



# Lakeshore News

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## DNR Fisheries Reports Another Successful Walleye Egg-Collection

Another successful walleye egg-collection operation is in the books – and in the jars.

Walleye egg-collection operations wrapped up April 29 when the final batch of eggs was collected in Fergus Falls. In all, more than 4,500 quarts of walleye eggs were collected at 10 operations throughout the state.

Each year, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fisheries staff set up temporary egg stripping and fertilizing operations at various locations around the state to meet the stocking needs prescribed by individual lake management plans. After eggs are collected and fertilized, the initially fragile eggs are hardened for several hours with fresh water. After hardening, the eggs are transported to a hatchery building and measured into special hatching jars where they incubate for two to three weeks before hatching into fry.

Roughly one-third of the 360 million fry anticipated to hatch this year will grow in rearing ponds throughout the summer and then be stocked as fingerlings in 362 lakes this fall. The other two-thirds of the fry are stocked directly into 302 lakes within a few days of hatching. Fisheries biologists check

Walleye Egg-Collection continued on page 3...



## RED CROSS SWIMMING LESSON INSIDE

Staff from Fergus Falls Area Family YMCA

See Page 11



Ken Wentz, OTLPOA President, presenting a check to Stuart Fleischauer, from Ottertail Fire and Rescue. Proceeds will be used to assist in the purchase of auto-extrication gear for auto accidents.

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Ken Wentz, OTLPOA President, presenting a donation to Steve Nelson, Board President for Glendalough State Park for the Walk For Glendalough Fundraiser.

## I-Lids

Otter Tail County AIS Task Force is purchasing 10 I-Lids for the county. Otter Tail Lake will be receiving one more on at the Hwy. 78 access. (They have two others.) The OTLPOA Foundation and the AIS Task Force will split the cost.

## Thank You...

To everyone that went out in their photographs and stories to help write and/or depict events that have happened in Glendalough Park and on Blanche Lake. It is appreciated!

I want to thank our OTLPOA President, Ken Wentz and board members Don Anderson and Lee Ronquist for ending in photos that helped paint a visual for various articles.

Also thank again to Ken Wentz and also Rick Mudge for ending in or providing the stories that helped make this issue of Lakeshore News happen.

—Leah

Various histories for Glendalough can be found on page 4.

Various histories for Blanche Lake can be found on page 6 and 10.



## President's Corner



Ken Wentz,  
OTLPOA  
President

For the second year in a row this area has experienced less than seven inches of snow for the winter. The low snowfall combined with the low rainfall last autumn and thus far this spring, the lake water levels are lower than normal. On Lake Blanche, the featured lake for this issue, the shoreline looks similar to its appearance at the close of summer. For many it might mean a little more ingenuity getting your boat on and off the lift this summer.

While I always look forward to reading the Lakeshore News, this issue is extra special due to the featuring of Lake Blanche/Glendalough State Park. My wife, Mary Jo, and I have lived or have been vacationing on Blanche for over sixty years. Mary Jo has called to mind many times that while vacationing at a family cabin as a child, her dream of living full time

on Blanche would be a dream come true. That dream came true when we bought our own home on Blanche in 2006. In visiting with many of our members I hear that you also are in love with your lake. In the upcoming issues I will be looking forward to the history and unique happenings on the other lakes that are a part of our association.

Over the past couple of years Blanche and Glendalough State Park have shared a unique partnership in that both organizations have residents that are the president or chairman of said groups. In fact, only four houses separate the two. Steve Nelson serves as chairman of Glendalough State Park Board of Directors and I serve as a representative of Lake Blanche as well as president of our association.

Leah, our main publication author at Lakeshore News, has had to sort through and incorporate a multitude of information she has been given over the last couple of months concerning Blanche/Glendalough and put it in some form of interesting, informative, and thought-provoking reading format. A big appreciation is warranted for the extra work Leah has done in making this issue even more interesting and informational to our members.

This summer your association has two important events for all of its members and the best part is that they are FREE. Your directors are putting together the annual meeting breakfast and an appreciation/appetizer event in celebration of your association being recognized as the 2015 Association of the Year. Please save the date of June 25th for the Annual Membership Breakfast. July 21st is scheduled for the Membership Appreciation event at Elmer's! It promises to be a great time to celebrate our members - you! - and being honored as the 2015 Association of the Year. There will be more on that in the next issue. For the annual breakfast we are providing not one but two breakfasts for our members.

Our membership goal this year is 1200. Though many have said this is unrealistic, I strongly feel with all our members reaching out to their neighbors as a way of assisting the directors, this is a very realistic number. We are around 950 members as of this writing and the next 250 is near. Again we, as your directors, are doing our best to listen to you and accomplish what is in the best interest of our lake environment. Let's do that together and continue to grow our association!

## OTLPOA - Association of the Year

### Save The Date June 10 Is Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection In Ottertail

Otter Tail County Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection will be held Friday, June 10, 10am-2pm at the Fire Hall (93 Lake Ave S.) Ottertail, MN.

There will be free collection of household hazardous items, including:

- Paint
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Walleye Egg-Collet on o ntinued from page 1

on the survival of stocked fingerlings or fry with follow-up assessments.

“While stocking walleye is an important part of our fisheries management strategy, it’s also important to note that 85 percent of walleye caught by anglers are naturally produced,” said Chris Kavanaugh, northeast regional fisheries manager. “Many Minnesota lakes have excellent natural walleye reproduction without any stocking, but in some lakes, the walleye fishery exists solely because of stocking.”

Individual lake management plans prescribe the timing and amount of any stocking based on the available habitat, prey availability and past success. Not all lakes can benefit from stocking.

While time and labor intensive, walleye eggs collected this way have a much higher hatching success rate than what occurs in nature. However, maintaining good water quality and natural spawning habitat with a healthy adult population can produce many more walleye than hatcheries can provide. Each lake that has an egg collection operation is restocked with fry to more than compensate for the egg collection activity.

To know what lakes are stocked, locate a lake at LakeFinder and click the fish stocking tab. General information about fishing in Minnesota can be found on the Minnesota Fishing page

Source Minnesota DNR

Fry - Newly hatched fish that are ready to be stocked usually called “swim-ups”. Walleye fry are 1/3 of an inch or around 8 mm.

Fingerling - Fingerlings are one to six months old and can range from a size of one to twelve inches depending on the species. Walleye fingerlings range from three to eight inches each fall.

Yearling - Yearling fish are at least one year old. A one-year-old fish can range from three to twenty inches depending on the species. Walleye yearlings average from six to twelve inches.

Adult - Adult fish are fish that have reached maturity. Depending on the species, maturity can be reached at two years of age. Walleye reach maturity between the ages of four and six years.

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

### Approved Meeting Minutes March 24, 2016

The regular business meeting was called to order by President, Ken Wentz, at 7:03pm at the Ottertail Community Center. The Midweek was recording secretary.

The following directors were in attendance: Ken Wentz, Rita Buntje, Janice d hns n, Bernie Steeves, Stan Fetters, Pat Hunke , Dan Carlisle

Abent: Lee Rosenquist, Rob Nelson, Keith Fleischauer, Scott Simdorn, Marc Wing, Becky Kemling, Pete Johnson, Linda Sngl er

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Stan Fetters for the approval of the agenda, and seconded by Bernie Steeves. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Pat Hunke to approve the October 22, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Dan Carlisle. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** A motion was made by Dan Carlisle to approve the financial report as presented. Seconded by d nie d hnson. Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Report given under new business

**Guest-** No Guest

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

a. Membership Committee – Ken, Linda, Rita, d n, Keith, Amy

i. Rita Buntje reported 896 members as of March 24, 2016. Total received so far was \$22,400.

b. Auditing/Finance/Budget Committee – Ken, Linda, Karen, Rob

i. No Update

c. DNR & Government (awareness of what’s going on in the area and beyond and bringing it back to the board) – Lee, Dan, Bernie, Becky

i. Muskie topic going through the legislative process.

ii. AIS Task Force is purchasing 10 I-Lids. Otter Tail Lake will be getting on at the Hwy. 78 access. The OTLPOA Foundation and the AIS Task Force will split the cost.

d. Water Testing/COLA – Dan, Marc, Ken

i. No Update

e. Communications Committee –

(Disributing information to the news media.)

i. Website – Bernie, Linda and Rita will gather some information on what needs to be updated for the website.

f. Worm Committee – Bernie, Stan, Jan, Marc, Ken

i. Motion made by Dan Carlisle, second by Pat Hunke to deviate from the policy to move the worm update until the April 28th, 2016 board meeting. Motion Carried.

g. Ottertail Wastewater/Sewer District Committee – Rob

i. No Update

h. Fundraising Committee – Pat, Scott

i. No Update

i. Foundation

i. No Update

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Update

**NEW BUSINESS:**

• Approval of Bills

• 831 Web LLC – Web Page \$150.00

• Sheldon’s - Buoy \$825.00

• Midwest Printing - 2016 membership sheets \$654.99

• Karen Young - Quick Book Fees

8 hrs. bookkeeping \$758.92

• Midwest Printing – Address Labels \$45.32

• Verizon – Final cell phone bill \$149.23

• Midweek – LSN printing and Postage \$1,281.63

• 831 Web LLC – Domain Reg. \$25.00

• Acceptance of Keith Fleischauer resignation motion made by Stan second by Bernie motion carried

• Discussion from President Ken W. in moving our Annual meeting to Tuesday, June 28th 5-7pm to have an appreciation, appetizer, and annual meeting at no cost to the members. Tabled until next meeting.

• Contract with The Midweek. Motion was made by Stan Fetters, Second by Rita Buntje.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dan Carlisle motioned to close the meeting. Seconded by Pat Hunke. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

## Clean Your Boat Of Hitchhikers

By Leah Klegs ad

Keeping your water amenities and equipment clean is key. Clean, drain, dispose and dry, these are the steps you must take. By cleaning your boats, docks, jet skis, etc. thoroughly, you should be able to see if there are any aquatic hitchhikers attached. Once cleaned and hitchhikers are removed, you can then drain any live-wells, baitwells, or other drain plugs your water vehicle may have. One other important tip is to always remove the plugs while traveling.

Next, you should dispose of any unwanted bait in the trash. Why, you may ask? Well, different types of invasive species such as the zebra mussel, curly-leaf pondweed, purple loosestrife, etc. can attach to anything

solid as well as other aquatic animals. It is necessary to dispose of any unwanted bait properly, even though it seems like a waste.

Lastly, before you even think about going to another lake with any aquatic equipment or vehicles, it is important and necessary to let everything dry thoroughly. This may not be the most convenient choice but it is the right one. Anywhere from 5 to 21 days, your equipment should sit out and dry. It is absolutely crucial that this precaution is taken serious. So let’s do all we can as individuals to help stop these invasive species from hitching a ride from lake to lake and keep our beautiful fresh waters of Minnesota clear of any invasive species.



## Visitors Church Directory 2016

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### 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  
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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

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

#### 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

#### First Lutheran - ELCA ♿

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

Jake Dyrhaug, Pastor

blfirstlutheran.org

Church—218-864-5686

June - November

Traditional Worship 9am

Children's Ministry Sept.-Nov. 9:50 am

Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am

Contemporary Worship 11:00 am

December - May

Children's Ministry 9:00 am

Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am

#### Sverdrup

209 Southeran Ave. E., Underwood ♿

Nancy Monke, Pastor

Church—218-826-6919

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am (September-May)

### LUTHERAN ■■■■

#### Tingvold

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

Nancy Monke, Pastor

Church—218-826-6487

Worship 11:00 am

Sunday School 10:00 am (September-May)

#### 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

Website: www.zionamor.org

Memorial Day thru Labor Day —

Worship 8:15 am & 10:00 am

Labor Day thru Memorial Day —

Worship 10:00 am only

Fellowship & refreshments between services

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

Sunday School 10:15 am (September-May)

### PRESBYTERIAN ■■■■

#### Maine Presbyterian ♿

30761 Co. Hwy. 45, Maine Township

2 miles north of Phelps Mill

Tom Junkert, Pastor

Email: mainepresbyterianchurch.org

Church—218-495-2539

Summer - Worship 9:30 am (Thru September)

Coffee Following Worship Service

Winter - Worship 10:00 am

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## Calendar of Events

May 19	COLA General Meeting	July 20-23	West Otter Tail County Fair, FF
May 20	KRCQ Reel Country Classic Fishing Tournament, OTL	July 21	OTLPOA Membership Event
May 26	OTLPOA Board Meeting	July 21	COLA General Meeting
May 27	Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Tour, BL	July 21	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL
June 2	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL	July 21	MS Tram
June 7	Music on the Green, Ottetail	July 21-24	BL Wenonga Days
June 9	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL	July 21-24	East Otter Tail County Fair, Perham
June 10	Otter Tail County Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection, Ottetail	July 23	Deer Trails Day, Deer Creek
June 10	Downtown FF Mystery Tour	July 23	Art in the Park, Pelican Rapids
June 10-11	Summerfest	July 23-26	Ottetail Art & Music Festival
June 11	Running Wild Trail Run, MSP	July 28	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL
June 11	Ronald McDonald House Ride, NYM	July 28	OTLPOA Board Meeting
June 11	NYM Youth Baseball 10th Annual Walleye Tournament, Big Pine Lake	July 29	Pebble Lake Youth Triathlon
June 11	NYM Great American Think Off	July 30	Hoot Lake Triathlon
June 11	Frazee Crazy Daze	Aug. 2	Music on the Green, Ottetail
June 12	Lake Country Sportsmen's Club 22nd Annual Walleye Tournament, OTL	Aug. 4	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL
June 15-18	Perham Turtle Fest	Aug. 5-6	Perham Crazy Days
June 16	COLA General Meeting	Aug. 6	Lakes Country Fly-in Air & Car Show, Perham
June 16	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL	Aug. 11	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL
June 17	Relay for Life West Otter Tail County	Aug. 11-14	Looney Daze, Vergas
June 18	Henning Citywide Garage Sale	Aug. 12	Rod & Gun Demo Derby
June 18-19	West BL Walleye Tournament	Aug. 13	BL Art & Craft Affair
June 21	Music on the Green, Ottetail	Aug. 13	Otterfest
June 22	Lake Alice Cyclone Tour	Aug. 13	Otterfest Lions Breakfast
June 22	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL	Aug. 14	Glendalough State Park - Celebrating 125 and 25 Years of History
June 23	OTLPOA Board Meeting	Aug. 16	Music on the Green, Ottetail
June 25	OTLPOA Annual Membership Breakfast	Aug. 18	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL
June 30	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL	Aug. 18	COLA Annual Meeting & Awards
July 1	Parking Lot Party, Ottetail	Aug. 19	World Famous Turkey BBQ Henning
July 1-2	Prairie Fire (area kids) performance of Peter Pan, Vergas	Aug. 19	Puppet Pageant, NYM
July 5	Music on the Green, Ottetail	Aug. 20	Watermelon Day, Vining
July 7	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL	Aug. 25	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL
July 8	Summer Celebration, NYM	Aug. 25	OTLPOA Board Meeting
July 8	Fish House Festival, NYM	Aug. 27-28	Finn Creek Festival, NYM
July 8	Perham Relay for Life	Sept. 1	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL
July 8	Lund Mania Fishing Tournament, OTL	Sept. 3	Gathering of Airplanes, BL
July 8-10	Henning Area Festival	Sept. 15	COLA General Meeting
July 9	Dent Daze	Sept. 17	The Viking Challenge & Crusade
July 9-10	Phelps Mill Festival, Maine	Sept. 22	OTLPOA Board Meeting
July 10	Aim Weekend Walleye Series, OTL	Sept. 24	Central Lakes Cycle Duathlon
July 12	Courthouse Lunch/Band Concert, FF	Sept. 24	Colors & Textures of MN Autumn, BL
July 14	Come to the Lakes Concert Series, BL	Sept. 24	Pumpkin Fest, BL
July 15-17	Art of the Lakes Studio Tour	October 1	Vergas Hairyman Festival
		October 5-6	Aquatic Invaders Summit

BL - Battle Lake, FF - Fergus Falls, MSP - Maplewood State Park, NYM - New York Mills, OTL - Otter Tail Lake

Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association

# MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION EVENT

**Save the Date!**  
**Thursday, July 21st**

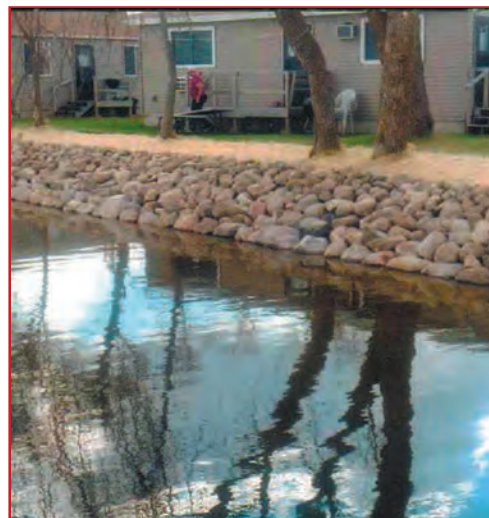
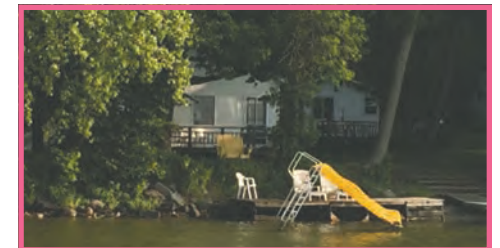
**Elmer's Restaurant**

*Helps support your Association's Foundation by spending a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors at Elmer's Restaurant. This will be a celebratory appreciation event honoring the OTLPOA for being Association of the year in 2015.*

## Did You Know?



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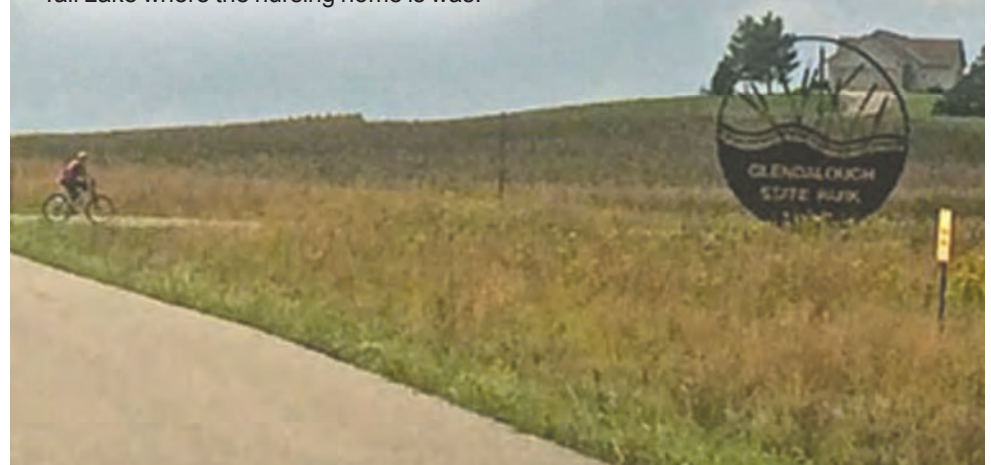
## From Valentine Camp To Glendalough

By Leah Klegstad

The park we know now as Glendalough was first named Valentine Camp in 1903 after a Barnesville man by the name of Ezra Valentine. Rumor has it that the Valentine Camp was one of the most pretentious summer homes in the area. It was not too long after that Ezra passed away and the Valentine Camp adopted the title of Minnechoka Camp. An uneasy feeling was sent through the Blanche Lake cabin owners when there was word going around that the north shore was to become to new location of the Otter Tail County Sanitarium for Tuberculosis Patients. It has been said that the heirs of Valentine Camp set the property cost at a very substantial amount, resulting in the sanitarium relocating and making it's home on Otter Tail Lake where the nursing home is was.

When 1927 came around, a publisher from Minneapolis by the name of Fred Murphy established an 80-acre retreat on the Valentine/Minnechoka Camp site. Named after a monastery and city in the beautiful country of Ireland, Murphy gave the site the name of Glendalough to the site.

Today, Glendalough Park still offers many recreational activities. You can do everything from hiking on the trails, to fishing on the beautiful Blanche Lake, or just sitting out on your cottage porch sipping on some afternoon tea. Glendalough is a tight knit tranquil place to sit back, relax and enjoy the sheer beauty of everything surrounding it.





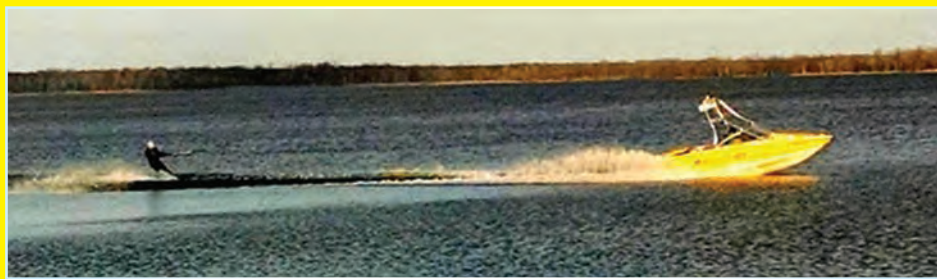


## Pink & White Lady Slipper

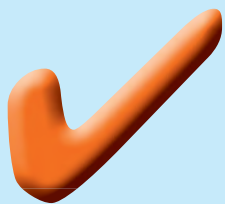
*Cypripedium reginae*

The showy lady's slipper gets its name from the fact that the one bloom looks little like a woman's slipper. It's scientific name *Cypripedium*, means *Child of Venus*

Source: 2016 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



First skier out on Blanche Lake, March 16, 2016!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 2016 Upcoming Board Meetings

May 26 • June 23 • July 28 • Aug. 25 • Sept. 22  
7pm • Ottertail Community Center (103 Lake Ave. S)

**Annual Meeting June 25th**

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# GLENDALOUGH

## STATE PARK

Nestled in the transition zone between prairie and hardwood forest, Glendalough offers a true respite from civilization. Crystal clear Annie Battle Lake is a 335-acre, non-motorized "Heritage Fishery" that provides a tranquil fishing experience second to none. Special regulations sustain a steady supply of large sunfish, crappie, and the occasional walleye for the frying pan, and large bass for the camera. Near the pristine shores of this lake are a cart-in campground and canoe-in campsites, all free from the traffic and noise of traditional drive-in camping.

Annie can also be the starting point for an exploration of the park by canoe or kayak on the connecting creeks. The restored historic Glendalough Lodge on the north side of the lake details the park's history as a private retreat and game farm for the Minneapolis Tribune.

Numerous hiking trails, including two interpretive trails, meander along five lakes, through rich woods and blooming prairies. Wildlife abounds year-round, and there are many observation decks along the trails. Trails are groomed in winter for skiing and snowshoeing. Picnicking and swimming is available on two sandy lakes.

### EVENTS

06/17/16

- Flying for Beginners:  
Workshop

06/18/16

- Fly Fishing Clinic

06/22/16 - 08/17/16

- Beginning Canoeing  
- Nature Explorations:  
Wild Wednesday Junior  
Naturalist Programs

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**Reminiscing on Blanche Lake**

*"There were two farms on Blanche in the early Days. One of the farms extended from the Carroll Cottage (Now Bud's Resort); then we had a timber tract in woods to run through to get to Gab Innes and that was probably settled up through Lehman's or thereabouts"*

—Mary Lou Mullenbab

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*"Before 1945 the area to the east of the farm was farmer Clear's ownership. Many remember the goose berry bushes there and that Mr. Clear drove off anyone who gathered berries even though he never used them himself. One of the cottages were located for the season, however, his estate roamed freely among the properties and lake fronts"*

—Phyllis Davis Reynolds

**Early Travels: Wadena To Blanche**  
By Leah Kleghad

Early Days of traveling between Wadena and Blanche Lake was quite the trek due to the lack of bridges and the fact that the roads that twisted around the basin of lakes in between. Since the road was convoluted and the bridges that were there did not suit any kind of automobile, people traveling from Wadena to Blanche or vice versa, traveled by horse and buggy as they did in the early days.

It was not until 1907, automobile owners and local farmers took the reins on improving the road to accommodate the growth and prevalence of auto transportation in the area. During that era, it took an estimated cost of \$50 to get the road between Wadena and Blanche in top-notch traveling conditions. The road was then blacktopped later in the 1950s.

With the automotive industry kicking into high gear over the years more and more people from the metro area of the Twin Cities, Western Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, settled into new areas of Blanche Lake.



Winners of the 1912 Field and Stream magazine's Annual fishing contest—standing proudly with their impressive catch is Mr. Loset. and Mr. Carroll.

**Did You Know?**

When a mosquito does penetrate the skin with their proboscis they are not only attempting to draw the blood from your body but they are also injecting their saliva in the bite. The purpose of injecting the saliva is to, 1) act as a mild painkiller and, 2) to thin the blood to avoid any clotting.

Since these saliva enzymes are foreign to the human body, white blood cells are sent to fight off the invader. Consequently leaving the spot where the mosquito harvested some blood swollen and itchy. This happens due to the body releasing a little too much histamine. The little mosquito bite bump is actually called a "wheal".

Try to avoid itching your bites as it will irritate and break the skin, consequently resulting in more itching. It is best to just wash with soap and cool water right away to take away some of the irritation.





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## Minnesota Tornado History & Statistics

Tornadoes are among the most devastating and awesome local storms that occur on Earth. The United States has the dubious distinction of having the greatest frequency and the most severe tornadoes. Tornadoes have the power to lift railroad cars and sail them many yards through the air. The power of their winds can make deadly missiles of loose objects, including broken glass. Even pieces of straw have been found embedded in trees and boards after a tornado.

During the winter months (December through February) tornado activity is concentrated in the southeast U.S. and along the Gulf Coast. As spring (March/May) progresses, tornado occurrence moves north and west across the central Mississippi and Ohio River Valleys. By summer (June/August) the potential threat of tornadoes has spread across the continental United States and Southern Canada. During autumn (September/November), tornadic activity gradually retreats to the south and southeast sections of the country and is often associated with hurricanes.

This seasonal drift is principally caused by the increase of warm, Gulf moisture into the central part of the country during spring and summer, decreasing during the fall and winter. The mixing which occurs when the moist Gulf air clashes

with contrasting colder, drier air from the north and northwest contributes to the triggering of tornadoes.

Minnesota lies along the north edge of the region of maximum tornado occurrence in the United States. Tornado Alley, as that part of the central U.S. has come to be known, reaches across parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, East Nebraska, and West Iowa.

In Minnesota, tornadoes have occurred in every month from March through November. The earliest verified tornado in Minnesota occurred on March 18, 1968, north of Truman, and the latest in any year on November 16, 1931, east of Maple Plain. Historically and statistically, June is the month of greatest frequency with July not far behind. May has the third greatest frequency, followed closely by August. Nearly three-quarters of all tornadoes in Minnesota have occurred during the three months of May (15%), June (37%), and July (25%).

The most probable danger period in Minnesota, therefore, is late spring and early summer, between 2pm and 9pm. However, tornadoes can and do occur at any time of the day or night.

Source: 2016 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

## Talk About An Emergency Plan

- Where is the safest location to take shelter in the home.
- Where you would meet if you are separated and are unable to return home.
- Where you would go if authorities order an evacuation.
- Identify appropriate contacts in case of injury.
- How changes in the family — aging parents, babies, new pets — will impact your preparedness.
- Create an emergency supply kit.

Emergency supply kits can assist families if the power goes out, or if they are trapped inside a damaged home. A simple kit should include a three-day supply of water and food, a flashlight, and a whistle to alert authorities. If families need to evacuate, they should have money, identification, a cell phone and charger, bottled water and snacks ready to bring with them.

Sources: [dps.mn.gov](http://dps.mn.gov)

## KNOW THE LAW: You May Not...



- Transport watercraft without removing the drain plug.
- Arrive at lake access with drain plug in place.
- Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on any roadway. Launch a watercraft with prohibited species attached. Transport water from Minnesota lakes or rivers.

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The shoreline of Blanche Lake after ice out in March - rarely seen shoreline this early in the season.

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## Ice Damage to Shoreline Properties

Property owners occasionally return to their cabins in the spring only to discover they are dealing with property damage caused by a phenomenon called "ice heaving" or "ice jacking". This powerful natural force forms a feature along the shoreline known as an "ice ridge". The result may include significant damage to retaining walls, docks and boat lifts, and sometimes even to the cabin itself.

**The cause of ice ridges:** Ice damage to shoreline property is often caused by the "pushing" action of an ice sheet. Cracks form in ice because of different contraction rates at the top and bottom of the ice sheet. This is especially true in years lacking an insulating snow cover. Ice

cracks also develop because the edges of the ice sheet are sometimes firmly attached to the shoreline. When water rises in the cracks and freezes, the ice sheet expands slightly. When rising air temperature warms the ice, the additional expansion exerts a tremendous thrust against the shore. The expanding ice sheet moves soil to create ice ridges (also know as "ice pushes" or "ramparts") as high as five feet or more. Alternate warming and cooling of an ice sheet causes additional pushing action that possesses enough power to nudge masonry bridge piers out of plumb and push houses off their foundations.

Source: 2016 Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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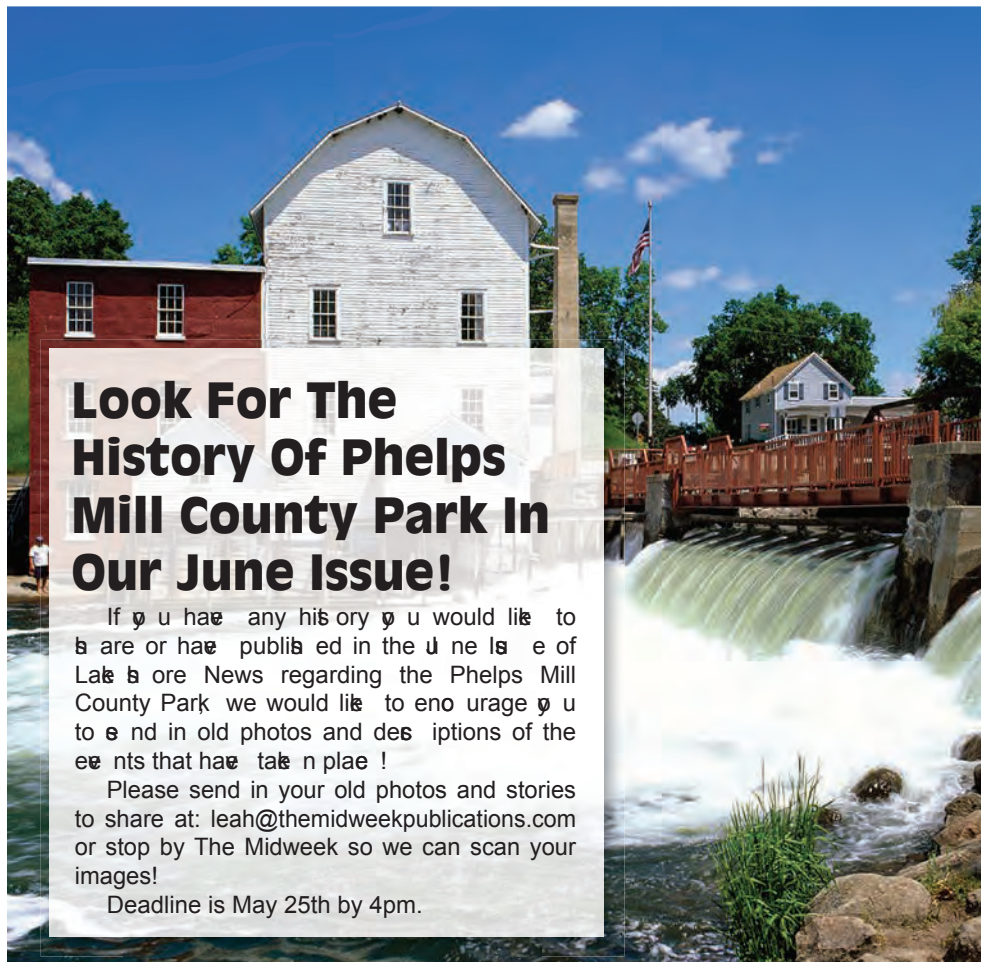
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## DIY Garbage Disposal Freshener

Does your garbage disposal reek? Worry not! Here is a simple DIY recipe for a garbage disposal freshener that will temporarily offset your stinky kitchen sink.

### Supplies

- ¾ cup baking soda
- ½ cup salt
- ½ teaspoon liquid dish soap
- 1 lemon
- Sheet pan
- Parbment paper
- Small portion or storage jar
- Sealable glass jar

### Directions

1. Stir together the salt and baking soda; make sure there are no lumps.
  2. Grate the lemon peel right into the salt and baking soda mixture as well as the liquid dish soap.
  3. Now slice the lemon in half and squeeze the juice into the mixture. Continue stirring while adding the juice until the mixture resembles coarse sand. (Around 3 tablespoons of lemon juice should get the job done!)
  4. Next, pour your sheet pan with the parbment paper, then use a small portion or rounded teaspoon to mold half rounds of the mixture; gently press them to the pan.
  5. Fill your sheet pan with the quaint molds then allow them to dry overnight.
  6. Make sure to place your new garbage disposal fresheners into a sealable jar or container.
- This DIY project is quick, easy, and you should have most of the supplies right at home! Enjoy a fresh smelling sink and good luck!



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## Blanche Tragedy

By Leah Klegs ad

Glady Winwell and Frank Kingley, two young adults from Wadena, Minnesota, are the only two known people to have ever lost their lives to the placid waters of Blanche Lake. The story goes that in 1910, this young couple went out on a boat one morning to go fishing and never returned. With the commotion of farewells amongst the other amperers that day, no one really questioned the whereabouts of Glady Winwell and Frank Kingley. As a matter of fact, it was not until later that night when people finally went out on the water to search for them. Both boaters were found dead the next day with their boat upside down. Winwell's hair was tangled in the anchor rope and Kingley was found near by.

You can pay your respects to the pair at the Wadena Cemetery where they were buried side by side. Their unfortunate incident is still a memory today.



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# Lake Learning - Property Values And Lake Water Quality

If you give most people a choice, they would probably prefer to swim in a lake where you can see your feet standing chest-deep than one where you can't see your feet at knee-deep. Given this preference, we would assume that water clarity is a factor that determines recreating on lakes and purchasing lakeshore property. So how do you actually quantify this preference and does it really exist?

These questions were answered in a study conducted by researchers at Bemidji State University in 2003. They set out to determine if water quality of Minnesota lakes affects lakeshore property prices. The area of study included Hubbard, Cass, Crow Wing and Aitkin

counties. The researchers chose a variety of study lakes and examined residential lakeshore property sales that occurred over a five-year span. They used a hedonic model to attribute the portion of purchase price that is attributed to environmental amenities, such as water quality. The water quality measurement they used was secchi depth, which is a measurement of water clarity.

The results showed that water clarity has a significant positive relationship with property value. In other words, the better the water clarity, the more the property was worth. This result was true for each of the lakes in the study.

This study also revealed that property values change when a lake is improved or degraded. With a one-meter (3.3 ft) decline in water clarity, property prices declined by an average of \$70 per frontage foot, which corresponds to \$5,250 for a 75 foot frontage lot. With a one-meter increase in water clarity, property prices improved by an average of \$46 per frontage foot, which corresponds to \$3,420 for a 75 foot frontage lot.

These results illustrate the importance of protecting lake water quality. Minnesota's lakes are extremely important to the recreation and tourism industry, as well as our local economy in Detroit Lakes and individual property owners'

investments. If we all work together to protect water quality, we will see the benefit both aesthetically and economically.

*"If future generations are to remember us more with gratitude than sorrow, we must achieve more than just the miracles of technology. We must also leave them a glimpse of the world as it was created, not just as it looked when we got through with it."* — Lyndon B. Johnson.

**Enjoy the lakes!** This article was written and shared by Moriya Rufer at RMB Environmental Laboratories as part of continuing education for their Lakes Monitoring Program (218-846-1465, lakes@rmbel.info). To learn more, visit www.rmbel.info

## Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will be taught again by the Fergus Falls Area Family YMCA this summer and will meet five times for 45 minutes each time. (Preschool lessons are 30 minutes each.) Instructors will not have much time between lessons so swimmers are asked to be ready to begin their lesson immediately at their start time. Parents are encouraged to stay and watch lessons if parents leave the swimming area during lessons, they are asked to be back promptly at the end of the lesson. Instructors will not be able to supervise swimmers in the water who are not in a lesson. Swimming lessons meet regardless of weather. If it is unsafe to swim due to weather, safety skills will be taught in the sheltered location near each beach.

**PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE. No registration at the beach.**

**Levels:**  
**Preschool— approximate ages 2-1/2 to 5 years.** Learn water adjustment skills, front and back float. Learn to move in the water on front and back. Learn to be comfortable in the water. Lessons meet Monday through Friday, five lessons of 30 minutes each. Limited enrollment; register early.

**Level 1: Introduction to Water Skills — approximate ages 5-7.** This level is ideal for the child who has not had previous swim instruction or is unable or uncomfortable with putting their entire face in the water. The purpose of this level is for students to become more comfortable in the water. Students will become proficient in skills such as: entering and exiting the water safely, submerging entire face, using a life jacket, and beginning front and back float.

**Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills — approximate ages 7 & 8.** This level is ideal for the child who is able to put their face in the water but is unable to independently float on their front and back. The purpose of this level is for students to begin to develop fundamental water skills. In this level, students will learn to swim unaided 15 feet on either their front or back as well as entering the water by jumping or stepping from the side, treading water, roll over from back to front and front to back.

**Level 3 Stroke Development — approximate ages 8 & 9.** In this level, students will continue to build on the fundamentals learned in the previous levels. The skills mastered in this level include: rotary breathing, front and back crawl, butterfly kick and body motion, standing or kneeling dive, survival float, tread water for 30 seconds, as well as emergency situation techniques—all are.

**Level 4: Stroke Improvement — approximate ages 9 & 10.** In this level, students develop confidence in the skills learned in previous levels as well as improve other aquatic skills. The skills mastered in this level include: swimming 25 yards of front and back crawl as well as 15 yards of butterfly, breaststroke, and elementary backstroke. In addition to these skills, water safety will also be implemented through the learning of a throwing assist, safe diving rules, and how to care for a choking victim.

**Level 5: Stroke Refinement — approximate ages 9-12.** In this level, students will further coordinate and refine skills they have learned in past levels. Students will master the following skills: front and back crawl, breaststroke, butterfly, front flip turn, and elementary backstroke.

**Level 6: Swimming and Skill Proficiency — approximate ages 11-13.** In this level, students will focus on endurance and stroke technique. The purpose of this level is for students to refine strokes and be able to swim with ease, efficiency, power and effectiveness over great distances. Some skills for lifeguarding and fitness will be taught.

# Red Cross Swimming Lessons

## Staff from Fergus Falls Area Family YMCA



Check the date/location/time on left side and circle the level on right:

### June 27-July 1

_____ Otter Tail Lake 3:15-4:00 pm	Level	1	3	5
_____ Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:50 pm	Level		2	4 6

### July 11-15

_____ Otter Tail Lake 3:15-4 pm	Level	1	3	5
_____ Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:50 pm	Level		2	4
_____ Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:35 pm	Level		Preschool	

### July 18-July 22

_____ West Battle Lake 3:15-4:00 pm	Level	1a	2	3	5
_____ West Battle Lake 4:05-4:50 pm	Level		1b	4	6
_____ West Battle Lake 4:05-4:35 pm	Level		Preschool		

### July 25-July 29

_____ West Battle Lake 3:15-4:00 pm	Level	1	2a	3	5
_____ West Battle Lake 4:05-4:50 pm	Level		2b	4	6
_____ West Battle Lake 4:05-4:35 pm	Level		Preschool		

### August 1-5

_____ West Battle Lake 1:00-1:45 pm	Level	1a		3a	5
_____ West Battle Lake 1:50-2:35 pm	Level		2a	4a	6
_____ West Battle Lake 2:50-3:35 pm	Level	1b		3b	4b
_____ West Battle Lake 3:50-4:35 pm	Level	1c	2b		
_____ West Battle Lake 3:50-4:20 pm	Level		Preschool		

Questions regarding location or registration, please call Kathy at 218-862-4603.

Questions about specific swimming skills and placement in class, please contact Rose at 218-739-4489 ext. 24.

Registration Fee: \$50 (Preschool lessons are \$40)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Swimming

The grandchildren are here and what do they want to do? Go swimming!!! Summer is not summer unless you have had a chance (or multiple chances) to swim in the lake.

According to the National Safety Council drowning is the No. 1 cause of death for children ages 1 to 4. Don't let distractions lead to a tragedy. Be alert and if a child is missing check the water first.

Before anyone heads for the water make sure these rules are known and followed:

- Never swim alone
- Don't dive into unknown bodies of water
- Don't push or jump on others and
- Be prepared for an emergency

Every day at the lake is a happy day let's keep it that way!



Did you know that trumpeter swans stay in Minnesota year-round? The trumpeter swan was also added to the threatened species list of Minnesota in 1996.

# Selecting A Child's Life Jacket

By Leah Klegstad

When selecting life jackets for children, first off, you should always look to see if there is a U.S. Coast Guard label of approval somewhere on the flotation garment. You also need to consider your child's size and if the life jacket is going to be able to hold their weight. A loose life jacket is a dangerous life jacket. Always make sure the life jacket is nice and snug to your child's body. A little safety test you can conduct anywhere is to have your child lift their arms in the air as you lift the life jacket by the shoulders. This test will determine if the life jacket will hold in place on your child or not.



submerged in the water. One other thing that will assist in keeping your child in their life jacket is to look for one with the strap between the legs. The safety strap helps keep the jacket from coming over your child's head. 'Floaties' and other floatable water toys are always entertaining on the lake, but they will not save your child like a life jacket would. Make sure they always have a life jacket on. Also, set a good example and wear your life jacket as well. There is no fashion statement to be made when it comes to safety! Life jackets are an amazing thing; however, they do not take the place of any kind of adult supervision. Please keep an eye on your children and assure their safety when having fun at the lake.

Head support in a life jacket is also very important. By having the head support, it will assist in rolling your child's face up when

# Does Drowning Really Look Like Drowning?

By Leah Klegstad


When you see an at or on TV or in the movies portraying a person who is drowning, it is nothing like what a person would look like in a real-life situation. In an actual drowning situation, the victim doesn't cry out for help. They are usually silent. A victim of any age could be drowning silently and you wouldn't even know it.

When you are on the lake this summer, keep your eyes peeled and know what the signs of a swimmer in distress look like. Sometimes what looks like a person is simply

treating water may in fact be someone drowning. If you are in doubt, be the situation out. There is nothing wrong with asking them if they are okay. If they answer you that they are fine, you can go on your way. If there is no response, you have about 30 seconds to jump in and help them out. Always be ready to take action. Never just assume that someone is okay. There is no wrong when it is concerning the safety of another.

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## Campfire Safety

A campfire can be used for many things. It can warm you up on a cool night, dry out clothing, warm water, cook food and to relax. Just sit back, watch and enjoy.

Unattended bonfires and campfires can quickly get out of control and become deadly. According to the [dps.mn.gov](http://dps.mn.gov) here's how you can make sure your outdoor fire is safe.

- Use a fire ring and build your fire at least five feet away from any combustible material.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to put out the fire.
- Keep a kid-free zone of three feet around the campfire.
- Never leave your campfire unattended.
- Check burning restrictions with the DNR before starting your campfire.

## Burning Garbage

Burning garbage has been illegal in Minnesota since the 1980s. Burn barrels built to legal specifications can be used to burn yard waste but never garbage.

## Did You Know?

- Approximately 98 percent of wildfires in Minnesota are caused by humans
- Smokey Bear was created in 1944 and reminds us that "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."
- More than 50 wildfires are started each year in Minnesota by campfires that are not completely extinguished, too large or unattended.

## DNR Offers Businesses Free Invasive Species Decontamination Training

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is offering free invasive species decontamination training again this summer for lake service providers, such as businesses that rent boats, fishing equipment, and often manage marinas or other lakeside operations.

Participants will receive instruction and hands-on practice in hot-water/high-pressure decontamination methods to remove aquatic invasive species from watercraft.

"This is our fourth year offering free decontamination training to lake service providers," said April Rust, DNR invasive species training coordinator. "The class helps businesses gain the skills they need – and learn the tricks of the trade – to provide aquatic invasive species decontamination services to their customers."

Businesses that complete the training will be marked as trained to use hot-water/high-

pressure decontamination equipment on the online list of permitted lake service providers.

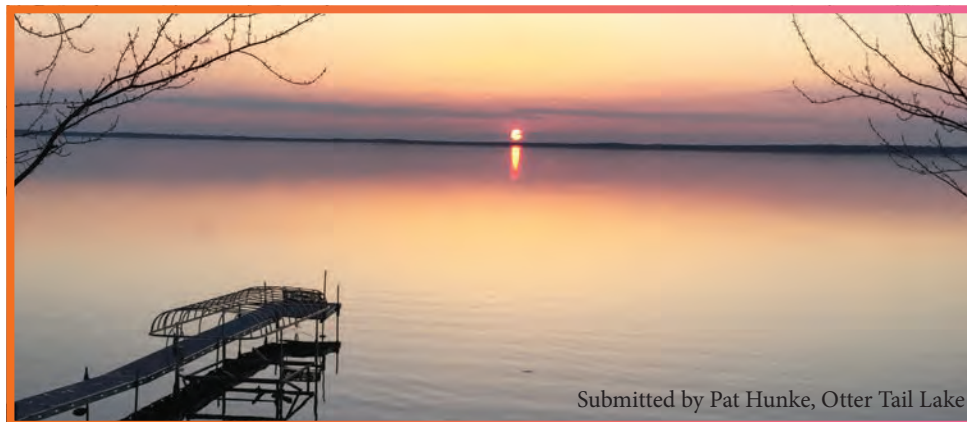
Preregistration is required. Trainings are scheduled on:

- Thursday, June 23, 10am-2pm, Northland Arboretum, Brainerd.
- Tuesday, June 28, 10am-2pm, Tonka Bay Marina, Tonka Bay.
- Wednesday, July 13, 10am-2pm, Beltrami Electric, Bemidji.

Registration deadlines are one week prior to each session. Classes will be cancelled if the registration minimum is not reached.

To register, or for more information about decontamination training, contact April Rust, invasive species training coordinator, at [rust@state.mn.us](mailto:rust@state.mn.us) or call 651-259-5706 or 888-646-6367

Source Minnesota DNR



Submitted by Pat Hunke, Otter Tail Lake



## Watch Out For Nesting Turtles Crossing The Roads

*Turtles generally start nesting in late May and into June, many of which can be seen crossing roads into familiar nesting grounds. Turtles know where they are going so when you see one on the road you are driving, do not blow right over them. Slow down and wait if you have to. There is no inconvenience when it comes to saving threatened species*

### Help the DNR Keep Turtle Records

The DNR uses the location of live or road-killed turtles to document species occurrences and help identify areas of high road mortality. Road-killed specimens should be photographed top and bottom and sent to [mcbs.e-report@state.mn.us](mailto:mcbs.e-report@state.mn.us). Do not handle live turtles when taking a photo, especially nesting females. Include an accurate description of the location or a map with the photo voucher.

## Did You Know?

In Minnesota alone, 44% of the turtle species that inhabit this state are either listed as threatened or as a species of concern. Did you know that one of the biggest threats to Minnesota turtles are caused by humans? Sure it sounds fun to make a pet out of the wild turtle you have found, but it would not be the best choice to make. You may in fact be contributing to the disappearance of turtles that call Minnesota home!

Next time you see one of these creatures, instead of taking it home and out of its natural habitat, snap a photo or two to keep. Remember not to handle the turtles while taking your photos; it is best to let them be! Cherish the memory and look back on the day you encountered this brilliant and unique creature. There may be a day where even the most common turtles will become harder and harder to cross, so help out by leaving the native turtles in their natural habitat and allow them to stay around for decades to come!

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## July 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016



There are 2 entrances to the Fairgrounds: on Pebble Lake Rd. & another entrance off of the MN 210 E. by-pass. From I-94, take Exit 57, turn north towards Fergus Falls & travel approx. 1.5 miles to the Fairgrounds Entrance, just past the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center.

## Put it on the Calendar...



### Mighty Thomas Carnival

### Fair Food

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### Musical Entertainment

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## Canoeing

Are you looking for adventure? Tranquility? Nature? The sounds, tranquility and beauty of what is around you is wonderful. Nature is at your finger tips.

In Glendalough State Park, Annie Battle Lake can be the starting point for an exploration of the park by canoe or kayak on the connecting creeks. What a great way to have carefree fun in the great outdoors.

There's always a chance that your canoe will tip over and if it does stay upstream of the canoe to avoid being pinned between the canoe and a rock. Angle your way up to shore instead of paddling straight and stay behind the canoe and hold it like a flotation device.

Here are some tips from National Safety Council (NSC) to keep your adventures safe:

- Always wear a life jacket

Glendalough Park rents boats, poles and up paddleboards - Visit the Park Office

- Have someone steady the canoe so you can get in without tipping
- Canoe with at least three people, or two crafts
- Never attempt rivers or rapids beyond your ability; progress gradually from one skill level to the next
- Never stand in a canoe away from shore; always sit on

the seats

- Do not canoe in inclement weather
- In waterproof bags, bring some extra clothes, sunscreen, a first aid kit, snacks and water, and a map
- Carry a canoeing whistle, just in case you need help; yelling can't be heard from very far away
- Tie your equipment to the canoe in case it tips over
- Bring a rope to pull a swimmer to safety or tow another boat

## Heat...Stroke, Exhaustion, Cramps What's the difference?

If you are an infant, young child, elderly, athletic or a person who works outdoors sometimes the heat can cause heat illness, heat stroke, heat exhaustion and heat cramps

Heat stroke, the most serious happens when you fail to sweat and your body temperature rises quickly. The brain and your vital organs are "literally cooked." A person's skin may be extremely hot, they may appear to be slightly confused or in a coma and seizures can also happen.

What should be done to help? According to the National Safety Council (NSC):

- Move the person to the shade in a half-sitting position
- Call for medical help IMMEDIATELY
- If the humidity is below 75%, spray the victim with water and fan them; if the humidity is above 75%, apply ice to neck, armpits or groin.
- No NOT give aspirin or acetaminophen
- Do not give the victim anything to drink

Another heat illness heat exhaustion happens when a body loses an excessive amount of salt and water. Symptoms are include excessive thirst, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting and, sometimes diarrhea. (These are very similar to the flu.) Other symptoms include profuse sweating, clammy skin, dizziness, rapid pulse and normal or slightly elevated body temperature.

What should be done to help:

- Move the person to a shaded or air-conditioned area
- Give the person water or other oral, nonalcoholic beverages
- Apply wet towels or have them take a cool shower
- Uncontrolled heat exhaustion can become heat stroke, so make sure to treat the victim quickly.

Heat cramps usually affect the legs or stomach after physical activity or working. When electrolytes are depleted in your system from excessive sweating the cramps occur.

What should be done to help:

- Sit or lie down in the shade.
- Drink oral water or a sports drink
- Stretch affected muscles
- If you have heart problems or if the cramps don't get better in an hour seek medical attention.

Way to avoid these heat related illnesses are to push the liquids (water) but avoid alcohol drinks, drink fruit juice or sports drinks to replenish your salt, wear a hat, loose fitting clothes and sunscreen. Remember that the hottest part of day is from 11am to 3pm so limit the amount time spent outdoors during this time.



## Six Simple Tips to Reduce Waste in Your Home

The amount of trash people produce has increased a whopping 10,000 percent over the past 100 years according to TerraCycle, a company that handles hard-to-recycle materials

Starting in April, for Earth Month, TerraCycle and Tom's of Maine partnered with TerraCycle to inspire less waste going to landfills. With the average American producing over 30 pounds of trash per week according to the Environmental Protection Agency, the #LessWasteChallenge is a simple pledge that encourages households to reduce trash by just one pound per week.

Reducing waste is actually easier than you may think. Some simple tips from TerraCycle to reach that one pound goal include:

- Use reusable containers when possible when packing lunch for you and your family. They travel better and reduce waste.
- Think Green Start carrying a reusable water bottle with you to refill throughout the day. By doing so, you can prevent over three pounds of plastic from ending up in a landfill each year, according to Ban the Bottle.
- The average person's yearly bill payments require the use of 23 pounds of wood to produce, according to Pay it Green Alliance. Modernize and green your banking by requesting to receive your bills online.
- Like wise, environmental group 41pounds.org asks you to reduce paper waste by

41 pounds annually by unsubscribing from junk mail lists and ending greetings online. It's also using paper holiday and birthday cards

• Kitchen can also be a wasteful place. Skip the paper plates and take the extra moment to use real dishes. Like wise, swap out paper towels and stick to reusable dish towels instead.

• Choose toiletries wisely. For example, opt for a razor with biodegradable cartridges instead of throwing out the disposable every week. Like wise, seek out brands that package products with recycled materials that can be recycled again after use.

• Be sure to learn what is recyclable in your jurisdiction and also put these materials in the proper bins. Also consider reaching out to TerraCycle to sign up your community or home for one of their recycling programs. It's an easy way to keep items out of landfills, while also raising money for your favorite cause!

Are you up to the challenge of reducing waste this year? You can learn more by going to <http://www.tomsofmaine.com/lesswaste> to easily take the #LessWasteChallenge pledge with just one click.

A few simple steps today can help secure a happy and healthy future for our children and the generations yet to come.

Source: StatePoint

## LAND TRANSFERS February 5, 2016 until May 9

TWP	LAKE	PROPERTY TYPE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PRICE
Amor		Residential < 4 Units	Holstrom/Baumgartner	Hofmann	\$126,895
Amor		Seas Res Unimproved	Elmer	Dietz	\$10,000
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas Res Unimproved	Walvatne	Walvatne	\$150,000
Everts	Round	Residential < 4 Units	Us Bank Na Tstee	Haskins	\$275,000
Everts	Deer	Residential < 4 Units	Tervey	Todd	\$365,320
Everts		Farm Unimproved > 35 AC	Christensen	Christensen	\$235,500
Everts	Silver	Seas Res Unimproved	Josefson TST	Humann	\$120,000
Girard		Rural Land Unimproved > 35 AC	Peterson/Campeau/Luhning/Fosse	Miller/haberer	\$74,000
Girard		Seas Res Unimproved	Weber	Marczkowicz	\$15,250
Girard	West Battle	Seas/Rec Improved	Lucy	PCB & MDB LLLP	\$417,200
Girard	East Battle	Seas/Rec Improved	Kasserkert	Hastings	\$193,400
Girard	Ethel	Seas/Rec Improved	Grosz	Norberg	\$145,000
Girard	Hanson	Seas Res Unimproved	Adamietz	Wozny	\$59,900
Otter Tail		Residential < 4 Units	Wall	Omeara	\$135,000
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Res Unimproved	Piekarski	Loff	\$15,000
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Gehlen TST	Nelson	\$388,700
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Otter Tail City		Residential < 4 Units	Waasdorp	Waasdorp	\$55,000
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## 5 Mosquito Repellent Tips

By Leah Kleghs ad

We all know how pesky mosquitoes can be. Sometimes it feels as if you are never going to escape the swarms of these little pests. Though that may seem true it is not always the case. No, you cannot avoid mosquitoes completely; however, you can try a few different methods to keep them at bay and lessen your chances of being attacked by a swarm. Here are five tips to help prevent so many mosquito bites.



**1. Wear light and loose clothing.** By wearing light colored loose clothing you are not as susceptible to start trapping warm heat and holding onto it. Dark colored clothing absorbs the sun's rays and traps the heat making the person wearing the shirt the warmest or most appealing prey.

**2. Avoid scented bath products.** It is best to stay away from sweet or floral scented body washes and sprays. Not all scents attract mosquitoes but unfortunately, most do. Don't feel that you can't ever wear your favorite scents in the summer months, just be conscientious about when and where you will be wearing it.

**3. Use repellents.** By using a bug spray or mosquito repellent, you are camouflaging yourself in plain site. Repellent sprays mask the skins natural odors for short periods of time. Always apply the repellent spray very lightly avoiding any kind of cuts or sores you may have.

**4. Use mosquito nets and screens.** Mosquito nets and screens can be a quick fix for you to be outdoors and enjoying the nice weather. The cost generally depends on the type and size. There is a vast variety and it may also vary on what sizes stores do carry, if any.

**5. Stay indoors.** This is not what you want to do when it is absolutely gorgeous outside but it is sometimes necessary when the mosquitoes are in a ruthless mood.

If the five methods listed above are not working for you there are many more ideas and tips you can find on the web. There is bound to be something out there that is just right for you to keep these little merciless creatures at bay.





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