

MUTE SWAN ISSUE

Per the DNR, Mute Swans are an invasive non-native species that pose a growing threat to native animals, habitat and people. **Why Are Mute Swans a Problem?** There are three primary issues with mute swans: 1. Threat to humans, Mute swans are large, conspicuous birds and have little fear of humans. The mute swan can attack people in watercraft and on shore. 2. Danger to Native wildlife 3. The Destruction of wetland habitat. **To learn more, please visit www.michigan.gov/dnr Click on Wildlife & Habitat → Wildlife Species → Mute Swans .**

All Townships from the North and South Chain of lakes approved DNR removal of the invasive mute swans except Kinderhook Township that took no action. By doing so, no action could be taken in the Ovid Township area of Coldwater Lake. Please report any incidents on Coldwater Lake to DNR, Branch Sheriff's Dept. and the Kinderhook Township. .

How To Tell a Mute Swan from a Native Swan:The most notable difference between mute swans and the two native swan species found in Michigan (trumpeter swan and tundra swan) is that adult mute swans have **orange bills**. **The two native swans have black bills.** **What is the DNR Doing?** The DNR's **[Mute Swan Management and Control Program Policy and Procedures](#)** outlines both short- and long-term population goals for mute swans in Michigan. **How Can I Remove Mute Swans on My Property?** If you have mute swans on your property and wish to remove them or their nests and eggs, you must request a permit from your local DNR office call 517-373-1263.

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Your Membership Dues and Donations keep July Fireworks continuing along with Lakeland Fire Dept. to make the Lake Safe and Fun for all.



Please send your Membership Dues and Donations by May 15, 2014

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Fireworks Friday JULY 3rd!..... Why?



Fireworks over Coldwater Lake
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Lake Population Triples on Fireworks Weekend

This year the association needs to **raise over \$15,000** to offset the current fireworks cost, pontoon upgrades, and other costs associated with this event. If everyone that watched the display contributed just \$1 we would exceed the financial need and would be able to increase the show size. Don't take the fireworks display for granted as it is supported by donations only!

WHY July 3rd?
2015 Fireworks
Friday July 3rd at Dark -

Rain date Sunday July 5th.

When July 4th falls on Saturday like it does this year, our contract and pricing agreement states we have to pick a date other than Saturday. As in the past, we have chosen the Friday before instead of Sunday the 5th or even the following weekend. Because of this, the fireworks company has agreed to increase the display by 10% over the prior year. To continue this awesome celebration in the future for friends and family, it is important that you support the Coldwater Lake Association with your fireworks donations,

support the July 4th Pancake Breakfast and pay your Coldwater Lake Association dues of \$30 per year. These dues are separate from your road association dues (if you have them) and do not cover the same things. The Coldwater Lake Association dues also help offset the costs of Lakeland Fire Dept., aquatic lake projects, required boater safety classes, Sheriff Marine Patrol donations ,CPR classes, life vest program and walker safety program to name a few. Send your donations to: Coldwater Lake Association P.O. Box 795 Coldwater MI 49036.

REQUIRED BOATERS SAFETY CLASS 2nd CLASS DATE ADDED Limited Size!

REQUIRED BOATERS SAFETY CLASS KEEPS THE LAKE SAFE- It's The Law!

A second class has been added! In cooperation with the Branch County Sheriff Marine Patrol, the Coldwater Lake Association will offer a FREE required boater safety class for young and old. This class teaches you lake and water safety, the do's and don'ts around the lake. Depending on

your age it is required to obtain a boaters safety card to operate boats and personal water crafts on Michigan lakes. Two classes will be held at the Coldwater Lake Association building located at 516 Warren Rd.
1st Class-June 27 9am-4pm
2nd Class-July 11 9am-4pm
Lunch provide by Association.
Class size Limited Call 1-419-553-7251 reserve your spot.



Classic Wolverine Speed Boat.
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Annual Meeting

Coldwater Lake Association Annual Meeting will be held on June 20, 2015. Meet us from 9am-10:30am at the Coldwater Lake Association Building located at 516 Warren Rd. Members and interested parties are welcome to attend. Updates from the Marine Patrol, Lakeland Fire Dept., and more! Refreshments served.

A Record Breaking Pancake Breakfast! 650 Breakfasts Served in 2014

RECIPE for Success: The added outdoor seating, carry out service, along with 4 new large pancake grills, and most of all the Volunteers were the biggest contributing reasons for the record setting day! We served 650+ people in 2014! That's a far cry from 165 in 2010. The goal in 2015 will be 700. To do that the association has added another grill shown at bottom right to bring the total to four. "We had a line at the end not because of lack of seating but because we ran out of pancake mix for a short while. We had only planned for 600! We'll make

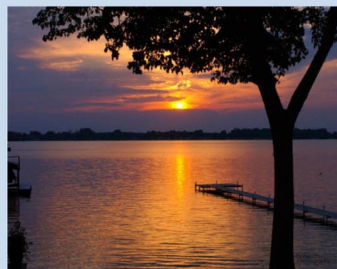
sure that doesn't happen again! ", stated Lake Association President Dennis Babjack. The popularity of the breakfast over the years has come about for several reasons. Families and visitors alike have turned this event into a Fireworks Weekend Tradition. We've increased advertising of the event with signs around the lake, word of mouth of "ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!", has really done the trick. Add in the onetime sausage serving with milk, coffee,

juice and you're good to go!
PANCAKE BREAKFAST July 4, 2015 Rain Or Shine! 8am-11am \$6 -Adults \$3-Kids 8 and under
No need to cook! **Monies raised are used to offset all the projects and classes supported by the Coldwater Lake Association directly, or indirectly.** Again, these include: Lakeland Fire Dept., 4th of July holiday fireworks, lake projects that include supporting the Branch County Sheriff Marine Patrol, offering 2 boater's safety class and CPR classes, life jacket program and walker safety program. Building, Grounds

Walker Safety Signs Available again in 2015



LOOK OUT FOR WALKERS!
STAY SAFE! Hand Signs help divers see walkers along the Lake. Free at Lake Association Building located 516 Warren Rd. and the Coldwater Lake Marina. Pictured above are Lee VanStone Board Member and Les VanStone of Coldwater Lake Marina. The Marina handed out hundreds of Free signs during their Labor Day Event in 2014. Thanks!



Coldwater Lake All Seasons for ALL the RIGHT REASONS

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Lakeland Volunteer Fire Dept. & First Responders Lakers Give \$11,000

Saving lives and keeping property insurance costs down!

Seconds count in dealing with drowning, heart attack, and water or land accidents. The life they save could be yours, or that of a friend, a neighbor or a loved one. In 2014, the Coldwater Lake Association received donations for the Lakeland Fire Department that reached an all time high just over \$11,000. The Lakeland Fire Department serves all of Ovid and Kinderhook Township with 22 members, 1 engine, 2 tankers, 2 grass trucks and 1

rescue truck. The department responds to an average of 200 calls a year. This includes fires, EMS calls and rescues. These are the unsung heroes that come to help and assist at all hours of the day and night. If you know any of them personally, remember to thank them for donating their time.

History : The Lakeland Fire department was conceived at the Annual meeting of the Coldwater Lake Association in August, 1981. Marty Beatty brought a Federal truck that belonged to the Hillsdale DNR to the meeting. A nine member board was elected that day.

During the winter months, men went to school for training. February 1982 was the department startup date. Pancake breakfasts were held monthly at the Coldwater Lake Association Building to help fund the Lakeland Fire Department. Continued budget increases and mandates at the State & Federal levels put added strain on the Fire dept. budget. This is why it is important to keep supporting the Lakeland Fire Dept. through your generous donations.

PLEASE Send your donations to: C/O: Coldwater Lake Association,



2014 Annual Meeting Check presentation to Lakeland Fire Dept. Members by Treasurer Steve Boyce and Board Member Terry Boyce

COLDWATER LAKE STATE PARK

The Parks & Recreation Division of the DNR, in association with the Coldwater Country Conference and Visitors Bureau, has developed a General Management Plan for Coldwater Lake State Park located on the south shores of Coldwater Lake in southern Branch County. This 400-acre state park is currently undeveloped and used primarily for hunting. Additional information on the DNR's General Management Plan process is available at www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans. Click on [Coldwater Lake State Park](http://www.michigan.gov/coldwaterlake). Another link for information is: <http://www.michigan.gov/coldwaterlake>. What the association has learned no boat launch, swimming area or camping will be developed.

All comments and questions on the management planning process should be directed to: **Debbie Jensen, Park Management Plan Administrator** E-mail: JensenD1@michigan.gov. Phone: 517-284-6105

The Children's Museum of Branch County opens in Downtown Coldwater

Rainy or sunburns Days at the Lake ? Just 10 minutes away!

The Children's Museum of Branch County opened their "Sneak Peek" venue in the summer of 2014. The museum has exhibits to keep children engaged and entertained with hands-on activities including building stations, human body models, and a fully stocked art center. Children also enjoy the gear wall, floor piano, and various science and math stations. The museum "City" offers interactive play at a pretend restaurant, post office, bank, veterinarian, and farmer's market.

Adults can enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while viewing historical photos and an enormous wall-sized map of the world. Take a break from the lake and come learn with us!

Please call for summer hours (517) 227-5281. Visit us at 53 W. Chicago Street in Coldwater "Like" our Facebook Page -The Children's Museum of Branch County to keep up on our activities!



Milfoil control a must to save Lakes!

The mission of weed control is not to eliminate vegetation which is important to the health of fish and wildlife in the Marble-Coldwater Lake chain. It is to eliminate exotic invasive vegetation called Milfoil that does not belong in our chain. It can become so widespread that left untreated can not only **destroy lake ecosystems but also property values**. The problem in our chain has become so advanced in certain areas that the program will be eliminating the invasive vegetation for the next four years! The Milfoil has been professionally recognized with surveys of our chain along with an aquatic study. The **Coldwater Lake Association contributed \$1000 towards the Coldwater/Marble Lake Chain evaluation**. GPS points were established and these points will be the focus of attention through 2019. When



the treatment is applied near your property, warnings will be posted advising to eliminate swimming for one day, unless it states otherwise. Many of you have already experienced the existence of these nuisance weeds in front of your shoreline. Any questions concerning the program or chemicals used should be directed to Branch County Drain Commissioner at **517.279.4310**

Marine Patrol Offers Life Jackets not Tickets

COLDWATER- The Coldwater Lake Association donated life jackets to the marine patrol as part of a loan program. The loan program will take the place of administering tickets for non-compliance with the DNR life jacket laws especially when it comes to infant and children life jackets. Each life jacket will be numbered and tagged with drop-off information. Coldwater Lake boaters will be allowed to use the life jackets for the day and must promptly return them to one of several drop locations. Sgt. Rick Holtgrave said "Two of the easiest ways to get stopped are, first, if a child on the boat doesn't have a life vest on and second, if it is not an approved DNR

life jacket." Part of the problem is that most stores do not properly display information about the jacket and if it is approved for boating. Don Beck, V.P. of Coldwater Lake Association said "We want to promote safety on the lakes - this is our lake and we want it to be safe for adults and kids. We work closely with the Branch County Sheriff Maine Patrol and Sheriff's department.

To donate boat approved life jackets please contact the Branch County Sheriff Marine Patrol at 517-278-2325.



Road Association Spotlight PEARL BEACH DRIVE

The "Gold Coast" of Coldwater Lake. Pearl Beach is referred to by many of its longtime residents as the

"Gold Coast" of Coldwater Lake. Located on the West shoreline of the main basin, its waters are shallow and generally calm due to the prevailing Southwest winds. Those who live or vacation there are often treated to spectacular sunrises or the beauty of a full moon as it rises. The beach is home to nearly one hundred residences located along Pearl Beach Drive, a private road maintained by the Pearl Beach Association, which runs along the shoreline from Indian Point to the North to the bluffs at the South end. With easy access off old US 27/S. Angola Rd, by way of Pearl Road just two miles north of Kinderhook, residents are only 15 minutes away from shopping areas at both Coldwater and Angola. While no precious metals have been found along the beach, Pearl Beach is called the "Gold Coast" because of its panoramic view of the lake and the friendliness of neighbors. From the Indy 500 gathering on Memorial Day, to family gatherings to watch the 4th of July fireworks, to the Annual Pearl Beach Garage Sale, to the End of Summer block party on Labor Day Weekend, the beach has a way of bringing family and friends together to celebrate life. Pearl Beach Drive serves not only vehicles which travel up and down the road, but it serves as a place for social gathering and exercise by those who spend time at Coldwater Lake. With a storied past dating back to native Americans and bootleg activities during Prohibition, Pearl Beach has a rich history, evolving over time. Today it is filled with a mix of old style cottages which survived the 1965 Palm Sunday tornadoes, homes rebuilt thereafter, and more recently some of the most beautiful new homes built on Coldwater Lake. No, no nuggets of gold will be found along the shores of Pearl Beach. But what you will find is a lifestyle and neighborhood which is more precious than gold itself. Tim Baker Pearl Beach Association Board Member

Association Building Ready for Emergencies and Rentals! Graduations, Receptions, Birthdays, Family Reunions, Christmas Parties, Fund Raisers!

In the fall of 2014 the Coldwater Lake Association Board of Directors moved forward on the approved installation of an automatic Natural Gas Generac emergency generator for the Coldwater Lake Association building located at 516 Warren Rd. The upgraded back up power allows emergency power to run the entire building at any time including the heating and cooling systems. The old gasoline powered generator only supplied limited power and required the need for additional gasoline and attention during a power outage. The new system runs on natural gas.

Don Beck, who oversaw the installation said "This building now can be used more effectively not only when power goes out when rented, but also can be used as an emergency shelter. Other uses could include a command/triage center for the Red Cross, fire and police departments and such, during a natural disaster or emergency situation."

The parking lot has also been improved and enlarged to handle additional parking needs. Building rentals have been increasing mainly due to the remodeling and upgrades of the building over the past 3 years.

Lake Association Building Rental Information The newly remodeled Coldwater Lake Association building is available for rent for special occasions. Daily Rental: \$100.00 member \$125.00 non-member

Deposit \$50.00 Tables and chairs for seating 80+ Kitchen facilities include 2 stoves, 2 refrigerators, large counter, center prep island, 2 sinks, a food service window and a microwave Ample parking space. Central air and heat. Conveniently located just off of Centennial Road on Warren Drive.

For availability and rental information contact ED STONE 517-795-4587



Euchre Thursday Nights

September through May as of now but a good chance they will play year round ...Stay Tuned!! Enjoy Turn up Euchre at the Coldwater Lake Association Building Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm. \$1 entry fee. Great people, great fun! Euchre!



Just some of the Euchre Crowd!

Coldwater Lake Association Sponsors CPR Class in 2015

The life you save with CPR is most likely to be someone you love...

For the second year, the Coldwater Lake Association is offering a CPR class. If you are a Coldwater Lake Association Member, you save 50%. CPR for sudden cardiac arrest is something anyone can learn - and everyone should! Sadly, 70 percent of Americans feel helpless to act during a cardiac emergency because they either do not know how to administer CPR or their training has significantly lapsed. Learn this life saving procedure or refresh your training at this affordable class.

This Heartsaver CPR class is certified and accredited and will be held on Saturday July 18th from 9am-1pm at the Coldwater Lake Association Building. Cost for members is \$20, non-members \$40. Class size is limited. Call 517-238-6014 to reserve your spot.

Did you know...Boating - 75% of all persons killed in boating incidents are from drowning. Of those, 84% were not wearing a life jacket. Operator error, lack of training, and alcohol use contribute to the risk of drowning in a boating incident. 29% of deaths occurred on boats that were anchored, docked, moored or drifting.

Drowning - There's nothing better than a day at the beach or on the lake. But swimming in a natural body of water, or enjoying the day on a boat can be risky. About half of all drowning occur in natural water settings such as lakes, rivers, or oceans. The risk of drowning is also higher among some population groups (e.g., age groups, race or ethnicities, gender).

CodeRED: Severe Weather Alerts- Sent to Your Cell Phone!

Have CodeRED Severe Weather Alerts sent to your cell phone when you are boating or at the lake this summer. Dangerous storms can come up quickly and unexpectedly. CodeRED is a unique service that automatically calls

citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. Google CodeRED Branch County MI or visit this link to learn more.

http://www.co.branch.mi.us/system/res/1/original/1797-CodeRED_Website_Information.pdf.

