

November 1, 2017



Chris Decker, WCLA President

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...

I hope you all enjoyed this awesome fall season. As many of you know I have been involved with the Lake Association for many years, but this is the first time that I have taken on the role of President.

As President, I hope to keep all active members happily involved and to drive members not previously involved in month to month activities and email discussions to join us and help us further pursue our goals.

I am happy to report that at the last board meeting was very well attended and we have a new crew of lake representatives. Each lake has new representative! Thank you for getting involved.

A special thank you goes out to the new board of representatives. Jodi, Kris, and Bruce are a great asset to us and their volunteerism is greatly appreciated.

We have changed our board meeting schedule to four meetings per year. This new schedule will challenge us to become more dynamic with Committee activity. Each Committee will have a chairperson that will lead their group and bring their ideas to each Board Meeting for discussion and vote. A list of Committee's and their respective chairpersons are listed in this issue. Please contact a chairperson of the Committee(s) you are interested in and please get involved.

I wish all of you a wonderful winter season and look forward to new ways to see all of you during the chilly months.

Sincerely,  
Chris Decker  
WCLA President

### 2018 WCLA Board Meeting Dates

Monday, Feb 12, 2018  
Monday, April 16  
Monday, July 9  
Monday, Sept 10  
Location to be determined



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## INTRODUCING NEW LAKE REPRESENTATIVE FOR HORSESHOE LAKE, JILL PLATE...

We have lived in Greenville for 12 years. Last fall, we were fortunate enough to move to Horseshoe Lake. Rick and I both grew up near the lakes in the Irish Hills area and wanted to give our four kids the same opportunity to make lasting memories with friends and family skiing, tubing, fishing, kayaking, etc.

We have four kids that are the center of our world:

- Eric (age 20) is a student and football player at Grand Valley State University
- Evan (age 19) is a student and football player at Central Michigan University
- Sam (age 16) enjoys football, baseball and track at Greenville High School
- Sophie (age 14) enjoys volleyball, basketball and softball at Greenville High School

We are loving lake-life and we are looking forward to purchasing a boat this spring so we can REALLY enjoy lake-life!



### Ice Safety Tips (information provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resource (DNR))

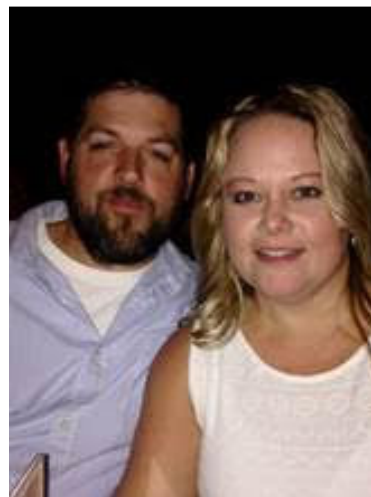
Things to consider before you go out:

- Ice conditions vary from lake to lake. Find a good local source - a bait shop or fishing guide - that is knowledgeable about ice conditions on the lake you want to fish on.
- Purchase a pair of ice picks or ice claws, which are available at most sporting goods stores.
- Tell a responsible adult where you are going and what time to expect you back. Relaying your plan can help save your life if something does happen to you on the ice.

## INTRODUCING NEW LAKE REPRESENTATIVES FOR BANKS LAKE, JEROME & NICOLE NEVE...

Jerome and Nicole have 2 children – Drew (19) and Ryan Elizabeth (13), 2 dogs Harley (9) and Echo (1).

Nicole grew up on Thomas lake and has always wanted to return to these tranquil small town lakes. About 2 years ago the opportunity presented itself and we purchased a home on Banks Lake. Have loved it ever since and enjoy getting to know our neighbors who many are now considered friends.



### Venturing out on the ice:

- The DNR does not recommend taking a car or truck out onto the ice at any time.
- If you are walking out onto a frozen body of water with a group, avoid crossing ice in a single file.
- Never venture out alone without telling a responsible adult on shore your plans.
- Test ice thickness with an ice spud before you settle on a spot.
- If you are with a group, avoid standing together in a spot. Spread out.
- Wear a life jacket and bright colored clothing.
- Take a cell phone for emergency use.
- Look for large cracks or depressions in the ice and avoid those areas.
- Remember ice does not form with uniform thickness on any body of water. Underwater springs and currents can wear thin spots on the ice.



## 2017 FALL FISH PLANT...

At our Annual meeting this past August, Tom Hawkinson, Chairman Fish Plant Committee, reported that "previous fish plants were based on theory that "more fish is better", but the next two Fish Plants will be fewer fish, but bigger".

On Tuesday, October 24, 1,500 5"- 8" Walleyes were planted. Don Hoogerhyde, Bob Darvill and Bruce Veldman braved the rained and supervised the planting of Walleyes off the MacClain Bridge. Thank you guys!

In the Spring 2018, the Bluegill Fish will be Planted...the date will be determined by water temperature and when spawning. Tom states, "we need water temperature of about 68 degrees".

Tom would like feedback from anyone that notices the hybrid population and photos of fish being caught on our lakes to see their growth. Forward your information to Tom Hawkinson at [thawk@charter.net](mailto:thawk@charter.net)



## WELCOME TO THE WOODBECK CHAIN OF LAKES COMMUNITY...GREG & PEGGY MOCERI & FAMILY...WOODBECK LAKE

Greg and Peggy Moceri live in Grand Rapids, which is home base for Greg's broadcast consultant business. Peggy ran a non-profit grantmaking foundation for 15 years before retiring in 2015 to enjoy a pause in her career.

They have two kids: Laura, who works at WZZM-13 as a senior digital operations manager, and Tony who is a senior in high school. After literally years of searching for the "right lake", they feel extremely lucky to have found Woodbeck and the Chain of Lakes community, especially after a terrific first season of jet skiing, kayaking, and meeting friendly neighbors.

Welcome to our Five Lakes One Community Moceri family!



***And Away They Go!***



## STATEWIDE DNR NEWS

Oct. 24, 2017

Contact: [Dr. Kelly Straka, 517-336-5040](mailto:Dr.Kelly.Straka@Michigan.gov), or [Chad Stewart, 517-282-4810](mailto:Chad.Stewart@Michigan.gov)

### ***Another Montcalm County deer suspected to have CWD***

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced today that a second hunter-harvested deer in Montcalm County is suspected positive for chronic wasting disease. A sample has been sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, for confirmation. If confirmed positive, the 1.5-year-old buck, harvested in Sidney Township, would be the 11th free-ranging deer in Michigan found to have CWD.

"The fact that we already have another positive deer within Montcalm County is of major concern," said Dr. Kelly Straka, DNR state wildlife veterinarian. "We strongly recommend hunters who harvest deer in Montcalm County have their deer tested. Deer with CWD can look perfectly healthy even though they are infected."

To date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in humans. However, as a precaution, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization recommend that infected animals not be consumed as food by either humans or domestic animals.

Since May 2015 when the first CWD deer was found, the DNR has tested more than 15,000 deer. Thus far, 10 cases of CWD have been confirmed in free-ranging white-tailed deer from Clinton, Ingham and Montcalm counties.

As additional deer have tested positive for CWD within Michigan, the DNR has put specific regulations in place. This deer was harvested in the Montcalm-Kent Core CWD Area, which includes Maple Valley, Pine, Douglass, Montcalm, Sidney, Eureka, and Fairplain townships in Montcalm County; and Spencer and Oakfield townships in Kent County. Starting Nov. 15, this nine-township area will have mandatory deer check.

**As announced previously, the DNR will hold a town hall meeting Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Ash Foundation Building, located within the Montcalm County Fairgrounds at 8784 Peck Road in Greenville, Michigan.**

At the meeting, Dr. Straka and DNR deer specialist Chad Stewart will provide information on chronic wasting disease, its effects on deer and deer populations, and DNR actions to date in responding to the discovery of the disease. Dr. Cheryl Collins, veterinarian from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, will be present to provide information and answer questions related to farmed deer.

Chronic wasting disease is a fatal neurological disease that affects white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and moose. It is caused by the transmission of infectious, self-multiplying proteins (prions) contained in saliva and other body fluids of infected animals. Susceptible animals can acquire CWD by direct exposure to these fluids, from environments contaminated with these fluids, or from the carcass of a diseased animal.

Some CWD-infected animals will display abnormal behaviors, progressive weight loss and physical debilitation; however, deer can be infected for many years without showing internal or external symptoms. There is no cure; once a deer is infected with CWD, it will die.

To learn more about CWD, visit [mi.gov/cwd](http://mi.gov/cwd).

## DEBRIS AT THE HALF MILE LAKE OUTLET CLOGS DAM

Have you been watching our lake water levels rising...it's probably because of the rain we've had these past days but it also "could be" beavers at work.

A big "Thank You" goes out to Don Hoogerhyde and Bob Darvill who literally cleaned out the area so our lake water could resume flowing properly. A big thank you also goes to Ron Trumble who brought this issue to the Board's attention.

"Many of the sticks and branches we took out were cut by a Beaver", say's Don. "Some of the debris probably got stuck in the Beaver activity due to water flow".

The dam is accessible by the Camp Concordia property, so permission is needed to get to it. This dam is an outlet where water flows out from Half Mile lake into a creek. It's located on the far north end of Half Mile lake where it shallows.

Don & Bob will keep an eye on it and will check on it next week to make sure its flowing properly.





## INTRODUCING NEW LAKE REPRESENTATIVE FOR HALFMILE LAKE, COLLEEN O'HERRON...

Hi everyone! I'm Colleen O'Herron and I have been a Half Mile Lake resident for fourteen years now. What I love most about the Woodbeck Chain of Lakes is the friendly atmosphere, the beauty of the neighborhood and the great neighbors that come with it.

My husband Mike and I have been together for 28 years and between us we have four children. Both of us grew up in the Greenville area and have been here our whole lives. We try to spend most of the warm summer days on our pontoon boat with friends and family.

We have enjoyed every minute of living here and I'm excited to represent the lake association.



## Woodbeck Chain of Lakes T-Shirts/Sweatshirts

T-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and caps are still available.

**If you wish to place an order, email me the size, style and number you wish reserved to [dggibson12435@gmail.com](mailto:dggibson12435@gmail.com) and I will forward the attire to your lake representative.**

Prices:

T-Shirts - \$10 (S,M,L,XL, 2X);

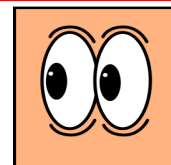
Sweatshirts - \$20 (S,M,L,XL, 2X);

Hoodie Sweatshirt with zipper - \$25 (S,M,L,XL) 2X add \$2, 3X add \$4, 4X add \$6

Caps, with WCLA logo, navy blue only - \$10

### REMINDER:

Has your e-mail address changed? Have you moved or sold your property and receiving this newsletter in error? Please let me know immediately. E-mail me your information to Gloria Gibson at [dggibson12435@gmail.com](mailto:dggibson12435@gmail.com)



### YOU ARE OUR EYES AND EARS

The quickest way I find out that we have new residents on the lake or someone has moved is by word of mouth. Otherwise, I don't find out until I get a printout from the Townships, and have to verify everyone individually one by one, and that my friend is a lot of work!!!

So please forward any information to me so I can update our database and also to have our Welcoming Committee meet our new resident to make them feel more at home.

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Gloria Gibson at [dggibson12435@gmail.com](mailto:dggibson12435@gmail.com)



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# WCLA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bruce & Terri Veldman again will be hosting the WCLA Christmas party!

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and BYO adult beverage

When: Saturday, December 2  
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Where: 12555 Horseshoe Lake Dr  
Greenville (in Horseshoe Lake Estates off MacClain Rd)



Mixes & non-alcoholic beverages supplied

WCLA members only and sorry no children

RSVP by Nov 30 to Jill Plate  
[Jill.Plate@spectrumhealth.org](mailto:Jill.Plate@spectrumhealth.org)

Put on subj line:  
WCLA -RSVP



You're invited to a holiday  
**COOKIE EXCHANGE...**  
Ladies only!

Bring one dozen of your favorite  
cookie and recipe to share...

(bring container so you can take home as many cookies as you bring)



Hosted by: Laurie Acker & Nan Holmes

When: Sunday, December 3

Where: 13084 Horseshoe Lake Dr

Greenville (Horseshoe Lake Estates off MacClain Rd)

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**Swap Party**

Please RSVP by November 30  
to Nan Holmes: 616-970-5155 or  
email: [holmes.nanette@gmail.com](mailto:holmes.nanette@gmail.com)

snacks & drinks provided

*Brief History of the "Woodbeck Chain of Lakes...it's been awhile since this history has been shared with the WCLA community and find it time to share as we have many new residents who will be interested to know how these lakes were established...Teresa Waterloo, thank you for finding the article and reminding us.*

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE " WOODBECK CHAIN OF LAKES "

Northeastern Kent County of Michigan has an abundance of small lakes, the result of glacial action during and following the Wisconsin advance and retreat some 15,000 years ago. Many of these bodies of water are in Spencer and Oakfield Townships. Major lakes include Lincoln, Wabasis and Woodbeck.

Oakfield Township was at first a part of Courtland. Then Courtland Township was divided in half, the eastern portion being named Wabasis for the legendary Indian chief, which was soon after renamed Oakfield. With increasing settlement, the northern half of Courtland became Nelson Township and the northern half of Oakfield becoming Spencer Township ( named for pioneer Thomas Spencer).

The Woodbeck Chain of five lakes lies in both Spencer and Oakfield. The lakes in Spencer are presently known as Half Mile and Thomas. The other three are in Oakfield and carry the names of Banks, Woodbeck and Horseshoe. Half Mile Lake was originally McClelland Lake; Thomas was formerly Lake Forest; Banks was at first known as Stocks, or Stocks Lake; Woodbeck was called Marl or Marrell Lake; and because of its shape, Horseshoe Lake has always had that descriptive name. Of the five lakes, Woodbeck is the largest. Before the advent of the white men as fur traders and then as settlers these lakes were doubtless a source of fur peltries and food for the Indians of the area, dams built by beaver raising the water level. Early settlers and sportsmen of more recent years have remarked on the excellent fishing and waterfowl hunting which the chain of lakes once provided.

Land acquisition and settlement began when this portion of Michigan was purchased by treaty with the Indians in 1836. By 1865, when lumbering and farming were beginning, two brothers by the names of George and John Banks had acquired properties around the southern three lakes and riparian rights in and through the connecting waterways in Sections 1,2 & a small strip on Section 11 which changed the drainage to the south.

To quote from Chapman's History of Kent County, published in 1881 — " On Sections 1 and 2 (Oakfield Township ) was early discovered a very fine bed of marl lime, so pure as to be cut from the bed in squares, dried and immediately placed in the kiln for burning. To facilitate the mining of this bed, a chain of lakes on Sections 1 and 11 were drained. Their natural outlet was through Stocks Lake which emptied into Black Creek; but by dint of engineering an outlet was effected into Wabasis Creek ( northern branch) from the head of Horseshoe, a large lake on Section 2 which was thus rendered nearly dry. "

From studies of abstracts of properties around the lakes in Sections 1,2 & 11, and from many conversations with the late Martin Hayes who had accumulated the Banks and successive titles and water rights in 1925, and with area natives such as the late Clarence Lincoln, grandson of area pioneer Luther Lincoln for whom Lincoln Lake was named, and with Roy Buzzard, former Conservation Officer in N.E, Kent County, the writer has compiled the following description of the various changes in lake levels and the mining of the marl deposit in Stocks(or Banks ) Lake.

" The brothers George and John Banks bought various properties on Sections 1, 2 and 11 of Oakfield Township which bordered on three lakes. They immediately began the extraction of the valuable marl deposit in Stocks Lake for agricultural fertilizer and changed the name to their own. To facilitate the marl removal at deeper levels, the lake had to be drained and they proceeded to acquire all flowage and riparian rights on and through the three lakes. They dug deep ditches through the shallow waterways that connected the three lakes and built control dams which are still in evidence, especially the dam between Banks and Woodbeck lakes over which MacClain road runs with its very narrow bridge over the old channel. On Section 11, through their strip of land they dug an even deeper ditch by which to change the drainage southward to the north branch of Wabasis Creek. A stone dam later replaced with a concrete structure was at the head of this drain ditch and another control dam was built at the junction with Wabasis Creek.

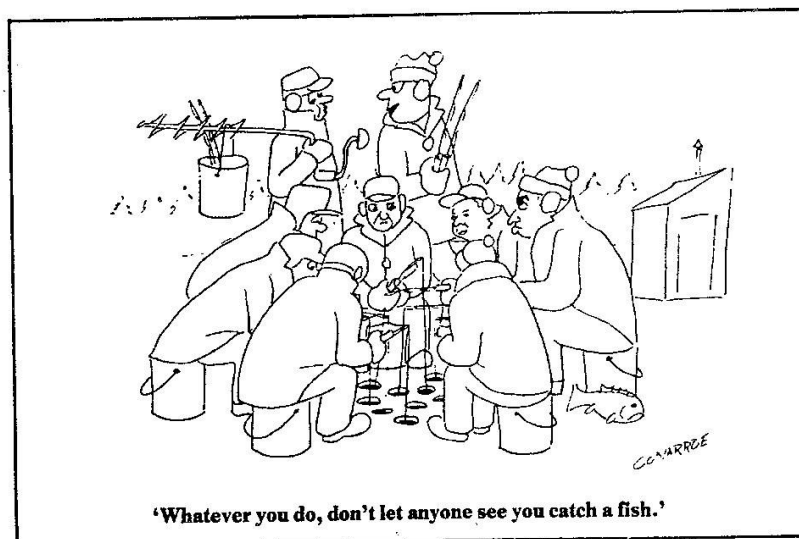
The lakes, drained in this way, became mostly wet marshes with only small bodies of water within them and a great wildfowl haven. The flowage and riparian rights, obtained by Banks, were substantiated by a Michigan Supreme Court decision about 1900 following a law suit. During the years the lakes were drained there was heavy vegetation growth in the marshes and rich layers of humus accumulated, one of the results of which is the weed growth in and around the present shore lines.

The marl deposit in Banks Lake was finally mined by the Michigan Marl and Fertilizer Company who built a siding off the Toledo, Saginaw and Muskegon Railroad tracks ( this rail line was locally known as the Too Slow to Mention R.R. ) the line later becoming part of the Grand Trunk Western R.R. The track grade was built across the southern end of Banks Lake, the bridge across the drain channel still visible by its pilings. The fertilizer company went out of business after World War I, the buildings burned with remaining evidences only huge concrete blocks of the burner chimney base and anchors along the shore.

In 1925, Martin Hayes acquired the properties around Banks Lake and much of that on Woodbeck and Horseshoe lakes, including the water rights. When the old iron bridge that carried Stacey Road across the south drain ditch had to be replaced, Hayes gave the Road Commission enough gravel for an earthen fill which became a higher dam on the old rock dam and raised the level of the lakes to, or above the original heights and covering most of the marshes. Hayes also took out any remaining dam obstructions, opening the waterways to the small boats of fishermen and wildfowl hunters. These sports were his main avocation interest in his retirement to his Woodbeck Lakeside cottage.

In the early 1950's, John Kempski, a Grand Rapids lawyer who owned the land on the northwest shore of Half Mile Lake ( now Lutheran Camp Concordia ) put in a low dam to raise the water level in the chain of lakes. This was a year of drought and very low water levels. Some ten years later the Kent County Drain Commissioner began action in Circuit Court to establish a constant lake level. By assessment, the owners of all lake front properties paid to have a higher control dam built at the north water course to Black Creek and water from Butternut Creek diverted by a new channel or ditch to bring up the lakes level.

This history compiled and written by Bob Augustine, Kindy Dr. N.E., Gowen, Mich. 49326. Bob was, for 18 years the manager and developer of the Presbyterian Church camp properties formerly owned by Martin Hayes.





# 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.

## SOCIAL GET TOGETHERS

Our social get togethers are winding down for 2017 but have one more scheduled. We will resume them again in January 2018. They have been, to many, a good way to catch up, enjoy a few drinks and good food with friends and meet new ones...so let's keep the momentum going...mark your calendars:

Our next one is:

**Thursday, November 16**

**Location: El Rancho Mexican Restaurant  
301 S Maplewood St, Greenville**

**Time: 6:15 p.m.**

**RSVP to Nan at: 616-970-5155 or  
email: holmes.nanette@gmail.com**

2018 Social Get Togethers locations and dates are currently being planned by Nan, Chairperson, but we start 2018 schedule on a Saturday...save the date:

**Saturday, January 20**

**Location: Winter Inn Restaurant**

**Time: 6:16 p.m.**

More dates & locations to be posted at a later date!



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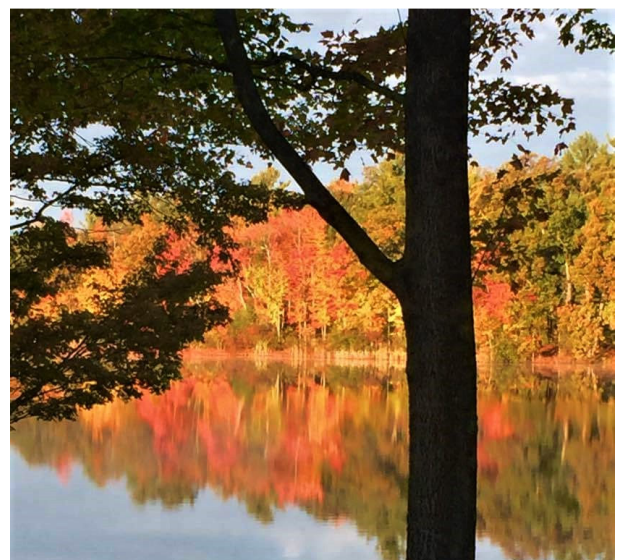




At Flo's Restaurant on Oct. 17 combined the social get together with a "good bye" to Mike & Linda Fravel, Woodbeck Lake...they have sold their home after 20 years and are off on a new venture... good luck and many years of happiness in your new home!



Photo shared by Vicky Harris, Half Mile Lake



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**NEW WATERLINE NEWSLETTER  
PUBLICATION DATES...**

The WCLA board voted at the 9/11/17 board meeting to approve the 3 new publication dates for the Waterline Newsletter. The Waterline will be published in March, June and September and will only be sent via email.

WCLA Reminders (aka *email blasts*) will continue and probably more so due to the publication change. Therefore, please let me know if your email address has changed so I can update the database. Send to Gloria Gibson at [dggibson12435@gmail.com](mailto:dggibson12435@gmail.com)

**WCLA COMMITTEES...**

At the 9/11/17 board meeting the following committees were established. As stated earlier by Chris Decker..."the new board meeting schedule will challenge us to become more dynamic with Committee activity. Each Committee will have a chairperson that will lead their group and bring their ideas to each Board Meeting for discussion and vote":

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**WCLA Committees, continue...**

1. Party Committee- Gloria (Chair)  
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-Golf -Norm Davidson, (Chair)  
-Progressive Kayaking -Nan Holmes & Wendi D. (Chair)  
-Bowling (*need a chairperson*)  
-Christmas Party -Jill Plate, (Chair)  
-Pancake Breakfast – Nan Holmes (Chair)
2. Monthly Get Togethers- Nan Holmes (Chair)  
And Norm Davidson
3. Welcome Committee-Terri Veldman (Chair) and Nan
4. Boat Launch- Don H (Chair), Bruce V and Bob Darvill
5. Lake Quality-Bob Davill (Chair) and Don H

**If you would like to be part of any of these committees, contact the lake rep..lake rep roster can be found on Page 12, volunteers are needed!. Chair's need help!**

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#### Lake Address:

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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 January 1 - December 31, 2018

Woodbeek Chain of Lakes Association 2018 Dues: \$35.00

Fish Plant Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Remittance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remit to: Woodbeek 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 [dggibson12435@gmail.com](mailto:dggibson12435@gmail.com). If you are a new member, please note the previous owner's name if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions to the Woodbeek Chain of Lakes Association, Inc are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

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**Woodbeck Lake R representatives**

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	Kevin Martin	616-893-9508	homey@chartermi.net
Alternate	Sandy Allers	616-292-2632	sandygladstoneallers@gmail.com

**Horseshoe Lake Representatives**

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	Don Hoogerhyde	616 990-8687	d_hoog@hotmail.com
	*Jill Plate	616-824-8332	jill.plate@spectrumhealth.org
Alternate	Bruce Veldman	616-712-6346	bruceveldman@gmail.com

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With a sadden heart, we once again report on a beautiful soul taken away from us so early. Mark was our neighbor and friend and will always be remembered by the fun times we had playing poker, his jokes were non stoppable, his love for hunting, his kind soul and loving heart but most of all for his love for his grandchildren, family and love of his life Nannette. Rest in Peace our dear friend - *Gloria & Dave*

### *Obituary for Mark Edward Holmes*

Mark Holmes, age 62, of Greenville, Michigan, passed away on September 20th, 2017. Mark was born on September 26th, 1954, in Stambaugh, Michigan to the late Glenn and Jane (Marquette) Holmes. He graduated from West Iron County High School in 1972.

Mark enlisted in the Air Force after completing high school and proudly served for 20 years. He attained the rank of Master Sergeant and retired in October of 1992. He was fortunate to have travelled the world and was stationed in many overseas locations including England, Germany, and Iceland. He was also stationed at numerous locations stateside.

It was during one of these assignments Mark met the love of his life, Nanette DeMay, of Rock Island, Illinois. They were married October 18th, 1980 and were blessed with two sons, Chris (Holly) of Rockford, Michigan, and Joshua of Iowa City, Iowa.

After retiring from the Air Force Mark went to work for D. A. MacPherson of Crystal Falls, Michigan. He was then employed by ESCO Corporation and remained with them until his passing.

Mark loved to golf, deer hunt, and enjoyed yard work, especially in his and Nanette's vegetable garden. He cherished his time with his family. As well, he had many special memories of being with his hunting buddies Don, Ray, and Don at deer camp. He also loved to play cards.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Greg Holmes and Don Holmes, brother-in-law Alan Revord, and nephew Greg Revord.

He is survived by his wife Nanette, sons Chris and Josh, sisters Sandy Holmes, Jill (John) MacPherson, Chrissy Revord, and Jean (Paul) Dedo. He is also survived by his two beautiful granddaughters Isabell and Chloe of Rockford as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Mark's life will take place on Saturday, October 7th, 2017 at 11:00AM at First Presbyterian Church of Iron County located at 525 West Adams Street, Iron River, MI 49935.

Following the memorial service, a graveside committal with military honors will take place at Stambaugh Cemetery in Iron River.

**Ice Safety Tips continue...** (information provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resource (DNR))

If you fall through:

- Try to remain calm.
- Don't remove your winter clothing. Heavy clothes won't drag you down, but instead can trap air to provide warmth and flotation. This is especially true with a snowmobile suit.
- Turn in the water toward the direction you came from - that is probably the strongest ice.
- If you have them, dig the points of the ice picks into the ice and, while vigorously kicking your feet, pull yourself onto the surface by sliding forward on the ice.
- Roll away from the area of weak ice. Rolling on the ice will distribute your weight to help avoid breaking through again.
- Get to shelter, heat, dry clothing and warm, non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated drinks.
- Call 911 and seek medical attention if you feel disoriented, have uncontrollable shivering, or have any other ill effects that may be symptoms of hypothermia (the life-threatening drop in the body's core temperature).

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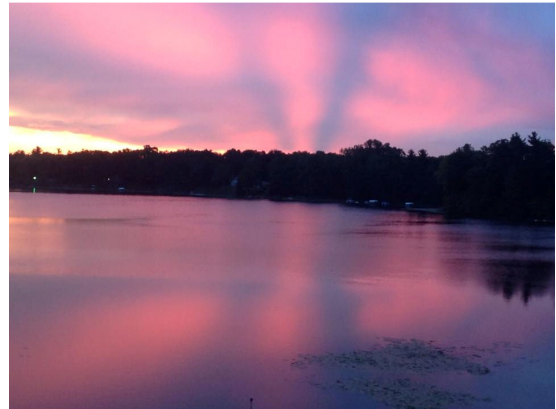


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Photo provided by Robin Scheel-sunrise on Woodbeck Lake

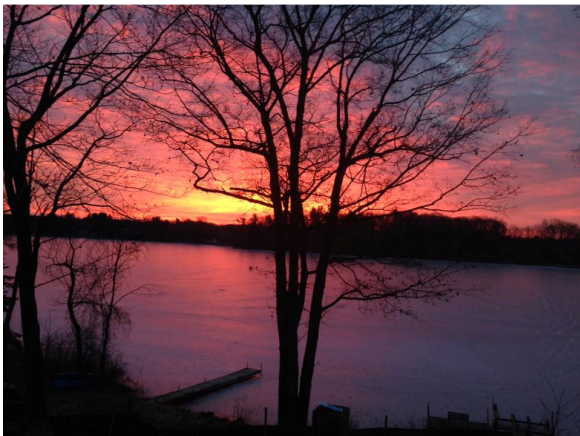


Photo provide by Robin Scheel – sunrise on Woodbeck Lake

