



# Cedar Lake News

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## ANNANDALE - MAPLE LAKE MN

### Letter from your President

Spring, 2004

Greetings Neighbors:

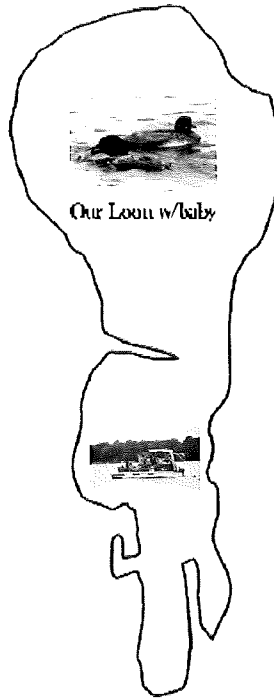
Welcome to spring and soon another terrific summer on Cedar Lake! The ice went out early this year (April 5), and I know we are all anxious to get into summer activities. The fishing contest begins on the opening of fishing and goes until Labor Day.

I hope to see all of you at the potluck dinner on May 28, 2004 at the Maple Lake Legion Hall. If you have new neighbors, please invite them.

We will be doing the annual Milfoil search in June or July. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade will be happening again at 2:00 PM on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are going to have a pace boat this year, so that everyone starts at the same time.

Put the annual dinner and meeting on August 14, 2004 at the Maple Lake VFW on your calendars.

See you soon! **Leslie Kreutter**



Our Loon w/baby

### Attend The Spring Fling

The annual "Spring Fling" potluck dinner (no charge) will again be at the American Legion Club in Maple Lake on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 PM with social time (cash bar) lasting until 6:30 P.M. when we will enjoy a potluck (who doesn't enjoy potlucks). So bring yourself(ves) and a dish to share and we'll have a good time renewing old acquaintances and gaining some new Cedar Lake friends.

Adult size Cedar Lake sweat shirts will be available at this get-together. They will sell for \$25.00 each.

See you there

Note: If you have guests you'd like to bring they are most welcome but we ask that you make the dish you bring a bit larger so we're sure not to run out. Thanks much!

### 4th OF JULY BOAT PARADE ON JULY 3rd

**Don't forget the 4th of July boat parade** which will start at 2:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Be on the lookout for the pace boat and please line up behind it. This year there will be no ice cream social following the parade. Sorry about that!

**And the Annual Meeting** which will be on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Lake VFW. The food is always so good and the time spent together is fun. There will be more on this later in the next newsletter.

### Letter from your Editor

Just a short note that space will allow. I welcome spring and another chance to go to my beloved Cedar Lake—my 66<sup>th</sup> summer on the lake. For a short time this past month I wasn't sure if I'd see the lake again. But I'm okay and I thank God for that.

But what I'm most thankful for this past winter is I now have both a CD and DVD label ("Patriotism") which is being distributed, at cost, to schools, TV and radio stations and Veteran's organizations across the U.S.. I pray that I'm

able to play a small part in bringing patriotism back to our great, wonderful nation that I'm so very proud of.

Welcome back to "the lake" and I hope I see you at the Spring Fling.

Also good luck to you in the Cedar Lake fishing contest.

Very Sincerely, **Kale**

PS—I hope you enjoy the poem, on page 4, that Robert Beskar wrote especially for us.

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## Memorial Day

Memorial Day is on the last Monday in May and honors those men and women who lost their lives serving their country. What we celebrate as Memorial Day today, began at the end of the Civil War. Family members of the many soldiers slain in battle would visit the grave sites of their fallen relatives or friends and decorate the graves with flowers.

On May 5, 1868, General John Logan proclaimed this day a holiday through his General Order No. 11. The day was entitled Decoration Day and was first observed on May 30, 1868. The northern states celebrated this day every year, but the southern states celebrated a day similar to this on a different day until sometime after World War I.

In 1882, the name Decoration day was changed to Memorial Day, and in 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday of May every year. Over the years it has come to serve as a day to remember all U.S. men and women killed or missing in action in all wars.

The writer goes on to say—I am truly grateful for the freedoms which we enjoy today. Too often, we take these gifts for granted, little realizing the sacrifice which was involved in ensuring that these freedoms continue to be a part of all of our lives. Be honest, how many of us think of Memorial Day as just another chance for a three-day weekend? A chance to go the lakes or beaches or mountains? A trip to Disneyland or Six Flags or some other amusement park?

If you are here in the United States, please remember to display your flag, not just for the day but for the whole weekend. Let's not forget the real reason for having this holiday. The quote below says it all. "It is, in a way, an odd thing to honor those who died in defense of our country in wars far away. The imagination plays a trick. We see these soldiers in our mind as old and wise. We see them as something like the Founding Fathers, grave and gray-haired. But most of them were boys when they died, they gave up two lives -- the one they were living and the one they would have lived. When they died, they gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. They gave up their chance to be revered old men. They gave up everything for their country, for us. All we can do is remember."

— Ronald Reagan, Remarks at Veteran's Day ceremony, Arlington National Cemetery, Nov. 11, 1985

### WHERE YOUR EDITOR WILL BE SPEAKING

For those of you who will be in the Minneapolis area I'd like to invite you to hear me give the Memorial Day Patriotism Address for the Richfield American Legion at Oak Hill Cemetery on 59th and Lyndale South at 10 AM. I have been honored to salute those who gave all for flag and country at that special event. I'd love to see you there.

### A LETTER FROM JOHN ANDERSON

To: Kale Danberg, Editor/Publisher -- Cedar Lake News

Dear Kale -- This is a follow-up of the phone conversation we had a few days ago. My call was in regard to the picture on page 2 of the Cedar Lake News. I was so surprised to look at that 1973 photo and see my parents -- the lady standing to the far right and the man standing right behind her. They are Margaret and Walter Anderson (both deceased). My grandparents also had a cabin next door to my folks. They were Lydia and Fred Anderson. A few doors away was my aunt and uncle, Thelma and Henry Thernell. Their grandson, Jim Thernell ended up with the cabin and he was active on the board of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club.

My grandparents bought two lots from Melvin Wells in the late 1930's and shortly after that, they and my parents both built cabins. My Dad was quite active in that he helped stock the lake with walleye several times. He also worked at the Cedar Lake Conservation Club beer booth at the county fair at Howard Lake. I can still remember going to C.L.C.C. meetings with Dad, sometimes at Judy Martin's place and also at Camp Courage.

My wife and I try to attend the annual meeting. Our daughter and her husband and family (Brenda & Dave Stepp) and one of our sons and wife and family (Brian & Heidi Anderson) are all actively enjoying Cedar Lake. We are located at 9019, 9020 and 9051 Ingram Ave. N. W. (the N.E. corner of the lake).

Thanks to everyone who works so hard to keep Cedar Lake the "Great" place that it is!

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Note from your editor: Your mom and dad far right. (Dad behind your mom). My mother is kneeling with glasses on. She'll be 94 on June 18th. Back row 3rd from left - Bob Kohonen first CLCC president and owned Crescent Ridge resort. Next row down (not directly in front of Bob but the next one to the right) is Sy Kohonen, Bob's wife. Back row next to man at far right is Joe Breu who bought Joe Lankinen's resort, on the east side near the sandbar, and turned it into private cabins. The blond haired lady, standing just behind my mother, is Ethyl "Swannie" Swanberg who just passed away this past year at 94 or 95. Her cabin was on the east side a little north of the sandbar. They were on the lake since the late 40s or early 50s.

### A History of the Lake....

A history of Cedar Lake, as remembered by Arlene Gonnella (1937 to present) will appear in the summer or fall/winter edition of this newsletter.

We also would like to hear about YOUR history on Cedar Lake and what spending time on Cedar Lake has meant to you. Please send YOUR story to the editor.

## We Hope Our Loons Never Get Threatened Like This

### **Personal Watercraft Threaten Loons**

by Joanne Williams and Bob Bowlus,

*This is a story from Michigan but I'm sure our loons could also be threatened before long.*

The loons need your help. New pressures are being placed on loons and their nesting and chick rearing activities. The problem stems from personal watercraft (PWC), the new toys for the lakes.

#### **Background**

Many of our lakes are patrolled by Loon Rangers, a volunteer group of lake residents who spend their time, and sometimes their own money, to help protect loons and loon habitat. They make nesting rafts and place them next to buoys to alert boaters that there are loons nesting in the area. Rangers also prepare an activity report at the end of summer. The report lists new loon arrivals, notes when they fledged, and includes the date upon which they left the lake for the winter migration. Rangers also report threats to the loon. Aside from natural predators, these new threats now include PWC.

In 1986, there was only one report in Michigan of a problem with PWC. The Loon Ranger commented that there was heavy use of boats and PWC. This occurred in the lower half of the state. There were no other reported incidents until 1989. Rangers from two lakes then reported that PWCs could be a problem.

In 1990, two lakes again reported that PWC were a threat to loons, and the problem escalated. Rangers commented that the loons were able to tolerate boats and skiers, but were disturbed by PWC. A Loon Ranger from a lake in Otsego County reported that, "After 22 years of successful loon nesting, PWC arrived on the lake. In July, two young men on PWC literally terrorized the loons out of existence. After several hours of (continuous) harassment of the adults and babies, the skiers finally drove the adult loons from the lake. The recently hatched chicks sought shelter in the marsh; they were never seen again"

#### **Increased Pressure**

The problem accelerated in 1991 as the rangers from fifteen lakes reported problems. By contrast, reports for 1992 indicated only six lakes had problems. However, the incidents were more troubling. Two pair of loons left a lake in Alger County during PWC activity; one pair returned but no eggs were seen. The Grand Travers County report noted: "Because of loud and constant noise, the loons did not come out as often as they had. They are more timid than they were."

The 1993 ranger report listed 18 lakes; in 1994, there were 22; in 1995, 33 lakes, in 1996, 32 incidents. Rangers from 37 lakes reported problems in 1997. The report for 1999 indicated there were 33 incidents.

The rangers listed their concerns about perceived threats to loons and loon habitat from PWC and boats. Of these, 15 were PWC alone, six were boats alone, and eleven of both PWC and boats on the lake. Two reports

described watercraft entering nesting areas. On one lake, PWC entered the nesting bay. Another incident was PWC and boats entering the information buoy area (these buoys warn to avoid the area because loons are nesting nearby). Other problems noted were: lake small for PWC; running 5 abreast through narrow channel where nesting site was located; nests swamped and abandoned because of excessive PWC activity; wave action from PWC threatened nest; and nest threatened by wake from boats running too close.

There were three incidents of loons hit by boats. Four loons were hit, three of them were killed. They were:

A boat hit and killed one loon chick.

One adult loon killed by a speedboat.

Speeding boaters ran over loon with chicks on back, one chick was killed.

You can help

How can I help, you ask? Call the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to report any problems of loon harassment. This is the Report all Poaching (RAP) 24-hour a day phone number: 1-800-292-7800. The report is entered into the MDNR computer and assigned to a Conservation Officer to investigate. When they ask for your name and how they can reach you, please give it to them. After they investigate the problem, they will personally give you a follow-up report on what they found and what action they have taken to correct it.

The Michigan Loon Preservation Association Board of Directors encourages the formation of lake associations. That is the only way that people can have legal recourse to make recommendations for what activities they want on their lakes, and to be able to approach their township to be heard.

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## WANTED AND FOR SALE

Your editor is still looking for an aluminum boat lift, with cover, for a light 16' aluminum boat and I have a 14' aluminum Lund fishing boat for sale.

Please contact Kale at: 763/560-7473

cellphone 612/749-0307

email: katewdanberg@ao.l.com

PS—Maybe a trade could be worked out??

## SWEATSHIRTS

The new Cedar Lake sweatshirts would make a wonderful gift. We still have a good supply of them. The shirts have Cedar Lake and a bass jumping out of the lake done in thread on the left side. They are available in adult sizes L, XL and XXL in yellow, forest green and navy blue. Call the Badgers at 320-274-5823.

## SORRY ABOUT THAT

I've been on the computer for 20 years and I still can't understand why some things happen. In the last issue on page 5 the heading was CEDAR LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB MEETING MINUTES and conservation was much smaller than the rest of the words. Why?? And why didn't we catch it when we edited the newsletter? I suspect we only proof read the articles and not the headings. Anyway sorry about that.

On a more serious note Jim Martin, who tied for the number one spot in size of bullheads, 1 Lb. 8 oz., got dropped totally off the sheet. I know how that happened. When JoAnn edited it she said "under Sunfish you have tie after the two winners. Why don't you have tie after the two bullhead winners? I added the two tie words but in the process, somehow, created a double space between the sunfish winner and bullhead and Jim just disappeared from the sheet. And our problem after we correct errors we tend not to re-proof read it again. So what happened Jim got dropped. Sorry about that Jim.

## Do You Have Anything to Sell?

Members! Do you have anything you'd like to sell or that you'd like to buy? If you do please contact your editor with a description of the item. Maybe that item you're going to give up is needed by someone else?

### For those who fight on distant shore

For those who fight on distant shore,  
Who give without a word;  
Defending us with honor,  
So gallantly they serve.

For every boy who leaves his home,  
Returning here a man;  
And every woman who made a choice,  
To make serving part of her plan.

For every fallen soldier,  
Who gave all they could give;  
To guarantee our liberty,  
And the freedom that we live.

Each one who served with honor,  
The brave, the tried, the true;  
America gives it thanks today,  
For we see a hero in you.

## The "Signs" of Spring

*This poem has been written by Robert Beskar (Always Faithful's poet laureate) exclusively for residents of Cedar Lake, Annandale/Maple Lake, MN*

As winter fades to strong March winds,  
we say goodbye to snow...  
And welcome back the gentle rains,  
which help all things to grow.

The days begin to lengthen,  
as the sun heads back our way...  
And the ground brings forth new flowers,  
which will brighten up our day.

The trees that were so dormant...  
are filled with budding green...  
And many birds that summer here...  
are starting to be seen.

The squirrels seem so frisky,  
as they dig and search for food...  
And even rabbits now display,  
a somewhat different mood.

The lake seems fresh and clean,  
as the ducks and geese fly by...  
which is a sign for many folks,  
it's time to watch the sky.

For soon they'll see or hear,  
the loons who left last fall...  
calling out to everyone,  
they love spring most of all!

By, Robert Beskar 5-14-2004

## BUTTONS

Cedar Lake—Annandale/Maple Lake, MN LOON buttons will be available at the Spring Fling for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. These are also available by mail for \$2.50 each, \$4.00 for two or four for \$6.00 which includes shipping and packaging. Send orders to Kale Danberg at address to the right. Checks should be made out to Kale Danberg.

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# FOXWORTHY ON MINNESOTA AND CLCC OFFICERS

## Jeff Foxworthy on Minnesota

If you consider it a sport to gather your food by drilling through 18 inches of ice and sitting there all day hoping that the food will swim by, you might live in Minnesota.

If you're proud that your state makes the national news 96 nights each year because International Falls is the coldest spot in the nation, you might live in Minnesota.

If you have ever refused to buy something because it's "too spendy", you might live in Minnesota.

If your local Dairy Queen is closed from November through March, you might live in Minnesota.

If you instinctively walk like a penguin for five months out of the year, you might live in Minnesota.

If someone in a store offers you assistance, and they don't work there, you might live in Minnesota.

If your dad's suntan stops at a line curving around the middle of his forehead, you might live in Minnesota.

If you may not have actually eaten it, but you have heard of Lutfisk, you might live in Minnesota.

If you have worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you might live in Minnesota.

If your town has an equal number of bars and churches, you might live in Minnesota.

If you have had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number, you might live in Minnesota.

If you know how to say Wayzata, Mahtomedi, Edina and Shakopee, you might live in Minnesota.

If you think that ketchup is a little too spicy, you might live in Minnesota.

If every time you see moonlight on a lake, you think of a dancing bear, and you sing gently, "From the land of sky-blue waters, ...you might live in Minnesota.

## YOU KNOW YOU ARE A TRUE MINNESOTAN WHEN:

1. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor on the highway.

2. You measure distance in hours.
3. You know several people who have hit deer more than once.
4. You often switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again.
5. Your whole family wears Viking purple to church on Sunday.
6. You can drive 65 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard, without flinching.
7. You install security lights on your house and garage and leave both unlocked.
8. You think of the major food groups as beer, fish, and venison.
9. You carry jumper cables in your car and your girlfriend knows how to use them.
10. There are 7 empty cars running in the parking lot at Mill's Fleet Farm at any given time.
11. You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
12. Driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow.
13. You know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction.
14. You can identify a southern or eastern accent.
15. You have no problem pronouncing Wayzata.
16. You consider Minneapolis exotic.
17. You know how to polka.
18. Down South to you means Iowa.
19. A brat is something you eat.
20. You go out to fish fry every Friday.
21. Your 4th of July picnic was moved indoors due to frost.
22. You have more miles on your snow blower than your car.
23. You find 0 degrees "a little chilly."
24. You actually understand these jokes, and you send them to all your Minnesota friends.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. - *Harry Falk*

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.

- *Franklin P. Jones*

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went. - *Will Rogers*

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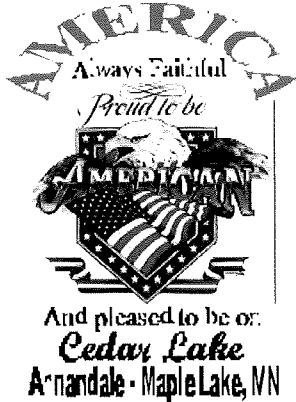
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## DUES ARE DUE BY JUNE 1st - Please!

Annual Membership dues for our Cedar Lake Conservation Club are now due (by June 1st please). The dues are \$15.00 per family of which \$8.00 goes into the General Fund and \$7.00 into a special fund to help finance controlling milfoil growth should we be so unfortunate to have it spread to our lake. The Milfoil fund is set up in a special account for Cedar Lake use only.

If you are not presently a member of the Conservation Club, please take

this opportunity to join because your support and input is needed. If you're aware of others who are not members please encourage them to join also.

It's so easy to put things off and then forget completely. Please take a minute right now to send in your check. And remember, you need to be a paid-up member to qualify for the annual fishing contest.

Thanks - very much for your support.

### ***BRING YOUR CHECK TO THE SPRING FLING***

Rather than having to mail your dues (and spending a \$0.37 stamp) you can bring your \$15.00 check along to the spring fling and give it to our treasurer, Bill Pallies.

Thanks. We appreciate your support of keeping your lake clean.

Thank you. *Kale*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this an address change? \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check out to **Cedar Lake Conservation Club** and mail to: CLCC, P.O. Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302