8 p.m. @ Lodge - Live band - tickets \$5

**Grasshopper mower 2000 diesel mower has many issues but does run. Will open sealed bids September 27th at 8:00pm at LPOA board meeting. Mower sells as is. May be seen at the LPOA maintenance barn monday thru friday between 3 and 4 pm**

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