

# Shoreline Ramblings



A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association

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## Pleasant Faces & Places

**500 Lake Drive** is currently the home address of Dave and Barb Lundberg. This large, majestic home has been a landmark on our south shore for many years. Some of you may have wondered, as have I, as to when it was built, by whom and more of the "mystery of the history" surrounding this beautiful home on our lake.

As we look at it today, complete with its widow's walk roof, the carriage house and the home's large footprint of over 4500 square feet of living space, some will be surprised

by its humble beginnings. The home, was built by 2 Kentucky lumberjacks, in 1885 and began as a 24' by 33' structure.



500 Lake Drive, Ferguson/Lundberg Home

The original property included land that reached north to the end of the peninsula including the current properties of Fiedler, Bayer, Sedey, Lundeen & Bishop.

From the Roaring 20's to the 1940's, this property was a resort owned by the Ferguson family, who purchased it around 1900. In 1915, Ruth Ferguson, a niece of the owners, joined the family on the lake. Ruth moved here when she was 4 years old, not knowing that she would play a major role in its future.

During the time the Ferguson's owned the home, there were significant remodels and additions done to the original structure. A kitchen, a laundry area and an L-shaped 3 season porch was added to the back of the house. Electricity was brought in as soon as it was available... gone at last were the gas lights! A coal furnace was installed too and the current roofline was

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## "No Wake" Ordinance Effective Immediately

On Tuesday, July 26, the Wright County Commissioners approved a no-wake ordinance for Pleasant Lake. Beginning immediately, this ordinance is in effect for the ENTIRE LAKE, not just near shore. The ordinance will be published in the area papers and posted at the landings by the Sheriff's Department. This means that if you observe activity that is producing anything more than a "trolling" wake, you should report it.

While this ordinance takes some of the fun out of tubing, skiing, wake boarding and the like, most residents will appreciate the importance of this measure in controlling the ongoing damage to our shorelines, docks and other real property.

This ordinance is in effect until October 1, or until the water has receded to its normal high level mark, down about 6 inches from the current level, and remains at that level for at least 3 days. Then, should the water rise again, the ordinance automatically goes back into effect.

We appreciate the efforts of Rose Thelen, our County Commissioner, and Dennis Loewen, Assistant Administrator of the Clearwater River Watershed District, who championed our cause. Thanks also to Vince Lundeen who appeared at the County Board Meeting to speak on our behalf.



Mark your calendars...

Saturday, Aug 27th, 2011

Pleasant Lake Community  
Summer Social

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developed. Most of these enhancements were done in the 1920's. Sometime later, Ruth added a sizeable greenhouse on the south side of the house, which was just outside the kitchen door.



**Greenhouse off Kitchen**

Ruth inherited the property, sometime in the 1940's, setting in motion its next chapter. She married Mike Welch of Minneapolis, who was one of the 4 original general contractors that built the AL-CAN highway, which linked the lower 48 states with Alaska via Canada! Blessed with a green thumb, Ruth worked on the landscape and the flowers around her Pleasant Lake home, while Mike seemed to be more of a casual visitor here. Ruth's work was rewarded by being featured in *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine for her fine work done on the grounds. Adding uniqueness and even more color, were her peacocks that roamed the yard, with a pen to the north of the house.

In 1980, Dave and Barb bought the home from Ruth. They did so by trading their cabin on the peninsula of Lake Sylvia as the down payment on the house. Upon moving in, their first job was to remove around 20 very large (but very dead) elm trees from the yard. The home has been remodeled and/or added on to again, several times, the first being a major update in 1986. This was an entire house re-do, which included the addition of 2 fireplaces, 3 bathrooms and upgrades to the electrical, plumbing and heating services. New windows and trim were also installed. Later came a family room, a new master bedroom and the second floor deck. The original siding was also in need of replacement, and upon learning that the original material was Redwood, Dave decided to keep it original and that the new siding should also be Redwood. He said, "The first boards made it 100 years, this ought to take care of the next 100!"

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The latest remodel, which was just done recently, included a new modern kitchen, an expanded and enhanced master bedroom suite complete with master bath and an enclosed porch, also off the master. Many other upgrades, too numerous to list, were done both inside and out. The carriage house also underwent a makeover in recent years, prominent with its restored cupola and gold weathervane, further adding to the charm of this wonderful property.

As for the current owners... Dave is originally from Minneapolis, while Barb (Heino) was born and grew up in the Annandale area. Dave's uncle had a summer place on Clearwater Lake, which was a perfect place for a city boy to visit during the summer months. When things on the lake got boring, Dave would hitch a ride into Annandale with neighbor Colin McDonald. Downtown Annandale was a great place to meet up with friends, spend some time and a little money at the Candy Castle or the Dale Theatre.

One sunny Saturday afternoon, a day made for waterskiing, Dave and a friend happened to meet Barb and her friend at the drive-in (*now Homestyle Restaurant*). It was a fun afternoon of skiing and a day to remember, as romance was in the air! That chance meeting ultimately resulted in a wedding in 1965! Dave and Barb raised their 3 children here



**Dave, Barb, Mandy & Gretchen circa 1980's**

and have been an asset to the neighborhood and community ever since. And that grand home, built in 1885 by 2 lumberjacks from Kentucky, continues to stand proud and tall on Pleasant Lake's South shore.

by Tim Hable 

## Your Lake Association at Work...

by Tim Hable, Jim Peterson, and John Sedey

Continued efforts to improve the water quality of our lake is not only the right thing to do from a societal standpoint, but data supports that there is a direct relationship between lake quality and property values. Although we are not involved in any lake-wide weed treatments this year, we are engaged in three other activities of note:

- **Secchi readings** are being taken and recorded regularly at two sites on the lake. Secchi readings provide data on the clarity of the water. A white disk is lowered into the water on a graduated rope until it is no longer visible. Then the disk is raised while noting the depth of the visibility by the rope. In early spring this year we had a 17-foot reading (the highest level of clarity within our testing memory. The most recent reading on July 17 was 9 feet. Generally, as summer progresses, clarity does deteriorate.

- **Water Quality Sampling** is also being done once a month under the guidance of the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District. Water samples are collected and sent to a lab for testing for phosphorus and chlorophyll. In addition, secchi readings and surface water temperatures are recorded. Results for Pleasant Lake, as well as all other lakes participating throughout the state, can be located at <http://www.rmbel.info/Reports/ReportsQuery.aspx>.

- **Lake Survey** - We have secured the services of Wenck & Associates this year to conduct aquatic vegetation surveys around the entire lake in late spring and in late summer. Vegetation specimens and water samples are collected at measured points in areas shallow enough to support vegetation growth. In the spring samples were taken at 160 points around the lake.

We will be provided with a "Lake Vegetation Report" at the end of this survey. This report is

evidence of our sincerity in addressing our weed issues and puts us in a position to apply for grants. We plan to use the data from the Lake Survey to support an application for a grant that we are planning to submit this fall. The proposed grant would request funds to support lake-wide treatments of curly leaf pondweed beginning next spring.

Results of our continuing efforts will be published in this newsletter periodically.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you have experience in *grant writing*, please give one of us a call to help us in this important endeavor.



Water Quality team, Bob Markstrom, John Sedey

### Our mission:

*"To preserve and maintain good clean water and to protect the environment surrounding the lake."*

### Seeking Web Design help...

We'd very much like to build a web site for Pleasant Lake. If you are a designer/programmer (*or know of one*) that would be willing to help us out, please contact me ([jrbayer@yahoo.com](mailto:jrbayer@yahoo.com)) or any other board member. We'd be very interested and grateful for any help you could offer.

## Watershed District to Conduct Tour of Projects

On Saturday, August 20th, 2011, the Clearwater River Watershed District is hosting a tour of *select district projects*. Ranging from wetland treatment systems to field buffers, the tour will show the many different projects the CRWD is undertaking to fulfill its mission of promoting, preserving, and protecting the water resources of the district. Having participated in the tours in the past, I recommend it as highly educational and a source of great ideas that may be applicable to your property...

*Come join us, It's an interesting tour, It's FREE, and it includes breakfast!*

**7:30-8:30 a.m. Meet at the Annandale Pavilion for coffee and breakfast snack**

**8:30-11:00 a.m. Hop on the bus to visit interesting sites and have your questions answered**

If you would like to participate, RSVP to John Sedey at 320-274-7427 or [jsedey@lakedalelink.net](mailto:jsedey@lakedalelink.net) by August 5, and show up at the Pavillion on the 20th.



## HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

*It may seem early, but just think how fast August got here...!*

Ring in the holiday season with the ever popular HOLIDAY HOME TOUR sponsored by ACT. This important fundraiser features 5 beautifully decorated homes and delectable appetizers from the Cottage Gourmets. This event is held Saturday November 19th, 3:00-7 p.m. *Advance tickets only will be on sale beginning September 15 at The Snooty Fox Gallery (320-274-2700).*

Proceeds go to provide the free Summer Concerts in the Park Series held each summer overlooking beautiful Pleasant Lake.

## 26th Annual Triathlon is a HOT one... !

Nearly 1000 racers took on the heat for this popular community event. Our triathlon has become one of the Midwest's favorite triathlons, owing in large part to the beautiful setting of Pleasant Lake, Dunton Beach, idyllic country side (for biking and running) and the wonderful Pavillion and ballpark where the finish line and recovery area are setup. It's an amazing community event that owes its success to the 200-300 volunteers that make it all happen. Participants comment over and over again of how friendly and helpful the volunteers are, and how well organized this event is compared to all the rest. The HOLT (Heart of the Lakes Triathlon) organization is non-profit, donating profits back to the community of Annandale, in donations to the local Food Shelf, Student Scholarships, Annandale Care Center and many more. The HOLT organization has shown its concern for the efforts of our **Pleasant Lake Improvement Association** by making a generous donation in each of the past two years. *We are very grateful for their support of our efforts.*

We are also grateful for the generous donations of our neighboring property residents; the **City of Annandale**, and the **Wright County Parks** system for their contributions to PLIA. We appreciate their support of our ongoing mission of improving the quality of this beautiful natural resource.



### Current Board of Directors

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*\* terms expire Dec 31, 2011*

Let's get together for the  
**1st Annual**  
**Pleasant Lake Community**  
**Summer Social**

*Games* **Saturday, August 27th, 2011**  
**from 2 - 6 pm (rain or shine)**  
**at the Pavillion in the park** *Prizes*

*Fun for all ages!*

Bring a dessert to  
share, if you'd like to!

**MENU:**  
Grilled Pork Chops  
Baked Beans  
Corn on the Cob  
1919 Root Beer Floats  
& Lemonade

**NO MEETINGS, Just Fun and Socializing!**  
**Bring your family, Invite your neighbors...**  
**meet NEW neighbors from around the lake!**

**DOWNTOWN ART CRAWL**

ACT Arts and Downtown business owners cordially invite you to the annual DOWNTOWN ANNANDALE ART CRAWL held Thursday October 6th 5:30-8:30p.m. Enjoy a festive evening of meandering Downtown Annandale, enjoying the talents of live musicians, artists and authors. Local business's host these talented artisans and share refreshments with you. Bring your friends and neighbors.

***Do not miss this fun and free event!***

### 2011 Boat Parade bigger 'n better than ever...!

There were a record number of parade entrants this year and the creative juices had been flowing! We counted nearly 20 decorated 'floats' as they passed by our dock. Dave and Penny Hogberg were in charge of organizing the parade this year and they did a fantastic job! Judging was provided by our 2010 Miss Annandale and her royal court, Thank you your highness!. A difficult task, but their results are as follows:

**1st Place**  
**'Trophy Winner'**  
*by Jerry Schmidt family*



**"Justin Bieber"**



**"1981 Queen Candidates"**

**2nd Place**  
**'Trophy Winner'**  
*by Dave & Penny Hogberg family*

**3rd Place**  
**'Trophy Winner'**  
*by Dave & Nancy Haugland family*



**"Tribute to Harmon Killebrew"**



# Annandale Embroidery features Pleasant Lake Merchandise

If you haven't made a trip to **Annandale Embroidery** to see the Pleasant Lake items, you need to put that on your calendar right now. Patty Knight, the owner, has created a Pleasant Lake account whereby she will track all sales to PLIA members. When sales pass \$250, she will donate 10% back to our association. We are well on our way, as a lot of orders have already been placed... So think about new beach towels, hoodies for fall, Christmas, or just a Pleasant Lake insulated lunch bag. *Here a trio of happy shoppers display their purchases.*



Gloria Warner, Julie Sedey & Mari Arfsten w/ Pleasant Lake logo items.

Stop in to see the many stylish items available with our Lake Logo and be sure to tell Patti that you're a PLIA member. **Annandale Embroidery's phone number is 320-274-6878.**

## *Editors Note...*

I hope you'll all come out on Sat. afternoon, Aug 27th and help kick off the **1st Annual PLIA Summer Social** with a bang. We realize that in the past, attendance at our summer meeting /picnic was less than overwhelming, even though those that attended really enjoyed getting together and visiting with neighbors and fellow lake residents. Maybe the response was due to the 'meeting' format, maybe it was a *timing* thing... and so we're '**Shaking it up**' a little!

**NO Meeting!** and an afternoon time slot, (2-6 pm) in hopes that it works for more of you. And... it just so happens that two of our newest lake residents and PLIA members, **Ed & Jennifer Mader**, are **Party Planners extraordinaire!** They've been very busy planning a fun picnic, with good food, music, games, prize drawings and more... You won't want to miss this! Let's help make this a fun event that we can look forward to every summer. Bring the kids, grandkids, neighbors, even in-laws if you like! We have a unique and interesting community of folks around the lake... **let us NOT be strangers!**

Mark your calendars now... we hope to see you there! Joe