



Little Swan Lake

LSL Club Newsletter

www.littleswanlake.net

March 2017

Please send your photos to LSLClerk@hotmail.com



Ladies of the Lake Rummage Sale & Raffle

When: Saturday, May 6, 2017 – rain or shine

Where: LSL Clubhouse & Pavilion

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Anyone can bring items to donate for the sale Monday thru Thursday to the clubhouse. Also, this year – we will raffle off several decorative items specially handcrafted by Barb and Hank Dunlap. Raffle tickets for these items will be available that day. For more information, call Patty Andersen 309-775-9008 / 217-649-6124. The proceeds from this sale will be used to maintain the Memory Garden next to the clubhouse.

\$\$\$ Membership Fees

All LSL Membership Fees (\$150.00 Membership Fee and \$35.00 per lot Maintenance Fee) were due by March 1st. If fees are delinquent, late fees will be charged starting May 1. Late fees will be \$25.00 PLUS a 2% per month on the current past due amount PLUS any collection fees that may occur on top of these. The late fee amount increases each month you are late. So Please Pay On Time! Questions? Call or email our LSL Clerk, Barb Dunlap at 309-465-6734 / LSLClerk@hotmail.com. Thanks!



Water Well News

Well #7 drilling & hook-up has been completed. Testing of the water is underway. When water quality testing is passed, the well can be put into production. Also, yet to be done, is the landscaping and fences at the well site. We hope this project can be completed very soon.

The LSL Sanitary District.



Gary Miller Hired as Lake Patrol

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A big welcome back to Gary Miller who will be patrolling the lake this spring and summer. Please be on your best boating and fishing behavior! Gary Miller 309-371-0069.



Thank You! Shawn Scott & Heartland Tree Service

Sean and crew removed dead wood and trimmed trees around lake property – especially deadfall from the big storms last summer. They also removed some stumps in the no-wake zone at the NW side of the lake. Great job! Thanks!



Old Car Tire Removal Reminder

This is an EPA regulation for Illinois lakes. All old car tires in outlots around the lake or anywhere else -- which are currently being used as pontoon / boat bumpers-- must be removed as soon as possible. The LSL Board is researching alternative solutions. Call Carlene Adams 309-465-9278 res / or 309-255-5340 cell. See <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/used-tires/index>.



LSL Board Seeks New Members

We love our lake community and want to keep it going for future generations. Your expertise and input would be greatly appreciated. Please consider becoming a member of the LSL Board.



LSL Committees

We welcome new people to our Committees – see committee list on this page. If you are interested in helping, please let us know. We'd love to have you! Contact the LSL Clerk, Barb Dunlap at LSLClerk@hotmail.com.



Want to Reserve the LSL Clubhouse?

Only LSL Club members can reserve the facility. The reservation form is online. See [Rules of Use for LSL Clubhouse](#). Contact Chrisa Anderson at 309-696-7148.



Building Permit Reminder

LSL has rules concerning any new or improved construction on your property. Be aware. Any new or improved construction project, such as a house, boathouse or storage shed, dock, boatlift, deck, garage, home addition, etc.) requires a permit and approval by the LSL Building Committee. Please check with Hank first – just to make sure. Contact Hank Dunlap 309-465-6734 for all permit procedures.

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Boat Registration



Lake Levels & Dam News

Last summer, the manual gate actuator (the machine that helps let out water from the lake) was replaced with a power actuator. A remote controller was added to the actuator that allows water level adjustments to be made by Joe Russell & others from the safety of the clubhouse during storms. Instead of someone having to lift or lower the dam gate manually in bad weather, they can just flip a switch in the clubhouse and it can be done automatically! There are 4 people trained to operate the gate that controls the level of the lake.

Boating & Fishing News



Carp Removal

Charles Ackers is in contact with the persons who will remove carp again this year. Dates of removal will be announced ahead of time. During the days of carp removal, the lake will be closed to all boat traffic, as was done last year.



Predator Fish Restocking was done in November

It was determined at a fall board meeting that having more predator fish in our lake will help keep the numbers of little fish and shad in check. Fish were stocked in November 2016, with 382 largemouth bass and 440 walleye. Happy Angling!!!!



Fish Biologist's Survey

September 26, 2016 a group of WIU fisheries' biologist students under the leadership of Ashley Stanley, Graduate Student, came out to Little Swan Lake to conduct a shocking of the lake.

They shocked several locations around the lake just off the shoreline. One specific run shocked points on both sides of the boat ramp, around 200 meters out. They weighed and measured each fish and logged the type of fish as well as the weight and length. Their consensus was that the fish they saw were all healthy and utilizing their resources.

The biologists noticed that Little Swan Lake has a lot of forage fish (carp) that are getting too big for the predators to keep in check. They think the majority of the predator fish we have currently (largemouth bass and walleye) are too small to eat the bluegill and gizzard shad you see everywhere. Therefore, we are seeing an over-population of these types of fish. Depending on LSL members' preferences, Ashley Stanley said it would be useful to protect the big largemouth bass so those fish can help cut down on the bigger forage fish.

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Ashley indicated the fisheries' students would like to return this spring when the crappies are closer to the shoreline and easier to electro-fish. That way, the fisheries biologists can better see how the crappie population is doing. The fisheries biologists would love to shock the lake every year because they had a lot of fun and are excited to see how the carp removal affects the other fish populations in our lake over time.

Lake Usage Reminder - "No Wake Zone" Rules

Swimming off of boats in the no wake zone is allowed with the following rules: 1) Boats must be anchored and the motor turned off; 2) Boats must stay in the center of the no wake zone, not in the traffic lanes; 3) Swimming will only be allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset; 4) Swimmers must stay within 30 ft. of their boat; 5) A responsible person, 18 years or older must stay in the boat; 6) NO DIVING allowed. Rules will be strictly enforced with a minimum fine of \$25 for the first offense and repeated offenses could lead to loss of lake privileges.

Ladies of the Lake Women's Club News



T-shirts and other Little Swan Lake items for sale. Sweatshirts & t-shirts available in a variety of adults and children's sizes. Call Barb Jonckheere at 630-263-0283 or Patty Andersen 309-775-9008.



The Ladies of the Lake club hosts a luncheon on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Luncheons may be potluck or brown bag affairs which are held at the Clubhouse. Sometimes we plan a day's outing that includes lunch in a nearby town. You can call Janes Stevens, for more information.

Spring 2017 Ladies of the Lake Luncheon Dates Please mark your calendars!

April 5, 2017 – Hostesses: Marianna Schrader & Jane Stevens
Shopping and Lunch outing– lunch at *One Eleven Coffee* - 111 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL (309-606-9004). Please meet at the LSL Clubhouse at 10:30 a.m. to carpool.

May 3, 2017 - Hostesses: Laura Jennings & Patty Andersen
Brown Bag (bring your own lunch) – come to Nancy Hoppes' home at 177 Wilkins Circle - at noon. Reminder: This is the Wednesday before our **May 6th Rummage Sale & Raffle!**

Call Jane Stevens 309-465-3466 for more information.



Send your Photos to Bob Andersen at r-andersen@wiu.edu.

We'd love to share your nature pictures with our lake community on the LSL website. www.littleswanlake.net. Picture below by Bob Andersen:

"Swans on the lake - winter 2017."



2017 Area Community Events



Annual Rock, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show – March 11 + 12

Sponsored by Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc.

WIU Student Union Ballroom on Murray St., Macomb, IL

Saturday 3/11 – 10-6 pm. Sunday 3-12 – 10-5 p.m.

FREE – It's a great family outing!!!

www.Geodeland.com



Western Illinois Museum – All Year

Free Gallery Open Monday -Saturday / Hosts special events seasonally

201 S. Lafayette St., downtown Macomb, IL

309-837-2750

Free will donation to the museum gallery.

www.wiumuseum.org



Galesburg Railroad Museum – April - September

211 S. Seminary St., Galesburg, IL

Open to all ages - April 4 – September 30 2017

309-342-9400

Open Tuesday thru Saturday 10-4 p.m. & Sundays 12-4 p.m.

General admission.

www.galesburgrailroadmuseum.org



Discovery Depot Children's Museum – All Year

Geared to younger children - ages 1-12

128 S. Chambers St., Galesburg, IL
309-344-8876
Tuesday thru Saturday 10-5 p.m. & Sundays 12-5 p.m.
General admission.
www.discoverydepot.org

 **Illinois Extension - McDonough County**

3022 W. Jackson St., Macomb, IL
309-837-3939
M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Closed noon to 1 p.m.)
The Extension office hosts monthly events and classes for individuals and families throughout the year. Every spring, they offer expert gardening help. www.web.extension.illinois.edu.

 **Jeep Blitz – May 19-21**

40 days of fun sponsored by Steinjager Company
590 E. Main St., Bushnell, IL
May 19 thru May 21 –fun for all ages.
Come see the jeeps on display; enjoy the jeep challenge course; Steinjager Company tour; Vaughn Company tour; live music and food!
www.Steinjager.com

 **Hart's Nursery – All year**

665 Front St., Bushnell, IL
Lots of annuals and perennials – fun to visit – They have everything for gardening in their store.
www.hartsnursery.net

 **Horn Field Campus – All Year**

985 China Rd., Macomb, IL
309-298-4676
Horn Field campus (HFC) is a unit of Western Illinois University's College of Education and Human Services. WIU's Dept. of Recreation, Park and Tourism operates the grounds and facilities. The HFC Lodge can be rented out for groups with catering available from WIU. Groups can reserve the team course for enhancing group leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. Yearly events for the public and individual groups are listed on their website. Contact Hf-campus@wiu.edu for more information.