

# LAKE DELHI VOICE

Monthly Newsletter of the Lake Delhi Taxing District and Community—Aug/Sept, 2013

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## *Message From the Lake District Trustees*

Dear Lake Delhi Property Owners and Supporters:

First, the most important update is this past week at the Public Trustee meeting held on Wednesday, August 28, the Trustees unanimously voted to immediately disengage from FEMA on the 2010 project. This was an extremely important decision, and one that took a long time to arrive at, as well as an extensive amount of effort to fully explore the FEMA opportunity and realities. The bottom line, as presented by the FEMA Committee to the Trustees and public audience attending the 8/28 meeting, is that with FEMA, the extensiveness of the additional Environmental Assessment and other requirements could put the start date of our project out 2+ years at minimum, with no certainty as to when and how the project would unfold. Meetings with FEMA as recently as last week revealed these facts. Additionally, the financial realities (anticipated additional costs) of utilizing FEMA aid are simply not attractive when compared to proceeding with rebuilding the Dam on our own.

So what does disengaging with FEMA immediately mean? Well it means a lot of things. First and foremost, it means that we are *moving ahead immediately* with the project to rebuild the Dam and restore the lake now that FEMA has been notified by the Lake Delhi District that we have withdrawn our application for FEMA assistance for the 2010 project. The Army Corps of Engineers, who was very close to issuing our Federal permit back in March of 2013, is picking up right where they left off - and moving full steam ahead. We had a meeting face to face with the Army Corps this past Friday August 30th, and they confirmed that FEMA had already informed them they would no longer be involved on the Dam rebuild project for Lake Delhi within hours of receiving our letter. Disengaging from FEMA also means that we now have greater control

in restoring Lake Delhi more quickly. We are working with our volunteer Project Facilitator and Project manager from Stanley consult-



ants to identify aggressive, but cost effective, goals for starting and finishing the construction. There will also need to be a concerted effort by everyone in our community to be helping each other to prepare for the reconstruction. A couple of key areas we all need to be focused on is mitigating the tree growth in the Lake Bed, and affirming our commitment to raise any additional funds required to get the job done. In order to accomplish an aggressive timeline, it means that there will have to be tremendous persistence to hit milestone objectives, laser beam focus on all tasks that need to be accomplished, speed in hitting deadlines, good luck with weather throughout this coming winter and spring and next summer, etc... The project is moving forward and we need an all hands on deck approach by everyone in our community to keep it moving as quickly and cost effectively as possible.

You may be wondering about the FEMA 2008 Project, and how that project is related or not to the 2010 project. The 2008 FEMA project is separate, but it is still open with FEMA and there is still work to be done in order to close this out. You may be familiar with the 'Monitoring Report' that was issued on the 2008 FEMA project with Lake Delhi. That report identified some potential problem areas identified with respect to how some of the contracts were handled, as well as some other potential issues. Our Lake Delhi Trustee FEMA committee has been and is continuing to work these issues with Iowa Homeland Security and FEMA to resolve them. We are not sure what the final outcome will be on the 2008 FEMA project, but will keep you posted as to the status and progress on that. Regardless of our movement forward on rebuilding the dam without FEMA assistance, the 2008 project must be worked and closed out.

Another thing you may be wondering about if you have not been able to attend the Trustee public meetings is the status of the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) Contract to transfer the property from the LDRA to the Lake Taxing District. The Trustees approved and signed the latest contract revision (that

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was informally agreed upon by the Trustees and LDRA) and put that into the LDRA board's hands August 20th. We understand that the LDRA board intends to sign the document on September 5th at an LDRA meeting scheduled that day. If you are an LDRA member, we encourage you to attend that meeting to ensure this document is executed. This is a critical task that needs to be completed and has taken a substantial amount of time already.

With respect to the DCCI (Dave's Complete Construction) Settlement Agreement, the Trustees also approved and signed that document on August 15th and that document is also waiting for the signature of the LDRA Board. After the LDRA signs the document, it needs to be signed by DCCI to be fully executed and put behind us.

Another update: we have submitted project Phase 1 and 2 documents to the Iowa DNR for review to initiate the permitting process for the State of Iowa. Within these documents, Lake Delhi has multiple design options we are communicating to the DNR to provide us flexibility.

Things are rolling now, but obviously there are many tasks and subprojects that need to be tackled very shortly to keep with the established and aggressive timeline for dam completion. You will see and hear about the construction bidding process moving ahead in the very near future as well as receive updates about our Federal and State permitting processes. If you have specific questions about any of the tasks that lie between now and a lake full of water, do not hesitate to contact any of the Trustees.

## ***The Combined Lake Delhi Recreational Facility and Water Quality District Trustee's:***

**Steve Leonard: President, Trustee**

**Larry Burger: VP, Trustee**

**Mary Kray: Secretary, Trustee**

**Laurie Kramer: Treasurer, Trustee**

**Bruce Schneider: Trustee**

**Lamont Davidson: Trustee**

**Todd Gifford: Trustee**

## **Contact us:**

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**Lake Delhi VOICE Editor: Todd Gifford**

## **Lake Delhi Feature Family Story**

### ***The Havertape Family*—written by Bill and Mary Havertape**

Growing up in Manchester and farming west of Manchester for 35 years, Lake Delhi has always been a part of our lives. As teenagers, Lake Delhi was a big attraction. Later, when we farmed, we owned a boat for a number of years and whenever



we had a free afternoon we would hook on the boat trailer and head for Turtle Creek Park. We loved to cruise the Lake, stop at Lost Beach and then hit either Camp-O or The Pizza Place. It's always fun to meet friends when on the Lake.

As we got closer to retirement, the big question was where to go. Lake Delhi was at the top of our list. We looked at many, many places on the Lake. But there was one place that every time we went by Mary would say "That is the place!!". It was owned by Chuck and Ruth Searle's and was located at Turtle Creek Camp. We drove there one evening and met them as they were going for their walk. After 20+ years on the lake they were ready to move on. On March 1, 1998 we took procession of a cute little cottage on Lake Delhi. That summer we added on and moved in on November 20. *continued page 3*

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## *Lake Delhi Feature Family Continued:*

The big family highlight for us was always the fireworks on the 4th of July and Christmas on the River. We always spent a week decorating and the year of the flood we won first place!!! We are eager to defend it when the lake is back. We have 10 grandchildren, 8 have grown up spending time on the lake tubing, fishing, water-skiing and sitting around the camp fire. Our two youngest (3 & 5) can't wait to join the cousins and jump off Indian Joe.

We are blessed to live on the Lake next to the best neighbors you could ever ask for. When the lake fills with water, it will be one of our best days ever.

## *Lake Delhi Good Neighbor Award*

Laurie and Randy Kramer nominate Dwayne Donels for this month's Lake Delhi Good Neighbor Award. Dwayne and Yvonne live in the Schneider Cove and are neighbors to the Kramer's and many others. In the past few weeks, Dwayne took it upon himself to mow the frontage of his neighbors' cabins inside the cove. It was no easy task and is appreciated by neighbors who would have struggled to get it done if he hadn't stepped in. So, thank you, Dwayne, for caring for those around you. As a small gesture of appreciation we would like to present you with a Lake Delhi t-shirt or sweatshirt of your choice.

We are seeking nominations for people you know around Lake Delhi that you think deserve to be recognized for their special deed, extra effort, accomplishments (accomplishments do not have to be related to Lake Delhi), or simply because of something amazing or impressive they have done that you think others should know about or would enjoy learning about. If you have a person in mind, young or old, you would like to nominate, just send an email to the [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org) email address, use a Subject of "Good Neighbor Nomination", and provide the person's name you are nominating, a little bit why you are impressed by what they have done, and provide your contact information as well. We will feature these people in upcoming editions of the Lake Delhi VOICE. Anyone can nominate anyone, and it can be someone of any age that nominates or is nominated.

## *Where In the World Is This?* **CONTEST**

**Last Month's Answer: The Hollywood Sign in Hollywood, California.**

This month, the photo shown here is of a very small portion of a famous land mark somewhere in the world. Can you figure out where/what this famous thing/place is? There is not much in the photo, but there is enough to figure it out. If you can make your guess



and are one of the correct answers we receive, we will draw from all the correct answers to get a grand prize winner who will win a Lake Delhi T-Shirt of your choice in style and size. To play, just send your guess to: [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org), use a Subject of 'Where in the World Is It Contest', and provide your contact information. Deadline for entries is 9/20/13 at 5 pm. Anyone can play. Good Luck!!!

## **Calendar of Events:**

**September 5th**—LDRA Meeting; 6:30 pm Heritage Bank, Delhi

**September 12th**—Lake Delhi Trustee Educational and Planning Meeting (Business/Community Services Bldg UNI, Cedar Falls)

**September 19th**—Lake Delhi Trustee Public Meeting; 6:30 pm Maq Valley Conference Room, Delhi

*Please submit events or meetings to us to ensure we have a complete calendar for people to see—just email to [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org) and put "Newsletter Calendar Event" in the Subject of your email with information about the event/meeting.*

## **IOWATER Water Quality Testing Training For Lake Delhi Water Quality Team Members Completed**

Two Saturday's ago, a number of Lake Delhi Water Quality Team members attended a full day IOWATER Water Quality Testing training course put on by the DNR-funded IOWATER group. Water Quality is of critical importance to the Lake Delhi community and district, and part of maintaining and understanding water



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quality is water quality testing. IOWATER is an Iowa DNR initiative whose mission is “to protect and improve Iowa’s water quality by raising citizen awareness about Iowa watersheds, supporting and encouraging the growth and networking of Iowa’s volunteer water quality monitoring communities, and prompting water monitoring activities as a means of assessing and understanding Iowa’s aquatic resources.”

Essentially, the IOWATER program is a program where one key component is developing volunteers from all over the state of Iowa who are trained on how to properly and consistently test water quality in lakes, streams, rivers, ponds, etc... This data is collected and databased and accessible on their website, and then this data can be reviewed for trends and information. The focus is on

lake quality of life depends on it. Nine people from Lake Delhi spent the entire day on Saturday August 24th going through the classroom plus hands-on training that is required in order to perform testing and submit water quality test data to IOWATER. Some members of the Lake Delhi Water Quality Team have been trained in the past, and have been submitting water quality test data to IOWATER for many years prior to the dam breach in 2010, however, there were some new people on the team who needed to be trained and a refresher course is always a good idea even for people with prior training. Even though the training was ‘work’ for the Water Quality Team members who attended, it was extremely interesting, informative, and valuable. Lake Delhi has a core group of trained water quality testers who will begin consistently testing the water quality again shortly at multiple locations around the lake. This test data and information is publically available for all monitored Iowa streams, lakes, beaches, and wetlands on the IOWATER DNR website.

## *Cool Lake Delhi Shirts, Sweatshirts Available for Purchase*

A large variety of Lake Delhi T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Polo shirts for men and women, Fleece jackets, and hats are available for purchase in all sizes. All proceeds go to the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi. See the order form on the 2nd to last page of this newsletter. Instructions are on the order form, as well as contact information if you have any questions. Wear or Gift Lake Delhi apparel for a great cause!

## **Interesting Photo of the Month**

If you have a crazy or interesting photo you would like to share, you can send it to us at:

[LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org)



**Lake Delhi Water Quality Team Members on Saturday, August 24th, very focused in a full day IOWATER Water Quality Testing Training Session.**

**Front Row Left to Right: Deb Menken, Bob Galiher, Todd Gifford, Lou Christiansen, Ken DeKlotz, Jenny & Wayne Garvin. Back Row Left to Right: Dudley Brollier, Tyler Willey, Jim Willey (photo from Barb DeKlotz)**

“solutions”, not regulation. The idea is to monitor as many parameters as possible in your water over a continuous amount of time, so that you can see and understand changes in the water quality which, if needed, can lead to solutions for potential water quality issues. Fortunately, here at Lake Delhi, water quality has always been of critical importance. Hence, why we have a Water Quality Team that has been operating for many years, doing a number of things to help maintain pristine water quality in Lake Delhi. Water — we drink it, we recreate in it, plant and animal life depend on it, and our property value and



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## Sudoku!

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

## Science Corner: Intriguing facts about our World

The Earth is shaken by more than one million earthquakes every single year, while the force of the Krakatoa eruption back in 1883 was so forceful that it was heard in Australia – some 4800 kilometers away.

1000 people are killed by lightning every year, with the Earth being struck by 100 lightning bolts every second. It would take just over an hour to get into outer space if you had the capability to drive your motor vehicle straight up.

Female black widow spiders consume their males once the mating process has completed, while a tapeworm that lives inside a human being can grow up to twenty two point nine metres long.

Even the most uncouth astronaut would be more polite when in space – they literally cannot belch due to the fact that there is no gravity there to be able to separate gas from liquid in the stomach.

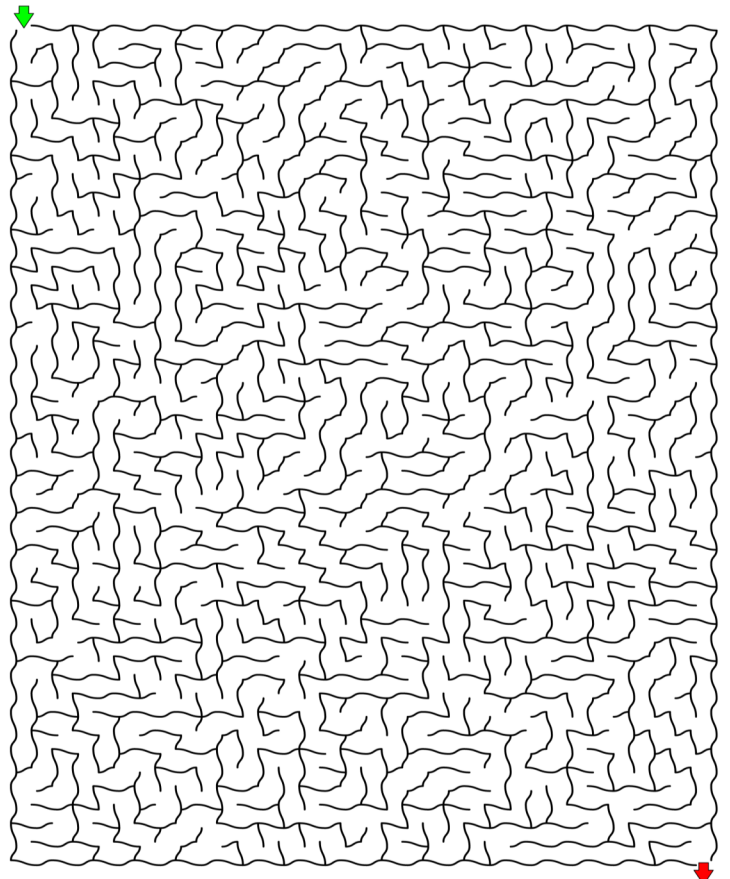
Watson and Crick first determined the molecular structure of DNA in 1953, but DNA was actually discovered quite some time before that by Swiss Friedrich Miescher – all the way back in 1869.

## Healthy Living:

### Why you should love Asparagus

There are a number of reasons why you should love asparagus, and a surprising amount of them relate to good health. Apart from being delicious, asparagus has also long been used as a traditional aphrodisiac by a number of different cultures. While there has not been much research on this claim, there is no doubt that asparagus is a close cousin to Satavari, which is known within the Ayurvedic health system to feed the reproductive tissues of both men and women and for centuries has been used to treat menopause symptoms and PMS. Asparagus can also help with losing weight, with just 27 calories in one cup, a low glycemic index and high content of fibre. Asparagus could also be helpful in preventing cancer, being the food source that is highest in glutathione, described by the National Cancer Institute as being a vital anti-carcinogen and the most potent available antioxidant as well as a terrific cleanser for the body. Asparagus is also an excellent source of folic acid, which helps to prevent neural tube defects.

## Find Your Way Through the Maze!



# Lake Delhi Shirt/Apparel Order Form

All Proceeds Go to: The Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi



Item	Color	Price	Size	Order Qty	Ext \$ Amount
Lake Delhi Hooded Sweatshirt ( <i>with zipper</i> )		\$30			
Lake Delhi Hooded Sweatshirt 2XL+ ( <i>with Zipper</i> )		\$35			
Lake Delhi Regular Sweatshirt		\$20			
Lake Delhi Regular Sweatshirt 2XL+		\$25			
Lake Delhi Ladies White T-Shirt	White	\$15			
Lake Delhi Ladies Heather T-Shirt	Heather	\$15			
<i>I Gave a DAM</i> T-Shirt or <i>Dam-Just Build It</i> T-Shirt – White	White	\$15			
<i>I Gave a DAM</i> T-Shirt or <i>Dam-Just Build It</i> T-Shirt – Gray	Gray	\$15			
Lake Delhi Polo Shirt – Ladies Style	Yellow	\$30			
Lake Delhi Polo Shirt – Reg Style	Navy	\$30			
Lake Delhi Fleece Jacket	Black	\$40			
Lake Delhi Cap	Gold/Black	\$15			
Lake Delhi Cap	Navy/White	\$15			
Lake Delhi Cap	Royal Blue	\$15			
Lake Delhi <i>Visor</i>		\$10			
				<b>Total \$:</b>	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Form and Check Payment to:**

**Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi  
712A Third St.  
Delhi, IA 52223**

If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Kramer at (563) 920-9863 or Todd Gifford at 319-651-6688