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President's Corner



Spring has sprung! As I write this, I'm looking at our lake that is full to the brim. The spillway kayakers I know tell me that it's the highest they've seen in several years. As we know, a high lake level is good for aquatic plant control because sunlight cannot penetrate as deep and plants have less bottomland from which to grow. That said, I ask you to continue to report any concerns you see so we can provide that information to Professional Lake Management (our aquatic plant control provider). Of particular concern are Eurasian Watermilfoil and Starry Stonewort (see images on page 2); if possible, take a picture! Email me the picture and location. (Continued on page 2)

President's Corner (continued from page 1)

We also want to hear what you think about the Gravel Lake Association. We're serious this time and will be conducting our first ever survey (or, at least, our first ever in my tenure). Our plan is to use an electronic survey via Facebook/internet/email to get your anonymous feedback on dues, social activities, environmental efforts, this newsletter, and much more. For those of you less tech-inclined, we'll have ways to help you with easy access to the survey. More information will be available in June.

Looking for some interesting reading? While the Michigan Riparian always has interesting topics, the Spring 2017 issue was particularly robust. Here are two articles I recommend: 1) *Selling Your Waterfront Home* 2) *A Primer on Lake Muck*. Don't forget, this publication, highly relevant to lake house owners, is something you can receive by indicating such on your annual dues form. And it's on the GLA's dime! Take advantage and read this excellent publication. If that doesn't entice you enough, the June issue of The Riparian will include a story on our little friend from the channel, Mango!

Finally, here's an update on making Shaw Road more pedestrian friendly. Recall that the overwhelming majority of you surveyed on Facebook were very interested in making the stretch of Shaw Road between Entrance Drive and Lewis Road safer for pedestrians. This past fall, I spoke to the township about creating a bike/pedestrian lane with appropriate signage on the south side of Shaw Road. I was redirected to the County Road Commission who provided some more details on how we can pursue this. Thanks to Emily Garrett for providing some technical specifications that were helpful in the discussion! While the board will continue to pursue this, we could use your help! Please contact me if you're willing to assist in this effort.

See you on the lake!

Craig DeSimone
cucad4@hotmail.com



Starry Stonewort



Eurasian Watermilfoil

Gravel Lake Association 2017 Calendar

BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

- **Saturday, June 17th at 10:30AM – Membership Meeting**
 - o Location – Craig & Melissa DeSimone’s yard on Chamberlin Beach (32313 Chamberlin Dr.)
 - o Trustee elections
 - o Dues collection
 - o 50-50 raffle
 - o Buy Gravel Lake paraphernalia – shirts, coozies, towels, etc.
- Saturday, July 22nd at 10AM—Board of Trustees meeting (Porter Township Hall)
- **Saturday, August 19th at 10AM – Membership Meeting**
 - o Location – Raab’s pole barn on Gebhard Beach
 - o Trustee elections
 - o Dues collection
 - o 50-50 raffle
 - o Buy Gravel Lake paraphernalia
- Saturday, September 23rd at 10AM—Board of Trustees meeting (Porter Township Hall)
- Saturday, October 21st at 10AM—Board of Trustees meeting (Porter Township Hall)

FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES: Saturday, 7/1 – Sunday, 7/2

The Fourth of July is right around the corner! We are still seeking volunteers for the Kids Games and Fun Run. If you’re interested, please contact Craig DeSimone ASAP! **Keep an eye on the Gravel Lake Association Facebook page for changes, info, or cancellations.**

- Kids’ Games (tentative) – Saturday, July 1st at 12PM – Willow Beach Resort
 - o Ages 0-12
 - o Prizes for all participants
- Paddle Boat Regatta – Saturday, July 1st at 6PM
 - o Location - Channel
 - o Register at 5:45PM at the first turn of the channel
 - o Race begins at the first turn of the channel
 - o **All participants MUST have certified personal flotation devices**
 - o Divisions
 - 1-person kayak
 - 2-person kayak
 - Youth paddle boat (both racers under 12)
 - Adult paddle boat
 - Paddleboard

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Gravel Lake Association 2017 Calendar

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- Fun Run – Sunday, July 2nd at 9:00AM – Willow Beach Resort
 - o Registration begins at 8:30AM
 - o 2-mile race
 - o FREE for all participants
 - o All ages welcome
 - o Prizes and refreshments
- Boat Parade – Sunday, July 2nd at 10PM
 - o Theme: 80s Rock!
 - o Registration and judging from the dock of the Gordon home: 94353 Gebhard Dr. (From the lake, it's to the left of the forest between Gebhard and Huff's; look for a sign on the dock that weekend)
 - o Register at 9:30PM
 - o Parade begins at 10PM
 - o Vote for the winner by texting the song being played to 847-857-0124!
 - o Prizes

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Keep an eye on the Gravel Lake Association Facebook page for changes, info, or cancellations.

- Gravel Lake Picnic—Saturday, June 17th (rain or shine)
 - o Immediately following the Membership Meeting (approx. 12-3PM)
 - o **RSVP the number of attendees who will be eating** to fampinkos@aol.com by Saturday, June 3rd.
 - o Hang out with old friends and meet some new ones!
 - o Paid 2016 or 2017 memberships will allow up to five (5) members of each household to eat for free.
 - o Additional food tickets (along with non-member food tickets) can be purchased for \$1.00 by visiting the check-in table.
 - o Tickets are for food only. Festivities are FREE!
 - o Limited car and boat parking, so carpool and “boatpool”!
- 4th Annual Gravel Lake Poker Run– Saturday, August 5th (**tentative, based on volunteers**)
 - o Time TBD
 - o Needed: Volunteers to help with ticket sales, dock set-up, party set-up, t-shirt sales, and clean-up on Sunday
 - o Needed: 7 sponsors to donate \$200+. Sponsors will get a sign at a dock, as well as their logo on the back of the Poker Run t-shirt, in any Poker Run literature, and printed in the Gravel Laker newsletter. These funds will support activities at the docks.
 - o Email Suzanne Reed at redrazor25@yahoo.com if you are interested in hosting a dock or being a volunteer or sponsor.

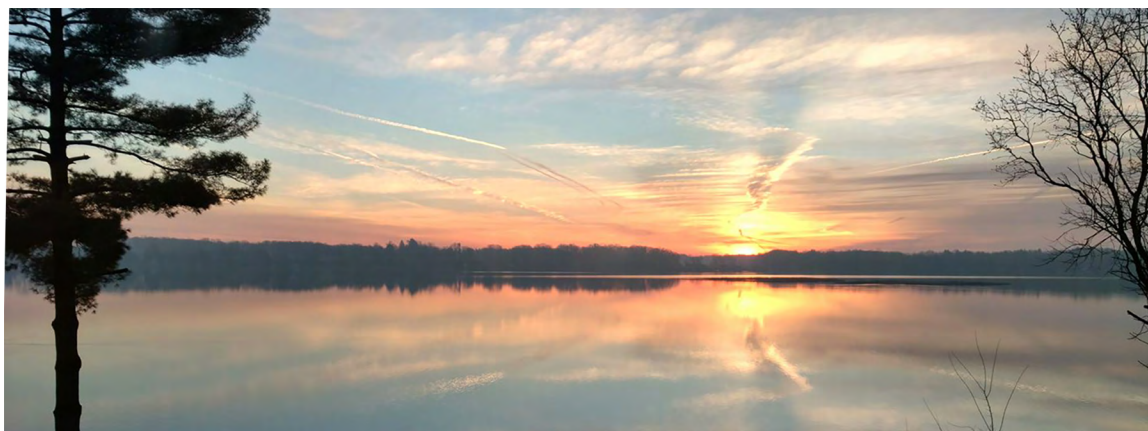
Farewell to a Gravel Lake Friend

One of the most unique aspects of our lake community is the long-lasting relationships we make with our fellow lakers. I was honored to know Waneta Dragicevich for over three decades. I've never known a summer at Huff's Landing without her. She could be seen daily enjoying the weather on the second-floor deck of her home, usually with binoculars in hand, or doing yardwork, even at 87 years old! She would occasionally walk over to give us some homemade blueberry jam or to go for a boat ride. Sometimes we would take her to Bullseye Market or head over to help her with something around the house.

Waneta had a large family and many grandkids, all of whom she adored. We got to know her grandkids, as they are around the same ages as my brothers and me. I still remember having to sneak a few of them candy from the candy store because she wouldn't allow them to have it. She was very strict, but she was a good, caring person. She was happiest when she had her big Dragicevich family reunions at the lake, and was surrounded by her family.

I have so many memories of Waneta over the years, and her presence will be greatly missed this summer and thereafter. Waneta passed away on October 29, 2016.

Jamie Paramski, Huff's Landing



Letter to the Editor



"Fore!" is a word of warning yelled out by a golfer who has hit an errant shot. If your shot is in danger of hitting or landing very close to another player or group of players on the golf course, it is appropriate to shout so people can duck and cover. While hitting an errant golf ball into our precious waterways, however, the golfer should replace the word "fore" with the word "litter"!

The picture to the left shows just a few of the golf balls we have picked up along my dock, boat lift and swim raft. In fact, my guests and I have picked up

hundreds over the years! I decided to do a little research on the effect golf balls have on the ecology of a lake. It is estimated that it could take from 100 years to 1,000 years for a golf ball to decompose. When golf balls do eventually decompose they release toxic zinc in the process. According to greenliving.com, "Other heavy metals used in golf ball production include tungsten, cobalt and lead".

If throwing empty beer cans and soda bottles off one's dock into a lake is considered littering, hitting golf balls into the waterway for kicks falls into the same category. Gravel Lake is a treasure. Let's all have fun while simultaneously doing our best to protect the ecology of this beautiful lake.

Chip Van Schoyck, Lewis Beach

Call to Report Public Access Issues!

In an effort to keep our public access used for what it is supposed to be used for (launching boats), we encourage you to store this number for the DNR in your cell phone, and call when you see people camping out, having a bonfire, littering, or anything else that may harm our lake environment. Report these issues and the DNR can come out and ticket the offenders! The phone number is 1-800-292-7800.

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The Chamberlin Willows—Part Two

As the famous radio personality used to say, “Now for the rest of the story!” If you’ll remember, in Part One of this tale (published in the Fall 2016 issue), I wrote about the three willow trees on Chamberlin Beach and in particular the one my grandmother planted in the mid 1940’s. Well, we are into our fifth generation under that same tree. That tree has witnessed the very first skier behind an aluminum speedboat with a 25-horsepower Johnson outboard to the craft we see today. That tree has experienced wet feet a few times. It had to be re-planted when it was washed out during a season of a high lake level. That tree has also experienced dry feet when in the 1960’s grandma had me move the pier out three times; you could have fit a two-lane road around the lake and still had a beach.

The tree has experienced every storm and weather event; the tornado in 1992, the hail maelstrom in 2010, and a bad storm in 2014. Each of the storms affected the willow with a loss of limbs or branches. Some, like the tornado, required professional assistance. The storm in September 2014, although not severe to most lake properties, dealt a blow to the old tree. A call from our good beach neighbor, Jim Rockwell, with advice to “bring your big saw” was not welcome news. The storm caused a very large limb to split off the side of the old tree. Fortunately, it caused little damage but provided one heck of a mess to clean up. Enter daughter Jennifer and her family, my son-in-law Harlan, and my grandchildren Evan and Eliza.

At four years old, Izzy wasn’t a whole lot of help on the cleanup but she liked climbing on the big limb and the tractor. The first picture is Izzy on the big limb with dad holding on. The cleanup provided a bunch of firewood and truckloads of limbs. Fast-forward a couple of years and mom agrees that this now six-year-old can get her ears pierced. With pierced ears comes earrings and with earrings comes the need to keep track of them. To this end Izzy asks grandpa, at the encouragement of her mother, to make her a jewelry box. Grandpa has numerous wood options available to build a jewelry box but for some reason remembers the photo of Izzy on the limb. The second photo is Izzy with her pierced ears and her jewelry box made with wood milled from the firewood pile from that Willow limb she was standing on at Gravel Lake. I know I won’t be around for another five generations but I will continue to enjoy the old tree and my time at Gravel Lake as long as I can. And maybe...just maybe...Izzy has a memento she can pass on to someone in the next generation.

Bruce Melton, Chamberlin Beach



Volunteers Needed!

The Poker Run is **tentatively** scheduled for Saturday, August 5th. While we've had three very successful events and attendance has been fantastic, we struggle to get the volunteers necessary to organize and host the event. Without volunteers, this amazing event simply cannot happen. The following is what we **need** for the Poker Run to take place:



- pre-event planning
- solicitors for prizes
- ticket sellers
- t-shirt sellers
- raffle ticket sellers
- silent auction organizers
- DOCK HOSTS
- POST-PARTY HOST
- clean-up
- food organizers

Can you help?? If so, please contact Suzanne Reed at suzannekreed1@gmail.com ASAP!

If you'd like to help out with the Fourth of July events, let us know! We already have lead organizers for the events, but we need people to volunteer just an hour of their time for the Fun Run and Kids Games. Email Craig at cucad4@hotmail.com ASAP.



Join the GLA Facebook Group!

Join the Gravel Lake Association Facebook group! It is an excellent way for us to connect with our fellow lakere. Important lake-related information is posted there frequently, including weed treatment dates, when the newsletter is available, event info, lost-and-found info, announcements, recommendations, and surveys where you can voice your opinion. People also post pictures from around the lake, even in the winter!

Gravel Lake's Native Aquatic Plants (previously known as weeds)

We all know the experience; it's hot, you are ready to jump off the dock but then you remember... there are weeds in the lake! Gravel Lake is such a beautiful and densely inhabited area that it is easy to forget we share it with a wide variety of aquatic animals and plants! In order for our beloved lake to be the fun and clean place it is, we have to share our space with many organisms other than human beings.

In our recent lake study, we discovered that there are eighteen species of native aquatic plants in addition to the four non-native species that usually grab our attention. As we know, non-native species are introduced by accident when unclean boats go from lake to lake and deposit plants that end up taking over everything. We spend money every year to keep these plants in check or risk turning Gravel Lake into a dense mat of Eurasian Watermilfoil. Ask some people who've been on the lake for a while and they will tell you what that's like.

The eighteen native aquatic plants are not affected by our periodic weed treatments because they have always been here. It would take quite a heavy dose of chemicals to wipe them out, and they serve a great purpose for our lake ecosystem. Of these native plants there are three that dominate the lake and are probably most familiar to you (the percentage tells you how much of the overall plant material in the lake is made up of each species): Chara (81%), Illinois Pondweed (44%), and Wild Celery (30%).



Chara or Muskgrass (*Chara* spp.) is a highly beneficial plant that is actually an advanced form of algae. It grows in dense, low lying mats in shallower water. You will find clearer water near these mats because Chara filters nutrients from the water. You can identify it by its musky odor (hence the name) and its gritty texture. As you walk out into the water you will likely step on mats of Chara in sandy areas. Interestingly, Starry Stonewort is a relative of Chara but it is a non-native, invasive, and difficult-to-control variety.

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Gravel Lake's Native Aquatic Plants (previously known as weeds)

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Illinois Pondweed (*Potamogeton illinoensis*) is a submerged plant you will find a little deeper in the water. You can identify this native plant by the green fruit on the tip of stems that sticks above the surface of the water. The leaves can be up to 7 inches long and have a blade-like shape. This plant is mostly submerged which is great shelter for invertebrates that eventually serve as fish food. Ducks, amphibians, and reptiles use Illinois Pondweed for food and as it decomposes it is food for the invertebrates as well.



Illinois Pondweed



Wild Celery

The most controversial of our native aquatic plants might be Wild Celery or Eelgrass (*Vallisneria americana*). These plants have ribbon-like leaves and a flower stalk that spirals toward the surface ending with a delicate white flower. This plant can easily be seen by boaters and felt by swimmers near many of our beaches. As with Illinois Pondweed and all other native aquatic plants, Wild Celery offers great benefits to aquatic animals in our lake ecosystem and is an important role in the food chain. As the summer goes on it can be a nuisance for those of us hoping to swim out from shore but perhaps it is also a good opportunity to check out the delicate white flowers you never noticed before or try to identify some of the aquatic animals that call Wild Celery home.

Melissa DeSimone, Contributing writer

Meet a Gravel Laker



Introducing Ryan Stewart and Kyleigh Surdell of Sandy Beach! The first house on the left as you enter the channel is home to the current Mr. and future Mrs. Stewart. After a sweet proposal during a trip to Hawaii, Kyleigh and Ryan will be saying “I do” in September of 2017.

But this story begins in 2002. Ryan’s parents, Ron and June Stewart, purchased their little slice of heaven because it was “far enough to feel away, but close enough to avoid a big drive” from their Portage, Michigan home. They loved having a place for their two boys, Ryan and Kyle, to escape the city and enjoy some lake recreation. After accepting a job out of state, Ron and June packed up and moved south, leaving Ryan to continue school locally and take a job nearby. Kyle moved with his parents and now lives and works in California.

Ryan explains that after meeting just one friend and fellow Gravel Laker during a trip to the candy store (the now-closed Willow Beach Grocery), his world of Gravel Lake friends grew quickly. He became friends with dozens of kids his age almost overnight. He thanks this lake for the lifelong friends he has met who have shaped his life over the past 15 years. But most importantly, he met the girl of his dreams.

Ryan was introduced to Kyleigh through her cousin Sarah Mencl at a party. Kyleigh grew up in Marcellus, Michigan and is no stranger to the area. Kyleigh and Ryan enjoy all things Gravel Lake but also enjoy traveling together. They often visit their families out west, travel to go snowboarding, and as mentioned before, they got engaged in Hawaii. They are counting down the days until their wedding...as are all of their Gravel Lake friends!

Ryan purchased the home on the channel from his parents in December 2015, but it was long before that when Ryan became a staple of this lake. You may often see him wakeboarding behind his black MasterCraft X9, throwing down his signature move, the “Fashion Air”. He also likes to surf or head to the middle to relax and enjoy a swim, typically with a boatload of great friends. Ryan has spent lots of time teaching friends and neighbors an array of watersports. You may also find him helping friends with boatlifts, at social events, and participating in lake activities.

“There really isn’t anything better than coming home from a long day at work and going for a boat ride,” says Ryan. “Living here has brought me so much more than I could have ever imagined.”

Emily Garrett, Contributing writer

On the Hunt for Morel Mushrooms



In early spring time morel mushrooms start to "pop" and people from all over the state head out for some good ole' mushroom hunting. Morel mushrooms differ from your store-bought edible fungi because they are very difficult to cultivate, thus hunters must venture to the woods for this unique, honeycombed variety of mushroom. Morels can vary in color from a light tan color to a dark brown. Morels are generally found in the beginning of the spring after a period of wet and then warm weather. Soil temperature between 45 and 50 degrees is ideal for the morel pop.

Why are morels so sought after you ask? Like any good mystery, the difficulty in finding or cultivating morels inspires the hunter in us all. The scarcity of the mushrooms

surely lends to the excitement over the season. It is quite a challenge to find them. In addition, it doesn't hurt that grocery stores will pay \$20 or more for a pound of morels! Or you can keep them all for yourself. Morels are delicious AND nutritious! High in Vitamin D, iron, and B vitamins, morels make a healthy addition to any meal. Cooked in butter or battered and friend, recipes abound for morel lovers.

Everyone has their own spin on how to successfully find these little gems. Many hunters claim that searching the base of dead or fallen elms will often produce a "honey hole" or a spot where multiple morels are found in one area. Or that south-facing slopes will yield morels, or the mossy side of trees. Others claim that the base of oaks, aspens, or ash trees will yield a solid morel haul.

Though the majority of mushroom hunters claim to find morels mainly in the woods or near trees, I have personally found morels growing in front or back yards of Gravel Lake homes! So if the beautiful spring weather isn't reason enough, get yourself out for a walk around the lake next spring and see what you can find!

Here are some morel hunting tips!

Get Calibrated!

It helps to look at a morel and get the idea of what you are looking for before you head out into the woods. An experienced hunter will always tell you that after finding the first mushroom the rest are easy to spot!

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On the Hunt for Morel Mushrooms



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Watch for ticks!

The season for morels is also the season for ticks. Be safe and wear long pants and check yourself for ticks after you finish your hunt. Long clothing will also protect you against poison ivy.

Use your resources!

It helps to check the internet or social media to see if morel season has begun. Because of the short duration, it is important to get out there hunting as soon as you know they have "popped".

Watch out for false morels!

False morels are in the morel family but have been found to cause gastrointestinal distress and other unpleasant symptoms. They can be distinguished from a real morel by their umbrella like appearance.

Tricia Barker, Contributing writer

Community Partners Join Forces to Prevent Teen Drinking

The Van Buren County Substance Abuse Task Force, Van Buren/Cass District Health Department, Van Buren County Judicial System and community members have joined forces to prevent adult hosted drinking parties this holiday season in Van Buren County using the Parents Who Host Lose the Most: Don't Be a Party to Underage Drinking campaign.

Parents Who Host Lose the Most is a community effort that alerts parents to the legal and health related consequences of purchasing, providing or pouring alcohol for anyone under age 21. As part of the campaign, community partners will be providing information about the dangers of underage drinking and the legal consequences of hosting underage drinking in your home.

Along with informing the community on the legal consequences of hosting parties the Van Buren Substance Abuse Task Force is asking parents to take The Parents Who Host Lose The Most pledge. The pledge states that parents will encourage youth to be substance free by:

- hosting alcohol-free, tobacco-free, and other drug-free parties.
- not allowing their child(ren) or their friends to possess or consume alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs on their property.
- discouraging their child(ren) from attending parties in which underage youth are using alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

To take the pledge parents can send the pledge by mail, fax, or by visiting www.facebook.com/vbsatf, taking a picture of the signed pledge and sending it to us through a message!

For more information about the Parents Who Host campaign in Van Buren County, please contact Colleen Mencl at Van Buren Community Mental Health at 269-655-3399 or cmencL@vbcmh.com.

I pledge

To encourage youth to be substance free by:

- Hosting alcohol-free, tobacco-free, and other drug-free parties for them.
- Not allowing my child(ren) or other friends to possess or consume alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs on my property.
- Discouraging my child(ren) from attending parties in which underage youth are using alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

I agree to allow my name to be printed in conjunction with any publicity regarding the pledge (such as the website, Facebook, newspaper, etc.)



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Or @VBSATF on facebook

For questions please contact Colleen Mencil (269)655-3399 or email cmencil@vbcmh.com

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance(1/1/17)	\$15,270.22	Checkbook Balance(4/12/17)	\$15,465.22
<u>Deposits</u>		<u>Other Assets</u>	
Apparel Sales	\$312.00	Certificate of Deposit	\$6,000.00
Membership Dues	\$325.00	- Maturity Date 10/10/17	
Membership Dues	\$1,080.00	Certificate of Deposit	\$6,000.00
Advertising	\$100.00	- Maturity Date 10/10/17	
Total Deposits	\$1,817.00	<u>Total Other Assets</u>	\$12,000.00
<u>Expenses</u>		Total Funds	\$27,465.22
Greg Garrett - CLMP Testing	\$90.00		
The Cannopeum	\$100.00		
Michigan Waterfront Alliance	\$100.00		
The Michigan Riparian	\$1,332.00		
Total Expenses	\$1,622.00		

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Gravel Lake Resident

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Energy Balls

These are my go-to treat when I want something sweet but also want to maintain healthful eating. They're also great for summer because they're quick and don't require any baking! You can also add other healthy ingredients, such as sunflower seeds or your favorite protein powder!

Ingredients

1 cup oats
½ cup natural peanut butter, or nut butter of choice
1 cup unsweetened coconut flakes
½ cup ground flaxseed
½ cup mini-chocolate chips
¼ cup honey or agave
1 tsp vanilla

Instructions

Mix everything together and let chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. Once chilled, roll into 1" balls and keep in an airtight container in the fridge for up to a week.



Cowboy Butter Skirt Steak Sandwich



Ingredients

1 ½ lb. skirt steak
kosher salt
freshly ground black pepper
1 clove garlic, grated
1 tsp lemon zest
1 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley
½ tsp crushed red pepper flakes
½ tsp steak seasoning
1 stick of salted butter, room temperature
Country loaf of bread, cut into ½" slices
arugula

These steak sandwiches are simple to make and so flavorful! Pair with a side of greens or other veggies for a delicious dinner!

Instructions

1. Preheat grill. Pat dry steak and generously season with salt and pepper.
2. Make cowboy butter: In a small bowl mix together garlic, lemon zest, parsley, red pepper flakes, and steak seasoning. Fold in butter and mix well, then set aside.
3. Grill steak; cook 4-5 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate and spread 2-3 tablespoons of cowboy butter over steak; cover loosely with foil and let rest for 5 minutes. Cut into thin slices, cutting against the grain.
4. Assemble sandwiches. Spread a thin layer of cowboy butter on one side of all the bread slices. With buttered side up, add handful of arugula and steak on top with bread, buttered side down. Serve immediately.

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Gravel Lake Association

Membership Form: January 2017 - December 2017

Fill out and mail to:

Gravel Lake Association, P.O. Box 531, Lawton, MI 49065

This document is also available on the website @ www.gravellake.org.

Please print clearly.

Member name(s): _____

Beach: _____ Lake Phone: _____

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Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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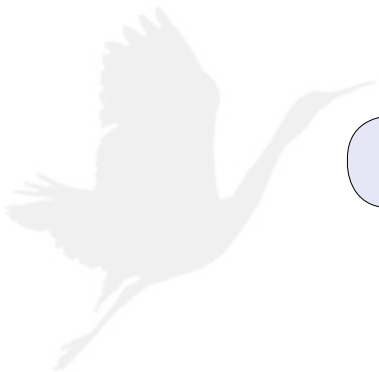
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