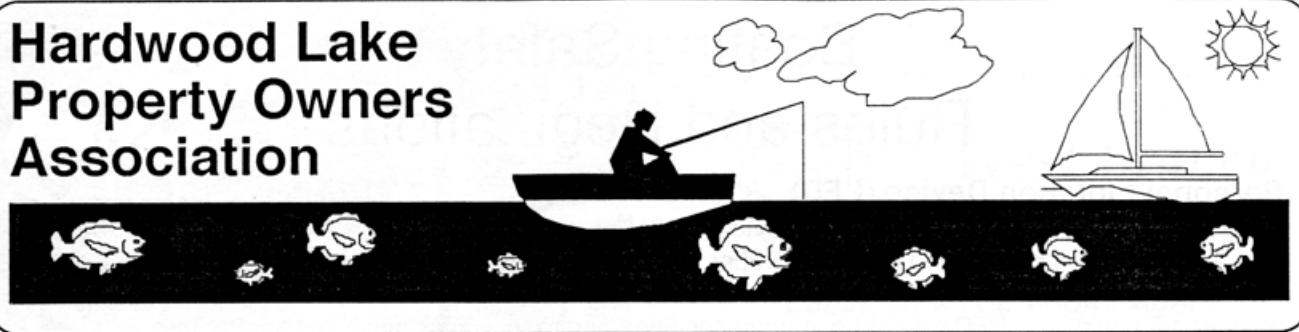


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Guests depart the east end of Hardwood Lake under a partial moon.

SUMMER PARTY - Once again Gill Ezzo hosted the annual association potluck on Saturday, July 13th with about 30 people attending. Since Gil is at the east end of the lake, all the members arrived by boat (lucky he has a long dock). One nameless member arrived and did not have a line to tie up their boat. "We have never tied up on someone else's dock before!" While members enjoyed the great view from the east end, snacks and drinks were consumed while everyone caught up on the latest news. The association provided brats, dogs and drinks with members bringing side dishes. Only one person brought a dessert. As the sun was setting over the west end the colors changed in the sky. Someone from the north side said "I didn't know there were even sun sets here". Dinner ended with a house tour and discussions on lake history. The evening concluded with sparklers for all and a firework finale provided by the Sommers. Thanks to all that came and we hope more members will come next year.

Lake weed control update

There will be a Hardwood Lake Improvement Board meeting in November to select contractors for treatment of the lake next year (Summer of 2003). During the association board meeting held over the Labor Day weekend board members discussed the weed situation on the lake. While there was a general agreement that the lake looks great and the Eurasian milfoil is under control other weeds have emerged. One is wild celery which is a late season plant that is somewhat difficult to harvest effectively due to its shallow root system and wavy nature. Progressive Engineering will put two similar herbicides in the bid request that are used to control wild celery (Nautique and Komeen). The Improvement Board will have the option of treating wild celery next year.

As we are all aware Hardwood Lake is algae dominated so the diligent use of algaecides is necessary. The board will want to select an applicator who is responsive (can come up to treat the lake on short notice).

Based on Progressive's September survey, the extent of Eurasian milfoil does not necessitate the use of fluridone in 2003. They will continue to monitor the extent of the milfoil and the Improvement Board will have the option of using fluridone in 2004 if necessary. Another weed that developed this year was brittle naiad which is not native but is generally not invasive in Michigan lakes.

Road brining

The issue of road brining was addressed at the August Richland Township Board meeting. A letter from the officers of the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association requesting help from the township to brine Hardwood Heights and Gillings Road around Hardwood Lake was discussed but no action taken.

It was on the September meeting agenda again and this time met with more favorable discussion that possibly the township may consider paying a part of all areas that pay for brining. Now the cost is split 1/3 county and 2/3 property owners.

Of the petitions that were sent out 32 returned: 25 for the assessment, 6 no's and 1 undecided. We don't have enough signatures to move forward this year.

The winners are . . .

The annual Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association meeting in July was well attended. This year Gil Ezzo gathered all the door prizes which were donated by local businesses. The lucky winners were as follows:

International Cafe \$15 gift certificate - Linda Scope

Citgo Gas Station - Pizza - Paul & Roberta Shanahan

Citgo Gas Station - Pizza - Dan Daniels

Hair Care Package - Randy Nasuti

Hair Care Package - Clay & Margo Dees


McGrego's Pizza Dinner - Phil Goniea

McGregor's Chicken Dinner - Deb Yocom

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The drawing for a free membership was won by Carl Peevey who generously donated it back to the association. Thank you!

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Kay's embroidery

Kay Fernandez has recently started a sewing business out of her home doing computerized embroidery and monogramming. She specializes in custom, one-of-a-kind embroidery work.

She can add a decorative design or lettering to just about any type of clothing or cloth item (towels, place mats, canvas bags, etc.). There are many designs and lettering styles to choose from. Kay is in the process of creating a special "Hardwood Lake" design which includes an image of a lake, tree, dock and boat as well as the words Hardwood Lake on it. This design, when available, can be embroidered on your own t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. When it is complete it will be included in a future newsletter.

The name of the business is Embroidered Embellishments and is located at 3400 Hardwood Hgts. Phone 989-873-5546 or email kandicay@msn.com for more information.

Prescott Library needs your help

The Prescott Library needs your support. In the past year it has been a fight to keep the Prescott Library Branch open. They have gone from a full time library to 10 hours and now is open 16 hours weekly. The township has taken over paying the utilities to make more hours available. Help is needed in order to get more hours. They are looking for anyone who could volunteer a half or full day weekly to work the library. There would be a short training that the volunteers would have to attend. If anyone has time please call Sharon (Librarian) 989-873-3395 for a volunteer form. Help is also needed with best seller books and subscriptions to magazines. New material is needed.

The township sends a board member to the monthly meetings to try to get more materials and hours for the branch. However the township has no vote, only a voice, at these meetings.

The library provides fax and copy service along with computers and internet service for the public. Materials to loan include books, magazines, books on tape and videos. Also children's Summer Reading Program, after school activities and children's art and craft projects.

Libraries are financed by state aid and penal fines. The past several years this money has steadily decreased for all libraries. They are told things will get better in a few years but need to bridge the gap until then.

Current hours are Monday and Wednesday 12:00 to 5 p.m. email address is Prescottlibrary@hotmail.com




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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November and December

2nd Annual Antique Shops Walk (Tawas and Oscoda)

November 16 - Hunters Smorgasbord, Skidway Lake St. Stephens Hall, Saturday 4-8 p.m.
989-873-3340

November 16 - Art & Craft Bazaar, Ogemaw Fairgrounds. An indoor crafting extravaganza.
Wanda Muzik 989-345-1415.

December

Iosco County Historical Museum Christmas Tea

Tawas Area Chamber of Commerce
1-800-55-TAWAS
email: tawaschamber@i-star.com
Website: www.tawas.com

December 7 - Christmas Parade, Downtown West Branch. After dark light fest and Santa to boot!
Chamber of Commerce 989-345-2821

December 7 - Craft Show, Ogemaw Heights High School Music Boosters' holiday arts and crafts. Leota Chambers
989-685-8093

January 31-February 2, 2003
Perchville USA Sponsored by the Tawas Chamber of Commerce

Some dates are tentative, call to confirm.

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