



A FAMILY OUTING

LAKE LIFE

A Newsletter for The Friends of Lake Carey

Spring 2023

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President's Letter

by Lewis Flinn

It was great seeing many of you on our first ever Zoom meeting in February. As I said then, a main goal of LCWA is community building . . . so, I'm happy to report that we have a lot of exciting events planned for this summer. The highlight, of course, is Lake Carey Day July 29, which will feature the usual favorites – a boat parade, the poker run, 5K/10k run, “look and find”, and this year we will hold a carnival/craft show at the Old Carter Barn, with food trucks, many local craft vendors, massages and, for the first time, a corn-hole tournament beside the lake. There'll be a “Lake Party” with live music that evening to cap off the day.

This year we will also be holding two member mixers at the Old Carter Barn,

the first on Friday, June 16 from 6-9 pm and the second on Sunday, August 20 after the LCWA meeting. These events will be a great opportunity to catch up with your neighbors or to get to know new ones. We also encourage anyone at the lake who is not yet a member to join the fun. So please help spread the word, especially to new neighbors. Our goal is to have everyone at the lake join the LCWA in our mission of preserving and maintaining the lake and its dam, and to participate in the Lake Carey community!

Look for more info on our website- www.lakecareypa.com, Facebook page, texting service, or email.

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CHAPEL WELCOME

by Hollie D'Agata

The Lake Carey Union Chapel will open its historic doors this summer on June 18 at 10:00 am. Brief, yet meaningful services will be held at this time every Sunday thereafter through September 3, 2023.

All are welcome at these nondenominational services and at the receptions afterwards. The chapel is also available for weddings, Bible studies, and memorial services.

Please join us.



Fig. 1 Reception in the Chapel Yard

Summer 2023 Chapel Schedule

June 18	Clark Switzer	July 30	Rev Jim Skinner
June 25	Rev. Bilotti	August 6	Steven Sherwood
July 2	Terry Baumus	August 13	Ernie King
July 9	Barb Locey	August 20	John Crounce
July 16	Kevin Durland	August 27	Jim Skinner
July 23	Ernie King	Sept 3	Rhonda Trotsky



SUMMER FEST 2023

Join us for a fantastic summer of live music and theater at Old Carter Barn!

- Friday, June 16 - 6pm - LCWA Barn Bash! Live music, food, and cash bar
- Wednesday, June 28 - 6pm - Summer Sessions Concert* - doors open 5pm
- Friday, July 14 - Sunday, July 16 - "You Make My Dreams (Come True)" a concert reading of the new musical by Douglas Carter Beane with music from the catalog of "Hall and Oates"
- Wednesday, July 26 - 6pm - Summer Sessions Concert*- doors open 5pm
- Saturday, July 29 - 10am-4pm - Lake Carey Day Carnival
6-9pm - Live music - Lake Carey Day Party
- Saturday, August 25 - 1-10pm Hootenanny Music Festival
- Wednesday, August 30 - 6pm - Summer Sessions Concert* - doors open 5pm

Visit <https://oldcarterbarn.com/summer-arts-fest> for tickets and info

* PRESENTED BY NORTH BRANCH ART TRAIL

* SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE- CHECK WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO



Fig. 1 Not Everyone Likes Rattlers

OUT AND ABOUT

by Walter Broughton

Occasionally, even the most ardent fans of Lake Carey like to venture out to sample some of the notable things you can do in the surrounding area. We're fortunate that way; great events at the lake and fascinating things to explore elsewhere.

For the first time in 30 years, one of my favorites, the Noxen Rattlesnake Roundup, will *not* be held. But, thankfully, the Sinnemahoning Sportsmen's Club, a scenic 30 minutes' drive from us, is having one on June 10 and 11.

Roundups tend to be good fund raisers, but they're not for the faint of heart nor the novice 'herpetologist.' Hunters need a special license and a permit from the PA Fish & Boat Commission, the timber rattlesnake is a protected species. And that's just for starters, they also need to know where to search for the rattlers and how to handle them once they've got them. Furthermore,

after the roundup they must release the snakes where they found them. Surprisingly, these skills are not that rare, nor is the fee that steep (only \$30 for residents, out-of-staters pay \$60). Sinnemahoning's round-up is one of three remaining organized hunts (not sure how many disorganized hunts there may be, nor can I imagine what they must be like).

Saturday is the day to attend, when kids can handle the snakes and prizes are awarded for the oldest (most rattles), heaviest, and largest rattlers. The candidates are placed in long, clear plastic tubes for the judges to examine closely and safely. And there's plenty of beer and good food afterward. And then the snakes must go back where they belong. Check it all out at: <https://visitpago.com/events/2022-snake-hunt/>

Another of my favorites, is the

Harford County Fair, August 14 - 19 this year. It's been held every year since 1858, making it the oldest continuous fair in the state, and one of the last remaining agricultural fairs. But age has not dimmed its excitement. There are demolition derbies, chainsaw carving demonstrations, three nights of horse, tractor, and truck pulls, a country western venue and lots of high-calorie food (funnel cakes, potato pancakes, corn on the cob). You can learn to keep bees, pet a rabbit, or milk a goat (if that's your thing).

Harford is noteworthy also because farm families still exhibit their livestock, produce and home-baked goods. Kids stand proudly by the pigs, hens, and rabbits they've carefully raised; bakers display blue-ribboned cakes and pies; and passersby stop to chat with the happy winners. It's enough to make a Penn Stater proud. For details see: <https://harfordfair.com/>

BINGO

by Walter Broughton

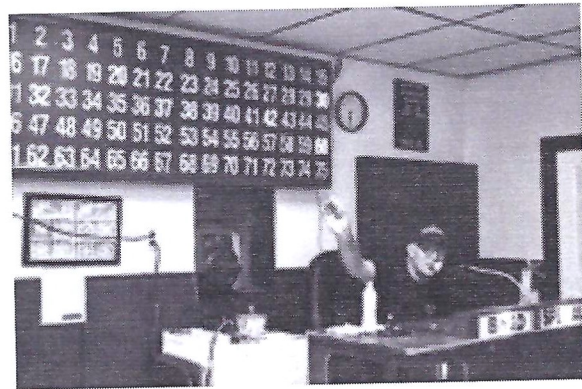


Fig. 1 Pete Brozusky Calls "32, Buckle My Shoe"

The Lake Carey Volunteer Fire Company (LCVFC) was established in 1948 to protect lives and property from fire at the lake and vicinity. Four or more cottages and three hotels had succumbed to fire in the five previous decades. Over the years, the company has performed its mission well. At the same time, it's also provided opportunities for folks to gather and enjoy a meal or game of chance, and that's important too. The LCVFC Friday night Bingo is iconic in that regard.

The LCVFC began offering Bingo in the 1980s. The game first became popular in the U.S. during the hard years of the depression when it was adopted by fire halls and other service groups to raise money (and have a good time). The game itself is simple, but there's a rich tradition that's grown up around it. Most callers, for example, will add a visual pun or a rhyme to a numerical call.

BINGO CALLS

- 5 One little snake (see it upright, looking toward the right)
- 8 One Fat Lady (not exactly politically correct)
- 11 Legs eleven (kind of skinny, but there they are)
- 22 Two Ducks (they're swimming toward the left, one behind the other)
- 23 Thee and Me (rhyming slang)
- 27 Gateway to Heaven (rhyming slang)
- 28 Overweight (rhyming slang)
- 32 Buckle my shoe (a classic rhyme call)
- 41 Life's Begun (rhyme and a reference to 'life begins at 40')

Because it's a game of chance, some players attach good luck to a particular seat and become upset when another player has knowingly or unknowingly already sat there. Beware also of calling 'Bingo' in error or when your winning number is visible on the board but not yet called. Some play in almost deadly earnest.

Bingo began this year on Friday, April 14 and continues into October. Doors open at 5:30 pm. In addition, the Company will host its Chicken BBQ again on Lake Carey Day, July 29.

These activities are important sources of revenue yet require the support and time of its volunteers and the community. Chief Bob Sickler and the other members welcome your participation as a member or a financial supporter. To learn more, visit their Facebook page or attend one of their weekly Tuesday night meetings at 7 pm.

RUSTY

by Jane Ireland



Fig. 1 Boswell in Mid-leap After a Tennis Ball

Lake Carey dogs have always been special to me. Four, I confess, were among the guests at my wedding on our cottage lawn. Our dog, Binky, and three of his doggy friends, Pierre Shoemaker, Trixie Baiz, and Taffy Fassett, sat quietly through the ceremony that day, reserved and respectful, and then dispersed to wherever their dog business led them.

Some years later my lab, Boswell, endeared himself retrieving tennis balls, springing eagerly from the diving board out into the lake. On other occasions, Boswell would spend hours standing quietly in the shallows by the shore waiting for unwary sunfish to approach, and then pounce. He never caught one, but he never gave up trying.

Boswell was special. But, the canine pal I recall most fondly was a stray who wandered into our yard the summer I was six.

My friend, Jane Woolbert, and I spotted him right away. He was a mixed breed of medium size, the color of an Irish Setter and just as friendly and rambunctious as were the two of us. We named him Rusty and decided he would be ours. After several days of missing lunch meat, however, my mother realized Rusty wasn't just a neighbor's dog who happened to stop by. Sadly, neither she nor Jane's mother wanted to provide a home for a dog of uncertain origins (and a growing taste for lunch meat), and so they agreed he would have to go.

Meanwhile, Rusty followed us everywhere, wading with us in the creek, racing behind us in Mrs. Herrick's playground, or eying us with an eyebrow cocked high as we tried vainly to trap chipmunks in a cigar box. Gradually our mothers grew used to having him around and mine even allowed me to feed him with our

family dog's food.

As the summer progressed, our mothers remained adamant, Rusty must go. Our companion's fate weighed heavily as we made elaborate plans to hide him at summer's end, in the car on our return home and within our bedrooms on arrival. Fortunately, we were rescued from deceit and Rusty from degrading confinement by our fellow cottager, Harry Lee, who agreed to take him home to Reading, PA. There Rusty lived a long and happy life with the Lees and their mastiff.

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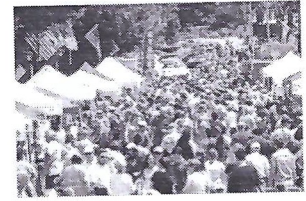
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LAKE CAREY & VACINITY SUMMER CALENDAR

LCWA Meetings,
Dam Site, 11:15 am.
May 21, Jun-Aug
(2nd Sundays),
& Sep 3



Tunkhannock
Founders Day
Street Fair, 10 am –
4 pm, Jun 24



Lake Carey VFC
Friday Bingo,
Fire Hall, 5:30 pm,
Apr - Oct



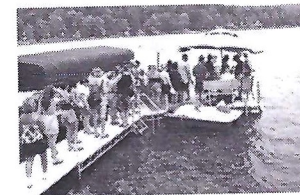
Summer Sessions,
Old Carter Barn,
6 pm Wednesdays,
Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug
30



Sportsmen's Club
Chicken BBQ, 11 am
– 1 pm, Apr-Jul on
4th Sunday, Aug-
Sep on 3rd Sunday



Lake Carey Day,
Jul 29



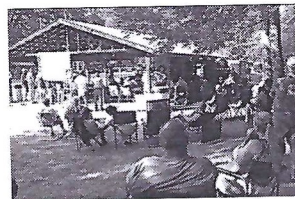
Union Chapel
Sunday Services,
10:00 am,
Jun 18 – Sep 3



Montrose Blueberry
Festival, Montrose,
PA, 9 am – 4 pm,
Aug 4 - 5



Bluegrass Festival,
Lazybrook Park,
Tunkhannock,
Jun 1 - 4



Hootenanny Music
Festival,
Old Carter Barn,
11 am - 10 pm,
Aug 13



LCDA Dam Benefit
Golf Tournament,
Stonehedge,
8 am, Jun 12



Harford Fair,
New Milford, PA.
Aug 14 - 19



Rattlesnake
Roundup,
Sinnemahoning, PA,
Jun 10 - 11



Wyoming County
Fair,
Meshoppen, PA,
Aug 30 - Sep 4



2023 LCWA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Summer Mailing Address:

Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Winter Mailing Address (If different from above):

Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Cottage Name: _____

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Golf Tournament 2023

by Deb Tierney

This year's golf tournament is shaping up to be another great event! The tournament is scheduled for June 12 at Stone Hedge Golf Club. All major sponsorships have been filled! We are still seeking "Hole Sponsors". Please consider sponsoring a hole, as you do not need to be a business to support this . . . you can recognize a family member or friend, a birthday, anniversary, retirement, or graduation. Team registrations are starting to roll in. Don't have a foursome, no problem, we can help you! Also, in need of a couple of basket donations to raffle off. Reach out to Deb Tierney if you have any questions at lakecareydam@gmail.com. You can also download the registration form at www.lakecareypa.com.

Team Registration Information

Player Name, Phone/Email and Shirt Size (unisex):

1. _____

Phone or Email: _____

Size: _____

2. _____

Phone or Email: _____

Size: _____

3. _____

Phone or Email: _____

Size: _____

4. _____

Phone or Email: _____

Size: _____

Join us for dinner only at the end of the event—\$40/person
Name: _____ # of Dinner Guests: _____

Make checks payable for registration and sponsorships to:

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