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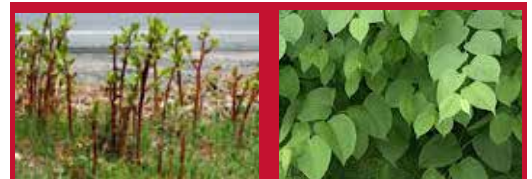


FALL-WINTER 2016/2017

May your Holidays be as bright as your spirits are light!

MICHIGAN LAKES & STREAMS ASSOCIATION

Michigan Lake and Stream Association's Mini-Seminar this fall was very informative and slightly frightening. Our invasive species problems are not just in the water anymore. The following are now in Michigan. Japanese knotweed is a big problem in St. Joe. It spreads lightning fast, breaks through concrete pipes and foundations and thrives on being cut down. Small pieces will propagate quickly and most herbicides can't kill it. It could be as close as Volinia and Paw Paw. If you find it, please call our SW Corner Cooperative Invasive Species Coordinator, Erin Fuller at 269-657-4030 ext. 112 or erin.fuller@mi.nacdn.net Also Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy at 269-324-1600 or swmlc.org/content/resources-land-management can help.



SPRING: Look for large, heart-shaped leaves.

SUMMER: This plant grows up to 15 feet high!



LATE SUMMER/FALL: Watch for sprays of white flowers.

YEAR-ROUND DAMAGE: Breaks through bricks, concrete and asphalt.



Phragmites may have been spotted on our shore. Look for a fluffy, purple seedhead. Eradicating at the beginning of an invasion is key. Again, if you have it, call Erin.



We aren't the only ones worried about invasives. Artists Gene Foulk and Casey Dixon titled this aluminum tree "Invasive Species." Carielle Henry, of the Becker Beach Harvey family, stands under its metallic limbs at ArtPrize 2016, in Grand Rapids.



Invasive species watchlist

- **Phragmites:** a tall, perennial wetland grass with distinctive, fluffy seedheads
- **Japanese knotweed:** A fast growing perennial with hollow, bamboo-like stems forming dense, leafy thickets
- **Flowering rush:** grows 1-4' along shores & shallows. Hard to identify when not flowering (blooms June – Aug.)
- **Black & Pale Swallowwort:** a perennial vine with purplish-brown flowers; seedpods similar to milkweed plants
- **European Frogbit:** a floating perennial plant that can form thick mats
- **Asian long-horned beetle:** larvae feed on the wood of many tree species including maple, poplar, willow, sycamore, and horse chestnut, eventually killing the tree.
- **Chinese Yam:** slender vines that spiral counterclockwise with pointed, heart-shaped leaves

On a hopeful note, we have some new tech support. MISIN, Midwest Invasive Species Information Network, is a new smartphone app which allows us to capture invasive species field observation data. We can help with early detection and rapid response to new threats. Maps show sighting locations and data banks allow us to browse images and species information. Get the free app or go to (<http://www.misin.msu.edu/>)

Thankfully, CLRA does control our own fate, with respect to weed abatement choices. Porter Township collects the taxes and pays the bills to the companies we choose to use. As per our spring 2016 meeting, a new weed committee has been formed and over the winter, they will study all our options for weed abatement and make recommendations at the next meeting.



Cedar Notes

Hi, I am Jane Harvey from Becker Beach, Area 5 and I am humbled and thrilled to be your new CLRA pres.

I first need to thank all those folks who have been so supportive and helpful, particularly, Jim Hosbein.

If you have any questions or advise, please call me at this number 727-776-1361. If you have any photos, stories, issues or Lost and Found items you would like to see in the next newsletter, email janemharvey@yahoo.com or call that number.

If you have any complaints, call my brother Jim at ... (just kidding, bro), same number as above.

Many thanks to Larry Wolfrum for our website, www.cedarlakera.org. Go there to find water quality test results, old newsletters, links to DNR and state of Michigan and lots more.

Lost and Found

Lost - small 4 ft grey and green blow-up boat with BEN'S BOAT written on side. Young boy missing his boat. If found, please call Lennons at 708-599-3752.

Lost - GoPro with orange flotation devise. Please call Andrews at 616-893-8394.

We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake residents

*Pat Beach,
Dottie Bent
Ord Edwards,
Harley Saidla,
Jan Sjoerdsma and
Gilbert Roll*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will be missed.



Do you like to have the fire scared out of you? Then go for a swim on a summer night when Jim Harvey is around. But when it gets breezy in Oct., take a ride with Capt. Dave Mason. Here he is making it look like a pleasure cruise with his crew of Lauren Martin, Maddie Mason in the sail and Guy Harvey Newman. He also sailed on Nov. 11 and hopes to go again on the 18th because the wind is supposed to be "screaming". If you ride with him, you will be too! He did take time off from sailing to get married on Nov 4th! Congratulations Dave and a very warm Cedar Lake welcome to his bride, Christy!



Teresa says we are going to have fish tomorrow night for Rob's birthday dinner. Go catch something. So off to the Cedar lake market. Turns out there was a pike special. These are " what's for dinner!" (Rick Thompson with his 30" and 31" pikes Oct 7, 2016.)

2ND YEAR CEDAR LAKE FROLICS HOME WITH 1ST PRIZE

Taking first prize at the 2016 Bluegill Frolic was the Cedar Lake entry titled "Butch For President!" The Float was the brainchild of Cedar Lake residents Jim Cripe and Bill Ehlebracht with the help of numerous craft brews at the Drop Anchor Tavern, just a couple weeks prior to the parade. Along with the esteemed Butch Reigle, participants were Bill Ehlebracht, Jim Harvey and Jim Cripe. Towing the winning float and aiding in its 10 minute construction was Dave Clubb, Zo Snyder and Chris Sziede. The 'Butch for President' sign and over sized pictures of his eminence, can be found on EBay starting at \$1,100 each.

Submitted by Jim Harvey



CELEBRATING 5 GENERATIONS



Kay Weist, long time Becker Beach resident and former Area 5 rep, enjoyed a lovely August day at the lake with her great, great granddaughter, Sophia, held by granddaughter Helen. Great grandson Colin and son, Joe Weist complete this fun family photo.



FABULOUS JULY 4TH!

After a daytime water fight, that, judging from the sodden condition of the participants, was very successful, an amazing evening lighted boat parade took place. In tough competition, (see photos), the Morse Family took the prize. Thanks to the judges and Kathy Potts for the photos and congratulations to all entries especially the Morses! Great fireworks around and above the lake lit up the sky well into the night but as the sunset behind the Cripe boat shows, the natural fireworks were pretty good too.



HO, HO, HOLD ON SANTA!

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