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SPRING-SUMMER 2018



Proud parents Nick and Julie Dekoning



## CONGRATULATIONS TO CEDAR LAKE FISHERMAN JOSHUA DEKONING!!



At only 16 years old, Cedar Lake resident Joshua Dekoning is the Michigan non-boater B.A.S.S. Central Regional Champ! Last Fall, he placed 10th in the state tournament and moved on to the regional tournament in Toledo Bend, LA. this first week of March 2018. He feels truly blessed for the opportunity to fish and follow his passion. Joshua has fished Cedar Lake all of his life and can also be seen wake surfing/boarding/skating, barefooting and tubing!

Josh will be representing Michigan at the 2018 B.A.S.S. Nation National Championship later this Fall ~ Way to go Joshua!!!



## CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY CEDAR STYLE



2017 '4th of July' boat parade fun!



On Sunday, July 2nd, the weather was sunny and warm, just right for the 11 AM, patriotic themed boat parade. Many nicely decorated pontoons, wake boats and even two towed kayaks cruised the lake, cheered on by dockside neighbors. Then, following tradition, a non-CLRA sponsored water war broke out in the middle of the lake. Hopefully, water balloons were not used and thankfully, there were no known casualties.

Mother nature had a different plan for the 8PM parade. Our intrepid vice president and parade Grand Marshall, Mark Hokanson, led us out into the storm, well, drizzle at least. Considering the weather, this parade was well attended. Many fun entries, some of which were lighted, made a quick tour around the lake. Judging them was difficult, as they all should have got accommodation just for coming out. Mark donated a new traveling trophy and he also procured three gift certificates from Apollo Marine. Thank you Mark and Apollo. The Lennon family was the 3rd place winner, the McConnell boat won 2nd place and the Potts pontoon, with a huge lighted flag and burning fire pit, blazed to first place. The paraders were not quite as wet as those who participated in the water war, but umbrellas were good decorations.

## THE MASON CLAN 1967 - 2017 FIFTY FIFTY YEARS

Fifty years ago we bought a cottage on beautiful CEDAR LAKE. Today we celebrated that event as well as two marriages. We invited our extended family. We set the date for July in summer of 2017.

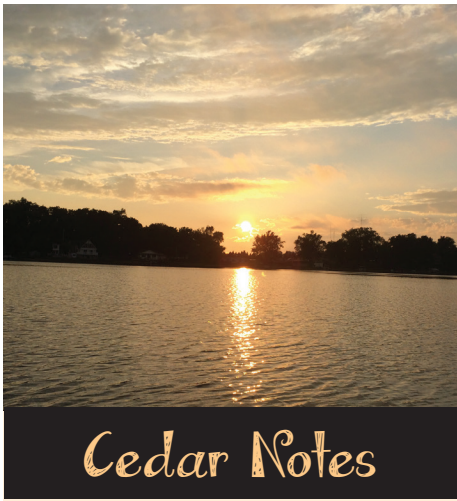
My brother Peter and family from San Diego, and San Francisco came...#3 son Ross and wife Claire from Escondido came...daughter Pamela and husband Bill and granddaughter Jordan and grandson Drew from Albia, Iowa came. Four of my sister's children and their families from Bloomington, Indiana came. Jim and Jessica and David and Christy the "to be married" planned their ceremonies. All told almost 40 members made the trip.



Celebrating 50 wonderful years on Cedar Lake!

For almost a week we shared memories and "do you remembers..." we ate and drank and SALUTED the marriages!!!! We delighted in the two newest additions to our family...Ellen(1-1/2) and Everett (pushing 3) who captivated us with their play and interest in everything.





## Cedar Notes

Hi, I am Jane Harvey from Becker Beach, Area 5 and I am still humbled and thrilled to be your CLRA president!

Again I 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 our new Lake Study.

We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake residents:

**Dave Thompson**  
**Diane Grossa**  
**Chuck Stepanich**  
**Sharon Cornish**  
**& Ellen Krueger**

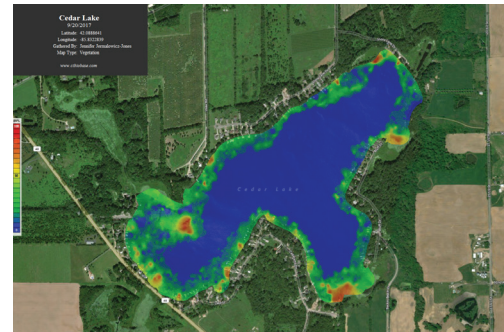
Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will be missed.

## CEDAR LAKE IMPROVEMENT STUDY & MANAGEMENT PLAN

The 2017 Cedar Lake Improvement Study and Management Plan prepared by Restorative Lake Sciences are completed! The entire study can be found on our website, cedarlakera.org

Eleven lake maps, along with many graphs and photos help make sense of the facts and figures the testing generated. A brief description of each test is given and also why it is important and how the results impact us.

Reading this study is highly encouraged and it will significantly deepen an understanding of our beautiful Cedar Lake! The following have been excerpted from the study.



### NUTRIENT CONTROL

Based on the high ratio of nitrogen to phosphorus (i.e. N: P >15), any additional inputs of phosphorus to the lake are likely to create additional algal and aquatic plant growth. Accordingly, RLS recommends the following procedures to protect the water quality of Cedar Lake:

Avoid the use of lawn fertilizers that contain phosphorus (P). P is the main nutrient required for aquatic plant and algae growth, and plants grow in excess when P is abundant. When possible, water lawns with lake water that usually contains adequate P for successful lawn growth. If you must fertilize your lawn, assure that the middle number on the bag of fertilizer reads "0" to denote the absence of P. If possible, also use low N in the fertilizer or use lake water. Fortunately, there exists a county ordinance where P fertilizers are not allowed. Individual riparians should never use P in fertilizers since it will create more algae and weed growth in the lake over time. Nitrogen is actually the most mobile nutrient in the groundwater that eventually enters the lake and causes enhanced aquatic vegetation growth.

Preserve riparian vegetation buffers around lake (such as those that consist of Cattails, Bulrushes, and native Swamp Loosestrife), since they act as a filter to catch nutrients and pollutants that occur on land and may run off into the lake. As an additional bonus, Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*) usually do not prefer lakefront lawns with dense riparian vegetation because they are concerned about the potential of hidden predators within the vegetation.

Do not burn leaves near the lake shoreline since the ash is a high source of P. The ash is lightweight and may become airborne and land in the water eventually becoming dissolved and utilized by aquatic vegetation and algae.

Assure that all areas which drain into the lake from the surrounding land are vegetated and that no fertilizers are used in areas with saturated soils.

If septic tank systems are in use, then annual pumping and cleaning is recommended since drainfield water eventually enters the groundwater and enters the lake. This can also lead to accelerated aquatic weed growth.

### CALL MICHIGAN GOVERNOR SNYDER TODAY TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO VETO LEGISLATION THAT WOULD WEAKEN MICHIGAN BALLAST WATER STANDARDS

The history of past 70 years reveals that aquatic invasive plants and animals that have been 'accidentally' introduced to the waters of the Laurentian Great Lakes via ballast water discharge are capable of rapidly spreading to thousands of Michigan inland lakes where lakefront property owners now 'voluntarily' spend in excess of 30 million dollars a year to protect their lakes from the ravages of exotic macrophyte species such as Eurasian water milfoil and Starry stonewort.

The release of ballast water from oceangoing vessels originating from Europe and Asia is known to have served as the most active mode of entry into the Great Lakes region for a steadily increasing and harmful array of highly destructive aquatic invasive species that now includes zebra and quagga mussels, sea lamprey, spiny waterflea, and an array of rapidly proliferating and highly destructive aquatic macrophyte species.

Citizens concerned about the future of Michigan's inland lakes should know that if Governor Snyder decides to sign House Bill 5095, and thus lowering state ballast water standards to weaker and much less effective federal standards, Michigan's lawmakers are in essence threatening the economic and ecological health and stability of the entire Great Lakes region.

Can you guess who is going to have to foot the bill for managing the newly introduced aquatic invasive species that will inevitably come to plague our inland lakes if this legislation becomes law? If you realize that the correct answer is lakefront property owners that you fully understand why you need to contact Michigan Governor Rick Snyder today to encourage him to veto House Bill 5095. To protect your lake and the value of your lakefront investment, please don't delay, make your opinion known to the Governor today!

To contact Michigan Governor Snyder's office, call 517- 373-3400. To send an e-mail encouraging Governor Snyder to veto House Bill 5095 go to [Rick.Snyder@michigan.gov](mailto:Rick.Snyder@michigan.gov)



### ♠ ♥ SUPER FUN DEWEY POKER RUN! ♦ ♣

Huge thanks to Don Dewey for the wonderful August Poker Run! Lovely weather ensured great participation. The boat crews enjoyed visiting with the families hosting the themed docks while collecting cards and snacks and still managed to get to the after party on time. There, Don Dewey explained the intricacies of the poker run board, figured out who held the winning hands and rewarded them, then moved on to giving out raffle prizes. He was assisted by Mr. Megaphone, Jim Harvey, who M. C.ed. Many Thanks to all who hosted the docks and our neighbors in Area 1 who very kindly hosted the awards party on their beautiful beach and yards. Don's planning and hard work made this fun time happen and good potluck food along with great fellowship made everyone there feel like a winner!

PROPOSED LAKE IMPROVEMENT METHODS FOR CEDAR LAKE'S IMPROVEMENT PLAN			
Lake Management Activity	Primary Goal	Secondary Goal	Best Locations to Use
Aquatic herbicide treatment of hybrid milfoil	To reduce areas where the milfoil is present	To prevent these areas from spreading in the lake	Throughout entire lake
Suction Harvesting	To remove selective areas of dense invasive milfoil in growth areas without herbicides	To reduce dependency on chemical herbicides	Where milfoil polygons are dense or prevalent
Benthic Barriers/ Weed Rollers	To prevent germination of nuisance weeds in beach/nearshore areas	To reduce dependency on chemicals in nearshore areas	Lakefront beach areas
Laminar Flow Aeration/ Bioaugmentation	To increase dissolved oxygen in the deep basins and reduce nutrients	To facilitate a better environment for the lake fishery after stratification	3 deep basins in lake
Lake Vegetation Surveys/Scans	To determine % cover by invasives and all biodiversity and use as data tool	To compare year to year reductions in nuisance vegetation areas	Throughout entire lake in spring/summer and as needed after treatments
Hand-Removal of Emergent Invasives (Phragmites and Purple Loosestrife)	To remove invasive emergents without the use of herbicides	To reduce potential of further spread of the emergent invasives	In locations identified in this study/plan
Boat Washing Station	To clean boats of invasives before entering the lake	To educate boaters on the proper cleaning of boats and on invasives	At main boat launch access site
Water Quality/ Sediment Monitoring	To troubleshoot areas that have poor water quality	To compare trend in water quality parameters with time	Throughout lake

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### BLUEGILL FROLIC 2017

The Cedar Lakes entry into the 2017 Bluegill Frolic parade took first place in the "Best in Theme" category. The masterminds came up with the title of "Go Fish Cedar Lake". Along with balloons, blow up fish, crabs and assorted sea mammals, there were also twin mermaids, Lexi & Logan, flanking Marcellus "mayor" and permanent float decoration, Butch Reigle. Supplying the deafening decibels, was Cedar Lake resident, Abe Ehlebracht, with his never ending supply of tunes. The hi tech float was constructed by Abe, Harv, Gym C., Zo & Jamie and was towed by the wagon's owners, Dave & Tammy Clubb. Assisting in the fun, either walking or riding were Alexis, Sammi & Carielle & Tom, Linny, Patty & Charlie Monahan.

