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WILDLIFE NOTES

Son gets new lake named for late mother

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Berrien County's newest lake now has a name.

Lake Anne, which is off Willow Drive in the Grand Mere State Park, is named for the late Anne Kramer Harris, who graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in botany and dedicated her life to conservation.

The small lake, which sits on the Lincoln-Lake Township line, was created when Fairmont Minerals (Technique) of Bridgman restored what had been a sand mine and then turned the property over to the state park.

Harris' son, Richard Harris, is a Chicago attorney who owns a home on Waverland Beach near Grand Mere and sought to have the lake named after his mother.

Lake Anne was officially designated by the Board of Geographic Names in Reston, Va., on Jan. 10, seven years after his mother's death, Harris said.

As a young girl from Cassville, Mich., in the 1920s, Anne Kramer occasionally joined her father in his Dodge sedan as he crossed the roads of central Michigan offering farmers lump sums for the eventual harvest of their orchards. Traveling the Michigan countryside in the spring instilled in Anne a love of nature, her son said.

Richard Harris said he received cooperation from many people in getting the name approved, including officials from Lincoln and Lake townships, Berrien County, the Department of Natural Resources, and state Sen. Ron Jelenc.



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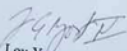
Mr. Richard and Mrs. Patty Harris
7192 Waverland Path
Stevensville, Michigan 49127

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Harris:

We are pleased to inform you that the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, at its January 10, 2008 meeting, approved your proposal to apply the new name Lake Anne to an unnamed lake in Berrien County. The new name has been entered into the Geographic Names Information System, the nation's official geographic names repository, which is available and searchable online at <http://geonames.usgs.gov>. The entry reads as follows:

Lake Anne: lake, 10 acres; in Lake Charter Township and Lincoln Charter Township, 0.8 km (0.5 mi) NE of Rosemary Beach, 4 km (2.5 mi) SE of Stevensville; named for Anne Kramer Harris (1909-2001), local resident and lifelong wildlife and nature preservationist; Berrien County, Michigan; Sec 31, T5S, R19W, and Secs 5&6, T6S, R19W, Michigan Mer.; 41°59'07"N, 86°33'21"W; USGS map - Bridgman 1:24,000.

Sincerely yours,


Lou Yost
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U.S. Board on Geographic Names