

# LAKE DELHI VOICE

Newsletter of the Lake Delhi Taxing District and Community—February, 2014

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## *Message From the Lake District Trustees*

### **Dear Lake Delhi Property Owners and Supporters:**

All of our collective efforts and hard work are starting to pay big dividends as you probably have heard. Here are some highlights of things recently achieved:

**First** and foremost, we recently received our required Federal Permit which allows for the reconstruction and repairs for Phase 1. The US Army Corp. of Engineers team members have been terrific to work with and we appreciate the cooperativeness in working on a Programmatic agreement that required multiple agency and tribal reviews and approvals.

**Second**, we are very excited to have formalized an agreement with Delaware County that essentially does two things.

- 1) Provides up to \$2.99 Million of financial assistance toward the Spillway portion of the restoration project (Phase II). This is a cost share agreement that allows for a reimbursement of 50% of the portion of the project up to \$2.99 Million.
- 2) There is a 50%-50% cost share agreement to create and enhance additional public access in what is commonly known as the Turtle Creek Cove area (next to the County Boat ramp).

The public access enhancement project will include: a new beach, a new boat ramp, additional parking, new restroom (s), a new taller bridge that will allow boats to pass under (up to 10 feet tall), and siltation traps that will reduce siltation entering the cove and Lake Delhi.

**Third:** The Lake District Trustee's just approved the finalized bid package for Phase 1 and have also approved the

release of the bid package. The dates for the process are:

Out to Bid: Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Pre-bid Conference: Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Last day for written questions from contractors:

Friday February 24, 2014

Sealed bids received at Delaware County Record-ers office: Monday March 3, 2014

Bids opened at public meeting: Monday, March 3, 2014

Bids Evaluation by Stanley Consultants completed by: Thursday March 10, 2014

Lake District Trustee's announce Awarded Bidder: Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Notice to Proceed: Thursday March 10, 2014

Anticipated Contractor Mobilization Start Date: March 31, 2014

You might ask what does this all mean to you? A lot!

We are on our way back to having a Dam and Lake Back. While we won't have a recreational lake this season to enjoy, there is plenty to see happening during the construction process and many things for all of us to do during 2014 construction.

If you are thinking about doing any shoreline work before the lake is back — submit your required Joint Application now. Don't delay. This process can take up to 3 months for getting an approval. We also suggest that you contact your contractors who will be doing the work to let them know you are interested so that they can keep you in mind for their schedule. We have been told that requests for a permit that impact over 500 families have been requested thus far, many of which have already been granted. Even if you are on the fence about doing work, it's better to have the approval in hand then to be in a situation that you can't do the work you would like. More information on the Joint Application and approval process is on page 2 of this newsletter.

Tree growth mitigation—when Spring arrives this year, please continue to proactively manage the growth of tree and heavy brush on your property. Please also help neighbors address this issue as well. Make your Road Association President aware of property lake bed vegetation that is not being mowed or managed. You can contact the Lake Delhi Trustees

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at LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org if you have concerns about areas with significant untouched tree growth. The community has already collectively taken care of nearly all tree-infested areas from Hartwick Bridge towards the dam. But from the bridge up-river, remaining tree-infested and heavy brush areas needs to be taken care of in the 2014 summer season in preparation for water.

Lots happening for the return of Lake Delhi!

## ***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

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## **Lake Delhi Receives Federal Permit to Begin Phase 1 Construction on the Dam**

Lake Delhi took a huge step forward on January 31st, 2014. We received the Federal Permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to begin working on Phase 1 Construction of the Dam. The Phase 1 Construction Bid Package opening: 2/4/14.



Lake Delhi Receiving our Federal Permit to begin Phase I construction

Front row: Steve Leonard, Lake Delhi Combined Recreation Facility and Water Quality District, receiving Corps of Engineers : authorization to reconstruct the Lake Delhi Dam from Colonel Mark Deschenes. Back row (l to r): Brant Vollman, Corps of Engineers; State Senator Dan Zumbach; State Representative Lee Hein; Donna Jones and Ward Lenz, both of the Corps of Engineers.

## **Submit Your Shoreline Improvement Projects to the DNR/Army Corps**

Things are rolling with the reconstruction project so it is not too early to submit your applications for shoreline improvement or enhancement projects. If you are affecting the shoreline soil, creating a new wall or rip rap barrier, etc... the DNR/Sovereign Lands/Army Corps 'Joint Application' needs to be filled out, sent in, and approved by all agencies prior to your project beginning.

Based on recent feedback from people who have submitted the application and received back their approvals, the process is taking about 4 weeks currently from the time the application is received to the time it is approved by the agencies.

Here is a link to the information regarding the process and Joint Application:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/RegulatoryLand/FloodPlainManagement/FloodPlainDevPermits.aspx>

## **Lake Delhi Good Neighbor Awards**

Jenifer Novak nominates **Kit Knutson**. I would like to nominate Kit Knutson from "The Cedars". Every time it snows Kit does snow removal for most of his neighbors, clearing out the driveways. It is really appreciated by all. My husband works for the county, so when it snows he is out plowing the county roads and my driveway is the last to get plowed when he gets home. Thanks to Kit, I am able to get out of the drive long before that. Kit also helps to keep The Cedars road open. We have the road plowed but Kit widens and keeps it free of drifts when it is windy.

AND

Annie Kacher: I nominate **Kenny Kray** for the Good Neighbor Award. Best neighbor I have ever had in 64 years!!!!!!!

Kit and Ken will receive their Free Lake Delhi Shirts, and remember to *Submit your Good Neighbor Award nominations to [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org).*



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## Who In The World Is It? CONTEST

**Last Month Answer: “Elvis Presley” and our winners were Craig & Cathy Nesson — they each win a Lake Delhi Shirt!**

***Can you guess who this famous person is and win the contest?***

The image to the right is a portion of the face of a famous person. If you guess who it is correctly and are drawn from all the correct responses submitted, you will win a Free Lake Delhi shirt of your choice. To participate in this contest, you will send an email to [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org), use a Subject of “Who In the World Is It Contest”, put your guess in the body of the email, and provide your contact information. *HINT: This person passed away very recently.* Responses are **Due by 2/26/14**. Good Luck!!!



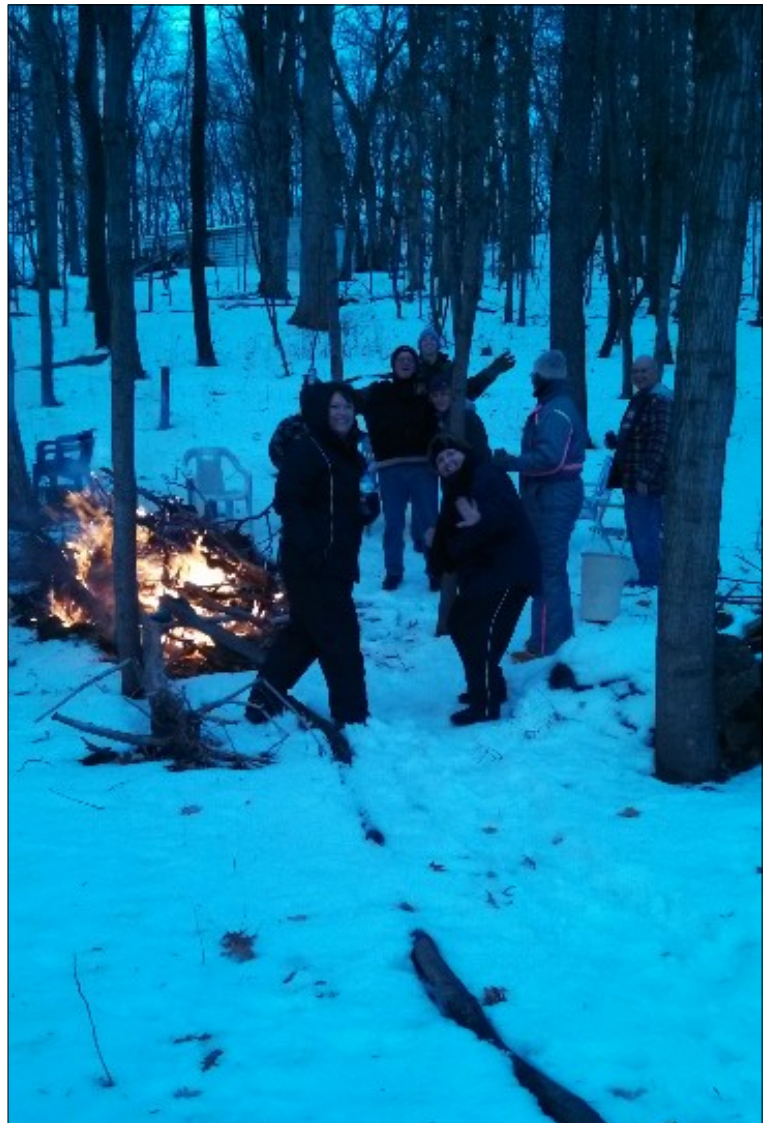
Guess correctly who this famous person is, get your name drawn from all the correct answers submitted, and win a Lake Delhi shirt of your choice!

## Winter Time At Lake Delhi !

The photo to the right was submitted by Lake Delhi's Larry and Kathy Aschbrenner. Obviously it is not a photo of them boating, but it sure looks like they were having a great time with friends and family at Lake Delhi this Winter. Larry/Kathy—thanks for sharing your photo and you will be getting free Lake Delhi T-Shirts (or Sweatshirts) for sending us your Winter Time at Lake Delhi photo.

### **Submit Your ‘Winter Time At Lake Delhi’ Photos for our next newsletter and win a Free Lake Delhi T-Shirt**

We are looking for fun photos of ‘Winter time at Lake Delhi’ for inclusion in upcoming VOICE Newsletters. Please send us your photo(s). If you send a photo and we use it in the Newsletter, you will receive a Free Lake Delhi Shirt of your choice! Heck, maybe we will even do a free Lake Delhi Sweatshirt since it is cold right now! Send your Winter Lake Delhi photos to [LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org), use a Subject of “Winter time at Lake Delhi Photo”, and provide a description and your contact information.



Aschbrenner Winter Fun at Lake Delhi

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## Lake Delhi Feature Family Story

### “The Hughes Family Lake Delhi Love Affair”

by Brian Hughes

The Hughes Family Lake Delhi story is one of love and perseverance, one that I would wish all our friends could experience. You might think this a strange wish after reading our story, but the positives so far outweigh the negatives that I would not trade the last 40+ years for anything. Our marvelous adventure started in 1971, when Dan and Pat Becker invited Bill and Bonnie Hughes to their Lake Delhi cabin and so started the Hughes family love affair with Lake Delhi!

A couple years later, the little cabin next to Becker's was put up for sale and the Hughes family didn't hesitate jumping at the opportunity to own a piece of heaven. Over the next 25 years, every weekend and nearly every vacation was spent at Lake Delhi, Freddy's Beach, Lost Beach, Injun Joe, the little dam, fishing, skiing, pontooning, and Livin' the Dream!

In 1986, eldest son Brian married Ann and debated spending the honeymoon at Lake Delhi. Cancun won as the weather



was better there in late October, but wasn't nearly as nice as summers at Lake Delhi! By mid-2000, Brian and Ann were blessed with four Delhi River Rats and spend about

every other weekend driving from Chicago to Lake Delhi where the next generation of Hughes' enjoyed the lake, learned to ski, learned to ride a bike, and of course went through the Injun Joe initiation!

In 1998, the family had overgrown the little 3 season cabin that was barely still sitting on its cinder blocks foundation and reluctantly decided to 'convert' it to a year-round lake house. Bill and Brian took 3 years of doing nearly all the work themselves, but the result was wonderful! As Bill got close to retirement in 2003, he got his lifelong wish when Bonnie agreed the lake house was nicer than their Waterloo house and moved permanently to Lake Delhi!



After nearly 20 years of driving 4 hours to Lake Delhi most weekends and vacations, in 2007 Brian decided to move his family to Cedar Rapids, joining Rockwell Collins, but more importantly is now only an hour from Lake Delhi!

At 8am on Saturday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 2008, Bill went out into the garage to back the Buick out. Upon turning the key, the engine blew. He got out, yelled to Bonnie to call the fire department, and tried in vain to extinguish the engine fire. As it was out of control, Bill jumped into the Suburban and got it out. By this time the garage was engulfed in flames and the house was filling with smoke. Bonnie ran out the back door to find Bill, where they stood in the 13 below morning and watched in shock. The Fire department was amazingly there in about 15 minutes, but couldn't do much more than keep the neighbor's cabins from going up in flames... What to do now?... is there any





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question? **We will be Back!**  
From the ashes... over the  
next 2 years, a new lake



house was built... with  
everyone chipping in  
and having some fun along  
the way! **June 2010 –  
Finished. We are Back!**

July, 2010 –  
*Really?* **We will  
be Back!**

It's been a chal-  
lenging and re-  
warding journey.  
Now, back to my  
first comment.  
Even with our  
trials along the  
way that tested our resolve, my wish is that all our  
friends could experience the slice of heaven we call  
Lake Delhi!



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

Lake Delhi apparel is a great way for you to give a  
unique and appreciated gift to your family member,  
friend, or loved one. 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 Re-  
build Lake Delhi. See the order form on the last page of  
the 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!

## **DVD Copies of “We Will Be Back—The Lake Delhi Story” still available for purchase**

**Buy 1 and get a second copy at 1/2 Price**

If you saw the *We Will Be Back—The Lake Delhi Story*  
movie in the theater, you know how powerful of a  
movie it was. You definitely want to have a copy of it  
to see it again. If you did not see it in the theater or on  
PBS TV after the initial showings, you need to get a  
copy to see it. DVD copies are still available, and you  
can get 50% off your second copy when you buy 2  
DVD's. Remember, when Lake Delhi is back and  
friends and family are visiting, you will want to have  
this DVD Movie for them to watch and see our story.  
Also, what a great gift to give them to take with them  
after a wonderful experience at Lake Delhi. You can  
purchase your DVD's online at:  
[www.LakeDelhiWeWillBeBack.com](http://www.LakeDelhiWeWillBeBack.com), or in person at  
Widner Drug Store in Manchester.

## **Crazy Photo of the Month!**

This spectacular photo was submitted by Lake Delhi's  
Larry Burger, who received it from a friend—Lory  
Dolan. This was taken in January 2014 at St. Joe,  
Michigan. Thanks Larry for submitting and your Lake  
Delhi T-Shirt is on the way!



(c) Joshua Nowicki  
St. Joseph, MI on Jan 7, 2014 at 10:00 am

Submit Your Crazy Photo and Get a Free Lake Delhi  
Shirt if we use the photo in the *VOICE*! Send to  
[LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org](mailto:LakeDelhiTrustees@LakeDelhi.org).

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## Important Dates this Month and next:

**Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.** Send your true love some flowers.

**Frederick Douglass Day, Feb. 14.** The accepted birthday of Frederick Douglass, a born slave who became a leader in the international abolition movement.

**Presidents Day, Feb. 17.** Celebrating George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and other U.S. presidents through the years.

**Third Annual St. Pat's Guest Bartenders will be at the Pizza Place on Sunday, March 16th** from noon until 7, featuring master bartenders Larry Aschbrenner and Tom McLaughlin, raising donations for the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi. All Bartender Tips go to rebuilding the dam and lake.

## Nutrition Tips From The Experts:

### Make Food Your Friend

Although salad has always been seen as a healthy source of food, this is not often the case when it comes to the dressing that a lot of people use to cover their lettuce. Creamy dressings are low on nutrients and high on fat, so the better option would be healthy vinaigrette or to make your own with the use of high quality vinegar and olive oil. It is also a very good idea to add nuts or cranberries to your salad.

Avoid highly processed foods as these tend to contain trans fats and foods that have these are the ones that put people at risk for heart disease. The consumption of trans fats has an adverse effect on the levels of good and bad cholesterol in your system.

Be sure to eat lots of whole grains, as they pack a much greater nutritional punch than is the case with processed grains where most of the nutrients have been refined out of them. Whole wheat breads and pastas should be included in your menu.

## Tech 101: The Basics of "Twitter"

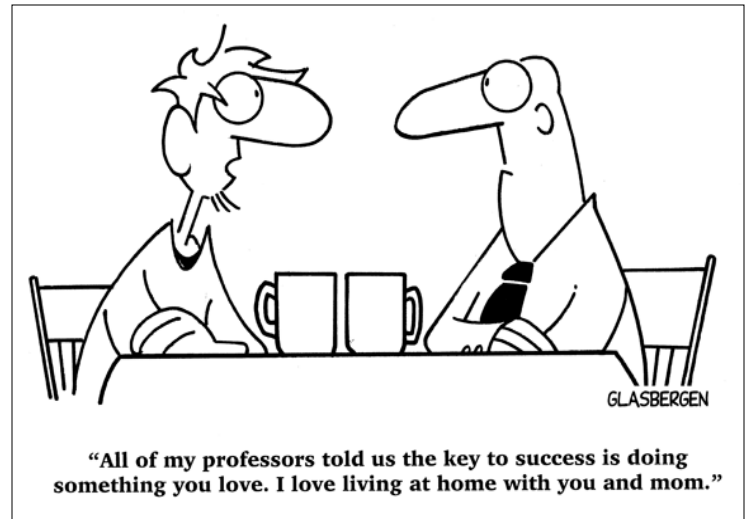
You have no doubt heard about *Twitter* by now.

To start making use of Twitter [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com), the first thing you need to do is create an account, which is free of charge. Pick a handle, or username, preferably something personal or unique. Once you have set up your account, all you need to do to start making use of Twitter is to click that box marked "Compose New Tweet" and you can type whatever you are thinking, within the 140 character limit.

Twitter also helps you to learn what other people are up to, including celebrities or news sites. Use the "find

friends" feature to start following people. It is not necessary to know people first before you begin following them – all you have to do is click "Follow."

It is important to remember that there is no privacy on Twitter, so discretion is advised as to the content of your posts as absolutely everybody on Twitter will be able to read it. Have fun with it as a social networking tool.



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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.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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