Lake milfoil funds

To the editor:

I was amazed by Chicaugon Lake Association Vice President Joe Shubat's comment that out-of-town visitors don't mind a launch ramp fee for milfoil in a recent story.

I find it impossible to believe that the Chicaugon Lake Association is unaware that in the rest of the state, milfoil problems are funded by Lake Improvement Boards arranged through county drain offices.

In those areas weed-control projects are funded by assessments on lakefront properties. That's right, 100 percent funded by lakefront properties or those that would derive benefit from the lake having fewer weeds.

In Mason County where I live, there are six different lakes undergoing milfoil treatment and zero ramp fees on those lakes.

What does charge a similar fee to Chicaugon Lake? The city of Ludington charges $10 to access a four-dock Lake Michigan ramp – a ramp that requires tens of thousands of dollars to dredge each spring and similar amounts to process waste from municipal fish grinders.

Chicaugon Lake is not Lake Michigan. The fees at Chicaugon are too high and I certainly mind!

This is nothing more than an effort to privatize public waters. I suggest the DNR cease any stocking or improvement activities and the DEQ cease any monitoring activity until the launch fees are cut in half or revoked completely.

-s- Brian Mulherin
Ludington

Thanks

To the editor:

On behalf of the U.P. Regional Blood Center, I would like to thank Paul Starkweather of Lakeland Baptist Church and Pearl Ross and Pat Kosiba of Crystal Falls United Lutheran Church for hosting successful blood drives in the month of August.

As a result of this effort we collected an outstanding 63 pints of blood.

I would also like to thank the community members who gave the “gift of life.” Blood donated with our center helps to ensure the patients in your area have the blood they need.

Thank you for supporting your community blood center.

-s- Sallie Coron
Coordinator of
Blood Collections
U.P. Regional Blood Center
Marquette

Setting the record straight
To the editor:
Let's set the record straight. To answer Supervisor Pellizzaro on his claim that no one offers any suggestions on dealing with milfoil.
Maybe he should talk to the president of the Chicaugon Lake Association. Three years ago, I gave him not only the certificates of analysis but the safety data sheets on the toxic effects of 2-4-D.
Two years ago, I also gave him the names and brochures of the people that make weed cutters, and my suggestions of using less hazardous weed killers in the hard to reach areas.
What he did with this information I don't know. Maybe you should talk to him.
It should be noted that the U.S. Government, after 50 years, has finally agreed that the chemical (Agent Orange) that contains large amounts of 2-4-D is still doing harm to people and vegetation in Vietnam. The U.S. Government has started to aid in the clean-up of these hazardous chemicals. This is a very small effort. But it is a start.
I, too, expressed my concerns to the Attorney General's office. They tell me that the township has the authority to deal with the riparian rights and access laws.
If you are not satisfied with their help on these issues, they may be subject to court review in civil cases. The Attorney General can help with locating as attorney to provide further options to deal with these issues.
I say, take them to a court of law to decide these concerns. I will support any legal options.
-s- Frank Trummer
Iron River MI
Former Lake Association Member

Two banners
To the editor:
The Iron County veterans presented one of two banners that were displayed on a Michigan National Guard vehicle leading the 2012 Iron River Fourth of July parade.
The other banner was presented to the Michigan National Guard to be displayed at the Iron County Armory.
These banners are to honor all Iraqi War veterans and their families for their sacrifices, and we will do the same when our troops come home victorious from Afghanistan.
-s- Don Wolf
Adjutant Westside
Veterans Council
Iron River

Don't assume
To the editor:
On Sept. 11, 2012, a special meeting (open to the public) was held at Iron River City Hall. Purpose: To question whether a vote, at a previous meeting, should have been abstained by one of the council men.

During said meeting, the mayor made a remark regarding the reason for the attendance of the "three or four" people in the audience. I happened to be one of those "three or four" people at that public meeting. The mayor, in his remarks, made the assumption that he knew my/our reason for being there.

This was not the first meeting I've attended since my resignation in 2008.

As the former mayor, it has been my intention to continue attending meetings and remaining actively involved in the growth and progress of Iron River. My hope is that the "three or four" in attendance (for whatever reason) will grow to many more.

Take advantage of the many freedoms we have; attend public meetings, become acquainted with your City Council, and make sure you vote! See you at the next meeting – third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

-s- Char Soderbloom
Iron River

Window shattered

To the editor:

At 6:30 in the morning on Labor Day, I was just getting up when I heard a muffled explosion.

I checked the water heater in the basement and it was OK. I came upstairs and happened to see a storm window was shattered.

Whoever broke it may have bragged about it by now.

Call the sheriff so they may be given help.

-s- Bob Luoma
Amasa

Our readers comment...

An analogy

In reference to the Chicaugon Lake invasive species situation, I am, in jest, suggesting the following analogy: The "Jefferson Avenue Home Owners Association" will have to put up a toll gate to help pay for the repair of our potholed street. Nelson Field is causing this terrible disturbance. Sorry!!! – Fishbrain.

Second-rate citizens

I am tired of Stambaugh Township and the Chicaugon Lake Association people treating local fishermen as second -rate citizens. We are educated on milfoil, but don't like people taking our rights away or cater to money mongers and railroading. Your out-of-town folks, whom you embrace, are the main reason for your milfoil in the first place. I think a lawsuit is in order to end this controversy – A Concerned Citizen