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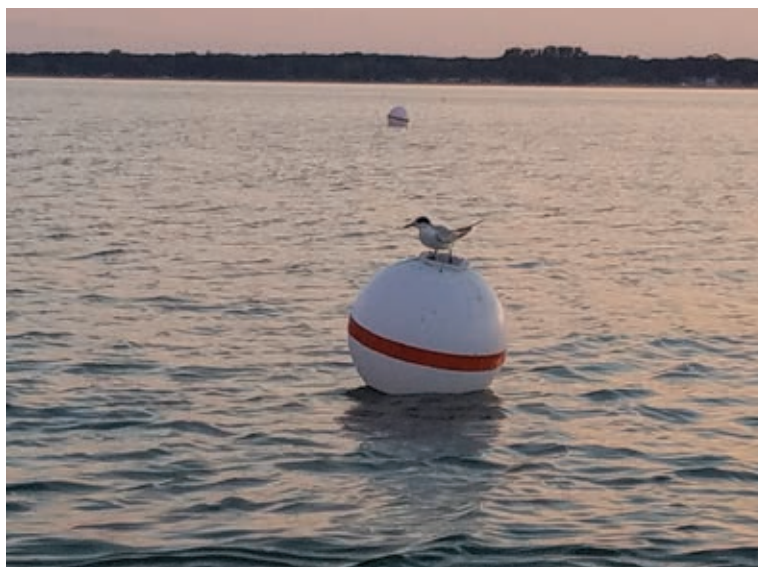
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This Year OTLPOA Foundation Purchased Illuminating Buoys *Photo submitted by Deb Ness*

How's The Water?

Minnesota has a very unusual geographic position. We sit atop a triple, continental-scale water divide. Almost all of our water arrives as rain or snow. We have some very high quality waters, but Minnesota also faces some serious challenges.

Nitrate in groundwater is a growing concern

Three out of four Minnesotans get their drinking water from groundwater sources, but groundwater is threatened by

overuse and contamination in some places.

Nitrate is one of the most common water pollutants in Minnesota groundwater, affecting a large number of private wells and public water supplies. Elevated nitrate in drinking water can be harmful to human health, specifically to the health of infants. Septic systems, fertilizers, and manure are major sources of nitrate pollution in Minnesota.

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2017 Shoreline Restoration

by Aimee Zimmermann, Shoreland Specialist East Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation District

Let's talk about numbers. Don't worry, I'm not going to bore you with calculus or algebra. What I am going to talk about are what numbers go into restoring a shoreline, because they are impressive!

This July, it took 37,980 native plants and 51 pounds of native grass & flower seed to restore 55,640 square feet of shoreline on 10 lakes in Otter Tail County. But those plants sure don't plant themselves! It took 6 Soil & Water Conservation District staff, 3 Conservation Corps interns, 6 Conservation Corps crew members, and numerous

volunteers to get the 55,640 square feet of shoreline restored in only 7 days. The temperature reached near 90 degrees for 3 of those 7 days.

The Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa is a non-profit organization, stemming from the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC Crews) that were formed during the time of the Dust Bowl. The Conservation Corps typically hires young adults (18-25 years old) that are interested in pursuing the natural resource field professions. The crews travel all over Minnesota doing different projects involved with

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Thank You Ken Wentz For Serving As President For Three Terms

A special Thank You to Ken Wentz for his time and dedication to the Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association (OTLPOA) and the Lakeshore News publication. Ken has spent many hours writing articles, taking and submitting photos, stopping by and going over information for Lakeshore News. Each and every time he has done this with a great friendly personality and a smile on his face. It has been a pleasure working with Ken during his term(s) as being President of OTLPOA.

Next time you see Ken, give him a Thank You.

Welcome to OTLPOA Board

Scott Simdorn
President



Rob Bope
Vice President



Welcome Scott Simdorn as 2017-2018 President and Rob Bope as Vice President to the Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association (OTLPOA) board. We all look forward to working with you during the coming year. Pat Hunke is the returning Treasurer.



A 3 year old shoreline planting on Walker Lake, completed by the East Otter Tail SWCD

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President's Corner



Scott
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By the time everyone has a chance to read this we will be well into another wonderful summer at the lake. I hope everyone has been enjoying the wonderful summer weather as of late.

At our last board meeting in July, the board held election of officers. Our new officers are as follows: Rob Bope-Vice President, Pat Hunke-Treasurer, and myself, Scott Simdorn-President. I would like to take this time to thank all of the officers past and present for their generosity of their time and efforts towards making your lake association one of the best in the state of Minnesota.

Also a big thanks for all of our members who make this lake association possible. I would like to especially thank Ken Wentz for his time as president. Ken did a great job and I look forward to his help in the upcoming year.

My wife Jeanette and I have lived on Otter Tail Lake for the past 11 years. We have 3 children, all of who live in the Minneapolis area, along with 5 grandchildren. It's great seeing the young kids playing in the lake, building sand castles, and enjoying all the great things our lakes have to offer.

While the board has been active in many areas over the years, there will always be plenty to do. We will forever be involved with AIS which I feel is currently our lakes most critical issue. We will continue to work with our members, the county, AIS task force, MN Lakes and Rivers, and COLA to maintain our lakes at the pristine levels

they currently are at. This is a challenge we all have to work together on to preserve them for our future generations.

Current and ongoing projects are placement of new buoys on Otter Tail Lake, llids, boat decontamination units, and most importantly, education of the public on how critical their help is to maintaining our lakes in their current conditions. Everyone who uses our lakes/ rivers has a responsibility to protect them. If we all work together we can continue the wonderful tradition of summers at the lakes for many generations to come.

I look forward to working with our association members, board, and all the other organizations to continue one of greatest traditions of Minnesota, our lakes. Please feel free to give me a call or stop by to visit.

Scott

Misusing Hydraulic Jets To Uproot Aquatic Plants Or Displace Sediment Is Illegal

The Department of Natural Resources reminds lakeshore property owners that it is illegal to use hydraulic jets to move sediment or excavate the bottom of a lake, or to uproot aquatic plants in public waters.

"Aquatic plants are incredibly important for keeping water clean and fish populations healthy," said Jon Hansen, aquatic plant management consultant. "We want everyone to enjoy our lakes, and misusing hydraulic jets not only destroys fish habitat but leaves a cloud of sediment and degrades the water for everyone else."

Hydraulic jets, including products like HydroSweep, Aqua Blaster, Aqua Thruster and Aquasweep, can resemble a fan or trolling motor contained in a short tube and create strong currents of moving water. These products are often advertised to control or remove "muck" and "weeds" from a lake bottom; however, using hydraulic jets in this manner is not allowed in Minnesota.

A person may legally operate a hydraulic jet if it is placed high enough off the lake bed so that it doesn't move sediment or destroy rooted aquatic plants. It must be directed upward toward the water's surface, which can prevent dead vegetation and duckweed from collecting around docks and boat lifts. Any displacement of sediment or removal of aquatic plants as a result of operating a hydraulic jet would be deemed a violation and may result in a fine.

Aquatic plant regulations and a guide to aquatic plants can be found at mndnr.gov/shorelandplants. For information on DNR water permits, visit mndnr.gov/permits.

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Ottertail Power doing their best to replace two telephone poles that were brought down by a large tree during the storm on July 4.



4th Of July Storm



Many people on Blanche Lake were without power for 14 hours.

Photos submitted by Ken Wentz

Lake Associations, Resort Owners & Others Partnering To Prevent AIS

By Jeff Forester

This summer might be one to remember in the fight to prevent Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and in recognizing the Minnesota's largest and most effective conservation group, lake associations. Whether you are a year-round lake home owner in the Ely area, or a frequent visitor to your lakeshore cabin in northern Minnesota from the cities and elsewhere, there's good news to report.

Recently I presented to an avid group of lakeshore owners at the Eagles Nest Lake Association nearby in Vermillion an overview of how citizen-driven actions are coalescing around AIS prevention with innovative pilot programs and, in one case, how one county just raised the bar by instituting mandatory boat inspections and decontamination.

Although only 5% of Minnesota's 13,000-plus lakes are estimated to contain invasives like zebra mussels, milfoil, starry stonewort and others, the figure is probably higher due to the sheer number of lakes that can't be monitored by state and local authorities and the number of licensed (and unlicensed) boats in the state. There are 3,500-plus public boat ramps and untold private and commercial ramps, almost 900,000 registered watercraft, and 1.4 million fishing licenses purchased annually. An estimated 16,700 boats launch annually on Lake Vermillion alone!

These are big numbers -- and they are important numbers -- since AIS spread through human transportation of boating, trailer, minnow bucket and other lake sporting equipment. As anglers and recreational boaters move from one lake to another the chance for AIS infection increases with every move, especially if lakes have not been identified yet with AIS, and if lake users are forgoing draining and cleaning their rigs as required by the Minnesota DNR.

But another set of numbers is just as important. There are more than 500 lake associations in Minnesota, which are often the first and best line of defense against water quality degradation. And they are a largely unrecognized "activist" base in the battle to prevent AIS. Nonetheless, policy makers in the past have failed to support the work these groups do, and they do not understand what important partners they can be in water protection/restoration efforts.

That may change once Concordia University in Moorhead finishes a first-of-its-kind academic study to document this summer the impacts lake associations have, including:

- Quantifying the demographic makeup of Minnesota's lake associations.
- Assessing the projects that they currently undertake.
- Determining the level of funds they raise.
- Understanding the crucial work they do in areas like fish stocking; aquatic invasive species prevention; water safety;

and lake level control.

Last month, Wright County unanimously passed what I believe could be a precedent-setting pilot program to fight AIS with mandatory, centralized inspection and decontamination. In northern St. Louis County, with only four roadways into the region, a regional program like the one proposed in Wright County could effectively protect the entire region from new infestations.

Of the four major lakes in Wright county, Lake Sylvia already has an infestation of starry stonewort. As the country's assistant attorney, Greg Kryzer noted, the Wright County Commissioners recognized that the uncontrolled spread of aquatic invasive species poses an imminent and irrevocable threat to the water resources, property values, enjoyment and habitability of the community.

Closer to home, an exciting new pilot program, "Lake Vermillion Sentry," is training private resort owners and their dock hands to inspect boats and answer questions about AIS. They are DNR-trained, and the program is supported in a unique collaborative partnership between the Vermillion Lake Association and the North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District and paid for with County AIS Prevention Aid passed into law in 2014. A similar pilot program model that requires AIS inspection as a requirement of participation has been used in the largest fishing tournament in the State, the Frank Schneider Memorial in Cass County.

State government like DNR and even local and county governments can't do the job of monitoring and mitigating AIS alone. Too much economic and environmental value is at stake to not expand AIS prevention measures to citizens via lake associations and to private enterprise in the business community. It's an exciting time to be engaged in building these public-private partnerships at the local level. I hope you share the optimism of those already involved and join us in the effort.

Jeff Forester is the Executive Director of the statewide non-profit organization Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates www.mnlakesandrivers.org



Pontooning The Lake At Sundown

Photo submitted by Ken Wentz

2017 AIS Research & Management Showcase

By Christine Lee, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species (MAISRC)

Join the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center in St. Paul on Wednesday, September 13 for the 2017 AIS Research and Management Showcase! The conference will be full of informative talks, hands-on demos, lab tours, lunch with researchers, a poster session reception, and more. This is your best opportunity to learn about the latest and greatest in AIS research, useful management tools, and get an inside-peek into our state-of-the-art lab.

Hear from the state's top AIS experts about the latest MAISRC research on starry stonewort, zebra mussels, spiny waterflea, invasive carp, harmful fish diseases, and much more. A list of breakout sessions and full presentation descriptions will be announced soon!

Space is limited and pre-registration is required! Learn more at www.maisrc.umn.edu/news/2017-showcase



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If you see someone doing these tasks ask to see the DNR issued certificate of the LSP dock and lift worker. Businesses and workers that are properly trained will be happy to show you their credentials.

Did You Know

Watercraft and all water-related equipment can spread AIS. This includes fishing boats, jet skis, wakeboard boats, pontoons, sailboats, scuba gear, float planes, canoes, kayaks, all fishing gear, waders, docks, boat lifts, tools, trailers, and waterfowl hunting gear.

It's the law!

Report suspected new AIS sightings to the DNR.



Very Peaceful Kayak Ride On Smooth Waters

Photo submitted by Ken Wentz

Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

June 22nd, 2017 At The Ottertail Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

President Wentz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present were: Wentz, Wing, Kemling, Simdorn, Johnson, Cave, Carlisle, Ness, Hunke and Rosenquist. Absent board members: Feters, Steeves, Bope and Synder

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Wing, second by Johnson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Carlisle, second by Kemling.

- May 25th, 2017 board minutes

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion made by Wing, second by Simdorn.

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Carlisle, second by Cave.

- Secretary \$400
- Otter Tail Power \$46.89 tax from our Worm Mailer
- The Midweek, Inc \$1,212.14 for June Lakeshore News

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Annual meeting is this Saturday and everyone should plan on being there around 7am. Jon and I will meet tomorrow night at 7pm at the church and setup all the tables.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

• Membership Committee – Wentz, Snyder – We are over 900 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 – water clarity on Otter Tail is Wing 15ft and Carlisle 14ft, Blanche Wentz 12ft and Round Johnson 9ft.

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

- ii. Website – Bope, Wentz –
• Worm Committee – Steeves, Feters, Wing, Wentz – All lakes will be sprayed on May 31st.

• Ottertail Wastewater/Sewer District Committee – Simdorn, Bope

- Foundation – Steeves, Feters, Carlisle – Buoys are being installed this week.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- Annual Meeting updates (free to one member and one guest)
i. Invocation will be done by Art Johnson

• Foundation donation letter will be sent out to any member who donated more than \$50.

• Administration cost will be split between association and foundation with expenses related to the annual membership drive. This was approved by the foundation.

- Second membership mailer will be sent out soon.

9. NEW BUSINESS: Ness announced that there are still open swimming lessons spots for the July classes. If anyone is interested they should sign up soon.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- The next meeting will be July 27th, 2017, 7pm at the Ottertail Community Center

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

11. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Wing and second by Johnson to adjourned at 8:07pm.



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2017 Calendar of Events

August

- Aug. 10-13 Looney Daze, Vergas
- 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 Clitherall Days
- Aug. 26-27 Finn Creek Festival, NYM
- Aug. 30 Perham Harvest Fest
- Aug. 31 Little Summer Fun in Richville

September

- Sept. 1-4 Western MN Steam Threshermans Reunion, Rollag
- Sept. 1 I-94 Speedway Races
- Sept. 1-2 Underwood Harvest Festival
- 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

- 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



Surfing The Wake Photo submitted by Ken Wentz

Closing Your Lake Home

Fall is knocking at the door, and that means it's time to start preparing your cabin for the cold weather ahead. Here are some tips from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that can help you save energy and prevent costly problems.

Check your furnace

A clean, well-tuned heating system will save you money on fuel and prolong the life of your furnace. Things you can do yourself — vacuum the inside of the furnace, change the air filter, and check any belts for wear.

Call a reputable repair service for more in-depth maintenance. If you don't plan on using your cabin during the cold winter months and are winterizing the plumbing, you can turn the furnace off.

Winterize plumbing

If you are going to completely close down the cabin, you can shut off the water and winterize the plumbing. Bleed pipes and water heater lines completely. If you have never winterized plumbing before, you may want professional assistance to ensure the job is done correctly.

For those using the cabin periodically throughout the winter, set the thermostat to 50 degrees and open the doors of cabinets that have pipes in them so heat can get in. Pipes can also be insulated or wrapped with heat tape.

Maintain your septic system

It is important to have your septic tank pumped out regularly. How frequently depends on how often the cabin is used and by how many people. Keeping your cabin's septic system working properly avoids the risk of it leaking and possibly contaminating groundwater.

To help prevent septic systems from freezing, spread a layer of straw or leaves

over the system to provide insulation.

Seal windows and air leaks

Go through your cabin and seal windows and air leaks to help conserve energy and save money if you heat your cabin year-round. While you check for air leaks, you may also want to have some steel wool on hand to plug any holes large enough to invite critters into the cabin while you are away. Mothballs or dryer sheets around the cabin also to keep unwanted pests out.

Check your appliances

If you are shutting off the heat in the cabin for the winter, you will want to drain any appliance that uses water. Check the owner's manual for specific guidelines.

Many electrical appliances use energy when they are plugged in—even when they

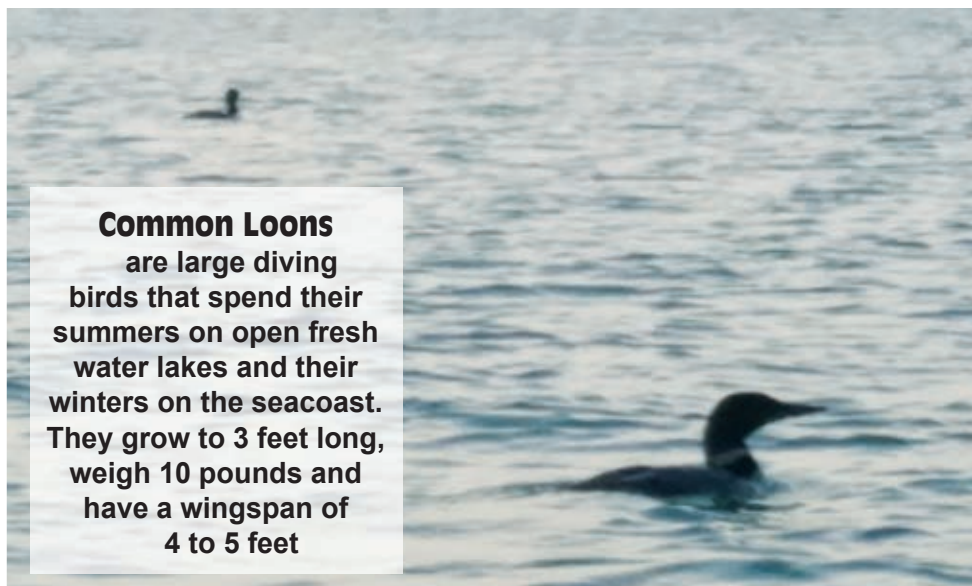
are not in use. Conserve energy, prevent fires, and protect appliances and electronics by unplugging them when they are not in use.

Finally, don't forget to cover the outdoor air conditioning unit if you have one.

Take care of your lawn

If you absolutely must fertilize, use a phosphorus-free product and do not apply any fertilizer within 20 feet of lakes and streams. Even if your home is not located near a lake, it is important to go phosphorus-free, because stormwater runoff from lawns carries phosphorus into nearby water bodies.

Raking leaves and composting them will also help keep lakes clean and provide you with a great natural fertilizer in the spring. Also, don't forget to clean out gutters and add the material to the compost pile.



Common Loons are large diving birds that spend their summers on open fresh water lakes and their winters on the seacoast. They grow to 3 feet long, weigh 10 pounds and have a wingspan of 4 to 5 feet

Photo submitted by Deb Ness



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Clean Up After Your Dog

According to the EPA dog poop is the #3 cause of water pollution - poop is as toxic to the environment as chemical and oil spills.

Just one ounce of dog feces contains 23 million microorganisms of bacteria - nearly twice that of human waste.

Pet feces can carry bacteria, viruses and parasites into waterways that can cause unpleasant infections such as giardia and E. coli. More indirectly, the excrement also releases nutrients into the water that can feed algae, kill marine life, contaminate beaches and send unlucky swimmers home with bouts of diarrhea or hives.

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How's The Water continued from Page 1

40% of lakes and streams are not good enough for swimming and fishing

Statewide, 40% of the lakes and streams in Minnesota are not meeting standards set for safe swimming, fishing, or drinking. In the northeastern part of the state, a higher percentage of lakes and streams meet water quality standards, compared to central or southern regions.

Water quality in a body of water depends a lot on the land around it. In watersheds dominated by agricultural and urban land, half or fewer of the lakes fully support the water quality standards for swimming due to contaminants from runoff and drainage.

Runoff in urban areas and drainage from agriculture fields move water into streams and rivers quickly, increasing the speed and volume of water in streams and rivers. Sometimes these flows bring pollution that might otherwise be removed by wetlands or other landscape features.

Our water infrastructure is aging

Our infrastructure is badly in need of attention. Water systems are aging. Many equipment and pipes are at the end of or past their expected life span. Over the next 20 years, Minnesota will have some big bills to pay to upgrade wastewater and drinking water infrastructure. We will need to decide how to equitably pay for these costs.

What do you hope the water is like in 2025?

At the current level of effort, there will be only a 7 percent improvement in water quality statewide by 2025, and without

further action, water quality will get worse. That's why Governor Mark Dayton is calling on Minnesotans to learn about these issues and share their ideas with him for "25 by '25" Water Quality Goals, which would spur collaboration and action to improve Minnesota's water quality 25 percent by 2025.

How do you help make a greater progress toward clean water? Go to www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/25-2025-overview. Here you will be able sign up for updates, host a community water meeting, attend a Town Hall and submit your ideas. In addition to the submitting ideas about how to reach a 25% improvement in water by 2025, you can:

- Test your private well
- Check the health of your lake or stream
- Make these 12 changes at home (SEE PAGE 7)
- Participate in conservation programs through your county Soil and Water Conservation District
- Encourage your city to join the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program
- Participate in the Minnesota Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program
- Volunteer to monitor a local lake or stream
- Connect with your watershed organization for education, volunteer opportunities, technical assistance, and connection to financial resources.

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What you can do at home

- Make sure your septic system is functioning properly — a poorly functioning septic system can allow pathogens, nutrients, and other chemicals to enter groundwater or lakes and streams.

- Pick up pet waste from sidewalks and yards — leaving dog waste on the ground allows harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

- Use non-toxic cleaners, soaps, and personal products at home — find alternatives for laundry soaps, cleaning sprays, insecticides, and other products that may be harmful to human health or the environment.

- Dispose of medications at drop-sites (best) or securely in the garbage (second best), not in

the drain or toilet! — medicines flushed down the drain can pollute our water and unintentionally expose us to harmful chemicals.

- Create places for water to soak into the ground: rain gardens, native plant gardens, swales — this slows the water down, rather than allowing it to rapidly run into storm sewers, lakes, and rivers.

- Let plants grow along shorelines — native plants and trees reduce the flow of run-off, decrease erosion and increase infiltration of rainwater.

- Follow directions for storing and disposing of products labeled with caution, warning, danger, or poison — and remember the best way to handle household hazardous waste is to prevent it in the first place.

- Decrease water use, especially by reducing summer landscape watering — demand for community water is much higher in summer than in winter, due in part to outdoor watering.

- Have unused, unsealed wells sealed

by a licensed water well contractor — an unused well can act like a drain, allowing surface water runoff, contaminated water, or improperly disposed waste a direct pathway into drinking water sources.

- Minimize use of fertilizers and pesticides — to keep them out of water.

- Follow DNR guidelines for preventing the spread of invasive species — our gear can unintentionally move invasive plants and animals to new areas.

- Participate in decisions about water in your community — Find your watershed and click on contacts for a list local organizations. Join their mailing lists and watch for events or volunteer opportunities. Become a volunteer water monitor. Encourage your city to become a Minnesota GreenStep City. Start small and add effort where you find reward and joy.

Source: www.pca.state.mn.us/12things

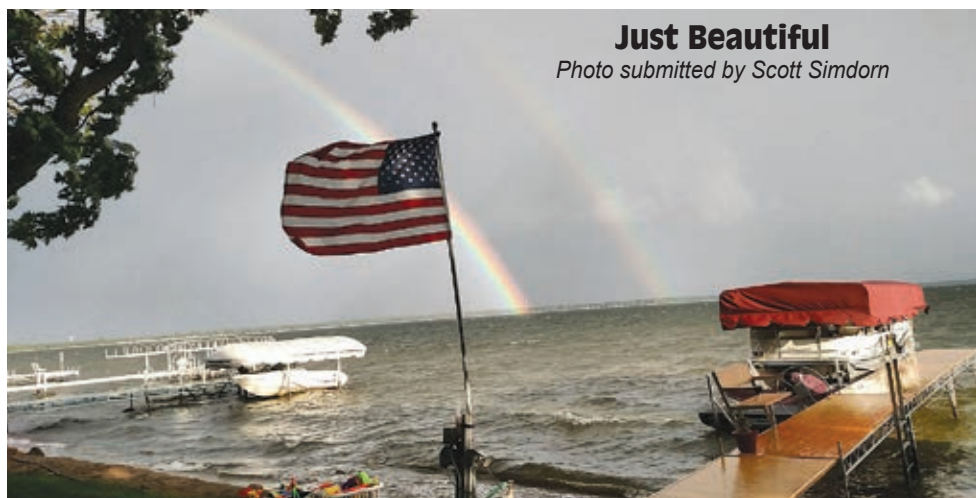


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Announcing Six New Research Projects

By Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species (MAISRC)

The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center is launching six new research projects, on topics ranging from assessing the impacts of aquatic invasive species (AIS) on walleye populations, prioritizing cleaning efforts for reducing the spread of spiny waterflea, and creating a decision-making tool to help counties better allocate AIS funds. These projects were selected as part of a competitive proposal process following a comprehensive needs assessment conducted by MAISRC. The results of these projects will lead to better prevention of aquatic invasive species and improved management of Minnesota's resources, including the species impacted by AIS. The projects include:

- Determining highest-risk vectors of spiny waterflea spread, led by Dr. Valerie Brady. This study will quantify the relative risk of spread posed by spiny waterflea attaching on commonly used recreational equipment. Results will be disseminated to anglers, the tourism industry, and lake associations and will help recreationalists prioritize their cleaning efforts in order to prevent further spread of spiny waterfleas.

- Cost-effective monitoring of lakes newly infested with zebra mussels, led by Dr. John Fieberg. This study will develop recommendations for underwater survey methods to estimate zebra mussel population abundance and distribution in newly infested lakes. This will guide treatment options and post-treatment monitoring.

- Sustaining walleye populations: assessing impacts of AIS, led by Dr. Gretchen Hansen. This study will quantify the impacts of zebra mussels and spiny waterfleas on walleye and their food webs in large lakes in

order to identify management strategies.

- Building scientific and management capacity to respond to invasive Phragmites in Minnesota, led by Dr. Daniel Larkin. This project will map invasive Phragmites statewide, assess its reproductive potential, and develop management protocols for responding to different invasion scenarios.

- Eurasian and hybrid watermilfoil genotype distribution in Minnesota, led by Dr. Ray Newman. This project will quantify the genetic diversity of Eurasian, hybrid, and northern watermilfoil in Minnesota lakes in order to identify relationships among genetic composition and environmental conditions, native plant communities, and herbicidal management history.

- Decision-making tool for optimal management of AIS, led by Dr. Nicholas Phelps. This project will develop a decision-making tool to help AIS managers, counties, and other agencies prioritize their resources for optimal prevention and intervention of AIS, specifically zebra mussels and starry stonewort. It will take into account water connectivity, boater movement, species-specific ecological niche models, and more.

MAISRC is proud that these projects bring in experts from numerous fields to build capacity and help solve AIS problems for Minnesota, including scientists from the University of Minnesota Duluth, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the Minnesota DNR, the Chicago Botanic Garden, Montana State University, the U.S. Forest Service, the Natural Resources Research Institute, and the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

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conservation, such as trail maintenance in our state parks, invasive species removal, and restoration work. The East Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation District has been working with the Conservation Corps for the past several years. They are hard-working, motivated individuals that aren't afraid to get their hands dirty.

The process begins with the landowner killing off the existing lawn grass; this drastically reduces plant competition for the incoming native plants. After the grass has been killed, the site is raked to remove any dead vegetation and to expose the soil. The seed needs to have contact with the soil in order to germinate. After the site has been properly prepared, we come in and broadcast a layer of seed mix containing native grasses and flowers. Next we apply a top soil/compost mixture to give the plants an extra boost. We then plant the native grasses and flowers – The flowers are planted in groups of 12 of the same species, so when they bloom it's a giant pop of color! Erosion control materials are added last as appropriate.

The Soil & Water Conservation District emphasizes using native plants to restore

shorelines. They have an extensive root system that extends 8 to 12 feet downwards that acts as an excellent anchor to hold together the shoreline when the waves come crashing in or the ice pushes shoreward/inland. Additionally, the roots provide pathways for the rainwater to infiltrate the ground instead of running across the top of the soil, where it can pick up dirt and potential pollutants, and into the lake. Not to mention, these restored shorelines are awesome at attracting butterflies, birds, honeybees, and other pollinators!

One more number: All of these projects received 75% cost-share with grant dollars from the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment!

If you have any questions about restoring shorelines or would like more information, please contact the East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District at (218) 346 – 4260 Ext. 3 or visit our website at www.eotswcd.org. You can check out one of our many projects on Grotto Lake in Adam's Park in the city of Fergus Falls or on Bay View Road on Otter Tail Lake near Ottertail.

**"Before" –
A shoreline prepped
for installation on
Lake Buchanan.**



**"During" –
SWCD staff,
Conservation
Corps staff, and
volunteers work
to get flowers
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EOT SWCD Shoreline Program

by Aimee Zimmermann, Shoreland Specialist East Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation District

We are continuing to grow our shoreline program all around the county! In 2016, with the help of the Minnesota Conservation Corps, many local contractors, area lake associations, and the EOT & WOT SWCD staff, we were able to install twenty two shoreline buffers and four rain gardens on a record-breaking fourteen different lakes and rivers all over Otter Tail County. So far in 2017, we've restored 55,640 square feet of shoreline on ten lakes, with more restorations being completed this fall when the weather is more favorable for plant health."

We hope to continue to grow the shoreline program and expand our projects to more and more lakes throughout Otter Tail County. Below are a few commonly asked questions that landowners have when considering a shoreland buffer:

Why put in a buffer?

The native grasses and flowers used in a buffer have a much deeper root system than the typical short lawn grass. This deep root system helps hold your shoreline in place, slows erosion, and infiltrates any runoff from lawns or roads before it hits the lake. A buffer also creates habitat for wildlife, including butterflies and birds. Having trouble with geese? Geese don't like the taller grass!

Will it look nice?

Absolutely! But like with any planting, it will require some maintenance. There are several native flowers we use that are

bright and showy, such as Wild Bergamot, Blanket Flower, or Purple Coneflower. It's important to know the buffer will look more natural than your typical flower garden. We typically plant 60% grasses and 40% flowers. Buffers are installed in the spring or fall, and are at least 12 feet wide (from the lake towards the house).

What's the process?

A Shoreland Specialist will come out to your site and address erosion concerns, as well as any potential runoff that might be entering the lake. From there, the Specialist will create a design plan and a cost estimate using the information gathered from the site visit. The existing vegetation will be killed off in the project area - This is important because it reduces plant competition. Next a layer of seed (grasses & flowers) will be put down and live plants will be planted every 1.5 feet, as well as putting in any erosion control material if needed. Lastly, water about an inch every week and watch your buffer grow!

Is there financial assistance available?

We may have cost-share available through the SWCD and/or your local lake association. Cost-share would provide reimbursement up to 75% of eligible costs. When you use cost-share, you agree to a contract which states the buffer will be maintained and functional for 10 years. The SWCD does site checks on years 1, 3, 5, and 9.

For more info on native buffers, rain gardens, or funding, contact Aimee Zimmermann at the East Otter Tail County Soil & Water Conservation District: 218-346-4260 Ext 121 or email Aimee.Zimmermann@mn.nacdn.net

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Fall Yard Clean Up Tips

Keep your yard, home, deck and tools looking and working great for years to come.

Protect them from the harsh reality of winter by following these helpful tips.

Debris

- Rake up any fallen leaves, as these can inhibit grass growth once spring comes.

- Pests often settle in fallen leaves or weeds, so pay special attention to flower beds and vegetable gardens.

Protect your cold-sensitive plants

- Add 3-4 inches of mulch to the bases of trees, shrubs and plants to prevent damage from freezing. Keep the mulch an inch from the base of the trunk.

- Cover plants/shrubs with burlap to prevent winter burn. Burlap allows the plant/shrub to breathe helping air to circulate not get trapped.

Protect your deck

- Power washing with a pressure washer can prevent mold and mildew growth.

- A weather-proofing stain prevents moisture damage over winter.

Hoses, fountains and irrigation systems

- Drain or blow out all water from hoses, fountains, and irrigation systems with an air compressor, and store them in a dry place, as water left standing over the winter may damage your equipment.

Trim and prune trees and shrubs

- Trimming any large or out of place branches can prevent breakage from snow buildup.

Clean and repair gutters

- Clogged or broken gutters can cause damage to your home or flooding when snow melts.

Tools

- Adding a light coat of oil can also prevent rust buildup over the winter.

If You're Burning Garbage, You're Making Poison

Backyard garbage burning releases toxic chemicals into our air. These chemicals settle on our soil, water, and plants—and eventually get into the food we eat. Breathing these pollutants can lead to serious lung and heart issues and eating contaminated food can cause serious health problems like cancer.

What's the problem?

Garbage has changed in the last 50 years. Burning anything, even seemingly harmless items like paper, releases pollution. That's because today's garbage contains plastics, dyes, and other chemicals that release hazardous toxins when burned. In fact, backyard garbage burning is now the largest source of dangerous dioxins in the United States.

Burning your garbage is harmful to our health and the environment.



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What can you do to help?

- Don't burn garbage—at home, on the farm, at the cabin or in the campfire.
- Use recycling and garbage services or drop-sites; encourage your neighbors to do the same.
- Reduce waste—compost or chip yard waste; buy items with less packaging.
- Educate your family and neighbors about the hazards of burning.

Source: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Let's Get Canning!

Canning is a treasured tradition that many people remember their mom or grandmother doing, but is a feat that many people don't feel they have the time or talent for. I wish now I would have watched and learned some of my mom's skills, as she has now been gone for over 5 years.

Here are some helpful tips from Menards to help you feel confident enough to start canning and stop wasting the veggies and fruits of your labor.

Necessary Supplies:

- Canning Jars - You must use jars specifically for canning. You cannot use any basic jar as they cannot endure the high temperatures or pressure of canning.
- A big heavy kettle to process the food before it is put in the jar.
- A large pot with a jar rack to process the jars once they are full.
- A lid lifter is needed to pull the lid out of hot water and put it on the jar without damaging the seal of the lid or burning your fingers.
- A set of tongs to lift the jar out of the boiling water.
- A pan to simmer the lids in to soften the sealant making them seal better.

Things to know:

- Make sure your recipe is current and tested.
- Thoroughly clean your work area, utensils and hands.
- Jars should not be cracked or chipped. They should be sterilized in hot water for up to 10 minutes.
- Lids should be new, but you can reuse your rings
- Set aside enough time to complete your canning project as it can take several hours.
- Cut/chop all foods to similar size so that they all heat at the same rate.
- Water must be boiling before you can start your timer
- There are so many different foods you can try canning with.

Canning methods:

- Water bath canning is typically used for high acid foods like jams, jellies, salsa, sauces or tomatoes.
- Pressure canning for low acid foods such as beef, poultry, pork, vegetables or venison. Always make sure that you read each recipe and process carefully. Keep the canning tradition Alive! Pass this tradition with your tips and recipes on to your family, friends and neighbors.

Family Memories



This picture shows four generations of the Van Beek family who have been visiting Blanche Lake every year for over 50 years. Each year there are anywhere from 18 - 24 family members who come for a week's vacation on Blanche. The oldest family member is 80 years old and the youngest is 1 year old. While they do a variety of water activities, fishing is what they love and they fish daily for an average of six hours per day, dividing themselves up between three boats. Each year they celebrate their good catches with a family fish fry.

Prevent Poisonings In Your Home

Parents and caregivers can prevent pesticide poisonings by locking up products that could harm children. Yet, a national study found that among households with children under the age of five, nearly half stored pesticides in an unlocked cabinet within reach of children.

Program the Poison Help number into your phone: 1-800-222-1222. Call Poison Help if there is an accident that involves pesticides, chemicals, medicine, or other household products.

Store chemicals safely:

- Store pesticides and other chemicals in a locked cabinet or garden shed - away from children and pets.
- Use child-resistant packaging properly and close containers tightly after use.
- Never put pesticides or other household chemicals in containers that may be mistaken for food or drink

Use chemicals properly:

- Read the product label first and follow the directions closely.
- Never leave pesticides and other household chemical products unattended.
- Keep children, pets, toys, bottles and pacifiers away when applying pesticides inside or outside the home. Follow label directions to determine when children and pets can return to the area that has been treated.

Use safer products:

- Use products with a tamper-resistant bait station to protect children and pets from mouse and rat poison.
- Never use illegal pesticides (e.g., Tres Pasitos, DDT, unregistered Insecticidal Chalk). Always look for an EPA Registration ID number on the label. (Example: EPA Reg. No. 500-123456)

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Zebra Mussels Confirmed In Rush Lake In Otter Tail County

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed a report of zebra mussels in Rush Lake in Otter Tail County, near several other lakes where zebra mussels were previously confirmed.

DNR invasive species specialists confirmed two adult zebra mussels in separate locations about 75 feet from the public access. Signs at lake accesses have been updated to alert boaters to the presence of zebra mussels.

The spread of invasive species is not inevitable, even when lakes are near others where zebra mussels and other invasive species have been confirmed. It's an important reminder to follow the state's

invasive species laws:

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

Zebra mussels are an invasive (non-native) species that can compete with native species for food and habitat, cut the feet of swimmers, reduce the performance of boat motors, and cause expensive damage to water intake pipes. Less than two percent of Minnesota's 11,842 lakes are listed as infested with zebra mussels.

Some invasive species are small and

difficult to see at the access. To further reduce risk of transport, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving infested waters:

- Spray with high-pressure water.
- Rinse with very hot water (120

degrees F for at least two minutes or 140 degrees Fahrenheit for at least 10 seconds).

- Dry for at least five days.

More information is available at www.mndnr.gov/AIS.

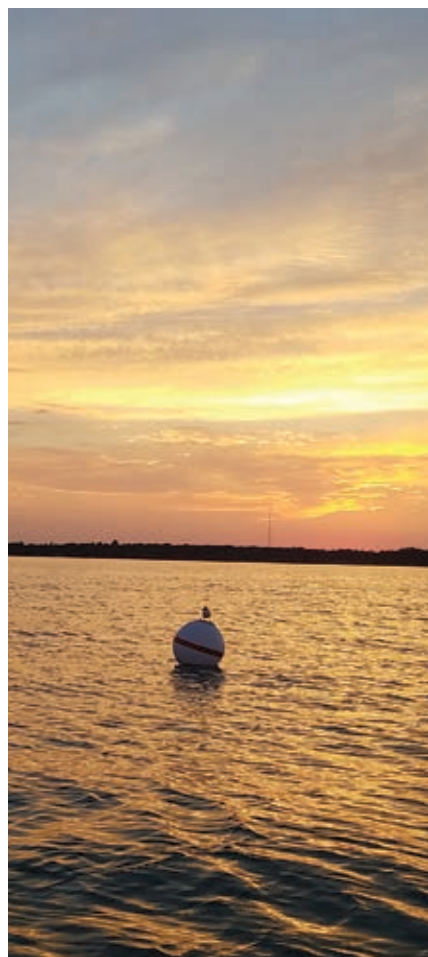
Did You Know?
When transporting water-related equipment such as boat lifts, docks, swim rafts or associated equipment, Minnesota law requires a 21-day drying time to destroy attached organisms, before placing that equipment in another lake.

As of end of July, the newest lakes in Minnesota that are have been designated with AIS

- Burgen Lake in Douglas County
- Cedar Lake in Wright County (confirmed in late June)
- Comfort Lake in Chisago County
- Lake Edward, near Brainerd
- Mahnomen Mine Pit No. 1, near Crosby in Crow Wing County
- Rush Lake in Otter Tail County

As of June 16, 2017, the list of waters designated as infested in 2017

- Blackhawk Lake in Dakota County
- Deer Lake (56-0298) in Otter Tail County
- East Lost Lake in Otter Tail County
- East Red River Lake in Otter Tail County
- Edward Lake in Crow Wing County
- Hoot Lake in Otter Tail County
- Lac qui Parle in Multiple (Lac qui Parle, Chippewa, Swift)
- Mahnomen Mine Pit #1 in Crow Wing County
- Minnesota River
- Muskrat Lake in Becker County
- Otter Tail River downstream of Otter Tail Lake to the confluence of the Pelican River in Otter Tail County
- Pelican River between Detroit and Sallie in Becker County
- Red River Lake in Otter Tail County
- West Lost Lake in Otter Tail County
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Vining Watermelon Day Sat., Aug. 19

Vining will celebrate its 45th Annual Watermelon Day Event on Saturday, August 19.

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

The day is filled with fun:

- Begin with breakfast at the Vining Lutheran Church, 7-11am
- At 9am you can visit a number of vendors.
- Bingo, starts at noon
- Children can enjoy a Petting Zoo, pony rides, inflatables and Children's Games 1:30pm on the grounds of the Community Center.
- A Children's Theatre production

"Jack in the Beanstalk" will be held at 11am in the lower level of the Community Center.

- Musical groups will entertain beginning at 10am, they include "Nathan's Old Time Band" - 10am-1pm and "Rock'n 60 Band" - 1-4pm.
- Vendors and local groups will provide a variety of food including some Scandinavian Specialties.
- The evening parade begins at 7pm. Following the parade, a Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Community Center served by the Nidaros WELCA will take place.
- The activities of the day conclude with drawings for cash prizes and a street dance featuring "Cruise Control".



Didn't Want To Come Inside For Lunch So They're Eating On The Dock With Anticipation Of More Water Activities.



Even A Corgi Is Having A Little Dock Time

Photos submitted by Ken Wentz



Pioneer Fest Perham

The 47th Annual Pioneer Fest in Perham, Minnesota will be held on August 19 and 20. The event will open at 10am Saturday and close at 4pm Sunday. It is held at 1251 1st St. N., Perham, MN.

There will be saw mill demonstrations, steam engine demonstrations, black powder rendezvous, tractor pull, pedal pull, live music all day, a big polka dance party featuring the Chmeileski Funtime Band, and a large Arts and Crafts Market! The featuring vendors hand make their products such as beeswax lotion, knitting, woodworking, duck calls, lamps, dreamcatchers, and much more! The Trowbridge Zoo is also bringing some animals for the Petting Zoo.

Come out and see all the new things to do. Free admission.

Underwood Harvest Festival

The 70th Annual Harvest Festival will be held Friday, Sept. 1st & Saturday, September 2nd in Underwood, MN.

The festival starts Friday night with a steak fry, bingo, pig and horse races, and a dance with music from Gunshy. Saturday has a Fishing Tourney, Fun Run, Crafts, Kids Carnival, Kids Pedal Tractor Pull, Kiddie Parade at 12:30, Main Parade at 1:30, Egg Toss, Bean Bag Tourney, Senior Citizens Tea, Open House at Foss Log Cabin, music by Anna Miltich, and other events not listed. The evening will end with a street dance featuring Trip Wire.

Throughout the day there's plenty of food choices: breakfast from the Cub Scouts, dinner from Sverdrup Welca, Lions has a Pork Chop & Corn Feed and an all day food stand.

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Aastad		Farm Improved > 35 AC	Stoddard, David & Molly	Beving, Trevor & Shilo	\$193,725
Amor		Seas/Rec Improved	Donna Schiller Estate	Sweazey, Jeffrey & Mary	\$119,150
Amor		Seas Res Unimproved	Besett, Inc.	Swartz, Joe	\$25,000
Amor		Residential < 4 Units	Zimmerman, Aimee Lee	Brown, Nathaniel J	\$115,000
Amor		Residential < 4 Units	Floersch, Denise A.	Doyle, Matthew & Karissa	\$164,350
Amor		Farm Unimproved > 35 AC		Sherman, Vance & Arlene Seeman, Craig & Pasibeth	\$290,000
Amor	Walker	Residential < 4 Units	Nacke, Earl J. & Carol	Winterroth, Joanne L. & Monty R.	\$221,000
Amor	Otter Tail	Resorts	The Lodge On Otter Tail Lake LLC	Johnson, Samuel & Denise	\$225,000
Everts		Residential < 4 Units	Sullivan, Thomas R. & Barbara L.	Case, Stanford & Bonita/Wittich, Curtis & Car	\$75,000
Everts	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Conry, Kenneth	Conry, Kevin & Maristel	\$400,000
Everts		Farm Improved < 35 AC	Barbknecht, William C. & Carol M.	Leegaard, Robin Pape & John D.	\$279,200
Everts	Deer	Seas/Rec Improved	Hulne, June E. & Dennis J. & Lelsey E. & Roger A.	Hulne, Dennis J. & Lesley E.	\$111,000
Everts	Deer	Seas/Rec Improved	Mary E. Wawers Estate	Schroeder, Jerome & Julie A.	\$89,300
Everts	Round	Residential < 4 Units	Ouren, Clifford & Wayne & Ann/Nelson, Lauri	Ouren, Dean & Lana	\$138,550
Everts	Round	Seas/Rec Improved	Lambert, James R. & Diane M.	Dobbelmann, Ashley A.	\$51,150
Everts	Elbow	Seas/Rec Improved	Langva, Daniel S. & Kathryn L.	Foertsch, Nicholas W. & Kari & Wayne & Pamela	\$165,000
Girard		Residential < 4 Units	Davis Estates, LLC, A Minnesota Limited Liabi	Poppler, Robert M. & Kelly J.	\$220,000
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Girard		Seas Res Unimproved	Love, Johanna R.	Love, Kory & Beth	\$10,000
Girard	West Battle	Residential < 4 Units	Bjerke, Leon & Mary	Euscher, Terrance H. & Karen L.	\$812,000
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Girard	Hanson	Seas Res Unimproved	Spargo, Michael T. & Hazel Dee Wnek	Pederson, Alvin G. & Jodi J.	\$66,000
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Otter Tail	Long	Seas/Rec Improved	Thronson, Myron Dale & Sandra Jane	Braun, James W	\$103,000
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Otter Tail City		Residential < 4 Units	Besett, Gary	Lambert, Christine	\$88,000
Otter Tail City		Residential < 4 Units	Jensen, Philip & Michelle	Huebsch, Richard & Kristine	\$170,500
Otter Tail City	Buchanan	Seas Res Unimproved	Thalman, Delbert G. & Brunhilde	Haataja, Eric & Rachel	\$75,000

Simple Steps Make For Safe, Healthy Swimming

Swimming and playing in lakes, rivers and pools is a favorite part of summer for many Minnesotans, and health officials remind Minnesotans to have fun and be safe by taking a few simple steps to prevent illnesses that can come from water recreation.

“Germs in and on swimmers’ bodies end up in the water and can make other people sick,” said Trisha Robinson, Waterborne Diseases Unit Supervisor for the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). “The best way to prevent recreational water illnesses is to keep germs out of the water in the first place.”

Swimmers can protect themselves and others by following these simple steps:

- Stay out of the water if you have diarrhea.
- Shower before you get in the water.
- Don’t swallow the water.

From 2007 to 2016 in Minnesota, there were 49 reported outbreaks tied to recreational water, such as beaches, pools or splash pads, resulting in 730 known illnesses. The largest proportion of the outbreaks (55 percent) were caused by Cryptosporidium, a chlorine-resistant parasite that can survive and spread even in a properly maintained pool or splash pad.

The most common symptom of illness caused by germs in the water is diarrhea, which in some cases can be severe enough to result in hospitalization. Symptoms may not develop until a week or more after swimming.

“Swimming is a healthy, fun summertime activity,” Robinson said. “We each need to

do our part to keep the water healthy for everyone to enjoy.”

As the temperatures in Minnesota’s lakes warm up, it’s important for swimmers to be aware of the risk of a very rare but serious infection from another organism called Naegleria fowleri. Naegleria fowleri is an amoeba found in freshwater and soil. While infections with Naegleria fowleri are rare, they occur mainly when prolonged periods of hot weather result in higher water temperatures and lower water levels.

Infection with Naegleria fowleri causes a very rare but nearly always fatal brain infection called Primary Amebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM). The organism infects people by entering the body through the nose. Generally, this occurs when people interact with warm freshwater for activities such as swimming and diving.

“We encourage all swimmers to be informed of the risk of Naegleria fowleri and take steps to reduce their risk,” Robinson said. “Swimmers should assume that Naegleria fowleri is present in warm freshwater and there will always be a low level of risk when entering these waters. Taking steps to limit the amount of freshwater that goes up your nose will reduce your risk.”

Additional steps swimmers can take include:

- Avoid warm freshwater lakes and other water bodies when the water temperature is high and the water level is low.
- Avoid putting your head under water.
- Hold your nose shut or use nose clips.
- Avoid digging or stirring up the sediment

in shallow, warm freshwater areas.

Symptoms of PAM usually start about five days after infection. Symptoms can be mild at first but worsen very quickly. People should seek medical care immediately whenever they have a sudden fever, headache, stiff neck and vomiting – particularly if they have been in warm freshwater within the previous two weeks.

For more information on healthy swimming, go to MDH’s preventing recreational water illnesses website. For more information about Naegleria fowleri, visit MDH’s Naegleria website.



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Having A Great Time On The Jumbo Dog As Part Of Their Last Ride For The Summer.

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