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## End Of The Season And Aquatic Invasive Species

It's the end of the summer season and checking for aquatic invasive species (AIS) when removing pontoons, swimming rafts, and other equipment that has been sitting in the lake all summer is crucial.

• Carefully inspect and look on the posts, wheels, and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons, and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period. Juvenile zebra mussels are not visible to the naked eye, but on a smooth surface they feel like sandpaper.

• If you plan to move a dock, lift or other water equipment from one lake or river to another, all visible zebra mussels, faucet snails, and aquatic plants must be removed whether they are dead or alive. You may not transport equipment with prohibited invasive species or aquatic plants attached. The equipment must be out of the water for 21 days before it can be placed in another waterbody.

• When storing lifts and docks for the winter you may remove water-related equipment from a water body – *continued on page 11*

## Report New Infestations

If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, take a photo and note the location, or save a specimen and report it to a local DNR invasive species contact 218-739-7576 ext 254

## Keep Your Eyes Open

Theft has been recently reported on Blanche Lake. Fishing gear was missing from a boat and garages have been rummaged through.

Sheriff's office deputies are investigating the incidents and they are planning to put on extra patrol in the Blanche Lake area. Please call the Sheriff's Office at 218-998-855 if you see anything suspicious and if you have any additional information.

## ARE YOU ATTENDING? BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2016

The Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25. At this meeting the Minnesota DNR will be giving a presentation and taking questions about the Otter Tail slot limit policies.

**What are slot limits?** These are regulations that either prohibit the harvest of fish within a certain length range or allows the harvest of fish within a certain length range.

There are two types of slot limits:

- Protected Slot Limits allow the harvest of abundant small fish as well as some of the larger adults while protecting the more viable reproductive fish in the population
- Harvest Slot Limits allow the harvest of fish within that specified length range.

The board meeting will begin at 7:00pm at the Otter Tail Community Center for all members who are interested. Non-members are also encouraged to attend this meeting. We would also like to inform anyone who plans on attending to please keep all questions for the DNR related to the Otter Tail slot limit policies.

## One Zebra Mussel Found In Otter Tail Lake

Don't panic yet. The end of season is coming upon us shortly and many of you will start to remove your boats, docks and other toys from our Otter Tail Lake. If you see this new sign at our accesses, yes, it is true. There has been one sighting of a 1-1/2 year old Zebra Mussel on a clam found in Otter Tail Lake near the Hwy. 78 rest area.

My name is Bernie Steeves and I am a board

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## Member Appreciation Gathering



The Member Appreciation Gathering was held at Betty Jo's Pavilion at Elmer's on Highway 78 on July 21. Finger foods, pop, and cake were provided.

Thank you for your continued support!!!

*More pictures are on page 5.*

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## President's Corner



Ken Wentz,  
OTLPOA  
President

This will be the last issue of Lakeshore News until February. Wow, what a year this has been! Let me share a few of the main accomplishments:

- We have forty-five additional members this year for a total of 1,084!! We still have time to hit 1100...check with your neighbors and make sure they are members.
- June brought what I consider was the smoothest run annual breakfast/business meeting, lasting just an hour, but yet full of major events and great speakers. Kudos to Dan Carlisle, as master of ceremonies, for keeping things on track. Over one hundred members were in attendance. The board is reevaluating the annual meeting and considering a possible later starting time, new place, and different menu.
- The foundation reported that they

had a record number of swimmers participate this year at Amor Park, learning to swim and swim better.

- We have had a successful OTLPOA Directory delivery system in which most members received their directory in a timely fashion. If, by chance, you are a member and have yet to receive your directory, please let any of the directors know and one will be delivered. Thanks to Linda, Jon, and Stan for the time spent to make the directory easier to read and to locate one another. We look forward to our next directory being published in 2018.

- Making the Lakeshore News as informative as possible with many pictures, articles of importance, and an all-around enjoyable read for our members has been a major goal and from the feedback, it seems to have been achieved. In delivering the directories many members commented on how much they look forward to receiving and reading each issue of the Lakeshore News. Our thanks to Jon, Leah, Amber, Stacey, Chelsy, and Paula at The Midweek for the time and effort they spend to ensure current and informative articles.

- A much-needed and major accomplishment is our 21st century website. I feel our new website is

fantastic and user-friendly. While I understand many of us (over the age of 50) are not as tech savvy as our children or grandkids, share the website with them and they might even teach you how to surf the site. We'd love to hear your comments about this truly positive and up-to-date accomplishment. Our sincere thanks goes to our newest board member and website creator extraordinaire, Rob Bope, for spearheading this goal. Chelsy, Jon, and Tim were his team members from The Midweek.

- One final event of note was that of the member appreciation gathering held at Betty Jo's Pavilion at Elmer's on Highway 78. Finger foods, pop, and cake were provided at no charge, sending our members a message of thanks for their continued support and also formally sharing the recognition of our Association being honored as the Association of the Year for 2015.

- Last, but not least, was the generosity you, the members, showed when sending in your dues by adding the suggested \$10.00 as a donation to our Foundation. We were able to donate over \$14,000 to their account. Steve Brimhall/President, Steve Mouritsen/Treasurer, Jim Shirley/Secretary, and Directors/Dan Carlisle, Bernie Steeves, Chad Biss, and

Stan Fetters expressed their sincere appreciation for your generosity. There are more articles and pictures concerning the foundation throughout this issue.

The directory year is one of my favorites as many of the other directors have mentioned due to the fact that we get to meet and visit with members we don't normally see during our every day activities throughout the summer.

Keeping you in the loop, at the July meeting the board reelected me, your humble President, for another term, as well as Scott Simdorn, Vice President, Pat Hunke as Treasurer, and electing Becky Kemling as Secretary. We are here to serve you, our members, and are looking forward to many new innovative ideas next year.



**The New  
2016  
Lakeshore  
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Available**  
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**Membership count: 1084  
as of Aug. 2016**

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## Mow, Fertilize, Water & Rake Less

You don't have to spend so much time maintaining your lawn. Sound incredible? Mowing your yard less, watering it less, fertilizing it less, raking it less, and using no pesticides may be your way to a healthy, environmentally friendly lawn.

According to the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) and www.reduce.org here's some ways to keep your lawn healthy:

- Mow only enough to keep your grass length to 2 1/2-3 inches high. Mowing your grass to the proper height is the single most important thing you can do to improve the health of your lawn. When you mow, don't rake clippings — leave them on the lawn instead. However, be sure to sweep up your sidewalk, driveway, or street so clippings don't pollute nearby lakes or streams.

- Water only when it hasn't rained for seven days and only water in the early morning hours before 10am. Grasses naturally grow slower in the summer so brown grass usually means it's just dormant, not dead.

- A weed-free lawn is not necessarily a healthy lawn. Weeds can tell you something about what's wrong with your lawn. Identifying your weeds and treating them accordingly can strengthen the health

of your lawn.

Take time today to figure out exactly what your lawn needs to keep healthy. This will decrease the amount of time and money you will have to spend caring for it tomorrow. By keeping your grass length longer, the roots of your grass are deeper and can reach more water during dry periods making it less necessary to water. Longer grass also creates more shade and makes it harder for weeds to get established. By leaving your clippings on the lawn, you will fertilize your grass throughout the summer. Controlling weeds by interrupting the cycle of seed production (either by digging them up or cutting off flowering stalks) makes it harder for them to get established in your lawn.

### Did You Know...

Yard waste has been banned from landfills in Minnesota since 1992.

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Fertilizers with high phosphorus and nitrogen levels can pollute local watersheds and degrade nearby lakes, streams, wetlands, and rivers. Excess phosphorus and nitrogen promote too much weed and algae growth, choking out fish life and reducing water clarity.

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Homeowners — and not farmers — are the biggest consumers of pesticides and herbicides. When overused or misapplied, these chemicals can pose serious risks to animals and people, especially children. They can also kill beneficial earthworms and organisms, disrupting the ecological balance of your lawn.

## Minnesota Personal Watercraft Laws

Many boaters in Minnesota enjoy the exciting sport of riding personal watercraft (PWC). These speedy little crafts make up over four percent of registered boats in the state.

Although the number of personal watercraft accidents has declined, inexperienced riders still seem to account for many mishaps. They may not be aware of the unique handling characteristics of PWC or the special laws that apply to these craft.

Collisions are the most common kind of personal watercraft accident. PWCs collide with docks, swimming rafts and other watercraft. How do you avoid a collision on your personal watercraft?

- Keep your throttle depressed while turning. Many PWC operators heading towards a hazard panic and release the throttle, or pull the cutoff lanyard, causing the engine to stop. **HUGE MISTAKE!** When the engine stops, the water jet that propels and steers the craft stops and the craft continues in the same direction it was moving at the time the power was cut, regardless of any attempts to steer by the operator. Some recent-model PWCs are equipped with a device that assists steering in an off-throttle situation. However, even if your craft has this feature, keep the throttle depressed when you turn... even in an emergency.

- Don't ride too close to other boats, especially other personal watercraft.

- Make gradual turns. Turning too sharply can cause you to spin out and stop, giving any boat following you ample time to run you down!

- Look before turning. If someone is in the process of passing you, you could turn right into them.

### WHAT IS A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT?

A personal watercraft (sometimes called PWC or by brand names such as Jet Ski, Wave Runner, Sea Doo, etc.) is defined by law as a motorboat powered by an inboard motor powering a jet pump or by an outboard or propeller driven motor and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the craft, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside a motorboat.

Personal watercraft are considered motorboats under the law so they must follow all the regulations that govern other motorboats.

### In addition, personal watercraft. . .

- Are required to have a rules decal (provided at no charge by the DNR) in full view of the operator.

- Operators and passengers must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V life jacket.

- Are required to carry a USCG approved fire extinguisher.

- Must travel at a slow-no wake speed (5mph or less) within 150 feet of shore (except when a PWC is launching or landing a water skier by the most direct route to open water),

docks, swimmers swimming rafts, and moored or anchored watercraft or non-motorized watercraft.

- While a person is being towed on water skis or other device, there must be an additional person on board to act as observer. Wide-angle rear view mirrors may be substituted for an observer but they must be factory-installed or specified by the PWC manufacturer.

- Cutoff lanyards must be properly used and attached to the person, life jacket or clothing of the operator.

- May only operate between 9:30am and one hour before sunset.

### You May Not. . .

- Chase or harass wildlife.
- Operate while facing backwards.
- Operate in a way that endangers life, limb or property

- Operate a personal watercraft if the spring-loaded throttle mechanism has been removed or tampered with so it interferes with the return-to-idle system.

- Weave through congested watercraft traffic or jump the wake of another watercraft within 150 feet of the other boat.

- Travel through emergent or floating vegetation at greater than a slow-no wake speed.

### AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

It is unlawful for a PWC owner to permit its operation in violation of the age restrictions.

- Less than 13 year olds may not operate, even with an adult on board.

- 13 year olds must have either someone at least 21 on board or a watercraft operator's permit and be in continuous visual observation by someone who is at least 21.

- 14-17 year olds must either have a watercraft operator's permit or someone at least 21 on board.

### SALES & RENTAL

Personal watercraft dealers are required to distribute a summary of the laws governing PWC operation. Upon request by a purchaser, they must also provide instruction regarding the laws and safe operation of the craft.

People who provide PWCs for rent must also provide a summary of the personal watercraft laws and instruction for the safe operation of the craft.

PWC dealers and rental operations are required to keep a signature record of people who buy or rent PWCs, acknowledging they have been provided a copy of the PWC laws and rules. People under the age of 18 who rent PWCs must show their watercraft operator's permit before renting a PWC and the rental agency must record this information on the signature record. Rental operators must also supply a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket to everyone who rents a PWC as well as all other required safety equipment (fire extinguisher, etc.) at no additional charge.

### EQUIPMENT

There are some other pieces of gear that can make your outing more comfortable such as:

- Eye Protection. Sunglasses with a safety strap or goggles can help protect your eyes from wind, spray and insects.

- Footwear. Soft soled shoes or water socks will help protect your feet from sharp rocks, ease boarding and help you lean to steer.

- Wetsuit. A wetsuit is much more effective than thin bathing suit material at protecting you from cold water, as well as what safety experts call "severe lower body orifice trauma" that results from a seat-first water landing at 40 mph.

- High impact life jackets are used for high-speed activities. These USCG approved life jackets are designed to stay intact and attached to your body in high impacts.

Source: 2016 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

## 2016 Cola Meetings

COLA will hold their General Meetings on the third Thursday of each month (April thru September) starting at 7pm. These meetings will be held at the Community Center, 103 S. Lake Avenue, Ottertail, MN.

The remainder of 2016 dates are August 18 and September 15. The August 18 meeting will be Cola's Annual Meeting including awards, volunteer of the year, organization of the year and election of officers and directors.

## Jet Ski Safety Things to Remember...

Collisions are the most common type of personal watercraft accident. So how do you avoid a collision? Here are a few safety tips.

- Keep your throttle depressed while turning.

- Don't ride too close to other boats.

- Make gradual turns.

- Look before turning.

Of course, with safety precautions you should also have some essential

equipment to assure your personal safety when using a recreational water vehicle.

- Eye protection

- Footwear

- Wet-suit

- High impact life jackets

With these safety precautions taken into consideration, you should be able to make a conscious effort to using your personal recreational vehicles the 'better safe than sorry' way.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## 2016 Upcoming Board Meetings

Aug. 25 • Oct. 27 • 7pm • Ottertail Community Center (103 Lake Ave. S)  
Sept. 22 • Water Tester Dinner

[www.otlpoa.com](http://www.otlpoa.com)

Have you lost something? Have you found something in your yard or on your shoreline that wasn't yours? If you have been unable to locate your lost items, or unable to return a found item to the rightful owner, Please email secretary @otlpoa.com

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## LAND TRANSFERS July 11, 2016 until August 8, 2016

TWP	LAKE	PROPERTY TYPE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PRICE
Amor	Walker	Seas Res Unimproved	Anderson	Sweeter	\$119,100
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Miller/Breuer/Griffith	Griffith	\$181,850
Everts		Seas Res Unimproved	Johnson	Rick	\$15,000
Everts	Round	Seas/Rec Improved	Wacha	Schwantz	\$159,225
Everts	Silver	Seas/Rec Improved	Schumacher	R2M2 LLC	\$237,000
Everts	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Haberman ET AL	Callinan	\$301,400
Everts	Silver	Seas/Rec Improved	Johnson	Rick	\$211,250
Everts	Round	Seas/Rec Improved	King	Read	\$201,000
Everts	Deer	Seas Res Unimproved	Reitter TST	Muehlberg	\$115,000
Everts	Round	Seas/Rec Improved	Johnson	Johnson	\$32,500
Everts		Residential < 4 Units	Brown	Riewer/Lerbakken	\$229,500
Girard	West Battle		Chrest	Massara	\$95,000
Girard	Stuart	Residential < 4 Units	Molinaro ET AL	Dichraff	\$231,900
Girard		Seas Res Unimproved	Love	Love	\$15,000
Hobart		Seas Res Unimproved	Arnhold	Schwendeman	\$30,000
Otter Tail	Long	Seas Res Unimproved	Hermansen/Strand	Rasmusson	\$42,000
Otter Tail	Long	Seas/Rec Improved	Calkins	Iverson	\$146,359
Otter Tail	Long	Seas Res Unimproved	Christenson	Luebke	\$20,000
Otter Tail		Seas Res Unimproved	Haberman ET AL	Hanson	\$55,000
Otter Tail	Buchanan	Seas/Rec Improved	Schneider	Phillips TST	\$342,500
Ottertail City	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Johnson	Emerson	\$437,000
Ottertail City		Residential < 4 Units	Monson	Strommen	\$124,750

### USE SOUND JUDGMENT

**Keep the neighborhood peace and quiet in mind. Try not to ride for long periods in a small area. Instead, do your riding out in the lake and away from shore and other boaters.**

**Talk to your neighbors. See if your riding bothers them. Sometimes, just taking them out for a short ride will help them understand the fun of personal watercraft riding.**

**Don't modify your machine or do anything to make it louder. It's illegal and discourteous to others around the lake.**

**Steer clear of illegal drugs and alcohol. Intoxicated operation of a watercraft is not only illegal, it's also highly dangerous.**

July, 2016

Otter Tail Lakes Association Foundation,  
 Thank you so much for your  
 generosity in helping families with  
 paying for swimming lessons w/ the Red  
 Cross at Amor Park! Seawoia Ann has  
 attended swimming lessons the past  
 three years at Amor Park; she is  
 5 1/2 years old now + in level 2. She  
 enjoys our time at my folks beach  
 on Otter Tail Lake + is working very  
 hard on her crawl-stroke, kick +  
 back float. I hope she is swimming  
 w/o sinking by the end of this summer...  
 She is close! Thank you for  
 looking out for kids who swim  
 in Otter Tail Lake!  
 Sincerely, JoAnn Larson

## Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Foundation, Inc.



Foundation Directors: Secretary Jim Shirley, President Steve Brimhall, Director Bernie Steeves, and Treasurer Steve Mouritsen. Not pictured Stan Fetters, Dan Carlisle and Chad Biss

In the mid-90's the Otter Tail Property Owners Association, Inc. Board was looking into the future to help assist in any major problems that might arise within our lakes. They came up with two options: create a foundation or create a Lakes Improvement District.

Both options have many pros and cons. The foundation is a 501C (3) which is recognized as a charitable organization. This means that any donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. A lakes improvement

district is a tax against all property owners regardless if they want to pay or not.

At that time, they felt the best option for our association was to form a foundation. The purpose was to promote and assist with educational and/or recreational programs for the ecological preservation and protection of the Otter Tail Lakes area.

The Otter Tail Property Owners Association Foundation, Inc is responsible for the Red Cross swimming lessons and boating safety being held at Amor Park each year. When each child successfully completes these courses, the foundation will reimburse each family for their expense. Another responsibility of the foundation is to help boaters who use the lakes in our association navigate our waters. We have many buoys currently placed around the lakes and they will be buying an additional ten buoys. If any lakes in our association see a need, on your waters, where a buoy could be placed, please contact any board member.

Both our association and the foundation were the pilot program that is now being implemented across the county with the I-LID programs. I-LIDS are the 24 hour monitoring program at each of our landing accesses on Otter Tail Lake.

The Foundation is a great way to make donations and get some benefit on your tax return. If you are interested in contributing contact [secretary@otlpoa.com](mailto:secretary@otlpoa.com) or visit [www.otlpoa.com](http://www.otlpoa.com) and click on the Foundation button on the home page.

Please help keep out lakes clean.



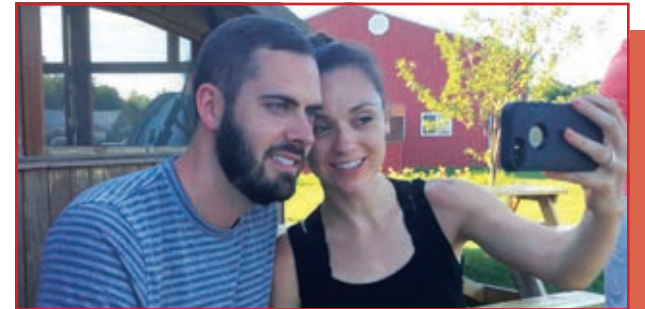
## More Photos & Information on The OTLPOA Membership Appreciation Gathering That Was Held On July 21

The temps on Thursday, July 21 were in the mid to high 80s and it was humid. The old school AC at Betty Jo's Pavilion at Elmer's was working hard and tried to cool everyone. But needless to say, most members took advantage of sitting at the picnic tables outside in the shade where it was cooler!

Even though the weather was a typical July day, there was plenty of good company, good conversation, good food and plenty of cold drinks to keep everyone comfortable. Even the cake frosting resisted melting and was enjoyed by all.



New members showing off their directory!



Sending a selfie...



Director Linda and husband Russell enjoying their together time



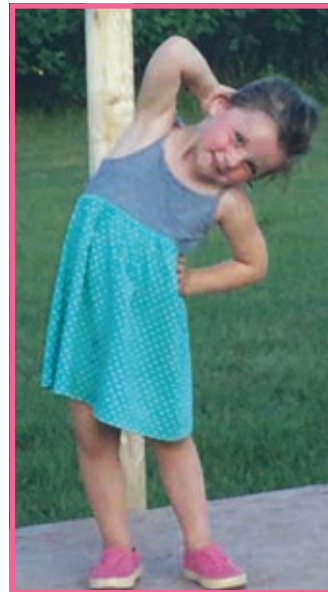
Betty Jo's Pavilion's air conditioner!!



Members enjoying themselves at the Appreciation Gathering on July 21st



Summer shenanigans!



Strike a pose; what a cutie!



Son Steve and proud Dad!!



In depth conversations.

**Thank You to Everyone Who Came Out For The Evening**

## Clip and Save

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## 2016 Aquatic Invaders Summit Registration Now Open

By Jeff Forester, Executive Director of MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates

"The mission of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR) is simple - to protect Minnesota's lake and river heritage, a heritage of families and friends enjoying water together across generations. How do we do this - by forging powerful links among lakes, lake advocates and policy makers. MLR is the voice of individual lake homeowners and other Minnesotans who care about Minnesota's waters, Lake Associations, Coalitions of Lake Associations (COLAs), Lake and River Associations (LARAs), and other water related groups at the state Capitol, including local units of government that work on water issues, and we get results. The simple fact is that what happens during the legislative session has a huge impact on people at the end of their docks, out on the boat landings, or in the water.

Recent successful efforts include the annual \$10 million County AIS Prevention Aid. This funding is changing the fight against aquatic invasive species by creating funded partnerships between state, local and citizen-led groups. It is innovative and effective and is just one example of the work MLR does. On October 5th and 6th, MLR will co-host with the Initiative Foundation the second Aquatic Invaders Summit. Attendees will learn the latest and most innovative AIS solutions from across the state and the country at this event, as well as have a structured way to work with partners to create better local programs. Registration has just opened for this event. For more information go to <http://aisummit.mnlakesandrivers.org/>.

With Executive Director Jeff Forester, a full time lobbyist, a statewide electronic database of concerned citizens, and a growing Lake Association, COLA and LARA membership, MLR

has organized and focused intense grassroots pressure at the Capitol on behalf of our lakes and rivers. When this work at the state level is combined with groups working at the county level and local lake associations working at the lake/township/city level a powerful synergy is created and real progress happens.

Member Organization benefits Include:

- Current/real time news alerts and Legislative updates,
- Articles for association newsletters and meeting handouts,
- Resources/information for local issues,
- Statewide advocacy and leadership on lake issues such as Aquatic Invasive Species and shoreline rules,
- A voice in establishing future statewide policy and legislative agendas,
- State of the art email action alerts to leverage the grassroots power of member organizations,
- Seminars and webinars with valuable information on AIS, lake ecology, and estate and trust law strategies,
- Website hosting (available at low cost to members).

MLR is building lake protection from the grassroots up. All Minnesotans who are concerned about Minnesota's waters are potential members. It is a model that will ensure that our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will enjoy a water legacy equal to or better than the one we inherited.

Membership information is on the MLR website - [www.mnlakesandrivers.org](http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org).

## DNR Confirms Zebra Mussels In East Spirit Lake And Lake Osakis

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources confirmed zebra mussels in East Spirit Lake in Otter Tail County and Lake Osakis in Todd and Douglas counties.

On July 9, an East Spirit Lake user brought a one-quarter inch zebra mussel to the DNR Fergus Falls office. A subsequent two-day search of four locations by DNR staff found one live zebra mussel one-quarter mile from the initial report.

On July 20, DNR invasive species staff conducted dive and shoreline searches to investigate reported zebra mussel veligers (larvae) in Lake Osakis. They found two three-quarter inch adult zebra mussels.

Invasive species alert signs are being posted at lake accesses, and the DNR will determine whether connected waters will also be added to the infested waters list. The DNR appreciates the help of the alert citizen who reported the find on East Spirit Lake and the work of the Sauk River Watershed District collecting veligers that led to the confirmation in Lake Osakis.

While zebra mussels are a serious problem for infested lakes, more than

98 percent of Minnesota's lakes are not listed as infested with zebra mussels. To protect the state's waters from the spread of invasive species and the environmental, recreational and economic damage they cause, Minnesota law requires boaters and anglers to:

- Clean their watercraft of aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.
- Drain all water by removing drain plugs and keeping them out during transport.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

In 2016, there are more DNR-trained watercraft inspectors and more decontamination units on Minnesota lakes than ever before. Watercraft inspectors check to ensure that boaters and anglers follow clean, drain, dispose laws and may deny access if necessary. Decontamination stations provide a free and thorough process of removing aquatic plants and animals.

More information, including a 30-second public service announcement about stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species, is available on <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquatic/index.html>

## Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates: Mission Statement

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- Lead in efforts to fund and implement a comprehensive statewide plan to halt the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.
- Work to reform lakeshore Property Taxes to protect lakeshore from overdevelopment and to keep the lake legacy affordable for future generations.
- Strive to protect surface Water

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- Work with policy makers to advocate Aquatic Habitat measures, and work with Lake Association members to implement aquatic plant management.
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### Underwood Harvest Festival

The 69th Annual Underwood Harvest Festival will be held on Friday, September 2 and Saturday, September 3 in Underwood. It promises to be a weekend filled with many activities.

**Friday**

- Steak Fry, American Legion, 6pm until gone
- Video Horse Racing, American Legion, 6-8pm, *sponsored by Underwood Lions, proceeds go to the Underwood Harvest Festival*
- Horse Racing by Dale, Marie's Tavern, 6-8pm
- Dance to Shot Gun Willy, Marie's Tavern, 8:30pm-12:30am

**Saturday**

- Cub Scout French Toast & Sausage Breakfast, Community Center, 7-10:30am, *sponsored by the Cub Scouts*
- 7 Come 11 Fishing Tourney, Bass Lake, 7-11am. *Limited number of boats accepted. To pre-register call Jerry at 218-205-6339*
- Obstacle Course Race For Education Reg. 7:30am, Main St., race starts at 9am. *All proceeds support Underwood School Education*
- Crafters, Park Region Telephone parking lot
- Kid's Carnival, 9-11am
- Kids Pedal Tractor Pull, next to Centennial, 10am
- Sverdrup Welca Dinner, 11am-12:30pm
- Pork Chop & Corn Feed, next to Farmers State Bank, 11am until gone, *sponsored by*

*the Underwood Lions, proceeds go towards Community projects*

- Harvest Festival Queen Coronation, Centennial Park, 11:30am
- Kiddie Parade, 12:30pm, register at noon at Centennial Park, *sponsored by Underwood Harvest Festival*
- Main Parade, 1:30pm, rain or shine
- Kids/Adult's Relay & Egg Toss, following the parade
- Open House at the Foss Log Cabin on Oak Ave. E., 2:30-5pm, theme woodworking, coffee, cookies & music after the parade. *Sponsored by Underwood Study Club*
- Bean Bag Tourney, unlimited teams, \$20 per team, registration begins after the egg toss, behind the Legion, *proceeds go towards the Underwood Football Team*
- Senior Citizens Tea, Community Center, following the Main Parade, *sponsored by the Underwood American Legion Auxiliary*
- Unitarian Church Open House, 3-5pm, serving pie & lemonade
- Music by Roger Gillespie, Marie's Tavern, 2:30-6:30pm (after parade)
- Street Dance, Trip Wire, in front of Fire Hall, 9pm-1am, age 21 & over, *sponsored by the Underwood Fire Department*
- All Day Food Stand Marie's Tavern, food, brats, tacos in a bag, burgers, foot longs, hot dogs & nachos, sponsored by JO Volleyball
- All Food Vendors by Lion's Shelter

## Bees & Yellow Jackets (Wasps)

### Did You Know?

Honey bees die after they sting you, but other bees and wasps can sting you and live to fight another battle.

The bees and yellow jackets (a social wasp) are out. Although it's no fun to be stung they can actually be beneficial. Bees are responsible for pollination and yellow jackets

eat other insects.

What's the difference between bees and yellow jackets?

Yellow jackets are generally more aggressive and likely to be in search of human food. They are yellow and black and banded and shiny. They scavenge on meat and fish, and feed these items to their larvae. They also feed on tree sap, fruit and nectar. Yellow jackets love sugar, which attracts them to trash and picnic areas. They also are attracted to perfume scents and bright clothing with floral patterns. Yellow jackets feed on other insects as well, such as flies and beetle grubs.

Bees are more mild-mannered and they focus on the flowers. They have robust, hairy bodies with flat rear legs. Bees are out foraging among flowers for nectar and pollen and usually will only sting if stepped on, swatted or if they are protecting their colony. They generally are not attracted to soft drinks.

#### What should you do if you are stung?

- Remove the stinger as quickly as possible. Scrape it out of your skin with a fingernail, or with something flat, like a

credit card. Just don't squeeze it as you do so, you'll release more venom from the insects venom sacs into your body

- Apply ice or cold packs to constrict the capillaries and reduce bee or wasp sting swelling.

- Clean the area with soap and water and apply:

- a hydro-cortisone cream or
- a mixture of baking soda and water.

- If no other treatment is available:

- try a handful of mud and hold it on the sting until the mud dries or

- apply a slice of onion to the spot and hold it for a minute or so



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Going around the table from Abe in the black shirt, Josephine, Mia, Eva, and Shepherd. Mia and Abe were visiting from Omaha, NE. First time for them and they fell in love with everything.

### Yurt Vaca

This is a story of our OTLPOA President's grandkids first experience in a yurt at Glendalough State Park, written by them. This story is from an eleven, nine, and five year old perspective.

*This summer we spent a night in a yurt at Glendalough State Park. My mom had it on her summertime bucket list for a long time and we thought it looked fun to do. We came not very prepared to get there because it was either biking, canoeing or hiking to get to the yurt. We hiked because we didn't have a canoe or bikes. We had to hike 2 miles to get to the yurt. Glendalough State Park had two carts at the trailhead but we were only supposed to take one. Oops! We took two to put our belongings in and then a person pulled it like a horse pulling a cart. When we got to the yurt, we unpacked all our stuff, started a campfire and ate dinner. Then we made s'mores - yum! After that, we brought games so we played the games. Outside, we pulled each other in the carts. (There was not very much to do so bring games, plus hand sanitizer for the outhouse!) Our parents made a scavenger hunt for us and told us campfire stories, then we had a dance party.*

*When it was time for sleep, my sister sang us a lullaby. The beds were pretty comfy - there were seven of them - and we enjoyed the rocking chair. You do have*

*to bring your own covers for the beds. My favorite thing at the yurt was going hiking and making s'mores over the campfire. Josephine's favorite thing was going on the little dock and watching the sunset plus she liked that the dome at the top of the yurt could open up and let in fresh air. Shep's favorite part about staying at the yurt was going hiking. My mom said in the middle of the night she heard a raccoon scratching around the yurt but the raccoon never got in because the yurt was so well-built. We would all recommend staying in a yurt. I would do it again, but the next time I would bring my bike!*

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## Calendar of Events

Aug. 12	Rod & Gun Demo Derby, Ottertail
Aug. 13	Otterfest, Otterfest Lions Breakfast
Aug. 13	BL Art & Craft Affair
Aug. 14	Glendalough State Park - Celebrating 125 and 25 Years of History
Aug. 16	Music on the Green, Ottertail
Aug. 18	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL
Aug. 18	COLA Annual Meeting & Awards
Aug. 19	World Famous Turkey BBQ Henning
Aug. 19	Puppet Pageant, New York Mills
Aug. 20	Watermelon Day, Vining
Aug. 25	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL
Aug. 25	OTLPOA Board Meeting
Aug. 27-28	Finn Creek Festival, NYM
Sept. 1	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL
Sept. 3	Gathering of Airplanes, BL
Sept. 15	COLA General Meeting
Sept. 17	The Viking Challenge & Crusade
Sept. 22	OTLPOA Board Meeting
Sept. 24	Central Lakes Cycle Duathlon
Sept. 24	Colors & Textures of MN Autumn, BL
Sept. 24	Pumpkin Fest, BL
October 1	Vergas Hairyman Festival
October 5-6	Aquatic Invaders Summit

## 46th Annual Pioneer Fest

The 46th Annual Pioneer Fest will be held on August 20th and 21st. The Fest is located 3/4 of a mile north of downtown Perham on 1st Ave./Co. Hwy. 8. This is a family friendly festival that has been going on since 1970.

At the pet friendly Pioneer Fest you will find a tractor pull, arts and crafts, food, beer, classic cars, historic building tours, vendors sharing their crafts and a dance on Saturday night. There will be several bands with live music including folk, bluegrass, classic & contemporary country, classic country/rock, and new country/rock from 10am-10pm.

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 Classic cars, building tours, sawmill and threshing begin, chainsaw carving, kids activities, food open  
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 6pm: Ballroom & full bar opens for evening dance  
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## Researchers Testing New Zebra Mussel Control Method

**Lake Minnetonka Study is First of its Kind in the Country**

Submitted by Becca Nash, Associate Director, MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center on 8/6/16

A study began in Lake Minnetonka this week on a potential new method to effectively manage zebra mussel populations. Researchers from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) are testing the use of a copper-based product to reduce the survival of zebra mussel veligers (larvae). By targeting the youngest zebra mussels, it's hoped the overall zebra mussel population can be decreased. The study, funded by a \$24,000 grant from Hennepin County, is the first known field test of its kind in the country.

During three separate weeks between now and mid-August, very low levels of a federally-approved copper-based product, EarthTec QZ, are being applied in six enclosures near the shoreline of Lake Minnetonka's Robinson's Bay. Following each application, researchers will evaluate the impact of different concentrations of the product on the young zebra mussels.

The product is species-specific and poses no health risks to humans or other aquatic life. Recreation and enjoyment of the bay will not be impacted during the study.

"As we explore feasible, cost-effective ways to manage the zebra mussel population in Lake Minnetonka and elsewhere, we are interested in seeing if this can be a viable tool in this effort," said Eric Fieldseth, MCWD Aquatic Invasive Species Program Manager. "We are grateful for the partnership with MAISRC to better understand how to control this invasive species."

Since zebra mussels were discovered in Lake Minnetonka six years ago, they have spread throughout the lake. Some of the largest concentrations are in the study area in Robinson's Bay. Because zebra mussel adults live only three to five years, they rely on veliger production to maintain their populations. Reducing veliger survival could ultimately reduce the overall population of adult zebra mussels and may be an approach to management, particularly of newly infested lakes.

"Lake Minnetonka is a valuable laboratory for testing new potential zebra mussel control methods," said Dr. Michael McCartney, MAISRC Research Assistant Professor. "This study's findings will help inform future efforts to manage these populations, slow their spread, and lessen their impact on our lakes."

Zebra mussels have long-term water quality and recreational impacts. They alter the food chain that fish and other aquatic life depend on, they attach to docks, boats and other hard surfaces, and their sharp shells litter beaches and lake bottoms.

The first round of trials began this week, the second round is planned for the week of August 1st and the third and final round is set for the week of August 15th. The grant funding to support this study comes from a state appropriation to Hennepin County for AIS prevention and management programs.

For more information about the study and other AIS research and management activities, visit [www.minnehahacreek.org](http://www.minnehahacreek.org) or [www.maisrc.umn.edu](http://www.maisrc.umn.edu).



Submitted by Robert Bope, tail of the Otter

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- ✓ **Drain** water from boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, and motor before leaving a water access — and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs. **Keep drain plugs out** while transporting boats.
- ✓ **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into the water, or to dump worms on the ground.



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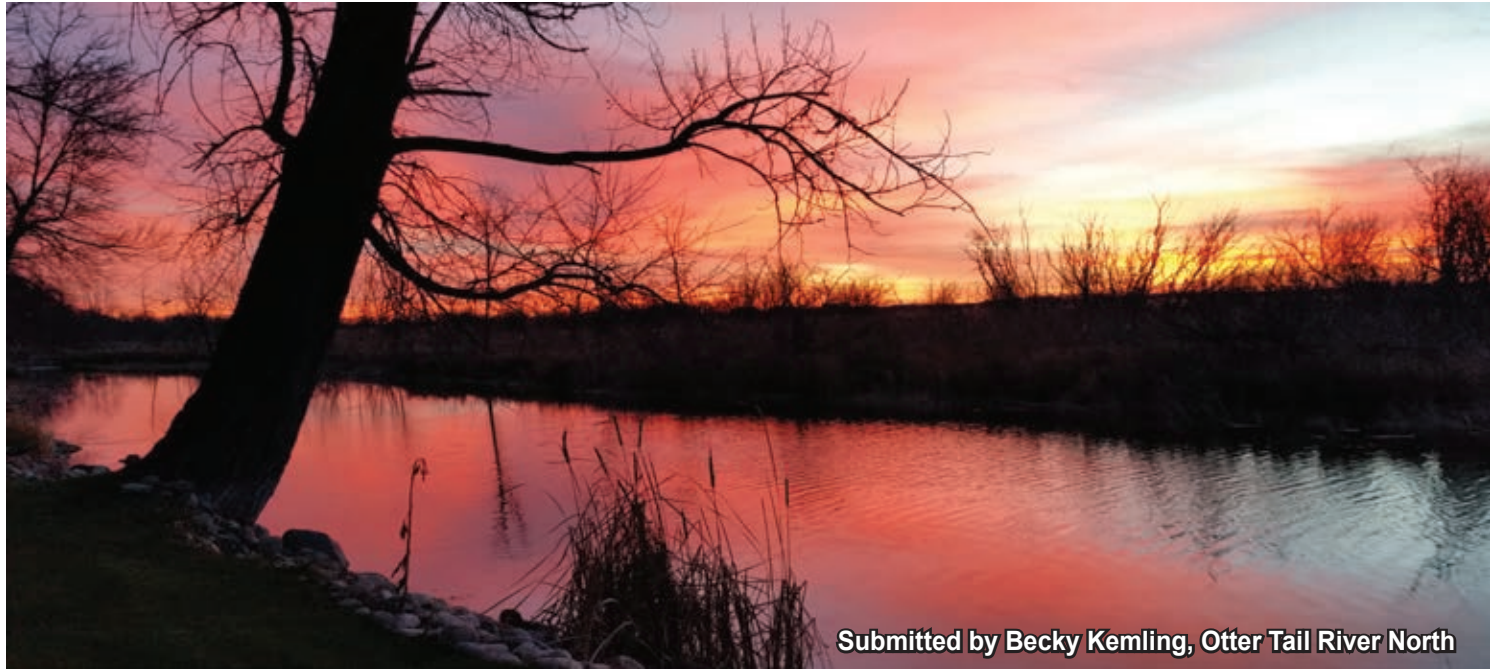


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Submitted by Becky Kemling, Otter Tail River North

## Vining Watermelon Day Sat., Aug. 20

Vining will celebrate its 44th Annual Watermelon Day Event on Saturday, August 20, (the third Saturday in August).

A "Run for the Melon" 5K/10k race is scheduled to begin at 8am. Please check [www.runforthemelon.com](http://www.runforthemelon.com) for registration and information.

The day is filled with many fun activities.

- Begin with breakfast at the Vining Lutheran Church, 7-11am
- At 9am you can visit a number of vendors that provide a variety of shopping
- Bingo, always popular starts at noon

• Children can enjoy a Petting Zoo, pony rides, inflatables and Children's Games 1:30pm on the grounds of the Community Center.

• A Children's Theatre production "Cinderella" will be held at 11am in the lower level of the Community Center.

• Musical groups will entertain beginning at 10am. They include "Nathan's Old Time Band" - 10am-1pm and "Bill and Janet" Country & Rock - 1-4pm.

• Vendors and local groups will provide a variety of food including some

Scandinavian Specialties.

• The Vining Community History Center located in the upper level of the Community Center will be open to visitors.

• The evening parade begins at 7pm. Following the parade, drawings for prizes and a Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Community Center served by the Nidaros WELCA will take place.

• The activities of the day conclude with an evening Street Dance featuring "Cruise Control".

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even if it has AIS's attached – and place it on the adjacent shoreline property without a permit. However, if you want to transport a dock or lift to another location for storage or repair, you may need a permit to authorize transport of prohibited invasive species and aquatic plants. The permit can be downloaded at [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais\\_transport.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais_transport.html) and is valid only for one-way transport on one day.

- You may decide to hire a business to install or remove your boat, dock, or

lift, or other water-related equipment. If you do make sure they are on the DNR's list of Permitted Service Providers. This list can be found at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us), in the search window type in "Permitted Service Providers" and click on the link. These providers will have a permit sticker in the lower driver's-side corner of their vehicle's windshield, have attended training on AIS laws and many have experience in identifying and removing invasive species.

- If you need to transport watercraft

for storage you may not transport any watercraft with AIS or aquatic plants attached away from a water access or other shoreland property, even if you intend to put it in storage for the winter. You may need a permit to authorize transport of prohibited invasive species and aquatic plants. (See above for the link for the permit download)

Early detection is important in protecting your property and Minnesota's water resources. Responding quickly to new infestations

is critical to help prevent the spread. If you find an AIS, note the exact location, take a photo, keep the specimen, and call 888-646-6367, or a local DNR AIS Specialist at 218-739-7576 ext 254 or the Fergus Falls Area Fisheries Office at 218-739-7576.

Learn more about Minnesota's AIS laws and the lake service provider program at [mndnr.gov/ais](http://mndnr.gov/ais).

Source: MN Department of Natural Resources. 2016.

**Swimmer's Itch**

According to RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. swimmer's itch is when you leave the lake after swimming and about an hour later some itchy red spots appear on your body. It can itch for a week or so and feel uncomfortable. Once you have had swimmer's itch, your skin may be more sensitive to it next time.

Swimmer's itch is caused by a tiny parasite that enters your skin from the water. That sounds repulsive, but the parasite doesn't do any harm to humans besides causing itchy red bumps. Most of the parasite species that cause swimmer's itch use aquatic snails as intermediate hosts for the larval parasite stages and bird hosts for the adult parasite. So how do humans fit into this picture? When the larval parasite leaves the snail, it then needs to enter a bird to survive. We get caught in the middle when the parasite enters our skin instead of the birds. Some common bird hosts include common mergansers, mallards, swans, and red-winged blackbirds.

Swimmer's itch is usually most prevalent in shallow downwind areas of lakes. The presence of swimmer's itch doesn't really have anything to do with water quality or pollution on a lake. You just need the right kind of snails and the right kind of birds.

So how can you prevent getting swimmers itch? First, avoid feeding water birds by your lake home. Feeding ducks, geese and swans can propagate swimmer's itch in the area where birds are being fed. It also makes the birds dependent on humans for survival and makes them a nuisance.

Second, avoid swimming or standing for long periods in shallow water, and when you leave the water rinse off, towel off, and remove your wet swimsuit. Children are commonly affected by swimmer's itch because they play in shallow water and tend to be in the water more than adults. If you swim off a boat or raft in a deeper area of the lake, you will probably have less of a chance of getting swimmer's itch.

If you think you have swimmer's itch, you can go to the pharmacy and ask the pharmacist for a recommendation. Usually a topical cream can reduce swelling and itching.

The CDC also recommends:

- Use of corticosteroid cream
- Apply cool compresses to the affected areas
- Bathe in Epsom salts or baking soda
- Soak in colloidal oatmeal baths
- Apply baking soda paste to the rash (made by stirring water into baking soda until it reaches a paste-like consistency)
- Use an anti-itch lotion

If itching is severe, your health care provider may suggest prescription-strength lotions or creams to lessen your symptoms.

Sources: [rmbel.info/swimmers-itch/#more-789](http://rmbel.info/swimmers-itch/#more-789) & [www.cdc.gov/parasites/swimmersitch/faqs.html](http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/swimmersitch/faqs.html)

**Fishing & Lures**

Fishing is a great way to create many memories with both the young and old. Take your child, grandchild or a grandparent fishing today.

If you are not sure what type of lure to use when you go out fishing here's some information and tips from the Minnesota DNR.

Color, flash, vibration and scents can attract fish to your lure. Color and flash attract fish because fish have excellent color vision. The use of vibration also attracts fish because they have excellent hearing and vibration-sensing capabilities. And some lures are even scented or flavored to take advantage of the sensitive taste buds of most fish.

Some basic lures are jigs, plastic worms, spinners, spoons and plugs. Plastic worms, jigs, spinners and surface plugs are all good for a variety of species, provided you get an appropriate size for the type of fish you are catching. Spoons and diving plugs are good for catching larger predatory fish like pike, muskie, walleye and bass. And, if you're a beginner, there's nothing wrong with keeping it simple and going after bluegills with nightcrawlers.

**What do all these lures look like and do?**

**Jigs:** A jig (jighead) is a weight with a hook molded into it. The round weight usually has eyespots, and a tail of feathers, plastic or hair to make the jig resemble an insect or small fish.

**Plastic Worms:** Plastic worms or a plastic or rubber are a version of the real thing. They are often infused with a chemical that gives the lure an attractive smell or taste (to the fish). Slide it onto a hook or jig, and you're ready to go.

**Spinners:** All spinners consist of one or two shiny metal blades that spin around a shaft as the lure is pulled through the water. The spinning blades produce flashes and vibrations that the fish can see, feel and hear.

**Spoons:** A spoon is a single, curved metal blade that wobbles as it is pulled through the water. It is usually shiny on one side and colorful on the other, a spoon imitates the shape, movement and colorful flashing of a small fish.

**Plugs:** A very generic term for any lure that looks like a small baitfish with hooks attached. They are also called poppers, chuggers, crankbait, diving plugs or surface plugs. The round weight usually has eyespots, and a tail of feathers, plastic or hair to make the jig resemble an insect or small fish.

Enjoy your day (or evening) on the lake. And take the time to create memories that will last forever!

Source: MN Department of Natural Resources. 2016.



# Visitors Church Directory 2016

Join us in worship!

**BAPTIST****Basswood Baptist Church B.G.C.**

38188 340th St., Richville, MN 56576  
Bert Holmquist, Pastor—218-495-3800

Church—218-495-3771

Sunday School 9:30 am, refreshments following

Worship Service 10:45 am

Bible Study, Youth Group & Kids Club - Wednesday 7 pm

Ladies' Bible Study - 3rd Thursday

Men's Prayer Breakfast - 1st Saturday 7 am

Potluck Dinner - 2nd Sunday

**First Baptists (ABC) - Battle Lake**

"The Little Brown Church on the Hill"

Lynn Hansen, Pastor—651-485-7378

[www.firstbaptistbattlelake.org](http://www.firstbaptistbattlelake.org)

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Fellowship & refreshments 10:30 am

Am. Baptist Women - 3rd Monday

**CATHOLIC**

Father Leroy Schik, Pastor

Mass Times—218-864-5619

[www.ollsj.org](http://www.ollsj.org)

**St. James Catholic - Maine Township**

Saturday Mass 5 pm, October 1 - May 1

Sunday Mass 8:30 am - May 1 - October 1

**Our Lady of the Lake - Battle Lake**

Sunday Mass 10:30 am

Saturday Mass 6:00 pm, Memorial Day—Labor Day

**Saint Edwards - Henning**

Saturday Mass 4:00 pm, May 1 - October 1

Sunday Mass 8:30 am - October 1 - May 1

**LUTHERAN****Bethel Lutheran Church**

Battle Lake Campus:

Meets at Lakes Area Community Center

112 West Main St., Battle Lake

218-862-4908

Worship: 10:30 am

Website: [bethellutheran.church](http://bethellutheran.church)

**First Lutheran - ELCA**

505 Holdt St. W., PO Box 268, Battle Lake

Rob Nelson, Interim Pastor

[bfirstlutheran.org](http://bfirstlutheran.org)

Church—218-864-5686

June - Sept. 4:

Worship at 9:00 am

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 am

**Sverdrup**

209 Southeran Ave. E., Underwood

Nancy Monke, Pastor

Church—218-826-6919

Worship 9:00 am

Worship on the 2nd Sunday of the months of

JUNE JULY & AUGUST is Saturday evening at 5:30 pm

(No Sunday worship)

Indicates Barrier-Free Access

**LUTHERAN****Tingvold**

6 miles north of Underwood, Co. 1 & Co. 35

Nancy Monke, Pastor

Church—218-826-6487

May: Worship 11:00 am

June 1-Sept. 1: Summer Worship 10:30 am

**Zion Lutheran - ELCA**

36051 Co. Hwy. 74, Amor

Hwy. 1 & 74, 10 miles north of Battle Lake

James Gronbeck, Pastor • Church—218-495-2563

Email: [zionamoroffice@prtcl.com](mailto:zionamoroffice@prtcl.com)

Website: [www.zionamor.org](http://www.zionamor.org)

Summer Services: May 8 - September 18

Worship 8:15 am & 10:00 am

Fellowship & refreshments between services

Regular Services: Worship 10:00 am

Fellowship & refreshments after service

Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Bible Study - Tuesday 10:00 am (year round)

Contemporary Worship Services - Check Website

**METHODIST****Ottertail United Methodist Church**

104 Shore Drive, Ottertail

Rod Turnquist, Pastor

Church—218-367-2270

Worship 8:45 am

Coffee Fellowship following Worship

**Richville United Methodist Church**

130 SW 1st Ave., Richville

Rod Turnquist, Pastor

Church—218-346-5656

Worship 10:15 am

Coffee Fellowship following Worship 2nd & 4th Sunday

**PRESBYTERIAN****Maine Presbyterian**

30761 Co. Hwy. 45, Maine Township

2 miles north of Phelps Mill

Tom Junkert, Pastor

Website: [mainepresbyterianchurch.org](http://mainepresbyterianchurch.org)

Church—218-495-2539

Summer - Worship 9:30 am (Thru September)

Coffee Following Worship Service

Winter - Worship 10:00 am

**BATTLE LAKE****ALLIANCE**

401 W. Gilbertson St., Battle Lake

Derek Mansker, Pastor • Church—218-864-5539

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Fellowship & refreshments after service

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## Blue-Green Algae

Algae are common in lakes and rivers. But at high concentrations a type called "blue-green" algae can make people and animals sick.

When temperature and water conditions are right, algae "blooms" can turn the water green and smelly and may contribute to fish kills. Most algae are harmless; however under certain conditions, this algae can produce toxins. Found throughout Minnesota, blue-green algae thrives in warm, shallow, nutrient-rich lakes.

### What causes the blue-green algae blooms:

The primary cause, excess nutrients (e.g. phosphorus), is largely due to nonpoint source runoff from agricultural lands (e.g., row crops), urban areas (e.g. streets, parking lots, lawns, etc.), and point sources, such as wastewater treatment facilities.

#### What to look for:

- Does the water look "pea soup"?
- Does it smell swampy?

#### What does it do:

- Irritate skin, eyes and nasal passages and make you sick. Swallowing or ingesting water with a blue-green algae bloom may cause symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, or nausea; headache, throat irritation, or muscle pain; and in severe cases, paralysis or respiratory failure.

- Poison your pets or livestock - animals have died from it. If your pet has come in contact with blue-green algae, wash them thoroughly immediately before they have a chance to lick themselves clean. And if you think your pet is sick call a veterinarian immediately.

*Source: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*

# Featured Lakes:

## Walker Lake 56-0310-00

Walker Lake is a 540-acre eutrophic (fertile) lake located approximately four miles west of Ottertail City. The Dead River inlet is located along the north shoreline and outlets into Otter Tail Lake along the south shoreline.

Walker Lake is charming in size, a beautiful place to relax out on your boat with friends or family and you can cast a line or two. Another great example of the beauty right in our backyard here in Minnesota and within our Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association.

Walker Lake has a maximum depth of 29 feet; however, 63% of the lake is less than 15 feet in depth. A public water access is located along the north shoreline.

Emergent plants provide spawning areas for fish such as Northern Pike, Largemouth

Bass, and panfish. They also serve as important nursery areas for all species of fish. Because of their ecological value, emergent plants may not be removed without a DNR permit.

Walker Lake is a very popular lake for Walleye fishing, especially during the first two weeks of the season. Walleyes migrate from Otter Tail Lake through Walker Lake and up the Dead River to spawn in mid to late April. They return to Walker Lake to feed once spawning is completed and before migrating back to Otter Tail Lake.

Walker Lake is stocked annually with Walleye fry to replace eggs taken by the DNR at the Walleye egg-take site at the Walker Lake Hatchery.

Walker Lake also provides some excellent Bluegill fishing at various times of the year.

## What Does The Walker Lake Hatchery Do?

The Walker Lake Hatchery helps with fish management. In general, fish management tools fall into one of four categories:

- protecting and restoring habitats and water quality;
- regulating the harvest;
- stocking; and
- public education.

Lake surveys and research provide the information used to select appropriate management tools.

Minnesota has more walleye, walleye lakes, and walleye anglers than any other state. Each year, anglers harvest about 3.5 million walleye.

The best way to maintain walleye numbers is to protect critical habitats. Shore land zoning and related laws aid fish by controlling development and protecting spawning sites and aquatic plants that fish use for cover.

Stocking is another management tool used. Minnesota's cool water hatcheries produce 2 - 5 million walleye fingerlings and millions of fry each year. Stocking can provide walleye fishing in lakes that lack

spawning habitats but can otherwise support walleye. Stocking is also effective for lakes that have been "rehabilitated" or occasionally winterkill. Like any tool, stocking must be used appropriately. If misused, it will be ineffective or possibly harmful to existing fish populations. Stocked walleye may compete for food with other game fish, particularly largemouth or smallmouth bass.

Stocking a lot of small fish does not guarantee catching a lot of big fish. Fish managers estimate only 4 percent of the annual statewide walleye catch comes from stocked fish. The rest is the result of natural reproduction.

Loss of habitat, pollution, and increasing fishing pressure continue to be the biggest

issues in walleye management. Everyone must work to improve water quality, control runoff and waterfront development, and maintain aquatic vegetation. Anglers, in addition, will need to comply with regulations and harvest only what they intend to use, for Minnesota to maintain a quality fishery.

The Walker Lake Hatchery is located on the Dead River which is an inlet to Walker and Otter Tail Lakes. Walleye begin spawning in April as water temperatures

approach 45 degrees. Workers collect, then combine, the eggs and milt from walleye spawning in the Dead River. Spawning usually ends in three to four weeks. In a typical season, 300-900 quarts of eggs are taken with an average of 135,000 eggs per quart.

Annually, the hatchery produces 25 to 80 million walleye fry. Walleye fry are stocked into area lakes and rearing ponds. Fry that are stocked in rearing ponds are harvested in the fall as fingerlings and stocked into area lakes.

What types of research help with management decisions for this hatchery? There isn't any type of research conducted at the Walker Lake Hatchery that influences management decisions for this area. Walleye egg take quotas are determined from stocking proposals that are outlined in our lake management plans. Stocking rates are determined by analyzing catch and age data collected from standard fish population assessments.

Seasonal tours and visits are available by reservation, call 218-739-7576. They are unable to give tours to casual visitors due to staffing limitations.

*Source: 2016 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*


## The Walker Lake Hatchery

**The Walker Lake Hatchery was established in 1974.**


**Why was it established?** To provide walleye fry and fingerlings for lakes managed for walleye in Otter Tail County.

**What is the general technology used for the hatchery?** Water is pumped from the Dead River into the hatchery to incubate the eggs. Water runs through the batteries using a gravitational system. This is the most practical and efficient system in which to incubate the eggs.

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# Walker & Long

## Long Lake

56-0210-00

Long Lake is a 1,173-acre lake located in central Otter Tail County. It has a maximum depth of 16.0 feet and almost the entire basin is 15 feet or less in depth. Because of this shallowness, Long Lake is subject to winterkill during severe winters. A DNR-owned public access is located along the south shoreline.

Emergent aquatic plants such as hardstem bulrush and cattails are located in areas throughout the lake. These emergent plants provide valuable fish and wildlife habitat and are critical for maintaining good water quality. They protect shorelines and lake bottoms from erosion and can actually absorb and breakdown polluting chemicals. Emergent plants provide spawning habitat for fish species such as northern pike, largemouth bass and panfish. They also serve as important nursery areas for all species of fish. Because of their ecological importance, emergent plants may not be



removed with a DNR permit.

Fish species present in high populations are black and brown bullheads and common carp. Game fish present (in low numbers) were northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, and walleye. Yellow perch appear to be the most abundant game fish.

A creek connection between Long Lake and Otter Tail Lake may explain why Long Lake contains most of the game fish species present.

Long Lake is a great place to fish or just relax out on your boat. Bring a fishing rod, a book, a cooler, camera, etc. and enjoy your day. There is never a dull moment out on the water.

## Poisons In And Around The House

### Did You Know???

...  
Nine out of every 10 poisonings for children ages 12 and younger involve medication errors or unsupervised children taking medicine on their own.

...  
Laundry detergent packets are more poisonous than traditional liquid or powder detergent. Keep it stored up, away, and out of sight of children – in a locked cabinet is best

It only takes a moment and something awful can happen. Everyday items in your home, such as household cleaners and medicines, can be poisonous. How can you help keep young children and even

cannot find them. Children can easily get into pillboxes, purses, backpacks, or coat pockets.

#### Household Chemicals and Carbon Monoxide

- Always read the label before using a product that may be poisonous.

- Keep chemical products in their original bottles or containers. Do not use food containers such as cups, bottles, or jars to store chemical products such as cleaning solutions or beauty products.

- Never mix household products together. For example, mixing bleach and ammonia can result in toxic gases.

- Wear protective clothing (gloves, long sleeves, long pants, socks, shoes) if you spray pesticides or other chemicals.

- Turn on the fan and open windows when using chemical products such as household cleaners.

#### What should I do if a poisoning occurs?

- Remain calm.
- Call 911 if you have a poison emergency and the victim has collapsed or is not breathing. If the victim is awake and alert, dial 1-800-222-1222. Try to have this information ready:

- the victim's age and weight
- the container or bottle of the poison if available

- the time of the poison exposure
- the address where the poisoning occurred

- Stay on the phone and follow the instructions from the emergency operator or poison control center.

### Be Prepared Save This Number

Place this poison help number

**800-222-1222**

on or near every home telephone and save it on your cell phone.

The line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



## Maplewood State Park

The maple forest turns brilliant shades of orange, gold, and red in the fall.

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The extensive trail system attracts hikers, horseback riders, and cross-country skiers.

Source: 2016 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



## Owl Butterfly

*Caligo memnon*

The owl butterfly is a beautiful, interesting, larger butterfly with an amazing built in protection system. It has what appears to be large eyes, that would be more fitting of a larger predator than a fragile, beautiful butterfly. As needed, these eyes trick other creatures that would normally make the Owl Butterfly a snack or meal! All another hungry animal needs to see, are "eyes" that would fit on a creature that would eat them if they had the chance, and they are immediately looking elsewhere for food! What an incredible built in defense mechanism.

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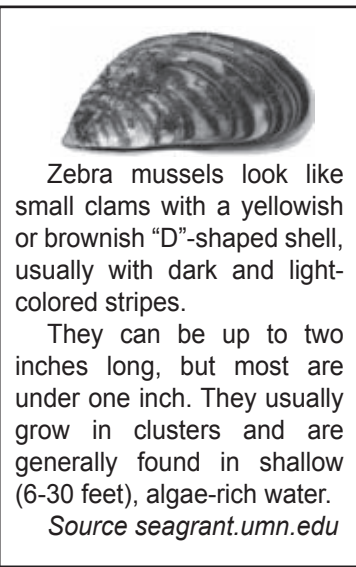


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One Zebra Mussel Found In Otter Tail Lake continued from page 1

member of Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association, Inc., board member of Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Foundation, Inc., Aquatic Invasive Species Chair for Otter Tail County Coalition of Lakes Associations and Chairman for Otter Tail County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force. All of these individual groups work for the same common cause: that is to promote education and



Zebra mussels look like small clams with a yellowish or brownish "D"-shaped shell, usually with dark and light-colored stripes.

They can be up to two inches long, but most are under one inch. They usually grow in clusters and are generally found in shallow (6-30 feet), algae-rich water.

Source [seagrant.umn.edu](http://seagrant.umn.edu)

protect our bodies of water. We work closely with the MN DNR on a number of major issues that arise throughout each year. Each year the State of Minnesota designates \$500,000 towards OTC AIS task force. We have been recently installing an additional 10 I-Lids around the counties highest traffic lakes to monitor for any AIS.

When the call came into my office about this finding on Otter Tail Lake, my next steps were to follow our protocols which are: validate the claim, notify OTC Land and Resources, DNR and AIS Task Force. At that point the DNR officials, over the course of three days, analyzed 3,000 objects on Otter Tail Lake and found no traces of any age of Zebra Mussels. We may never find another one, however, since one has been found, Otter Tail Lake will be placed on the Invasive Species list of

invested lakes. Now is the time, more than ever, to educate all people who use our lakes not just our members or the people who live around our lakes about AIS.

When each and every one of you begin to shut down your cabins and remove all docks, lifts and any other toys you may have in the water PLEASE be on the high alert for all AIS items. Zebra Mussels are not the end of the world. There are four

other Invasive Species to watch for: Eurasian Watermilfoil, Spiny Water Flea, Flowering Rush and Starry Stonewort. If by chance you may find something, you must notify the DNR immediately at 218-739-7576 ext. 254.

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association, Inc has just launched a new website for your resource guide to all information related to our lakes and programs. This will be our last issue of Lakeshore News in 2016, please be sure to check our website for the latest news and press releases related to our lakes. Also, sign up at [www.otlpoa.com](http://www.otlpoa.com) for our email campaigns for the fastest information released right to your phone or computer.

*Here to preserve our bodies of water.*  
Thank you, Bernie Steeves  
[bsteeves@arvig.net](mailto:bsteeves@arvig.net)

**EVERY PERSON**  
*who uses Minnesota's lakes & rivers for outdoor recreation has a responsibility to help prevent & curb the spread of AIS... because it is preventable.*

**Do your part.**  
Source Minnesota DNR

**Contact DNR**

Anyone who sees a large number of dead fish in an area are encouraged to contact the local DNR office at 218-739-7576. The sooner a fish kill can be investigated, the more likely it is that the cause can be determined.

**Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association, Inc. Board Of Directors**

**Approved Meeting Minutes June 23, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL-**  
Absent: Fetters

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

- New Business (Bernie)
  - i. Cost sharing some work
- Spotlight on Blanche and Deer Lake
- Discussion for election of officers
- All were in favor of Approval

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 26th, 2016 minutes

- Minutes were approved through email by all board members July 7th-8th
- Foundation has been paid
- Annual Meeting
- Grant Money has to go to a specific project

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Steeves motion to accept financial reports, Simdorn second.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

- 831 Web Development \$1,200 for new website will need to be paid in full before website goes live
  - i. Simdorn made a motion to pay all bill and ask foundation to pay half later, Kemling second

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Amor Park Event
  - i. Possibly tie it in with OTLPOA 50th sometime in August 2017
- Fix 51st Annual meeting to just annual meeting

- Pictures for website and Newsletter
- Directories
  - i. Ken is not listed under ABC order
  - ii. Ken is under Jo
  - iii. Multiple properties -Concerns

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Membership Committee – Second membership mailer has been sent out.
  - i. Hit 1,000 members today!
- Auditing/Finance/Budget Committee

–  
i. Bylaws state that we have a few people from the committee get together and do an audit

ii. J. Johnson made a motion for Carlisle, Steeves and Simdorn to work on audit report, Kemling Second

- DNR & Government–
- Water Testing/COLA –
  - i. John Mel our Round Lake water tester has put in his resignation
    - 1. P. Johnson will do it

• Communications Committee –  
i. Lakeshore News – Send Ideas for July Issue

ii. Website – The committee has chosen to move forward with a brand new website. It is currently a work in progress and will be finalized soon. We will be able to accept online payments for membership, worms, foundation and others. This type of payment process required that we setup a new bank account to allow the online processor to communicate with our bank account. (We didn't want the processor to have access to our primary checking

account. All funds that come in to the new account will be transferred over to the main checking account under the policy that committee or the board directs. My opinion is this will be done every Friday when we know that payments have come in.) Based on the feedback we received when we did the email campaign, I believe we should be able to receive 30% online payments from our members once they know it's available. This will help reduce the initial time needed from our membership committee to send out renewal forms.

1. Is a sweep account possible?
  - a. Ken will check into that.
2. Steeves made motion to set up a sweep account at the bank, Rosenquist second

iii. Lost and found:  
iv. Comment section

1. Directories getting to people- Had issues in the past
2. All 12 I-lids will be up and running by next Friday
  - Worm Committee – When one lake sprays, we all get sprayed
  - Ottetail Wastewater/Sewer District Committee –
  - Foundation – Steeves contacted Steve and Jim from the foundation to have recordings

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Annual Meeting
  - Audit Committee needs to review books prior to annual meeting
  - Bernie lined up speakers- Speakers will speak first
  - Mark and Rita at the front of the door
  - \$5 for extra people
  - Have to form a nomination committee

- Wing, Kemling and Buntje
- Appreciation Meeting

**NEW BUSINESS:**

• Last month the board voted to allow the ability to accept online payments through our new website

- Do we want to get new buoys?
  - i. \$200-\$300 a piece
    1. If people know of any lost or damaged buoys, contact a board member
    - ii. Carlisle made a motion for Steeves to work with Wentz on buying buoys, Hunke second

**OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Annual Meeting this Saturday June 25th, 2016 7:00 AM at the OTTER, OTTERTAIL CITY, MN
- The next meeting will be July 28th, 2016
- Membership appreciation event July 21st at Betty Jo's Pavilion at Elmer's

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Rosenquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wing second

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Visitors are invited to bring a picnic lunch to the historic Glendalough Lodge and Trail Center and join the picnic activities along the shore of Annie Battle Lake.

"Join us for lunch and activities on the beach and help us celebrate one of Minnesota's newest state parks," said Jeffrey Wiersma, Glendalough State Park manager. "People can come early or stay late and tour the lodge, take a paddle or a swim, or hike or bike the paved bike trails."

The schedule for the picnic activities is as follows:

### Games and Activities (12:30-3pm)

- Potato sack race. Put both feet in a burlap sack and be the first to cross the finish line.
- Tug of war. Be the last one standing on a log to be crowned winner.
- Three-legged race. Find a partner, finish first.
- Croquet. Play the game once enjoyed on the lawns of Glendalough before it became a state park.
- Root beer floats. Enjoy a frosty root beer float at minimal cost served up from noon-2pm by park partners at the Trail Center.

### Special Programs (1-3pm)

Red River Zoomobile. See live animals from the Red River Zoo and learn about their life histories from the experts.

"Echoes of Glendalough" performance. Time rolls back at the Glendalough Lodge when local actors portray important personages from Glendalough's rich history.

Parking in the picnic and event area will be limited, but visitors will be able to drop off their gear. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

A vehicle permit is required to enter Minnesota state parks (\$5 for a one-day permit or \$25 for a year-round permit). Those who don't already have a Minnesota state parks vehicle permit can purchase one on the parks permits page or at the park office.

For more information, call 218-864-0110 or visit the Glendalough State Park page.

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  - Never store chemicals near sources of heat, sparks, or flames.
  - Store chemicals in a dry place.
  - Keep chemicals from freezing.
- However, DO NOT store gasoline or other fuels in your house — they're a fire hazard.
- Store chemicals in their original containers with labels intact.
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