



STARK'S LAKE CAREY SAWMILL (PHOTO COURTESY WYOMING COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

# LAKE LIFE

A  
Newsletter for  
The Friends of  
Lake Carey

Winter 2022

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## President's Letter

By Lewis Flinn

I've some good news to begin 2022. Harger Utilities' work installing grinder pumps is going well and ahead of schedule (see story on p. 3). The construction of the main plant on Billings Mill Rd is now almost complete, and the full system is still targeted to go online this September. After it's online, your contractor can connect your sewer output to the grinder pump and your electricity to the grinder pump box.

But, the beavers have been busy too. Although long a home to some, the lake's population appears to have grown dramatically; that's a problem. Several trees at the shore have been chewed down, some as large as 18" in diameter. As I wrote in a previous email, if you are

concerned about a tree near your lake front, you can wrap chicken wire around the trunk to protect it. If you would like to remove beavers from their den at your shore, you can contact a licensed "nuisance pest control" agent (the LCWA can't do it). The PA Game Commission recommends Walter Lezinsky, 570-289-4826, wlezinsky44@gmail.com, who will trap them, December through March (the trapping season), for a small fee.

As always, I am thankful for the hard work of the LCWA board. Deb Tierney, our tireless treasurer, somehow finds time to handle all our bookkeeping and taxes, plan our fundraising events, manage the online store as well as cochairing the Lake Carey Dam Association (LCDA). Ed Hetzel maintains a watchful eye on the lake's water quality, manages our "growing greener" grants, in addition to serving on the LCDA and sewer authority. And secretary Patty Skrynski takes extraordinarily accurate minutes for both LCWA and LCDA with a ready smile, no matter how chaotic the

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Work installing grinder pumps and the sewer line is proceeding well. p 3.

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Randy Percival's project conserving the Stark sawmill turbine is complete. p 4.

discussions. I'd also like to thank David Rinehimer, past president, for the many years he helped put all of this in motion and for "steering the ship" so skillfully.

On a sad note, I report the passing of Lou Bierly last month. Lou grew up at the lake and, as a long-time LCWA member and former officer, has been active in our community for decades. We extend our condolences to Lynn and his family. He will be missed.

# UPDATES FROM THE TREASURER

by Deb Tierney

Our online store reopened for the recent holidays. Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts there to raise money for our dam replacement project. We had a lot of great new merchandise and were able to raise over \$1,300. The store will remain open for a bit longer, so make sure you visit and pick up any last-minute items at <https://lakecareypa.company.site/>.

While you are at the store, think about ordering a Lake Carey 2022 calendar. What better way to welcome in the new year? This year's calendar is better than ever, thanks to our own Alan Thatcher! It's full of amazing pictures from around the lake - sunsets, eagles, residents, events, landmarks and so much more! You can purchase your copy online at the store website or email me at [lcwa637@gmail.com](mailto:lcwa637@gmail.com) for local pickup. The calendars sell for \$16.00.

Keep in mind that our annual membership campaign kicks off with the April 2022 newsletter. Last September, the members voted to set the dues at \$50 for

both individual and family memberships. This is the first increase since 2007. Your dues can be mailed to PO Box 637, Tunkhannock, PA 18657. Last year was our best ever with over 150 members. Thank you all for your support!

As I flip over the pages of the calendar, I am looking ahead to June! The Lake Carey Dam Association is excited to be

hosting its first annual golf tournament that month on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Stone Hedge Country Club in Tunkhannock. We have an exciting day planned, filled with fun, food, prizes, 50/50 and a basket raffle. A portion of the proceeds will go to Child Hunger Outreach Partners for Wyoming County. The remainder will go directly to our dam project. To make this event as successful as possible, we will need everyone's help securing sponsors and/or players. Please contact me at [lakecareydam@gmail.com](mailto:lakecareydam@gmail.com) or 732-492-2344 with any questions you may have.

You can register now with the form below. It's also available at the store's website.

Team Registration Information	Sponsorship Information
<p><b>Player Name, Phone and Shirt Size:</b></p> <p>1. _____                      Phone: _____                      Size: _____</p> <p>2. _____                      Phone: _____                      Size: _____</p> <p>3. _____                      Phone: _____                      Size: _____</p> <p>4. _____                      Phone: _____                      Size: _____</p> <p>If company sponsored, name of company: _____</p> <hr/> <p><b>Make checks payable for registration and sponsorships to:</b>                      Lake Carey Dam Association                      PO Box 637                      Tunkhannock, PA 18657</p>	<p><b>Company Name:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Presenting Sponsor—\$2,000 (1 available)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Recognition in all marketing materials</li> <li>* Sponsor banner displayed at event</li> <li>* 2 teams of four golfers</li> <li>* Opportunity to provide promotional items to golfers</li> <li>* Logo displayed at each hole</li> </ul> <p><b>Reception Sponsor—\$1,000 (2 available)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Recognition in marketing materials</li> <li>* Company logo on coasters/napkins during reception</li> <li>* Opportunity to introduce your company leaders/teammates</li> <li>* 1 team of four golfers</li> </ul> <p><b>Hot Dog Lunch Sponsor—\$100 (2 available)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Recognition in marketing materials</li> </ul> <p><b>Beverage Sponsor—\$100 (3 available)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Recognition in marketing materials</li> </ul> <p><b>Golf Shirt Sponsor—\$750 (1 available)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Event shirts for all golfers including company logo</li> </ul> <p><b>Hole Sponsor—\$125</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Hole sign on course</li> </ul>



**Fig. 1 Positioning Pump & Tree in Drum**

The installation of Lake Carey grinder pumps and low pressure line is well-underway. A Harger Utility crew of 12-15 men under foreman Gavin Clukey have completed several side roads and are working now on Shore Drive; next up is Billings Mill Road.

Clukey is no stranger to this kind of work. In his twelve years with Harger, he has supervised several similar projects, most notably a smaller installation in PA's Port Matilda.

At Lake Carey, the crew is putting in 2 1/2 horsepower IGP-M Franklin grinder pumps, a residential pump selected by Larson Design Group for our use here. These seven-vane grinders make an impressive 414,000 cuts per minute. Check them out on this video at:

<https://youtu.be/LSDTf3BBiT> (but don't try what you see here at home!) Franklin's strongest pumps in this series will be placed

at the northern end of the lake, farthest from the treatment plant on Tunkhannock Creek.

After drilling a large hole between the road and each cottage, Clukey's crew places the pump on a 'tree' to be lowered into a steel drum. That tree can be used to pull the pump up and out later, if necessary. A pump will fail, if it is tangled in cord, leather or other thick material flushed by mistake; they are designed to grind human waste, after all.

Installing the 7' high 30" wide drums has had its "ups and downs," Clukey notes. Some must be positioned in tight spots; and large rocks and water are sometimes encountered. But the work is progressing; in fact, it's slightly ahead of schedule. When asked what he enjoys most about the job, Clukey responded, "It's working with the people at the lake; you've got a very welcoming community here." I think it's fair

## GRINDING OUR WAY TO TUNKHANNOCK CREEK

by Walter Broughton

Photos: Ron Tanner

to say, that this community is grateful in turn for the care and courtesy Clukey and his crew have shown them.



**Fig. 2 Laying Line from Street to Pump**

The Harger crew will continue to install the main sewer line through February, before resuming grinder pump installation in March. The full project schedule is available at the sewer authority website: [www.lemtunksa.org](http://www.lemtunksa.org)

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## PERCIVAL PROJECT APPROVED

By Walter Broughton

Randy Percival's Lake Carey Service Project was approved by the local Boy Scout Review Board earlier this Fall. To complete this Eagle Scout requirement, Randy chose to reclaim and mount the turbine and gear shaft that once powered the Stark sawmill at Lake Carey's outlet.

Long buried in the stream bed below the dam, they are now on permanent display at the dam site. In addition to the mechanics

of raising and mounting these artifacts, Randy researched their history and secured the money needed. "It was a very positive experience," he reports. "I enjoyed preserving an almost forgotten piece of local history and I'm happy that it is now in public view for future generations to see and appreciate."

Now a mechanical engineering major at the Worthington Scranton Campus of Penn State,

Randy will continue researching the local mill industry and its history, to complement his growing 21st century engineering skills.

Community service projects, often described as scouting's most important and rewarding requirement, are also its most selective--less than 1/5th of all scouts complete them to achieve this rank. Randy is thus joining a small and distinguished group, including former Eagle Scouts President Gerald R. Ford, astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, Justice Stephen Breyer, poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, director Steven Spielberg and a university president or two.