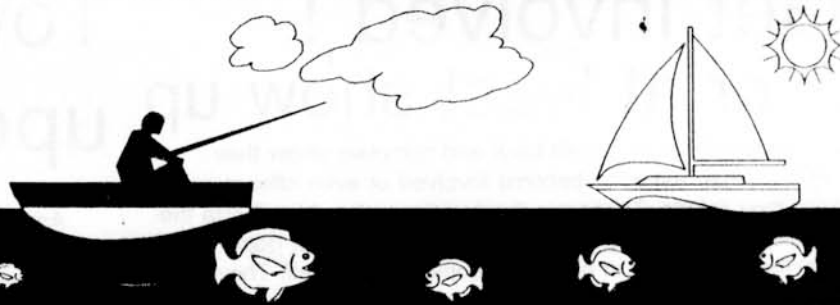


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Annual meeting and picnic set

The annual meeting is slated for 1:00 pm Saturday July 16 at the Richland Township Hall in Prescott. The meeting will bring everyone up to date on many of the activities of the lake association. It will also give members a chance to express their concerns to the board of the lake association. Following the meeting there will be a potluck picnic at the township park on the south side of the lake. The association will provide soft drinks and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to pass and place set-

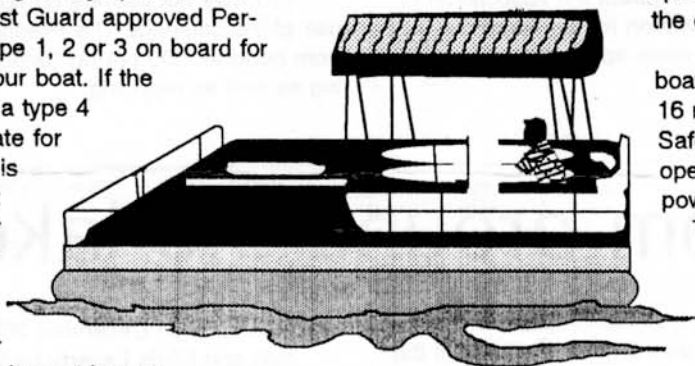
tings.

Last years turnout at the picnic was disappointing. It is a good chance to meet your neighbors and make some new friends. You can exchange thoughts on concerns and solutions to problems. You might even meet that friendly guy who waves from his dock every time you go by or see during a that late afternoon walk.

Boating safety laws reviewed

Here are a few boating safety tips. It is state law that you have a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device type 1, 2 or 3 on board for each person on board your boat. If the boat is less than 16 feet a type 4 PFD (cushion) is adequate for each person. If the boat is 16 feet or over you must have a type 1, 2, or 3 for each person plus a type 4. The PFD must be readily accessible. That doesn't mean in a locker or plastic bag it came in. It must be out and available. If you are towing somebody you must also have a PFD on board for that person. A ski belt does NOT qualify as an approved PFD.

A new law this year states that ALL children under age 6 must wear an approved PFD at all times while in an



open area of a boat. This includes the deck area of a pontoon boat.

A reminder for the younger boaters. Children between 12 and 16 must have a State Boater Safety Certificate if they wish to operate a motorboat six horsepower or greater by themselves.

This includes Personal Water Craft (jet skis). This certificate must be in their possession while operating the motorboat.

Remember, these are ticketable offenses. Last year the Ogemaw Sheriff Department checked many boats one day and sent several to shore to obtain the proper equipment. They or the DNR could have issued a ticket.

Lake water quality

Your lake association is still working on the water quality issue. It is a very complex issue and was explained in depth in

a previous newsletter. Make sure you come to the annual meeting to learn the latest on where we stand on this complex issue. Bring your questions. Remember this is your lake and we will all benefit from improved lake water quality.

Get involved ! or at least show up

All too often people sit back and complain under their breath. When asked to become involved or even offer suggestions they refuse. These are the same people who criticize the people who are trying to run an organization. Your board of directors is a group of ordinary people like yourself. They are just trying to help out. It is very discouraging for them to attend a meeting where there is only a handful of property owners in attendance. If you don't attend the annual meeting and express your concerns then the board will make decisions based on the people in attendance and facts presented. We often hear people make complaints but they never show up at the meetings. If you have concerns please show up and make yourself known. Also if you have problems don't just complain, offer suggestions. If you have a problem at home, a plugged septic for example, you can complain all you want but the bottom line is YOU have to act. Is two to three hours per year too much to ask to make the lake and your property a better place to be? We all have a tremendous amount invested in our property. Get involved, come to the meeting and picnic. It is only through a group effort that we will be able to accomplish any good. You don't have to be vocal, just come to become informed on what's happening on your lake and form your own opinion.

Dust control

The first application of calcium chloride was applied to the gravel roads around the lake. Normally the county would not spray our roads. Through a special contract the association is paying the county \$272 for an application to help keep the dust down. There should be one or two more applications this summer depending on need.

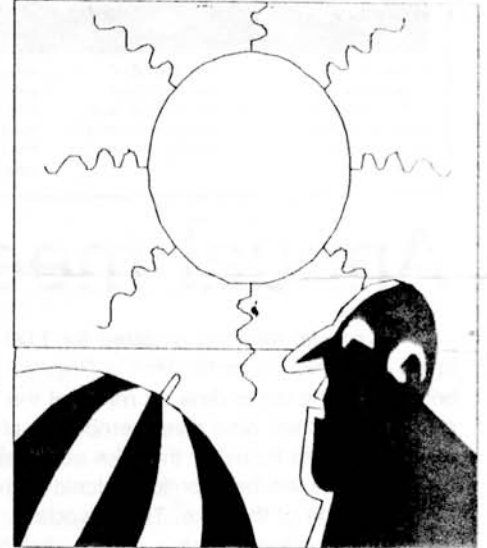
Township park update

Association president Bill Falbe has been named to the Richland Township park commission to replace the late John Bradley. He will help oversee the operation of the park on the south side of the lake.

The new Richland Township Park managers are Randy and Diana McQuiston. They can be reached at 873-6581. The park

beach may be used by lake association members. The township park commission has established a daily fee of \$1 or an annual fee of \$5. You need to present your association membership card when purchasing the annual permit. If you come by boat there is no fee for using the beach. Campsites are \$5 per night.

You may not use the dumpsters at the park. They are for use of the campers. The Prescott dump is open weekdays and from noon to 4:00 pm on Saturdays. They offer regular dumping as well as recycling.



News from around the lake

Two members of our lake association passed away over the winter. John Bradley was former president of the association and was serving on the lake association as past president. He was also a member of the Richland Township park commission. James Perry also passed away. He owned the large yellow two-story house on the north shore of the lake. Our deepest sympathy to the families and to any others that have lost loved ones during the past year.

The cries of two new babies can be heard on the lake. Rod and Darcy McLain are the proud parents of Morgan,

she was born on December 20, 1993.

Bob and Chris Laverty had a new daughter Katelyn on February 28, 1994.

Welcome new owners Dan and Sue Fisk. They recently purchased the property at 3179 S. Henderson Lake Road. The property had been owned by Harry and Helen Maletz who have moved to Texas.

If you have any information that should be considered for the newsletter please forward it to Secretary Judy Sheehan at 2385 Euclid Ave., Bay City, MI 48706.