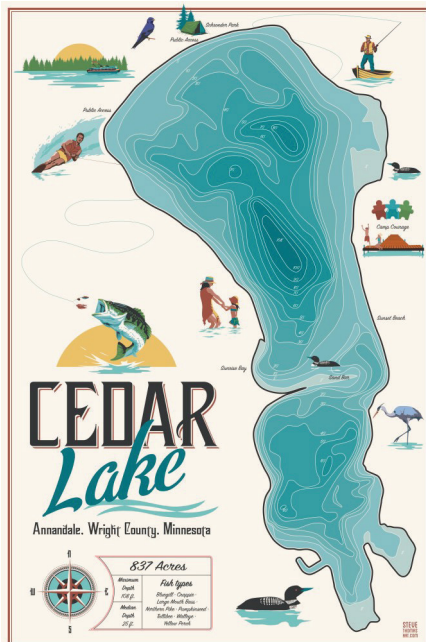




Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake — Annandale, MN

Fall 2026



Welcome to Our New and Returning CLCC Board Members



Top Row, standing left to right: Kathy Fisher, Holly Linn, Chris Nelson, Liz Baird, Joe Clemence, Bren Stepp, Karl Leslie, Julie Grimme, Bruce Emerson, Luann Schutte

Seated in Front Row, left to right: Bill Westhoff, Gary Miron, Sue Wolf, Paul Badger

Make Your Year-End Gift Count:

Support Our Visionary Funds Before December 31

A donation to CLCC is more than a financial contribution—it is an investment in our Water Quality projects, Walleye Stocking efforts, Memorial Gifting and lake community events. Your support helps our club provide value throughout the year.

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Give Before December 31

CLCC is a 501(C) (3) tax exempt organization. Dues and donations are tax deductible. If our club has made a difference in your life, your family, or the community, please consider making a year-end donation. Every gift helps us continue our mission, strengthen our programs, and enhance our lake life on Cedar. More than 70 members have made generous contributions – Thank You - you are helping to make a difference on Cedar Lake!



Julie Grimme –
President Elect, pictured here with her husband Mark.

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club (CLCC) is pleased to welcome four new members to the Board of Directors and introduce Julie Grimme as President Elect. Each brings a unique background, valuable experience, and a strong commitment to the Cedar Lake community. We are excited to have them join the Board and look forward to the contributions they will make in support of our mission.

Julie retired in 2024 and brings executive leadership, financial and business experience. She and Mark have been part of the Cedar Lake community since 2005 when they purchased and built their home on Isaac Ave. Julie has served CLCC in various roles and on several committees over the years, including multiple terms as a Director, two years as Secretary and most recently taking the lead in pulling our newsletter together each spring and fall. She is currently serving as

a Director and will transition to President Elect. Julie will move into the role of CLCC President in September 2027. We are excited that Julie has offered to serve in this role and look forward to her continued contributions to our Cedar Lake community.

Paul has been part of the Cedar Lake community since 1972. He and his wife, Jeannie, built their own home on Cedar Lake in 2007. Paul brings extensive business and financial experience, as well as a strong history of community involvement. He served for six years on the Junior Achievement Board and currently serves on the CLCC Water Quality Committee. We look forward to Paul's continued involvement and leadership on issues important to the health of Cedar Lake.



Paul Badger – Director

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Walleye Stocking



Submitted by: Paul Schutte

CLCC will be stocking Walleye Fingerlings into Cedar Lake around the last week in October. West Central Bait and Fisheries in New London/Spicer, will be our supplier again this year. We continue to work with the DNR to stock every off year of their stocking.

Our next stocking is planned for the Fall of 2028. You still have a small window of

time to donate for this fall's effort. If you are interested, we request you go to our website and make your tax-deductible donation now. The stocking fund is currently around \$8,000 which equals approximately 8,000 Fingerlings.

We thank all of you for your past and future donations to help keep Cedar Lake one of the top fishing lakes in the area.

Welcome to Our New and Returning CLCC Board Members (Continued from page 1)



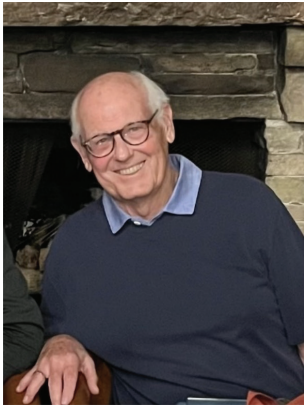
Vicki Haugen – Director,
pictured here with her
husband Keith

Vicki and her husband, Keith, are among our newest Cedar Lake residents, purchasing their lake home in 2025. Vicki brings a strong finance background, including experience in international banking, along with service on multiple client boards. She has also volunteered as Treasurer for her church. Vicki has already been lending her expertise to the CLCC, assisting Treasurer Liz Baird with banking, mail, and deposits. We are excited to officially welcome Vicki to the Board and benefit from her financial expertise and enthusiasm for our lake community.



Gary Miron - Director

Gary and his wife Kathy have been part of the Cedar Lake community since 2000. Both Gary and Kathy have served on the CLCC Board in the past. Chances are if you have attended the CLCC Picnic and purchased raffle tickets in the past, it is very likely Kathy or Gary sold you your tickets! Gary has a strong marketing background, thoughtful perspective, and 25 years of experience with Cedar Lake. His knowledge of our lake community and his ability to bring fresh ideas and insight will be a valuable addition to the Board.



Bill Westhoff – Director

Bill and his wife, Ruth, have been part of the Cedar Lake community since 1977. Bill has previously served as President of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club and brings extensive business and financial experience to the Board. Bill is currently serving on the Water Quality Committee, where his experience and knowledge will be an asset as we continue our efforts to protect and improve Cedar Lake.



**Please join us in welcoming
Julie, Paul, Vicki, Gary, and
Bill to the CLCC Board.**

We are grateful for their willingness to volunteer their time, experience, and talents to help protect and preserve Cedar Lake for generations to come.

**Cedar Lake
Conservation Club**



Mark Your Calendars!

2027 Board Meeting Schedule

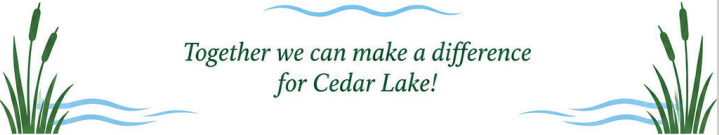
All Board Meetings are held at:

 **Corinna Township Hall**
9801 Ireland Ave NW, Annandale, MN

Saturday, April 17	@ 9:00 AM
Saturday, June 12	@ 9:00 AM
Saturday, September 11	@ 9:00 AM
Saturday, November 13	@ 9:00 AM

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Together we can make a difference
for Cedar Lake!*



Water Quality

Provided by Paul Badger and Glenn Baird

Curley Leaf Pondweed – CLP

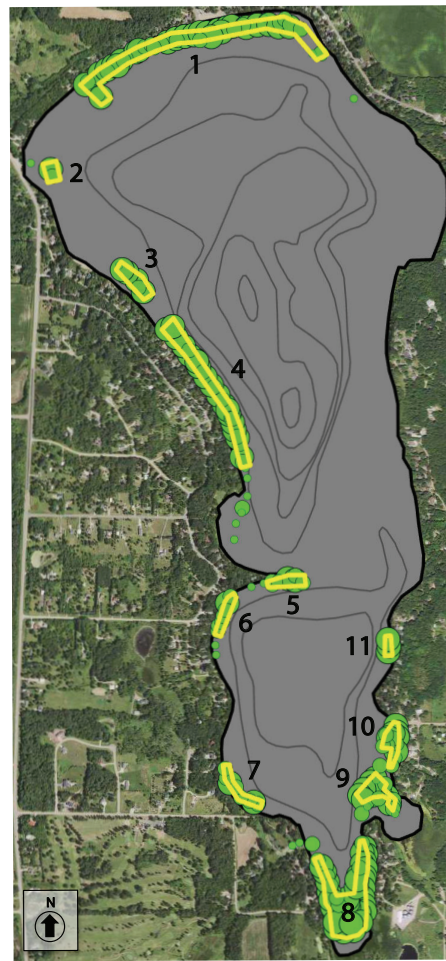
Cedar experienced unexpected and exceptionally large growth of CLP this year. CLCC has not treated CLP for 2 yrs due to low grow levels (not economically feasible to treat). Discussions with the DNR reported that many lakes in the state have had similar unexplained outbreaks. Why? A myriad of reasons: late ice in, mild winter, lack of snow, and early ice out to name a few, in other words, optimal growing conditions.

The highlighted areas on the map identify problem areas from June. The water quality committee will prioritize the needed treatment areas and associated costs for 2027. We plan to survey again spring of 2027 and treat accordingly.

Bruce Emerson is coordinating mapping and treatment of CLP by our treatment contractor PLM.

John Cornelious – Cedar AIS Financial Rep will be coordinating grant applications for 2027. Treatment costs can be reduced by grant funds by the DNR and WSWCD.

2026 Delineation of Curlyleaf Pondweed (late-spring) Cedar Lake (#86-0227)



Curlyleaf Pondweed

Proposed Plots

CLP Density

- 1
- 2
- 3

Plot	Area (acres)	Mean Depth (ft)	Mean CLP Density (1-3)
1	13.1	4.7	2.5
2	1.1	4.4	2.5
3	2.2	3.6	2.5
4	7.1	5.0	2.7
5	1.5	5.8	2.3
6	1.4	4.1	2.1
7	1.7	4.3	2.3
8	9.4	4.2	2.8
9	2.4	4.5	2.6
10	1.8	4.3	2.5
11	0.5	4.2	3.0

Total 42.2 acres

Surveyed: June 4, 2026

Methods: Visual, Sonar, Rake

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Important Update to the P-06 Water Quality Project and Upcoming Improvement Assessment

Twenty years ago, the health of Cedar Lake faced severe threats from rising phosphorus levels and an unbalanced ecosystem. Recognizing the urgency, the Cedar Lake Conservation Club (CLCC) formally petitioned the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) in 2006, to develop and implement measures designed to reduce phosphorus loading and control the destructive carp population in our waters. Following several years of rigorous water monitoring, historical data analysis, and extensive input from affected property owners, the Cedar, Albion, Swartout, Henshaw Project #06-1 (CASH P#06-1) was officially created.

For nearly two decades, this collaborative framework has served as the backbone of our lake's preservation strategy. However, infrastructure requires renewal to remain effective. The CRWD has recently determined that the P-06 project,

the vital water quality management system filtering the water flowing into Cedar Lake from Swartout Lake, has reached the end of its useful life and is now in need of significant maintenance and upgrades. To secure the next generation of water clarity, the CRWD has approved a plan to upgrade the system using 500 lineal ft. of Gabion baskets, placed end to end, to capture and filter water flowing through Segner Pond then into Cedar. The baskets will consist of multiple open mesh galvanized steel cages with Iron Enhanced Sand Filter inside surrounded with new and higher capacity filtration limestones. This upgrade will stabilize the channel and maximize filtration efficiency. Additionally, this critical push will finance essential long-term maintenance work for Segner Pond and fund ongoing carp seining efforts on Swartout Lake, directly continuing the core mission established by our original 2006 petition.

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CedarFest Picnic 2026

Celebrating Traditions & Creating New Favorites



A great afternoon at The Boathouse at 'Tween Lakes

Good food, laughter, friendly competition and a wonderful sense of community.

CedarFest Picnic 2026 brought together some of our favorite traditions along with several fun new additions - and what a great afternoon it was! With **168 guests** joining us at **The Boathouse at 'Tween Lakes**, the day was filled with good food, laughter, friendly competition and, most importantly, a wonderful sense of community.



A big thank you to Bob and Char Shadduck for donating this amazing facility for our gathering again this year.



The Team Behind The Day

Pictured left to right are Sue Wolf, Holly Linn, Chris Nelson, Liz Baird, Luann Shutte, Cathi Gabriel, Jen Hennen and Kathy Fisher; Greg Duppler also served on the committee. Thank you to every volunteer who helped make the day possible.

While CedarFest had several exciting new additions this year, we also kept the traditions that make the picnic so special - sharing a meal together, enjoying our annual General Raffle, spending time with neighbors and friends, and celebrating the wonderful sense of community that brings Cedar Lake together year after year.



Something New on the Menu

One of the biggest changes this year was welcoming **Just North of Memphis BBQ**. Their food was a huge hit, and they did an amazing job serving our Cedar Lake crowd. And to top it all off, **Sweet Escape** ice cream brought a little extra sweetness to the day and was enjoyed by guests of all ages. We also offered beer and wine for the first time, another new addition that was very well received. And a big hit, a wine wall raffle, which sold out way too quickly.

A CedarFest Favorite: The General Raffle

Of course, our **General Raffle** continues to be one of the highlights of CedarFest, and this year was no exception! With a wonderful variety of prizes, beautifully arranged displays and clearly presented descriptions, there was plenty for everyone to browse and get excited about.

In addition to the General Raffle, CedarFest also featured two special raffle favorites. One of this year's big prizes was a **Lily Pad** generously donated by **Anchor Dock & Lift** and **Liz and Glenn Baird**, which was won by **Chris Nelson**.



Another special raffle item was the **beautiful handmade quilt** created by **Patty Glass**. This year's quilt was won by **Greg Duppler**.



A Little Friendly Competition

A new activity that quickly became a favorite was the Longest Putt. With help from Greg Duppler and Julie Grimme, participants of all ages stepped up to give it a try. It was so much fun seeing kids and adults alike joining in, cheering one another on and enjoying the challenge.

Congratulations to our Longest Putt winners:



Dylan Fraga
for ages 0-7,
Grandson of
Jayne and Steve
Degroote



Bennett Nelson
for ages 8-14,
grandson of
Chris and Scott
Nelson



Sarah Phillips for
ages 15 and up
(pictured with her
daughters Cara
and Lauren)

Judging by the smiles and the number of people who participated, this is one activity we're already looking forward to bringing back next year.



Max Iskierka



Scott Fisher and his
son Matthew



Jake Iskierka helping
his son Brody

Guests also enjoyed **yard games** throughout the afternoon, giving everyone another chance to relax, play, visit and simply enjoy being together.

CedarFest Faces



Neighbors and friends enjoying an afternoon together.

What CedarFest is Really About

While the activities, food and prizes make CedarFest Picnic fun, the best part continues to be **bringing our Cedar Lake community together**. Seeing neighbors reconnect, meeting new faces and watching so many different generations enjoy the afternoon together is what makes this event so special.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated, helped behind the scenes or simply came ready to have a good time. **CedarFest Picnic 2026 was a wonderful day**, and we're already looking forward to continuing our favorite traditions - and maybe adding a few more new ones - next year!

And speaking of next year, mark your calendars! CedarFest Picnic 2027 will be held Saturday, July 17, from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Boathouse at 'Tween Lakes. We hope to see you there!

Note: Last year’s big discharge by the DNR from Swartout into Cedar negatively impacted water quality. CRWD estimates that the discharge event could take over 3 years to filter through Cedar.

Financing the Upgrade

The cost for these crucial infrastructure upgrades and maintenance efforts is \$250,000. To minimize the financial impact on individual property owners the CLCC board unanimously voted to a “good faith buy down” and to contribute \$50,000 directly from our water quality funds, leaving a balance of \$200,000 to be financed over a 5-year period. The project is expected to start this fall/winter and be functional by spring 2027. The CRWD managers anticipate an immediate reduction in phosphorus and chlorophyll levels which are known to be significant contributors to poor water quality.

There are 343.1 taxable units identified within the project district. These include property owners on Cedar and Swartout lakes as well as nearby properties that will benefit from the project. To ensure a fair distribution of the cost based on impact, Cedar Lake properties are assessed as 1 full unit while Swartout, Albion, Henshaw and nearby lake properties are assessed as partial units because they receive a lesser benefit from the project.

Based on this unit framework, the preliminary estimate of the increase in property taxes for Cedar Lake property owners is ~\$117 annually. Properties designated as partial units will pay a proportionally lower amount based on their specific unit fraction.

The recommended upgrade is to install approximately 500 linear ft. of multiple Gabion baskets, placed end to end, to filter water flowing through Segner then into Cedar. Baskets consist of multiple open mesh galvanized steel cages with Iron Enhanced Sand Filters inside and then encased with new and higher capacity filtration limestones.

Fall clean up of Purple Martin Houses

Provided by Bren Stepp and Paul Schutte

In mid-September, the Fish & Wildlife team (pictured here are Dave Stepp and Paul Shutte) lowered the purple martin nest boxes and cleaned out the occupied boxes.

At the Schroeder Park boat landing, the two towers were at capacity all summer. In contrast, the complex at Camp Courage was only slightly used, perhaps due to a predator hanging around the area when the birds arrived in the spring.

We prepared the houses for winter storage. The exteriors of the nest boxes were sanded and painted. Some of the gourd caps were replaced with new ones.

In the spring, we will bring the nest boxes down and restock with fresh nesting material prior to the bird’s arrival. Cedar Lake residents enjoy watching the purple martin’s aerial acrobatics as they fly high gathering insects to feed their chicks. They have adapted well to living near humans. Purple martins left Cedar Lake in early September and will return in April.



Water Quality Team Members

Top Row, left to right: Karl Leslie, Holly Linn, Bruce Emerson, John Cornelious

Bottom Row: Bill Westhoff, Paul Badger, Glenn Baird

The chart shows the estimated net total of \$200,000 financed over 5yrs with associated cost to each unit holder. Interest expense & fees are not yet calculated.

Classification	Unit of Benefit	Current Annual Assessment *	5 Year Assessment *	Increase*
Cedar Lakeshore	1.00	\$160.30	\$276.89	\$116.58
Cedar First Tier	0.50	\$80.15	\$138.44	\$58.29
Cedar Second and Third Tier	0.25	\$40.08	\$69.22	\$29.15
Cedar Prairie	0.13	\$20.04	\$34.61	\$14.57
Cedar Ag	0.50	\$80.15	\$138.44	\$58.29
Swartout Lakeshore	0.33	\$53.43	\$92.30	\$38.86
Swartout First Tier	0.17	\$26.72	\$46.15	\$19.43
Swartout Second and Third Tier	0.08	\$13.36	\$23.07	\$9.72
Swartout Ag	0.17	\$26.72	\$46.15	\$19.43

* not including interest and fees

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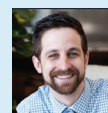
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CEDAR LAKE'S AMERICA 250 BOAT PARADE

What a beautiful Fourth of July on Cedar Lake! With beautiful weather, patriotic spirit, and festive decorations, neighbors and friends gathered once again for one of Cedar Lake's favorite traditions - the annual Fourth of July Boat Parade.

This year's celebration was especially meaningful as we joined communities across the country in celebrating **America's 250th anniversary**. It was wonderful to see both familiar and new faces enjoying this special holiday together.

A special thank you to **Sue Wolf**, President of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club, for serving as this year's parade Judge. We also extend our sincere thanks to **RJ and friends, Steve and Lois Dellwo**, for driving the judging boat, taking photos, and helping make the parade such a success.

Thank you as well to **Glenn and Liz Baird** for leading the boat parade and helping continue this wonderful Cedar Lake tradition.

As part of this year's America 250 celebration, each winning entry received a commemorative **America 250 Betsy Ross flag**, and each winning boat captain received an **America 250 commemorative hat**.

Thank you to everyone who decorated their boats and shorelines, participated in the parade, and helped make this year's celebration another memorable Fourth of July on Cedar Lake!

Treasurer's Report

by **Liz Baird- CLCC Treasurer**

The Board of Directors approves all fund expenditures.

Funds as of September 12, 2026		Examples of how funds are used:
General CLCC	\$66,795.11	Member communication, events, insurance
Water Quality	\$159,185.12 **	Contributions to large water quality projects
Walleye Stocking	\$8,056.36	Every other year walleye stocking
Memorial	\$2,617.12	Special projects as determined by CLCC Board of Directors
TOTAL	\$236,653.71	

** \$50,000 is committed to the PO6 Upgrade Project, \$75,000 is held in reserve for Starry Stonewort response, \$5,000 for Curly-leaf Pondweed treatment and \$10,000 for Lakeshore Restoration.

Congratulations to this year's winners:



Most Patriotic: Thomas and Dianne Kay



Most Enthusiastic: Bruce and Julie Emerson



Most Creative: Don and Holly Linn



Best Shoreline: Scott and Chris Nelson



Honorable Mention: Rick and Michelle Saatzer

Music on the Water 2026

Hits All the Right Notes!



After days of sweltering heat and smoky skies from the wildfires, Saturday, July 18 arrived with picture-perfect weather - just in time for Music on the Water. Blue skies, comfortable temperatures, a gentle breeze, and sunshine created the nicest summer afternoon we had in weeks. It truly felt like Mother Nature was smiling on Cedar Lake.

On Saturday afternoon, the Cedar Lake sandbar came alive as families and friends gathered to enjoy great music, beautiful weather, and each other's company. The sounds of Round 3 carried across the water, creating the perfect soundtrack for an unforgettable day on the lake.

The sandbar was alive with boats of every kind and people enjoying the water. Neighbors caught up with old friends, families made new memories, and people of all ages relaxed, visited, and soaked in the perfect summer afternoon.

A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors, Oak Realty and Dingmann Marine for helping make this Cedar Lake Conservation Club tradition possible. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps keep Music on the Water one of the highlights of the Cedar Lake summer.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make another Music on the Water such a tremendous success. The smiles, laughter, and incredible turnout reminded us once again what a special lake community we have.



However you made your way to the sandbar - by pontoon, fishing boat, jet ski, paddle boat, or raft - thank you for being part of another unforgettable Music on the Water. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Cedar Lake next summer!



Coffee with the Birds

Provided by Bren Stepp and Paul Schutte

On July 11th, campers and Cedar Lake residents flocked to the second annual "Coffee with the Birds" held at Schroeder Park. This free event highlighted the birds in the area focusing on loons, purple martins, and chimney swifts.

Paul Schutte (CLCC's Fish & Wildlife Chair) talked about declining bird populations and what people could do to support the birds. Dick Doll, a purple martin conservationist, explained about purple martin behavior, nesting & feeding habits, and migratory patterns. Samantha (Stepp) Kaner spoke about a growing interest in birders in younger generations. There's an increased use of video feeders and apps that make it fun to learn about local birds.



The CLCC maintains a chimney swift tower and several purple martin houses at Schroeder Park. At the conclusion, everyone had an opportunity to view a purple martin chick from one of the houses.



First Annual Cedar Lake Conservation Club Tournament — Whispering Pines



Thank you to Joe Clemence for taking the lead on this event. It brought in just under \$6,000 for the Cedar Lake Water Quality Fund.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our first annual Cedar Lake Conservation Club Golf fund raising event held at Whispering Pines.



We had 22 teams registered and 17 total sponsors! The weather was perfect and there were many laughs and memories captured throughout the day! Huge thanks to all the generous sponsors for their contributions to our raffle.

Putting Contest



Thanks to the golf tournament committee: Joe Clemence, Liz Baird, Julie Grimme, and Kathy Fisher.



Putting Contest was very fun, with everyone putting at the same time: **Winner:** Glen Schultz

Tournament Results & Highlights



1st Place: Team CLA (Rob and Jen Hennen's family)



2nd Place: Team Spray Foam Insulation Systems, INC (John Matthees)



3rd Place: Team Patrick Splinter



Team: Foam Industries won both the longest putt and drive by mother and daughter Chris Nelson and Julie Beckmann.



CLCC President, Sue Wolf and her team.

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2027 EVENTS

Save the Dates!

JULY

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Fourth of July Boat Parade

2:00 p.m.

JULY

10

Coffee with the Birds

9:00 a.m.

at Schroeder Park

JULY

17

CedarFest Picnic

at The Boathouse

at Tween Lakes

4:00–7:00 p.m.

JULY

31

Music on the Water

1:00–5:00 p.m.

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Golf Event

at Southbrook Golf Course

9:00 a.m.

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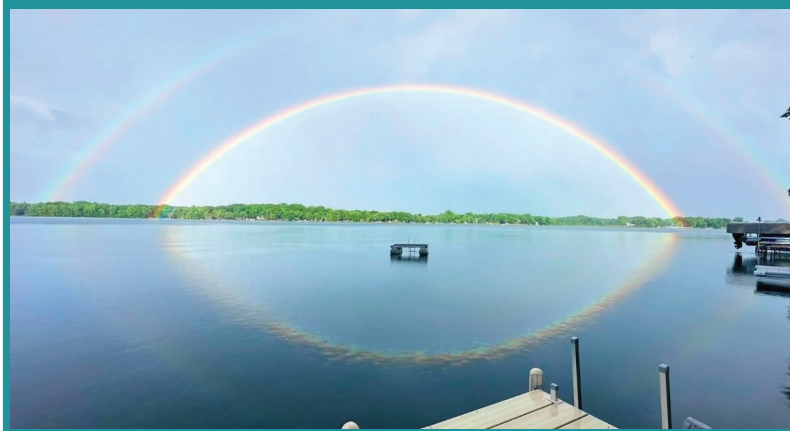
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2026 Photo Contest Winner:

Vicki Haugen

Picture of double rainbow
over Cedar Lake



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Circle desired fund:

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