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# the PELICAN brief

## MEMBER BREAKFAST & ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 3rd with a special breakfast at 9:30 a.m. for members of PLPOA followed by the annual meeting at 10:00 a.m. Please pay your annual dues to participate.

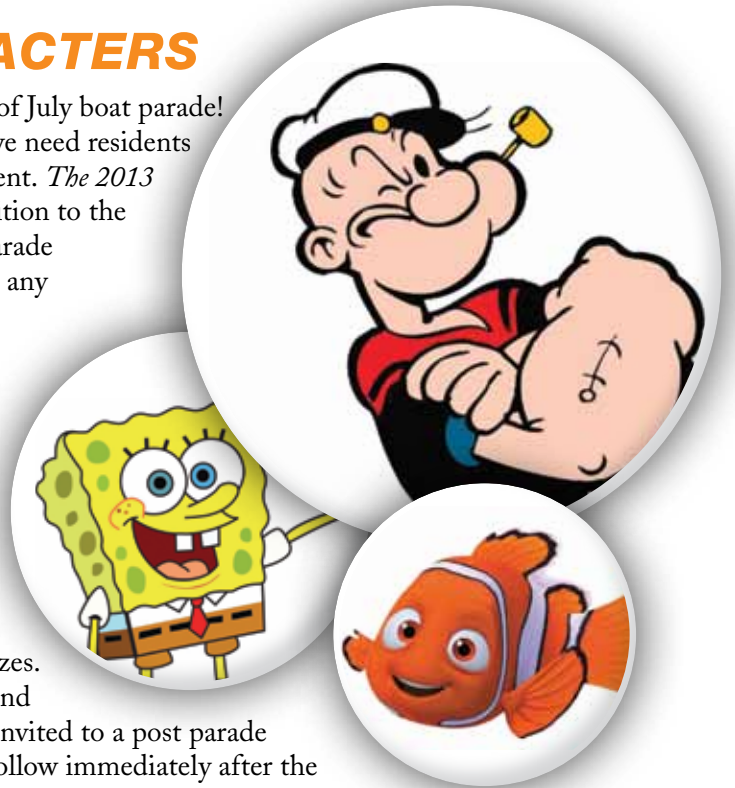
### 4TH OF JULY BOAT PARADE:

## FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTERS

Check your calendars as it's time to start planning for the 4th of July boat parade! This annual parade has a long tradition on Pelican Lake and we need residents to help continue this great tradition by participating in this event. *The 2013 theme is "Favorite Cartoon Character."* So start planning! In addition to the boats/pontoons decorated around the theme selected by the parade committee, we encourage all residents to join in the parade for any length of time. Get your boat/pontoon decorated with flags, balloons, streamers, and add some music. We would like to generate patriotic enthusiasm and fun for all.

Boats competing for the cash prizes will meet at Zorbaz dock at 9:30 am on Thursday, the 4th of July. The parade begins at 10:00 am and will proceed counter clockwise around the lake. The parade will be led by the beautiful classic boats, the registered entries, and followed by all casual participants. Judges will be at different locations around the lake, so all registered boats must make the entire trip to be eligible for prizes. First place will be awarded \$200, second place receives \$150, and third place will receive \$100. All crews of registered boats are invited to a post parade picnic at the Yacht Club presentation of the prizes. Picnic to follow immediately after the end of the parade.

**For questions, please contact the NEW Boat Parade Chairman: Paul Horstmann 614-558-8019. If unavailable, call Jim Prondzinski at 532-2066.**



## SUPPORT YOUR PLPOA FIREWORKS DISPLAY TODAY!!!

We have always had a great fireworks shows in the past and look forward to another great year for 2013. Each year the fireworks costs are provided mostly by your donations. Enclosed with this newsletter is a donation envelope so you can support the fantastic fireworks show that the PLPOA has in store for you.

- Show begins at dusk (about 10:30pm) near Fair Hills Resort; come by boat or car.
- Tune your radios to Wave 104.1 FM for music that coordinates with the fireworks.
- No littering and no fireworks of your own on the water or in the parking area.



## PRESIDENT'S PEN

## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO ALL!



Karen Hart, president

We are well into the summer and all PLPOA activities are in place! With the parade set to begin at 9:30am and the fireworks display ready to brighten our night at 10:30 pm! Have a fun and safe weekend, may you have a memorable time with your family and friends. Remember~ Be courteous to our neighbors!

Your President,  
*Karen Hart*



## LAKE LIFE

## FIRST ANNUAL ICE OUT WINNER



ICE OUT CONTEST WINNER, Joe Lawson  
Enjoy your gift certificate Joe!

Joe Lawson from Little Pelican Lake holds his certificate with excitement from Commorant Pub as he is congratulated on guessing the closest date for the Ice Out. He selected a *very late* date of May 17th. "It's 'Syttende Mai', which is the Norwegian Constitution Day!" he says. Congratulations Joe Lawson!!!

*The ice actually left Pelican Lake on Monday, May 13th of this year. Late enough to disrupt the Walleye Fishing Opener. Perhaps next year we should find an earlier holiday to celebrate for the "Ice Out"!!*

## PROVAN BEACH

## RESPECTING YOUR NEIGHBORS TRANQUILITY

*Everyone loves life on the water, and it is there for all to enjoy, but if we all try to assist with the obvious overcrowding before it gets out of control, it will lead to a safer, more pleasant experience for everyone.*

In recent years there has been an increase in activity on Pelican Lake in the area close to Provan Beach (toward the east end of the lake on the south side). Primarily on weekends, that area becomes a parking lot for many watercraft and residents with nearby property are being impacted by traffic and noise as well as at times navigating to and from their shorelines. As that area becomes more crowded, it also raises a number of safety concerns. That area is relatively shallow with a sandy bottom and extends from the Provan Beach shoreline to the North.

At the present time, there are no water surface use restrictions in that area

so we are appealing to residents of our lakes as well as their guests to avoid overcrowding that area during the boating season.

The residents of Provan Beach realize that the lakes are for the enjoyment of everyone (both residents and nonresidents) and are not trying to keep anyone from using that area for swimming and boating. They simply are asking for some assistance in the obvious overcrowding that has occurred at times in recent years. The boards of PLPOA and PGOLID support their request in this matter. We think you would agree that most residents who love the peace and tranquility of our lakes, would not enjoy dealing

with this issue close to their property.

Therefore our request is this: When you see that area is being congested, avoid anchoring in that area (especially close to the shoreline). Try to maintain a 300 to 400 ft buffer between the shoreline and where you might anchor. Because of the depth of the water in that area those residents have docks and lifts extending into the lake for a number of feet in order to be able to utilize their watercraft.

Let's not deny them the enjoyment of their property. The residents of Provan Beach, PLPOA and PGOLID would appreciate your consideration in this matter *and thank you in advance for your help.*



## DOCKSIDE 911 NUMBERS REMINDER

The Pelican Lake Property Owners Association is promoting the use of Emergency ID Signs for the end of the dock for emergency services and also to be located from the water in general. Dave Selvig, with Indigo Sign Works has put together an option for us to use: 4"x 20" on white reflective metal and red numbers, (this is the best combination to view day or night). You can order vertical or horizontal lettering. We need 100 minimum to place the order. Make your check to 'Indigo Signs' for \$15.20 (tax included) with your lake ID# and orientation choice, mail to PLPOA, PO Box 1782, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 (*Beach Captains can also pick up your check and info.*)

### DOCKSIDE

Order yours today for \$15.20 each.

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## FREE HELP WITH YOUR SHORELINE

### LAKESIDE

PGOLID currently has a Shoreline Habitat Restoration Grant from the DNR that runs through 2014. This money can be used to provide funding to private properties to install trees, shrubs and plants along their shorelines. Take advantage of this opportunity to have your restoration costs covered!

The purpose of the DNR Shoreline Habitat Program is to improve the quality of shoreline habitat, to expand the diversity and abundance of native plants, and to enhance and protect water quality in Minnesota's lakes and streams.

The focus of these projects must be on reestablishing vegetation for fish and wildlife habitat and funds cannot be used for rock riprap stabilization or permanent wave breaks. Funds can be used for materials needed to reestablish native vegetation along shorelines including: native trees, shrubs, plants and seeds, temporary biodegradable toe protection and erosion control fabric, mulch, herbicide to treat invasive species on site, labor to design, install and maintain project, temporary biodegradable wave breaks and temporary fencing for keeping out foot traffic or herbivores (geese/muskrats) from the site.

*If you would like more details about the grant, please contact Moriya Rufer, 218-846-1465, moriyar@rmbel.info.*

## ZEBRA MUSSEL MONITORING IS UNDERWAY

### PGOLID

This year, PGOLID is monitoring the densities and distribution of adult Zebra mussels in the lakes. Zebra mussel sampler plates will be placed at three locations in Pelican Lake, and one location in each of Fish, Bass and Little Pelican Lakes. These sampler plates will be examined monthly, and the adult Zebra mussels will be counted. This study will tell us where the Zebra mussels are distributed in the lake and where they are most dense. This information will be shared with the DNR and Zebra mussel researchers. For more information, you can contact Moriya Rufer, 218-846-1465, moriyar@rmbel.info.

*Unfortunately, there is no remedy for Zebra mussels. The best we can do is prevent them from spreading to other area lakes.*



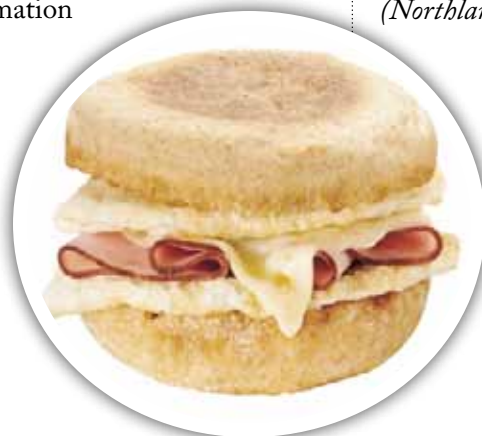
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## SUPER SIMPLE EGG BAKE SANDWICH

### RECIPE CORNER

Line bottom of a glass cake pan with 8 slices of Kraft swiss cheese (*I use Kraft because it melts the best for this recipe*). Pour 1 quart of whipping cream into pan next. Pour small amount of half and half (*approx. half a cup*). Crack 8 eggs and drop in pan in formation with each piece of swiss cheese. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. *Cover with tin foil and bake approx. 30-45 min. @ 350 degrees. Remove from oven and serve on toasted English muffins. (Option-Bacon or ham may also be added and parsley on top)*

Submitted by:  
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(Northland Beach)







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**LOCAL EVENTS**

- Jul 12-21 NW Water Carnival-Detroit Lakes
- Jul 13 Phelps Mill Art Festival-Otter Tail River
- Jul 27 Art in the Park-Pelican Rapids
- Jul 26-31 Frazee Turkey Days
- Aug 1-3 WE Fest-Soo Pass Ranch
- Aug 5-11 Pine to Palm Golf
- Aug 6 Crazy Days Sale-Downtown Detroit Lakes
- Aug 7-10 Becker County Fair-Detroit Lakes
- Aug 8-11 Looney Days in Vergas

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## the PELICAN brief

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### SUMMER 2013 • Calendar of Events

July 1	9:00 am	PLSS 1st session of sailing school starts
July 4	10:00 am	Boat Parade
	1:00 pm	PLYC Sailboat Race
	10:30 pm	Fireworks
July 8	1:00 pm	PLSS 2nd session of sailing school starts
July 18	9:00 am	PLSS 3rd session of sailing school starts
July 26-28		PLYC Regatta
Aug 3	9:00am	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills-Pine Room)
	9:30am	PLPOA Member Breakfast (Fair Hills-Dining Room)
	10:00am	PLPOA Annual Meeting (Fair Hills-Dining Room)
Aug 16	4:30pm	PLPOA Board Meeting (Fair Hills-Pine Room)
	5:30pm	PLPOA Social by Invitation for Volunteers (Fair Hills)
	6:30pm	PLPOA Appreciation Dinner for Volunteers (Fair Hills)
Aug 17	9:00am	PGOLID Annual Meeting (Fair Hills)

**HAVE A FUN AND SAFE HOLIDAY EVERYONE!**

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# *Pelican Lake Property Owners Association*

P.O. BOX 1782      Detroit Lakes, MN 56502-1782

June 15, 2013

To Members, Friends and Associates of the Pelican Lakes Property Owners Association

**Celebrate our nation's Birthday..... on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Starting with the Parade!!**

Jim Prondzinski and his committee have worked hard to encourage participation in the parade with a **"Favorite Cartoon Character"** theme. The parade will start at 10:00am at the Yacht Club and proceed counter clockwise around the lake. Please arrive at the Yacht Club at 9:30am to register and line up for the parade. Gather your family and your beach neighbors to put together a fun float for all to enjoy..... or decorate your viewing platform and make noise.

**Following the parade**, a picnic lunch will be held at the Yacht Club for all those involved in the parade. The picnic will be compliments of the PLPOA and their wonderful volunteers. Boat parking will be limited as we can't use Zorbaz dock during business hours. Please make alternate arrangements. Cash prizes for the best float will be awarded. The winning boat will receive \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$150 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100. The judges are located at various places around the lake. You must complete the entire trip around the lake in order to be eligible for prizes. Classic boats will lead the parade and all other boats are welcome to follow the parade!!

### **End the Day with the best fireworks display!!**

Nick Valentine, chairman, says the fireworks celebration will be one of the biggest between the Twin Cities and the West Coast. The fireworks can be viewed from a wide area on the lake, or the parking lot on County Highway #20, just west of Fair Hills Resort, starting at about 10:30pm. **Wave - 104.1 FM The Lakes best Music** from Detroit Lakes, will synchronize the music on your radio for the display. If you use the parking lot, we ask that you please take your litter with you and please be patient when entering and leaving the pasture. Please, no fireworks in the parking lot!! The donation envelope will be available at the parking lot sites for your convenience.

We appreciate the support we have received for these events in the past, and again we do need your support for 2013. Each year the fireworks costs are provided mostly by your donations.

A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Thank you!!!

Sincerely,

**Karen Hart**

Karen Hart, President PLPOA

## PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2012 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

*Wednesday, April 17, 2013 RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc*

**Board Members Present:** Doug Oksendahl, Denny Tollefson, Gary Hart, Bill Kelsven, Nick Valentine, Doug Johnson, Larry Kohler

**Board Members Absent:** Suzanne Lervick, Ed Johnson

**Others Present:** Moriya Rufer, Bob Smart, Jim Prondzinski, Roger Stadum

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, and the meeting participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was presented. Hart moved to approve the amended agenda; D. Johnson seconded and it passed.

Tollefson made a motion to approve the December meeting's minutes with the addition about Cormorant Watershed that Doug Johnson proposed. Hart seconded and it passed.

Oksendahl updated the Board on the Provan Beach Issue. There was a Board consensus at the last meeting, with PLPOA, to start communications with the lake residents about not overpopulating the Provan Beach area. Oksendahl contacted the DNR and the Otter Tail County Sherriff to ask about regulating the traffic at Provan Beach. In order for increased regulation to happen, PGOLID needs to demonstrate 1) safety issues, 2) environmental impact, 3) restriction would benefit the majority of the people on the lake. Stadum said he would look into safety violations in the area. For this year, the PGOLID board decided to communicate this summer instead of regulate. Oksehdahl and Karen Hart, the PLPOA president will co-write a letter to residents asking them to not over populate Provan Beach. The letter will be sent to the PGOLID mailing list.

Valentine presented the financial report. PGOLID took in \$6,000 more than expected and ended the year sitting well. Tollefson made a motion to pass the report, Hart seconded it and it passed.

Moriya Rufer presented the lake coordinator report. The Board discussed the next steps of the septic system records report. They decided to do both steps 1 & 2. Rufer will draft a letter to send to people with systems over 20 years old. Rufer will check with the county to see if we can keep the records updated electronically. Rufer will contact the county about what they're doing to protect the lake during the county highway 9 construction. The Castaway Club expressed interest in doing a zebra mussel project. They will have a zebra mussel adult sampler to participate in the PGOLID zebra mussel monitoring program this summer. PGOLID will be monitoring for both veligers and adults and determining densities and distributions.

Kohler brought the watershed agreement with Cormorant Lakes Watershed District to sign. Kohler moved to sign and D. Johnson seconded it. The motion passed and the agreement was signed.

Kelsven will coordinate with the county about any changes to the LID membership.

The next meeting was set for May 15.

Tollefson gave a natural gas update. They need a feasibility study to determine cost and scope of the project. Lake Region Electric is there to help, but is not taking initiative in this project.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm., Respectfully submitted, Moriya Rufer*