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## WLASA NEWZ THIRD QUARTER, SEPTEMBER 2024

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### **WLASA BOARD OF OFFICERS:**

*Please contact your board of officers with questions or suggestions about the Association.*

**President: Bob Ingalls, 231-375-9915**

**Vice President: Stan Jones, 231-893-4912**

**Secretary: NEED TO FILL THIS POSITION**

**Treasurer: Doug Prosch, 314-602-2541**

**Trustee: Tom Clock, III, 231-292-2949**

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**Trustee: John Noling, 231-670-3740**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings to all WLASA members and families. First off, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all the members who made this year's Bill Gillain memorial fish boil a huge success. We served over 620 dinners and had a successful raffle and an excellent silent auction which resulted in our organization being well funded for the coming year. Four days before the event I caught covid which put me down for almost two weeks and as a result I missed the event. I sincerely thank our team who rallied in my absence, picked up the slack and made this year's boil a huge success. Special thanks go to Paula Hanks, Doug Prosch, John Noling, Leah Bogen, and Mike Schiller for everything you did to pull this off.

After four years of excellent service as Secretary for our organization Paula Hanks has decided to resign

effective the end of October. Her organizational skills, communication and hard work has been essential to the success of the club. She has been a tremendous asset to WLASA, putting together our newsletter, contacting club members and volunteers, preparing the agenda and minutes for our board meetings, seeing to communications with the media and doing what needed to be done behind the scenes to keep our organization going. She has given countless hours for WLASA and I am very grateful for having worked with her these past two years. I hope you will join me in thanking her for her excellent service to our Association.

Also, I would like to acknowledge board member Captain Jennifer Ferrels. She has resigned from her post as Trustee. She has been a very active member over the years and her presence on the board will be missed. She has been a key person with the kids fishing contest, kids get hooked on fishing, and her affiliation with NPAA has been very helpful. Jen also was the Administrator for Facebook and the Web Page Editor for our website. Thank you, Jen for your service to the club.

So, with that, we have two vacancies to fill. So, if you can come to a meeting once a month, like people and can keep minutes and don't mind calling people every now and then and asking for volunteers please consider stepping up to serve as secretary. Also, if you can come to meetings and want to be part of the decision making and governance of our organization, please volunteer to run for trustee to fill that vacancy on our board.

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I am looking forward to seeing you at the fall highway pick up on the 21<sup>st</sup> and our appreciation dinner on the 19<sup>th</sup>. And don't forget, take a kid fishing today!

*Bob Ingalls*

### REPORT FROM THE TREASURER ON THE 2024 FISH BOIL

Through the help of 60+ volunteers and help from the Montague Future Farmers of America and the Montague Band Boosters, we were able to have a very enjoyable and productive fish boil, we sold 574 tickets. This along with proceeds from the raffle and silent auction allowed us to book a profit of just over \$6,000 which will help fund our programs in 2025.

*Doug Prosch*

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

The board members, Bob Ingalls, John Noling, Doug Prosch, and Dan Hanks, along with their spouses put together an Appreciation Dinner on September 19, 2024 at Lebanon Lutheran Church for all the volunteers that helped out during 2024. We had approximately 45-50 volunteers who attended the dinner. Everyone had a wonderful time.

**THE ASSOCIATION THANKS ALL THE  
VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED OUT FOR ALL**

**THE 2024 EVENTS. WE COULD NOT HAVE  
DONE ANY ONE EVENT WITHOUT YOU.**

### SECRETARY AND TRUSTEE POSITIONS NEED TO BE FILLED

Paula Hanks has given the Board her resignation as of October 31, 2024. So, if you can come to a meeting once a month, like people and can keep minutes and don't mind calling people every now and then and asking for volunteers please consider stepping up to serve as secretary.

Capt. Jennifer Ferels has moved to Florida to fish and enjoy the good life with her husband Dominic. We are in need a new trustee. If you can come to meetings and want to be part of the decision making and governance of our organization, please volunteer to run for trustee to fill that vacancy on our board.

We are looking for someone to take both places. Please give Bob Ingalls a call at 231-375-9915 if you are willing to fill these open positions.

### NEEDED: FACEBOOK ADMININSTRATOR AND WEB PAGE

Jennifer Ferels was our Administrator of Facebook and the WLASA Website. We thank her for her expertise as the Administrator for both Facebook and the website.

We are looking for someone to take her place. This job is only a few hours for the year and can be done

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from home. Again, please give Bob Ingalls a call at 231-375-9915.

### **WALLEYE/WHITE LAKE UPDATE**

We have good news regarding the walleye rearing pond. As many of you are aware, the most successful walleye planting is achieved when the walleye fry are raised in captivity to the fall fingerling size before they are released into the lakes.

We have wanted to do this for years but have been limited by the capabilities of the Muskegon Pond to remain filled, cool, and stable over the hot summer months. With the current pond set up the pump intake is often left high and dry when the river level drops in the hot summer months. Without the ability to replenish water lost from evaporation the pond overheats and the walleye die. The good news is that the DNR received a \$170,000 grant to upgrade the pond with high-capacity wells to provide a stable water source through the summer. Engineering studies were completed Sept. 18th and the project is going forward.

Mark Tonello is the regional DNR biologist in charge of White Lake. He is our key partner for improving the quality of fishing in White Lake. He is responsible for the overall health of the fishery and sets the stocking rates for walleye, musky and anything else that have been planted in the lake. With funding to the DNR fisheries division being very low, he does not get to do as many scientific surveys and samples to assess our fisheries as he needs. Therefore, he relies heavily on reports

and anecdotal evidence to help inform his decisions. He is reaching out to our membership to help keep him informed. Please feel free to call him with fishing reports, observations, or just to talk in general about White Lake. He is very interested in fishing reports in general, particularly related to walleye, musky, and the general quality of fishing in White Lake. His number is

231-775-9727.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **October 2024**

**8** Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m. Lebanon Lutheran Church, Whitehall

#### **November 2024**

***NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING***

#### **December 2024**

**10** Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m. Lebanon Lutheran Church, Whitehall

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