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The OTLPOA Annual Meeting Was A HUGE Success!



The OTLPOA Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Amor. The main speaker was Joe Shneider. President of the Christmas Lake Homeowner's Association, the head of the Coalition of Minnehaha Creek Waters, and the Secretary for MN COLA, the statewide group of lake and river associations. Joe did a wonderful job describing how to be proactive on AIS related items and the board heard nothing but the best comments on his speech.

Ninety-one members signed in and had breakfast served. A delicious breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs, ham and muffins served by the Chris & Morris Maudal family. Many people commented about the good food and how nice it was at the new location.

We want to give a special thank you to Zion Lutheran Church for hosting our event.

**Thanks for coming!!!
See page 3 for more photos.**

Board Members

All board members were present at the 2017 OTLPOA Annual Meeting. Thank you for your dedication and support!



Pictured L to R - Front row: Debbie Ness, Lynn Cave, Linda Synder, Becky Kemling. Back row: Exec. Secretary Jon Anderson, Pete Johnson, Bernie Steeves, Rob Bope, Rob Nelson, Fred Rizk, Marc Wing, Ken Wentz, Stan Fetters, Dan Carlisle, Scott Simdorn, Pat Hunke

We Are Ready To Jump Into Summer



The Hochstein family and friends on Blanche Lake. Photo submitted by Fred Rizk.

Meet Fred Rizk OTLPOA's Newest Board Member



Fred Rizk lives on Blanche Lake with his wife, Kathy. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Fred was a lifelong resident of Sioux City, Iowa where he practiced dentistry for forty years, retiring in 2014.

He likes OTLPOA because it keeps abreast of the latest information on our lakes and lake life, and informs the property owners of the latest developments. By serving on the board he hopes to help maintain the integrity of our lakes for future generations to enjoy.

Welcome to the board Fred!!!

Check out all the photos submitted by Board members from the 4th of July throughout this issue!

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President's Corner



Ken Wentz,
OTLPOA
President

After three years of serving as your president, your association will take on new leadership in August. It's been a very rewarding and enjoyable three years working with the board, the foundation, and you, our members. Last year we recorded an all time membership high with 1,084 members. With three new board members being elected this year, a new slate of officers, and three new foundation directors, a lot of new ideas will begin to flow and assist our association to flourish in the future. I will continue to play an active role on the board and be supportive of our new leadership.

While there were many unique activities and accomplishments over the past three years, there are some which stand out for me. Being named Association of the Year in Otter Tail County for the year

2015 was quite an achievement due to the efforts and successes of all the past presidents and board members. A second achievement was our website being updated and upgraded, providing our members with immediate information at their fingertips. Rob Bope, was our director who spearheaded this project. As part of this updated website we are now able to accept payments from your credit cards going directly into the association's account. This saves postage and gives us immediate notice of your intent to continue your membership. The generosity of you, our members, when sending in your yearly dues and including the extra payment toward the OTLPOA Foundation has been impressive. This year we had a 99% participation in giving of extra to assist the foundation in building up this account. Last year, over \$14,000 was raised and I suspect this year, with your generosity, it will be well over that amount when the final disbursements are made in October. Another achievement of which we can all be proud of, is our continued concern and support regarding AIS. Thanks to board member Bernie Steeves and his role in the county's

AIS Task Force committee, we have seen and will continue to experience efforts to deter and, hopefully, prevent AIS, keeping our lakes clean and enjoyable for all. An additional achievement was making the Lakeshore News a valuable choice of reading because of the informative articles, the personal touch on many pictures, and members receiving the publication in a timely manner. Jon Anderson and Paula Grunewald at The Midweek Inc. Publications are the primary people to thank for this informative newspaper. We have had many of you tell us, the board, you look forward to reading this publication each of the five months it is published. The final achievement was experiencing the growth of our membership close to eleven hundred by the end of 2016.

Remember: keep those photos coming! Any of our members can submit area lake photos and activities.

Again I appreciate all the support from you, our members, and the board over the last three years.

Your Association President,
Ken Wentz

Swimming Lessons Available

There may be some spots available for swimming lessons. Two sessions were/are scheduled at Amor Park. One was on July 10-14 and the other one is on July 17-21. To find out if a spot is open for the July 17-21 session contact Kathy at the Battle Lake Community Education, 218-862-4603. Kathy can also tell you if there's any openings on West Battle Lake in the sessions that are held on July 24-28 or July 31-Aug. 4.

The OTLPOA Foundation will be reimbursing 100% of the cost of the Red Cross swimming lessons held at Amor Park. Upon completion of the lessons there will be reimbursements to families who belong to Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association, Inc. and that have paid their dues.

This project is in cooperation with the Battle Lake Community Education and the Fergus Falls YMCA.

Wenonga Days

Not sure what to do? Check out the annual Battle Lake's Wenonga Days held on July 22 and July 23.

Saturday, July 22

8am - BL 542 Education Foundation Wenonga Day 5K Race/Walk. The race route takes you through the streets of Battle Lake, and the walk along beautiful West Battle.

9am-2pm - Craft & Vendor Show, located at the Battle Lake City parking lot next to Lakes Area Community Center. 40 plus vendors, food and more!

10am - Turtle Races, located at the Battle Lake City parking lot next to Lakes Area Community Center.

10am-2pm - Kids Carnival. Including bounce houses, dunk tank, cotton candy, snow cones and more. It's located at the Rail Road Park. Everything is FREE! Bethel Lutheran in Battle Lake is hosting this event.

12pm - Spirit Dancer Dennis Rogers. Dennis is a member of the Navajo Nation of AZ. He will be setting up a 16' Lodge (Tipi) for event goers to go inside and feel the presence of the past American Culture. **At 12:15** he will be performing traditional music, songs & dances in front of his lodge in front of the Community Center.

7pm - Big Parade

After Parade, approx. 8:30-midnight - Teen Dance, at the BLHS Football Field (in case of inclement weather dance will move to the small gym).

9pm-12am Street Dance at Rusty Nail, music by Junk FM, 21 and over event.

9pm-12am Live Music at Battle Lake Oasis, music by Red Line, 21 and over event.

Sunday, July 23

8am-1pm - Battle Lions Krusteaz Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast located at the Battle Lake Lions Park Shelter at the Battle Lake Public Access. Followed by Family Biking To Glendalough State Park.

10am - Battle Lake Community Worship located at the BLHS Football Field. Bring your own chair.

Free Nitrate Water-Testing Clinic

The West Otter Tail County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) will offer a free nitrate water-testing clinic at 506 Western Ave. N. in Fergus Falls, across from the Comfort Inn, on Wednesday, July 19th from 10am until 3pm.

Nitrates are the most common contaminants in Minnesota's groundwater, and in some areas of the state a significant number of wells have high nitrate levels. With that in mind, experts recommend that private well owners who get their drinking water from wells should test their water regularly.

To participate in the testing, homeowners are asked to bring at least one-half cup of water in preferably a clean plastic or clean glass container. To get a good sample, allow the tap to run 5 to 10 minutes before filling the container. Homeowners with distillation units, reverse osmosis or other nitrate removal systems should take two water samples one before and one after the treatment process. This will determine if the system is working. Homeowners with just a water softener need to take one sample, either before or after the water passes through the water softener.

Samples should be taken no more than 24 hours before the testing and must be kept refrigerated prior to testing. To ensure accurate results, homeowners should mark the container with their name, phone number and a well identification

number if more than one well is sampled. Homeowners who wish to remain anonymous should choose an easily recognized "code number" to identify their sample. It is not necessary to provide information about the well or well location.

Samples will be analyzed on the spot, the process usually takes less than five minutes and results will be given directly to the homeowner. If the nitrate level in a sample is elevated, clinic staff can refer the homeowner to certified labs that will retest the water. For questions about the clinic or how to take a water sample contact Mary Jensen at the West Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District at 218-739-4694 ext. 4.

As of this printing East Otter Tail County did not have a date scheduled for their nitrate water-testing clinic.

Don't Forget About The Battle Lake Walking Tour

Discover some of Battle Lake's past as you stroll through Historic Downtown Battle Lake on Friday, July 21. Meet at the Lakes Community Center, Battle Lake and the tour will leave at 7pm. Plan on the tour lasting approximately one hour. Cost is \$6.00.

If you have any questions contact the Chris Schuelke from the Otter Tail County Historical Society at 218-736-6038.



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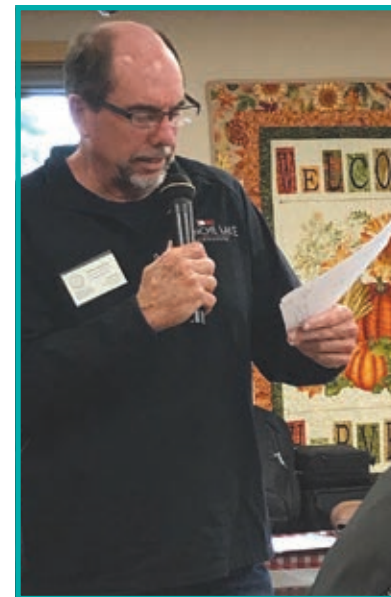
More Photos From the OTLPOA Annual Meeting



Acting Parliamentarian, Dan Carlisle



Members stopped at the desk to sign in with Marc Wing and Lynn Cave.



President, Ken Wentz

Summer Concerts In Ottertail City Park

Have you heard the music in Ottertail? If not take an evening and check it out. Sponsored by the Ottertail Business & Community Association's (OTBCA) these concerts will be held from 6:30-8:30pm (unless indicated below) in the Ottertail City Park.

July 25 – Doc and the Scrubs

August 8 – Blue Wolf

August 12 – Rockin' 60's (Otter Fest)

August 22 – Mike Naumann 6-8pm

Hot dogs, pop and popcorn will be available. All proceeds go towards the OTBCA scholarship program.



Members enjoying a delicious breakfast and the speaker, Joe Shneider.



Board met after the Annual Meeting to approve paying for the breakfast and making a donation to the youth baseball for use of the church.

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Concordia/MLR Lake Association Study

Lakes are complex ecosystems that are increasingly threatened by development, invasive species, and climate change among other factors. Successful management of these resources involves understanding the role of all stakeholders in the use and management

of these resources. Yet, we know little about the role lake associations have in the protection and improvement of lakes. This study brings together MLRA and social and natural scientists to study this information gap.

The Concordia/MLR Lake Association Study will quantify the demographic makeup of Minnesota's lake associations, the projects that they currently undertake, the level of funds they raise, and the crucial work they do in areas like fish stocking, aquatic invasive species prevention, water safety, and lake level control.

Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates said,
"There are over 500 lake associations in Minnesota, but policy makers fail to support the work these groups do, and do not understand what important partners they can be in water protection/restoration efforts."

"We are asking all lake associations to participate in this study," said Forester. "This information will benefit lake associations as policymakers consider grant levels and opportunities and develop better partnerships and support for these organizations, which

are often the first and best line of defense against water quality degradation." This is the first time that a statewide academic study has been undertaken to document the largest and most active citizen based conservation group in Minnesota, lake associations.

Interested lake associations should contact Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Administrator Judy Corriday at 952-854-1317, or judy@minlakesandrivers.org. The higher the level of lake association participation, the more useful the results of the study will be.

2017 Calendar of Events

July

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| July 14-16 | Ashby Appreciation Days |
| July 14-16 | Art of the Lakes Studio Tour |
| July 14-16 | Henning Area Festival |
| July 14 | Vergas HHW Mobile Collection |
| July 14 | I-94 Speedway Races |
| July 14 | Perham Relay for Life |
| July 14 | Movie in the Park, Rothsay |
| July 19-22 | West Otter Tail County Fair, FF |
| July 19-23 | MS Tram |
| July 19 | OTC WW1 Nurses, EOT Museum, PHM |
| July 19 | Beginning Canoeing, GSP* |
| July 19 | Wild Wed. Jr. Naturalist Programs, GSP* |
| July 20 | COLA Member Meeting |
| July 20 | Concerts & Movies in the Park, FF |
| July 20 | Little Summer Fun in Richville |
| July 20-22 | Dough For Joe |
| July 20-23 | East Otter Tail County Fair, Perham |
| July 21 | I-94 Speedway Races |
| July 21 | Movie in the Park, BL - Rogue One: A Star Wars Story |
| July 21 | Walking Tour of BL |
| July 22 & 23 | BL Wenonga Days |
| July 22 | Art in the Park, Pelican Rapids |
| July 22 | Airport Fly In & Breakfast, Henning |
| July 23 | Art in the Park, Detroit Lakes |
| July 26-29 | Becker County Fair |
| July 27 | OTLPOA Board Meeting |
| July 27 | Concerts & Movies in the Park, FF |
| July 27 | Little Summer Fun in Richville |
| July 27-28 | I-94 Speedway Races - King of the Dirt |
| July 28-30 | Frazee Turkey Days |
| July 28 | Tuffy Nelson Golf Tourney, Perham |
| July 28 | Pebble Lake Youth Triathlon |
| July 29 | Hoot Lake Triathlon |
| July 29 | DanceBARN Festival's Community Performance, BL |
| July 31 | OTC in WW1, OTCHS, FF |

August

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| Aug. 2 | Wild Wed. Jr. Naturalist Programs, GSP* |
| Aug. 2 | Beginning Canoeing, GSP* |
| Aug. 3-5 | We Fest |
| Aug. 3 | Movies in the Park, FF |
| Aug. 3 | Little Summer Fun in Richville |
| Aug. 4 | I-94 Speedway Races |
| Aug. 4 | Movies in the Park, Erhard |
| Aug. 4-5 | Perham Crazy Days |
| Aug. 4-6 | Flekkefest, Elbow Lake |
| Aug. 5 | Archery in the Park, GSP* |
| Aug. 5 | Little Pine Lake Angler Youth Angler Tournament, Little Pine |
| Aug. 10-13 | Looney Daze, Vergas |

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| Aug. 10 | OTC Men in WW1, EOT Museum, PHM |
| Aug. 10 | Concerts & Movies in the Park, FF |
| Aug. 10 | Little Summer Fun in Richville |
| Aug. 11 | I-94 Speedway Races |
| Aug. 11 | Movie in the Park, BL - Up |
| Aug. 11 | Rod & Gun Demo Derby |
| Aug. 12 | Otterfest & Otterfest Lions Breakfast |
| Aug. 12 | BL Art & Craft Affair |
| Aug. 12 | Vergas Street Fair |
| Aug. 16 | Wild Wed. Jr. Naturalist Programs, GSP* |
| Aug. 16 | Beginning Canoeing, GSP* |
| Aug. 17 | Concerts & Movies in the Park, FF |
| Aug. 17 | COLA Member Meeting |
| Aug. 17 | Little Summer Fun in Richville |
| Aug. 18 | I-94 Speedway Races |
| Aug. 18 | World Famous Turkey BBQ Henning |
| Aug. 18 | Crazy Days, Henning |
| Aug. 18 | Walking Tour of Historic Downtown, PHM |
| Aug. 18 | Evening Campfire Program, GSP* |
| Aug. 19 | Watermelon Day, Vining |
| Aug. 24 | OTLPOA Board Meeting |
| Aug. 24 | Concerts & Movies in the Park, FF |
| Aug. 24 | Little Summer Fun in Richville |
| Aug. 25-26 | Barnesville Potato Days |
| Aug. 25 | I-94 Speedway Races |
| Aug. 26-27 | Finn Creek Festival, NYM |
| Aug. 30 | Perham Harvest Fest |
| Aug. 31 | Little Summer Fun in Richville |

September

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| Sept. 1-4 | Western MN Steam Threshermans Reunion, Rollag |
| Sept. 1 | I-94 Speedway Races |
| Sept. 8 | Ottertail Lions Polka Daze |
| Sept. 8 | NYM HW Mobile Collection |
| Sept. 8-10 | Lake Region Pioneer Thresherman's Association, Dalton |
| Sept. 13 | 2017 MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research & Manage Showcase |
| Sept. 21 | COLA Member Meeting |
| Sept. 21 | OTLPOA Board Meeting |
| Sept. 23 | Central Lakes Cycle Duathlon |
| Sept. 24 | Colors & Textures of MN Autumn, BL |
| Sept. 24 | Pumpkin Fest, BL |

October

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| Oct. 7 | Vergas Hairyman Festival |
| Oct. 26 | OTLPOA Board Meeting |

BL - Battle Lake, FF - Fergus Falls, GSP* - Glendalough State Park - check with website for availability, MSP - Maplewood State Park, NYM - New York Mills, OTL - Otter Tail Lake PHM, Perham

Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes May 25th, 2017 At The Ottertail Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

President Wentz called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Board members present were: Wentz, Wing, Kemling, Simdorn, P. Johnson, Feters, Steeves, Bope, Cave, and Rosenquist.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Feters, second by Wing.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Kemling, second by Feters.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion made by Wing, second by Kemling.

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Wing, second by Feters.

- April 27th, 2017 board minutes
- 831 Web \$300 annual web maintenance and email marketing management

- Secretary \$780

- Otter Tail Power \$1,088.12 to be paid from worm account, for worm spraying mailer

- The Midweek, Inc \$1,189.48 for May Lakeshore News

- JK Signs \$38.66

- West Central Ag \$20,637 to be paid from worm account

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Wentz wants to thank Vice-President Simdorn for his assistance in running the last meeting. Glendalough thanked us for our continued support and has a few gifts for the board members on the back table. The first day of water testing was delayed due to bad weather. Wentz is still going to take the samples tomorrow and will deliver them to RMB Labs in Detroit Lakes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership Committee – Wentz, Snyder – We are over 800 members

- Auditing/Finance/Budget Committee – Steeves, Simdorn, Carlisle, P. Johnson, Bope – Annual audit was conducted by Karen Young for our 2016 financials. This audit will be used for annual meeting. There is a 2017 budget for us to review tonight.

- DNR & Government – Steeves, Carlisle, Kemling – Steeves reported that OTC AIS TASK FORCE has purchased two decontamination units and has loaned them to the MN DNR for 2 years. The goal is to have 20 decontamination units in the county by 2018. All 12 Sheriffs are registered AIS inspectors. There is discussion that in the coming years it will be required to receive a permit for transporting a used dock or lift.

- Water Testing/COLA – Wing, Wentz, Carlisle – Wing stated the water clarity on Otter Tail is 13ft.

- Communications Committee – i. Lakeshore News – Steeves, Wentz – Every board please send over at least one photo for the June Lakeshore News.

- ii. Website – Bope, Wentz –

Calendar has been updated with our board meetings and we removed the RSS feeds from Fergus Falls.

- Worm Committee – Steeves, Feters, Wing, Wentz – All lakes will be sprayed on May 31st there will be a notice sent out from the sprayer and we will send an email campaign to our 1,000 emails from our members.

- Ottertail Wastewater/Sewer District Committee – Simdorn, Bope

- Foundation – Steeves, Feters, Carlisle – Buoys will be installed the third week of June. The foundation will be paying for the install of the buoys.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- Annual Meeting updates (free to one member and one guest)

- I-Lids install date was May 24th.

- Braintree Sweep account at 1st National Bank is an online account and that is why we don't receive any mailed statements.

- Foundation donation letter amount will be determined by the foundation and they will send out any letters to its members.

- April 2017 thru March 2018 Lakeshore News contract between Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association and The Midweek, Inc was signed. Motion made by Steeves, second by Wing.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- Worm spraying email marketing campaign to be sent out Friday, May 26th.

- i. We should include the Annual meeting location and time.

- ii. Link for worm payment and membership payment.

- Administration expenses: i. Should the foundation be reimbursing the association for half of the expenses related to membership drive? (membership mailer and data entry into QuickBooks)

- 1. We are currently carrying all the expenses related to their annual fundraiser.

- Second membership mailer: i. We need to send out our second membership mailer request.

- ii. We will be using Otter Tail Power for our printing and stuffing of envelopes going forward.

- 1. This is a huge time saver and offers discounts for postage.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Annual Meeting Saturday, June 24th, 2017 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Amor time 8:00am

- The next meeting will be June 22nd, 2017, 7pm at the Ottertail Community Center

- New worm policy when one lake sprays, all lakes are sprayed

- 11. ADJOURNMENT: meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.



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MN Waters 2017 Legislative Preview

Advocating to clean up and protect our lakes, rivers, and water resources

Submitted by Jaclyn Urness, Conservation Minnesota

Minnesota legislators were unable to finish their session by the May 22nd deadline. The Governor and legislator leaders agreed to go directly into a special session that began at 12:01 on May 23rd. The special session went longer than the agreed upon time frame and for a few days it seemed uncertain if the Governor would sign or veto several of the budget bills. In the end all of the relevant budget bills were signed by the Governor. Additionally, legislators were able to agree upon a bonding bill – something they were unable to do in last year's session.

Many observers considered 2017 a year of legislative offenses to core conservation and clean water issues. Legislators proposed

a number of rollbacks. Conservation Minnesota, along with others worked hard to defeat, change, and improve proposals that were out of line with Minnesotan's values. Although much of our time was spent working against rollbacks, progress was still made. Here is a recap of the progress made to protect our lakes, rivers, and drinking water.

Environment Finance and Policy Omnibus Bill (SF844)

The first Environment Omnibus bill (HF 888) was passed in early May. The bill included significant funding cuts in the environment and natural resources budget category, despite the fact that the state had a \$1.6 billion projected surplus. The bill

also contained numerous policy provisions that would have seriously undermined environmental protections. The Governor vetoed the first Environment Omnibus bill on May 12.

The final environment bill (SF 844) was passed just before the end of the regular session.

Although the bill was improved in many ways, some negative provisions remained in the bill, including:

- Eliminating base administrative funding for soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) and shifting those costs to Legacy Funds.

- Limiting citizens' rights to ask for a contested case hearing on permits to mine. Under the new language, only citizens who own property "affected" by a proposed mine can request a hearing.

- Weakening protections of calcareous fens from impacts due to groundwater pumping.

However, the bill was improved to include several positive water provisions, including:

- Consistent funding for the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC).

- Some Fishing and Hunting Fee increases that were supported by the outdoors community.

- Allowing invasive carp to be tagged and tracked for research purposes.

- Attempts to eliminate the Environmental Quality Board were re-buffed - the main change is that membership is expanded and must include representation from each congressional district.

LCCMR Bill (SF550)

The Legislative Citizen Council on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) allocates funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, generated through lottery proceeds. The original House bill had cut or reduced 21 LCCMR recommended projects. However, the final bill passed by the Legislature reduced or eliminated 11 projects recommended by the LCCMR and redirected the funds to provide an additional \$13.5 million for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) which will help protect water quality. The final bill also

included \$2,700,000 for the MAISRC over the next four years.

The Governor signed the bill despite the cuts to LCCMR recommendations, but stated in his letter to the legislature that the bill: "...undermines the integrity of a process that includes citizens who volunteer hundreds of hours each year reviewing and recommending projects for the funding. It is very concerning to me that the projects deleted from the recommendations appear to be more focused on making a political statement on climate change, renewable energy, and equity, rather than reflecting a thoughtful reallocation of funds by the Legislature."

Buffer Initiative

A major focus of the legislative session included attempts to repeal or roll back the Governor's stream buffer law, a signature water quality initiative of his administration. In the end, a few changes were enacted which:

- Keep the original deadlines intact - 11/1/17 for public waters and 11/1/18 for public drainage ditches but add language allowing for an eight-month extension for implementation if needed. The new language provides that "A landowner or authorized agent that has filed a parcel-specific riparian protection compliance plan with the soil and water conservation district by November 1, 2017, shall be granted a conditional compliance waiver until July 1, 2018."

- Authorizes use of alternative practices so landowners and local governments can tailor site-specific options for water quality improvements comparable to the required buffer.

The tax bill provides county aid for buffer enforcement of \$6 million in FY 2018 and \$8 million per year thereafter. The Environment Omnibus bill provided a general fund appropriation of \$2 million per year for buffer enforcement aid, giving local governments a total of \$10 million per year beginning in FY 2019.

In addition, the Legacy bill included \$5 million in clean water funds for buffer implementation, with half going to counties that do not receive CREP.

Bonding (HF5, 1st Special Session)

The final bonding bill totaled just over \$1 billion dollars. Of this, \$250 million (23.7%) was allocated to conservation and the environment. This is a strong outcome. Conservation Minnesota supported three priorities in the bonding bill:

St. Louis River Clean Up – This funding, which leverages federal funds, was fully funded at \$25.4 million in the bonding bill.

Public Facilities Authority (PFA) Water Treatment Funding – The Governor proposed \$167 million; the final bill provided \$116.9 million.

CREP – As noted, the bonding bill provided only \$10 million for CREP, one-third of the Governor's request.

Clean Water 25 by 25

Conservation Minnesota supported a bill to set a statewide goal of a 25% improvement in water quality by 2025. The bill was introduced in the Senate with bipartisan authors (SF 1417), and was included in the Senate version of the Environment Omnibus Bill. Unfortunately, the language was not included in the final Environment Omnibus Bill. However, the Governor has taken executive action to announce a "25 by 25" water quality goal and will hold a series of town hall meetings in the summer and fall of 2017 to develop strategies designed to achieve this goal.



Visitors Church Directory 2017

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 Baptist (ABC) - Battle Lake

"The Little Brown Church on the Hill"

Lynn Hansen, Pastor—651-485-7378

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Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Fellowship & refreshments 10:30 am

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Plan To Attend - Registration Now Open For Starry Trek!

Information submitted by Christine Lee, MAISRC

Get outdoors and make a difference in the health of your area lakes this summer! Join the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center on Saturday, August 5 for Starry Trek, a multi-state search for starry stonewort and other invaders.

Starry stonewort is an invasive algae that was first found in Lake Koronis in 2015 and has since spread to nine Minnesota lakes. Now, you can help search other lakes to help researchers and managers understand its distribution in Minnesota.

No experience or equipment is necessary to participate in Starry Trek. You'll receive expert training on monitoring protocols and starry stonewort identification on-site when you arrive. You won't have to travel far, either: Starry Trek will be held at numerous sites across the state. Go to www.eventbrite.com/e/starry-trek-tickets-35404725487 and click on "Register" button to see all the locations. (The Otter Tail County site is listed in Battle Lake).



Photo by Dave Hansen, University of Minnesota

Once registered you will receive an e-mail with additional details about your location, including your local host's contact information. Volunteers will receive a complimentary tote bag and boot brush for participating in this free event. In the event of inclement weather, local sites will move the event to August 6th (following the same schedule). You will be notified via e-mail if your rendezvous site is impacted by inclement weather.

On Saturday, August 5, volunteers will meet at their chosen rendezvous site, where they will be trained and sent to



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monitoring locations nearby to search. At the end of the day, you'll return to your rendezvous site to report your findings.

It's free to participate, and registration is requested by July 28. Participating in Starry Trek is an easy, rewarding way to help protect your local lakes and inform ongoing research at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. It may even inspire you to become an AIS Detector! If you have questions about the event you may contact Megan Weber at 763-767-3874 or mmweber@umn.edu.

Please visit the MAISRC website at www.maisrc.umn.edu for more information about starry stonewort, its impacts, and our research.

Otterfest Will Be Held August 12

A full day of fun can be found at Ottertail's Otterfest on Saturday, August 12. It all starts in the morning with the Ottertail Lions Club's pancake feed.

During the day there will be a parade, charity run/walk, motorcycle ride for scholarships, games for kids and adults, inflatables, bingo, hay rack rides, pork feed, and Music by the "Rockin 60's".

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- Drink plenty of water regularly, even if not thirsty, and avoid drinks that contain alcohol and caffeine.
- Watch for signs of heat stroke - hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing. If it's suspected someone is suffering from heat stroke, call 9-1-1.
- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.
- Wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15, even on somewhat cloudy or cool days. Reapply every two hours.
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Go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BF58FD528F29> for the new **CodeRED®** registration page. If you need assistance to sign up, or have any questions about the system, please contact **Otter Tail County Emergency Management: 218-998-8067**

Evening Campfire Program At Glendalough State Park

A naturalist at Glendalough State Park will be holding an Evening Campfire on Sat., Aug. 12th from 7-8pm. Everyone is to meet at the Sunset Lake Amphitheater for this entertaining program, if there's increment weather imeet at the Trail Center.

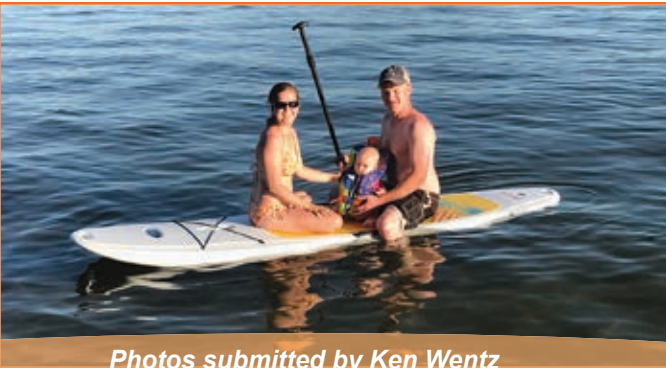
This family friendly program includes one of the natural wonders of the park. For more information call Glendalough State Park at 218-864-0110.




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Swimming With The Dolphin
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4th of July Parade on Blanche Lake

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The AIS Fight Continues

Information submitted by Moriya Rufer, RMB Environmental Laboratories

The Aquatic Invasive Species fight continues to be a part of our lives in lakes country. Otter Tail Lake has zebra mussels, but there are many other aquatic invasive species (AIS) to still protect the lake from. July is peak time for the spread of new AIS. It is important to protect the lake from spiny waterflea, starry stonewort, flowering rush, Eurasian milfoil, and always be on the lookout for any new infestations. Please help prevent the spread of AIS by informing any guests you may have on the lake this summer to clean, drain, and dry their boat before launching it in Otter Tail Lake or any other lake.

Zebra mussels were discovered in

Otter Tail Lake last year, but residents may not notice many this year. It usually takes a year or two for them to fully establish in a lake. A few adjustments can be made to avoid problems with zebra mussels. If you keep your boat fully out of the water on the boat lift, zebra mussels can't attach to the hull or motor. If you have a water intake, you can wipe down the pipe every couple weeks to keep it free from zebra mussels.

Just remember, even though Otter Tail Lake has zebra mussels, it still doesn't have all the other AIS in Minnesota. Please ensure best practices are followed to prevent further spread and environmental impact of AIS to the waterways.

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4th Of July Decorations On The Lake

Photos submitted by Rob Bope



Enjoying the 4th of July Parade at the Corner Store



Enjoying Ice Cream at the Williams Company

Dance Class & Performance - Free

Get moving with the whole family during the DanceBARN Festival's Community Dance Class on Thursday, July 27, 12:30-1:30pm at Battle Lake School! During this all-ages class, you will play improvisational dance games and help create a dance! Don't miss this opportunity to learn and explore movement with professional dancers here from all across the country for the DanceBARN Festival! All ages and abilities welcome.

A performance will be held on Saturday, July 29th at the Battle Lake School auditorium from noon to 1:30pm. It features choreography created during the festival (held on Thursday) in many different styles of dance. Learn more about dance with the whole family during this diverse performance!

These events are organized by Molly Everts Johnston. For more info contact the Battle Lake Community Education Office at 218-862-4603 or email communityed@isd542.org

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Interact with faculty and researchers over lunch as they share the latest about their work, get an inside-peek at the newly renovated AIS Lab and Holding Facility to see research projects in action, and enjoy a poster session reception.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required! Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-minnesota-aquatic-invasive-species-research-and-management-showcase-tickets-35942145926>. If this link doesn't work go to www.maisrc.umn.edu and click on "Registration now open for 2017 AIS Research and Management Showcase."

Ticket cost includes on-campus talks, lunch with researchers, a tour of the newly renovated lab (if you wish), and a post-event reception. Cost per person is \$40 plus a \$3.19 fee. Pre-payment for parking at Lot S104 is also available for \$7.00 plus a \$1.38 fee.

Control Your Pets

While letting your pet outside or taking your pet for a walk please be considerate of your neighbors and their families. Keep your pet contained and on a leash.

Activities such as walking, biking, jogging, etc. allow us to enjoy the outdoors but that can change quickly when out of the blue someone is attacked and bitten by someone's pet. This can result in ER or veterinarian visits.

Otter Tail County has an ordinance called the Otter Tail County Animal Health & Control Ordinance (adopted 11-1-89). The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public from animals with a history of inflicting bodily injury upon humans and to protect the public from animals from exposure to rabies.

Quarantine: Animals identified as inflicting bodily injury to humans or other animals shall be quarantined by the County Health Department of Sheriff's Office.

This quarantine shall be for at least ten (10) days, and the animal shall be held in a holding pen at the Otter Tail County Humane Society or at the office of veterinarian, unless the Health Department or Sheriff's Office determines that the animal can be properly held on the

owner's premises. If the animal shows any symptoms of illness during the time of the quarantine an examination shall be made by a designated veterinarian and a report filed with the County Health Department. All animals released from quarantine shall be immunized for rabies unless current vaccination can be documented.

Bite History: Any animal inflicting bodily injury on two or more occasions or substantial bodily harm on one or more occasions is hereby declared a danger to public safety. Written notice that the animal constitutes a danger to the public safety shall be served personally or by certified mail upon the owner or person in possession of the animal. The notice shall indicate the time and place of a hearing to determine if the animal should be euthanized or dealt with in some other way to insure the protection of the public.

Enforcement of the above ordinance can include a misdemeanor, citation, equitable relief and expenses.

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4TH OF JULY ON BLANCHE LAKE *Photos on the pages 12 & 13*



*It's Official The Boat Parade On Blanche Lake Starts At Noon
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 6:00-7:00pm Eli Torkelson
 7:00-9:00pm Horse Pull

Thurs., July 20 – Senior Day
 11:00am-3:00pm Senior Resource Fair
 11:00am-3:00pm Sonny Bartels
 2:00-6:00pm Sherwin Linton
 2:00-close Elizabeth Lion's Club Bingo
 4:00-8:00pm Balloon Lady
 4:00-8:00pm Face Painting
 6:30pm Children's Pedal Pull
 7:00pm aChord
 7:00pm Modified Tractor Pull
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Fri, July 21 – Youth Day
 1:00-6:00pm Face Painting
 2:00-4:00pm Chahinkapa Zoo
 2:00-5:00pm Charlie Fox
 4:00-8:00pm Balloon Lady
 4:00-close Elizabeth Lion's Club Bingo
 6:00-9:00pm Island Time Band
 7:00pm 4-H Share the Fun/Performing Arts/
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 7:00pm Demolition Derby & Lawn Mower Derby
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 1:00-3:00pm Color Crayons Jazz Band
 1:00-6:00pm Face Painting
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 2:00-4:00pm Chahinkapa Zoo
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The Wild Bunch On The Pontoon - Photo submitted by Ken Wentz

If You Find An AIS

Now is the time to be checking for AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species). Why is preventing AIS so important? AIS can get out of control because there is nothing in the ecosystem naturally to keep the population in check. When invasive species take over a lake the biodiversity in the ecosystem can decrease, meaning that there are fewer different kinds of plants and animals that can live there. It can also change the habitat, making it less suitable for native species.

How does AIS spread? Humans can spread AIS by bringing water from one lake into another. This includes minnow buckets, live wells, boat bottoms, water boots and any items used in lakes. Also AIS larvae passively floats downstream from an infected lake to another. When a lake is heavily used is more susceptible to becoming infected.

Facts about zebra mussels from RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. include;

They feed on plankton, including algae, bacteria, larval animals and other tiny particles of organic matter suspended in the water.

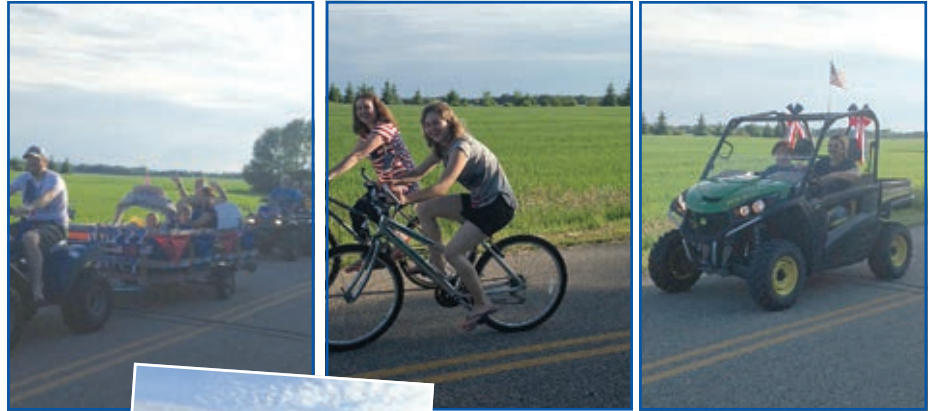
Zebra mussels are either male or female. Mature females can produce 30,000 eggs each year. Spawning occurs when water temperatures warm to 12 to 23c - if water temperature remains

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MAISRC has an AIS Identification Guide available at www.maisrc.umn.edu/ais-idguide to view, download or purchase.

4th of July Parade on Long Lake -

Photos submitted by Lynn Cave



East Otter Tail County Fair

The East Otter Tail County Fair will be held Thursday, July 20 thru Sunday, July 27 at the EOT Fairgrounds in Perham, MN.

Over the four days there's so much to do at the fair including Wild Things Zoo Attractions, Daycare Day Activities, Lego Building Contest, Story Time with Dorothy Doll, Musical Story Time with Diane Matejka-Lund, Scavenger Hunts, Children's Barn, meet a Police Officer, iPad Learning Station, Kid's Tractor Pedal Pull, Comedian/Magician, Bingo, discussion with a local Master Gardner, Christian Lilienthal, Jerry & Edith Fiegel, Blue English Band, Dream Weaver Hypnosis, Modified Tractor Pull-NTPA, Beer Garden, Beer Pong, Bean Bag Games, Budweiser Clydesdales, Demo Derby, Michael Shynes, Antique Tractor Pull and so much more. Don't forget the swine, goats, sheep, rabbits, beef, horses and all the other 4-H Exhibits or the Carnival Rides.

Check out eotcountyfair.org for a complete schedule.

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What Is That Thing Floating In The Water

Have you been out on the water and seen something that looks like what is pictured on the left? Please do not move or touch it. This picture is a water testing site and was taken on Blanche Lake.

Photo submitted by Ken Wentz



2017 Studio Tour

The Art of the Lakes Studio Tour will be held on July 14, 15 and 16th. 53 artists in 25 studios will showcase their arts. This annual event is free and open to the public. Additional information and a map can be found at aotl-studiotour.org.

Movies In The Park

Free "Movies in the Park" will be in Battle Lake. Scheduled on Friday, July 21 is "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (PG-13)". Showing on Friday, Aug. 11 is "Up" (PG). Both movies start at 9pm and are provided by Park Region Mutual Telephone Co./Otter Tail Telcom.

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suitable, spawning may occur several times during the season.

A fertilized zebra mussel egg becomes a microscopic, planktonic larva. The larval mussel spends two to three weeks swimming about, feeding on phytoplankton. During this stage, downstream currents can easily transport it from one body of water to another.

About two to three weeks after hatching, the larva begins to settle to the bottom. To survive it must settle on a hard surface, such as rocks, pier pilings, boats, concrete, another animal's shell, aquatic plants or submerged logs. It attaches to the surface with strong fibers called byssal threads. They grow in large colonies with hundreds of individuals attached to an object and to each other.

If you find an AIS (aquatic invasive species) occurrence, follow these steps:

1. Use EDDMapS to submit the report.

You can do this using the GLEDN app on your mobile device or on the EDDMapS website at www.eddmaps.org/Midwest. You should include:

- The date and time you made the observation.
- The species you believe you have found.
- The location you made the observation. Be specific.
- Photographs of the specimens.

2. Take photos of the AIS.

You should take multiple photos, including:

- Photos of the entire plant or animal (or as much as can clearly be captured in the frame).
- Close-ups of identifying features (such as leaves, fins, shape, colors, etc.).
- A photo that has an object in it for scale (such as a coin or a ruler).
- One photo of the general area where the AIS was found.

3. Collect a sample of the AIS.

• For animals such as invertebrates and fish, collect the entire animal.
• For smaller animals such as zebra mussels or spiny waterflea, you may want to include a few animals.

• For plants, you want to include as much of the plant as you reasonably can. Try to collect portions of the stem with leaves attached, any flowering structures if present, reproductive parts such as flowers or fruits, and organs such as tubers, turions, roots and rhizomes.

• Place the collected sample in a sealed container, something as simple as a Ziploc bag will do. If you have a large animal, like a carp, put it on ice in a cooler. You may also choose to wrap the plant or animal in a damp paper towel or newspaper prior to putting it into its container.

• Put a piece of paper with the location the sample was collected, the date of collection, and your name and contact information on it in the container with your sample. Be sure to write in pencil so that it doesn't bleed or run when wet.

4. Contact your local AIS specialist.

• Inform them that you have a sample of a suspected AIS and ask for further direction on what they would like you to do with it.

• The contact information for AIS Specialists is on the DNR's website: www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/contacts.html. In the Fergus Falls area, the contact person is Mark Ranweiler, and his phone number is 218-739-7576 ext 254.

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