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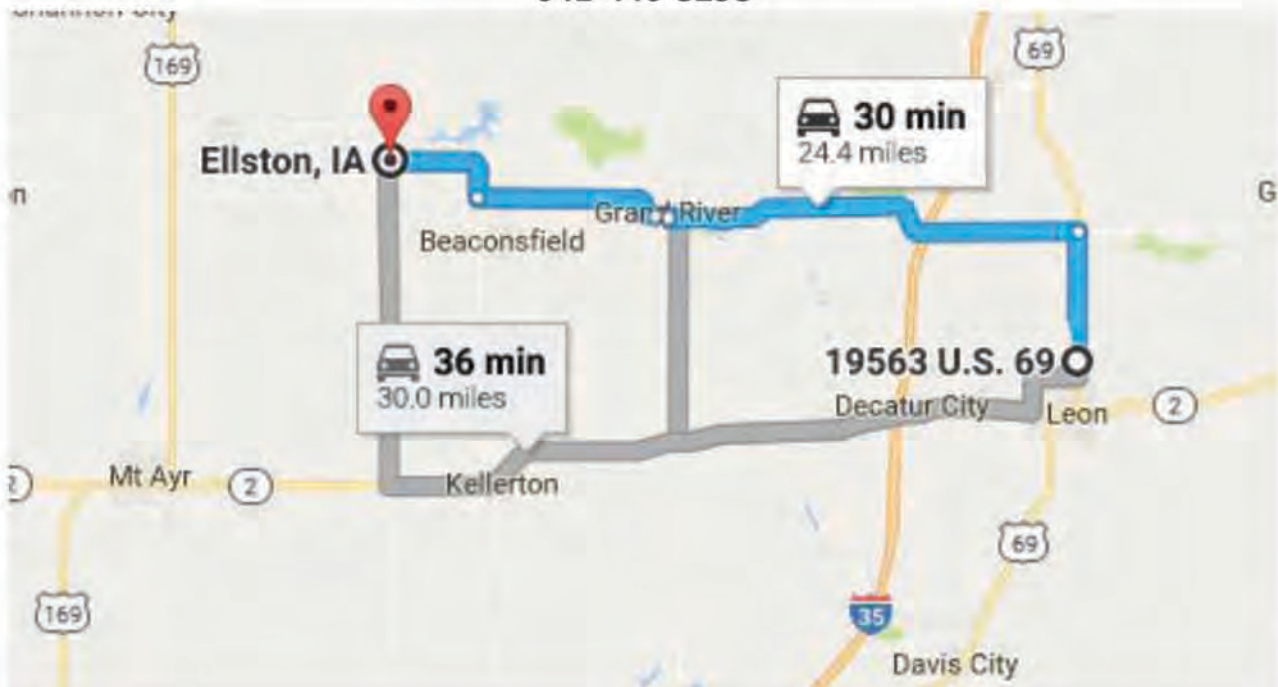
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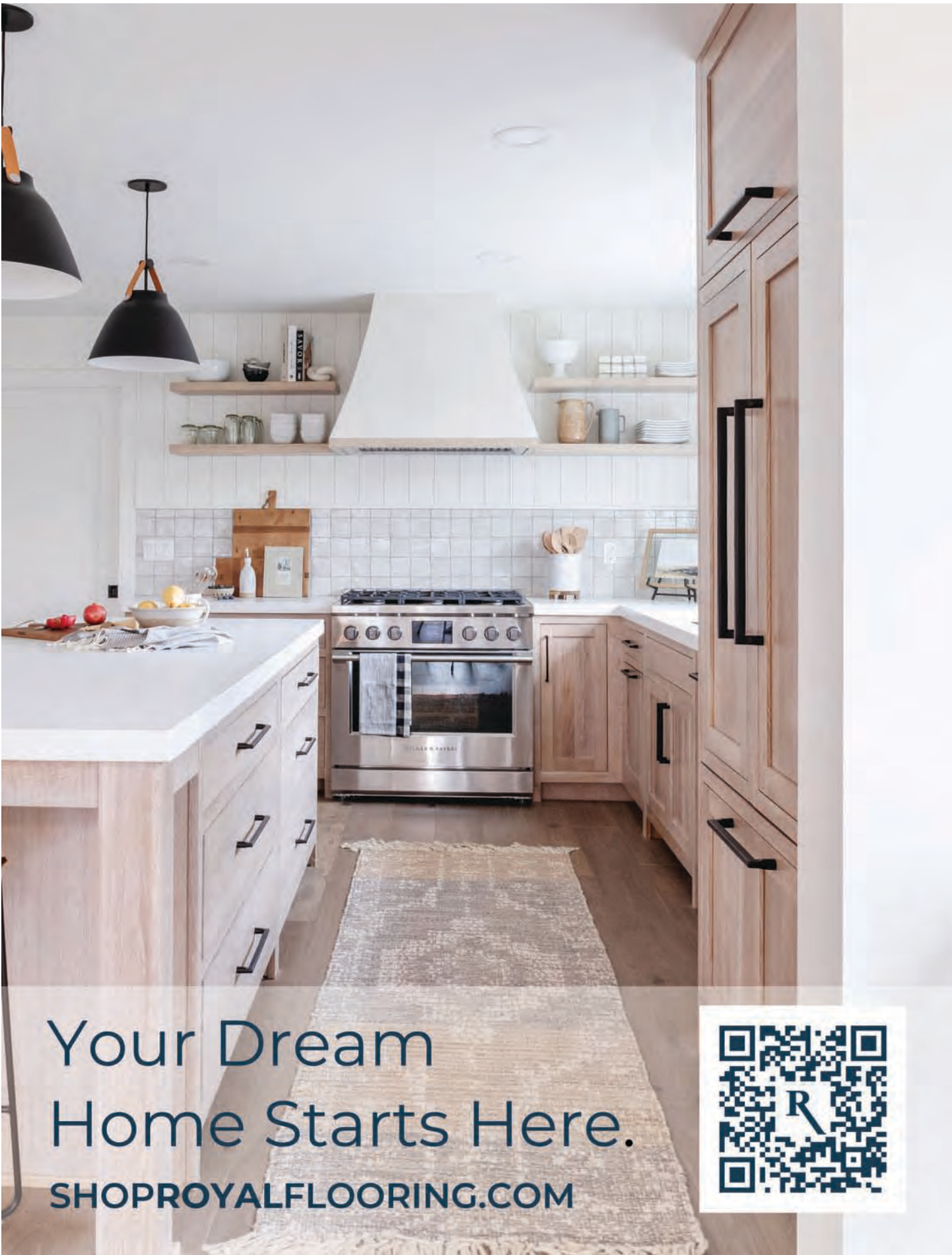
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Fishing and Water Quality Committee

The Fish Status Survey was completed by Aquatic Controls on April 25. We anticipate a detailed report from them soon about steps to continue to improve the lake. They will provide detailed guidelines for habitat restoration and stocking of all types of species in the lake. This process achieves a healthy biologic balance. Aquatic Controls would still like to see us remove as many small largemouth bass as possible from the lake. We would appreciate having members report numbers of largemouth bass removed from the lake (less than 14"). Report to: svilafc@gmail.com.

Grant Greenman(grantg@aquaticcontrol.com) and his team have provided process to order, deliver, and install lake bottom mats/blankets (www.lakemat.com). These products are an effective occlusive barrier for controlling vegetation at your swimming and boat-access areas around your docks. Talk to Grant about your needs—he is glad to help!!

Based on Aquatic Controls input, we have started stocking Red Ear Sunfish (aka: shellcrackers). These are a desirable species to add to our lake. They provide good forage fish base for the larger predator fish. They consume snails which will help with swimmers' itch and decrease the abundance of snails in the lake. Using snails as a previously unused food source for our fish population is also good for health and diversity of the species we have. **Please note:** we do have **Green Sunfish** in the lake. These are an invasive species and need to be removed. They are particularly damaging to the spawning beds of the other species in the lake. SO, if you catch one, don't throw it back into the lake, regardless of size. If you are not familiar with this species, please google: Green Sunfish and learn more about these characters.

The Spring Bass Tournament was well attended with 18 boats competing on April 29. Largemouth bass taken in the tournament show steady increase in size compared to prior years. Our biologists tell us that improved water quality (post dredging) contributes to the improvements. Clearing the lake back to its natural bed removes silt, debris, and chemicals, resulting in better oxygenation and balance of water nutrients.

By the time you read this, the Kids' Tournament and fish fry will have been completed on June 10. Special thanks to Darla and Pauli Turner for organizing/managing this event. Thanks to Nick for frying the fish. The kids were given fishing rods, bait, DNR info, and T-shirts on a first come/first served basis. Following the tournament, we provided a community fish fry at the beach for all association members.

We have completed deployment of both man-made (Mossback) and natural fish habitat structure in selected areas. This was performed with guidance of Aquatic Controls and approval by the board. There are a total of five areas that we have placed these products. The sites are marked with white buoys for this first year. Detailed maps are available on the website and in the association office. We will continue to work yearly on habitat restoration of the lake, post dredging. Records of all sites will be updated and available to all.

The Fall Bass Tournament will be on September 29. Forms and info will be available in the office and on the website.

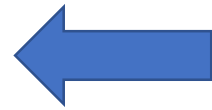
The committee is thankful to the numerous volunteers that have helped with the tournaments, fish fry, stocking and habitat work completed to date. Please contact me if you would like to help with our efforts.

On behalf of the committee,
Doug Massop Cell-515.681.3572



**Spring Bass
Tournament
Winners -
April 29th**

Left to right:
Ben Thompson,
TJ Thompson,
Scott Steinkritz,
Bob Campbell,
Mark Evenrud,
Scott Miller



**Fish
survey
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Safe Boating and Road Use Committee

We are all looking forward to another wonderful summer season at Sun Valley Lake. Dredging has wrapped up and we will be able to enjoy the results of this project beginning this year. As in the past, the Safe Boating and Road Use Committee has been working to ensure that safety is foremost in our committee's work at the lake.

Members

Our committee is comprised of six members: Diane Petty, Mike Farrell, Rudy Lucia, Chris Nelson, Tom Ellis and me. We would like to thank retiring member Phil Bear for all his hard work and contributions in the past several years. These members reflect both a diversity of tenure at the lake as well as types of water activities they enjoy most...from fishing, to skiing, boating, floating, etc.

Scope of Focus

The Committee continues to look at safety on our roads and lake as being paramount. We ask that as members of the Sun Valley Lake community each of you become familiar with the Boating, Fishing and Road Rules. To ensure that everyone has safe, enjoyable experiences at the lake, it is important that we are respectful and aware of others using the lake. Our lake is relatively small and with increased density, it is more important than ever that we are all respectful of others and aware of the rules that govern the lake.

The Rules have been posted on the Sun Valley web site with no major revisions for the current year. They have been reorganized to be more reader friendly and accessible to all members and their guests.

Watch for information regarding training sessions to be held by staff in the near future. These sessions will provide safety information and an overview of the lake safety rules and regulations.

Increased Density on the Lake



As mentioned in prior articles, more people have discovered the secret of our beautiful lake, and as a result we have continued to experience an increased density of boating activities on the lake. From 2017 to 2021, the number of boat registrations increased 21%. In the June 2022 Sun Valley Lake Community Survey, 70% of the respondents "feel SVL is either at capacity or overcrowded in terms of houses, population and watercraft." Additionally, "overcrowding is a definite concern" was given by 83% of the respondents.

This increase in lake usage presents challenges to us all. The Safe Boating and Roads committee presented the SVILA board with recommendations to address density concerns and improve safety. The recommendation regards expanding the swift water boating area, most notably at the west end of the lake. Ongoing discussions with the Safe Boating and Roads Committee, the Fishing and Water Quality Committee and the SVILA board are being held to create a resolution to balance the safety on the lake with maximum enjoyment for all.

We wish you a wonderful and Safe 2023 at Sun Valley Lake.

Doug Pearson

Chairman, Safe Boating and Roads Committee



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SUN VALLEY LAKE ENTERTAINMENT DATEBOOK



Based on several sources, at this writing the following events are planned for the 2023 season. This author predicts, there will be more! Stay tuned for changes and/or additions!

June:

Sat 6/10 - Kids Fishing Tournament and Community Fish Fry

Sat 6/10 - SVPHC Redneck Frisbee Golf Event (pm)

Sat 6/24 - Clubhouse B+G Band, The Tank Anthony Band

Thu 6/29 - SVPHC Luau and Concert w Erica Sunshine Lee



July:

Sat 7/1 Tony Bohenkamp Concert

Sun 7/2 - Community Fireworks

Mon 7/3 - Firecracker Cove Fireworks

Mon 7/3 - Color Run (5K)

Sat - 7/15 - SVPHC Poker Run (via boat)

Sat - 7/15 - Aquapalooza (2-6 pm)

Sun - 7/23 - SVPHC Concert w Peter & Brendan Mayer

Thu 7/27 - SVPHC Concert w Mike Nash

Sat 7/29 - Curtis Osborn Family Live Music



August:

Sat 8/5 - SVPHC Summer Olympics & Cheeseburger in Paradise

Thu 8/31 - SVPHC Concert w Donny Brewer and Bryton Stoll



September:

Sat 9/2 - Clubhouse B+G Band, The Red Dirt Renegades

Fri 9/8 - Clubhouse B+G Lobster Boil and Band, The Sinclair Brothers





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