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Happy New Year Friends and Neighbors!

I thought I only closed my eyes for a second, but when I opened them, here I am...older (yep), smarter (doubtful), shorter (definitely), calmer (thanks to grandkids), happier (most days), sexier (of course), richer (can you say: inflation?) and kinder (I hope so). A new year seems to always make us open our eyes...what we see is up to us.

I always sit in the same spot when I write this letter, at my kitchen counter. From there, I have the same beautiful view of Thomas Lake and the channel, the same comfortable feeling of my stool, and it puts me in the same mindset that I think I need to get my inspiration for my letter. GUESS WHAT??? I changed it up!! I stepped out of my comfortable little spot at the kitchen counter and went upstairs to write today (really it was because Norm had the TV on WAY to loud)! It doesn't really matter why I did it, the point is, I did it. A new view and a fresh perspective looking outside made me appreciate **all** of what surrounds me, not just what I was comfortable and most familiar seeing and feeling. Although I didn't want to do it, didn't plan to do it and was a little ticked I had to do it, it was surprisingly refreshing, energizing and exciting. I saw the semi frozen beauty of Half Mile Lake smiling at me. I saw and felt the warmth of the homes of friends I haven't seen in a while, I noticed trees on our property that I didn't remember were there, and I had a renewed appreciation of how lucky I am to live here. I was surprised to realize that I could actually enjoy writing upstairs just as much as at my kitchen counter. It was like having a first-born child that you love so much you think you can't possibly love your next child that much, and then you do. Comfortable is good...in fact great, but growth, confidence and inner happiness often require a little bit of change. So, whatever forces you to get off your "kitchen stool", be brave and look where you don't usually look. Mother Nature won't let you down and the kitchen stool is always there for you.



Live big this year friends!

Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

Now here's your information on past events, fun upcoming events and other important stuff (including your healthy recipe)!

Past Events:

Nothing new since the December events (see December President's Corner for details).

Upcoming Events:

January Social Dinner: Tuesday, January 24th at Hop Hog at 6pm. **Come HOG OUT with us** and relax with great friends and neighbors for the evening. **RSVP SOON** to Nan Holmes at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or (616)213-8247.

February Kids/Family Pre-Superbowl Weekend Wild and Crazy Winter Sledding and Tubing Party: Saturday 11th from 1-3pm: **WEATHER DEPENDENT:** Bigger and better than last year! **If the ice is safe,** we will have out of this world tubing rides and sledding that will be appropriately safe for little kids, big kids and adults! There will be hot cocoa and coffee with yummy cookies for all to enjoy. **Your kids and grandkids will love this and so will you! Dress warm and bring your sleds!** Location: Randy and Jamie Badgerow's house at 12904 Sandyside Dr, Gowen 49326. RSVP Wendi Davidson at davidsonwendi@gmail.com or text 616 799-0412.

February Social Dinner: TENATIVELY Wednesday, February 22nd at El Rancho at 6 pm. Git,Git, Git a little giddy with friends and margaritas! **RSVP** Nan Holmes at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or (616) 213-8247.

Camp Greenwood Ice Fishing Competition!!! Saturday, February 25th from 9-3pm If you're a fisherman, this is right up your auger hole! **See the flyer in the Waterline for details.** This is your chance for bragging rights if you catch the BIG ONE!!!

Other Important Updates:

Update on the Stacey Street Dam project. Many of you have asked about the status of the project. I spoke with someone from the Drain Commission and this is what they told me. The project was completed on December 16th. Anyone living on the lakes or having property or deeded/easement access to the lakes should be receiving a letter from the Drain Commission this week. It will include project cost and tax information as well as who to contact if you have further questions.

Congratulations to Hunter and Sawyer Hollenbeck for completing their Boaters Safety class and setting a great example for all kids to do this. Enjoy your Amazon gift cards!

Boater's Safety Class: This is an ongoing opportunity to **receive an Amazon gift card for \$15.00 to anyone age 12-20 who completes the Boater's Safety Course anytime, all year long!!!** You can be a kid or young adult that lives on the lakes, or grandkid to someone who is a paid member of the lake association and take this course online at your convenience anytime throughout the year!! Just email a copy of your completion card to davidsonwendi@gmail.com and you will receive your gift card. It's so easy and important so take advantage of it and help keep our lakes safe! Click on this link to begin your Safety Course online: <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/>

The Meal Train is always available to help you in the event of illness or injury. Your friends and neighbors are here to help! **Please contact Mara Iteen at iteenmm@yahoo.com or text 616 255-6081.** Even if you only need a few days of meals, the Meal Train is here for you!

SHARING IS CARING! If you have anything you would like to share such as ideas for social events, healthy recipes, lake concerns, or you simply want to listen to what the board is up to in person; you are encouraged and more than welcome to contact me, your Lake Representatives, or come to the Board meetings. We are always happy to see some new (and old) faces at the Board meetings!

Thank you to all who are willing to volunteer their time, ideas and input into everything we do for the community. This is what makes our lakes the **BEST PLACE TO LIVE!** Officers, Lake Reps and Administrators for the 2023 year can be found on the WCLA website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

Board Meeting Minutes are uploaded to the WCLA Website for your late-night reading pleasure! <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

2023 Membership Dues: Don't forget to pay your dues for the FY2023 year please. It's only \$40.00!!! A small price to pay to keep our lakes safe, our fish plentiful and support the fun events we want everyone to enjoy! You may pay online at <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/pay-dues> or pay by mail.

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2022 FALL FISH PLANT

On November 3rd – we had our annual fish plant!! 2500 walleye were released from a tanker truck into the water on the McClain Street Bridge! What a sight to see!! Here are a few pictures for you to enjoy.



HALLOWEEN PARTY!!

On October 29th we had a FABULOUS Halloween Party!!

Doors opened at 6 pm over at Brookside Golf Course

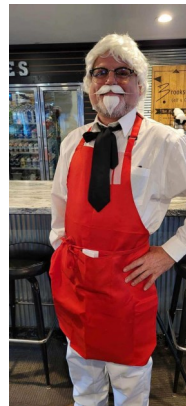
And we had the BEST TIME EVER!!!

IF YOU MISSED IT - Here are a few pictures from that event.

First Place: Mike and Colleen O'Herron (Colonel Sanders & Chicken)

Second Place: Bruce and Terri Veldman (Buzz Lightyear & Woody)

Third Place: Kurt Davis and Meg Davis (Dr. Evil & Fem Bot)



WCLA WELCOME COMMITTEE

DO YOU HAVE NEW NEIGHBORS?

KNOW OF NEW FOLKS ON OUR LAKES?

Please contact: Phil and Denise Silva – So they can be welcomed to our Association!!!

NEWS ON KINDY BOAT LAUNCH!!!

On Wednesday November 23rd – a barrier snow fence and PRIVATE PROPERTY sign was installed again across the boat launch. The barrier snow fence is to block non-WCLA members from accessing our lakes during the winter months for fishing. The Kindy Boat Launch is private property, owned by the WCLA and is NOT a public access!!! For WCLA members who want to access Horseshoe or Woodbeck Lakes for fishing, we suggest you ask your friends or neighbors for permission to go through their property.

2022 Christmas Cookie Exchange!!



On December 11, 2022 WCLA had another annual Christmas Cookie Exchange!! Deb Eaton opened up her beautiful home to anyone who wanted to participate and she had every room beautifully decorated for Christmas!!! Thank you Deb!!!



WCLA 2022 CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Saturday, December 3rd WCLA held their Christmas part at Winter Inn! What Fun!!



A Good Bye Message

Gloria and David say Good Bye and Thank You!

Just taking a small corner of this Waterline to say Good Bye and Thank You! Thank you for all the friendships and memories both David and I have been blessed to have made on these wonderful lakes. Thank you for making us feel like family! And thank you for giving us an opportunity to volunteer our time keeping you all informed while working and serving your Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association! Thank you for the great send-off party hosted by Bruce and Terri Veldman and thank you for the beautiful aerial of the lake photo of the five lakes, signed with beautiful messages by so many of you. We will make sure to display it in our new home! And Thank you WCLA for your good-bye gift!

But it's now time to say good bye! We are now ready to start our new venture in Henderson, NV, closer to our family and friends, and definitely warmer weather. We will definitely miss the beauty four seasons has to offer but we'll take 3 of them now. I'll stay in touch with many! Here's wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year!



Always your friends,

Gloria & David Gibson

Crosby & Henry

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Healthy Recipe-ENJOY! (From EatingWell)

Chicken Enchilada Soup

Ingredients

1 table spoon canola oil

1 cup chopped onion

3 cloves garlic, minced

5 cups low-sodium chicken broth

1 (15 ounce) can diced tomatoes

1 (4 ounce) can diced green chiles

6 corn tortillas, chopped

2 teaspoons chili powder

1 teaspoon ground cumin

2 cups shredded cooked chicken breast

4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese, softened

¾ cup shredded white Cheddar cheese

1 ½ teaspoons cornstarch

Fresh cilantro, sour cream and/or guacamole for garnish

Step 1: Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add broth, tomatoes, chiles, tortillas, chili powder and cumin. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to a simmer. Cover and cook for 20 minutes.

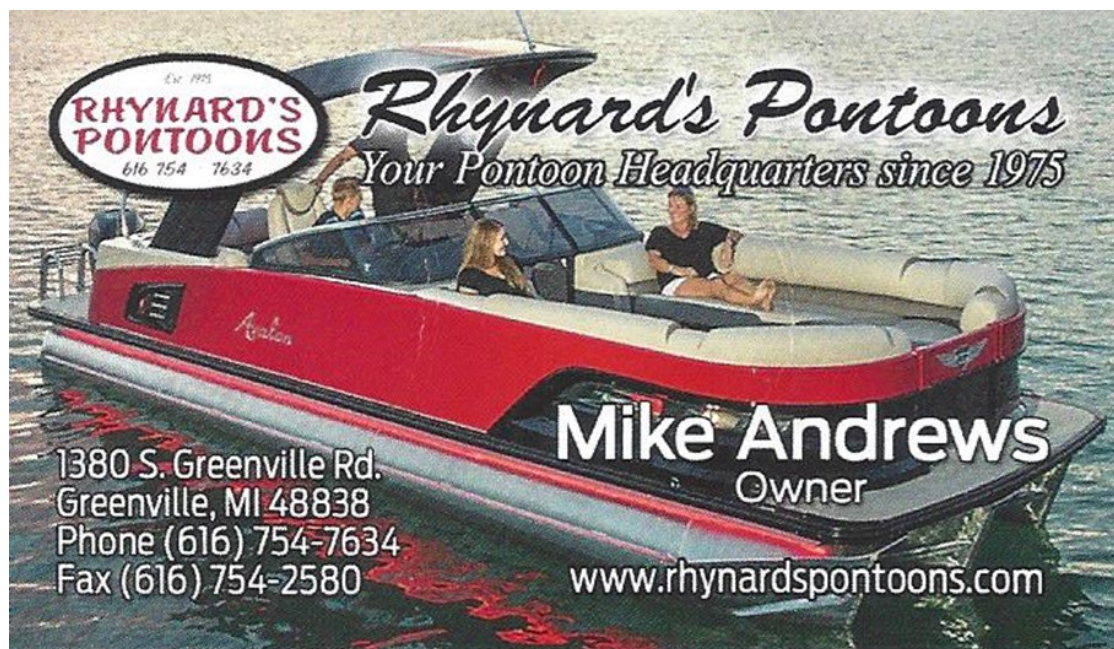
Step 2: Add chicken and cream cheese, stirring until the cream cheese is melted. Remove from heat. Combine shredded cheese and cornstarch in a small bowl and gradually add to the soup, stirring until melted. Return the pot to medium heat and cook until hot, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve the soup with cilantro, sour cream and/or guacamole, if desired.

Serving Size:

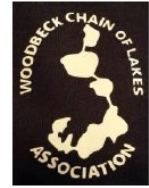
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Per Serving:

329 calories; protein 26g; carbohydrates 23.1g; dietary fiber 3.5g; sugars 5.3g; fat 15.1g; saturated fat 6.2g; cholesterol 67.6mg; vitamin a iu 729.6IU; vitamin c 13.4mg; folate 14.9mcg; calcium 205.7mg; iron 2mg; magnesium 42.9mg; potassium 438.1mg; sodium 467.5mg.



WCLA Membership Enrollment Form



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Website: www.woodbeckchainoflakes.com

New Membership Renewal Date: _____

Member's Name: _____ Spouse/Other Name: _____

Mailing Address:

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City _____

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e-mail addresses are for Association use only. They will not be shared to any third party.

Check all that apply

Which social media
platforms do you use to read
WCLA publications:

- Facebook
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 None of the above

Do you use?
 Instagram

WCLA Membership Enrollment Form FY Sept. 1, 2022 - Aug 31, 2023

Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association 2023 Dues: \$ 40.00

Fish Plant Donation: \$ _____

Total Remittance: \$ _____

**Please remit to: Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association
PO Box 482, Greenville, MI 48838**

If you have questions concerning membership, have a change of address or e-mail change, please contact Bruce Veldman at 616-826-4844 or e-mail woodbeckchainoflakesmi@gmail.com. If you are a new member, please note the previous owner's name if known: _____

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