

# **POW WOW**

## **Papakeeche Protective Association Newsletter - 2025**

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### **Message from the President**

Hello Papakeecheians,  
It's already 2025, how quickly time passes! It seems like yesterday I was a young boy camping on the islands, playing army with friends, and enjoying my surroundings.! Here's a little background information on myself and, why I ran for president. We moved here from Norwalk, Ohio (Go Buckeyes) in early 1985, my parents found a beautiful rental log cabin all the way at the end of a secluded gravel road, otherwise known as Promontory Point. It was perfect, surrounded by the outdoors and the water on three sides. We lived there till 1990, when we moved across the lake to a house with a little bit more room and it is where my parents still reside. I packed all my important belonging (camping/army gear) into the PBR boat and rowed it to our new house, in two trips to be exact!! It was great because I didn't lose any friends from the move but gained several more from my new neighborhood. The best memories were sledding on the lot next door, the huge ice-skating parties and all the time swimming or fishing on Papakeeche. Those great things made me never want to leave and I haven't. I have lived on Papakeeche for 40 years. I am a graduate of Wawasee High School. My wife, Candace, and I have three amazing sons. I own and operate Wallace Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, my wife works at Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area, and two of our boys attend school at Wawasee Community Schools (Go Warriors). I ran for president of the lake association because of the life I have lived here and the opportunity to invest in the life my boys will have on this lake in the future. Papakeeche is a wonderful place to grow up and raise a family and I hope you will get the chance to do the same. I take pride in being a lifelong resident here and will continue to do my best at representing this lake as one body! Many of you know me already and if you

don't, please feel free to reach-out. If you have questions, I am always around. Thank you for making me your president. I look forward to seeing you around our beautiful lake!

Sincerely, Shane Wallace  
President PPA

### **Welcome to Lake Papakeeche**

New association members, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Papakeeche Protective Association (PPA), welcome to our lake. Be sure to visit the PPA website, ([www.lakepapakeeche.org](http://www.lakepapakeeche.org)). As well as helpful information concerning our association and lake, the PPA Covenants & Bylaws, are available for access on the site. Page 5 contains a list of the current PPA officers and Board of Directors.

### **Boating on Our Lake**

*The use of any type motor to propel a boat, or vehicle of any kind on Lake Papakeeche is strictly prohibited.*

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

The 2024 PPA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August, 9<sup>th</sup>. Election for the following will be held at the meeting: Vice-President, Treasurer, and representatives from districts; 1, 3, 4, 5, 5A, and 7. If you are, or you know of anyone who is interested in running for a position, please let us know.

### **Mute Swans**

In order to preserve both our pristine habitat and native wildlife this year, the PPA will again participate in the Indiana state sponsored and funded program that will reduce the number of swans on our lake. Lake Papakeeche, continues to experience adverse issues as the result of Mute Swan on the lake. Due to the fact that other area lakes are actively ridding their area of these swans, our lake (Papakeeche) has become an area where these birds are taking refuge.

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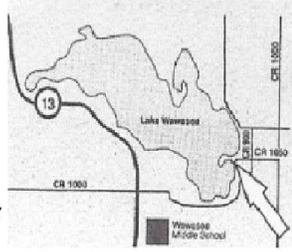
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### Fundraisers and Social Events

If you would like to organize an event, let us know contact Linda Minnick, at: 574 518-0746, or [secretppa@gmail.com](mailto:secretppa@gmail.com)

### Monetary Donations Needed

Several areas of need have been identified. Just to mention a few, these include; stocking of the lake with desired fishes, PPA building (could use a fresh coat of paint), grounds upkeep, also several unbudgeted expenses. If you are interested in donating funds to the PPA for any reason, please contact your district representative, or any of the PPA officers.

### Non-Lakefront Property Owner Access Points

Access is available to the lake via the boat ramp located at the PPA building on Hatchery Rd. There are also two (2) common piers. Both are on the north end of the lake. If desired, you may use these piers to moor a boat. The 1st pier is located at the far east end of the west levee, and the 2nd the flat pontoon with aluminum ramp) due west of the 1st.

### Advertise Your Business in The POW WOW

We accept business ads on a first come, first served basis. This is a great opportunity for you to let your neighbors know of the many services available within our membership and the surrounding area. For pricing and more information, contact Bernie Ebetino, at (260) 312-3494, or [ebetinob@gmail.com](mailto:ebetinob@gmail.com). Space is limited.

### Weed Harvester Operators Needed

This summer, we are in need of several people who are willing to learn to operate and utilize the weed harvester for our weed management program. We will provide training. If you are interested, please contact our president, Shane Wallace at: 574-457-6937, or via email at: [swallace3479@gmail.com](mailto:swallace3479@gmail.com)

### Mowing and Land Weed Control

We hire an individual to mow the association owned grassy areas. Due to state mandate as to how this land is to be maintained in a very specific manner, and in order to comply with these regulations, we must insist that the grassy down slope of the west levee/dam is to be mowed only by someone who the PPA hires and has been instructed on how to care for this land. Hatchery Rd. property owners whose land abuts this area are not to mow, store, place, or park boats, trailers, or any other objects on the levee/dam.

### Weed Control/Lake Management

There are several invasive plants that have been identified as growing in the lake. These plants spread quickly and can take over entire sections of a lake. The plants commonly travel from one lake to another on boats. Therefore, we recommend that if your boat is used in another lake, before it is then launched on Lake Papakeechee, you thoroughly wash it, and let it dry out for at least 5 days.

Our weed management for this season will be starting soon. To maximize the effect of the process used, application will be done in early April. Signs and buoys will be posted around the lake. we are asking you to help us in our weed management process. We have noted that in some areas, there are fallen trees, unused pier poles, and other foreign objects that impede our effort to maintain the area. As a member of the PPA you have a responsibility to do your part in helping to keep the lake and its shores clean and clear of debris. effort to maintain the area to your standards.

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### Financial Status

The yearend balance in the PPA account on 12/31/2024 was \$87,353.27.

The 2025 Association dues invoices were mailed out in early-January. Dues will be considered delinquent if not received by 4/1/2025.

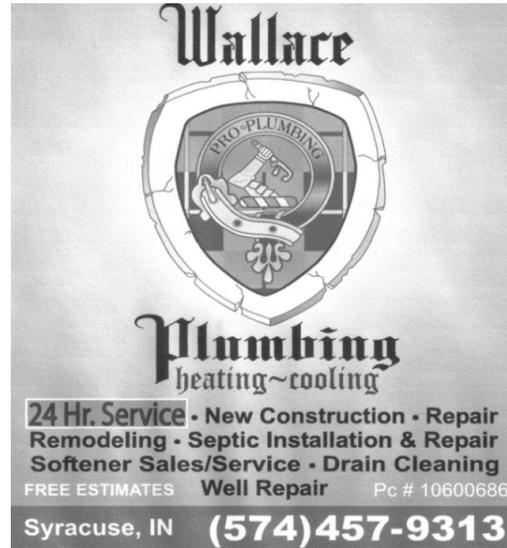
### Fishing and Other Activities on Our Lake

Fishing on Lake Papakeeche may be done only by association members, their families, and their guests (see covenant #3). Please note, it is not permissible to give approval to “non-guests” whether they be friends, or anyone else, to enter upon the lake to fish, or for any other purpose. Indiana state fishing licenses must be purchased to fish



on Lake Papakeeche. The PPA has the right to set lower quantity and larger size requirements than state limits on all fish species contained within and caught while fishing the lake. It is very difficult, if not impossible for the PPA to police this situation. You, as a member have the right to challenge anyone, and if determined that they do not belong, request that they leave.

**Except for maintenance purposes, motorized vehicles are not permitted on the dam/levee structure.**



### Board Meetings

The Board of Directors normally hold monthly meetings. Members are welcome to attend. You will find upcoming meeting dates and times on the PPA website, and posted on the PPA Building.

### PPA Officers and Board of Directors

<b>President</b> – Shane Wallace	574-457-6937
<b>Vice President</b> – Dan Connell	630-677-0236
<b>Treasurer</b> – Pat Ebetino	260-312-3637
<b>Secretary</b> – Linda Minnick	574-518-0746
District 1 – Lynn Ballentine	765-606-6153
District 2 – Bernie Ebetino	260-312-3494
District 3 – Anthony Serianni	574-302-2717
District 4 – Mark Laurent	260-417-9364
District 5 – Steve Wilson	574-529-2567
District 5a – Marshall Minnick	574-238-7605
District 6 – Jim Whitehead	574-457-4081
District 7 – Sherry Doherty	260-856-3224
District 8-9 – Darby Miller	574-349-5257