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## Letter from the President by Jean Richards

It's that time of the year where we are all thrown into the holidays and concerned with how they affect our life. We sit back and think of things to be thankful for and what to get for gifts for those we have on our Christmas lists. In the midst of all that, we have to come up with our fantastic dinner menus.

While you are digging through recipe files for things that will be loved and make your family and guests happy, I'd like to add a time worn recipe to your list. It is not expensive, and everyone has the necessary ingredients for this easy to make recipe:

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## PARK DIRECTOR UPDATE by Max Gibbs



The season of Thankfulness is upon us. We need to take time during this time of year to think about all the beautiful things that make up our lives. We are so busy, that we often forget to take the time. If you try, you can find this time in the morning before your day begins, or maybe at the end of the day, before you turn the lights off. It is important for you, and those in your life, that you have a thankful heart.

We have included pictures in the Footprints so you can keep up on what is happening at your Park. If you live anywhere near the Greater Grand Rapids area, you have heard about Art Prize. This year, over 1,500 pieces of art were on display around Western Michigan. We were very fortunate to have one of the top ten winners living in the Sandy Pines area. Doc Tilma took sixth place out of 1,500 displays. His bears were on display at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, but now they are at Sandy Pines! We have placed them around the Park. Please stop out and see them. Next summer, we will run a contest for naming the bears. We are fortunate to have them, and they have added to our uniqueness!

Please take a minute and give us your e-mail address. Communicating with you is important to us, and to you. Last summer we were able to let our members know when we had a power outage. We would not be able to do this without e-mail.

The Golf Course changes are moving forward. The Clubhouse has been torn down and the new one is progressing. Pictures are posted on our website.

If you would be interested in being a Golf Course Ranger or a Starter, please e-mail me at [director@sandypines.com](mailto:director@sandypines.com). We hope the course will be busy every day, and we will need extra help. We see this as a good problem to have, because this is your golf course, and we want you and your family to use it.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season and remember to take some time to say thanks!

### Member Service Information by Mary Cooper

#### Convenience Centers open this winter:

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#### Automatic Renewal Notice:

You should be receiving your renewal notice after the first of the year. Please take the time to look the form over and make sure all the information is correct. The back of the form gives you the option to make changes. Send the form back **only** if you make changes, and we will send back a new form with the corrections. This is not a bill. The total amount on the renewal will be billed to your account in March, and sent out April 1st.

#### Reminder:

In January, April & July, you will have a quarterly electric charge on your account. This is an estimate based on your total electric usage for 2011.

#### Flea Market Dates for 2012:

May 5, May 26, June 9, July 7, Aug. 11, Sept. 1 and Oct. 6. Reserving spaces can only be done online through the Member Web Access. The price is \$30 per space.



#### Email Addresses:

Make sure we have your current e-mail address. This is a great way for us to inform you right away regarding power outages, new programs, plus it saves on paper and postage by sending out your bill and newsletter via e-mail.

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The 2012 season at your golf course is going to be very exciting. A new clubhouse, rough areas around the course have been cleaned up for speedier play, better food at the clubhouse, and of course more golfers!

We want Sandy Pines members to have a good time at their golf course. We are going to need additional help to accomplish this goal. If you would be willing to volunteer a few hours a week to help with being a Ranger or a Starter, please let us know. You can e-mail [director@sandypines.com](mailto:director@sandypines.com), or call 616-896-8315 x 105.

Our new program allows members and associate members to play golf for free. We will need to have members and associate members show their Sandy Pines member or associate member card. Each person will need to have one. You can obtain these cards at the Ranger Station, or simply remember to add the name to your Renewal Form, which we send to all members at the first of the year.

If you are golfing with someone who does not qualify for free golf, they will be charged the current rate. Grandchildren of members will pay a reduced rate, which will depend on their age.

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Happy Holidays!



## Sympathy is extended to the following members and families:

**Delores Lewis**, Site 417, on the passing her husband, **Guy**, on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Joyce Bowen**, Site 573, on the passing her husband, **Gary**, on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Gary & Mary Sova**, Condo Site C-5, on the passing of their mother, Lucille Sova, on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Alma Hamburg**, Site K-340, on the passing her husband, **Jay**, on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Sympathy is also extended to their children, **Ron & Jayne Hamburg**, Site D-55.

**Stephen & Sandra Baughman**, Site N-66, on the passing their mother, Patsy Baughman Cook, on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Jim & Laurel Billings**, Site N-133, on the passing of their daughter, Deborah Edna Billings, on November 21st.

**Connie Barber**, Site N-495, on the passing of her husband, **Dennis**, on November 28th.



## Here's What's Happening...



## Happy Anniversary to you!!

**Fred & Donna Bleyerveld**, Site K-231, celebrated 50 years of marriage on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to you both. We wish you many more years of love and happiness together.

**Lloyd & Helen McClellan**, Site 952, celebrated their **62nd Wedding Anniversary** on October 15th! What an amazing milestone in your lives! May good health, laughter and love be with you always.

**Dave & Lorna Landrum**, Site 1130, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Their children, Lauri & Kevin Wiessner, are at Site 1050. May you always be blessed with love, laughter, family and friends! Congratulations and best wishes.

## Florida Winter Gathering Information

We're pleased to announce that the Florida Winter Gathering will be held in Clearwater, on March 2nd. We plan to have dinner at either 1 or 2 pm and will finalize that when we have our location firmed up. If you are planning to attend, please e-mail Mary Ann Fontaine at [momfontaine@hotmail.com](mailto:momfontaine@hotmail.com), so she knows how many people to make reservations for. More information will be forthcoming in the next Footprints!

## Michigan Winter Gathering Dates

The Sandy Piners who do not go to a warmer climate during the winter months get together on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 pm. We meet at the Old Country Buffet, alternating monthly, between Grand Rapids (Roger's Plaza on 28th St.) and Kalamazoo (Maple Hill Mall on West Main St.). Here's our schedule: December 15th - Kalamazoo; January 19th - Grand Rapids; February 16th - Kalamazoo; and March 15th - Grand Rapids. Everyone is welcome! We hope you will be able to join us at least once during the winter and ask that you pass this information on to those who might be interested!

## 40 Year History Of Sandy Pines DVD is now available!

Pre-ordered DVDs are available to those who requested a copy. We were able to order approximately fifteen extra sets when the order was placed, so there are a few available for purchase. They will make a nice Christmas gift!

If you did not order one, but would still like a copy, e-mail [kathy@sandypines.com](mailto:kathy@sandypines.com) to let her know. If you ordered a DVD and would like it mailed to you, we can do that for an additional \$5, which we will charge to your account, if you authorize us to do so.

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## E-mail Footprints

We have used that term at Sandy Pines a number of times over the past few years. The world outside of Sandy Pines has found that communicating is quicker and easier with e-mail. Many companies are now e-mailing invoices and information to their customers.

Sandy Pines has moved into this world of e-mail efficiency. Many of our members are now reading the Footprints on their computers, iPad, iPod, or one of the many other new devices. The Footprints comes to you in full color and in an easy-to-read format. We also save printing and mailing costs when you opt to receive the Footprints online.

We would like more of you to take advantage of this new system. Please e-mail us at [kathy@sandypines.com](mailto:kathy@sandypines.com), and ask to be placed on the e-mail only list as your method of receiving the Footprints. By doing this, you are receiving your Newsletter approximately two weeks before it comes out in hard copy format.

Thank you for your consideration.



## E-mail Statements

Another cost savings measure that we have added here at Sandy Pines is to e-mail your monthly statement of money owed. We save approximately \$2.50 per statement by emailing it to you.

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If you decide to come to the Park during the off-season, be aware of the weather forecast, and contact the Ranger Station to check current conditions. Lake effect snow can accumulate quickly and blowing snow can fill roadways. Maintenance is not in the Park 24 hours a day. Park roadways can, and do, fill with snow that impedes travel. If the weather changes, you may want to leave before heavy snow or snow storms, or plan ahead to stay in the Park until roadways are cleared. It can be a few days after severe storms that county roadways, or Park roadways, are cleared.

Please do not park in the roadways within the Park. This prevents the plow trucks from plowing the streets. If you do plan to come to the Park, clear your driveway, park at the nearest convenience center, at the core parking lot or at the Adult Recreation Center parking lot.

Getting to your site over the plowed snow banks and through the snow can be very exhausting. Persons with health conditions may have a difficult time reaching their site. Plan ahead if you have health conditions that will prevent you from walking distances or prevent you from shoveling snow. Don't over exert yourself

Shoveling, as well as trying to get a vehicle unstuck, can be exhausting and possibly deadly to persons with heart conditions. Please review the weather conditions before coming to Sandy Pines. Bring a cell phone in the event of an emergency. Let family members know what you are doing and where you are.

### **Snow load:**

Porch enclosure roofs in the past have become damaged from snow load. Some trailer roofs have also been damaged by snow load. Please remember to check or have a friend check the amount of snow on your porch enclosure roofs.

Sandy Pines commonly has lake effect snow. As a result the Park normally has more snow than inland areas. The Ranger Station will have phone numbers available of people who clean the snow off roofs. Please contact the Ranger Station for those phone numbers if you would like to have that service.

Golf cart roof bowing can also occur from the accumulation of snow. Don't forget to check your golf cart roofs if they are stored outside.

### **Lake Ice:**

As the days begin to get colder, ice will form on the lake. Please use great caution when going out on the ice. A general guideline of four inches of new, clear ice is the minimum thickness for travel on foot. A general guideline of five inches of ice is required for snowmobiles. Remember, these are general guidelines, and many factors besides thickness determine the safety of ice. The lake does have a constant current and under water springs. These can make the ice weaker in some areas. Don't risk your life to get out on the lake to fish or snowmobile. The water is cold, and hypothermia can place your life at risk.

The only drowning ever to occur in the lake was an incident in which a person fell through thin ice.

### **Snowmobiles usage of the Park:**

Please operate snowmobiles on Park roadways. You will need to abide by the 10 mph speed limit and by vehicle operation rules.

Operators must have a State driver's license or State issued snowmobile safety certificate. Please do not cut across member sites or drive in green areas. If driving along the lake, be careful not to run into a dock or boat stake along the shore.

Roadways in the Park are often snow and ice covered. These conditions increase stopping distances. Use caution and slow down when traveling around curves.

Snowmobiles trails are nearby Sandy Pines, and connect with our Nature Trails in Phase 3. Local trail maps are available at area retailers.

Almost every year, a fatality occurs in Allegan County, involving a snowmobile. Please use care so that you and your family members do not become part of this statistic.

# SANDY PINES

## Park Inspector News by Don Weiss

I hope this article finds everyone doing well and enjoying their Holiday Season, so far.

I only have one issue to mention as a reminder to everyone. When cleaning up your leaves, either this fall or next spring, please be aware that if you blow leaves into the road, green area, or adjoining site, we will have it cleaned up and charge your account for it.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via phone 616-896-7286, or email me at [Inspector@sandypines.com](mailto:Inspector@sandypines.com).

## Trash Compactors

Last August, we added a trash compactor at the Recycling Center and we were able to eliminate 11 dumpsters from areas in Phases One and Two.

We were able to save over \$1,100 for the month of September with the new compactor.

We are now going to add another compactor in Phase Four. We will be eliminating ten more dumpsters. The area at the end of the parking lot for the Adult Rec. Center and Indoor Pool is where it will be located. This is an easy to enter and leave area for those who will have to travel a little farther to get rid of their trash.

The overall value of this new method is a reduction of 55% of our trash costs. It will also eliminate the big truck from traveling too many areas of the Park.

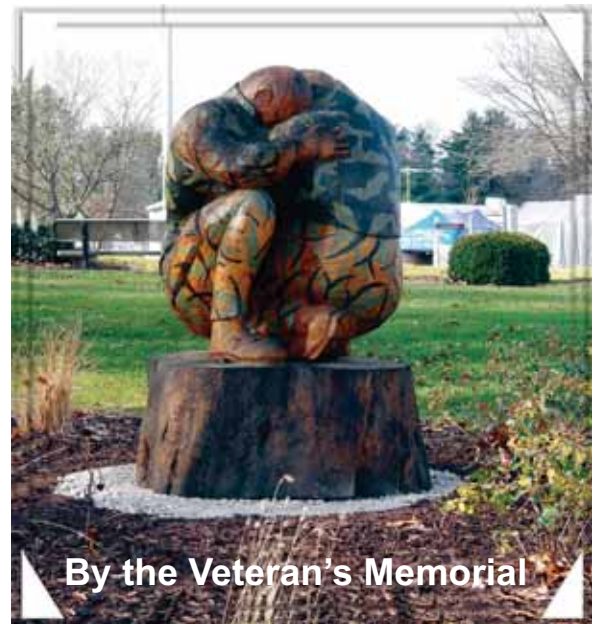
This is all part of our Greening Program for Sandy Pines.

## Veteran's T-shirt order

During the summer of 2011, you were asked in the Weekend Flyer if you would be interested in purchasing a 'Proud to be a Veteran at Sandy Pines' T-shirt. There were 14 individuals who expressed an interest, but to get a better deal on the cost of the shirt, we needed to have at least 25.

If you did not ask to be placed on the order list but would like to order one, please e-mail [kathy@sandypines.com](mailto:kathy@sandypines.com) putting Veteran's T-shirt in the subject area. Please indicate how many shirts you are interested in ordering and what size you would like. They will sell for \$15 and you can charge them to your Sandy Pines member account if you would like.

These shirts will be ordered in early January and will be available when you return to the Pines in the spring.



Lest we forget our Sandy Pines summer fun, left is a picture of four generations of Gritter Gals enjoying a ride on their tube around Lake Monterey. Pictured are Nancy Waalkes (Daughter), Jo Gritter (Mother), Rhonda Densborn (Granddaughter), Nanalyce Densborn (Great Granddaughter), and Deb Gritter (Daughter/Sister-in-law).

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## CLASSIFIEDS

**We have more 'Site For Sale' listings online at [www.sandypines.com](http://www.sandypines.com). Please call Kathy or Dale at 616-896-8315 x 113 and 114, for more information, or to schedule an appointment to come in and check things out. Thanks!**

**For Sale – Site 64:** Low budget/high performance site with older 40' trailer and 3-season porch. Trailer is furnished and has a gas fireplace. Large stone parking area with 8x10 golf cart shelter. Fire pit with patio. Wooded common area in back yard, which has great privacy. Asking \$19,900 for trailer and Site or \$21,900 with 2004 Yamaha gas golf cart. Call Roger at 616-885-0742 for a showing.

**For Sale – Site 153 – Phase 1:** 2004 Trophy with double loft, 3 Season Mulder glassed in porch, huge deck, and vinyl sided shed. Includes an E-Z-Go gas golf cart with vinyl cover. Trailer has central air and loft has individual air conditioner. Site is located on a quiet cul-de-sac adjacent to a well-equipped playground and CC #1. All trailer, porch and deck furnishings included. Site has block cement patio with fire pit. Dues paid for 2012. This is a must see. Asking \$69,000. Call: 616-915-2967.

**For Sale - Site 479:** Large corner lot, located conveniently near the Flea Market area. Lot includes new, fully wired 11X18 building with overhead storage, shelving, and a convenient slop sink. Lot also includes large deck, brick patio, landscaping,

and underground sprinkling. Asking \$23,500 o.b.o. Call 231-834-2915 for more information.

**For Sale - Site 555:** Site only for sale with water and electric hook-ups. Asking \$15,000. Call: 269-273-8788.

**For Sale from Site 1060:** 2001 19' Bayliner Capri 195 Sport boat and trailer. It has a Mercruiser V6, 190 horse inboard/outboard engine with just over 100 hours run time. It also has a brand new customized cover purchased this July. Asking \$12,200. Call 269-749-8013. Can be seen at site.

**For Sale - Site N-210:** 2005 Kropf one bedroom with family room/2nd bedroom on quiet circle close to the CC, beach and indoor pool. 3-season porch, deck and patio with large fire pit. Beautifully landscaped yard with fountain and gazebo. Electric golf cart and shed, \$43,000. Call: 734-459-3481.

**For Sale - N-429:** Lake frontage, sandy beach, walking distance to pool and Rec. Station. 8x8 shed, one golf cart, boat stake, 3-season room. Asking \$122,900 or best offer. Call: 616-896-8112 or 616-261-4541.

**For Sale - Site K-17:** Large prime lot with full lakefront view of Sailboat Cove. Prime Location. Water Park and mini-golf are within walking distance. Asking \$119,900. Price includes 1987 Oakland Park two bedroom trailer with screened in porch, deck, fire pit, and boat stake; 2002 20ft Sweetwater boat with 40hp Mercury Big Foot motor, and an electric golf cart. Call: 734-216-

7770.

**For Sale – Site K-25:** Lakefront, Sailboat Cove. 2005 Quail Ridge Park Model w/porch, two gas golf carts, shed, boat stake and shared dock. Fully furnished and ready to go! 2011 Dues are paid. Asking \$119,900. Call: 269-720-2865.

**For Sale – Site K-50** on the water: 08 Trophy – single loft, one bedroom, 10x30 Malibu Sunroom and wrap-around deck, front entry on a quiet cul-de-sac, vinyl railing, maintenance free! 200 sq. ft. storage building, patio slab all around the unit, professional landscaping. Full view of Sailboat Cove. One boat stake – **PRICE JUST REDUCED** \$129,900. Call: 616-896-8295 or 616-723-2615 (cell).

**For Sale – Site K-131:** 2005 Kropf Islander Double loft, fully furnished, ready to go! Three-season Champion porch, small storage shed, two golf carts, one gas – one electric. Maintenance free yard. Extensive decking, site backs up to Green area – very private when sitting at fire pit. Trailer and Porch bought brand new, Central air, hard wood floor and cabinets in kitchen w/center island, many extras. 2011 Dues are paid. Price reduced \$79,900. Call: 616-897-3170.

**For Sale – Site K-303:** Lakefront - 2008 Trophy Custom Park Model. Large open concept with cathedral ceilings, two three season rooms, large kitchen which is open to water views. One of the nicest parts of the lake. 1 1/2 ton air conditioning/heating unit. Professionally landscaped. Brick

# CLASSIFIEDS

paver patio with maintenance free deck. Maintenance free aluminum dock on wheels. 2004 Gas Golf cart, 200 sq foot garage with shelves and parking for two carts. Large blacktop parking area to accommodate up to five cars. Second porch has two rooms. This is the one! Great view of lake, island and sunsets. Sandy bottom for swimming. Dues are paid for 2011. Asking \$169,900. Call: 616-836-4711.

**For Sale - Site K-310:** Lake-front lot and trailer. Beautiful view. Excellent condition. Fully furnished, two boat stakes w/dock. Golf cart and new paddleboat. Asking \$140,000. Call: 616-741-9071 or 616-403-7673.

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**Flea Market Sign-ups for the 2012 season** are underway. You may sign up using our Member Web Access online. Cost is \$30 per space.



**Winter begins  
December 22nd!**



**THE CONDOMINIUMS OF SANDY PINES**  
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 During this time, please call to make an appointment to view the Condos!

137th Ave

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## **Adult Recreation** by Terry Derks, Adult Rec. Supervisor

“Winter Greetings” to everyone. Maybe you are enjoying the warm weather in a nice southern location, or perhaps you are part of the Sandy Pines family who stay in the North Country and endure the wonderful Michigan winter season.

I just wanted to update you on some of the plans from the Adult Recreation Dept. for your 2012 summer activities, which are now in the planning stages. Just so you know, many of the activities that we started last summer will continue for 2012. The boat rides around the lake and the bean bag toss, just to name a couple.

Here is a list of some activities that are presently in the works:

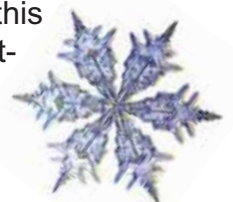


- June 16: Family Bike Ride (25 miles around the Park)
- June 22: First Bus Trip: Shipshewana - Tour, Theater and Dinner  
**\*Note\* July 4th Fireworks will be on the Holiday - July 4th**
- July 7: Saturday - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- July 21: Morning and early Afternoon - Family Day - Late afternoon - “Water Ski Show”
- July 26: Second Bus Trip – Chicago: “Devil in the White City” This is the tour I have been telling you about. If you like history you are going to love this tour.
- July 28: Cardboard Boat Regatta (note the new date. Also there are new classes of boats. Much more information to come in the next Footprints.
- Aug. 11: Christmas in August
- Aug. 21: Calder City Concert Band
- Aug 25: The Holland Vintage Car Club is coming to Sandy Pines to show off their classic cars. There will be lots of older classic cars for you to admire.
- Aug. 25: Enjoy Square Dance lessons in an outdoor setting
- Aug, 28-30: Our third Bus Trip: St. Louis, MO. Featuring a Lincoln Historical tour in Ill. then Theatre, and a Riverboat Cruise, the Arch, and much more in St Louis.

These are just a few of the activities we’re working on for you for 2012. We will have a chain saw artist, Mr. Llew ‘Doc’ Tilma, who took 6<sup>th</sup> place at “Art Prize” this fall in Grand Rapids, will be here to do a demonstration of his craft. His 2011 winning bear carvings are now on display throughout our Park for you to enjoy.

We are planning a revised Member-Guest Golf outing. This event will feature a two person team “Best Ball” contest, rather than a four person scramble like in years past. More on that later, but it will be a fun golf outing.

A quick note about the Cardboard Boat Regatta, I have been collecting cardboard this fall for YOU, yes YOU, to use in construction of a boat. Two local companies are assisting me by donating cardboard material. They are **Northgate Appliance** in Holland and **FloorSmart** in Dorr. Please remember these fine folks when you are in need of their products and services.



If you need cardboard to build your boat, please be sure to contact me.

# NEW AT SANDY PINES!

**Core Area**



**Phase Three Garden**



**Sandy Pines  
Welcomes  
the  
Art Prize Bears!**



**Adult Rec. Center**



**Golf Course**

**Mini-Golf**



**Main Entrance**

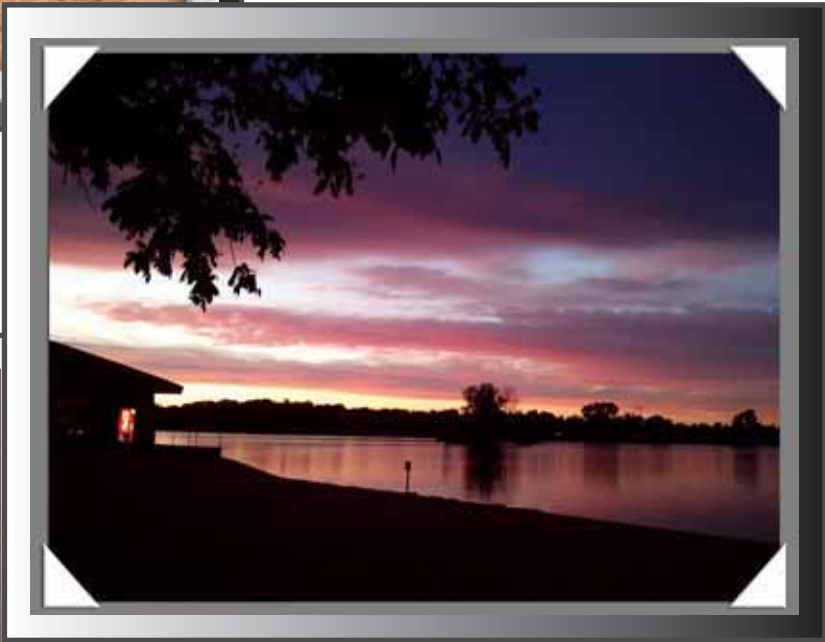
40th Anniversary  
1971 - 2011

# SEPTEMBER PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

**First Place**  
**Patricia Marzalik**



**Second Place**  
**Sharon Nevins**



**Third Place**  
**Pam Majewski**

