

LAKE DELHI VOICE

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

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Message From the Lake District Trustees

State Legislative and County Leaders tour the progress of Lake Delhi

Several weeks ago, the Lake Delhi Community had the pleasure to take the Governor, Lt. Governor, State Legislative Leaders, County Supervisors and other County Leaders on a tour around Lake Delhi. We shared progress of the newly enhanced public recreational facility at the Turtle Creek Cove and park, Sanitation and Water Quality updates, progress of the Community Fund to rebuild Lake Delhi fund raising efforts, volunteer efforts such as Lake Bed Clean up, and a tour of the Dam site reviewing the progress of Phase 1 and details of what Phase 2 will entail. All of the leaders were impressed with the progress along with seeing first-hand the continued commitment that our local community continues to achieve to restore this treasured public recreational resource. In addition, we let them know that we may need additional help in the future for things such as siltation removal which they were very open to listening to.

Phase 1 Construction Update:

Phase 1 work by Lunda began work in April 2014 and through October 31, 2014, other than the setback in June with the flooding, the project has benefited from ideal weather the rest of the construction season. We have worked closely with Lunda all year to ensure the work was done in an efficient and thorough manner. Lunda has been an excellent contractor for Lake Delhi, bringing their experience to the rehabilitation of all of the concrete portions of the dam bring the structure up to modern standards. They are professional and good team players.

Recent work completed by Lunda includes all concrete

patches on the main structure are done; the new south pier has been poured and the steel forms removed that will be reused on the new south pier; rock bolt anchoring has been completed and backfilled; and electrical demolition has begun inside the powerhouse structure.

Work continues on removing concrete at the south Abutment and placing rebar and forms at North and South Abutments for new Gate and Stop Log Guides. The south downstream Wing Wall rehab patches have been identified and deteriorated concrete removed and new rebar and forms placed and is ready for concrete. Lunda has removed some of the Sheet Pile Shoring at the NW corner of the Powerhouse section of the dam.

Lunda's Phase 1 work is under budget and is projected to remain so. They are well positioned to complete their work in a manner that will easily coordinate with the new Phase 2 contractor once they are in place for the second part of the work to restore Lake Delhi in 2015. Check out Dam construction photos and timely updates on www.LakeDelhi.org.

Phase 2 Update:

Recently the Trustee board sent out the Phase 2 bid package. Contractors were asked to respond based on two timing options First: The Final phase two completion date of July 2015 Second: Final phase two completion date of September 2015.

Results: We had a significant amount of interest from a number of contractors with 3 actual bids coming in. None of the bidders responded with an option to have final completion in July of 2015. Two of the three responders bid for a completion of September of 2015 and the other for completion of 2016. The bids received ranged from \$1.3 Million to \$4.1 Million higher than our original Engineer's Estimate of \$6.6 Million.

Trustee Board Decision: After review of the bids and input from Stanley Consultants (Our Engineering Firm) the board made the decision to reject all bids and to move forward with preparations for a re-bid for Phase two. The Phase 2 bid package will be modified to incorporate possible new methods for obtaining embankment fill material and alternative Cofferdam/Dewatering specifications. Our goal is to have a revised bid package in the upcoming weeks after

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addition soil boring samples are taken shortly. The board felt that since the Phase 2 completion was not going to be complete until the Fall of 2015, that we needed to focus on cost cutting possibilities which will not impact a fall of 2015 completion date.

The rebid of Phase 2 work allows the District to change various components of the previous bid offering to lower costs for the Phase 2 work and go back to market with a more competitive bid offering with a broader group of potential bidders. For instance, since much of the cost overrun in the previous Phase 2 bid letting was in the earthwork items of the project, the District will be able to do the following to bring these costs closer in line with the engineer's estimate: First we will be to identify additional sources of suitable material for both the cofferdam and the permanent dike. New soil borings are being taken in additional areas to find these materials. Secondly, reducing financial risk to the contractors by changing the time of the year that the work would be done from winter weather periods to spring/summer weather periods. The District is also looking into changing the bid to a unit price bidding versus lump sum bidding of the cofferdam and the main dike. The District is also identifying a broader group of contractors to bid Phase 2 work. Finally, our engineer is doing a value engineering analysis to identify the major high cost/low value line items in the previous bid to either change to less expensive options, bid these items as an alternative price that may or may not be accepted in the bid by the District, or eliminate work altogether.

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Delaware County Department of Water and Sanitation Letter Being Sent Out to Select Property Owners With Septic Systems Meeting Specific Criteria

Property owners that meet one of the following criteria should expect to receive a letter from Delaware County Department of Sanitation very shortly pertaining to the district Septic System review process being lead by the DNR and Delaware County Sanitation:

- If no information was provided in the original survey process
- If the Septic System is older than 1990
- If the material the Septic System is made of is non-standard or unknown

The letter will be asking those property owners to obtain the services of a certified time of transfer septic inspector to conclusively determine the type and condition of the septic system. The inspection will consist of opening the septic tank and finding the secondary treatment system (drain field or sand filter). The tank would be inspected and the drain field or sand filter will be tested to see how well it functions. If you have had the septic tank pumped within the last three years you will not need to pump the tank. If not, a tank pump out will be required.

The letters for the selected properties should be arriving this week or shortly thereafter. If you have any questions regarding this process, you can contact:

Dennis Lyons, Delaware County Sanitation,
dlyons@co.delaware.ia.us - 563-927-5925

Daniel Olson, Iowa DNR, Daniel.olson@dnr.iowa.gov
- 515-281-8263

Lake Delhi T-Shirts, Golf Shirts, Sweatshirts, and 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 Rebuild Lake Delhi. See the order form on the last

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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!

Where In The World Is It? **CONTEST**

Can you guess what this well known place is and win the contest?

The image below is a portion of a well-known place. If you guess where it is correctly and your name is 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, use a Subject of "Where In the World Is It Contest", put your guess in the body of the email, and provide your contact information. **HINT: This place is in Iowa.**

Responses are **Due by 11/23/14**. Good Luck!!!



Guess correctly what this well known place is, get your name drawn from all the correct answers submitted, and win a Lake Delhi shirt of your choice!

DVD Copies of "We Will Be Back—The Lake Delhi Story" still available for purchase

Buy a piece of history while they last

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 with

the reconstruction beginning, people will be more interested than ever to learn of the past Lake Delhi. 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, or in person at Widner Drug Store in Manchester.

Mind Teaser Question:

Charlie Chromedome went for a walk without an umbrella. He did not wear a hat and he did not take refuge under a shelter, yet not one hair on his blonde head got wet. How was this possible? Answer on Page 5.

Thai Pumpkin Soup Recipe

- 3 lbs pumpkin or squash, peeled and roughly chopped
- 4 tsp sunflower oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 tbsp grated ginger
- 1 lemongrass, smashed a little
- 3-4 tbsp Thai red curry paste
- 13.5 oz can coconut milk
- 3.5 cups vegetable stock
- lime juice and sugar, for seasoning
- 1 red chili, sliced, to serve (optional)

Heat oven to 375F. Toss the pumpkin or squash in a roasting tin with half the oil and seasoning, then roast for 30 mins until golden and tender. Meanwhile, put the remaining oil in a pan with the onion, ginger and lemongrass. Gently cook for 8-10 mins until softened. Stir in the curry paste for 1 min, followed by the roasted pumpkin, all but 3 tbsp of the coconut milk, and the stock. Bring to a simmer, cook for 5 mins, then fish out the lemongrass. Cool for a few mins, then blend until smooth with a hand blender, or in a large blender in batches. Return to the pan to heat through, seasoning with salt, pepper, lime juice and sugar, if it needs it. Serve drizzled with the remaining coconut milk and scattered with chili, if you like. ENJOY!!

Lake Delhi Feature Family Story Al and Kathy Wulfekuhle Family



Well Hello from the Maples! It is a little quiet around here right now but it is still the place I return to find my bearings and gather my family together. About 32 years ago my Dad, Glenn Goldsmith, surprised us all with the purchase of the little cabin on the lake. It is not that we were not river people. Our family had made weekly trips to a place on the Cedar River down by Tipton, and several years later we found a place on the Maquoketa River by Scotch Grove. But for several years "life happened" and we didn't have a place on the water. That was until this little piece of "paradise" showed up! That term needs to be used loosely, since it took a few family members a while to find what lake life can do for you.

My Dad loved his place at Delhi. It was common knowledge that if you wanted to spend any time with him, between the time the frost went out of the ground in the spring and temperatures again fell below freezing in the fall, you would be the one traveling to the cabin. The little place only had one bedroom, a bath and a space for a kitchen/ living room but the screened in porch was the place to be. You could see up and down the river. Every pontoon, ski, or fishing boat would require waves and commentary by those on the porch to those on the water. If you had a summer birthday you could forget about any other celebration other than one on the pontoon. Our pontoon was always chartered by Dad, with many copilot. Usually it would be the youngest one on board,

sitting on his lap, commanding the controls but the speed limit was always strictly enforced. Much to the dismay of the grandchildren as they got older. I can still remember them returning from the "SHORT" ride with Grandpa only to return 2 hours later with the story of being passed by a canoe! No one forgets the hours it took to cook chicken over the open fire. The longer it took only gave way to more stories being told around the campfire.



We enjoyed so many times with Dad at his cabin it seemed only natural that it should stay in the family. If you remember at the beginning I stated that a few family members were not really "that in love" with life at the cabin. That would have been someone in my family! When the prospect of someone else buying it was an actual reality I was very surprised when my husband Al suggested that we should be the ones to purchase it and keep it as a place for the family to continue to gather. I have never smiled more. There is just something about my little piece of



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paradise. It is hard to explain but time slows down, troubles seem a little more manageable, smiles abound, no one is really a stranger, and family and friends are always welcome. A sign on my porch sums it up - *This is my Happy Place!*

We have since replaced the little cabin with the sloping floor and very weak floorboards with a place that can be enjoyed by everyone year round. The winters were never spent at the Lake. Now they are being enjoyed just as much as the bustling summertime. Our pontoon has been replaced with kayaks. Who knew those rapids by the Marina could provide so much excitement. The hill that Dad disliked more and more as the years passed is a really awesome sledding run. We have learned to adapt without Dad and the lake. I can hardly control the anticipation of what it will be like when it is back and I can feel my Dad smiling all around as his family continues to use the place he loved so much.

The pictures shown here are of some of those "little" grandchildren that today are still enjoying Lake Delhi. Many of them now bring their children to the Lake. Hopefully they will be the next generation to go on a "SHORT" pontoon ride down the lake. Everyone should have a place that makes them feel whole, feel happy, feel love and for me that place is Lake Delhi. Every time we pull out of the drive to head back to our home in Quasky I tell Al "Have I told you how much I love this place. Thanks for making it ours!"

You can Still Buy a limited edition *Lake Delhi Cookbook!*

Mary Jo McDermott put together a fantastic Lake Delhi cookbook and has sold many copies while raising money that has been donated to the Community Fund to Rebuild Lake Delhi. You can still buy one of these fantastic cookbooks by contacting Mary Jo at Todmarjo@yousq.net or pick one up at Widner Drug in Manchester.

These cookbooks are a limited run edition, so you would be wise to purchase one of these wonderful Lake Delhi limited edition collector's items while there are still some available! And when you do, you contribute money towards the rebuilding of the dam and restoration of Lake Delhi. It's a great Christmas Gift!!

Mind Teaser Answer from page 3:
It wasn't raining.

Great Quote:

"The voyage of discovery lies not in seeking new horizons, but in seeing with new eyes." —Marcel Proust

Why You Should Always Have a Camera!

If you have a crazy photo you would like to share, you can send it to us at:
LakeDelhiTrustees@lakedelhi.org



Sudoku #4

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					9		7
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		1	8				
	7		5				2

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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 T-Shirt or Dam-Just Build It T-Shirt – White</i>	White	\$15			
<i>I Gave a DAM T-Shirt or Dam-Just Build It T-Shirt – Gray</i>	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			
				Total \$:	

Name: _____

Mail Form and Check Payment to:
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