

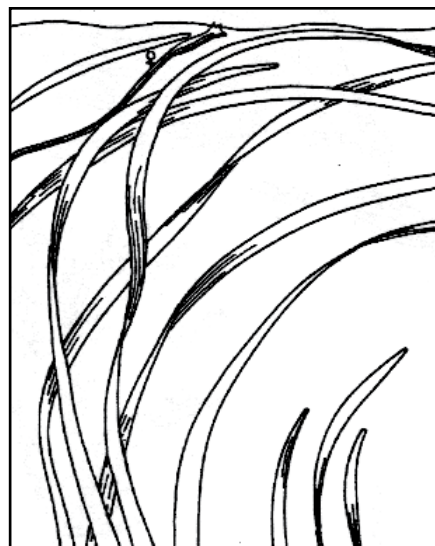
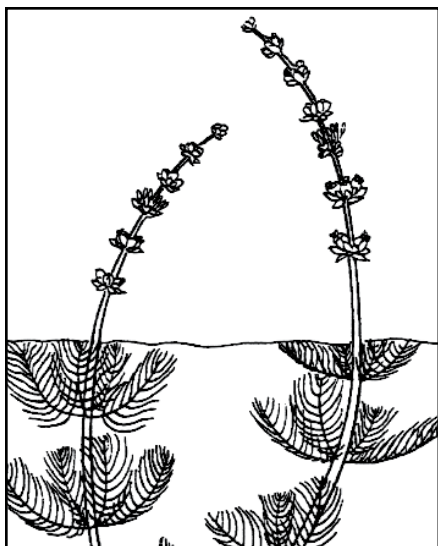
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Summer 2008



Eurasian Milfoil, left, and Curley-leaf Pondweed, center, are two non-native weeds in Hardwood Lake They are target species in the weed control program. Wild Celery, right, is a native species that is not targeted and is making a comeback in the lake.

Weed control public hearing Saturday, July 12

The weed control program continues this year which is the fourth year of the current four-year program.

This summer the Lake Board will hold a (1)continuation and (2) tax district public hearing starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2008 at the Richland Township Hall, 3620 McLean Road, Prescott. All property owners will receive a letter notifying them of the meeting. The final tax rate will be made at the meeting.

Following the two public hearings the Lake

Association will hold their annual meeting.

In late October the Lake Board met to discuss the weed control program. Our engineering firm, Progressive Applied Engineering is conducting an entire lake treatment for 2008. The last full lake treatment was in 2004. The 2008 program will cost about \$36,000. The primary objective is to control the non-native Eurasian Milfoil. It is a very aggressive growing plant that could choke the lake in a few years if not treated.

There is always discussion as to what the

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weed control program's main objective is. The weed control program is designed to control the non-native lake weeds.

One of those is Eurasian milfoil which is rapid growing and would fill the lake if left unchecked. Another species is Curley-leaf Pondweed. Many remember what the lake looked like before the treatments began in 1996.

On May 12 the lake was treated for algae and with the chemical Fluridone by Aquatic Services of Goodrich. The Fluridone targets the Milfoil and is applied to the entire lake. The applicator pays strict attention to state laws and is monitored by Progressive, which spent most of the winter obtaining the necessary state permits to treat the lake. The permit alone costs \$1,500. The algae treatment was done to make the Fluridone treatment more effective.

After careful monitoring and testing more Fluridone was added June 3, to bring the concentration to the 6 parts per billion (ppb) level. Low level, long term dosage kills the Milfoil over a couple of months.

Welcome new property owners

David and Jeanine Davie
3134 Hardwood Heights
Former Keller property

Robert and Jill Reed
3177 S. Henderson Lake Rd.
Former Schantz property

Hardwood Lake special projects committee fund raiser

The Hardwood Lake Special Projects committee of Richland Township with assistance from Ogemaw County Horticulture Organization is raising funds for a new play area at the township campground.

The project will be dedicated in memory of "Rae Clair Cline", a 7-year-old who lost her life in a snowmobile accident in December 2007.

The committee plans on purchasing a boat theme play land and picnic tables and enclose it in a pavilion setting with a sun room on one end for indoor use on those not so nice days.

The cost of the project is expected to exceed \$70,000

A fund raiser is planned. It will be a Pig Roast Summer Music Social with a silent auction on Sunday, August 3, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00p.m. It will be held at the Hardwood Lake campground. Admission is \$10 for adults and a reduced rate for children.

Samples are taken from four locations around the lake over a two month time frame, to ensure the chemicals are at the proper levels.

The goal is not to make the lake weed free, just to control the non-native species. Use the drawings on the front page to help you identify the lake growth in your area.

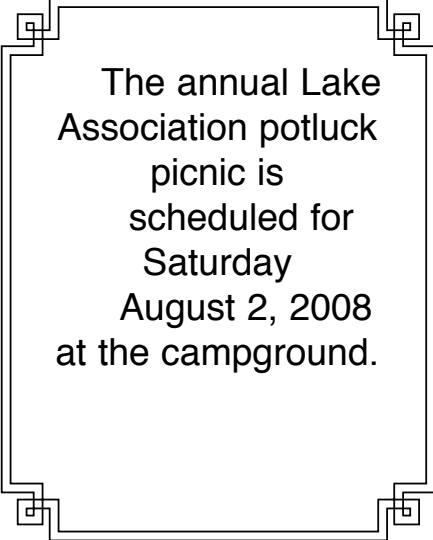
Lake association president David Sommers is a member of the Lake Board. If you have any questions, please contact him.

Propane club

Dan Brady and Judy Sheehan were to look into establishing a propane gas club. Contact them for more information.

Road brine program

The Ogemaw County Road Commission has reduced road brine program from three times a year to just two. There should be a reduction on your tax bill next year to reflect this reduction in the number of treatments.



The annual Lake Association potluck picnic is scheduled for Saturday August 2, 2008 at the campground.

Local Elections:

August 5 is the date for Michigan's primary elections. Be sure to vote at the precinct where you are registered.

Candidates for the Hardwood Lake area are:

**Richland Township
Supervisor**

Brian Bellville (R)
Bill Cliff (R)
Robert Podleski (D)

Clerk

Dawn Johnson (R)
Ruth Keeley (R)

Treasurer

Deborah Burton (R)
Lila Fegan (D)

Trustee

Dale Bronson (R)
Lee Brown (R)
Judith Sheehan (D)
Robert Touchard (D)

**Logan Township
Supervisor**

Kathy David (R)
Keith Ponak (D)

Clerk

Mary Weaver (D)

Treasurer

Shirley Parent (R)

Trustee

Warren Caverly (R)
Kathleen Fabera (D)

County Commissioner

District 3

Pete Hennard (D)

District 4

Ron Quackenbush (D)
John Williams (D)

REMINDER

High speed boating is
allowed between
the hours of

11 AM

and

7:30 PM

IT'S THE LAW

Hardwood Lake Retreat

The property in the southeast corner of the lake is for sale. Benjamin Denno is offering 10 lake front lots. It is advertised as a private upscale waterfront gated community. More information is at www.hardwoodlakemi.com

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2008

Constitution and bylaws need updating

The current Lake Association Constitution and Bylaws is several years old and needs to be updated. The current copy is below. Please e-mail or send update suggestions to Dave Sommers or Judy Sheehan. Their contact information is in the front page masthead.

HARDWOOD LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION and BY LAWS

Article 1

NAME

* The name of this association shall be HARDWOOD LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (non- profit organization).

Article 2

PURPOSE

- * To respect the rights of all property owners and help secure improvements.
- * To assist in maintaining and improving lake conditions.
- * To cooperate with and promote enforcement of all existing federal, state, local and subdivision regulations for the benefit of all.
- * To maintain the policy of regulating gasoline-operated motor boats on the lake.

BY-LAWS - MEMBERSHIP

* Membership in this association shall be limited to concerned property owners. **Dues must be currently paid up to maintain membership and voting privileges.**

VOTING

* Property, whether one parcel or more, shall constitute one membership and shall be entitled to one vote or by written proxy.

DUES

* The Association shall be financed by annual dues of \$15.00 per membership. Special assessments may be levied when deemed necessary, by a two-thirds majority of members present at the general meeting and by written proxy.

* **The Association fiscal year shall be from July 1 through June 30.**

* **Dues are payable by June 15 of each year.**

MEETINGS

* The annual meeting shall be held on a Saturday in July, at the discretion of the Lake Association officers. Notice of such meeting shall be announced by mail at least fourteen (14) days in advance. Twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum. Members shall be notified ten (10) days in advance of any meeting, other than the annual meeting, and the purpose of the meeting.

* Executive Board meetings shall have a quorum of five (5). The officers are empowered to call a meeting for a specified purpose and time between regular meetings.

OFFICERS

- * Officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary - Treasurer and four (4) members to constitute a Board of Directors.
- * All officers are elected for a term of two years. [With the President and all directors being elected during the odd years and the Vice President and Secretary - Treasurer being elected in the even years]
- * Lake Board Representative shall be elected by the body at large in the even years for a term of four years. The next election will be in 1998.
- * The immediate past President shall automatically become a Director-at-Large at the expiration of his term.
- * In the event an officer or director (except the office of President) vacated his or her office before the expiration of his or her term, the President shall with the approval of the Directors, appoint a replacement to fill that office until the next election of officers. It shall be the President's responsibility to announce and election to the membership and cause this announcement to be a part of the agenda.
- * In the event the President should vacate his office, the Vice-President shall become President. The vacated vice-president's office shall be filled as set forth in the above paragraph of the by-laws.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- * The President shall preside at all meetings unless unable, in which case the Vice-President shall preside. The President shall have the power to appoint special committees.
- * The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs and business matters of the Association.
- * The Secretary shall take minutes at all meetings, handle all necessary correspondence for the association and maintain an up to date roster of members.
- * The Treasurer shall make no disbursements except by check bearing his or her signature and countersigned by the President.

DISBANDMENT

In the event the Association dissolves with two-thirds majority vote, all assets shall be liquidated and divided equally among the then paid-up members.

Adopted 1987 by membership and revised August 5, 1995.

Local Calendar of Events

JULY

FARMERS MARKET, Irons Park, West Branch- Every Saturday in July and August

10th, 24th and 31st

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

West Branch, Irons Park, free admission

3-6 HERITAGE DAYS- West Branch, Voyager Encampment

4-7 FOURTH OF JULY SIDEWALK SALES
Tanger Outlet Center

4 FOURTH of JULY PARADE and
FIREWORKS, West Branch

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WORKS

Parade 1:00 p.m.-Skidway Lake

12 ST. STEPHEN'S DINNER RAFFLE, 6:00
p.m. Skidway Lake Chamber of Commerce

17-20 PIONEER POWER CLUB ANTIQUE
TRACTOR & FLEA MARKET, West Branch.

18-19 HONDA GOLD WINGS RALLY,
Ogemaw County Fairgrounds

AUGUST

2-3 RODS & RELICS 30th ANNUAL CAR
SHOW, Ogemaw County Fairgrounds

9-10 VICTORIAN ART FAIR, West Branch,
Irons Park,

10-16 OGEMAW COUNTY FAIR

21 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

West Branch, Irons Park, free admission

30-31 ROSE CITY FALL FESTIVAL. Rose
City, Houghton Creek Park

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