



Lake Claire Wahoo 2021 Season Recap

by Mike Mikula

The colossal feat of human engineering that is a summer league swim team, shoehorned into the friendly though snug confines of the Lake Claire Pool, would have been a reckless endeavor in spring 2020 even by Florida's standards. Your Lake Claire Wahoo had little choice but to go dormant. A year later, there was just enough education, science, and luck to spark hope for a return to competitive swimming. Vaccines were making their way through the thinking adult population, giving hope to local families desperate to return their locked-down offspring to athletics and the accompanying socialization.

While parents, head coach Carmen Carrion, and her staff took the job, the vaccines wouldn't be approved for the majority of a bottom-heavy program that serves swimmers from five to eighteen. While the risk couldn't be brought down to zero, it could be mitigated through



mask-wearing and social-distancing, skills our swimmers spent the previous year mastering. We also ran daily temperature screens, but that was mostly to make sure the thermometers worked. The kids did

their parts, camping out on rubber dots placed six-feet apart and staying masked until they hit the water. Parents suffered with good humor and a few White Claws outside the pool boundary, watching their swim-

mers practice and compete through a wire fence while dodging the occasional stray nail or soffit as work proceeded overhead on Serenbe on

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Foot Soldier Award to Lake Claire Residents

by Stell Simonton

Three Lake Claire residents recently received a Foot Soldier Award from the DeKalb County branch of the civil rights organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Bob Caine, Jennie Caine, and Wade Marbaugh received the award for their longtime efforts to raise public awareness of a 1946 lynching near Monroe, Georgia, by taking part in an annual re-enactment of the crime and the events leading to it.

On July 25, 75 years ago, two African American couples were shot and killed by a white mob near Moore's Ford Bridge in Walton County, about 60 miles east of Atlanta. No one has ever been prosecuted.

The re-enactment was started in 2005 by former Georgia Representative Tyrone Brooks and Walton County civil rights leader Bobby Howard. Directed by Cassandra Greene, it

serves as a history lesson, a memorial to the victims, and a reconciliation—as well as an effort to bring the killers to justice, in spite of the years of silence surrounding the crime.

Bob, Jennie, and Wade, who are white, were among the multi-racial group of re-enactors honored at a banquet by the DeKalb SCLC just prior to the July 23 event this year. Descendants and relatives of the two couples who were killed were also honored at the banquet.

Wade joined the re-enactment thirteen years ago. He is assistant director and performs the role of Klan leader. "I thought it was a chance to bring about justice," he said. "It is wrong to sweep these things under the rug and sanitize the dark places of our history." One eyewitness is still alive, he said. "At some point we

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First Annual Leonardo Sip & Dip

by Lucas Gosdin (Leo since 2020)

Leonardo Avenue neighbors and friends celebrated their first annual summer street event in the afternoon of Saturday, August 7, adding to their long history of seasonal gatherings. Dubbed the "Sip and Dip," the cocktail sharing, water battling, 4-hour stroll was just the event for the dog days of summer. The brainchild of Andy Weeks and organized by Ashley Moore, the gathering is sure to become the back-to-school tradition Leos look forward to at the end of each summer.

Though a surprise thunderstorm delayed the event by a few minutes at the start, the Sip and Dip was a hit, and the weather was perfect for such an event. We started by gathering on the south end of the street, where we socialized, drank cocktails or mocktails, and played in the water. We repeated this at each of our thirteen designated spots. Traveling from south to north, we visited the Moores and Harkeys, Waughs,

Weekses, Fisher and Cohen household, Sammonses, Felker household, Gosdin and Moorhead household, Blisses, Vioxes, Stevenses, Bakers, Craneys, and Gellers.

Though no one got a headcount, there were about 35-40 adults and 10-12 children joining in the merriment. Learning from pandemic experiences with our "Chilinarado" chili cook-off and "Lighting of Leonardo" holiday celebration, neighbors spread throughout the street to respect each other's comfort level and personal health. Ashley kept the party moving by leading us to the next stop.

Along the way, we admired the flair with which each household displayed their drinks and water activities. There were palomas and pools,

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Calendar items are as of press time mid-August. We encourage you to check websites for other safe activities that may have opened up. Live music is highlighted on Pages 3 and 5. ~Editor

September Calendar

1–5 Actor's Express Theatre Company, *Red Speedo*, part thriller, part comedy, and part indictment of a scorched-earth modern America. See www.actors-express.com. Also read about Season 34!

1 Horizon Theatre, continuing series "Horizon at Home," throughout the month; see www.horizontheatre.com/horizon-at-home

2 NaanStop, take-out homemade Indian meal to benefit the Lake Claire Land Trust, 10% of proceeds for all meals purchased for pickup in our neighborhood that day will be donated to the LCCLT. The pickup location (in Lake Claire) will be given when your order is confirmed. tinyurl.com/2px46te5

4 Frazer Forest Volunteer Workday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Led by Trees Atlanta. Pre-registration required. Space is limited. Help restore and maintain our beloved neighborhood old-growth forest. frazercenter.org/about-us/events

5–6 Atlanta Jazz Festival, from 1 p.m. on Sept 5, through 9 p.m. on Sept. 6; see atlantafestivals.com.

6 Candler Park Pool closes for the season. APS Holiday. And WRFG Labor Day Blues Barbecue, one of the station's biggest fundraisers, check website.

10–11 Candler Park Music Festival; see short article on page 3.

15 Theatrical Outfit, opening of "An Iliad." Runs through October 10. See www.theatricaloutfit.org/boxoffice/season-subscriptions/ for tix and 2021-2022 season info. Lots of special packages.

16 Lake Claire monthly meeting, via Zoom. Third Thursday of every month, 7:30 p.m. To receive e-mails about Lake Claire and reminders of upcoming meetings, please sign up at lakeclaire.org/resources/newscast-sign-up/. Lake Claire's current info at lakeclaire.org.

21 FDR film airs on Georgia Public Broadcasting at 7 p.m. Executive Producer is our own Dan White on Harold Avenue. See details in the article on Page 3.

29 Actor's Express Theatre Company opening of *Heathers*, see www.actors-express.com.

Oct. 2–3 Candler Park Fall Fest (see article on page 3).

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Dear Neighbors,

We have a great group of volunteers, from those noted in the masthead on Page 2 (Layout, Advertising, and Delivery) to a wonderful and dedicated street delivery staff who miraculously delivers the Clarions to your porches the first week of each month, many of whom have done it for 20+ years, and many children volunteers. I also appreciate those who write for *the Clarion* both occasionally and regularly (e.g., the Wild in Lake Claire, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Land Trust, Gardening in LC, and Frazer Center columns), and the behind-the-scenes idea folks, two of whom are Leos (hint, hint, you know who you are, and two of the three new writers in this issue *see articles Page 1* are as a result of your ideas).

With thanks to all of you, my hope is to expand contributions to the writing and suggestions. Lake Claire is full of families, and I constantly try to find issues relevant to them. And at the other end of the spectrum age-wise, I started a column in 2010, "30+ years in LC," featuring older long-term residents, and would love someone to volunteer to take charge of that column. Whatever your interest, I would love more involvement, including writers, or if you have less

time/writing expertise, suggestions/ideas for articles. Speaking of "writing expertise," don't be shy if you think you don't write well; that's why the editor is here! Please contact me at editor@lakeclaire.org if you have time and interest in getting involved. Even one or two folks with two-three hours a month would enhance the paper—and keep me from getting burn-out. I spent the last three months out of state (in the cool climes of Maine, poor me), and it would have been so useful to have someone in Atlanta to help with Clarion topics these last few months. I will be doing that again in 2022, and I hope that by then we will have expanded the neighborhood participation in our newspaper. Many neighborhoods have small newsletters or online publications. Not many still have newspapers, in hard copy and delivered to homes. And we pay for it with advertising! (Speaking of which, please support our advertisers when you or people you know need real estate agents and attorneys.)

I hope to hear from you and to keep *our* Clarion relevant to all ages and diverse populations in this wonderful 'hood.

~Beth Damon, Editor
(for the last 10 years!)

Live Music

The Clarion is happy to report that live music performances have been returning. Sadly, however, Covid is not through with us. As infection rates rise, we are seeing cancellations, postponements, and restrictions. As you may know already, New Orleans cancelled JazzFest. They are hoping to resume in 2022 with their normal spring dates. Some music festivals/venues will require proof of Covid

vaccinations or negative Covid tests to attend. Check venues' websites, or call venues directly.

There are a few new little places serving up music, and many of the tried-and-true places. This list is only accurate as of Clarion press time in mid-August, so we apologize for any changes/errors. Please always contact venues to make sure of accuracy.

Wed., Sept. 1	Big Boi	The Eastern
Wed., Sept. 1	John Legend	Chastain
Thurs.-Sun., Sept. 2-5	Bonnaroo	Manchester TN
Thurs., Sept. 2	New Madrid, Futurebirds	The Eastern
Thurs., Sept. 2	Cody Johnson	The Roxy
Thurs., Sept. 2	Meshell Ndegeocello	Variety Playhouse
Fri., Sept. 3	Gregg Allman Laid Back Legacy	Variety Playhouse
Fri., Sept. 3	My Morning Jacket	Ameris Amp
Fri., Sept. 3	George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic	The Eastern
Sat., Sept. 4	Julien Baker/Thao+ Katie Malco	Variety Playhouse
Sat., Sept. 4	Keith Sweat	Mable House
Sat., Sept. 4	The Black Crowes	Lakewood Amp
Sun., Sept. 5	JJ Grey & MOFRO	The Eastern
Wed., Sept. 8	Glass Animals	The Roxy
Thurs., Sept. 9	Parker McCollum	The Eastern
Fri.-Sat., Sept. 10-11	Candler Park Fest (Galactic, Webster etc.)	Candler Park

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

by Lori White

Hello, Lake Claire friends. We have several nights of the month for which we need dinners for our guests. If you are interested in preparing a meal one time, or to get on our schedule to provide a meal once a month, please contact me at lori@cliftonsanctuary.com.

This is an easy task—just prepare a meal for 15 men, and drop off at the

front door by 5:30 p.m. on the scheduled evening. You can also order from a local restaurant, and have food delivered. The guys are not picky; they just appreciate a hot meal.

Thank you to all of you who are currently on our schedule providing wonderful meals for our folks. We sure appreciate you all.

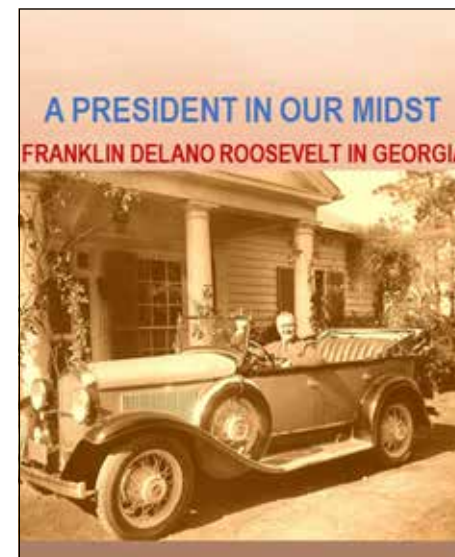
Live Events in Candler Park

As the nights now start getting longer and twilight comes earlier, Candler Park has restarted Movies Night in the Park. Movie Night is a collaboration between the Candler Park Conservancy and the CPNO. Next up for the park will be the Candler Park Music and Food Festival. The festival will be put on by Rival

Entertainment and will take place September 10-11. And Fall Fest is returning to Candler Park after a year hiatus due to Covid. The festival planning team is well under way in the process. This year Fall Fest will be October 2-3, and it will be as entertaining and fun as in previous years.

A President in Our Midst

Mark your calendars to watch a documentary about Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) and his very special relationship with the State of Georgia. This compelling documentary spotlights the mutual benefits that the friendship provided both to the President and to the people of Georgia. Based on the book, *A President in Our Midst: Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Georgia*, by Kaye Lanning Minchew, the documentary is produced by Dan White of Lake Claire, and directed by Bob Judson of GSUTV. It airs on September 21 on Georgia Public Broadcasting TV, at 7 p.m.



Fri., Sept. 10	Dawes	The Eastern
Fri., Sept. 10	SUSTO	The Georgia Theatre
Fri., Sept. 10	Bodeans	City Winery
Sat., Sept. 11	Colony House	The Eastern
Sat., Sept. 11	The Molly Ringwalds	Buckhead Theatre
Sun., Sept. 12	David Wilcox	Eddie's Attic
Sun., Sept. 12	Alan Parsons Live Project	Atlanta Symphony Hall
Tues., Sept. 14	Dr Dog	Buckhead Theatre
Tues., Sept. 14	Lucy Dacus	Terminal West
Wed., Sept. 15	Rebelution/Steel Pulse	The Roxy
Wed., Sept. 15	Grouplove	The Eastern
Fri.-Sun., Sept. 17-19	Imagine Festival (Griz, Illenium, Kaskade)	Bouckaert Farms
Sat.-Sun., Sept 18-19	Music Midtown	Piedmont Park
Sat., Sept. 18	Midnight Srar, SOS Band	Mable House
Sat., Sept. 18	Houndmouth	Terminal West
Sun., Sept. 19	Nitty Gritty Dirt Band	Symphony Hall
Tues., Sept. 21	Big Thief	The Eastern
Tues., Sept. 21	311	Ameris Amp
Tues., Sept. 21	Walk the Moon	Buckhead Theatre
Wed., Sept. 22	Willie Nelson, others	Ameris Amp
Thurs., Sept. 23	Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers	The Eastern

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From September into October in the Lake Claire Garden

by Elizabeth Knowlton, knowltonew@earthlink.net

As children, my younger siblings and I were often taken by our parents to pick blackberries in various wild places around our New Jersey town, 25 miles from New York City. Everyone had a bucket or pot. Nobody worried about snakes or ticks or mosquitoes. A great many berries went into our mouths instead of a pot, but in a few hours, scratched and sunburned, with purple fingers and tongues, we had mounds of berries for my parents to cook and can in the hot kitchen as blackberry jam or jelly, with enough left over for a pie perhaps or to sprinkle on our cereal.

When I first moved to Atlanta, friends scoured local roadsides for blackberry picking and gave squirrels a run for their money with our pecan trees. Both these opportunities are rarer these days. Trees age out and are cut down. Developers bulldoze “brambles and weeds” to build houses. For many decades, I have contributed to a variety of environmental organizations attempting to stem the tide of manmade actions that threaten the fishbowl of nature

in which we breathe, drink, eat, and live our lives. Founded in 1970 by a group of law students and others, the National Resources Defense Council is one of these organizations I support and suggest you look into, also. www.nrdc.org.

During the pandemic, I became aware of urban forests in Atlanta, often in so-called rundown neighborhoods or in areas of the city perhaps not hit yet by gentrification. One of these is the Urban Food Forest at Browns Mill, south of us. Familiar with early 20th century Browns Mill Road from my work at the state archives, I was curious what had developed in an area originally made up of white-owned farms. Sure enough, this forest had been a small pecan orchard. With the help of groups as disparate as the U.S. Forest Service and the Conservations Fund, the seven acres on Browns Mill Road have grown over the last five years to take active steps towards healthier eating in so-called “food deserts,” where fresh vegetables and fruits are hard to find. See www.aglanta.org/

Neighborhood Dues for Lake Claire

Suggested annual dues are \$20/year per household. Lake Claire banners are \$45; a package deal of dues/banner is only \$60! Where do the dues go? See lakeclaire.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Clarion-junejuly-2021-web.pdf.

Please specify when you pay dues if you do not wish to be listed in the newspaper. Pay at lakeclaire.org via the link OR with the old-fashioned check in the mail, to Eileen O'Neill, Treasurer, PO Box 5942, Atlanta GA 31107. Thank you to all these and others who have paid dues and/or contributed your time to our great neighborhood, Lake Claire! Since the last Clarion, the following folks paid dues:

Jordan Braunig,
Jeffery Wasick,
Andrea Jonsson,
Lucas Gosdin,
Ruth Perou,
Stephanie Sansom,

Timothy Smith,
Bernardo Gomez,
Matt Ward,
Matthew Chotin,
Stell Simonton.

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So, I was excited to read about such forests scattered around Atlanta, most far smaller than Browns Mill. Looking farther, I found their calendar of activities under the AgLanta site, a “digital food hub for all things urban agriculture from the City of Atlanta’s One Atlanta Office and Department of City Planning. AgLanta.org serves as a portal to learn, share, and celebrate ways we can collectively cultivate the urban

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Wild in Lake Claire

by Flora Fauna (aka Carol Vanderschaaf)

Hello, neighbors! According to what I've heard lately, the pandemic is about to end, or, in the words of Gweneth Paltrow, we are about to *unpandemic*. Despite this possibly good news, I have begun to panic, realizing that all the things I was going to do during this 'down time' haven't been accomplished. Hoping I could get at least a little more done, I hastily checked my Netflix, Hulu, and YouTube accounts to see what might be still pending. Also checked my National Geographic account only to remember that much of Shark Week is sitting there, unwatched.

So, I've had a lot to do this week and therefore apologize to everyone that I didn't get my requests for info out to the nature lovers who help me write this column in a timely manner. I can warn you all that you can never win a battle with a six-foot bull shark and that it's recently been shown that great white sharks sometime attack in pairs. But let's move on to the wild things in our own neighborhood.

Bernard S. borrowed my kayak to help with duck weed removal at the Land Trust. (See Miriam H.'s article about that on Page 11 of this issue.) My kayak is a little shorter than the one he's been using, and so he can maneuver better in the tiny places in the LT pond. I hope he enjoyed it as much as I enjoyed my last outing down the French Broad River in it quite a while ago. Bernard told me

that duck weed is apparently called that because ducks love it. He said also that the LT turtles have not been seen since that weed covered the pond, but that now that it's been cleaned up, the LT folks have high hopes of getting the problem under control, and all are hoping to get the usual wildlife population back on the rocks and in the water. He also added that the kayak worked perfectly. (See picture on Page 9.) Bravo Bernard!

Andrew S. reported on a hummingbird in his home on Harold. He shared two great photos with Flora; the first is the one to the right showing the hummingbird taking a shower on his feeder in a recent Atlanta thunderstorm. It seemed to be enjoying the rain and kept standing up and spreading its wings to catch the big raindrops as they fell, Andrew reported. The other showed a fishy romance. It was taken at Bass Lake in the beautiful Moses Cone Memorial Park near Blowing Rock, N.C., so it is not exactly "in" Lake Claire, but a fascinating nature story anyway. A pair of brim were courting in the lake. The male persuaded the female to come into the neat circle he swept out on the sand and was swimming close beside her in tight circles until she eventually laid her eggs for him to add his contribution. (It sounds fascinating, and we regret we had no room for that photo in the Clarion.)

Dorothy D. sent the picture on

page 9 of a chicken she spotted, who certainly seems to be ruling the roost. Perhaps more explanation will come, or we can use our imaginations.

Meredith W. says her main topics this month are bald cardinals and a positive word for wasps. She says she hasn't seen much out of the ordinary recently, and "I can't remember if I told you before; we have a pair of cardinals, one male and one female, who are *bald*—no feathers from the collar up. They look quite funny with their black skin and red collars, but it doesn't seem to bother them in the slightest. They are raising a cute and ravenous juvenile." Meredith found out later that this baldness is a molting stage that cardinals go through. Like many birds, Northern cardinals shed their feathers and grow new ones in late summer and early fall, after the breeding season is over and food is abundant. Nevertheless, she said she was suspicious that they molted at the same time,



concluding that they are soulmates. As many likely know, cardinals do mate for life. Meredith's cardinal flowers are blooming, also, and she saw a hummingbird on her volunteer passion flower. "Enough to motivate yet more sweaty removal of invasives," Meredith said, adding, finally: "I just want to put in a plug for wasps, which I just learned are as important for pollination as bees are. We have three different types of

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Recycling Tip of the Month: Breaking down a Cardboard Box Without Knowing Martial Arts

by Stephen Wing

The corrugated cardboard industry has a long tradition of recycling. Most corrugated boxes have recycled content, and most retail and wholesale businesses have a dedicated dumpster for boxes. Before the pandemic, the majority of boxes received for recycling came from those dumpsters. But since the past year's surge in mail-order shopping, curbside recycling has become the biggest source of recyclable boxes.

All single-stream curbside pickup programs accept both paper and cardboard, though at some point in their journey the corrugated cardboard will part ways with single-ply cardboard and paper for a different process at a different recycling plant. There is no need to remove tape and staples, but your box must be flattened before you drop it in your curbside bin.

You don't have to know aikido, ju jitsu, or tae kwon do to break down a corrugated cardboard box. It's more like the gentler Japanese art of origami—but in reverse. Just examine your box, find where it is stapled or glued or taped, and start there. If stapled or glued, just apply enough force to pull it apart. Most boxes are held together by a single strip of tape, and those are the easiest of all

once you know the secret. (1) Hold box upside-down with taped bottom facing up. (2) Grip it at the far end with one hand on either side of the tape, and press it against your belly. (3) Use both hands to bend the end panel toward you in the middle, popping it free from the tape. (4) Grab hold of the tape's free end, twist and pull toward you, peeling it back like a giant zipper.

Mail-order might seem like an energy-intensive way to shop, but since the delivery trucks make multiple stops on a route that is optimized for efficiency by computer and GPS, mail-order is often a more climate-friendly option than the car—especially for a single item. Bubblewrap and other packing materials can be recycled at the Atlanta CHaRM Center (not in your curbside bin), or even better, saved for re-use.

Recycling the cardboard box also helps to neutralize your carbon impact. From a Zero Waste standpoint, of course, the best option is the Zen approach of resisting the urge to buy that item at all—whatever it was—and simply contemplating the Void of its Nonexistence on your knick-knack shelf with a mystic smile of Nonattachment.

Live Music

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Fri., Sept. 24	Paul Thorn	Variety Playhouse
Fri., Sept. 24	Florida Georgia Line	Lakewood Amp
Fri., Sept. 24	Cherub	The Eastern
Fri., Sept. 24	Hoodoo Gurus	Center Stage
Fri., Sept. 24	Amos Lee	Symphony Hall
Fri., Sept. 24	Hall and Oates, KT Tunstall & Squeeze	Ameris Amp
Fri., Sept. 24	Counting Crows	Chastain
Sat., Sept. 25	Dropkick Murphys/Rancid	Atlanta Civic Center
Sat.-Sun., Sept 25-26	Pilgrimage Fest (Dave Matthews, others)	Franklin TN
Mon., Sept. 27	J Cole	State Farm Arena
Tues., Sept. 28	Deer Tick	Terminal West
Tues., Sept. 28	Jorma Kaukonen	City Winery
Tues., Sept. 28	Tame Impala	State Farm Arena
Wed., Sept. 29	Okkervil River	City Winery
Thurs., Sept. 30	Faye Webster	Terminal West
Thurs., Sept. 30	The Nude Party	The Masquerade
Fri., Oct. 1	Voodoo Visionary	Terminal West
Fri., Oct. 1	Seether	Tabernacle
Fri., Oct. 1	Brothers Osborne	The Fox
Fri., Oct. 1	Rodrigo Y Gabriela	Buckhead Theatre
Sat., Oct. 2	Lady A	Ameris Amp
Sun., Oct. 3	Watkins Family Hour	Variety Playhouse

Leonardo Sip & Dip!

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Leo kids and parents enjoy the water slide and other kid-friendly features.

sangrias and slip-and-slides, watermelon slushes and water slides, lemonades and lawn toys, and whiskeys and water guns. The Weekses had transformed their backyard into a water park and even built a tiki bar complete with umbrellated rum drinks served by the mastermind himself. In the spirit of friendly competition, a few of us started scheming how to top Andy's tiki bar for next year.

While the children played with squirt guns, the adults recounted

their summer adventures and plans for returning to school and work. In addition to catching up on summer happenings, we learned a lot about our neighbors' mixology skills, and we made tipsy plans for a cocktail cookbook.

Later into the evening, a handful of folks stuck around to grill food while listening to the hidden talents of neighbors on flute, keyboard, and guitar. The conditions of the previous 16 months, no doubt, made it



Tiki Hut: Mastermind of Leo Sip & Dip Andy Weeks (L) and Fellow Host Jake Craney Enjoying Mai Tai

sweeter, but the moment made me thankful for the privilege of living among people who care for one another and know how to have a good time. Like most people, my favorite season throughout my childhood was summer, but I never grew out of it, despite summer's oppressive heat. Summer lets us be outside in the sunlight doing fun things like playing sports, hiking, swimming, grilling, and hanging out together. We missed some of that last year, and the Sip and Dip brought it back in a big way.

As is customary for our time, social media was filled with photos and comments on the event. Melanie Bliss summed up the reactions of most, writing, "This was a fantastic idea, and there was enthusiastic participation! What a great start to the school year to be with neighbors. Sip and Dip 2022: be ready!"

As summer fades into fall, and summer heat gives way to cool morning air, Leos will be reminiscing and planning for the next annual tradition by perfecting our chili recipes.

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the Blue Line.

All that was left to do was swim. Expectations were moderate. A successful season would be one where no one got sick. Meets were virtual, with our opponents sometimes not even swimming the same day as the Wahoo; the competitive equivalent of eating with a cold. The bigger concern was how would our swimmers improve when they repeatedly swam their same selves for five consecutive weeks?

The answer turned out to be dramatically. Seconds fell, then records. Twelve-year-old Sarah Paisley Owen and thirteen-year-old Alex Vincequerra set a dozen new records between them, including Sarah's stunning 1:04:06 IM at the ASA Championships at Georgia Tech.

Not all our triumphs rearranged the Wahoo record board. Six-and-under Vivian Baker could barely put her face in the water in early May, but by the end of June, her strokes were so smooth she could be mistaken for a year-rounder. Even the Wahoo who didn't set records or win their events improved. Swimming is thoughtful that way; if you don't beat



your opponent, you can still triumph over your previous best effort. The Wahoo put up personal bests like Ted Lasso puts up sincere bons mots.

And the meets remained fun, though considerably less hectic. No fans meant no concessions, but Wahoo Team President Beth Krebbs and parent volunteer Erin Aynes doled out their own crypto-currency—Wahoo Bucks. Swimmers earned them for personal bests, and the bucks were easily transferred into sugar, a popular innovation.

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Foot Soldier Award

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thought someone might be moved to talk [about what happened].”

Wade, who is retired, formerly worked for the Rockdale Citizen newspaper and the Georgia Perimeter College media relations office. He currently works as an extra in many Atlanta-area film productions.

Bob, retired from teaching sociology at Clayton State University, was recruited in 2008 to play a Klansman in the drama. At that time, through his work in the Georgia Peace & Justice Coalition, he learned that white amateur actors were needed to play Klan roles. “I believe in getting the truth out there,” he said. “I grew up in Georgia and didn’t learn this history [of lynching] until much later in life.” Bob is also a cousin of Leo Frank, a Jewish engineer and factory superintendent who was lynched in 1915 in Marietta. Some years ago, Bob found a letter that Leo Frank had written his great uncle. Bob had not known about this direct connection to Leo Frank. “The families that don’t talk about it don’t learn about it,” he said.

Jennie grew up in a Southern farm town that was racially segregated. “It just felt like there was no respect for African Americans,” she said. “I’ve been trying to change this

in every way I can.” Now retired from managing a dental practice, she has played several roles in the Moore’s Ford Bridge re-enactment, including a townswoman in one of the first sequences in the drama, which takes place outside the Walton County Jail. She also has played a Klansman.

The re-enactment is an all-day affair, beginning with ceremonies at the First African Baptist Church in Monroe and in two cemeteries, moving to the jail and courthouse, and ending on the wooded two-lane road at Moore’s Ford Bridge. On that remote stretch of road in 1946, Roger Malcolm, Dorothy Malcolm, George Dorsey, and Mae Dorsey were dragged from a car and shot multiple times. The young couples were tenant farmers on the same Walton County farm. Roger Malcolm, a recently returned WWII veteran, had gotten into a fight with a white man and stabbed him. He was arrested and held in the county jail. Dorothy Malcolm and the Dorseys came with the white landowner for whom they worked in order to post bail. After they left the jail with Roger Malcolm, the landowner’s car was stopped by 15 to 20 armed white men, who pulled the two couples out. When one



Wade Marbaugh Playing the Role of a Klan Leader in Moore’s Ford Bridge Reenactment

of the women recognized a white assailant, the women, too, were killed.

The lynching made national news, and the Justice Department investigated, but a local grand jury said it was unable to establish the identity of anyone responsible.

The re-enactment puts the lynching in a political context. Actor Walter Reeves plays Eugene Talmadge campaigning in a hard-fought race for Georgia governor. His racist speech in Monroe within a week of the lynching whipped up white sentiment against black voting. The Supreme Court had recently challenged the exclusion of African Americans from the political process by ruling white Democratic primaries unconstitutional.

Some observers of the re-enactment question the re-playing of such a grisly scene—and wonder why white amateur actors would want to play the killers. To Jennie, the performance is gut-wrenching. She makes a point of reassuring children in the audience that the adults are simply acting. Bob said that he has to shower after playing a Klan killer. But “we all have a little bit of vil-

lainy in us; we overcome it or put it away,” he said. Wade likens the experience to putting on a uniform to play baseball. “It’s putting on a role, doing the best you can, and then taking it off,” he said. Mark Auslander, an anthropologist formerly at Emory University’s Oxford College, said the re-enactment has a ritual function. It allows people to see “with their own eyes the crimes committed on the roadway,” he wrote in *Southern Spaces*. “Each performance bridges experiences of racial violence and injustice while raising the promise of reconciliation,” he wrote. (southernspaces.org/2015)

A historic marker, placed in 1999, is found on GA 78, near Locklin Road outside of Monroe.

For more information, see Laura Wexler’s 2004 book, “Fire in a Canebrake: The Last Mass Lynching in America” and Anthony Pitch’s 2018 book, “The Last Lynching: How a Gruesome Mass Murder Rocked a Small Georgia Town.”

Note: Stell Simonton is married to Wade Marbaugh. The two live on Marlbrook Drive.



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The Wahoo won all five virtual meets, triumphing over cross-Ponce rival Venetian, Northumberland, and Decatur’s Gators. In our final meet, the Wahoo won a four-point squeaker against Briarcliff/Sagamore. For the uninitiated, a four-point win in a swim meet is like winning a football game by a thousandth of a safety. We went on to the big meet at Georgia Tech, where we finished first among the ten teams in our section of the Atlanta Swim Association.

2022 promises to continue bringing the heat (in so many ways). It will likely still be Covid’s world. The Wahoo’s success will be rewarded with larger and tougher competition, and they’ll do it without Wahoo institution Coach Carmen Carrion. After teaching half the 30307 to swim and leading the squad to a closet full of trophies, she is moving on to academia and marriage. Hers will be large, tattooed feet to fill. Fortunately, this community is made up of great families with a knack for producing fast swimmers.



Jennie and Bob onstage at awards banquet



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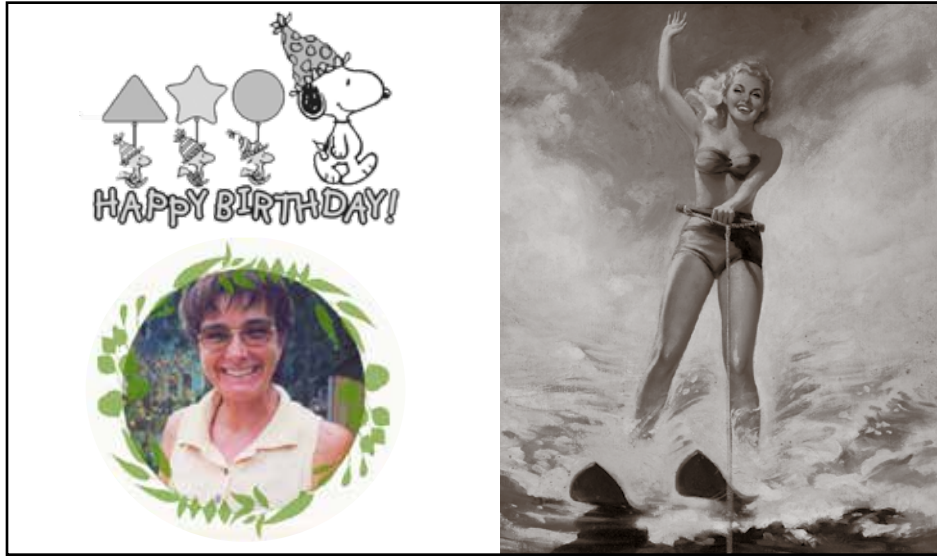
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Hello – Safe Journey – Skiing in and around Lake Claire

Happy Birthday to:

- September 1 Thomas Mayer turning 8 (Gordon Avenue)
 September 7 Vickie Smith (Harold)
 September 13 Lilly Amato—13th birthday (Marlbrook) (Clarion deliverer, thank you)
 September 15 Harper Gamble turning 11 years old. (McLendon Avenue)
 September 20 Keely Baker—18 this year (Leonardo)
 Véronique Perrot (Clarion Layout-er, thanks 😊)
 September 22 Rene Godiers (Marlbrook)
 September 23 Miles Judy (Lakeshore Drive) 2 years old!
 Alyssa Olson (Leonardo)
 September 24 Walter Judy (Miles was Walter's birthday present)

Rest in Peace, Joanne Elizabeth Young-Powers (July 6, 1954—August 5, 2021). Mother, wife, sister, friend, marathon runner, plant lady, Lake Claire Land Trust trustee, and more.

Take a minute, and send life cycle events for the next issue—October!—October, already!—to editor@lakeclaire.org by September 12 (NOTE EARLIER DEADLINE THIS MONTH). Help make this column inclusive of the 'hood.

Wild in Lake Claire

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wasps or hornets (including yellow jackets and paper wasps) on our deck



*Skimming Duckweed in
Flora Fauna's Kayak*

or within a few feet of our path in our yard. I love watching them build their nests and raise young and come and go. They're beautiful and fascinating, and we haven't gotten one sting. I regularly get within a foot of the nests, and as long as I'm calm, they don't mind at all. In fact, previous paper wasps have let me pass by and only got territorial if I got within a couple inches of their nest. This is just to say that we **can** often coexist if we're respectful—more easily than many think."

And on that note, I sign off, dear readers, while thinking of the words of George Eliot, "Delicious Autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird, I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns."

I wish you all an enjoyable Autumn!

Your harlequin of hope,
Flora Fauna

Frazer Center Update

by Dina Shadwell

What a year! The pandemic has brought the Frazer Center its own set of challenges, but it also brought the opportunity to fast-track some programs that were in the works before the pandemic took hold.

Our Adult Services piloted a new community-based program called Project Achieve. Once businesses and establishments started to reopen, Frazer Center staff began meeting individuals and small groups at sites throughout the metro area so that participants could engage in cultural, recreational, and volunteer activities within the community. The plan is to expand the number of Project Achieve groups once the pandemic subsides. Within the Supported Employment Program, Frazer is partnering with local public school systems to become a resource for graduating students with disabilities. Several of Frazer's employed adult participants are engaging with students during virtual discussions to advise about life after high school and possibilities for employment.

This past year the Child Development Program team was able to accelerate the development of a nature-based curriculum built on Frazer's foundation of inclusion. The team began a collaboration with Dr. Gary Bingham, Director of Georgia State University's Urban Child Learning Institute, to develop an effective evaluation tool for measuring the impact of the new nature-based curriculum on children's progress towards developmental milestones. There are currently no widely accepted national or state standards for nature-based early learning, so these programs tend to be small, with limited operating hours which exempt them from licensing. Unlicensed

early education centers are not accessible to middle- and lower-income working families who need full-day care or rely on childcare subsidies. A measurement tool is key to creating regulatory standards and accreditation for nature-based preschool programs, thereby making them accessible to more working families.

Because of these developments and the collaboration with GSU, Frazer was invited to present at the Natural Start Alliance national conference. Dr. Bingham and Frazer Pre-K Lead Teacher Caitlin Pittard presented on the development and implementation of the evaluation tool, and Susie Riddick, Frazer Center Director of the Child Development Program, presented on inclusion inside the classroom and outdoors in nature-based settings. Ultimately, Frazer hopes to create a positive impact in our wider community by crafting a program to share with other early learning centers in the metro area that serve families with low incomes. This field-trip program will provide free access to Frazer Forest and the newly developed nature-based curriculum, as well as training sessions for teachers.

If you would like to play a role in maintaining our neighborhood's old-growth forest and keeping it accessible to all, we welcome volunteers to join us on our monthly workdays in Frazer Forest. Beginning in September, we are changing our volunteer day to the first Saturday of every month. Now anyone who is feeling generous and ambitious can also volunteer with Fernbank on the second Saturday, and Olmsted Park on the third Saturday. For more information about volunteering with Frazer, visit frazercenter.org/volunteers.



Photo by Dorothy D (from Page 5)

Gardening in Lake Claire

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ag community in Atlanta. Keep going and growing!" (www.aglanta.org and www.aglanta.org/aglanta-calendar)

It turns out that many people are concerned with both food waste (40%) and with the lack of fresh food in American diets. In Atlanta alone, 125,000 tons of food are lost each year. In 2018, in a project called Food Matters, Atlanta and other cities partnered with—guess who!—The National Resources Defense Council—to research how to help food insecure populations and prevent produce from ending up in landfills (www.nrdc.org/food-matters).

September is a good month to prepare a new garden bed. Unless you can't get a spade or shovel into the ground, a rototiller is unnecessary. So is double digging, the delight of English gardeners who always seem to be thrusting their arms up to shoulders into the dirt. However, if your soil packed clay with nary a worm in sight when you turn over a spadeful—if the particular place is where previous owners parked or had surplus dirt dug out from under the house spread out in the yard—it happened to me—then you might

want to do a little double digging.

Mark your selected spot off into short rows, and shovel the upper twelve inches of "topsoil" into a wheelbarrow. Loosen the bottom foot of the trench with a digging fork. It is fine to add a little kitchen waste or soggy leaves at this level. Now fill the trench with the upper foot of soil from the next row. To this you might add a little compost or composted manure if you have plenty. Proceed down the bed, one row at a time, and add the wheelbarrow topsoil to the last trench after you loosen the bottom. Just be sure to mulch the finished bed if you are not going to plant immediately--unless you like to weed. As soon as the temperature cools off a little at night, sow kale, arugula, turnips, and spinach outdoors. You can sow lettuce also but might want to start it under grow lights indoors so that it gets both moisture and light to germinate. Arugula, leaf lettuce, Red Russian kale, and spinach are all fast growers.

You may still have some collected leaves from last fall. Remember, I recommend shredding leaves as you vacuum them from lawns and then

Calling All Land Trust Sustainers: Help Preserve the Land and the Legacy with a Monthly Contribution

by Linda Pace

For most *Clarion* readers, the Lake Claire Community Land Trust needs no introduction. The Land Trust is that fascinating and inspiring urban island of green that helps us shake off the stress of city life and immerse ourselves in nature. As 2020 changed the way many of us live, work, and go to school, the Land Trust has become a vital resource, a safe outdoor place to feel the wind, rain, and sun and to absorb the peaceful vibes and the phytonutrients shared by trees and plants that we pass among.

The preservation of the Land Trust as greenspace is guaranteed by a Conservation Easement, a legal document that preserves this natural setting from development. The Land Trust is part of a network of such nature preserves that serve

storing the bags to use from autumn until summer's end. They make a delicate mulch around those fall vegetables, in flower beds, and as a layer in composting.

the recreational needs of Atlanta and DeKalb County. Smaller than other conserved areas, provides easy access to nature for Lake Claire's families and other nearby residents' families, giving a sense of what the land here was like before buildings and pavement.

Since its beginnings, the Land Trust has depended on fundraising by volunteers and donations from individuals to pay for maintenance, insurance, programming, and improvements. For many years, folks have been invited to be "Land Trust Supporters," for only \$10 a year. While this level of support creates a sense of belonging that nurtures our shared purpose, it may give the impression that the Land Trust is self-sufficient and financially secure. Many are unaware of the extraordinary dedication and contributions of a few supporters and neighbors who have, generously and lovingly over

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Duckweed Party at Peace Pond

by Miriam Herbers

Early one Saturday morning before the hot summer sun baked the Land Trust's pond, five intrepid souls met with canoe and nets to scoop up the unsightly duckweed that has covered the entire pond. (See picture here and also on Page 7.)

Duckweed is not harmful, but it is not a pretty sight to see the pond blanketed in green that blocks the view of the fish and covers the backs of turtles with scum. It will take several more mornings of skimming, so you still have a chance to join in the fun by contacting www.info@lcclt.org. Some good news is that a neighbor on Nelms said his chickens love duckweed, so if you want some for your chickens, let us know.



Care to Teach a Class?

If you have taught a class or workshop or led an outdoor activity in the past, or you have one in mind you would like to try, the Land Trust's new Programming Committee wants to hear from you. Contact us at info@LCCLT.org.

Calling All Land Trust Sustainers

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40-plus years, provided cash and donated land, labor, and services to ensure that the LT's community offerings are there for all.

Thankfully, we have always been able to pay our bills with our long-time fundraising model. But the past several years brought a growing recognition among us trustees that we need to change our thinking and planning if LCCLT, Inc. is to continue to maintain the land and serve its community. An aging infrastructure, older foundation plants and upstart invasives, water, electrical system, and garden plots, all require some assurance of ongoing care and tending by new generations of neighbors.

Gone are the days when three festivals a year—all canceled in 2020 and only one on the calendar for 2021—and occasional quiet generosity can meet current financial needs and ensure the continuation and growth of programming. Not that we plan to halt these amazing musical gatherings which feed the Land Trust's bank account and enrich our enjoyment of community, but, as the pandemic has shown, we have to reconsider the sufficiency of our funding sources. The Land Trust needs income security beyond what our longtime supporters and traditional fundraisers can provide. The time has arrived to make this change.

If you value the unique and diverse gifts that the Land Trust has brought to Lake Claire for

over four decades, we're asking for your help. Monthly contributions of any committed amount will help to secure this legacy of conservation and community and sustain it into the future. The future we envision starts with expanding our community programming beyond our traditional Easter Egg hunts and Jack-o-Lantern carving, beyond Miss Ladybug's Children's Garden parties and "Scary Stories" around the bonfire for Halloween. The two classes we held this summer—Brook Hewitt's Camera Class for Kids and the Herbalista Health Network's Fire Cider workshop—will hopefully become annual traditions as well. Both instructors loved it and want to come back, and participants were thrilled with what they learned.

Our goal is to offer each month one or more classes, workshops, or activities for kids, adults, or entire families, year-round. If you have something to teach, we would love to hear your proposal! Contact us at info@LCCLT.org with questions, suggestions or requests. But to reach that goal, we'll need a dedicated staff person to handle scheduling and public-

ity. At \$25 per hour, we estimate this part-time contract labor position will add \$19,000 per year to our present operating budget of around \$50,000. **A consistent level of funding is required to attract and support a qualified and motivated "Program Coordinator." In order to be confident in offering this person the financial compensation he/she/they deserve, the Land Trust budget needs sustaining monthly contributions.**

Next time you take a walk around the Land Trust, consider the legacy created by generations of volunteers and supporters for the families of Lake Claire and the wider community that converges here to soak up the Peace and Love. Breathe it in, and let your imagination run free. What part will you play in building on the Land Trust legacy for the next generation? Love where you live, take care of what you love! Become a Land Trust Sustainer with a monthly donation of whatever amount works for you. Just visit LCCLT.org, scroll to the bottom of any page and click on "Support Us Today," to set up your contribution. We appreciate whatever you can do.

Upcoming/Ongoing at the Land Trust:

- Sat., Sept. 4 and Sat., Oct. 2: Drum Circle, 8 to 11 p.m. Designated parking at CSM on Connecticut.
- Sat., Sept. 18 Community Work Day (time TBA, check LT website)
- Sat., Oct. 9 "Jerry Jam," 2–9:30 p.m., details on LT website.

Land Trust Supporters—Have You Renewed?

Be a Land Trust Supporter by donating \$10 a year. Be a Land Trust Sustainer by setting up a monthly donation of any amount (please see article to the left).

How to do it: 1. PayPal: go to LCCLT.org, click on "Support Us Today," at bottom of any page.

2. Venmo: LakeClaire-CommunityLandTrust. Use the QR code posted around the Trust.

3. Mail a check made out to "LCCLT" c/o Treasurer, 270 Arizona Ave., Atlanta GA 30307, or use the mailbox in the cul-de-sac.

4. AmazonSmile: choose LCCLT from the list of eligible nonprofits; Amazon donates a percentage of every purchase.

5. Brent & Becky's Bulbs (www.bloominbucks.com) Choose LCCLT from dropdown menu of nonprofits, and we will receive 25% of your payment for garden bulbs. OR,

6. Include us in your will.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



We hope this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate.

This month we feature Tucker Hanlon, who won the extra credit prize last month—his prize is to be the featured child this month.

Tucker is 6—almost 7—years old. He is in the first grade at Mary Lin. He lives on Tuxedo Avenue, and he wrote about some of his favorite things—and offers some sage advice. Now we probably all want to go the market and get a mint

brownie ice cream sandwich!

We thank Tucker and all the Lake Claire children who read and contribute to the Kids' Page each month. Add **your** creativity to this page! Submit your work or your suggestions—or a even list of your

favorite things—to editor@lake-claire.org, by **SEPTEMBER 12 (NOTE EARLIER DEADLINE THIS MONTH)** for the next issue of the newspaper, which will be October.



Tucker

These are a few of my favorite things (and some advice)

by Tucker Hanlon

Hi, friends, this is some of my favorite stuff.

Favorite athlete: Lionel Messi

Favorite Candler Park Market treat: mint brownie ice cream sandwich

Favorite animal: Tasmanian tigers, because they can run about 40 miles an hour...not as fast as cheetahs, but pretty fast.

Most Treasured possession: my bismuth mineral. I like how it shines and has so many different colors and you can see its structure.

Favorite sport: kickball

Favorite color: gold

Favorite song: *Roar*, by Katy Perry

Favorite place: Yellowstone National Park

Favorite subject: Math

Favorite game: Skipbo

Fact: I have the best dog in the world, Josie (in my picture).

What do you want to be when you grow up? Paleontologist!

Dream vacation: Tasmania, because the animals are awesome and really different.

Best wild animal neighborhood encounter: last year there was a raccoon mom carrying babies across our roof!

Favorite book: Humphrey books, by Betty G. Birney

Biggest accomplishment: walking 12 miles in the cold in Toronto in 1 day.

Advice: Never pick a turtle up by holding the sides of its shell. Hold it like a sandwich, with one hand on top and one underneath.

Clarion Contest

Hi, Kids! Unfortunately, no one won the contest from last month, to find the hidden cookie for chocolate chip cookie day, but try your luck this month!!!

This time, we look at September, which includes American Chess Day, Blueberry Popsicle Day, Pet Rock Day, and Grandparents Day. In honor of the first one listed, find a chess piece hidden somewhere in this issue, then send your guess in an e-mail to editor@lakeclaire.org, identifying its page number and including your name, age, school, street, and grade, and a photo of yourself.

(Please tell your parents to send large picture files, 1mb+.) Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you cannot win two months in a row.

For extra credit, tell us the name of that chess piece, and if you play chess how old you were when you learned. **OR**, tell us what is great about one or more of your grandparents and why you love him/her/them. The extra-credit prize is that you'll be a featured writer/artist in a future Lake Claire Clarion with your original work.

The deadline is coming up fast on SEPTEMBER 12. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize.

Congrats to Pat Del Rey and family! This is her beautiful granddaughter born the last week of August. (Pat, as most readers know, manages our advertising at the Clarion, and she lives on Leonardo.)

