

DROP A LINE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKES COMMITTEE



The Lakes Committee is an open committee at the Griffith Chapter. We meet at 6:00 pm on the third Monday of the month. We have a 3-year management plan for the lakes. Our projects include improving fish habitat and stocking fish, rebuilding fishing piers, and holding public events such as the Catfish Derby, Ice Fishing Derby and Take a Kid Fishing.

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Fried Bluegill Fillets

"The secret to this recipe is double-dipping the fish fillets," writes Doug Wright of Maize, Kansas.

TOTAL TIME: Prep/Total Time: 20 min.

YIELD: 6 servings.



Wondering what to do with the bluegill you are catching? Here is a great recipe for your next bluegill dinner.

Ingredients

- 1 cup seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon-pepper seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 6 eggs
- 1-1/2 pounds bluegill or crappie fillets
- 1/2 cup canola oil, divided

Directions

1. In a shallow bowl, combine the first five ingredients. In another bowl, whisk eggs. Dip fillets in eggs, then coat with crumb mixture. Dip again in eggs and crumb mixture.
2. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, cook fillets in batches in 2 tablespoons oil for 2-3 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily with a fork, adding oil as needed.

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/fried-bluegill-fillets/>

TAKE A KID FISHING DAY



TAKE A KID ARCHERY DAY

No Equipment? Come and use our equipment so your kids can learn to fish and do archery!

FREE

**Food
Fishing Tackle & Bait
Prizes for Fish
Gifts and Raffles**

Indiana Gaming Commission
License #: 149378

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY -- FUN FOR ALL!

WHEN
Sunday
Sept. 29, 2019
10:00 am – 3:00pm

FOR INFORMATION
Alice Butterfield,
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WHERE
Griffith Izaak Walton
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JOIN OUR LAKES COMMITTEE! BE A PART OF CONSERVATION, & EDUCATION FOR FISHING.

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<http://giwla.org/>



From Jackie Larson...

Catfish, a Windmill, Gravel, & Boat Rentals

The **Catfish Derby** was held on July 20 and \$2800 was raised for the club. 121 people came out to enjoy a very hot day, some great grilled food and plenty of fish were caught. We sold \$450 worth of rods and reels and fishing tackle!

A grant of \$7064.00 was received from the National Endowment Fund of the Izaak Walton League of America. The money will allow us to put a wind-powered **windmill for aeration** in Wilson Lake. The grant also provides funds for chemical treatment of the Eurasian Watermilfoil in Russell Lake. Thanks to Alice Butterfield for submitting a successful proposal.

A generous donation for a **load of gravel** will allow us to fill the holes by the boat docks and the potholes in the roadway.

The Lakes Committee now has two **boats for rent**. The fee is \$10.00 for the boat, oars and life jackets for the day. For more information or to rent a boat contact Alice Butterfield or Jackie Larson 219-487-0001.

For those of you fishing our lakes, the best time for catfishing has been late in the evening. After 10 p.m. with the fish hitting until at 2 am. Several members have been getting nice catfish in good numbers. Fish the bottom with a nice fat night crawler and you are bound to get a nice catfish for dinner. See last months "Drop a Line" for a great catfish recipe. Fishing on Russell Lake has produced some nice size bluegills which are being caught with a night crawler. Bluegills are a really nice fish for fish fry.

We have lots of nice bass being caught. One was 21.5 inches and put up a great fight. Night crawlers are working for bass and so are plastic worms thrown near the shore.

Fishing Rods, Reels and Tackle for Sale!

Come to the Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 21, 2019 – RAIN or SHINE!

- ✓ **Rod and Reel Combos**
- ✓ **Large Assortment of Reels**
- ✓ **Fishing Baskets**
- ✓ **Hooks**
- ✓ **Pole Holders**
- ✓ **Lures**
- ✓ **Miscellaneous Fishing Tackle**

New Fishing Rules and Limits are posted on the bulletin boards in the Clubhouse and at the Lakes!

DAILY NUMBERS AND SIZE LIMIT PER DAY PER PERSON AS POSTED

TYPE	SIZE	NUMBER
Catfish	12"	3
Largemouth Bass	10" – 13"	2
Less than 10" and over 13" must be released. All Bass are catch and release from April 15 th to July 1 st		
Walleye	21"	1
Red Ear Sunfish & Bluegills	5.5"	10
Crappie	8"	10
Perch	7"	10

Grass Carp catch and release only.

No limit or size limit on rough fish (carp, bullheads, pickerel and dogfish)

You are encouraged to remove all rough fish.