

The Waterline

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Tom Stressman, WCLA President

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Greetings Everyone,

If you're like me, winter seems to last a very long time, especially this one. Covid-19 has affected everything and everyone to some point. I am very much looking forward to warm weather and being able to see my friends on the water again.

With these uncertain times, the Association is still in limbo on what activities we can provide this coming year. But one thing we have

scheduled is the annual golf outing. I was speaking with the president of our neighbor association, Steve Powell of the Land of Lakes Association, and we came up with the idea of an outing that brings both associations together. This year the outing will be at Bowen Lakes on July 31st with a 9am shotgun start. The format will be WCLA vs. LOLA with the winner going home with a trophy and bragging rights! We are only allowed twenty-five four-man teams total, so when we get to the point of signing up make sure you do it right away. At this time, the golf outing is the only thing we have scheduled so far but I'm sure our awesome board members and neighbors will come up with some other fun things to do this summer to bring us all together and make forever memories.

I'd like to remind everyone to please be kind, safe and courteous when on the water this summer but most of all have a great time with family and friends! The Association is always looking to get members involved in the activities and events available each year so if you would like to participate or volunteer please attend a meeting or just contact a lake rep.

Please remember to keep up-to-date on WCLA activities and events on Facebook or our website at www.woodbeckchainoflakes.com.

As always, stay safe everyone and I'll see you on the water soon!

Tom (Uncle Tom) Stressman
WCLA President



<https://www.facebook.com/Woodbeck-Chain-of-Lakes-Association-133309000037956/>

**2020-2021 WCLA Board
Monday Meeting Dates on
Zoom (tuntil further notice):**

9/14/20

2/8/21

4/12/21

7/12/21

9/13/21

Annual Mtg: 8/28/21

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WCLA MEMEBERSHIP DUES

PAY DUES/DONATE ON-LINE!

You can pay your annual membership dues on-line using a PayPal account or credit card or the good ole fashion way, by mail. Many have already taken advantage of this on-line process this year and it's working out great. In addition, many asked for a separate way to donate monies to the fish plant only, so now you will find a Pay/Donate Tab on the WCLA website letting you do just that. Check it out: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/donate-to-fish-plant>

Don't remember if you paid your dues, click on the following link for the most updated paid list.

<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/paid-membership-list>



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENTION WCLA MEMBERS WHO USE CAMP CONCORDIA'S BOAT LAUNCH

Craig S. Oldenburg, Director of Camp Concordia wrote the following...

Based on insurance needs, Camp Concordia has a new 2021 requirement for WCLA members to use the boat launch. **Before** you can schedule a time to use Camp Concordia's boat launch you must have the attached form on file with their office. The form must be printed off, filled out and mailed to Camp Concordia. The mailing address of Camp Concordia is on the form.

It is a simple form and covers the entire year of 2021, so you only have to file the form once for the entire year.

Change – 2021 WCLA Paid Membership Cards...

In the past, WCLA automatically generated membership cards to paid members who live on the northern lakes (Banks, Thomas, Halfmile) and use Camp Concordia's boat launch. Due to a new Camp Concordia Boat Launch requirement beginning April 1, WCLA will no longer be issuing the membership cards. The WCLA board feels that with the new boat launch change at Camp Concordia, these cards will no longer be needed. But WCLA will continue to provide a most recent copy of the paid members list for cross referencing purposes.

To understand this change, please read the next article below explaining the requirement.

Important Information... *continue*

Again, the form must be on file with Camp Concordia **before** you make an appointment to use the launch. This form is related to Insurance needs.

We are grateful for the work the Camp has done with their Insurance carrier to continue to let WCLA members have access to their boat launch.

If you have any possible plan to use the boat launch at Camp Concordia this year, we suggest you complete this form and mail it in... **do it now**, soon you'll be wanting to launch your boat and needing this on file.

We have attached a copy of the WCLA Indemnity & Release Form for your convenience. You can also click on the following link to print it out.

https://www.campconcordia.org/uploads/1/1/2/3/112309127/2021_wcla_release_form_final.pdf

Camp Concordia has posted their 2021 boat launch schedule for allowable dates and times. E-mail Camp Concordia, 24 hours in advance, to launch@campconcordia.org. Click here for their full procedure and instructions:

<https://www.campconcordia.org/wcla-information.html>

Boat Launch Code – Process

Just a reminder... boat launch gate code, at both Kindy Ave and Camp Concordia boat launches changes every month beginning April through October... So plan ahead... If you are a paid member, the code is emailed to you. So, make sure I have your correct email address and check your email at the end of each month for the latest code.

Note: The Kindy Ave boat launch is available now as the lake is ice free – the new code has already been emailed to paid members. This code is good through April 30th. Camp Concordia opens their boat launch on May 1st.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

7th Annual WCLA Golf Outing 4-person scramble

**Saturday, July 31st @ The
Links at Bowen Lake Golf
Course**

**12990 Bradshaw St NE
Gowen, MI**

9:00 a.m.- Shotgun start

New format this year!...

WCLA vs LOLA

**Two associations coming
together!**

Stay tuned for more details!!!

2020-2021 Officers & Lake

Reps

At the July 13, 2020 Board meeting, a motion was made to cancel the annual meeting due to Covid-19, and to hold the current lake reps in the same position, for next fiscal year. Motion was carried and Approved.

For those new to our lakes, at the Annual Meeting Lake reps are elected by the general membership to serve on the Board of Directors for next fiscal year (Sept thru August). Due to these unprecedented conditions, the Board had to assure representation for each lake remained intact, therefore, they will serve for another year. Click on the link for Lake Rep /Committee Rosters:

<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/lake-reps-%26-committees-1>

CAMP GREENWOOD UPDATE...by Ed Armbruster, Board of Director at Camp Greenwood and Lake resident

Camp Greenwood has until this September to have a plan in place to raise \$700,000 by the end of this year. If the money is not raised, then some or all of the camp property will be sold. Options are being looked at to maintain the camp's existence.

If you wish to make a pledge, click on the following link below:

http://campgreenwood.org/donate/?fbclid=IwAR3dKx_kVlcfbOBV87BD-lmdxMq5ldxKNHt5QS_FAAbawhvaoYvfdCEbgAo

WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS!!!



COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING CONTEST!!

Do you have a great idea for a community activity for this summer where people can still be safely distanced and outside? We are looking for new idea's where we can all get together – celebrate our GREAT LAKE LIVES and have FUN while we stay SAFE!

Last year's new ideas included Movie Night, the kayak/paddleboard vortex, live music performances, and more! You could include running, walking hiking. Fishing, kayaking, swimming. Gardening or Lake front curb appeal contests. The ideas are limitless!

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR IDEA(S) BY: May 1, 2021...so Hurry!!!!

1. Send entries to: Gloria Gibson at dggibson12435@gmail.com
2. Include your name and what lake you are on.
3. Indicate what type of event you would like to see this summer.
4. Let us know how people will feel safe attending your event.
5. AND if you'd like to host (plan/run) your event.
 - a. Its ok if you just want to submit the idea!!
6. Five winners will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate!!

THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON: May 15, 2021...so Hurry!!!!



SPRING FLOWER SALE

10" Hanging Basket with Wire Handle:
\$18.00 ea

The Oakfield Twp Firefighters Aux is trying to raise money and are selling Spring Flowers.

If you would like to place your order, please contact Terry Scott (Woodbeck Lake) at 616-326-5618 or email merryscott@yahoo.com

Payment due by April 9, 2021.

Or make check payable to Oakfield Twp Firefighters Aux and mail to Terry Scott, 12564 Point Dr, Gowen, MI 49326

Delivery of plants: May 7, 2021

Spring Flower Sale: 10" Hanging Basket With Wire Handle



1. Bubblegum Petunia:



2. Royal Velvet Petunia



3. Bordeaux Petunia



4. Lavender Ivy Geranium



5. Rose Ivy Geranium



6. Black Eye Susan



7. Red New Guinea



8. Sweet Cherry New Guinea



9. Salmon New Guinea

\$18.00 ea



10. Bridel Veil



11. Red/Purple Fuchsia

These amazing flower baskets are great gifts for Mother's Day or for hanging on your front porch! These baskets bloom all summer and into the fall with minimal care. Just water, fertilize, and watch them grow!

WCLA lake community is welcomed to this event, sponsored by Camp Greenwood

Covid 19 protocol restrictions will be in place:
*25 people indoors at a time (Mask Required)
*Social Distancing required at all times. (no Mask require outdoors)
*Outdoor dining will be available if the weather is permitting

Pancake Breakfast
&
Maple Syrup Fest



March 27th, 2021

9am—11 am Pancake Breakfast

- Come get a taste of Camp Greenwood's Own Maple Syrup on freshly made pancakes. Tapped, Boiled, and Bottle locally at Camp Greenwood. Suggested donation of \$10.00



10am—3pm Maple Syrup Fest

- See how Maple syrup is made, from tree to bottle. Get a taste of freshly tapped sap right from the tree itself, and see the process it takes to change into deliciously gooey Maple Syrup. Tour the campgrounds and get to know Camp Greenwood. Maple syrup available for purchase day of - cash only.



Camp Greenwood 13564 MacClain St. Gowen, MI 49326
616.754.7258 | office@campgreenwood.org

**ELVIS impersonator...
Mark your calendars!!!**

**Elvis impersonator will entertain our
lake community on
Saturday, July 3rd
On Woodbeck Lake
Time to be determined
More details to follow....**

OWN A BUSINESS? ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE WATERLINE NEWSLETTER!

Business Card: 4 issues for \$35

¼ page Ad: 4 issues for \$90

½ page Ad: 4 issues for \$180

Mail your Ad or Business card along with your
check to:

**WCLA, Attn: Gloria Gibson, PO Box 482,
Greenville, MI 48838**

Check payable to WCLA

FOLLOW US ON FB

WCLA is constantly trying to keep you informed, reminding you of upcoming activities, important issues, important & informative DNR topics.

Many go to FB first before looking at emails...so we are covering all our basis. Click on the following link and

Like Us on FB and Follow Us!

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Woodbeck-Chain-of-Lakes-Association-133309000037956/>



MISSION STATEMENT

The WCLA will promote the preservation of lake/water quality, provide education about boat safety & etiquette and initiate social activities to promote community friendships and interaction. It will encourage membership and participation in the Association and will facilitate a sense of community amongst riparian property owners.

Bobby Badgerow entered his catch at
Hilltop Sports in January!!! Congratulations!!



WATERLINE NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES...

The Waterline Newsletter is published 3 times a year, March, June and September and sent via e-mail. Gloria Gibson and Cathy Schrauben co-write articles for the Waterline.

WCLA Reminders & Other Information (aka *e-mail blasts*) sent via email a few times a month, are intended to refresh our memories & keeping you up to date. We are all so busy that we sometimes just forget. Please let me know if your email address has changed so I can update the database. Email your change to Gloria Gibson at dggibson12435@gmail.com

If you have pictures, articles, wish to share a story with us, selling a boat, want to advertise your business, email Gloria or Cathy:

dggibson12435@gmail.com

cathy.schrauben@gmail.com

WCLA Committees: Committees were established to challenge the board to become more energetic with Committee activities. Each committee designated a chair person that will lead their group and bring ideas to each Board meeting for discussion and vote.

Once the Covid-19 pandemic ends, and we get back to a new normal, we hope to resume our activities. Until then, think about volunteering and being part of any of these committees. You may contact the chairperson of that committee for more information. **Volunteers are always needed and always welcomed...**your input and contribution is valuable!

Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association - Committee Roster				
	Committees	Chairperson	Phone	e-mail address
1	Social/Party Sub Committees			
	- <i>Golf Committee</i>	Tom Stressman	616-293-3807	tmstressman@gmail.com
	- <i>Progressive Kayaking Committee</i>	Nan Holmes	616-213-8247	holmes.nanette@gmail.com
	- <i>Christmas Party Committee</i>	Nan Holmes	616-213-8247	holmes.nanette@gmail.com
	- <i>Pancake Breakfast Committee</i>	Nan Holmes	616-213-8247	holmes.nanette@gmail.com
2	Monthly Social Get Together Committee	Nan Holmes	616-213-8247	holmes.nanette@gmail.com
3	Welcome Committee	Terri Veldman & Nan Holmes	616-213-8247	holmes.nanette@gmail.com
4	Signs & Boat Launch Committee	Don Hoogerhyde	616-990-8687	d_hoog@hotmail.com
5	Lake Quality Committee	Bob Darvill	269-267-7692	bobdarvill@gmail.com
6	Fish Plant Committee	Adam Bigelow & Ed Armbruster	989-388-3905	adambigelow14@gmail.com
			616-929-5396	luger@prodigy.net
7	Bridge Raising Committee	Wayne King	616-490-5977	waynedking@gmail.com

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	Tom Stressman	616-293-3807	tmstressman@gmail.com
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Alternate	Ron Trumble	616-490-4474	rtrumble1@gmail.com
Woodbeck Lake Representatives			
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	Kevin Martin	616-893-9508	homey@chartermi.net
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	Phil Sliva	616-754-0744	phil.sliva@amway.com
	Bruce Veldman	616-712-6346	bruceveldman@gmail.com
Administration			
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Need to contact a Board Member, or a Committee Chairperson, or Waterline Newsletter co-writer? Here are the rosters with contact information!

Progressive Kayaking 2019...can't wait until we can all reunite again!!!



See our local business Ads

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Attn: Woodbeck Chain of Lakes business owners

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WCLA CAN KOOZIE AND BOTTLE INSULATOR

Koozie's and bottle insulators, prepared by Nesting Owl Creations, are still available, all with WCLA logo.

Anyone interested in ordering the koozie or bottle insulators may do so by using the following on line Order Form link...

<http://bit.ly/WCLAOrder>



Prices:

17oz stainless steel water bottles w/ decal - \$18

17oz stainless steel water bottle etched - \$20

25oz stainless steel water bottle w/ decal - \$20

25oz stainless steel water bottle etched - \$22

34oz stainless steel water bottle w/ decal - \$30

Available water bottle colors: white, orange, black, mint green, blue, purple

Navy blue stainless steel bottle insulator with bottle opener etched - \$20

Navy blue can koozies - \$6.00

Payment will be due upon delivery

Contact Rebecca McIntyre at 616-889-8621 or rebeccmc@gmail.com or order online at

<http://bit.ly/WCLAOrder>

WCLA'S APPAREL WEBSTORE...

Woodbeck Chain Of Lakes Association (WCLA) Apparel is available through a web store hosted by Steve and Lynn Monroe, owners of MSP Designs. The Monroe's have owned a family cottage on Banks Lake for over 70 years and have owned and operated MSP, based in Lansing, Michigan, for over 35 years.

The web store, <https://stores.inksoft.com/ih20w> will carry the original WCLA t-shirts & sweatshirts and will also feature individual designs for each lake. New designs are added frequently so check back often for updated designs and new items.

Apparel for lake events can and will be made available, allowing groups and families to order as many or as few shirts as they choose. Order 1 shirt or 5000! Most orders will be shipped via USPS within 7-10 days. The web store can also host apparel fundraising campaigns for any occasion or event to raise funds for the association or any other organization. Contact MSP Designs for more info on this.

Hoodies, Sweatshirts, & T-shirts
Lots of colors available!



Click on the Link or copy and paste to your browser: <https://stores.inksoft.com/ih20w>

WCLA Membership Enrollment Form



Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association

Five Lakes - One Community

Banks • Half Mile • Horseshoe • Thomas • Woodbeck

Website: www.woodbeckchainoflakes.com

New Membership Renewal Date: _____

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

Mailing Address:

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Tel: _____

e-mail: _____

Lake Address:

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Tel: _____

e-mail: _____

e-mail addresses are for Association use only. They will not be distributed for any other use.

WCLA Membership Enrollment Form Fiscal Yr September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021

Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association 2021 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 Gloria Gibson at 616-894-0938 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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<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/pay-dues>

