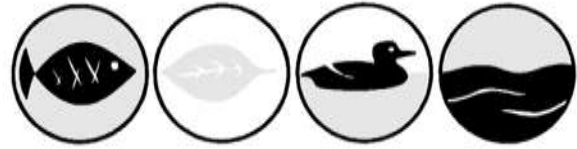


# N.I.C.C.



## June 2018 Newsletter

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Meet Bradley Gaydovchik Antioch Community High School winner of the 2018 Northern Illinois Conservation Clubs \$500 Scholarship Award.

In Bradley's application, he stated that it seems that every day there are stories of traffic jams, road construction and storm damage. In school he was taught bridges, roads and sewers developed by brilliant engineers have developed over the years are the backbone of the modern world that makes our heightened standard of living in the developed world possible. If cars can't move, water can't flow in a modern developed community, it will essentially shut down. While living in a highly developed society, it is clear there is a plethora of environmental and technical problems waiting to be solved in the modern world. He doesn't feel this situation as overwhelming or intimidating. He sees it an opportunity to take interest in nature and machines, to use it to change the course of technological development and innovation in our infrastructure. With a civil engineering degree, he feels he will be able to seize this opportunity. With this degree he would have a highly sophisticated understanding of the machinery and structures that run our society.



Because of his interest in civil engineering and the problems that it works to correct comes from long history of hobbies and personal experiences. One such hobby of his was reading. He feels that reading is a gift that keeps on giving; it opens your eyes to a world which you have never seen before, yet your understanding of that world is never quite complete. There is always some hole or gap in what you have learned, and it always leaves you hungry for more knowledge about the subject. This obsession with details, is why he became fascinated with the everyday and ordinary. He has read so much about power grids, railroads and sewage treatment plants.

With his love for science, reading and nature, he feels that his contribution to society and the environment will be tremendous. He essentially has been studying his future major all his life, feeling he will be an extremely valuable player in the battle to protect the environment. With his extensive knowledge on the subject of conservation will help push him to the front of conservation and sustainability projects. With passion and knowledge on his side, we will work to set humanity on course for a higher levels of sustainability in the advanced ways of life.

*Congratulations Bradley*

**Adopt-A-Highway Crew** Thank you to the following dedicated volunteers who walked Grass Lake Rd. from route 83 to 59 on May 5 picking up debris; Jim & Diane Waldow, Jessie & Andrew Szmergalski, Ken Golonka and Ellen Ipsen who did a pre-cleanup a week before.

**Grounds Clean-up Crew** Thank you goes to the following energetic volunteers who came out to the club grounds; Jessie & Maddie Szmergalski, Paul Yukus, Jim & Diane Waldow and Ken Golonka,

**Community Garage Sale** The volunteers who helped Ron Lobodzinski at the sale were; Ross & Sue Musumeci, Karen & Mason Lobodzinski, and Marguerite O'Connell.

NICC has committees for different areas of need for the club.

**Pond Committee** – Leonard Dane, Laura Golonka, Ross Musumeci, Jim Waldow

The pond committee meets monthly working on a plan to get the pond back to the gem it use to be. Hopefully, by next year we will be able to stock the pond. Information about continuing progress about the pond will be written in a future letter.

**Landscaping** – Jessie & Bill Szmergalski

If you haven't been out to the club grounds for awhile, come on out to see what Bill and Jessie have accomplished in such a short time. Planting of native flowers, rebirth of the garden around the house with new mulch and plants. If you have any landscaping or gardening ideas and don't mind getting your hands dirty, contact Jessie at [ffnrph@yahoo.com](mailto:ffnrph@yahoo.com).

**Fundraising** – Ron Lobodzinski

Ron has been instrumental in finding different ways for the club to raise funds and recruit membership. One fundraiser was on Thursdays during the summer last year, NICC participated in the Thursday concerts at the Antioch bandshell. With the sale of slices of pizza and nachos and cheese, was not only profitable but recruited new membership. If you can think of an idea for NICC to promote the club, give Ron a call.



Remember to save your aluminium cans for our Cans for Conservation bin. Cans are to be put into tightly secured plastic bags. Please do not put smaller plastic bags of cans into a larger one. You will find the bin next to the barn. Place the bags into the containers making sure the door is locked so woodland critters can't get in. When enough cans are collected, they will be taken to the recycle center. Money received, will help pay the \$80 electric bill for the aerator in the pond.

Elections were held on May 14. Below is the new list of officers and directors.

#### OFFICERS

President Leonard Dane  
Vice President Laura Golonka  
Secretary Bonnie Letich  
Treasurer Ken Golonka

#### DIRECTORS

Ron Lobodzinski  
Ross Musumeci  
Jim Waldow  
Carl Palucki  
Amy Dane  
Marguerite O'Connell



Paul Yucus  
Patrick Flatley  
Tim Gera  
Will Hamilton  
Col. Paul Hettich  
Chad & Cheryl McCameron  
John Redmond  
Patty Bellack

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 11	Board/General Meeting	7 pm
July 9	Board/General Meeting	7 pm
Aug 13	Board/General Meeting	7 pm



Leonard Dane, helping out on one of the Thursday nights at the bandshell.



Spencer Vasquez and Mason Lobodzinski drumming up business.



Thank you to Bill and Jessie Szmergalski for bringing the garden back to life!



Cub Scout Pack 191 came to the club grounds on May 19, to do a service project in the afternoon. In the evening, they had a campfire where the boys received the ranks they've worked all year for. Afterwards, they christened the north fire ring by having s'mores.