



Spring 2018

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Larold Lodholz

The open-water season will soon be upon us! We're all looking forward to summer and our time at the lake!

Thanks to Bob Mott, our grant writer, we received funds to continue our **Clean Boats Clean Waters Monitoring Program**. This year Gordon and Rhonda Bell will be managing this program, which monitors our boat landings to prevent invasive species from entering our lake.

Other **Special Projects**:

- Shoreline-Restoration Project: Bob Mott.
- Shoreline-Restoration Grants for Individuals: Jean Roach.
- Shoreline-Restoration Demonstration Garden's Maintenance: Volunteers needed.
- Zebra-Mussel Survey - Dave Hardt.

Special Dates to put on your calendars:

- Annual Meeting, June 23: registration @ 9:30 a.m., meeting @ 10 a.m., Schoepke Town Hall.
- Summerfest Fundraiser Picnic - July 28: noon to dusk, Schoepke Town Hall.

We are a volunteer organization and we need your help. Please contact me or any of our board members if you have a few hours to spare (715-409-9488, cell; ludandvon@gmail.com).

OUR THANKS GO TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

The Oneida County AIS Office for their continued support.

The Suick Family for their monetary gift.

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community of Mole Lake for their monetary gift.

The Towns of Schoepke and Enterprise for their monetary donations for lake monitoring.

Lumberjack RC&D for donating the sign and plants for our shoreline-demonstration garden.

The Musky Mart for donating ice and propane for Summerfest, our annual fundraiser.

Barb & Scott Krueger for donating the free use of a storage unit.

All PLPOA members for donating money and/or time to help protect our lake.

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If there's a **RED "X"** next to your name, you need to submit your 2018 PLPOA dues. Simply fill-out the pink form that came with this newsletter and mail it, along with your check (made out to "PLPOA"), to: PLPOA; P.O. Box 96; Pelican Lake, WI 54463. Thanks!

NEWS FROM ONEIDA COUNTY

by Bob Mott, County Supervisor

MINING NEWS: Mining has once again become a hot topic in the county and across the state. Sponsored by Senator Tiffany, there was a recent change in the state mining law.

The old law (or “mining moratorium,” as it was called) included a “prove-it” provision. In order to operate a new mine, a similar mine had to be found, one that, (1) had operated for 10 years without environmental damage, and, (2) had to be closed for at least 10 years without environmental damage. While this law was in effect, there were no new mines built (hence the “moratorium” label).

In December of 2017 the old law changed and eliminated the above provision, along with other provisions. Public outcry against the new law has resulted in a delay of implementation until July 1, 2018. This 6-month delay allows counties and municipalities to write or upgrade their metallic-mining ordinances.

On January 24, 2018, I attended the Mining 101 seminar that took place in Minocqua. This seminar was sponsored by the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Wisconsin Towns Association. It was attended by 250 people, representing 30 counties.

Speakers at the seminar included Dr. Robert Lodge, Assistant Professor of Geology, UW Eau Claire; Larry Knopacki, principal attorney, Wisconsin Legislative Council; Al Christianson, Ladysmith City Administrator; and Andy Phillips, attorney, Von Briesen and Roper Law Firm. Attorney Phillips was hired by the WCA to write a Best Practices Booklet to be used by counties in reviewing ordinances.

Professor Lodge gave an overview of which minerals are found in northern Wisconsin and explained how they evolved. Here are some facts that I discovered:

- Underground mines: are much more expensive than open-pit mines.
- Crandon Mine: a proposed mine that never operated. Largest copper deposit known in Wisconsin. Estimated ore deposit: 67,000,000 tons.
- Back-40 Mine: proposed. Just across the Menominee River from NE Wisconsin. Estimated deposit: 18,800,000 tons.
- Flambeau Mine (opened in 1993, closed in 1997): 1,900,000 tons extracted. 5,000,000 tons remain.
 - 150 workers initially
 - 75 mine workers, of which only 25 were local
 - proposed in the 1960s; began digging in 1992
 - when closed, the entire pit encapsulated with clay
 - tax receipts of \$10,000,000 over 4 years
 - visitor’s center built
 - if local matching funds, \$500,000 donated for a library
- Steps for starting a mine:
 - 8-10 years of exploration
 - several years of permitting
 - 1-3 years for construction
 - 10-30 years of operation
 - 1-3 years to close + never-ending monitoring

NEWS FROM ONEIDA COUNTY (cont'd.)

- Uses of minerals:
 - Copper: 1,800,000 tons used yearly in the US (example: 1 airliner uses 224 km./139 miles of wire)
 - Zinc: alloy/brass
 - Lead: 88% used in lead-acid batteries; also used in ammunition and glass oxide
 - Gold: electronics
 - Silver: conductors in solar panels
- Dangers of sulfide mining:
 - When rain hits the sulfur in the tailings, acid mine drainage from sulfuric acid is produced.
 - When the tailings are stored, the containment may break and release acid.
 - When chemicals are used in the separation process, chemical spills can occur.

ONEIDA COUNTY NEWS: The Planning and Development Committee, in conjunction with the Forestry Committee where the Mining Oversight Committee last operated, has hired an attorney who has expertise in mining law to (1) review Oneida County's Metallic Mining Ordinance to see if it complies with state law (Phase 1), and, (2) look at Oneida County's ordinance to see which protections could be improved upon or added (Phase 2).

Unzoned towns, like the Town of Enterprise would not be covered by county ordinance and could negotiate their own agreements with the mining companies. This could involve many considerations and legal fees. County forest land in Enterprise would be subject to the Oneida County Metallic Mining Ordinance. It is unclear if the town could influence how that land is used in regard to mining. Further research is needed.

SHORELAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE: Due to a change in the state law, Oneida County's ordinance must be *no more protective* than that of the state. The needed revisions were made with quite a lot of community input, mainly through the Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association (OCLRA). As County Supervisor, I argued that we should send the state a revised ordinance written to best protect the waters of Oneida County, then let the state tell Oneida County to change it. That effort failed. The revised ordinance was approved by a vote of 12 to 6 of the County Board.

TRANSIT: The Oneida Vilas Transit Organization, in its second year of operation and funded by state and federal grants, provided approximately 51,000 one-way rides to Oneida and Vilas County citizens, mostly elderly and disabled (80% or so), as well as to some visitors. This number represents an approximate doubling of the rides formerly provided by the Aging Department in the two counties. Hopefully, in the future the service will be extended to outlying areas on a weekly basis. Currently, Rhinelander, Eagle River, Woodruff, and Minocqua are served. I am Vice-Chairman of that commission.



REMEMBER:

**THE ANNUAL MEETING IS JUNE 23TH!
AND SUMMERFEST IS JULY 28TH!**

GOOD NEWS ABOUT EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL!

by David Hardt

In their survey conducted in the spring of 2017, Onterra, our lake survey company, found a limited amount of Eurasian Water-Milfoil in our lake and suggested that a hand-pulling regimen would likely not be advised for 2017. Thus, we canceled the hand-pulling for the summer of 2017, saving us some money.



In the spring of 2018 Onterra will again survey the lake and make recommendations based upon the results. While we will never get rid of Eurasian Water-Milfoil in Pelican Lake, the infestation seems to be able to be controlled by hand-pulling. We are awaiting the results of the 2018 survey and have a hand-pulling company on call, if needed this year.

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS: MAY - SEPTEMBER 2017

by Larold Lodholz & Yvonne Cook

Boats Inspected:

Keeler Landing	589
Town Landing	115
State Landing	2,325

People Contacted:

Keeler Landing	1,170
Town Landing	226
State Landing	4,992

Hours:

Keeler Landing	262
Town Landing	265
State Landing	618

Total Boats Inspected:	3,029 boats
Total People Contacted:	6,388 people
Hours Paid:	1,145 hours paid

Total hours, Data Entry = 31.5 volunteer hours
Total hours, Program Coordination = 303 volunteer hours
Total hours, Monitoring = 19 volunteer hours

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

by Lucy Nelson

AIS with Resorts/Campgrounds: A huge thank-you to the Pelican Lake resort and campground owners! Their efforts in educating their customers/campers regarding AIS are greatly appreciated. These efforts are extremely helpful in our quest to save the waters of Pelican Lake for future years of enjoyment.

AIS with Adults - April 2017 AIS Class: This class is given annually by the DNR/Clean Boats Clean Waters Program. It's a new class for those entering the AIS program, as well as a continued-education class for more-experienced AIS educators.

Left to right: Michael Brownell, Kathy Hand, Everette Wagner, Dave Johnson, Lucy Nelson, Lud Lodholz, Baker & Frances Branson; Stephanie Boismenu (AIS Co-ordinator).



AIS with Students: On May 5, 2017, I taught an AIS class to Elcho students at their Forest Day. I'm always amazed at the students' awareness of AIS. They can't wait to hold the DNR specimens and eagerly ask questions regarding each one.

Volunteers (CBCW): To volunteer to check boats at our landings, please contact Rhonda/Gordon Bell (262-305-2366 Rhonda, 262-305-0777 Gordon) (grbell@charter.net) or Larold (Lud) Lodholz (715-409-9488)(ludandvon@gmail.com).



Together we can keep the waters of Pelican Lake free from invasive species!

AIS CAMPAIGNS

by Vicki Smith

There are several major statewide Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) campaigns this summer to add to your calendar: the **Free-Fishing Weekend**, the **Drain Campaign**, the **Landing Blitz**, and the **AIS Snapshot Day**. For those of you who have not participated in these campaigns before, here's how they work:

The **Drain Campaign (June 1-3)**: CBCW staff and volunteers give fisherman an ice pack with the "Drain Your Catch" logo on it to remind them that they must drain all water from their boats and equipment and transport their fish on ice (as an alternative to transporting fish in water).

The **Landing Blitz (June 29-July 4)**: CBCW staff and volunteers hand out a dandy boat towel with the "Stop Aquatic Hitchhiker" logo on it to boaters who are taking the prevention steps.

The **AIS Snapshot Day (August 18)**: Volunteers join an AIS team to help monitor designated waterways for prohibited and restricted invasive species like the Eurasian Water-Milfoil.

EURASIAN WATER-MILFOIL (EWM)

by Vicki Smith



EWM (*myriophyllum spicatum*) is an emergent, herbaceous aquatic plant which usually extends 3 to 10 feet, but can reach as much as 33 feet in length. Its stems are reddish-brown to whitish-pink. As an aquatic plant, it forms dense mats on the surface of water bodies. Upon contact with mud, new plants can emerge from each node on a stem root. The plant regenerates mostly from rhizomes, fragmented stems, and axillary buds that develop throughout the year. EWM can be found in nearly 400 WI lakes. It:

- invades lakes, rivers, and other water bodies, ranging from fresh to brackish, thriving in areas that have been subjected to various kinds of natural and manmade disturbance.
- can form large, floating mats of vegetation on the surface of water bodies, impeding water traffic and preventing light penetration for native aquatic plants.
- is winter-hardy, able to overwinter in frozen lakes and ponds in northern states and Canada.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LAKE!

by Lynn Anderson

Husband: "What should I do about that wet spot in the lawn? Sure is hard to mow! Kind of muddy!"

Wife: "I know! Make it wetter!"

Husband: "What???"

Wife: "You heard me. And remove the grass."

Husband: "Okay, I'm listening."

You may have noticed that there are many plants that love to grow in water and wet areas. Check out the swamps.

I suggest you replace your grass with wet-loving plants. Direct your rain gutters, sump pumps, driveway, steep slopes, and other runoff into this area. You now have a rain garden. Your new plants will be happy and they'll soak up even more water. And . . . no more mowing!

Once established, your rain garden will take care of itself. In heavy rains, your garden will slow the flow of rain runoff into the lake, leaving excess nutrients in your garden, thus feeding your plants and protecting our precious lake.

The lake is our lifeblood. Without it, we would not be here.

HOW CAN I HELP THE LAKE?

by David Hardt

Rain Garden: One way to help the lake is to create a *rain garden*. A rain garden is a small, flower/shrub area usually placed at the end of a rain downspout. This garden helps catch the flow of rainwater and or snow-melt runoff as it comes off the roofs of buildings and sheds. The plants in this garden can have the added advantage of attracting butterflies, hummingbirds, and many of our other North Woods friends.

An example:



Native Garden: Another way to help the lake is to create a *native garden*. This is a natural area near the shoreline that will block the free flow of runoff into the lake, while creating a beautiful, natural area of wildflowers, shrubs, and other wildlife-attracting vegetation. This garden is usually about 300 sq. ft. (30' x 10'). An example:



WATER WALKERS

by Jean Roach

People often ask what can be done by an individual to protect Pelican Lake. One simple task is one that can be done every summer: be a water walker! It only takes a few minutes.

Water walkers walk along their shorelines and pick up any vegetation they see, noting whether or not the vegetation is one of the invasive species. (On the pull-out page, page 19, of this newsletter there are photos to help identify these.) If an invasive is found, it is reported.

We hope you will become a water walker this summer and do your part to help us keep invasive vegetation in check in Pelican Lake.

For help in identifying the vegetation, please contact, David Hardt, our local expert, who can be reached by phone or e-mail (cell: 414-324-1160; e-mail: dhardt1@mac.com).

PLPOA Shoreline Restoration: Come and see the result!

by David Hardt

Please consider stopping by the area just north of Schoepke Town Hall on Highway 45 in Pelican Lake to see a beautiful example of shoreline restoration that the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association has set up, utilizing a grant from Lumberjack RC&D. This project turned a grassy hillside into a beautiful, terraced example of shoreline restoration.

The photos below show a culmination of this three-year project, an association project that created a pathway of beauty that now serves as a deterrent to water flowing directly into the lake. I have visited this site numerous times and have seen many pollinators such as hummingbirds, natural bees, honeybees, and Monarch butterflies visiting and feeding upon the vast number of flowers growing in the beds.

Feel free to stop by and visit the beautiful work done by volunteers from the Pelican Lake area. Take a stroll down the pathway to the lake, and possibly have a wonderful picnic lunch, utilizing the many picnic tables also donated to the community by the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association.





PLPOA'S SHORELINE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN: NEW SIGN AND COVER

Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) is a multi-county, nonprofit organization that strives to enhance area natural resources, promote a higher standard of living, and improve the quality of life for area citizens. This group funded both the development of the shoreline restoration and the beautiful sign. We greatly appreciate their generosity!

The winter cover for our shoreline buffer garden was created by **Canvas Products of Eagle River**, formerly **Cindy Covers It**, of Three Lakes. We thank them for this useful donation!

Shoreline Restoration: Why should we consider doing it?

by David Hardt

Research has shown that a vast majority of the phosphorus and other nutrients leaching into our lakes comes from water runoff, usually in the form of spring snow melt and heavy rain runoff.

To prevent the kinds of algae blooms in the lake that we've experienced in the past, it is important to try to prevent as many of these nutrients, especially phosphorus, from flowing unabated into our lake. This can be done by altering the area along the shoreline.

These alterations, many of which also improve the *beauty* of a property, are designed to slow the flow of water from the shore to the lake, thereby allowing the water to seep into the soil while leaving behind the phosphorus and other undesired nutrients. Thus, the water can move through the soil and eventually enter the lake, stripped of the phosphorus. The phosphorus that is left behind then becomes a **free natural fertilizer** for a lawn or flower bed on the property.

A side benefit of altering/improving your shoreline is that the improved area will attract wonderful wildlife and the area will greatly benefit pollinators like Monarch butterflies and bees. Butterflies and bees are crucial to the success of crops, but they need a variety of pollinating plants to maintain good health throughout the season. When the crops are finished, the pollinators still need a good food source to maintain their population. The flowers in the garden can be that food source.



The Healthy Lakes Initiative supports these shoreline improvements/alterations. Their grants can make a shoreline alteration very low-cost to the property owner and very effective. You could be a candidate for such an improvement to your property. An example of how it works: Of the total cost of such a project, the Healthy Lakes Initiative grant would pay about 80%, the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association would pay an additional 10%, and the property owner would pay only about 10% of the total cost. This means that for a project that costs \$800-\$1,000, a property owner would only have to pay \$80-\$100! And the end result could be an \$800-\$1,000 improvement to the property, adding dollar value as well as aesthetic value.

If you would care to read an article regarding this, go to: blog.limnology.wisc.edu/blame-it-on-the-rain-study-ties-phosphorus-loading-in-lakes-to-extreme-precipitation-events/.

If you would like more information on projects like these, please contact me. If you are interested in applying for one of these grants, please contact me and I'll help you fill-out the required paperwork (cell: 414-324-1160; dhardt1@mac.com).



DID YOU KNOW? - WALLEYES

by David Hardt

The percentage of walleyes speared in the spring, as compared to the total take from both hook-and-line and spearing, is only about 15%. (The total number allowed to be speared is set by the Fall Fish Census.) This may seem high from year-to-year, but that means that the walleye population is up and doing well. Again, it's only about 15% of the total take for the year. And this does not even count the ice-fishing take. Adding the ice-fishing take to the total take, it is likely that spearing accounts for less than 10%.



We all may not agree with the right to spear, but it's the law and it's always best to discuss things based upon facts.



SUMMARY: PELICAN LAKE ELECTROFISHING

by Larold Lodholz

September 26, 2017 Survey:

1 Wisconsin DNR boat

2 Sokaogon Chippewa Community boats

A total of 15.3 miles of shoreline were shocked. The east shoreline was not surveyed due to large waves. Two PLPOA associates acted as helpers on the boats.

The 2017 year class of walleyes is not very strong. (This is not surprising since the 2016-year class of walleyes was phenomenal.) There was an abundance of small perch and spot-tail shiners around 1-2" in length. Lots of food was available, although it may be a tough bite for awhile.



THE SCIENCE OF MOSQUITO CONTROL

by David Hardt

I've noticed a number of properties around the lake with mosquito-control signs posted on them. Everyone is certainly entitled to deal with mosquitoes, pests, and weeds in any way they wish. I just want to take a moment to explain the science behind the ramifications of spraying as a method of dealing with mosquitoes.

In the 1940s and 1950s, DDT was widely used in an attempt to control mosquito populations. This chemical was sprayed in the jungles of Southeast Asia and in our local neighborhoods in an effort to control mosquito populations. The result: the more they sprayed, the more the mosquitoes became resistant to the spray. It turns out that because mosquitoes live in such high numbers, there will always be a small percentage of the population that genetically will be resistant to the spray. Now that might not seem like a big issue when out of 1,000 mosquitoes only 100 survive, but these 100 will produce 200 eggs each and, since their lifecycle is only slightly longer than a week, after one week there will be a new population of 20,000 mosquitoes that are much more resistant to the spray. After another week that 20,000 can become 4,000,000 spray-resistant mosquitoes. Perhaps a better technique for dealing with mosquito populations is the natural way, without spraying!

By the way, when spraying for mosquitoes, all insects are killed, including those that prey on mosquitoes, like dragonflies. Thus, after two weeks of spraying, you will have no dragonflies left to eat the 4,000,000 mosquitoes flying around. Bats, and to some extent Purple Martins, also consume large numbers of mosquitoes, and, after spraying there will be very few mosquitoes for them to eat temporarily, so they will move on or perish, leaving low numbers of mosquito-eating bats and birds. Putting up bat houses and Purple Martin houses, along with not killing the natural dragonflies through spraying, may be a better way to deal with mosquitoes.

Everyone is entitled to pick any technique to deal with mosquito populations, populations which tend to be larger in the spring and then decrease as the season moves on. I'm only writing this article to explain an alternative technique to spraying which may, in the long run, work better: the natural way.

Here's wishing you all a mosquito bite-less season!

WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME

by David Hardt

After writing an article regarding the positives of using bats and dragon flies to control mosquito populations versus spraying insecticides, I thought I would write this short article about **White-Nose Syndrome (WNS)** that is emerging in our native-bat populations. I plan to put out a bat house this spring in an attempt to attract bats to my property, and I thought an article on WNS might be timely in case others may already have bat populations on their property and wish to put out bat-attracting houses or shutters.

White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) is an emergent disease of hibernating bats that has spread at an alarming rate from the northeastern to the central United States. Since the winter of 2007-2008, millions of insect-eating bats in 31 states and 5 Canadian Provinces (as of September 2017) have died from this devastating disease.

This decline in bat populations is expected to have a substantial impact on the environment and agriculture. Because bats eat insects that damage crops and spread disease, this consumption of insects by bats saves farmers billions of dollars in pest-control services annually.

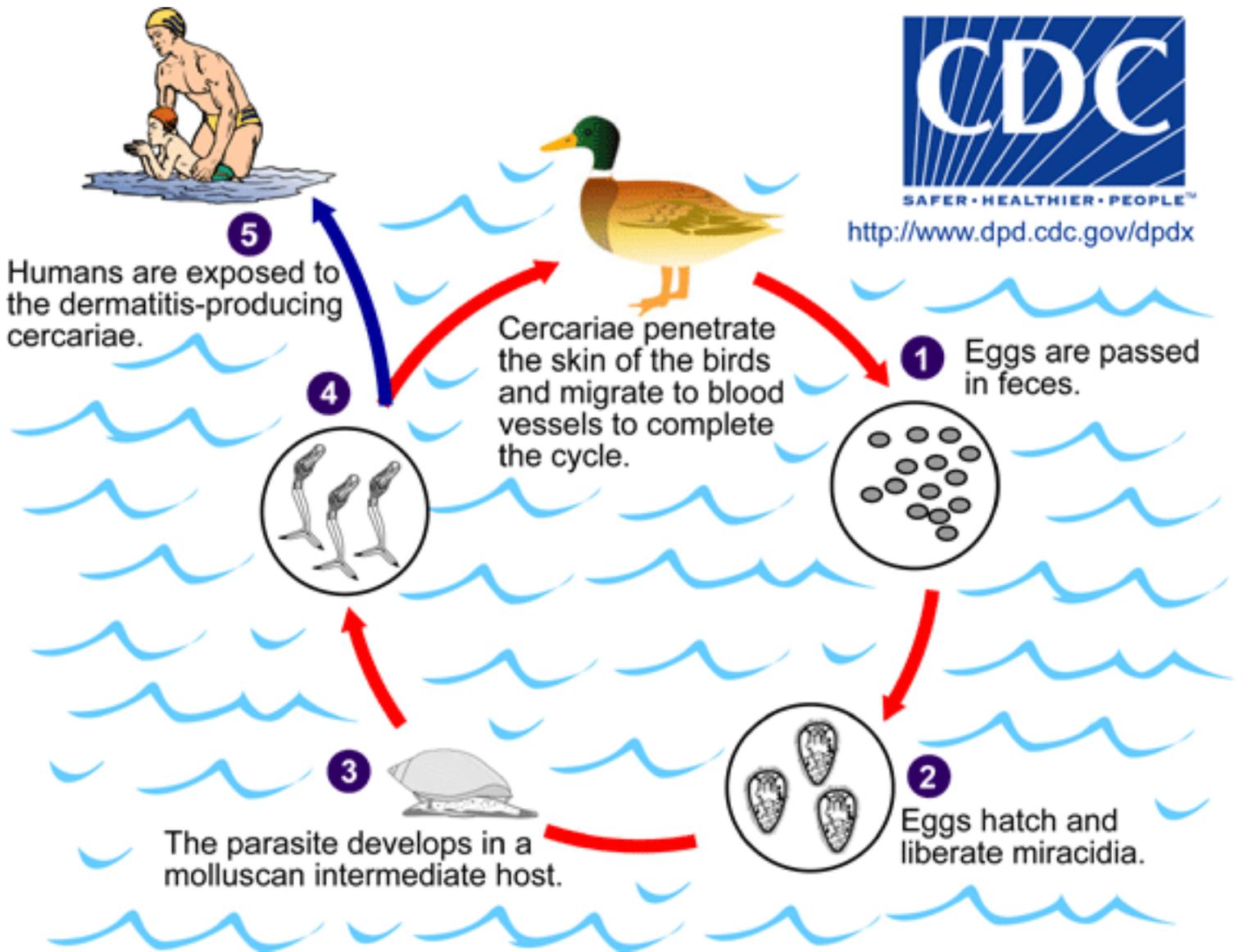
White-Nose Syndrome is caused by a fungus, *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, that infects the skin of the muzzle, ears, and wings of hibernating bats. Signs of WNS can include excessive or unexplained death at a hibernation; visible white-fungal growth on the muzzle or wings of live or freshly-dead bats; abnormal daytime activity of bats or abnormal movement of bats toward hibernation openings; and severe wing damage in bats that have recently emerged from hibernation.

Infected bats experience a cascade of physiological changes that result in weight loss, dehydration, electrolyte imbalances, and death. To determine conclusively if bats are affected by white-nose syndrome, scientists must examine a skin specimen to look for a characteristic microscopic pattern of skin erosion caused by this fungus.

If you detect any bats that may have this condition, please report observations of sick or dead bats to state wildlife agencies, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or the [USGS National Wildlife Health Center \(608-270-2480\)](https://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/information_desk/contact_form.jsp) (https://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/information_desk/contact_form.jsp).



Notice the **white** on either side of the bat's nose.



SWIMMER'S ITCH by David Hardt

I have heard over the fence, at the pub, and around the lake that Swimmer's Itch and grubs in panfish are caused by waterfowl like ducks and Great Blue Herons. I am writing this to again address this myth!

As you can see from the CDC-supplied chart above, the parasite that causes Swimmer's Itch (blue dot #5 above) is released from **snails**. These parasites then look for waterfowl or grubs in panfish to infest. In the case of Swimmer's Itch, they look for a warm-blooded host. Since humans are not adequate for their life cycle, if these parasites bore into human skin, they'll die, and these dead parasites are what cause the effects of Swimmer's Itch.

Looking at the life-cycle chart above, it is evident that **snails**, not waterfowl, give rise to the parasites that infest humans and panfish. Over the years I have noticed an increase in large snails in our lake: we've been infested by Chinese Mystery Snails, another invasive species. The best deterrent to this snail and other snails in our lake, thereby breaking the life-cycle chain of these two unfortunate outcomes, Swimmer's Itch and grubs in panfish, is to do whatever we can to reduce algae, the food of the snails. Shoreline-restoration projects are our best tool for this. If we can work toward keeping phosphorus out of the lake, this will reduce the main nutrient that supports the algae which is the main food for the snails. Cut off the phosphorus to reduce snail populations, cut off the life cycle of these two unfortunate parasites, and we'll greatly reduce the incidence of Swimmer's Itch and grubs in panfish. All this can be achieved by the shoreline-restoration practices mentioned in this newsletter and supported by the PLPOA.

Zebra Mussel Project: Summer of 2018

by David Hardt

Zebra Mussels, originally found in Europe, are an *invasive species* and can be a big nuisance. They're actually tiny little clams that have travelled on ocean vessels into our Great Lakes, including Lake Michigan, from where they have spread to other water bodies. They reproduce rapidly. For a mussel/clam-type species, they are rather small (see photos below). Our goal is to eradicate them from Pelican Lake.

In the fall of 2015, on two separate occasions, one-half of a Zebra Mussel shell was found near the State Boat Landing on Pelican Lake. It might've been that these shells were from a dead Zebra Mussel and simply fell off a boat or trailer as it was being launched or taken out of the water. It also could be that we have Zebra Mussels in Pelican Lake, although to date, we have not found any living Zebra Mussels there.

During the spring, summer, and fall of 2018, a number of volunteers will be searching for living Zebra Mussels in our lake. Most of these volunteers will hang Zebra Mussel traps off their piers, then check them once a month for any sign of living Zebra Mussels. We currently have ten volunteers willing to do this. If you would like to participate in this project by hanging a trap from your pier, please contact David Hardt @ 414-324-1160 (dhardt1@mac.com).

In spring and summer you may notice some volunteers swimming along the docks, checking to see if there's any sign of Zebra Mussels on the posts because this is a very likely place for Zebra Mussels to congregate. In the fall you may notice other volunteers riding along with the crews that pull boat lifts and docks out of the lake. These volunteers will check the pier posts for any signs of Zebra Mussels. It is our fervent hope that we do not find any of these invasive species in our lake, but it is better to know the facts than to speculate. If, at the end of the season, no signs of living Zebra Mussels are found, we can be fairly confident that we do not have an infestation in our lake.



Protect Oak Trees from Oak Wilt by Waiting until after July to Prune

(Excerpts from Oneida County AIS News, 3/24/17)

To protect oak trees and help prevent oak wilt, the Wisconsin DNR advises people to avoid pruning oaks on their property from April through July. Spring and early-summer pruning make oak trees vulnerable to **oak wilt**, a fatal fungal disease. Any tree damage during this time creates an opening that exposes live tree tissue and provides an opportunity for the oak-wilt fungus to infect the tree. "Just 15 minutes could be enough time for beetles that are carrying oak-wilt spores to land on a fresh wound and infect your tree," said Paul Cigan (715-416-4920), DNR forest health specialist in Hayward (paul.cigan@wisconsin.gov).



Don Kissinger (715-359-5793), a DNR urban forester in Wausau, said there are also other important reasons to avoid pruning deciduous trees in spring beyond concerns about oak wilt. "Spring is the time when tree buds and leaves are growing, leaving the tree's food reserves low," In general, the best time to prune trees is in the winter, Kissinger said. (don.kissinger@wisconsin.gov).

The use of tree paint or a wound dressing is not normally recommended on pruned cuts or wounded surfaces on most trees. But for damaged oaks, these products are recommended from April through July. An immediate, light painting of wounds on oak trees during this time helps protect against the spread of oak wilt by beetles.

Oak wilt and other diseases also move easily on or in firewood logs year-round. To protect trees in general, don't move firewood long distances, or only use firewood labeled as Wisconsin certified.

PLPOA ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 23, 2018

Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Meeting: 10 a.m.
Schoepke Town Hall

TRILLIUMS: OUR SPRING WONDER

by Vicki Smith

In the spring, when hiking in the woods or driving along our roads, area residents may run across Trilliums, a three-petal flower, usually white, sitting above pointed leaves. Trilliums are described as “spring ephemeral” flowers, meaning they are wildflowers that develop their aerial parts (i.e. stems, leaves and flowers early each spring and then quickly bloom and produce seed. The leaves often wither, leaving only underground structures (roots, rhizomes, and bulbs) for the remainder of the year.

While they are beautiful to look at, they are also extremely fragile. Picking them seriously injures the plant by preventing the leaf-like bracts from producing food for the next year, often effectively killing the plant and ensuring none will grow in its place. Some species of trilliums are listed as threatened or endangered. Picking these species may be illegal.



The Eastern White Trillium

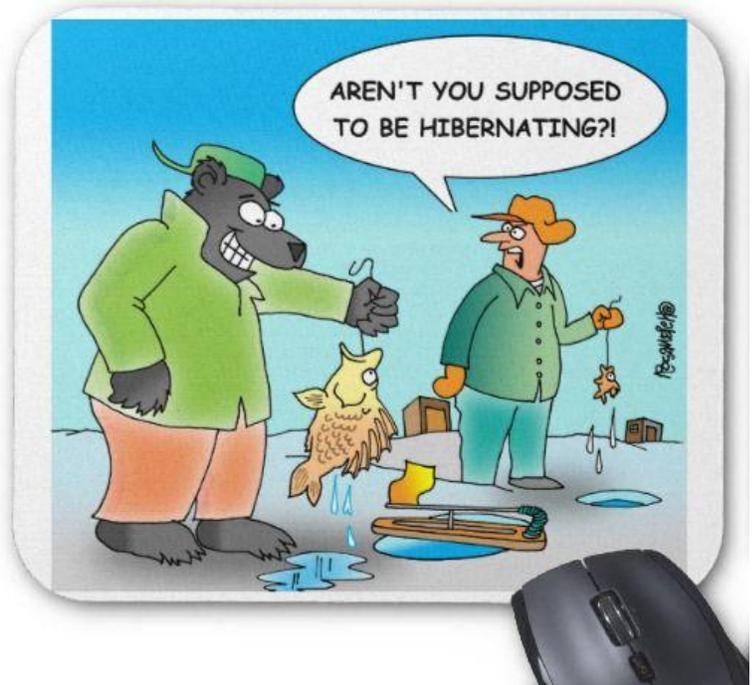
is easily-recognized by its attractive three-petaled white flowers, opening from late spring to early summer, that rise above a whorl of three, leaf-like bracts. As the flower ages, it turns purple.

Trilliums are one of many plants whose seeds are spread by ants. These seeds have a fleshy organ that produces small fruits that attract the ants. The ants take the fruits to their nests where they eat them and then put the seeds into their “garbage,” where the seeds can germinate in a rich growing medium.

Area residents, as they discover Trilliums in the woods, are encouraged to enjoy their gentle beauty: Photograph them, point them out to children or co-hikers, but do not pick them.

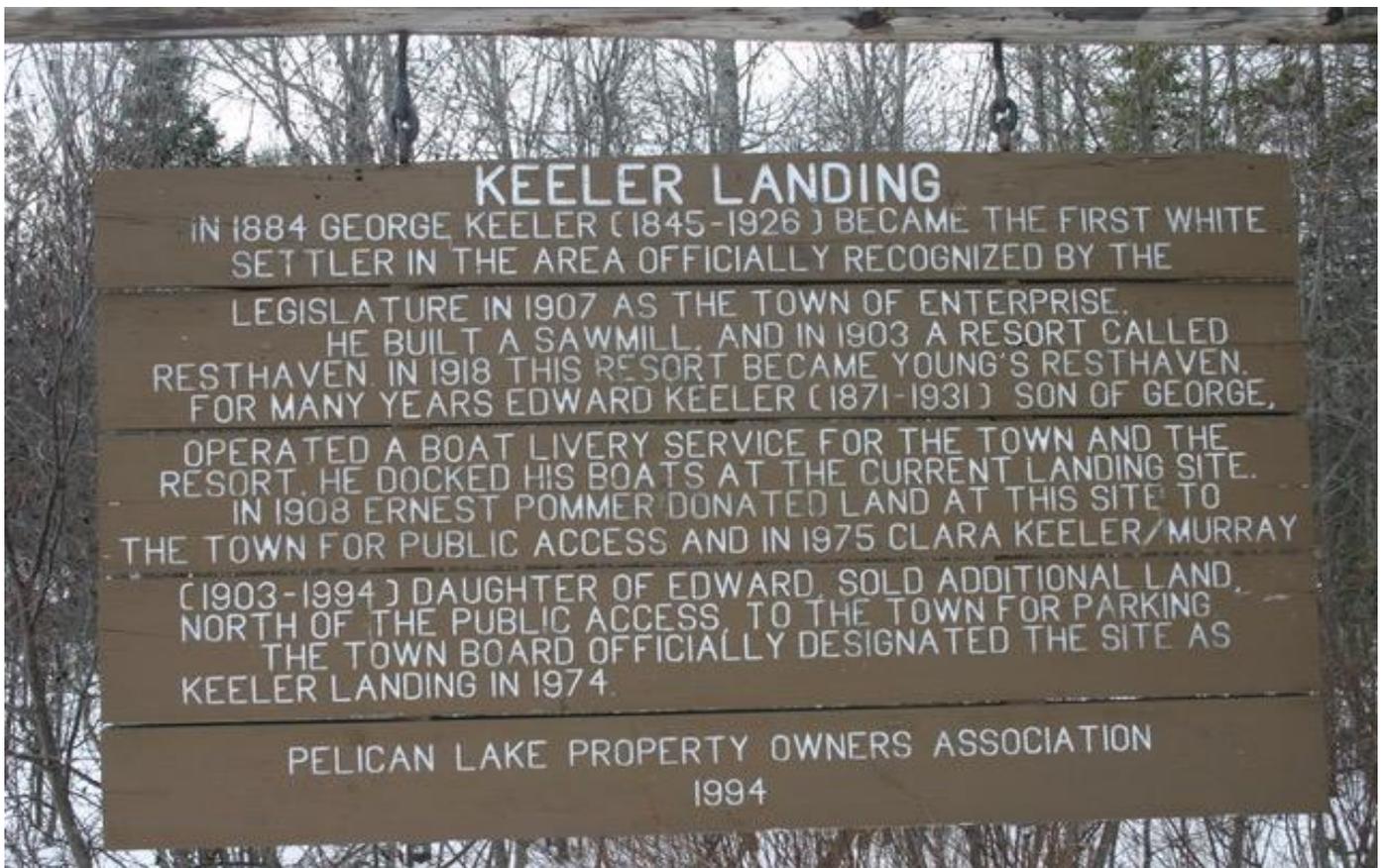
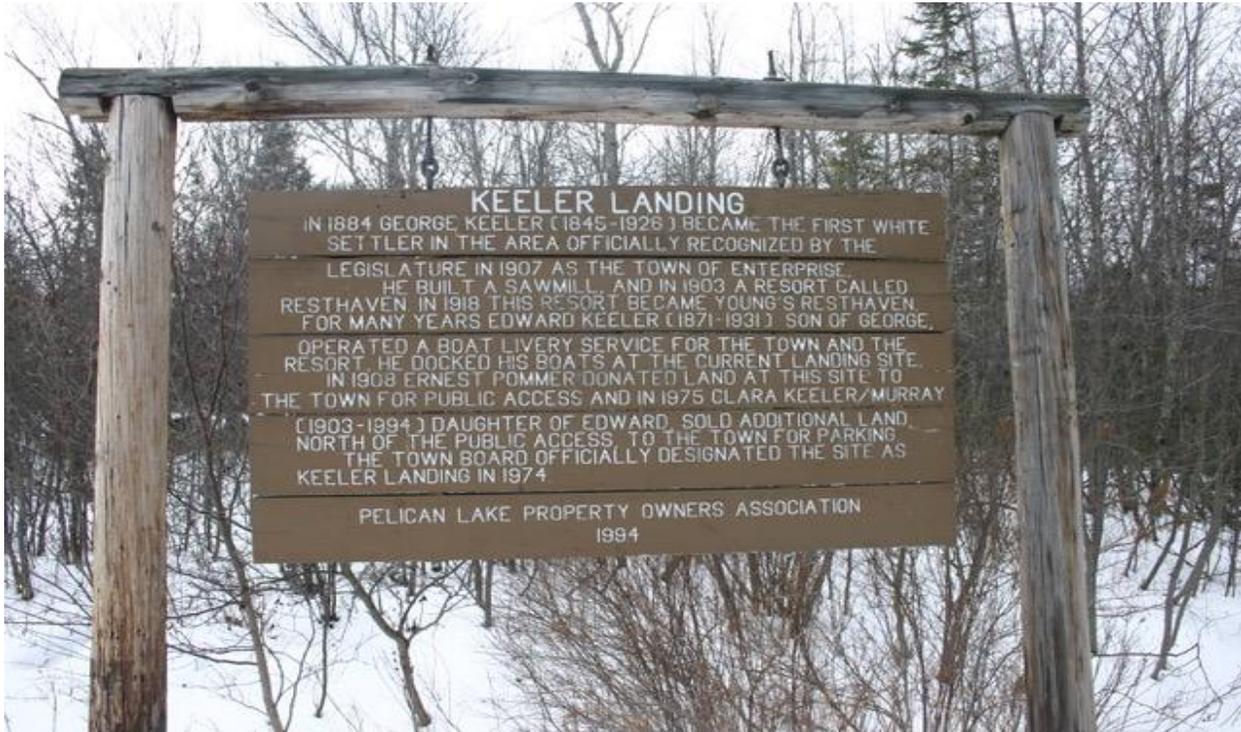


"I don't care how rich he is. He can use a boat like the rest of us!"



A LITTLE BIT OF PELICAN LAKE HISTORY FOR YOU

Note that the correct name is "Keeler Landing."



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THESE ENEMIES OF THE LAKE!

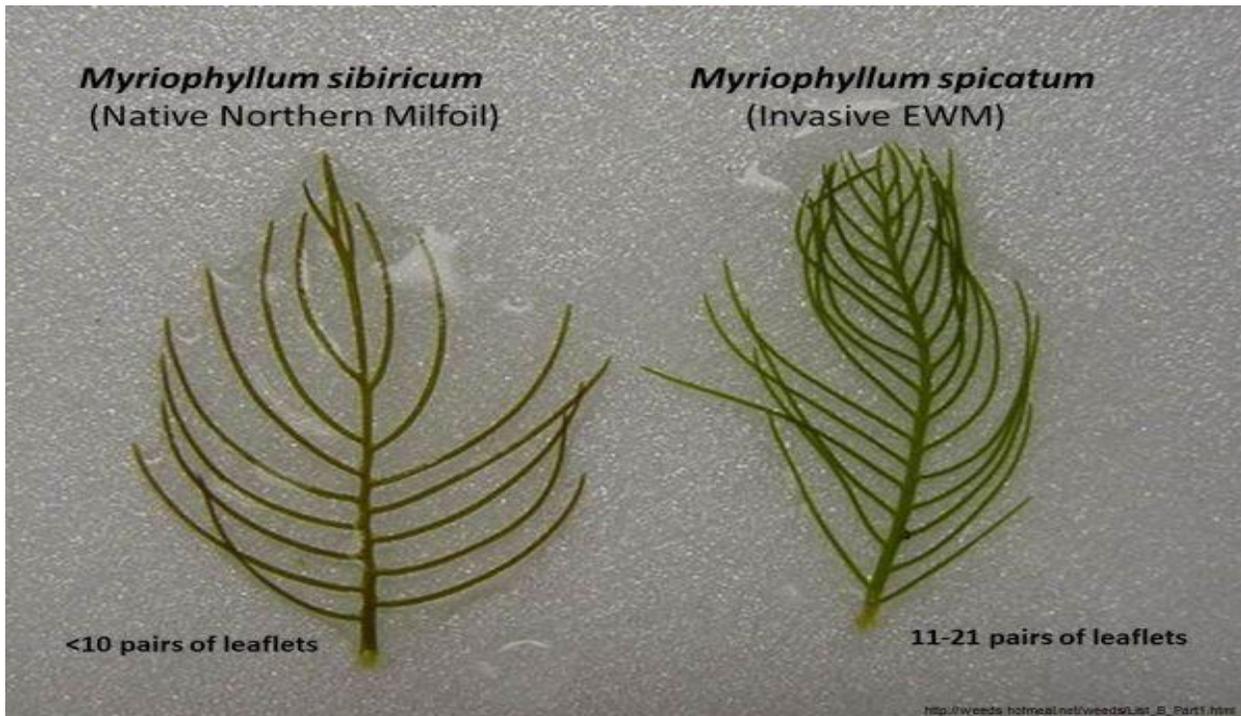
The first two photos below are of vegetation that we do NOT want to have in our lake. These plants are invasive plants that will multiply and destroy the ecosystem of the water. Our Clean Boats Clean Waters monitors work to educate boaters about them, and also check boats at the landings. If you see any of these, please notify a PLPOA board member.



Invasive EWM: notify PLPOA.



Invasive plant: notify PLPOA.



Native Northern Milfoil (for comparison only).

Invasive EWM: notify PLPOA.

NOTE THAT THIS PAGE IS REMOVABLE SO THAT IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO YOU.

2018 CALENDAR

JUNE 1-3: Free Fishing Weekend

JUNE 1-3: AIS Drain Campaign

SATURDAY JUNE 23: PLPOA Annual Meeting
Schoepke Town Hall
Registration: 9:30 A.M.
Meeting: 10 A.M.

JUNE 29-JULY 24: AIS Landing Blitz

SATURDAY JULY 28: Summerfest Picnic
Noon to Dusk (Fireworks)
Schoepke Town Hall

AUGUST 18: AIS Snapshot Day

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PHOTOS FROM PELICAN LAKE

by David Hardt

Below are photos that I took at Pelican Lake of some of our co-inhabitants. Since these animals were here first, it's always a good idea to respect them while enjoying them from a distance.



MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION

by Vicki Smith

Have you ever wondered where our members spend their time when they're not at the lake? Well, I have, so last November I culled the 2017 membership rolls to find out. Believe it or not, I found 97 towns in Wisconsin as well as towns in 10 other states represented.

In Wisconsin, Pelican Lake had 59 members, while Appleton had 16. Green Bay had 7, Kaukauna and West Bend each had 6, while Marshall and Waukesha each had 5. Antigo, Mequon, and Milwaukee each had 4. After that, it was mostly 1-3 people from each of the remaining 87 towns. Looks like the entire state is well-represented.

As for the other states: Illinois led with 19, followed by Florida with 6, then Minnesota with 3. Colorado and California each had 2, while Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, and Ohio each had 1.

It's clear that Pelican Lake is a popular destination for our almost 300 PLPOA members!



SOKAOGON MOLE LAKE CHIPPEWA COMMUNITY GIFT

by David Hardt



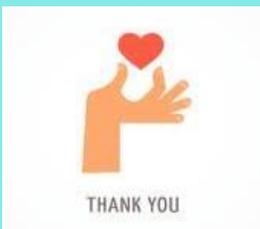
L to R: Bob Brautigam (PLPOA), Jeff Herman (PLPOA), Bryan Tate (Sokaogon Representative)

On January 15 of 2018, Bob Brautigam and I had the great pleasure of attending a presentation ceremony at Mole Lake. We were on hand to accept a \$4,000 check from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community for our Clean Boats Clean Waters boat-landing program. This generous gift will help the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association afford to monitor the three boat landings on Pelican Lake this coming season.

That same day, awards totaling \$84,000 were presented to many worthy organizations: first responders, humane societies, animal-rescue organizations, other lake associations, and a chamber of commerce, just to name a few.

Hats off and thank you to the Sokaogon Mole Lake Chippewa Community for giving back to so many fine organizations in the greater Pelican Lake area!

The PLPOA thanks the Suick Family Foundation for their generous donation to our lake-protection efforts. For the second year in a row, they have kindly given to our organization. These funds were matched, making this an especially magnanimous gift.



Thank you, Jan, Jean, Joan, and Tim!

Did You Know? - Town of Schoepke Residents:

- Norway Point Road is scheduled for sealing this summer.
- Pratt Junction Road will have more work done on the road, if needed.
- County Road B ("Short B"), between County Road G and Highway 45 will be re-surfaced.
- County Road B toward Jennings will be re-surfaced.
- The "Brush Dump" is open Tuesday and Saturday for brush, leaves, wood, appliances, furniture, and/or basically anything that's not electronic. If you have any questions or to get a required brush-dump pass, call 715-487-6155, or check out their Face Book page (see below).
- Garbage collection and recycling take place on Tuesdays.
- If you would like garbage and/or recycling containers dropped off at your residence, please call 715-487-6155 to schedule a drop-off.
- For more information, go to the Town of Schoepke's Face Book page (<https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Schoepke-1060371293976036/>).

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Vruwink, Tracy & James
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2882 County Road Q
1960 County Road B
530 County Road G
2381 Norway Point Road
955 US Highway 45
636 County Road G
2191 Sabinois Point Road
1849 County Road Q
486 County Road G
632 County Road G
2442 South Shore Road
2548 South Shore Rd.
526 County Road G
596 County Road G
2455 Norway Point Rd.

Did You Know? - Town of Enterprise Residents:

- Enterprise Lake Road, from the church south for ½ mile, will be black-topped in the spring.
- Garbage collection takes place on Thursdays, unless there is a holiday that week, then it's on Friday.
- Grass and leaves can be dropped off behind the Enterprise Town Hall on Plantation Road.
- For Spring Clean-Up date, call Jonathan Sommer, Town Clerk (715-360-0336).
- If you have any questions, please call Jonathan Sommer, Town Clerk (715-360-0336).



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2017 SUMMERFEST VOLUNTEERS

Without the help of the following volunteers, our July 2017 Summerfest fundraiser would not have been a success. Volunteers not only helped plan the event, but they also solicited donations, helped with the setup, baked cookies, sold tickets, sold food, and/or helped with the cleanup. Thanks to each of the following for helping with our big event!



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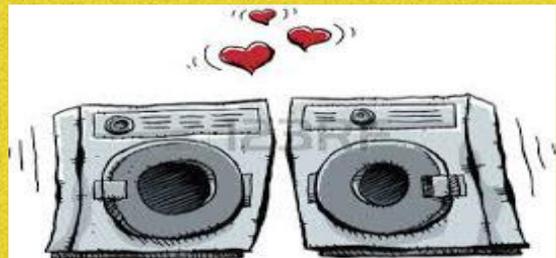
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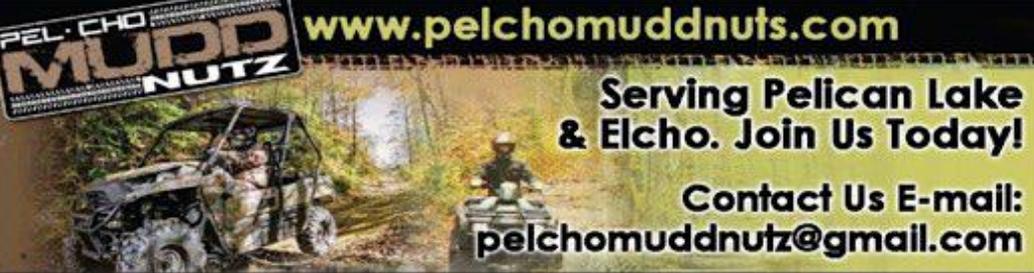
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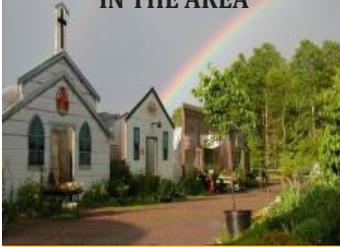
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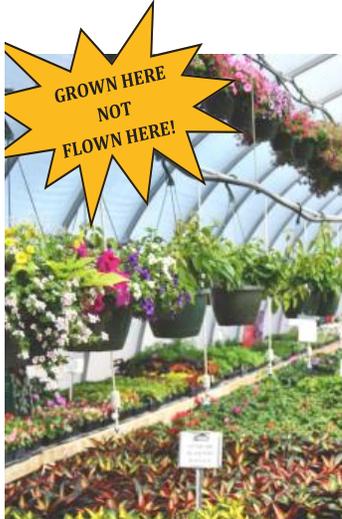
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