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The newsletter is
in color on the website.



Clouds pass over the lake as another beautiful day draws to a close.

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Lake Association update

It is with great sorrow to report the passing of long time lake resident and association board member Marj Hanes. Marj passed away at the age of 65 on October 28, 2015, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. Marjorie grew up in Saginaw and attended Saginaw Valley State University and graduated from Michigan State University with a dual major in Elementary Education and Special Education. She later received her Master of Education from Wayne State University. During her 29-year education career in Michigan, Marj taught at Bullock Creek Middle School (Midland), Ogemaw Heights High School (West Branch), Seaholm High School (Birmingham), Brotherhood Christian Academy (Clawson), Manistique Middle and High School and served as principal at Inland Lakes Schools after receiving her Administration Certificate from Northern Michigan University.



Hanes

She also served her community by acting as president for the Board of Education at the Otsego

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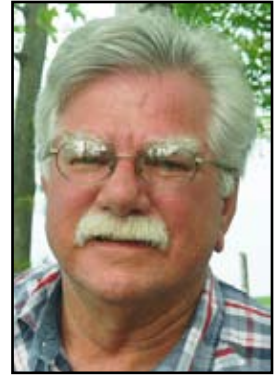
Lake Association continued

Christian School for several years as well as principal during the 2014-2015 school year.

Flowers were sent on behalf of the association

Marj had just been reelected to the lake board in July 2015 for a two year term.

George McClain was selected by the association board to fill Marj's remaining term. George is on the East end of the lake and looks forward to assisting the association.



McClain

Two public hearings for weed control July 2

The Hardwood Lake Improvement Board will hold two public hearings on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at the Logan Township Hall, 4507 E. M-55. The first hearing will start at 9 A.M. with the second following the conclusion of the first. They affect everyone on the lake.

The first hearing will be to determine if the lake weed control project should continue for another four years. The second hearing will be held to determine the special assessment for the tax district.

The Hardwood Lake Improvement Board was established in 1996 to control the non-native weeds in Hardwood Lake. Association President, Dave Sommers serves on the board along with representatives from both Richland and Logan Townships, the Ogemaw County Drain Commissioner and the local County Commissioner. A special assessment district was formed and tax rates set. Every four years there is a public hearing to determine if the program will continue and what the tax rate will be. By reevaluating the program on a regular basis changes can be made to address funding depending on current lake conditions.

When the Lake Board was first formed there was a large amount of non-native Eurasian Milfoil in the lake. It was difficult to get a boat through portions of the lake.

We were told in the beginning that the lake is nutrient rich and as the milfoil was controlled something else would grow.

Weed control consists primarily of chemical treatment and mechanical harvesting. The project is overseen by aquatic biologists from Progressive Engineering in Grand Rapids.

In general, the entire lake is treated every four years for milfoil with the chemical Fluridone. This was last done in 2015. About the

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third year in the program spot treatments are needed to control milfoil.

Progressive inspects the lake in the spring and makes recommendations of treatment. They arrange for a contractor, Aquatic Services, to treat the lake, then come back to check how the treatment worked. Sommers makes periodic reports to Progressive, relying concerns by lake residents.

Because other plants grow, harvesting may need to be done starting in the second year. Some of these are native plants that grow in abundance .

Years ago there was an issue with planktonic algae. This is the green scum sometimes seen on the lake surface which moves around depending on the wind. Currently we are having other algae issues. This started about three years ago.

We have had limited success in controlling the algae through chemical treatment but we can't continue to keep adding chemicals to the lake. As Paul Hausler of Progressive said "The treatment is a band aid, we need to identify the cause of the algae blooms."

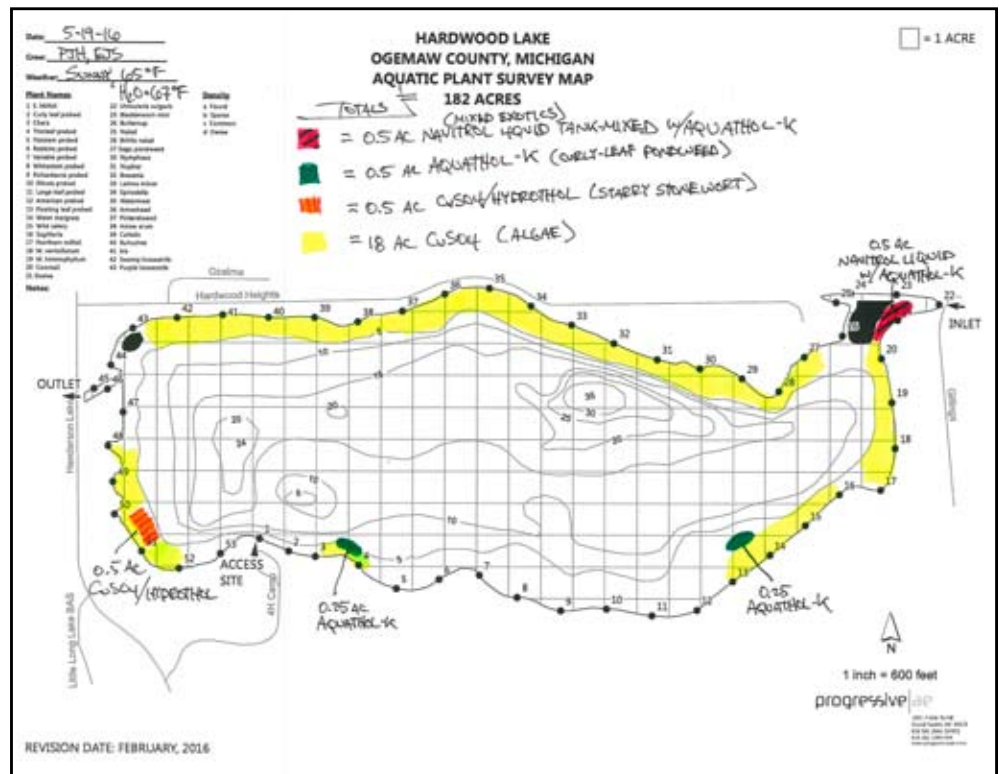
There are several

cattle operations that have come in the past few years and impact the lake watershed. Progressive will be proposing a watershed management program at the July 2nd hearing.

Lake Association meeting

Following the two public hearings on July 2 will be the Lake Association meeting. This should be a fairly quick meeting as the lake weed control project will have been discussed at the public hearings.

Elections for vice president and secretary / treasurer will be held. Both incumbents have agreed to run again.



Progressive creates a map showing which areas to treat and which treatment methods to use. This is the map from the May 23, 2016 treatment. The maps are usually posted on our web.



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boating hours
11 am - 7:30 pm**

Local laws adopted by the State of Michigan allow high speed boating on Hardwood Lake between the hours of 11:00 am and 7:30 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

High speed boating is defined as the boat being on plane.

DNR SPECIAL LOCAL
WATERCRAFT CONTROLS
DNR Administrative Rule R281.765.14
Adopted November 1, 1977

**Lake Association
Annual Meeting**

Saturday, July 2, 2016
Following the 9:00 A.M.
public hearings
Logan Township Hall
4507 E. M-55

Slow down
on the roads.



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Dues Notice

The 2016-2017 Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association dues of \$15 are due. Fiscal year for the lake association is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Some advantages of belonging to the association include newsletters, meeting refreshments and other events. Visit the web site at www.hardwoodlake.org. In the past, the lake association was instrumental in starting the lake weed control project and road dust control.

The newsletter is posted online in color. Future newsletters may be emailed. Please include your email below.

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