

DROP A LINE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE LAKES COMMITTEE



DOCKS

Two docks were donated by the Hammond Marina and are now on Jordan and Russell lakes. The dock on Russell is set, but the walkway needs to be built and installed. The dock on Jordan will be set as soon as another work crew is available. The docks will provide easier access to getting in a boat. Thanks to Larry Biegel, Kent Savage, John Holme, Dustin Voris, Tony Zappia who took an unexpected swim, and Joe Martinez.

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**JOIN OUR LAKES COMMITTEE!
BE A PART OF CONSERVATION, &
EDUCATION FOR FISHING. NEXT
MEETING: MAY 17 AT 6:00 PM**

- Be sure to join us for the Food Truck Fest and Rummage sale on June 19th. The rummage sale will start at 8:00 am and the food trucks will be arriving at noon and will stay until 8:00 pm. We will also have vendors selling different items: Licensed Sports Memorabilia, stuffed animals and dolls, Gourmet Dog Treats, Paparazzi jewelry, etc.
- Food trucks are Dan's Pierogis, Tapas, Woody's Curly Fries, Bill Grills, Sammy's Tacos, and Lemon Crush with Nana Clare Desserts
- Sign up for the Corn Hole Tournament. Prizes will include cash and trophies!
- Fun for all with our Cake Walk!
- Free Fun Fair with prizes for the kids
- Tours of the grounds will be available.

FOOD TRUCK FEST
6 of NWI's best food trucks
*Vendors * Music * Cake Walk*
Tractor Rides around the lake
Rummage Sale 8am
Bean Bag Tournament
3:00 pm
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From Jackie Larson...

The Windmill is Up!



The windmill is up! On April 17th, thanks to the hard work of many members, the windmill was assembled and lifted up to the concrete base. On May 1st, the blades and tail were put into place and the assemble was complete. The hose to the water was secured in PVC pipe. In the water, the line will be enclosed to prevent damage to the hose.

The windmill will provide aeration which will assist in enhancing fish habitats, improving water quality, and reducing algae. Aeration can also break down unwanted bacteria, help with mosquito problems by circulating the water and adding dissolved oxygen along with reducing the need for herbicide treatments.

Thanks go to many people, but especially to Kent Savage, Larry Biegel, John Holmes, Dustin Voris, John Eggebrecht, Bill Butterfield and new members, Tony Zappia and Joe Martinez.

Eurasian Milfoil Treatment

- The first treatment of herbicide for the Eurasian milfoil was completed on Wilson and Russell lakes. The areas that were treated are beginning to show signs of decomposing. Within 6 weeks of treatment, the areas will be clear of the weeds. Retreatment will be done as needed.
- Be sure to buy baked goods at meetings and rods, reels and tackle at the Food Truck Fest as that money is used towards improving the lakes.
- Thanks to Dustin and Russo spending their Saturday killing weeds!

Rough-Fish-Contest

Help Us Get These Fish Out of the lakes to reduce biomass!
The biomass is the mass of living biological organisms in an ecosystem.



This fish looks like a baby Northern Pike but it is a Grass Pickerel. Skinny, boney fish (up to 14" long) that eats 8 times its weight in a day.

Grass Pickerel



Dogfish/Bowfin



Yellow-Belly Bullhead



Brown Bullhead



Carp, Suckers, Sheepshead, & other types of bottom feeders

Prizes for the most "Rough-Fish" caught between May 1 and Sept. 15.

First-prize: Membership Renewal

Second-prize: \$50.00

Third-prize: \$25.00

Take a selfie with your fish in front of the totem pole by the front of the Clubhouse and send the picture with your name and date to Jackie 219-487-0001

DO NOT RELEASE these FISH BACK INTO LAKES!