

President's Corner by Jean Roach

As we begin another open-water season, this Newsletter brings you lots of important announcements, events, and information about ways to protect our beautiful lake and the surrounding area. Please keep this copy to reference the calendar, the pull-out map, and also to ponder the issues raised in the articles.

As most of you know, we have colonies of EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil), an invasive weed, in several locations on the lake. In the past we have done two chemical treatments, and last summer we experimented with hand-harvesting. Hand-harvesting was deemed a worthwhile activity by Onterra, the experts who did a before and after survey of the colonies. This summer we have re-hired the hand-harvesters and we have extended the number of harvest days. When they are on the lake, an e-mail alert will be sent to request that you steer clear of them as they do this vital work. In addition, in this issue, you will find a pull-out map which notes the location of the colonies. Please avoid the colony areas as much as you can while you're boating. And share the map with your visitors.

Thanks to Bob Mott's grant-writing, we will again have paid AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) monitors at our main boat landings on weekends. Please answer their questions and treat them with respect when launching your equipment. They are our first line of defense for keeping out invasives, such as zebra mussels, and for preventing the spread of EWM.

Our sample shoreline buffer garden is a work in progress. We've transformed a grassy lawn into an area of native plants and we hope to encourage many of you to consider making a similar change to your own property. Unfortunately, grass lawns are poor filters for keeping out the excess nutrients that can contribute to algae blooms. Native plants, on the other hand, are great filters. The sample garden, located along Highway 45 just north of Schoepke Town Hall, is there for you to view and to get ideas for naturalizing your shore. In addition, we have several Master Gardeners in our membership who are willing to make suggestions to get you started.

I'll end with a thank you to all who have volunteered their time doing the many jobs an all-volunteer organization like ours requires. Your willingness to help is much appreciated. Summerfest, our main fundraiser, is an annual success, thanks to all the helping hands. Our Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) Program is effective, thanks to the dedication of people like Lucy Nelson whose work with the lake resorts is central to our efforts. This year we welcome our newest CBCW coordinators, Yvonne and Lud Lodholz, who are generously giving their time to scheduling and working with our monitors. There are many more of you, too numerous to name, who keep the Association moving forward in its mission. Know that you're appreciated. I will conclude by asking members who have not been involved to consider giving a few hours this season to one of our many activities.

Here's to a good spring, summer, and fall on Pelican Lake.

You can also view this online in full color at www.pelicanlakepoa.org



Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club

by Lucy Nelson, Asst. Fundraiser Chair

The Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club's MEMORIAL WEEKEND FUNDRAISER will be held:

Sunday, May 24, 2015
Shoepke Town Hall, Hwy. 45, Village of Pelican Lake
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Coffee & Sweet Rolls: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Brat Fest: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Our usual brats (kraut optional), hot dogs, beans, coffee, soda, and beer, along with whole and slices of our fabulous homemade pies, can be purchased from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Crafters will be located outside, to the north of the Town Hall. Once again, there will be a wonderful variety of items to view and purchase.

We realize that this is a busy weekend for lake property owners. After all that cleaning and setting up for the summer, why not take a rest? Don't cook!! Enjoy coffee, lunch, and dessert as you browse through the craft items and flea market.

Our club continues to raise money to contribute to the welfare and needs of the community. Last year we were able to contribute \$3,550 to area organizations.

Membership is open to all ladies who are permanent or seasonal residents of either the Township of Enterprise or the Township of Schoepke. For more information, call Char at 487-5773, or Marsha Pahl at 487-5990.

Plan to join us on Sunday, May 24, at the Schopeke Town Hall on Hwy. 45, in the Village of Pelican Lake.

How Septic Systems Work

Many of us on Pelican Lake rely on septic systems for waste water treatment. Septic systems provide safe, economical and effective treatment for household waste water when the septic systems are suitably located, adequately designed and properly maintained. Properly installed systems have an expected lifetime of 20-30 years.

Waste water treatment in septic systems occurs in two stages. First, waste water from the home enters the septic tank where solid waste (sludge) settles out. Bacteria consume most of these solids. The liquid waste then flows into a distribution system (usually a drain field) where it is dispersed into the soil. Here the wastes are further treated by micro-organisms and chemical reactions in the soil.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND THE QUALITY OF OUR WATERS

Septic systems can threaten both surface and ground waters. Of particular concern to lakes and streams are the nutrients nitrogen and phosphorus that are found in septic system effluent. The location, design and age of a system are the most important criteria for determining if your system is adversely affecting the water or near-by wells. Systems closer than 100 ft from the lakeshore or older than 20 years are the most likely to cause pollution problems. Frequency of maintenance pumping is also key to keeping your system from causing problems. Oneida County requires septic systems be pumped every 3 years.

WATCH FOR SIGNS OF SEPTIC SYSTEM PROBLEMS

Even septic systems which are properly designed, sited, installed, and maintained can develop problems. If you see any of the following symptoms, or have reasons to suspect your septic system is threatening your water quality, it is definitely time to have your septic system inspected...

- · If toilets or sinks back up, it may indicate that drain field soils are saturated.
- Wet areas, lush grass, or foul odors around the drain field may indicate that effluent is surfacing and that the septic system is not functioning properly.
- In shoreline areas, a distinctly colored patch of bottom sediment or noticeable weed or algae growth developing in the general vicinity of the drain field can indicate excessive nutrient enrichment from a malfunctioning system

Information taken from: Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Petoskey, MI www.watershedcouncil.org

Shoreline Restoration

by Dave Hardt

The main goal of shoreline restoration is to keep phosphorus out of the lake. Planting vegetation, other than grass sod, helps in this because those plants with deeper roots will actually absorb phosphorus from the soil before the

phosphorous is washed into the lake.

Winter ice puts pressure on the banks through expansion and this has a cumulative effect of raising the banks up slightly. Most properties that are left natural have a slight rise to their bank just at the water's edge. Other properties are sloped to the lake. This may be the result of shoreline changes from many years earlier or just the natural slope of the land. If you are lucky enough to have a slight rise still there, then the flow of spring runoff and heavy rains will be held back by the rise of the bank at the water's edge and the phosphorus will more easily soak into the soil, where it can be absorbed by the trees and plants along the shoreline.



Here is a shoreline with a slight rise to the water.

If you happen to have one of the properties that tends to slope towards the lake, and you are interested in slowing down the flow of phosphorus into the lake, then building slightly raised flowerbeds as natural barriers along the shoreline will slow the flow of water down towards the lake and



hopefully allow the water to seep into the ground. If the water can be held back and allowed to seep into the ground, the phosphorus will be absorbed into the soil and not flow into the lake. In addition, the phosphorus will be absorbed by the plants and utilized as fertilizer along your shoreline. There are many beautiful and natural types of plantings that can be used. If you incorporate a slight elevation when you plant, you can get the added effect of reducing the flow of phosphorus into the lake.

When there is a shoreline with a slight rise to the water, this rise will slow down or even stop the direct flow of runoff from heavy rains from the property to the lake. This allows the phosphorus to soak into the soil before entering the lake.

Flat shoreline that slopes toward water.

When a shoreline is flat or even slopes towards the water, runoff can directly flow into the lake, taking phosphorus with it. This shoreline could benefit from a slightly raised planted area that would act as a barrier and retard the flow of runoff

that would normally flow directly into the lake. The planted area would absorb the phosphorus-laden water instead.

Here is another example of a flat shoreline or a shoreline that slightly slopes toward the lake, allowing spring runoff and heavy rains to flow directly into the lake. A series of low, but slightly raised, plant beds would restrict the flow of the phosphorus-laden water into the lake.



Shoreland sloping towards lake

Waste Recycling: Town of Enterprise

As of Monday, January 19, 2015, the Town of Enterprise has contracted with a new garbage and recycling company. Beginning Thursday, January 29, Discount Trash Removal of Tomahawk (715-453-2022) will collect garbage and recyclables. Collection will be every Thursday, after 7 a.m., for the Town of Enterprise. When a holiday falls on a Thursday, collection will be on the next day.

On public roads, collection will be at roadside. Taxpayers on private roads will have to take their garbage and recyclables out to a public road or make arrangements with the collection company on their own. Collection is for residential garbage and recycling only.

COLLECTION:

- -Taxpayers of the Town of Enterprise may set out up to 4 bags of garbage per week and 4 bags/boxes of recycling.
- Bags may not exceed 39 gallons, or 50 pounds. (Color of bags does not matter.)
- Garbage cans which are to be lifted for dumping may not exceed 50 gallons for plastic cans or 30 gallons for metal cans.
- All garbage and recycling must be at the roadside before 7 a.m. and placed a reasonable distance from the mailbox so as not to interfere with mail delivery.

RECYCLING:

- -Plastic bottles, glass bottles, tin cans, and aluminum cans may be mixed, however, the contractor would prefer that you bag tin cans and aluminum cans separately. (All items should be clean. If bagged, preferably in clear plastic.)
- -Cardboard and paper may be mixed. Place in a paper bag or cardboard box.
- -Items NOT accepted: styrofoam, window glass, dishes, plastic buckets, dried paint cans, waxy or dirty cardboard. (These items are to be put into the garbage.)

ALSO RECYCLED, FOR FREE:

- -Motor oil with screw-on caps, 5-gallon maximum size.
- -Car batteries.
- -Wire.
- -Scrap metal: toasters, bicycles, BBQ grills, etc. (Anything that is mostly metal.)
- -Microwave ovens, air conditioners, and computer towers.

Clean Boats-Clean Waters

by Lucy Nelson



Front row: Kathy Handt, Marge Boulanger, Lucy Nelson. Back row: Michele Sadauskas, Dave Johnson, Lud Lodholz. Not pictured: Mark Schneiderwendt.

Again this year, our lake monitors and I attended the AIS Oneida County Workshop at the Oneida County Courthouse in Rhinelander to learn about new forms and new interventions to use when approaching boaters. We also learned that a new app has been added for use with cellphones and iPads.

The best part of attending was



Elcho students at their Forest Day Program presented by Lucy Nelson

learning that no new EWM was found in Oneida County lakes last year. It seems that having all participants realize the importance of helping in the prevention of the spread of AIS into our lakes has made a difference. If anyone is interested in volunteering with this program please call Lud Lodholz at 715-409-9488

I also worked with students at the annual Forest Day program at Elcho School. We did a hands-on activity where the students looked at AIS

specimens in 3-D see-through cubes. The students proved to be amazingly knowledgeable about AIS. They displayed curiosity and were eager to ask and answer questions.

Waste/Recycling: Town of Schoepke

In January of 2015 Advanced Disposal began a five-year contract as the waste and recycling handlers for the town. In doing so, the town saved roughly \$30,000 per year and gained weekly recycling pickup. Each taxpayer is eligible for a 65-gallon waste container and an 18-gallon recycling container.

DETAILS:

- Pickup: Tuesdays, beginning at 6 a.m.
- Waste: No tree limbs/branches, sod or turf, leaves, major appliances, furniture, playground equipment, automotive items, remodeling refuse, lubricating oils, solvents, caustic acids, asbestos in any form, or any other toxic waste. Please place waste in waterproof, see-through bags. Tie and place in bin. No more than 50 pounds per bag.
- Recycling: Clean and place in bin, according to recycling rules.
- Aluminum: Beverage cans only. No foil or food containers.
- Glass: No plate glass, plates, dishes, ovenware, window glass, or light bulbs.
- Plastic: Only food and beverage bottles, and containers with # 1 through # 7 emblems. No motor oil bottles, plastic bags, Styrofoam cups, or packaging peanuts.
- Tin cans: Metal cans, bi-metal cans, steel containers are acceptable.
- Paper Products: Mixed paper products of all kinds. This may include paper clips and staples. No waxed paper, hand towels, napkins, or paper plates.
- Corrugated Cardboard: Clean only. Flatten and bundle. Size not to exceed 12"H x 24"W x 36"L. No waxed or dirty cardboard.

PLEASE: No plastic bags, aluminum foil, pesticides or herbicide containers, empty paint cans, Styrofoam or microwave containers, or aerosol cans.

In the planning stage for summer, we have:

- 1. An electrical dumpster at the Town Hall for TVs, computers, and the like.
- 2. A big-item dumpster for furniture, mattresses, etc.

Note: If you missed a pickup, need a container, or have other questions/concerns, please call Karen at the Town Hall: 715-487-6155.

PLPOA Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand as of September 13, 2014 \$31,755.17

Income \$13,988.61

Expenses (\$10,309.24)

Current checkbook balance as May 8, 2015 \$35,434.54

In addition to the above account balance, we have three \$5,000.00 CD's with maturity dates of:

08-28-2015 (2)

06-18-2015 (1)

Total value of all three CD's with interest \$15,913.42

Total of all accounts \$51,347.96

PLPOA Grants 2015

by Bob Mott

There are currently three grants that have been awarded to the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association for this year.

The first grant was awarded by the State of Wisconsin, through the DNR, to continue monitoring Keelers' Landing on County Road Q, the State Landing on County Road G, and the resorts and campgrounds on Pelican Lake. Since 2005, monitoring boats and educating the public concerning the threat of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) is a project supported by the PLPOA, as well as by the Towns of Enterprise and Schoepke. The grant amount was for \$9,999.00. Over the years the state has provided us with nearly \$90,000 for monitoring. Each year the PLPOA and the towns have split any costs that run over the amount of the grant. The total split is typically \$1,000 to \$1,500 each year.

Thanks go to the campgrounds and resorts who assist in the education of their clients. These campgrounds and resorts explain the threat of AIS and provide literature to their clients. They also keep track of volunteer hours spent doing this important work. Thanks, also, go to PLPOA's volunteer, Lucy Nelson, who makes contact yearly with these businesses, supplies materials to them, and then summarizes their hours.

The second grant was a type first awarded in 2012 for treatment of the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) that was discovered in Pelican Lake in 2011. Chemical treatment was performed on a 14.3-acre colony in Musky Bay in 2012 and on a 2.1-acre area in 2013. In oder to avoid chemical use as much as is realistic, hand-pulling, as often as needed, has been selected as the method to control the EWM. A new grant for hand-pulling was awarded in 2014 and those monies will extend into 2015. It appears that \$3,000 will remain for paying the group that will hand-pull this summer. Onterra LLC of DePere will provide pre- and post surveys to help direct the pulling. They will also define the result of the pulling effort.

Finally, the Lumberjack RC and D, a group of eight counties who provide support for conservation and recreation projects used to better the lives of citizens in the counties involved, awarded us a grant in 2014. This grant supports a Buffer Zone Demonstration Project. The project is being developed just north of the Schoepke Town Hall in Pelican Lake. The Town of Schoepke provided the land and water for the project. As part of the project, a ramp leading to the lake was created for handicapped visitors. Eventually, there may be a pier that is also accessible to those who are handicapped. The ramp was engineered with help from the State of Wisconsin and the Oneida County Land and Water Department. The plant selection and design were developed by Lori Regni and Lynn Anderson, PLPOA members. Planting was done by PLPOA volunteers in 2014; final planting will occur in 2015. Many thanks to Lumberjack for their \$10,000 grant.

The PLPOA Buffer Zone Project offers a model of what homeowners can do to help the lake. Creating a buffer zone along the lakeshore is a simple way to help ease the effects of rain runoff and help restore the naturalized area that was lost through clearing the forest and brush to the lake's edge. This buffer zone, even if it's just a 5-foot strip, is used by frogs, turtles, and small mammals as a home. (To help the lake, new homes are required to leave an undeveloped 35-foot area along the shore, with a small access path to the water.) Please consider naturalizing your shoreline. The Association offers information on how you can do this with little monetary investment, yet large rewards for the lake community.



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Dates to Remember

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Pelican Lake Property Owners Association meeting dates for next year are as follows:

Sunday, May 24: Pelican Lake Womens Civic Club Brat and Pie sale Schoepke Town Hall: from 10am on.

Saturday, May 30: PLPOA Spring Meeting Schoepke Town Hall 9:30am.

Saturday, July 18: PLPOA Annual Meeting and Summerfest Schoepke Town Hall Registration 1:30pm, Meeting 2pm, Lovin Country Band, food, raffles to follow.

Saturday, Sept. 5: PLPOA Fall Meeting 9:30am Raffle Drawing.



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Pelican Lake Water Quality Concerns

by Brenton Butterfield, Onterra, LLC

What happened in 2014?

In early August 2014, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) issued a warning against use or contact with the water in Pelican Lake due to high concentrations of blue-green algae (cyanobacteria). Some species of blue-green algae can

produce toxins which can be hazardous to human and animal health through ingestion or direct contact. Toxins are not always produced during these blooms and the conditions that lead to toxin production are not well understood. Therefore, because toxin production cannot be predicted, water use warnings are issued when there are high concentrations of blue-green algae present (see photo).

What caused the blue-green algae bloom in 2014?

While blue-green algae blooms are known to occur in lakes that receive excessive amounts of nutrients, primarily phosphorus and nitrogen, the drivers of blue-green algae blooms in lakes like Pelican Lake, which have overall healthy watersheds and receive relatively low amounts of nutrients, are less understood. What is known is that while these blooms are very uncommon in Pelican Lake, they do occur occasionally and are likely caused by natural, but complex, environmental interactions that align to create ideal conditions for these blooms to occur.



Photo by Vicki Smith of Blue-green algae bloom on Pelican Lake.

There was concern among some Pelican Lake stakeholders that the 2014 blue-green algae bloom was a result of nutrients being delivered to the lake from failing septic systems on shoreland properties. Jean Roach and Bob Mott brought these concerns to the attention of Onterra ecologists for discussion. Using a model of Pelican Lake's nutrient budget that was developed during the lake management planning process and information collected during the stakeholder survey regarding septic systems, Onterra ecologists were able to estimate the amount of nutrients that would be delivered to the lake if all of shoreland septic systems were failing.

This model indicated that there would be obvious negative impacts to the lake. However, the model indicated that even if all of the shoreland septic systems were failing, the amount of nutrients delivered to the lake would still be insufficient to account for the nutrients actually measured within the lake during the 2014 blue-green algae bloom. Most importantly, if failing septic systems were the cause of the blue-green algae bloom, we would expect to see these blooms occur very frequently each summer. While failing septic systems are not believed to be the cause of the 2014 blue-green algae bloom, regular maintenance and inspection is important to ensure they are functioning properly and not contributing nutrients and contaminants to the lake.

The periodic blue-green algae blooms in Pelican Lake are believed to be driven by a combination of natural processes and the nutrients fueling these blooms likely originate from a process termed internal nutrient loading. Internal nutrient loading involves the release of phosphorus that is normally bound within bottom sediments. This phosphorus is released from the bottom sediments when the water above the sediment becomes devoid of oxygen (anoxic). Pelican Lake is a shallow (mixed) lake, meaning that the lake transitions between periods of stratification (forming distinct layers of water based on temperature and density) and mixing (no distinct layers) throughout the open-water season. This is in contrast to deeper lakes which remain stratified during the summer and mix, or turnover, only twice per year – once in spring and fall.

During periods of calmer weather, Pelican Lake stratifies and the bottom layer of colder water (hypolimnion) becomes anoxic because of the decomposition of organic matter in the sediment. Under anoxic conditions, phosphorus is released from the sediments into the water of the hypolimnion. If the lake remains stratified, most of this phosphorus remains "trapped" within the hypolimnion and is not available for use by algae at the surface. However, if the phosphorus-rich water in the hypolimnion is mixed into surface waters, the phosphorus is then available to fuel the growth of all types of algae. Because Pelican Lake has a large surface area relative to its depth, moderate wind events are likely able to break periods of stratification and mix phosphorus-rich water near the bottom up to the surface.

This "pulse" of phosphorus from the bottom to surface waters is quickly utilized by all types of algae. As the algae increase in

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numbers, they quickly deplete available phosphorus and nitrogen. If nitrogen is depleted within the water, it will limit the growth of most algae but not blue-green algae. Blue-green algae are able to obtain nitrogen directly from the atmosphere. With this competitive advantage, blue-green algae are able to increase and out-compete other algae when nitrogen within the water is limited.

Historical water quality data from Pelican Lake indicate that internal nutrient loading occurs at some level every year; however, the magnitude and timing of the nutrient loading varies. In most years, conditions are not conducive for the formation of large blue-green algae blooms. However, in years like 2014, conditions such as surface water temperature and environmental conditions that regulate the timing and amount of phosphorus delivered to the surface align to create ideal conditions for these blooms to occur.

Will it happen again?

The short answer is "yes." However, historical data indicate that these events are relatively rare on Pelican Lake, with the most recent one prior to 2014 occurring in 2003. As discussed, multiple natural factors have to fall into place to generate these blooms, and it is very difficult to predict when they will occur. A two-year water quality study was just started on Kentuck Lake in Vilas/Forest Counties, another shallow lake that experiences periodic blue-green algae blooms. From this study, we will gain a better understanding of what is driving these periodic blue-green algae blooms in shallow lakes like Pelican Lake. While there is not a feasible method at this time to prevent internal nutrient loading from occurring in Pelican Lake, homeowner can minimize other sources of nutrients to the lake by maintaining a natural shoreline and conducting regular septic system maintenance. If the water in Pelican Lake looks like "pea-soup," avoid human and pet contact with the water and contact the WDNR Department of Health Services by calling 608.266.1120.

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Improving Oneida County's Shoreland Protection Ordinance

As property owners on Pelican Lake, it is important for us to stay informed and help in shaping the County's Shoreland Protection Ordinance (SPO). Our goal: to protect our property values.

The Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association (OCLRA), a group the PLPOA supports, advocates for strong protections of the county's water resources. The OCLRA is working with our Oneida County officials to meet the minimum standards set by the state. Since Oneida County has over 1,000 lakes and numerous rivers and streams, our SPO should do more than simply meet state minimum standards.

In the following paragraphs you will find an outline of the areas OCLRA has prioritized as important for Oneida County to adopt. Our County Representative, Bob Mott, lives on Pelican Lake and will be interested in your input. In addition, in the coming months there will be several Public Hearings. You may wish to attend these to stay informed and give your input.

<u>Building Setbacks</u>: Development on a lake affects the native plants and animals that live on the shores of a lake by degrading their habitat and reducing water quality.

- * Setting a building away from the water, just 75 feet, greatly reduces this impact.
- * The setback between the home and the lake provides the homeowner with a view of plant and animal habitat, and of the water.
- * A setback also provides privacy and muffles boat noise.

Mitigation (damage control): Despite our best efforts to tread lightly, living on the water disrupts the natural habitat and introduces potentially harmful elements to our properties. Steps can be taken to provide some relief for the damage. Here are two examples:

- * Using a rain barrel to capture runoff from a roof.
- * Planting ground covers on steep slopes to the lake to slow drainage.

When a permit is granted, lake property should be inspected in order to use mitigation efforts to alance potential damage.

<u>Buffer Zones</u>: Shoreland Vegetative Buffer Zones refer to the part of a lot closest to the water's edge (the first 35 feet from the shoreline).

- * Homeowners should refrain from removing healthy vegetation from this area.
- * The more diverse the vegetation in this zone, the more attractive it is to people, butterflies, birds, toads, waterfowl, etc.
- * The filtration and soil stability provided by this protective fringe is very important for water quality.
- * Limited vegetation may be removed from this area, creating a maximum 30'-wide swath for viewing and/or gaining access to the water.

<u>Rules for Replacement/Relocation</u>: In the 1940s and 1950s, early development in Oneida County occurred before we understood the interplay of the shoreland and the lake habitat.

- * Beautiful old lodges, cozy cottages, and quaint resorts were built by lake lovers as passionate as we are today. However, when these buildings fall into disrepair or when economic circumstances result in subdivision and/or sale of the properties, buildings damaged by deterioration should be rebuilt in compliance with current zoning ordinances.
- * Allowing a property owner to rebuild within the 75-foot setback area should be a rare exception to this rule and should be sought only through a special permit from the Board of Adjustment.
- * This protects the property values and investments of all lake residents

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Sokaogon-Chippewa Community Makes Donation

By Jean Roach

For the second year in a row the Sokaogon-Chippewa Community chose to make a generous donation to the PLPOA. The Community supports our efforts to maintain a healthy lake and gave us \$3,000 dollars to be used toward that goal.

We much appreciate this financial help. It will make it possible for us to extend the number of days we can hire Aquatic Plant Management to work on hand-pulling the invasive weed colonies of EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil). Our hand-harvesting experiment last summer was deemed a success by Onterra's fall survey, so we'll be doing it again. This Board is committed to using non-chemical strategies to contain our invasive weeds as long as it is practical and effective.

We extend a hearty thank you to the Sokaogon-Chippewa Community for their ongoing commitment to keeping Pelican Lake healthy. Chairman Chris McGeshick and Mike Preul, the fisheries biologist, are to be commended for their ongoing help protecting the lake for the present residents and for future generations.

History of Wolf Run/737 County G Collaboration of Kathy Thomas & Lori Regni



The Curran's, date unknown

In the 1940s the Curran family farmed the property at 737 County Road G. They occupied the original house and raised a family there. One of their sons said that the upstairs bedroom was never insulated or finished. Ice on the bucket in the winter!

After the Currans quit farming the property, The Antigo Lakecraft Boat Company used the barn. Then The Wavemaster Boat Company, owned and operated by C. A. Bodenhagen, used the barn to manufacture six different models of 14-foot and 16-foot Wavemaster cedar-strip boats for cottage and family use. Their boats were shown in the Rhinelander 1957 Home Show and the company's customers included the Milwaukee and Chicago lifeguard stations.

In June of 1972,

Darel and Kathy Thomas bought the 79-acre property along County Road G from Eunice and Clarence Bodenhagen. They were told that the house once

> had been used as a church in Enterprise before being moved to this location. Since Art Pusehl was living in the house and had been employed by the Bodehagens, the Thomas family moved into a trailer located at the northeast corner of the barn. When they outgrew the trailer they planned to raze the



Haying Time

house and build a new home. But, late in 1974, due to the solid construction of the house, they decided to remodel it and build an addition.

The workshop remained on the top floor of the barn. Darel and Kathy named the business Pine Loft because the workshop was in the barn loft and there were large white pines on the property. In May of 1973 they opened a bait and gift shop in the addition on the north

side of the barn, where the boat showroom had been located. They sold live bait, tackle, and gifts until the fall of 1982. Darel used the main floor of the barn as storage for his construction business and as a garage. He had as many as six employees. He built a dry kiln and finishing room on the lower floor of the barn. By the mid-nineties he specialized solely in cabinetry. His work remains in many homes on Pelican Lake and in the surrounding area. Darel passed away in June of 2004; in 2006 the property was sold to Lori Regni and Ted Simon.



The business was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Clarence

Sale Handled by J.R. Kabel Realty

Famed Boat Factory Sol

Typical boat manufactured by Wavemaster

Lori & Ted's Story: We always loved the house and barn, and Kathy was gracious in accepting our offer to purchase. The woods suit our pursuit of hunting, snowshoeing, and hiking. There are vernal ponds which offer great habitat for wildlife. We often enjoy the chorus of frogs and toads. We have converted the barn to living space and enjoy it even more. The house is slowly being updated and remodeled to reflect its origins. We were given a prose by Red Jenkins that related that the original two-story part of the house was in fact the Enterprise Church built in

the 1890s and moved to our property in the 1920s. The Curran cousins stopped by one day and brought us photos, some reproduced here. They related that in the '40s when the polio epidemic was rampant in the cities, their generation of about 14 were sent up here to stay. She said the upstairs was unfinished and the kids slept wherever, even in the barn. There was a skating pond next to the house, which they had great fun playing on and in. Through the years it dried to a wetland. It is gratifying to know and live in a bit of the local history, now named, Wolfrun.



Horsing around! Children's names unknown

As of May 2015, some members have not renewed. If you are unsure about your membership status, please contact Ann Clark. Your dues and contributions fund the many programs that keep Pelican Lake healthy. Thank you for your support.

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