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Letter from your President

Hello Cedar Lake Residents,

We have reached the end of another beautiful summer on Cedar Lake. I would first like to thank Bill Westhoff for steering the CLCC through a tough year. His level headed leadership will be a tough act to follow. Although we have come out of some controversial times, the CLCC made much progress and stayed true to its mission.

I am honored to be the President of this successful club. This year we are looking forward to growing as a community and to continue the work of protecting our lake. The CLCC is planning some exciting changes for this coming season. First, we have added a 4th Cedar Lake News. Many believe there is too much time between issues. The cost is minimal, and the CLCC wants to continue to improve communication. Next, please mark your calendars for the next Annual Meeting/ Dinner on August 23, 2008. Many see the Annual Dinner as the end of the summer and want to push it back a couple of weeks. The Spring Fling/Potluck weekend will remain the same. We are working on a new and improved directory. It will be a hard cover, will be easier to read and have a bigger more accurate map. The CLCC will showcase a lake home for environmental impact. The idea is to promote buffers and rain gardens. The 07' pick will be in the next Cedar Lake News. We will make changes to the fishing contest. First, let us all thank Ella Geardink for her years of weighing the fish and to her service on the lake. The weigh-in location will be changed this year. Also, we will end the contest prior to the Annual Meeting so we can award current year prizes at the dinner. More specifics are forthcoming. We are adding a curley leaf pond weed inspection in late June or early July. Although we had to cancel the Visioning Session

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Our Loon w/baby

Cedar Lake Visioning Session II

Please mark your 2008 calendars for June 14th.

We are going to attempt again to have a Visioning Session for lake residents to get together and talk about our lake and set 3 or 4 goals for the next five years. We cancelled the Visioning Session scheduled for August because only 17 people had signed up. We are hoping that we just chose a bad time for the session and that people really do believe that we need some long range goals and plans to preserve and maintain the precious resource we all enjoy.

As background, the idea for the session came from some training that was offered by the Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership funded by the Initiative Foundation. Five lake residents attended 2 Friday night training sessions in March and earned \$400 for the Cedar Lake Conservation Club by doing so. An additional \$400 will be earned when we conduct the Visioning Session and \$1600 more will be earned when we take the work from the Visioning Session and build a Lake Management Plan and begin to implement the first action item. The Initiative Foundation will continue to work with us to secure additional funding for worthy projects we identify in our plan.

This activity has nothing to do with the Clearwater River Watershed District and Project 6-01. This is our chance to set our own goals and implement our own plans.

We have set June 14, 2008 for the Visioning Session. There will be a breakfast provided from 8:00 to 9:00 which will give everyone a chance to re-

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CLCC DUES

Are your dues paid?
Do you support the Association that is working at protecting the water quality of your lake?
Please be sure your dues are up to date. The dues year runs from June 1st to May 31st. Thank you!

Latest News Reports

Lake Coalition Moving Ahead

In the last newsletter we reported on an initiative by several Lake Associations to band together with the idea of having a stronger voice when issues surface that affect our lakes and for sharing information. COLAs (coalition of lake associations) and LARAs (lakes and river associations) exist in many counties in the state but not in Wright County. The core group of lakes involved are Cedar, Sugar, Clearwater, Sylvia, John, Francis and Pleasant. The group is calling itself the Heart of the Lakes COLA. These lakes mirror the area the County identifies as the Northwest Quadrant.

The coalition has adopted bylaws and has formalized a purpose statement and we hope to elect officers at the November meeting.

The coalition has met with the Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District (Wright SWCD) which is funded by the County and we have received their commitment to help us. Wright SWCD has identified COLAs as being important to their successful implementation of their new Water Management Plan. Their desire is for a single County-wide COLA to work with. The Heart of the Lakes group has not had the discussion of expanding their focus wider than the Northwest Quadrant.

The Wright SWCD Water Management Plan I just mentioned and the *Alternate Shoreland Standards recently developed as a part of the Clean Water Initiative are things to become knowledgeable of because there are proposed standards and regulations that are much stricter than what exist at present. The debates over new standards will likely be lively. The standards will impact all of us as lake property owners. One of the purposes of the Heart of the Lakes COLA is to educate so you can expect to hear more about the new standards being proposed as the coalition becomes more functional.*

Building a coalition into an effective organization that can represent all of us is hard work. It takes good people with a passion and commitment to our lakes. We have a small group of such people at present but the number of people involved must grow or the effort will not succeed. You have an opportunity to be involved in something that can make a difference. If you are willing to be involved, please contact Dave Wagner at 320-274-1164 or email dwagner@lakedalelink.net.

To keep up with the latest Cedar Lake News please be sure to check out the website periodically.
cedarlakeecc.org

Cedar Lake News Available Online

Did you know that the Cedar Lake News is available online in pdf format? If you're interested go to the website cedarlakeecc.org and the latest issue will be available there.

Clearwater River Watershed District Project 06-01 Update

In an effort to keep the CLCC members informed, we will be posting simple updates of the 06-01 project in the newsletter.

In September, I interviewed Merle Anderson with the intent to pass along some basic information to the CLCC.

Expectation: One foot of water clarity improvement in 10 years.

Results to date: At least 10,000 lbs. carp isolated and suffocated by fish barrier installation. Additional fish barrier will be installed at the outlet of Henshaw Lake.

Additional 2007 Activities: Substantial agricultural buffer payments will be expended in November and December. Rough fish removal expenditures are expected in late 2007 or early 2008. Sediment basin installation expected in late 2007.

Additional activities considered: Limestone rock structures in stream. "Limestone is a natural, low cost way to remove a small percentage of phosphorus."

Carter Diers

County Road 6 Improvement Project

County Road 6 from Hwy. 24 to Hwy. 55 is slated to be improved in 2009. Wright County has recently started the planning phase of the project and the CLCC has been invited to the planning sessions to start on Monday November 26, 2007. The plan is to widen the shoulders and ditches. They will add at least one turn lane (80th). The challenges are, of course, where the road passes by Cedar Lake and the landing. The CLCC will work to include our interest in the planning of this project. Please call with any questions or concerns. (320) 274-6564.

Carter Diers

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Unique and Useful Tips!

Reheat Pizza Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove. Set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. This was on the cooking channel and it really works.

Easy Deviled Eggs Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up.

Reheating refrigerated bread To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

Newspaper weeds away Start putting in your plants; work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

Broken Glass Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little broken glass pieces of glass- the fibers catch ones you can't see!

No More Mosquitoes Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

Squirrel Away! To keep squirrels from eating your plants sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

Flexible vacuum To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Measuring Cups Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring

cup, fill it with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry the cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

Foggy Windshield? Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

Conditioner Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's a lot cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair...

Goodbye Fruit Flies To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass fill it 1/2' with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dishwashing liquid, mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Get Rid of Ants Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' and can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

Take baby powder to the beach Keep a small bottle of baby powder in your beach bag. When you're ready to leave the beach sprinkle yourself and kids with the powder and the sand will slide right off your skin.

VISIONING—continued from page 1 connect with neighbors at the beginning of the season. The actual session will last from 9:00 to 11:00. The session will be held at the Corinna Township Hall. Don Hickman from the Initiative Foundation will facilitate the session.

You will need to RSVP so we can plan for the meal and meeting facilities but you don't need to do that now. More announcements and information will be presented before the meeting. Please mark your calendars now and hold this important time.

PRESIDENT—from page 1

this fall, we are planning to hold it this spring. This is a chance for everyone to be involved in the planning process of our lake. Please take the time to attend this important session.

The nominating committee has done its job again this year in selecting an ambitious board of officers. David Wagner is our new Vice-President, Colleen O'Keefe will remain on as our Secretary, Bill Pallies will fulfill his last year as Treasurer and be working with Bill Arndt to pass along the books. Kale Danberg will continue his work as Cedar Lake News Editor. Mel Dykhuizen will continue to work as Webmaster. Kevin Kolstad will be the Water Quality Chair and Dean Nicholson will head up the fishing contest. Sue Nash will be working to stock and sell the Cedar Lake apparel and keep us on track for events. Doris Shaffer will be working hard to make sure we don't lose sight of our very important social time and put a special touch on our events. Bill Westhoff has agreed to help guide me as the new President of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club.

Carter Diers, CLCC President

Committee Members Needed

We need your help and ideas. Please serve on a committee this year. If you are interested in helping with any of the following committees, please call:

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Docks: A growing problem

Supersized docks are running into opposition on Minnesota lakes, and the DNR is taking a new look at its regulations.

By Tom Meersman, Star Tribune

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Like mushrooms sprouting after a rain, supersized docks are increasingly jutting out from Minnesota lakeshores.

As cabin and lake-home owners spread out on the water -- with grills, picnic tables and even hot tubs -- the controversy spreads between big-dock lovers and the neighbors who hate them. Now the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources finds itself in troubled waters as it considers whether to relax state limits on dock sizes.

"Docks historically have been for getting access to deeper water, but a lot of people are just extending their back yards out over the lake," said Tom Hovey, public waters hydrologist for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

State rules allow docks to be no wider than 8 feet in any direction, but so many docks exceed that size that the DNR issued a temporary amnesty this year for hundreds of illegal, oversized platforms. The agency did not want to assume the role of dock police, officials said.

This fall the DNR is reassessing those rules and may relax them for 2008. But it won't be pretty.

The debate at five public meetings last summer and in dozens of written comments has pitted those who say their rights as taxpayers should allow them to have wider docks for safety and enjoyment against those who contend that huge docks encroach on public waters and destroy aquatic vegetation and fish habitat.

Hovey said the trend of oversized docks is strong in the Brainerd lakes area and on Lake Minnetonka. Some lakeshore owners have built platforms 24 feet wide or larger and use them for parties, furniture and even hot tubs, he said.

No one knows how many oversized docks were on lakes in 2007, Hovey said, but a recent citizens' survey of two lakes just north of Brainerd showed that about 10 percent of the docks were larger than the DNR allows.

'A beautiful place to relax'

Russell Larson lives on Big Sandy Lake in Aitkin County, where he enjoys a dock with an 8-foot-by-24-foot sundeck on the end.

"As far as entertaining on the dock, it's a quiet, beautiful place to relax, and absolutely you should be able to do that," he said.

Larson works for a dock manufacturer, but he said his opinions are those of a year-round lakeshore owner. His opinion: The DNR should be focusing on the more serious problems of invasive weeds and excessive phosphorus in state waters, not on the size of docks.

"They have some personal agendas as to what they

see as ideal, canoeing down the lake and not seeing any homes or any docks and seeing nature," Larson said, referring to state officials. "That's what we have the Boundary Waters [Canoe Area Wilderness] for."

Others build large docks for greater safety for grandchildren or grandparents, or to accommodate larger boats, personal watercraft and boat lifts, or because they have steeply sloping land or no beaches.

However, some of their neighbors say docks should never be used as decks, second lawns or patios. Sprawling docks and platforms spoil views, clutter shorelines, shade important fish habitat and infringe on publicly owned waters, they say.

"I have young children, and I know exactly the difference between a need and a want," said Ann Long Voelkner of Bemidji, who owns lakeshore property on three lakes. "People do not need large docks, although they may want them. If people want to party, let them build a deck on their land, not on our lakes."

Dock sizes need to be restricted, not relaxed, Voelkner said, especially since the number of docks is increasing with the sales and subdivision of lakeshore property. The problem will worsen, she predicted, as tiered developments are built just behind lakeshore lots with access to lakes.

No need for 'massive docks'

Larry Wannebo of Manhattan Beach, in northern Minnesota, said the purpose of a dock is to provide access to a boat.

"Having a dock is a privilege, and people need to understand that it may come with some restrictions and some responsibility,"

"Having a dock is a privilege, and people need to understand that it may come with some restrictions and some responsibility," he said.

Humans have already destroyed enough aquatic vegetation and disturbed too many shallow areas, said Wannebo, without further "abusing the shoreline with outlandish intrusions into the water with massive dock systems at which to park their toys."

Large docks actually may be better for the environment in some cases, said Gary Johnson, marketing manager for ShoreMaster Inc., a dock-manufacturing company in Fergus Falls. Otherwise, he said, owners with marginal beaches might cut down trees, level slopes or make other permanent landscape changes to enjoy the waterfront.

By contrast, said Johnson, docks are temporary structures used for only three or four months that do little if any harm to the lakeshore.

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aggravatingly slow, who helped liberate a Nazi death camp.

A vet is an ordinary and extraordinary human being --- someone who offered his life's vital years in the service of his country.

He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known. We will never be able to repay the debt of gratitude we owe.

~Author Unknown~

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It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin does the flag drape,

Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

~"Veterans Day" by Father Denis
Edward O'Brien, USMC~ WWII
Veteran

FROM YOUR EDITOR!

Five years after my dad returned home from a year in hospitals from wounds suffered in France during WWII, I, an only child, entered the United States Marine Corps at age 17 and later fought in Korea. There were friends who never came home.

This past summer I had the honor of emceeding the "Celebration of Life" of Charles Lindberg, the last of the flag raisers, who raised "Old Glory" on Iwo Jima during WWII, following his interment in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. It was an honor I'll never forget and I'm proud to have also emceed for other heroes and am honored to have been allowed to write some of their stories.
Sincerely, *Kale*