

# Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association



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## Fall 2003

Ken Sheehan  
grills as Carl  
Peevey helps  
during the  
annual  
Hardwood Lake  
Property  
Owners  
Association  
potluck picnic  
July 12, 2003.  
Ken and Judy  
Sheehan  
hosted at their  
home on the  
west end of the  
lake.



## Lake Board Meeting

The Hardwood Lake Improvement Board has scheduled a meeting for 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 25 at the NEW Richland Township Hall.

A representative from Progressive Engineering will be on hand to discuss past and future lake weed control.

The hall is located at Sheffer and McLean. To reach the hall go one mile south of Prescott on Sage Lake Road to Sheffer then turn east and go about 2 miles to McLean. Turn south and go about one-quarter mile.

## Road Brining

The petition to put road brining of Hardwood Heights and Gillings Road on the tax rolls is short a few signatures. The deadline has passed to be able to get it on the tax rolls for the summer of 2004. An effort is being made to gather the remaining signatures needed for the summer of 2005. Currently the cost for three applications done in May, July and August (before the holidays) are \$45 for 250 feet and \$63 for 500 ft. Contact Treasurer, Wava Fischer at 989 873-4436 to order brining. There were enough owners signed up this summer to brine all of Hardwood Heights. Gillings Road was not brined this year.

**Election of officers** at the Annual Meeting of the Hardwood Lake Owners Association held July 12, 2003:

**President** - David Sommers  
**Directors** - Clayton Dees, Carl Peevey, Randy Nasuti and Bob Hanes were elected by acclamation by the members present. All are two-year terms.

**Winners** of the drawing at the annual lake association meeting:

Nester Creek - Citgo- Pizza:  
 Jim Macheski  
 Sue Young

McGregors Country Store - Various chicken dinners & pizza:  
 Dave Sommers  
 Randy Nasuti  
 Margo Dees  
 Lonnie Poupard

Mary's Beauty Shop  
 Dan Daniels

HLPOA membership:  
 Barb Trevithick

## Fish facts

*EDITORS note: The following information on Hardwood Lake is from DNR Records. We will publish more information as space permits*

Hardwood Lake is a 172 acre lake located in Richland Township, T21N, 4E, Sec 6. The lake was mapped in 1943, and was reported to have good winter fishing for pike and crappies, and good summer fishing for bass, crappies, perch and bluegills. Originally, the map showed that the lake connected to Johnson Lake, which drained into the AuGres River. This was an error. The outlet drains to Long Lake, via Silver Creek to the Rifle

## Welcome new property owners

		<u>Former owner</u>
Thomas White	3045 Hardwood Hgts.	Cullins
Dr. Nancy Falsetto	3111 Hardwood Hgts.	Lyddy
Richard Keeler	3134 Hardwood Hgts.	Wards
Douglas A. Bates	3141 Hardwood Hgts.	New home
Pat / Nancy Keener	3237 Hardwood Hgts.	Fischer's
Lonnie/Edie Poupard	3320 Hardwood Hgts.	Montie's
Thomas Cameron	3340 Hardwood Hgts.	Phillips
Robt/Chrissy Munck	3368 Hardwood Hgts.	Smith's
Jeff Miller	Martin Drive	10' easement

Daniel Gregor 3078 Gillings Rd. Kregel's

## Homes or property for sale

David Berry	3022 Hardwood Hgts.
KJ Wrobel	3225 Hardwood Hgts.
Jeffrey Stock	3116 Gillings Rd.
Frank LaPan	3049 Martin Drive
Leemon Swink	Property on Henderson Lake Rd.
Misc owners	Property on corner of Heights & Henderson

River.

Numerous cabins and residences surround the lake. Hardwood Lake has a maximum depth of 35 feet, but over 75% of the lake is less than 15 feet. The shoreline drops off steeply along the northern shore, and more gradually everywhere else. The surrounding countryside has some farms, hills, forests, and swamps. The immediate shoreline is wooded and hilly. The water color of Hardwood Lake has always been recorded as being dark brown. The bottom is a mixture of sand, pulpy peat, and detritus.

An early fish survey in 1954 showed Hardwood Lake to have abundant yellow perch, bullheads, black crappie, and largemouth bass. Bluegill, pumpkinseed sunfish, and northern pike were rated as fair in abundance. The panfish

were all on the small side. Northern pike, bass, and crappie were considered average. There was documentation of beaver problems in the lake's outlet.

Past files also indicate that the lake may have history of winter kill. A 1960 survey showed numerous small panfish and predators, but no large ones. Growth was noted as good, possibly recovering from winter kill. In 1978, there was a boom shocking survey to investigate another report of winter kill ( 1976-77). Again, abundant panfish were found and growth looked good. Bass and crappie were scarce, and no pike were taken. At this time management recommended stocking largemouth bass and operating a pike marsh.



## West Branch Computers

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*Walk Ins Welcome*

## Ken Pennington passes

Ken Pennington passed away in August. A private funeral service was held. Ken and his wife Polly moved from the lake to Kawkawlin a year ago. He was a founding member of the Hardwood Lake Owners Association. He helped get petitions for lake cleanup and was involved with fish plantings along with various projects on the lake.

## Gypsy Moth Update

A few home owners stated they had seen signs of Gypsy Moths. Jack Gregg, a surveyor in the area, investigated and found that there was not enough gypsy moth activity to warrant a spraying. He will stay involved with progress in the future and make necessary recommendations.

## Lake sign

The Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association Board is exploring the purchase of a "Welcome to Hardwood Lake" sign. It would be placed near the entrance of Hardwood Heights and Henderson Lake Roads.

## Windmill at McGregors

This summer Bob and Glenda McGregor had a windmill installed on their shore on the east end of the lake in the cove. It has an aerator underneath the water activated by the windmill which is propelled by the wind. The air that is bubbled up under the water may keep weeds from growing within an acre. So far it is working well. The cost was around \$1,400 including installation. **WARNING:** Snowmobilers be aware that there will be little or no ice in that area.

## Birdhouses

I would like to hear from anyone who has information on the birdhouses scattered around the perimeter of the lake. I have heard they are for Wood Ducks. My email is listed on the letterhead.

*Edith Sommers*




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# Local calendar of events

**October 11** - Richland Township Hall Dedication. 10 a.m. 3620 McLean

**October 11** - Oktoberfest in West Branch. German food, sidewalk sales, along with Halloween fantasy park and more!  
989 345-2821

**November 15** - Art & Craft Bazaar, Ogemaw County Fairgrounds. An indoor crafting extravaganza. 989 345-1415

**December 6** - Christmas parade, tree lighting, downtown West Branch. After dark light fest and Santa.  
989 345-2821.

**December 6** - Craft Show, Ogemaw Heights High School. Music Boosters' Holiday Arts & Crafts

**Iosco County Historical Museum** Christmas Tea. Call for info at 1-989-362-8911

**54th Annual Perchville USA** East Tawas Dock.  
Call 1-800-55-TAWAS

**REMINDER!**  
**Hardwood Lake Logos** by Kay Fernandez. \$10 sewn on your personal items. Call 989 873-5546 or 240-5546.

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