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The 2018 Walk For Glendalough was held on April 21, 2018 at Glendalough State Park. Scott Simdorn, president of OTLPOA, presents Steve Nelson, from Glendalough State Park, a check for \$500.

The Walk for Glendalough is an annual fundraising event sponsored by the Glendalough State Park Citizens Advisory Board. Their mission statement is "to assist the MnDNR in preserving and utilizing Glendalough State Park". Their key activities are raising community funds for projects at Glendalough State Park, hosting the annual spring "Walk for Glendalough" and planning and providing volunteer resources to complete park enhancement projects.

Some of the completed projects done at Glendalough State Park since 1991 are bike fix-it stations, Glendalough Trail signage/interpretation, Annie Battle Lake hiking bridge, camper cabin heat and electricity, Historic Lodge restoration/interpretation, Beaver Pond Trail boardwalk, Trail Center restroom addition, tree planting, Molly Stark Lake picnic shelter and bike racks.

To get more information on becoming a member of Glendalough Park Partners, go to www.morethanatrail.com/contact-us and fill out the form.

MAISRC Symposium Held on June 8 In Detroit Lakes

Researchers and staff from the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) will be presenting a Symposium at M State in Detroit Lakes on Friday, June 8 from 9:15am to 3pm. The event is open to the public. It is free of charge and lunch is provided, but registration is requested for planning purposes. Please register by contacting the Pelican River Watershed District at 218-846-0436 or prwdinfo@arvig.net.

More information on the speakers and their topics can be found on page 10.

2018 Directories Will Be Ready Soon

Every two years we deliver directories to each paid member. The new 2018 directories should be available by the annual meeting in late June.

Worm Policy

Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. new worm policy is if we need to spray one lake we will spray all our lakes.

Membership

renewals were mailed in February. If you do not receive a renewal form you are encouraged to let us know immediately. Renewal forms can be found on page 5 please fill out and mail to PO Box 21, Battle Lake, MN, 56515 or you can visit www.OTLPOA.com and under the membership section pay online.

There Is No Plot To Shut Down The Lakes

By Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates

We have all seen in the press and on social media the myth that Lake Associations are working to "privatize" or limit access to the public waters. At the DNR Round table this myth emerged as a theme.

So, to set the record straight, not only do Lake Associations have no hidden agenda to privatize or reduce access of the public waters, they are perhaps one of the most effective institutions working to protect and enhance local resource dependent economies.

Every lake association in Minnesota, and there are over 500 of them, works to protect the lake resource for the benefit of all. According to a Concordia College study last summer of Lake Associations, Lake Associations spend about \$6.2 million of their own dollars for lake improvements and protection, including almost \$400,000 spent on fish stocking. They commit 1.25 million hours of volunteer time taking workshops on lake ecology, MAISRC's Starry Trek, and AIS Detector program. Some of the best and largest lake ecology datasets are due to lake associations, many of whom have been doing secci disc, waterfowl counts and water chemistry analysis for decades.

Lake Associations fund storm warning systems for the lake, put out navigational buoys to keep visitors safe, support lake-based curriculum in local schools, volunteer at boat ramps to educate boaters about Aquatic Invasive Species BMPs. They buy Conservation Easements to help protect water quality. Some have put in campsite/shore lunch sites with fire rings, privy and picnic tables for visitors. They pick up garbage after ice fishing season (there are knuckleheads in every crowd), and work with local resort owners and chambers of commerce to promote tourism on the lake. They partner with watershed district staff to promote shoreline restoration and septic system compliance. Many Lake Association leaders were deeply engaged in efforts to update the minimum shoreland standards under Gov. Pawlenty. They bring in speakers to their annual meetings to talk about the importance of aquatic plants, shoreline buffers, woody debris and storm water runoff control in an effort to educate those members that don't fully appreciate that what they do on the land impacts the water.

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President's Corner



Scott
Simdorn
OTLPOA
President

Well, it's official. By the time you receive this all the ice will be off our area lakes! Lake season is officially here! Lets hope the summer drags out as long as our winter did.

We have sent out our first membership mailer and have had a great response. As of May 9 we have received 929 members already out of a possible 1800+ properties. We thank all of you who have responded so quickly and ask that those of you who haven't to please join our association. If you have not received your membership in the mail please let one of the directors know and we will be glad to get one out to

you. You may also renew on our website. We will also be delivering new directories this summer. Please make sure we have your correct lake property address.

Now that the ice is out of the lake, our water testers will be doing their sampling and sending them into Detroit Lakes to the lab for results. This is very important to our lakes as it gives us a history of our lakes quality. We are currently working with the county to do more testing of inlets and outlets of Otter Tail. Hopefully this will help determine what is actually happening to the water quality from inlet to outlet. Depending on the success of these samplings other sampling areas may be added.

With our number one concern being protecting our lakes from AIS, the Foundation has offered to sponsor an AIS ambassador program. These ambassadors will be trained and help monitor lakes during peak usage times and times when the DNR isn't available.

Please look for more information on this program in the newsletter.

With spring also brings the opportunity for worms. Many of you certainly can remember the devastation they can cause. You will be receiving the "worm letter" in the mail soon if you haven't already. Please help support your association members by having your property sprayed and donating to the program. Once again this year we will adopt the one lake, all lakes approach. If the worms are found on any lake, all the association lakes will be sprayed.

The Foundation would like to thank all of our members who have so generously contributed this year. The association is responsible for the placement of new and additional buoys on the lake, swimming lessons, AIS ambassador program, and are helping sponsor the Amor Park 100 Year Celebration.

This year will mark the

100th year of the Amor Park. The township will be hosting a celebration at the park on August 11th. The association and foundation will be helping support this celebration. There will be pork chops served by the Underwood Lions, beer, pop, and pizza by the Birak Shrine, music featuring Motu", and many other activities. Bring your family and enjoy the day! This is also a great opportunity to get out on your pontoon and enjoy a great August afternoon on the lake. Look for more details on this event in upcoming newsletters.

June 30th will also be our annual meeting. Once again it will be held at Zion Lutheran Church of Amor. Please mark your calendar and come join us for breakfast and a short meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Hope to see you all out on the lake soon!

Scott



Mark Your Calendar - All Are Invited



MN AIS Research Center Update (MAISRC)

Friday, June 8, 2018

9:15am-3pm

at M State Campus, 900 Hwy. 34 East, Detroit Lakes, MN
Lunch will be provided

There is **NO FEE** for this event, however, we would like you to **REGISTER TO ASSIST US IN PLANNING BY:** calling 218-846-0436 or emailing: prwdinfo@arvig.net



TOPICS INCLUDE:

- An overview of MAISRC
- Zebra Mussel Research
- U Of MN Detectors & Trackers Program
- Starry Stonewort
- Impacts Of Zebra Mussels & Spiny Waterflea



Submitted by Scott Simdorn

Summer Concerts In Ottertail City Park

The Ottertail Business & Community Association's (OTBCA) summer concert series begins on June 5th from 6:30-8:30pm in the Otter Tail City Park. Throughout the summer these concerts will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

The schedule for 2018 includes

- June 5 - Flashbacks
- June 19 - Elvis Presley
- July 10 - Blue Wolf
- July 24 - Slew Foot Family Band
- August 7 - Greg Tiburzi
- August 21 - Doc & the Scrubs (note time change: 6-8pm)

These are free concerts, bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy some great music. Hot dogs, pop, popcorn will be available with proceeds going to our scholarship program. If there is rain it will be held indoors at Thumper Pond.

The OTBCA's mission is to raise funds through various events, which are non-profit and charitable. The OTBCA partners with the city of Ottertail and other non-profit organizations to enhance the quality of life for our community by providing residents and area tourists with many family opportunities throughout the year.

Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes (Approved) March 27th, 2018 - 7:00pm at the Ottertail Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

President Simdorn called the meeting to order at 7:03. Board members present were: Ness, Steeves, Cave, Kemling, Feters, Bope, Hunke,

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Feters, seconded by Kemling.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Steeves, seconded by Bope.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Membership drive has brought in \$15,150 to the Association and foundation has raised \$8,033 as of March 26, 2018. Motion made by Steeves, seconded by Cave.

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion made by Ness, seconded by Cave.

- Secretary \$2,100 (\$1,500 is membership related)

- Ottertail City 2018 rent \$350

- The Midweek \$1,494.86 for printing and postage of February 2018 Lakeshore News

- Birak Shrine Club \$212.50 (remote desktop scanner for deposits)

- 831Web \$175 2018 web hosting fee

- QuickBooks \$540 (review software for 2019 in October)

- Glendalough \$500 annual donation presented to Steve Nelson from Glendalough State Park.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Simdorn welcomed the board members who could attend the meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership Committee – Wentz, Snyder – As of March 26th, 2018 we have 609 members. 79 members paid online and 527 members paid through the mail. Plus, 3 prepayments from 2017.

- Auditing/Finance/Budget Committee – Steeves, Simdorn, P. Johnson, Bope

- DNR & Government– Steeves, Kemling

- Water Testing/COLA – Wing, Wentz, – Motion was made by Feters, seconded by Cave to add additional water testing of our inlets and outlets of our lakes within the association.

- Communications Committee –
 - Lakeshore News – Steeves, Wentz – May LSN we want photos from every board member.

- Website – Bope, Wentz – We would like new photos of the directors.

- Worm Committee – Steeves, Feters, Wing, Wentz – Mailer will be sent to print late next week.

- Ottertail Wastewater/Sewer District Committee – Simdorn, Bope

- Foundation – Steeves, Feters– Next foundation meeting will be April 26th, 2018 one hour prior to our board meeting at Ottertail City Community Center.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- Directories 2018 GIS list will be used for the 2018-2019 directory.

- Membership expenses split with the foundation for 2018. Motion made by Hunke, seconded by Cave.

- Safety Deposit box access should be granted for President Scott Simdorn, Vice-President Rob Bope & Treasurer Pat Hunke. Motion made by Steeves, seconded by Kemling.

- I-Lids install will be prior to the 2018 Fishing Opener.

- Buoys install will be prior to the 2018 Fishing Opener.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- Otter Tail County 21-day rule for dock and lifts ordinance should be completed by June 5th, 2018.

- Motion was made by Feters, seconded by Kemling to request the Foundation to review a potential purchase of DNR land located between Otter Tail Lake and Blanche. A committee was formed to meet with the Otter Tail County. The committee members are

Simdorn, Steeves, Kemling, Bope, Ness and Cave.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next meeting will be May 24th, 2018 at Ottertail City Community Room 7pm.

- 2018 Annual Meeting will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church on June 30th, 2018.

- 100th Anniversary of Amor Park August 11th, 2018.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Steeves made a motion at 9:01 to adjourn, seconded by Bope.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2018 Upcoming OTLPOA Board Meetings

May 24 • June 28 • July 26 • Aug. 23

Sept. 20 TBD • Oct. 25

7pm • Ottertail Community Center (103 Lake Ave. S)

Annual Meeting June 30

Zion Lutheran Church, Amor

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 17	COLA Member Meeting*	July 23-29	Dance BARN Festival, Battle Lake
May 19	Safety Saturday, Ottertail	July 24	Music in the Park, Ottertail
May 22	HHW Mobile Collection - Henning	July 26	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
May 24	OTLPOA Board Meeting*	July 28-29	Wenonga Days, Battle Lake
May 26	Bass Fishing Opener	July 27	Tuffy Nelson Golf Classic, Perham
June 2	Lake Region Run, Fergus Falls	July 27	Pebble Lake Youth Triathlon, Fergus Falls
June 5	Music in the Park, Ottertail	July 28	Hoot Lake Triathlon, Fergus Falls
June 8	HHW Mobile Collection - Ottertail	July 28	Art in the Park, Pelican Rapids
June 8	MAISRC Symposium, Detroit Lakes	July 28	Swimming Lessons, Battle Lake
June 8	NYM Historical Walking Tour	July 30-Aug. 3	Perham Crazy Days, Perham
June 8-9	Summerfest, Fergus Falls	Aug. 3-4	Flekkefest, Elbow Lake
June 8-10	Take-A-Kid Fishing Weekend	Aug. 3-5	Classic Car Show, Fergus Falls
June 9	Amor Township Clean Up Day	Aug. 5	Music in the Park, Ottertail
June 9	Running Wild Trail Run, MSP	Aug. 7	Looney Daze, Vergas
June 9	Ronald McDonald House Ride, New York Mills	Aug. 8-12	Otterfest, Ottertail
June 9	Great American Think Off, New York Mills	Aug. 10-11	100 Year Celebration for Amor Park, Amor
June 9-10	Pinocchio, BL Public School	Aug. 11	Art & Craft Affair, Battle Lake
June 13-17	Turtle Fest, Perham	Aug. 16	COLA Member Meeting*
June 15	Relay for Life - WOTC, Fergus Falls	Aug. 17	World Famous Turkey BBQ, Henning
June 19	Music in the Park, Ottertail	Aug. 18	Watermelon Day, Vining
June 19-20	Birak Shrine Circus, Fergus Falls	Aug. 18-19	Pioneer Days, Perham
June 21	COLA Member Meeting*	Aug. 21	Music in the Park, Ottertail
June 27	HHW Mobile Collection - Perham	Aug. 23	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
June 28	OTLPOA Board Meeting*	Aug. 24-25	Barnesville Potato Days
June 29	HHW Mobile Collection - Battle Lake	Aug. 31- Sept. 3	Western MN Steam Threshers Reunion, Rollag
June 30	OTLPOA Annual Meeting, Amor	Sept. 1	Gathering of the Airplanes, Battle Lake
June 30	Kinship Average Joe Triathlon, Perham	Sept. 7	HHW Mobile Collection - New York Mills
July 6	Summer Celebration, New York Mills	Sept. 7-9	LRPTA, Dalton
July 6	Lund Mania Fishing Tournament, OTL	Sept. 20	COLA Member Meeting* TBD
July 6	Fish House Festival, New York Mills	Sept. 20	OTLPOA Board Meeting* TBD
July 9-13	Swimming Lessons, Otter Tail Lake	Sept. 22	Central Lakes Cycle Duathlon
July 10	Music in the Park, Ottertail	Oct. 6	I Outran the Hairy Man, Vergas
July 12	Shop, Move N Groove, Fergus Falls	Oct. 12	Brewers Fest, Fergus Falls
July 13-14	Relay for Life, - East Otter Tail, Perham	Oct. 25	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
July 13-15	Henning Area Festival	Nov. 11	Turkey Trot, Fergus Falls
July 14-15	Phelps Mill Festival, Maine		
July 16-20	Swimming Lessons, Otter Tail Lake		
July 18-21	West Otter Tail County Fair, Fergus Falls		
July 19	COLA Member Meeting*		
July 19-22	East Otter Tail County Fair, Perham		
July 22	Discover God's Acres, Amor		
July 23-27	Swimming Lessons, Battle Lake		

*Held at the Ottertail Community Room in Ottertail unless indicated by TBD. GSP - Glendalough State Park, MSP - Maplewood State Park, OTL - Otter Tail Lake.

CLEAN UP DAY

FOR AMOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

Saturday, June 9, 2018

9am-1pm

AT AMOR TOWN HALL

Photo ID with property tax statement,
or proof of residency will be required

\$10 per load/ 1 truck & trailer per parcel

- No Hazardous Waste Products
- No Electronics
- Tire Limit (6)

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Posted by
Amor Township Board

Brenda Hildebrand, Twp. Clerk

AIS Ambassador Program

Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association Foundation, Inc. will implement an AIS Ambassador Program funded through the foundation. Our goal is to help fill the gaps of inspectors at our lake accesses when the DNR AIS Task Force inspectors are not present.

SAVE THE DATE HHW Mobile Collection Schedule

Save these dates for the Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection in your local area. Safely dispose of your toxic household production from 10am-2pm at these locations:

- Henning - Tuesday, May 22, Cty. Hwy. Garage
- Ottertail City - Friday, June 8, Ottertail Fire Hall
- Perham - Wednesday, June 27, City Garage
- Battle Lake - Friday, June 29, Cty. Hwy. Garage
- New York Mills - Friday, Sept. 7, Cty. Hwy. Garage

Red Cross Swim Lessons

Red Cross Swim Lessons held at Amor Park will again be reimbursed at 100% of the cost to families that have paid their dues and belong to Otter Tail Property Owners Association, Inc. These lessons are held on Otter Tail Lake on July 9-13 and July 16-20, 2018. Registration fees are \$50, or \$40 for preschool. Please register in advance, make payment and then once the attendee passes the class the OTLPOA Foundation will reimburse the families on the last day of the session.

Lessons will be held as follows:

July 9-13

Otter Tail Lake 3:15-4:00 pm — Level 1, 3, 5
Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:50 pm — Level 2, 4
Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:35 pm — Preschool

July 16-20

Otter Tail Lake 3:15-4 pm — Level 1, 2, 3, 5
Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:50 pm — Level 1, 4, 6
Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:35 pm — Preschool

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

LEVELS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you can't make it to the July 9-13 or July 16-20 sessions then West Battle Lake will also have lessons on July 23-27 and July 30-August 3. These will be held across from the Battle Lake Lions Park but will not be reimbursed by OTLPOA.

Contact the Battle Lake Community Ed to get registered: go to www.battlelake.k12.mn.us/community, email CommunityEd@isd542.org or call 218-864-5215 (ask for Community Ed)

Calling Artists And Crafters

Submitted by Reba Gilliland

Art of the Lakes is accepting applications for its 41st annual Art & Craft Affair taking place Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Railroad Park in Battle Lake.

This event offers artists and crafters with original, handmade work an opportunity to reach 5,000 people in one day. In addition to vendors' arts and craft booths, we will have two

crafts for children for free.

For an application, visit the Art of the Lakes website www.artofthelakes.org and click on the Art & Craft Affair tab. If you have questions or would like to have an application mailed or emailed to you, contact Reba at Art of the Lakes (218-864-8606 or aotl@arvig.net). Mail your application on or before May 31, 2018.



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Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Inc.

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• Foundation \$10.00

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• Includes \$10 donation to OTLPOA Foundation \$ 35.00

Additional support for the Foundation (tax deductible)

\$10.00 \$20.00 \$50 Other \$

The OTLPOA Foundation was established to obtain financial resources to maintain water quality for recreation, fishing, and enjoyment when Government resources are not provided.

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(Please return this form to ensure accurate information)

MEMBER INFORMATION

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(this the blue house number and street for your lake home)

Summer "mailing" address (5/15 – 8/30): _____

(this will be used for the summer Lakeshore News)

(must be valid US Postal deliverable address)

Winter mailing address (9/1-5/15): _____

Winter edition of Lakeshore News will be mailed here

Email: (please print legibly) _____

How can the association better serve you?

- If you would like to become an AIS Inspector volunteer for our lakes please contact inspectors@otlpoa.com if you are interested
- Email secretary@otlpoa.com with any questions or concerns

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There is a spirit of altruism behind much of their work, but it is an altruism based in self interest. These people love the lake. They have invested both financially and emotionally in it. Most have been at any given lake place an average of 37 years, and it is where the core memories of their families are based. They are not, by and large, wealthy, with an average household income of \$58,000 a year. Many forego vacations to distant places and go to the lake “up north” instead. Eighty six percent do not plan to sell their lake places and want to leave them for the next generation to enjoy.

They are anglers. According to a phone survey conducted in 2016 for Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates by Striezeck Research, about 62% of lake home and cabin owners buy a fishing license each year. In addition, they sell an average of four fishing licenses per property to friends and family that come up to the lake on vacation. With about 220,000 lake homes and cabins in Minnesota that means this group of people is responsible for about half the licenses sold in Minnesota each year.

But their self interest goes beyond preserving a Minnesota heritage of time at “the lake.”

First and foremost the benefits of lakes are financial. Water related tourism provides over \$12.5 billion in revenue. Many of the members of the lake associations are business owners, realtors, teachers, workers and others that live in the community adjacent to the lake in question. The lake economy extends to the faith community - congregation numbers and contributions swell during open water. For many of the small towns across the lakes districts in Minnesota, lake-based recreation is the primary economic driver. The average cabin owner spends about \$5,000 annually in the neighboring community.

Lake Association members also pay property taxes. A lot of property taxes. A recent Star Tribune article by John Reinan noted, “In 10 of Minnesota’s 87 counties, they (cabin owners) shoulder more than 40 percent of the residential property tax burden, according to data from the state Department of Revenue. And in several counties, they pay more than 50 percent.” In some lake rich but industry poor counties, cabins make up nearly 60% of the tax capacity. When we drill down to the smaller local taxing districts, cabin owners account for more than 50% of the tax capacity in almost 200 taxing jurisdictions.

If the utility of the lakes in these areas drops, if the fishing crashes, or runoff supported algae blooms or aquatic invasive species take over, or water levels rise or fall too much, the geese laying golden eggs dies. Tax base and business suffers. Schools and other public services collapse. It is equally true that if access to the lakes is shut down the local economies would take a significant hit.

Lake Associations, made up largely of local civic leaders, do not want to “privatize” or close access to the lakes for the simple reason that closing lakes does not serve their self interest.

Public policy is always about working in that space between enlightened self-interest and the public good. Here is the dilemma for the Lake Association. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are an existential threat to local lake-based economies and way of life. AIS are spread by humans. (I can hear the barstool biologists claiming that ducks, turtles and other critters spread it. So far there is no scientific evidence that they have. But even more to the point, if AIS were spread via natural means, we would be measuring the spread in terms of centuries, not summers. In 2012 there were 30 lakes designated as zebra mussel infested.

Today there are well over 200. Of the 181 lakes with DNR carry in access only, none of them are designated as zebra mussel infested. Four have Eurasian milfoil. Many of these lakes are near infested lakes with waterfowl moving freely between them.)

Here is the real question, how to provide access in such a way that it protects the recreational values of access, prevents the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species AND is sustainable financially.

At the DNR back porch session one attendee made a call for meeting on AIS between Lake Associations and angling groups. Jeff Forester, at Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates invited a number of prominent angling groups to the Aquatic Invaders Summit III, held on Feb. 28/March 1 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in the Twin Cities. Mr Forester has also met with angling leaders at Wildlife Forever, Conservation federation and Anglers for Habitat to encourage them to begin a meaningful, transparent and accountable partnership with lake associations to protect and enhance fishery resources in the state.

This at the Aquatic Invaders Summit, hosted by Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, the Minneapolis Chapter of Muskies Inc. presented on the protocol they have developed with Cass County to provide AIS protection at the Frank Schneider Muskie Tournament. There were sessions on the impacts of various AIS to specific fish communities, how changes to plant communities impact fisheries and strategies to protect them. There are new eDNA tools that could help tremendously with not only early detection of AIS, but tracking the densities and distribution of fish populations within a lake. There were presentations on the many creative programs that have emerged

to prevent AIS spread and protect access, including a presentation on the Wright County pilot.

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates has a simple message for all the anglers in Minnesota - work with a lake association. Meet others in the state who are working to protect lakes and our lake based economy. Be part of the solution. But be prepared to change. Be prepared to find areas where you can work with others to protect a resource that benefits all. Preventing the spread of AIS will require behavior change from everyone. It will require everyone’s good ideas and effort and contribution. And because there are always a few boneheads, we may have to put up with more regulations or inconvenience. Most anglers practice catch and release to some degree. They put back the big female walleyes, release the prime bass, take only the fish they may eat that day. But because of a few that act only in their self interest with no regard for the larger public good of protecting the resource, we must have catch limits, slot limits, seasons.

Because of aquatic invasive species, the same is true of accessing our lakes. We must take action to change the way we use our lakes if we hope to protect the public trust, and provide the opportunities and local lake-based economies we have enjoyed into the future.

So no, Lake Associations have no plot to shut the public off the public waters. They are working to protect a resource that is critically important to them personally, to their communities, to the State, to you. If you want to do more than grouse, throw stones, spread pernicious myth, join Minnesota Lakes and Rivers and contribute to work that will benefit us all.



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Spiders - Eek

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When it comes to repelling spiders, www.top10homeremedies.com suggests using peppermint oil, white vinegar, eucalyptus leaves, essential oils, horse chestnut, chestnuts or walnuts.

Here's their tips on how to use these products:

Peppermint Oil

- Pour 3 cups of water in a spray bottle. Add 1 teaspoon of dishwashing liquid in it to help spread the water evenly on the surfaces you intend to spray it on. Mix in 1 tablespoon of peppermint oil. Give the spray bottle a nice shake. Spray this solution on all the possible places where you expect the spiders to be. Repeat once daily for a few days.

- Soak cotton balls in peppermint essential oil and place them in the cracks and gaps around doors and windows. Change the cotton balls daily until you stop noticing spiders in your house.

White Vinegar

- Mix equal parts of white vinegar and water in a spray bottle. Spray this solution on any area where spiders can hide. Also, spray it directly on any spider you see. Repeat once daily until the spiders are completely gone.

Eucalyptus leaves and essential oils

- Put fresh or dried eucalyptus leaves in your closets, drawers, shelves or any other

place where you suspect having spiders.

- Spray windowsills and entryways with a solution of ½ cup water and 20 drops of eucalyptus essential oil.

- Apply a few drops of eucalyptus oil in the corners and cracks and other spider-prone areas.

Horse Chestnut

- Poke holes in some horse chestnuts or split them in half to release their odor. Place them in each corner of the house and in places where you frequently notice spiders.

Instead of horse chestnut, you can use chestnuts, walnuts or the fruit of the Osage orange tree.

It's Boating Season MN DNR Reminds Boaters And Anglers To:

- Clean aquatic plants and debris from watercraft,
- Drain lake or river water and keep drain plugs out during transport,
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water.

In addition to these steps, especially after leaving infested waters, the DNR recommends that anglers:

- Spray boat and trailer with high-pressure water;
- Rinse boat and trailer with hot water (120° for two minutes; or 140° for 10 seconds); or
- Dry boat and equipment for at least five days.


Auditions & Save The Date Pinocchio

Battle Lake Community Ed and Prairie Fire Children's Theatre (PFCT) are welcoming children 2nd thru 12th grade (2018-19 school year) to join an exciting production of Pinocchio. PFCT is based out of Barrett, Minnesota and has been bringing a theatrical experience to communities across the upper Midwest since 1987. Throughout the entire year, Prairie Fire Children's Theatre sends two professional Actors/Directors to a community for a one week residency. Local children fill the roles, and PFCT provides everything needed to do the show. After a week of rehearsing, the cast will perform the play twice on the weekend.


Auditions for Pinocchio are scheduled for Mon., June 4, 1-3 pm. For more information contact the Community Ed office at 218-862-4603 or email communityed@isd542.org.

The public is invited to attend performances of Pinocchio on Friday, June 8 at 7pm and on Saturday, June 9 at 11am in the Royal Broberg Auditorium at Battle Lake Public School. Tickets are available at the door. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for students; and free for preschool. Please note that all parents of participating students must purchase admission. An admission ticket purchased on Friday may be used for admission on Saturday.


Volunteers are also needed for tech positions and a variety of other tasks. Please call the community education office to volunteer.



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Movies In The Park In Battle Lake

Not sure what to do on a Friday night. Why not take the whole family to the "Movies in the Park" at 9pm in Battle Lake. Here's what will be playing:

- Friday, June 29, "Back to the Future", rated PG
- Friday, July 13, "Despicable Me3", rated PG
- Friday, Aug. 3, "Beauty & the Beast (2017)", rated PG

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Church—218-495-3771

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Worship Service 10:45 am
Bible Study, Youth Group & Kids Club - Wednesday 7:00 pm
Ladies' Bible Study - 3rd Thursday
Men's Prayer Breakfast - 1st Saturday 7:00 am
Potluck Dinner - 2nd Sunday

First Baptist (ABC) - Battle Lake

"The Little Brown Church on the Hill"
Lynn Hansen, Pastor—651-485-7378
www.firstbaptistbattlelake.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
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CATHOLIC

Father Leroy Schik, Pastor
Mass Times—218-864-5619
www.ollsj.org

St. James Catholic - Maine Township

Saturday Mass 5:00 pm, October 1 - May 1
Sunday Mass 8:30 am - May 1 - October 1

Our Lady of the Lake - Battle Lake

Sunday Mass 10:30 am
Saturday Mass 6:00 pm, Memorial Day—Labor Day

Saint Edwards - Henning

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Battle Lake Campus:
Meets at Lakes Area Community Center
112 West Main St., Battle Lake
218-862-4903
Sunday School 9:15 am
(no Sunday School during summer months)
Worship: 10:30 am
Website: bethellutheran.church

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505 W. Holdt St., Battle Lake
Bradley Skogen, Pastor
blfirstlutheran.org
Church—218-864-5686
Coffee Fellowship: 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00 am
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sverdrup Lutheran Church

PO Box 70, 209 Southeran Ave. E., Underwood
Nancy Monke, Pastor
Church—218-826-6919
Worship 9:00 am

LUTHERAN

Tingvold Lutheran Church

6 miles north of Underwood, Co. 1 & Co. 35
Nancy Monke, Pastor
Church—218-826-6487
September 1-May 31: Worship 11:00 am
Fellowship 9:30am
June 1-August 31: Worship 10:30
Fellowship 9:30am

Zion Lutheran - ELCA

36051 Co. Hwy. 74, Amor
Hwy. 1 & 74, 10 miles north of Battle Lake
James Gronbeck, Pastor • Church—218-495-2563
Email: zionamoroffice@prtel.com
Website: www.zionamor.org
Summer Services: May - September
Worship 8:15 am & 10:00 am
Fellowship & refreshments between services
Regular Services: Worship 10:00 am
Fellowship & refreshments after service
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Bible Study - Tuesday 10:00 am (year round)
Contemporary Worship Services - 2nd & 3rd Sundays
10:00 am

METHODIST

Ottertail United Methodist Church

104 Shores Drive, Ottertail
Rod Turnquist, Pastor
Church—218-367-2270
Worship 8:45 am
Coffee Fellowship following Worship

Richville United Methodist Church

130 SW 1st Ave., Richville
Rod Turnquist, Pastor
Church—218-346-5656
Worship 10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship following Worship 2nd & 4th Sunday

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Website: mainepresbyterianchurch.org
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Battle Lake Community Ed Events

The Battle Lake Community Education has many fun and educational activities planned this summer. These include a ATV Safety Test, Open Library and Elementary Soccer Camp. Also check out the Prairie Fire Children's Theatres Residency production of Pinocchio and the Red Cross Swim Lessons.

• Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety Test

On Wednesday, May 30 at 9am at the Battle Lake School Bus Garage the ATV Safety Test will be held. The Minnesota DNR recently changed the delivery system for the ATV safety training. Students ages

11 years and older should complete online training. A fee of \$29.95 must be paid online to complete the training. After the training is completed, students print their certificate and bring it to the safety test on Wed., May 30 at 9 am at the Battle Lake School bus garage. The test will include driving an ATV supplied by the DNR. There is no fee for the driving test. Please bring a helmet and the certificate from the online training. Online training can be found at: www.atvcourse.com.

• Open Library - Travel The World

Wednesdays, June 6-July 25, 9am-

11:30am there will be Open Library. Preschoolers through adult are welcome to visit the Battle Lake School Library on Wednesday mornings. Story time will be held at 10 am. Young readers will receive reading passports to travel the world of books. Elementary computers will be available for use. Participants may check out library books. No registration necessary. Please note they will not be open on July 4.

• Elementary Soccer Camp

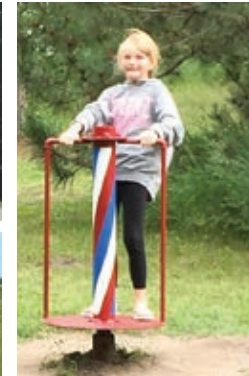
Girls and boys going into 3rd through 6th grade will meet on the football practice field by the playground equipment on Monday-

Thursday, July 23-August, 6-7:30 pm

Learn the fundamentals of soccer while having fun. Players should wear tennis shoes and knee-high stockings. Players also need to bring their own shin guards. Shin guards can be purchased at area stores and cost about \$20. Donations of used shin guards are welcome and will be shared with players.

The instructor is Chrys Kirschbaum and there is a \$25 fee.

For more information, please contact the Battle Lake Community Education Office at communityed@isd542.org or 218-862-4603.



God's Acres: Race There For Recreation & Reflection

God's Acres is a place to provide all ages of the community (Otter Tail Lakes area) an outdoor opportunity to inspire and strengthen the health of their body, mind and soul in a natural setting. This unique setting is located adjacent to Zion Lutheran Church of Amor, 36051 County Highway #74, Battle Lake, MN, just off of Cty. Hwy. #1.

God's Acres is an evolving thirty plus acre recreational/meditational area located in the heart of Otter Tail County. Recently added adjacent to God's Acres is the historical Shellman Home (originally built in the 1870's, where decisions shaping Amor township were made.) All are welcome to come and enjoy the many amenities. It is open May 1-November 1 dawn to dusk with ski trails, snow permitting in the winter.

While here make sure you check out all the recreation and mediation amenities as well as the community garden. The playground is an absolute child and adult/child's dream and a must see.

Recreational amenities with equipment include:

- A beautiful nine hole Frisbee golf course which winds through pine trees, a field of dreams and a berry hedge
- Pickle ball/basketball court
- Horseshoe pits

- Volleyball area
- Soccer field
- Baseball field
- Master mile marked off at every tenth of a mile as it winds through the beautiful thirty acres
- Playground area with modern playground equipment and a walk back in time with a mud kitchen, old fashioned water pump, full size and small tractor for play
- Checkers area made from stumps and stones
- Tic tac area from stumps
- Stones and wire
- Tee pee
- Wigwam made from willows from God's Acres
- A 12x12 sandbox
- A snake and alligator made from tires
- A music area
- Picnic area with a shelter in the playground
- An obstacle course for older children and more

Meditation amenities include:

- A prayer garden with a gazebo, fountain, roses and day lilies.
- A labyrinth for a quiet meditation walk in nature.

God's Acres Extravaganza
Sunday, July 22
 3-5pm Discover God's Acres
 5-6pm "Get Your Fill Grill"
 6-8pm Patrick Murphy Concert
All ages welcome

Community Garden

• Nine garden spaces are available for reservation. Gardens are fenced in with water supply. A Sunday Market is held August-October 9-11am at Zion Lutheran Church.

God's Acres is maintained and evolving by a group of volunteers and donations only. We welcome your feedback and assistance in anyway, but most of all we want you, your family and friends to enjoy this hidden gem in Otter Tail County. Future projects are a Veterans Memorial and amphitheater. You may visit us and/or our website at www.zionamor.org#1gods-acres.

If you are interested in a tour of God's Acres and are unable to walk please contact Zion Lutheran Church 218-495-2563 or 218-371-1866 to schedule a motorized tour.

God's Acres- Community Wellness for the Body, Mind & Soul



Research On Starry Stonewort Treatments Informs Management Efforts

Source Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center

A forthcoming paper from MAISRC researchers and their collaborators will help inform starry stonewort management efforts in Minnesota lakes. Researchers found that mechanical and algaecide treatments greatly reduced starry stonewort biomass, but that bulbils – small, star-shaped structures that can regenerate into new plants – remained viable after treatment.

The project consisted of both field and lab work to evaluate the effects of mechanical and algaecide treatments on starry stonewort biomass, bulbil density, and bulbil viability. Researchers examined several areas of the lake that had undergone different treatments, including a channel that was mechanically harvested, an area that was treated only with algaecide, and an area that was first mechanically harvested and then treated with algaecide. The results of each treatment were compared to an untreated reference area. This research was conducted in collaboration with the Koronis Lake Association and Blue Water Science, a lake management firm.

Key findings included:

- The algaecide (chelated copper) treatment on its own significantly reduced

starry stonewort biomass, but failed to reduce bulbil density and the capacity of starry stonewort to regenerate via bulbils.

- Combining the algaecide treatment with mechanical harvesting also significantly reduced starry stonewort biomass, and was associated with lower bulbil viability.

These findings underscore that a multi-pronged approach to starry stonewort control that includes both chemical and mechanical management has potential to improve outcomes. Determining how to prevent the recovery of starry stonewort from bulbils that remained viable after treatment needs further investigation.

Applied research on the efficacy of starry stonewort treatment options has been extremely limited; MAISRC is filling a critical knowledge gap with this work. The paper will be published in Lake and Reservoir Management.

This invasive alga has now been found in eleven Minnesota lakes and can grow tall and dense, interfering with recreation and potentially displacing native species. To date, treatment options have been limited and the species has proven difficult to control

Glendalough State Park Events

Glendalough State Park will host Beginning Canoeing, Nature Explorations: Wild Wednesday Junior Naturalists Programs, Archery in the Park and Paddle the Glendalough Chain of Lakes this summer.

Here's the activity, dates & times:

Beginning Canoeing*

Dates: Wednesdays, June 20, July 4, July 18, August 1 or August 15, 9:30-11:30 am.

Meet at the fishing dock at Molly Stark Lake to learn canoeing basics from a Naturalist. We will cover safety, parts of the canoe and paddles, and learn strokes before heading out on to the water to practice our skills. Equipment will be provided, so come enjoy a paddle on a quiet lake. Please call the park, 218-864-0110, for more information and to register for this event.

Nature Explorations: Wild Wednesday Junior Naturalist Programs*

Dates: June 20, July 4, July 18, August 1 and/or August 15, 1:00-2:30pm.

Meet near the picnic tables by the beach at Molly Stark Lake for a kids and family nature program. These programs are designed for children aged 5-15, but all are welcome. We will be exploring topics like frogs and toads, insects, fish, and more. Call the park at 218-864-0110 to register. Check online for more specific information regarding a specific date.

Archery in the Park

Dates: June 30 or July 21, 12:30pm-3pm.

The sport of shooting arrows has been around for thousands of years. First humans used archery as a way to hunt animals and later as a way to compete against each other. Archery is an activity that people from all walks of life and almost every size and ability can participate

and have fun. This program covers the basics of archery (safety, proper care of the equipment and how to use a bow). Participants will be able to practice their new skills on the range by taking a turn shooting arrows at targets.

All equipment is provided and no personal or outside equipment will be allowed on the range. Must be 8 years and older. Adult must accompany younger participants. Amount of shooting time varies on number of participants. The program is held outside, so dress appropriately. Meet at the Molly Stark Picnic Shelter.

There is no cost for this event, but a Minnesota state parks vehicle permit is required to enter the park.

Paddle the Glendalough Chain of Lakes*

Held July 14, 10am-3pm.

Explore the three lakes in the park and the streams connecting them. These sections are appropriate for beginners through experts, and participants will be under the guidance of experienced instructors. We will start at Molly Stark Lake and paddle to Lake Blanche. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$15 per canoe, which includes a shuttle, equipment, and life jackets. Bring a lunch, sunscreen, bug spray, a hat and come have some fun on these beautiful streams and lakes.

Registration is required for all participants. Space is limited to 10 paddlers and 5 duffers/riders (15 people) or (5 canoes). For more information or to register, call (320) 852-7200.

*A MN state park vehicle permit is required to attend this event. Permits can be purchased at the park office for \$7/day or \$35/annual.

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Fish Minnesota is a mobile-friendly destination for information on when, where and how to fish. Users also will find a link to LakeFinder, which provides detailed information on more than 4,500 lakes throughout the state.

"Fish Minnesota has become a go-to resource for many anglers because it can be accessed anywhere there is mobile phone service," said Al Stevens, DNR fisheries lake and stream survey program consultant. "In addition to fishing regulations, there is a trove of information available through Fish Minnesota, including maps and stocking reports."

In a rush to get on the water? Fish Minnesota includes a link to purchase a fishing license with your smartphone. Following the license purchase, buyers receive a confirmation email or text that can be presented to a state conservation officer as proof of a valid fishing license.

The printed 2018 Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet is available anywhere DNR licenses are sold and at mndnr.gov/fishmn.

MAISRC Symposium Held on June 8 In Detroit
Lakes continued from Page 1

Speakers and topics will include:

- Dr. Nicholas Phelps, Director of the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. Phelps will discuss the first-of-its-kind decision-making tool he is creating that will help AIS managers, counties, and other agencies prioritize their resources for optimal prevention and intervention of AIS, specifically zebra mussels and starry stonewort. Phelps will also provide an overview of the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center and its projects.

- Dr. Michael McCartney, Research Assistant Professor. McCartney will explain how he used population genomics to understand the spread of zebra mussels across the state and how that can be used to prevent future spread.

- Megan Weber, Extension Educator. Weber will provide an overview of MAISRC's signature outreach programs, AIS Detectors and AIS Trackers. AIS Detectors is now in its second year, and AIS Trackers is currently being piloted. Weber will include how lake managers, agency staff, and others can benefit from these highly trained citizen scientists.

- Dr. Ranjan Muthukrishnan, Postdoctoral Research Associate. Muthukrishnan will discuss his research on invasive alga starry stonewort, including how modeling can assess the risk of spread and improve prevention efforts.

- Bethany Bethke, Fisheries Research Biologist. Bethke, who is employed by the Minnesota DNR but partnering with MAISRC on a groundbreaking study, will discuss how they are using stable isotope analysis to understand the impacts that spiny waterflea and zebra mussels are having on Minnesota's ten largest walleye-producing lakes, and what it means for the future of walleye in Minnesota.

For questions about the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, please contact: Christine Lee Communications Specialist, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center leex2315@umn.edu (612) 626-1412. For questions about the event, please contact: Brenda Moses Senior Office Coordinator, Pelican River Watershed District Moses@arvig.net 218- 846-0436.

Speaker bios:

Nicholas Phelps is Director of the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center and Assistant Professor in the Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology Department. His research broadly focuses on emerging threats to aquatic ecosystem health and sustainability, including aquatic invasive species, infectious diseases of farmed and wild fish, and risk assessment. His work with MAISRC has consisted of risk assessments for Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus, invasive pathogen discovery, biological control of carp species, understanding the impacts of Heterosporosis, and predicting the spread and establishment of a variety of AIS.

Michael McCartney is a research assistant professor with MAISRC. He earned his Ph.D. at SUNY Stony Brook and did postdocs at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and Florida State University. He came to MAISRC to study zebra mussels after 13 years on the faculty of the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. His research program has featured a broad range of marine and freshwater invertebrates and fishes, and he often uses molecular biology to study problems in ecology, evolution and conservation. By using the most modern genetic and genomic tools available, he aims to describe the pathways of zebra mussel spread and to develop early detection methods that target zebra mussel veliger larvae. The goal of his research is to help AIS managers around the state direct their efforts towards areas of the highest risk of invasion.

Megan Weber is an AIS Extension Educator with MAISRC, developing the AIS Trackers program. The program will monitor changes in AIS populations, especially in response to control efforts in order to assess population response and generate data for adaptive management. Previously, Megan worked for Marrone Bio Innovations as the product development manager for Zequanox, a biopesticide used in invasive mussel control, and at the Santa Clara Valley Water District working on rapid response planning and invasive mussel monitoring. She holds an MSc in Environmental Studies from San Jose State University and a BS in Marine Biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Ranjan Muthukrishnan is a postdoctoral research associate with MAISRC whose interest is in the basic ecology of invasions including factors that make a community susceptible to invasions and the ecological consequences of invasions. He uses a combination of field studies and computational approaches to address problems such as predicting spread risks for starry stonewort and evaluating how new invasions can change native plant communities.

Bethany Bethke is a fisheries research biologist for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources working out of Duluth-French River Office. To help better manage sport fisheries, she studies how climate change and invasive species are reshaping lake communities. Her most recent research has been examining largemouth bass range expansion in northeastern Minnesota, and current and future research will build on answering questions about how lakes are changing across the state and how that affects popular fish like walleye and bass. In 2012 she graduated from North Carolina State University with an M.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences, and prior to that she completed a B.S. at South Dakota State University.



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Lake Blanche Ice Off 2018



As of April 30, 2018, there were no docks in the water yet on Lake Blanche with ice still on the lake. But that night, downpours of rain and hail helped to clear all the ice off the lake by the next day.



Spring is finally on it's way!!!!

Picture above:
the first watercraft on Lake Blanche
on May 2 at 1:30pm
Photos submitted by Ken Wentz

Removing Lake Plants Could Require A Permit

Source: Minnesota DNR

Lakeshore property owners are reminded that a permit may be required to remove aquatic plants, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"We need plants to have healthy lakes and strong fish populations, it's as simple as that," said Jon Hansen, DNR aquatic plant management consultant. "So each year we remind folks to let them grow but if they are set on removing plants, please check regulations to see if they need a permit."

Aquatic plants provide food and shelter for fish, ducks and other wildlife. They stabilize the lake bottom, which helps maintain water clarity. These plants also protect shorelines from erosion by absorbing energy from waves and ice.

Additionally, the DNR is getting questions about devices that generate water current to blast muck and plants away.

Considering a hydraulic jet, know the rules.

Placement is critical.

- Legal: Blowing away floating surface debris and algae, if the lake bottom is not disturbed. No permit is needed.
- Not Legal: Using a hydraulic jet in any way that disturbs the lake bottom or uproots aquatic plants. Illegal use of hydraulic jets may result in a citation, restoration order or both from a state conservation officer.

Also consider the fish, water quality and neighbors.

- Illegal use: destroys fish habitat and clouds the water.
- Improper use: Creates mats of vegetation and unnatural sediment berms that reduce enjoyment of the lake.

Source: www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html

"We refer to these devices as hydraulic jets and even though you can buy one, they cannot be used in any way that disturbs the bottom of the lake or uproots plants," Hansen said.

Specific regulations govern what situations require permits for aquatic plant removal. Aquatic plant regulations and a guide to aquatic plants can be found at mndnr.gov/shorelandplants. To apply for a permit, visit the DNR's permitting and reporting system at mndnr.gov/mpars.

LOST & FOUND

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

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Safety Tips For Early Boating

Source: Minnesota DNR

The DNR knows Minnesotans want to take advantage of the water opening up, but we want to remind boaters to not let their guard down, because water temperatures can be deadly this time of year.

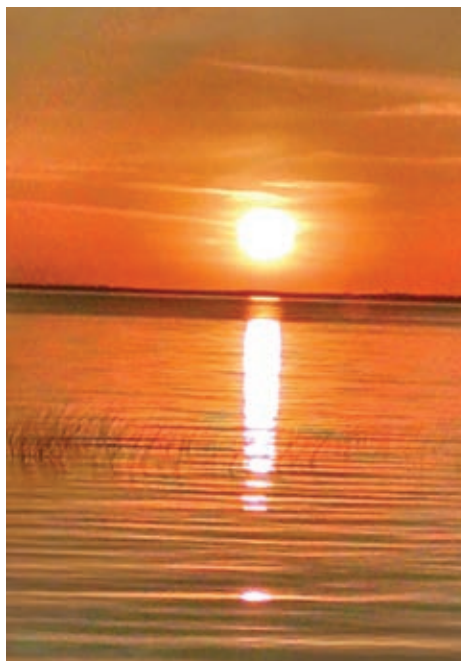
Thirty percent of boating fatalities occur in cold water, most often because the boater fell overboard or the boat capsized, and the boater was not wearing a life jacket.

To stay safe during the early boating season:

- Don't just bring a life jacket, wear it. If you do fall overboard, a foam-filled life jacket or float coat will help keep you warm.
- Stay low in the boat and avoid quick movement to prevent falling overboard. Falling into cold water can cause an immediate involuntary gasp for air, and the shock of the icy water can also cause cardiac arrest, even for people in good health.
- Keep an eye on the weather. It can change suddenly, and some of the worst storms strike when least expected. Strong winds and waves could capsize a craft or send a boater overboard. With the late thaw, ice or ice chunks could also be an issue on several lakes. Bad weather in Minnesota usually comes from the west.
- Prevent your boat from sinking or capsizing by not overloading it. If your boat becomes swamped or capsizes, stay with it if possible and wait for rescue. Most boats will continue to float, even after capsizing and filling with water. Drowning often occurs when the victim tries to swim to shore.
- Do not drink and boat. Fifty percent of boating fatalities involve alcohol.
- Do not go boating alone; boating safety

increases with numbers.

- Tell someone where you are going before you go out on the water.
- Dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature. Warm air does not mean warm water.
- Take a boater course and receive a boat education certificate.



Submitted by Scott Simdorn

Did You Know? Criteria for Docks & Platforms

There seems to be an increasing trend of oversized docks and platforms on the water. The Minnesota DNR allows docks if it meets the following criteria:

- The Structure:
- It's no more than 8' wide,
 - Is no longer than needed to reach navigable waters,
 - It not a hazard to navigation, health or safety,
 - Will allow free flowing water beneath it,
 - Is not intended to be used as a marina, AND
 - It consistent with local zoning regulations.
- Modest platforms at the lake-end of a dock are allowed under certain conditions. The platform cannot be more than 120 sq. ft. measured separately from the access dock or 170 sq. ft. including the adjacent access dock. Oversized dock platforms will be subject enforcement action by the DNR. You will be required to configure your dock to meet regulation and you may face fines.

Boat Ramp Courtesy

Source: Minnesota DNR

The Minnesota DNR suggests these courtesies at the boat ramp when unloading or loading your watercraft:

- The line is formed by the vehicles and trailers on land (not by the boats in the water).
 - Ready the boat before going to the ramp:
 - Move gear from the vehicle to the watercraft.
 - Remove tie downs (not the winch line).
 - Insert the drain plug.
 - Unhook the wiring for trailer lights.
 - Be patient – with yourself and others.
- Offer to help if someone is struggling with any aspect of launching. They may decline your offer, but often an offer for help is appreciated. Boaters can have disabilities that are not visible and may need extra time to perform all launching and loading procedures safely.

Arts

Are you and your family interested in the arts? If you are check out the Art of the Lakes, located at 10 Lake Ave S., Battle Lake.

Featured artists and dates at the Art of the Lakes Gallery:

May 15-31	Faythe Mills
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Long Lake Ice Off 2018



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MDA Reminds Minnesotans To Use Pesticides And Fertilizers With Care

Spring is here and many Minnesotans will be thinking about their lawns, trees and gardens. Whether you do it yourself or hire a professional, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) urges the safe use of pesticides and fertilizers in your yards and gardens by following all label directions.

Pesticide and fertilizer labels specify how to use products safely and effectively. In Minnesota, it is unlawful to apply products without following label instructions. The label is the law.

If you hire a professional lawn care provider, do your homework. State law requires pesticide applicators to be licensed by the MDA in order to commercially apply pesticides (including weed and feed products) and plant nutrient fertilizers. To be licensed by the MDA, applicators must know and understand state and federal regulations to safely perform lawn, tree and garden services.

The following are helpful tips for a safe spring gardening season.

If you do it yourself:

Read and follow all label directions.

Do not apply products in windy or adverse weather conditions. High wind can cause products to drift and potentially harm people,

pets, or plants.

Sweep sidewalks and hard surfaces of unused product and reapply to their intended site. Pesticides left on watertight surfaces easily wash into our water supply.

Buy only what you need. Products are very difficult to dispose of and can go bad quickly.

If you hire a professional:

Licensed professionals must carry a valid ID card issued by the MDA. Ask to see it before they start work.

Be wary of people who claim their products are completely safe, or pressure you to sign a service contract.

Recognize posted warning flags in areas that have been chemically treated.

Applicators are required to provide an application record. Review the records, including products used and amounts applied.

Be sure the sidewalks and hard surfaces are swept clean of unused product.

For information about applicator licenses, call the MDA at 651-201-6615. To report unlicensed applicators, please file a complaint on the MDA website or call 651-201-6333.

Consumers can call the Better Business Bureau at 800-646-6222 and check customer satisfaction histories for lawn care companies.

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DNR Advises People To Keep Aquarium Pets And Plants Out Of Minnesota Waters

Source Minnesota DNR

To help protect Minnesota waters, the Department of Natural Resources is reminding people to properly dispose of prohibited or unwanted aquarium plants and animals.

"It's important for hobbyists, teachers, parents and children to know that they should never release aquarium animals or plants into the wild," said Heidi Wolf, DNR invasive species unit supervisor. "Some of the pets and plants that live in aquariums are prohibited species that can cause serious harm if released into lakes, rivers or ponds."

The DNR recommends teachers check the prohibited invasive species list before choosing classroom aquarium animals. "We also encourage teachers to discuss invasive species with their students," Wolf said.

Some retailers sell plants and animals that are prohibited in Minnesota. One example frequently found in classrooms, the red swamp crayfish, is causing major environmental and economic harm as nearby as Wisconsin.

More information about prohibited and regulated species and what to do with them is available at mndnr.gov/invasives/laws.

Safety Saturday

Safety Saturday, sponsored by Ottertail Business & Community Association will be held May 19 at the Ottertail Community Center. There will be various activities held for the whole family plus drawings to enter.

This free event will include:

12:30-2:30 - Women's Self Defense Class, sponsored by Otter Tail Co. Sheriff's Dept. Donations of hand soap, laundry soap & toothbrushes accepted for "Someplace Safe."

12:30-4:30 - Kids Activities & Jaws of Life, kitchen fire & other demonstrations, sponsored by Ottertail Fire Department.

12:30-4:30 - Booths & Exhibits:

- * Otter Tail County Water Patrol
- * LREC - Electricity Safety Trailer & Demo
- * Henning Fire Dept. Ambulance Tour
- * Perham Health: Sun safety, working in yard/garden, safety for lifting & raking, info on "Advanced Care Planning"
- * Tri-County Health: CPR training & lifestyle risk reduction
- * Motorcycle safety info & tips

2:30-3:15 - Weather Alert - Severe Weather Safety.

3:00-4:00 - Bike Rodeo & Safety Check. Sponsored by Partnership for Health & Tri-County Health, Ottertail (helmets)

Bikes for Tykes and Teens - Bring and donate a bike to Ottertail Businesses & Community Association, they will refurbish it, work thru various agencies in Otter Tail County and donate them to needy families.

For a complete schedule of Safety Saturday go to visitottertail.com/new-events-1

Civic Governance As A Best Management Practice

in Establishing and Managing Successful Local Programs to Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and Protect Critical Aquatic Habitats and the Ecosystem Services Dependent on Them
Submitted By Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates

With over \$15 million of public money and unknown millions in private funding being spent annually on AIS prevention and control in Minnesota, funding is not the primary barrier to success. The science is also pretty clear - there are areas and models that have significantly reduced the rate of spread. There is much to learn about control and management, but the vectors of infestations are clear - overland transport of watercraft and water related equipment is spreading AIS from one waterbody to the next. So, while there are still unknowns, our science is pretty good and getting better.

After almost a decade spent working this issue, we believe that one of the significant barriers to success is a systems failure within our organizations and institutions and their ability to communicate and coordinate efforts across a diverse base of stakeholders.

Put another way, current "civic engagement" efforts target stakeholders. Stakeholders tend to translate into single species special interest groups. But lake ecology is dynamic with multiple ecological systems interacting with each other. And a significant part of these systems is the social dynamic. We believe that instead of "engaging stakeholders" we should focus on partnering and building the capacity of communities.

It is clear that providing the necessary framework in which communities can navigate competing agendas and balance the higher public good against the rights of the individual in a way that is transparent, accountable and functional is a Best Management Practice for managing AIS.

For the last few years Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates has been working to reorganize their existing resources; time, knowledge and money within our organizations, and testing this new approach. In 2018 MLR began to pilot this framework in two jurisdictions, Cass and Ramsey Counties, with funding provided by the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and administered by the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls. The Pilots will run until July, 2019.

Said Jeff Forester, Executive Director of MLR, "This pilot will strive to create a new approach to policy making at the local level.

This isn't about passing laws or ordinances, but working to change the way citizens organize both themselves and existing resources, and partner with governmental units (which might also reorganize existing resources) towards the common public good of protecting water resources from AIS."

At the 2015 Aquatic Invaders Summit over 400 attendees from 64 Minnesota counties participated in writing and approving the Local AIS Action Framework, LAAF. The LAAF lists the strategic goal of, "Build the Capacity of Civic Infrastructure - Preventing AIS spread requires participation by and engagement of a broad grassroots base. Building the capacity of local groups to work in concert with each other, with state agencies, and with local resource managers to write and execute a local AIS plan is critical to success."

The current pilot project proposal is a response to this goal.

Davenport and Seekamp (2013) highlight important differences between community capital and community capacity: "While community capital encompasses a variety of foundational resources or assets (e.g., physical, financial, technological) upon which a community can draw in times of need, community capacity is the interaction, mobilization and activation of these assets toward social or institutional change. Stated differently, a community may possess a broad range of capitals needed to cope with problems...but lack the capacity to establish common goals, make decisions based on mutual learning, and act collectively." Additionally, recent research points to the important role of legitimacy and fairness as an interlinking and overarching concept in sustainable watershed management.

"One of Minnesota's most important resources is the communities that work to protect our public waters. By leveraging their energy, promoting capacity, and building partnerships, we will build a powerful engine to achieve our shared water quality goals," said Forester. "During the pilot and testing phase, we will discover gaps, and work to close those gaps. We intend to take the refined model to other jurisdictions as the model is refined."

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What You Can Do To Protect The Lake You Love

Submitted By Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates

Lake home and cabin owners have an unmatched passion for Minnesota's lakes. Collectively they volunteer 1.2 million hours towards lake protection.

But there is one action that many have not yet taken and it is critically important. Become an advocate for lakes.

Said Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, "What happens in Saint Paul impacts each of us out on our docks, often to our detriment. There are hundreds of thousands of lake home and cabin owners in Minnesota. They have a commitment to the health of Minnesota's lakes, but their voices were not heard because they were not organized."

Beginning in 2012, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates has been lake associations' members' voice at the State Capitol. Forester and Judy Corrigan, who runs the MLR office, and the volunteer MLR Board, set out to build the largest and most active grassroots conservation group in Minnesota.

Their strategy is to build a grassroots base to impact water related policy in Minnesota, to push media stories about the issues, lobby for legislative changes, and promote, energize and support local efforts. Said Forester, "Water is a totally non-partisan issue. Concern for our lakes and rivers crosses party lines and unites Minnesotans."

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates provides:

- Full time lobbying at the State Capitol to change laws, push pro-water initiatives, and direct funds towards local lake and river projects, including aquatic invasive species,
- A steady drumbeat of pro-water news stories in press, television and radio to educate citizens and politicians on water issues,
- Support for local partnerships that build lake association capacity and give local water advocates a seat at the table,

• Support funding for world class science to identify issues and discover on-the-ground solutions to our water problems.

Lake associations and their members have never been organized in a unified voice before. Already this effort is generating benefits for lakes and support for the people that work to protect them.

One MLR member wrote, "I have been receiving your email updates for awhile now. After reading through

your purpose and hearing about the action you are taking, my family has decided to join.... While we only have 90 feet of shoreline, we believe we're doing what we can to keep our lake healthy. As we continue to see reports of area lakes being infested with various AIS, it is more important to us than ever to help reduce this spread. We hope that our donation will help to keep our lakes and rivers healthy, and perhaps there will be opportunities for us to become more involved as well. I have been learning a lot from the content on your website (thanks for your work with respect to property taxes!)"


Thousands of lake home and cabin owners across the state are building a grassroots constituency to protect lakes from runoff pollution, aquatic invasive species, poor fisheries management, loss of lake habitat. Membership contributions for Minnesota Lakes and Rivers are set by the members. People contribute what they can, with the average being about \$7 a month, slightly more than a fancy coffee drink at Starbucks. This small investment in their lake is having a huge impact.

Said Forester, "No other group of people is better positioned to advocate for water protection and the local economic and lifestyle benefits our waters provide to our communities and state than lake home and cabin owners. By organizing this large grassroots constituency, we will be able to advance legislation and secure funding to ensure we leave a healthy lake legacy for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren."

To learn more, and to join, go to www.mnlakesandrivers.org. Consider being a sustaining member to maximize your contribution. Or call 952-854-1317 for more information.



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When will spring be here ????
Lake Access on Otter Tail Lake - Ice Pile-Up on April 30.
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