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Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Annual Meeting Saturday, June 30

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30 at Zion Lutheran Church in Amor. Breakfast will be served at 8am along with a short meeting at 8:30am.

Our guest speakers are Howard Fullhart, from the DNR and Dave Majkrzak from Pelican Lake. Dave will be speaking on the long term effects of zebra mussels.

Why should you attend?

- Here's your chance to "Be Informed". Learn more about what your Lake Association is doing and ask questions.

- Free Speakers. Hear about long-term effects of zebra mussels and additional information from the DNR.

- Idea Sharing. Share your new ideas and thoughts - the entire Association can benefit

- Yummy food - Betty's Pantry will be providing the food.

- Pick your copy of the Lakeshore Directory.

Please make plans to attend and enjoy a great breakfast with your fellow members.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Registration Form on Page 13

I-LIDS
have been installed on Otter Tail Lake for the 2018 season

BUOYS
The foundation purchased 10 new buoys and will be installed soon.

WORMS:
There were sightings as of May 24th and as a committee it was decided to spray.

WATERCRAFT INSPECTORS:
The foundation has contracted 6 people to go through the AIS inspector ambassador program.



Patience Is a Virtue! Right? Road Improvement For Hwy. 78

The road improvements being made to Highway 78 from Ashby to Battle Lake to Perham will make everyone's ride just a little smoother but make sure that you leave extra time to get to your destination.

See more photos on page 4.

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- July 4 Detroit Lakes Fireworks, Detroit City Beach, at dusk
- July 4 Erhard 4th of July Celebration w/Parade, starts 11am
- July 4 Blanche Lake Boat Parade, 12 noon (starts on the west side this year)
- July 4 Perham Fireworks, Krueger Field/Fairgrounds, 10pm
- July 6 Fireworks at I-94-Speedway, after the Races, Fergus Falls

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS OF THE FESTIVITIES
Send to secretary@otlpoa.com

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!



Welcome Tom Geddy

Tom Geddy is the newest member to the Otter Tail Lakes Property Owner Association Board of Directors. We would like to welcome Tom and thank him for committing his time to our association.

President's Corner



Scott
Simdorn
OTLPOA
President

As of this writing we have almost 1,000 memberships turned in. Thanks to everyone for your support! If you have new neighbors or know of anyone who isn't a member, please tell them about our association and the work it does. We would like to see 1,100 plus members this year.

Our tent caterpillar worm spraying was completed on May 31st. All the lakes in our association were sprayed. Based on the feedback from our observers it was very successful. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the "worm fund". If you haven't yet contributed or didn't receive a request, please let one of the directors know. This is one of our largest expenses and your financial support is appreciated.

Coming up July 9-13 and

16-20, the Foundation will be sponsoring their annual Red Cross swimming lessons. These are a great opportunity to get your kids/grandkids out into the lake and learn the difference between lake swimming and pool swimming. Please look for times and dates in this newsletter. The cost for these lessons is reimbursed once the attendee passes the class.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on June 30, at Zion Lutheran Church. Breakfast will be served at 8:00am along with a short meeting at 8:30am. We will be having a guest speaker from the DNR, Howard Fullhart, along with Dave Majkrzak from Pelican Lake. Dave will be speaking on the long term effects of zebra mussels. Please make plans to attend and enjoy a great breakfast with your fellow members.

August 11th Amor Township will be putting on a 100 Year Anniversary of Amor Park. Our association will be supporting this with a Caribbean band, "Motu". They will play in the afternoon and will provide music for both the park and the lakeshore. The Underwood Lions will provide their famous

pork chops. The Birak Shrine Club will be providing beverages for the event. Please join us for a fun filled day at the park and on the lake. A great setting for the kids and grandkids!

Rob Bope, our vice president, attended the AIS detector school sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension. This program trains attendees in basic aquatic ecology, AIS identification, impacts, MN rules and regulations, preventing AIS spreading, and reporting. A big thanks and congratulations to Rob for taking his time to attend this school and become certified.

We've had some great summer weather this past few weeks! Hopefully everyone has had a chance to get out and enjoy it at our lakes.

Although Memorial Day has passed by time you're reading this, I would like to extend a special thanks to all our Veterans past and present for their service to our great country. Lets remember them not just on Memorial Day, but all year long!

Have a great summer,
Scott

Beautiful Sunsets



Photo submitted by Debbie Ness

Area Watercraft Inspections

While you're out and about enjoying the summer weather at the lake, you may notice an increased number of watercraft inspections. This summer Otter Tail County will have 24 watercraft inspectors.

According to Bill Kaler, nine of these hires returned from the summer of 2017 and there will be 15 new watercraft inspectors.

Everyone please do your part in "Stopping Invasive Species", before launching or before leaving:

- Dispose unwanted live bait and worms in the trash.
- Drain water from boat, bilge, motor and livewell, remove drain plug and open all water draining devices away from boat ramp.
- Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment.
- Remove visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, other animals, and mud.

• Spray and wash your boat, trailer and equipment with high pressure or hot water before going to other waters, or dry everything for at least 5 days.

What's the consequences of these hitchhikers?

- Reduced game fish populations.
- Ruins boat engines and jams steering equipment.
- Makes lakes/rivers unusable by boaters and swimmers.
- Dramatically increases the operating costs of drinking water plants, power plants, dam maintenance, and industrial processes.
- Reduces native species.

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Native Buffers

What is a Native Buffer?

It is a 12' wide strip that is planted with grasses and flowers to conserve soil and enhance wildlife. The grasses and flowers planted are native, meaning they have always been found in Minnesota prior to settlement.

Will it look nice?

Absolutely! But like with any planting, it will require some maintenance. There are several native flowers used that are bright and showy, such as the Wild Bergamot, Blanket Flower, or Purple Coneflower. It's important to know the buffer will look more natural than your typical flower garden. Typically it is planted with 60% grasses and 40% flowers. Buffers are installed in the spring or fall and are at least 12' wide (from the lake towards the house).

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. The 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 the geese? Geese don't like the taller grass!

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

Grants Are Available - Handouts Will Be Available At The Annual Meeting

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 ever 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 information on native buffers, rain gardens, or funding, please contact Aimee or Liz at the East Otter Tail County Soil & Water Conservation District: 218-346-4260 Ext. 3

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Consider Making A Financial Contribution To The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC)

Researchers at MAISRC are working tirelessly to protect Minnesota's precious lakes and rivers from aquatic invaders . . . but we need all hands on deck!

MAISRC works to develop research-based solutions that can reduce the impacts of aquatic invasive species in Minnesota by preventing spread, controlling populations, and managing ecosystems.

Consider making a donation today. Your gift will help propel our groundbreaking research projects on Asian carp, zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, and other invasive species forward. Private contributions to MAISRC make a real difference and provide the flexibility to meet critical needs as they arise.

Go to www.maisrc.umn.edu/donate to donate. If you have any questions contact Christine Lee at (612) 626-1412 or leex2315@umn.edu.

MAISRC is working hard to ensure that Minnesota's 10,000 lakes are clean, fishable & swimmable - now, and for future generations.

Examples of how your gifts supports the fight against AIS:

- Rapid Research Response Fund - Thanks to private funds an invasive plants researcher was able to quickly turn his attention towards Starry Stonewort when it first reported on Lake Koronis in 2015. Otherwise responses would have to wait until they are funded through standard process. Using private funds can be very critical in our fight.

- Citizen Science Equipment - Helps provide necessary equipment (such as waters, nets, and species models) to citizen volunteers who are dedicating their time to help fight against AIS.

- Fish Kill Investigation - Researchers are deployed to reported fish kills to analyze their cause of death, track infections, and determine the potential for using pathogens for biocontrol of invasive fish.

- Field Equipment - Equipment like boats trucks and trailers, as well as advanced lab materials and machinery are often too cost-prohibitive to include in conventional grant proposals, Gifts provide for capital equipment



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2018 Upcoming OTLPOA Board Meetings

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

www.otlpoa.com

Art Of The Lakes Studio Tour

Largest art crawl in rural Midwest!!

The Art of the Lakes Studio Tour held on Friday, July 20, Saturday, July 21 and Sunday July 22 is a scenic, drive-yourself tour of 56 artists in 24 studios. You will travel on curvy, hilly roads around lakes and through valleys with views that go for miles. Many of the artists are tucked away on gravel roads scattered throughout Otter Tail, Douglas and Grant Counties in west-central Minnesota. Look for the yellow signs to help guide you to your destination. This is your opportunity to shop for unique works of art while you get to know the artists.

The hours of the tour are Friday and Saturday, 10am-5pm and Sunday, 11am-3pm. Not all studios are open on Sunday. This annual event is free and open to the public.

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 13-17	Turtle Fest, Perham	July 28-29	Wenonga Days, Battle Lake
June 15	Relay for Life - WOTC, Fergus Falls	July 27	Tuffy Nelson Golf Classic, Perham
June 19	Music in the Park, Ottertail	July 27	Pebble Lake Youth Triathlon, Fergus Falls
June 19-20	Birak Shrine Circus, Fergus Falls	July 28	Hoot Lake Triathlon, Fergus Falls
June 21	COLA Member Meeting*	July 28	Art in the Park, Pelican Rapids
June 22	Patsy Cline performed by 'Cassie & the Bobs', Battle Lake	July 30-Aug. 3	Swimming Lessons, Battle Lake
June 27	HHW Mobile Collection - Perham	Aug. 3	Movies in Battle Lake, "Beauty & the Beast"
June 28	OTLPOA Board Meeting*	Aug. 3-4	Perham Crazy Days, Perham
June 29	HHW Mobile Collection - Battle Lake	Aug. 3-5	Flekkefest, Elbow Lake
June 29	Movies in the Battle Lake, "Back to the Future"	Aug. 5	Classic Car Show, Fergus Falls
June 30	OTLPOA Annual Meeting, Amor	Aug. 7	Music in the Park, Ottertail
June 30	Kinship Average Joe Triathlon, Perham	Aug. 8-12	Looney Daze, Vergas
July 4	Erhard 4th of July Celebration w/Parade	Aug. 10-11	Otterfest, Ottertail
July 4	Blanche Lake Boat Parade	Aug. 11	100 Yr. Celebration for Amor Park, Amor
July 4	Detroit Lakes Fireworks, dusk	Aug. 11	Art & Craft Affair, Battle Lake
July 6	I-94 Speedway Fireworks, after race	Aug. 16	COLA Member Meeting*
July 6	Summer Celebration, New York Mills	Aug. 17	World Famous Turkey BBQ, Henning
July 6	Lund Mania Fishing Tournament, OTL	Aug. 18	Watermelon Day, Vining
July 6	Fish House Festival, New York Mills	Aug. 18-19	Pioneer Days, Perham
July 9-13	Swimming Lessons, Otter Tail Lake	Aug. 21	Music in the Park, Ottertail
July 10	Music in the Park, Ottertail	Aug. 23	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
July 12	Shop, Move N Groove, Fergus Falls	Aug. 24-25	Barnesville Potato Days
July 13	Movies in Battle Lake, "Despicable Me"	Aug. 31- Sept. 3	Western MN Steam Threshers Reunion, Rollag
July 13-14	Relay for Life, - East Otter Tail, Perham	Sept. 1	Gathering of the Airplanes, Battle Lake
July 13-15	Henning Area Festival	Sept. 7	HHW Mobile Collection - New York Mills
July 14-15	Phelps Mill Festival, Maine	Sept. 7-9	LRPTA, Dalton
July 16-20	Swimming Lessons, Otter Tail Lake	Sept. 20	COLA Member Meeting* TBD
July 18-21	West Otter Tail County Fair, Fergus Falls	Sept. 20	OTLPOA Board Meeting* TBD
July 19	COLA Member Meeting*	Sept. 22	Central Lakes Cycle Duathlon
July 19-22	East Otter Tail County Fair, Perham	Oct. 6	I Outran the Hairy Man, Vergas
July 20-22	Art of the Lakes Studio Tour	Oct. 12	Brewers Fest, Fergus Falls
July 22	Discover God's Acres, Amor	Oct. 25	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
July 23-27	Swimming Lessons, Battle Lake	Nov. 11	Turkey Trot, Fergus Falls
July 23-29	Dance BARN Festival, Battle Lake		
July 24	Music in the Park, Ottertail		
July 26	OTLPOA Board Meeting*		

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



Photo submitted by Fred Rizk

Road Construction On Hwy. 78



Have you experienced the gnashing of your teeth while waiting for the pilot car?

Have you had to wait a long time?

Just remember

that soon this road construction will be done and we will have a nice smooth

Hwy. 78 to travel on.

Be patient and this soon will be done.

Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes (Approved) April 26, 2018 - 7:00pm at the Ottertail Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: President Simdorn called the meeting to order at 7:12pm. Board members present Rizk, Cave, Steeves, Kemling, Hunke, Wentz, Bope, Fetters, Johnson, Snyder and Wing.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Rizk, seconded by Wing.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion made by Wing, seconded by Fetters.

4. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion made by Wentz, seconded by Steeves.

- Secretary \$400
- Otter Tail Power \$1,186.04
- West Central Ag-Air \$50 (paid from worm account)

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Scott Simdorn welcomed all the members back from the long winter.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership Committee – Simdorn, Snyder – As of April 24th, 2018 we have 786 members. 79 members paid online and 704 members paid through the mail. 3 prepayment from 2017.

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

- DNR & Government – Steeves, Kemling

- Water Testing/COLA – Wing, Wentz

- Communications Committee –

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

ii. Website – Bope – We would like new photos of the directors.

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

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

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- Motion made by Bope, seconded by Hunke to welcome Tom Geddy to replace Dan Carlisle's board member seat.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion made by Wentz, seconded by Wing to sign a resolution in support of Otter Tail County Resolution 2017-63.

9. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next meeting will be June 28th, 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

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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Many lakes are available for volunteers for our 10-day observation window between June 29 to July 9. Detailed instructions, training materials, maps, and a data form will be provided.

Here's what it takes to be a Loon Monitor:

- Time commitment is 2-4 hours per lake.
- Surveys must be done on one (1) morning sometime between 5am-noon.
- Can be conducted from shore or by boat or canoe, depending on the size and visibility of the lake.
- You must commit to completing assigned lake(s) within the specified time frame and returning completed survey materials.

This survey offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while being part of a team of volunteers and fellow loon lovers that monitors the health and welfare of Minnesota's state bird. The results allow the DNR's Nongame Wildlife Program to detect long-term changes in loon population health and help assess impacts of events like the Gulf oil spill, changes to water quality and ongoing lakeshore development.

For more info on Minnesota's Loon Monitoring Program, loon survey procedures or to view a map of where these lakes are located, visit http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/nongame/projects/mlmp_state.html

If you are interested in being a volunteer loon surveyor contact JoEllen Klemek, Northwest Region, at 218-308-2462 or joellen.klemek@state.mn.us.

Did You Know...

- Common Loons return to Minnesota in April/May from their primary wintering location of the Gulf of Mexico to nest.
- Pairs set up territories, which is usually a vocal affair that can result in some heated territory disputes.
- Incubation takes just under 30 days and hatching typically occurs in June and July.
- Chicks can be found on the backs of the adults during the first week or so before they spend an increasing amount of time swimming and learning to dive.
- By the time the chicks are approx. 12 weeks old, the young birds are foraging for themselves. This is when the adults will leave the young to join other adults migrating south for winter. Young birds will remain on the lake they were born for another week or two after the adults leave before finding other juvenile birds to migrate south.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Inc.

2018 Membership

Annual Dues (Jan.-Dec.) \$ 35.00

• Membership \$25.00

• Foundation \$10.00

TOTAL \$35.00

• 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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(this will be used for the summer Lakeshore News)

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Winter edition of Lakeshore News will be mailed here

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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



Dam Recordings

This is the dam between Blanche and Otter Tail. The DNR replaced eight boards last fall to perhaps assist in a little higher water level. This is where water level recordings are made every Wednesday and sent to the DNR for their information. This information has been recorded for at least the last 20 years. Along with the water level recording, the weather conditions and temperatures are recorded as well.

The AIS Task Force wants to remind you about the **21 DAY DRY TIME** for docks and lifts. **LETS ALL WORK TOGETHER!**

Otter Tail County AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE

Become An AIS Tracker

In partnership with University of Minnesota Extension, the AIS Trackers program will train citizen scientists and professionals to monitor changes in populations of AIS over time in specific locations (i.e., a lake or river reach) and to generate data useful for adaptive management, which includes assessing treatment options and evaluating response to treatment efforts.

The program is open to professionals such as AIS managers as well as citizen scientists, such as lake association leaders, county AIS task forces members, Master Naturalists, and other motivated citizens. There is a minimum level of service required to maintain

certification.

Once trained, AIS Trackers will input data into an interactive AIS database, which will be accessible not only to MAISRC researchers, but also to AIS managers at the Minnesota DNR, enabling them to extend their reach for surveillance, monitoring, response, and management.

Participants successfully completing the AIS Trackers program will be able to:

- Execute an AIS survey protocol, collecting population data that can be reliably used for management decision-making;
- Identify important sources of uncertainty affecting the reliability of

population estimates for particular AIS;

- Enter data, perform queries, and conduct quality control checks on population data;

- Estimate changes to a population based on monitoring data and help MAISRC scientists determine which vital attributes (e.g., recruitment, juvenile or adult survival) contribute most to these changes;

- Help MAISRC scientists determine if population trends over space or time can be confidently established, given sampling effort and reliability.

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Blue-Green Algae: If In Doubt, Stay Out

Submitted by Pam Anderson, Supervisor, Water Quality Monitoring Unit, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

As the lakes warm up, blue-green algae will appear. Blooms can look like pea soup, green paint, or floating mats of scum and sometimes have a bad smell. Blooms aren't always large and dense; sometimes they only cover small portions of the lake or are suspended in the water and don't form a surface scum. Unfortunately, some of these blooms can produce toxins that are harmful to people and pets.

People can become sick after they go into water that has toxic blue-green algae by having skin contact with water, by breathing in tiny droplets of water in the air or by swallowing it. In most people, symptoms are mild and may include vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye irritation, cough, sore throat, and headache.

Dogs are at particular risk, because they tend to swallow more water than humans while swimming and they lick their coats after swimming, swallowing the algae on their fur. Dogs exposed to toxic blue-green algae can experience symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, rash, difficulty breathing, general weakness, liver failure, and seizures. If your dog has symptoms after visiting a lake, seek veterinary care immediately. In the worst cases, blue-green algae exposure can cause death.

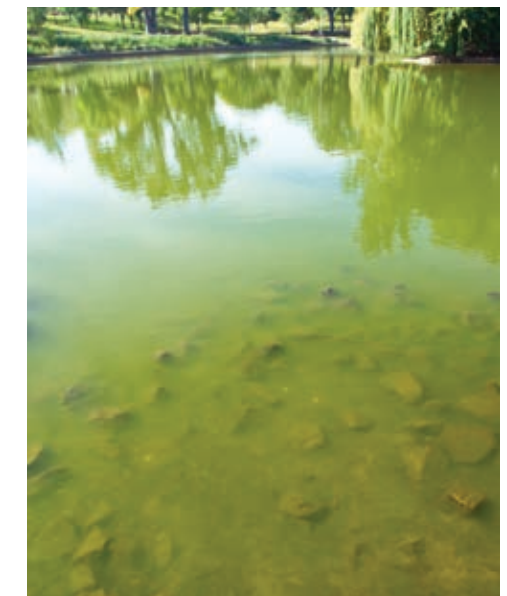
There is no way to tell if a bloom is toxic just by looking at it. People and pets should avoid water that has a blue-green algal bloom and any algal debris that may wash up on shore. If you or your pet have contact with blue-green algae, wash off with fresh water as soon as possible.



There are currently no short-term solutions to fix a blue-green algal bloom. With high temperatures, blue-green algal blooms will be common on many Minnesota lakes this summer. A change in weather – rain, clouds, or wind – will break up a bloom.

Reducing the amount of nutrients in lakes would improve overall water quality and reduce harmful algae blooms. Runoff from urban and agricultural land contains phosphorus. Landowners and farmers should limit the application of phosphorus-containing fertilizers. Maintaining a buffer around lakes and rivers can help reduce the amount of nutrients that reach the lake. Homeowners can help by sweeping up lawn clippings, leaves, and soil off sidewalks and pavement, and cleaning up pet waste, so that rain storms don't wash the material into nearby lakes and rivers.

More information on blue-green algae, how to determine if you have blue-green algae, and how to report a possible human or animal illness, is available on the MPCA Harmful Algal Blooms website: www.pca.state.mn.us/water/blue-green-algae-and-harmful-algal-blooms





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

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On the northeast side of Lake Blanche, some much needed rain was received late evening June 5/ early morning June 6 but it only measured 1 inch.

One downside was that the winds were heavier than expected as seen in this downed tree.

Break time was needed for this trio after some hard work.

Photos submitted by Ken Wentz



June Is National Safety Month

Injuries are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 1 to 40. June is National Safety Month, learn more about important safety issues like preventing poisonings, transportation safety, and slips, trips, and falls.

• **Poisonings:** Nine out of 10 poisonings happen right at home. You can be poisoned by many things, like cleaning products or another person's medicine.

• **Transportation safety:** Doing other activities while driving — like texting or eating — distracts you and increases your chance of crashing. Almost 1 in 6 crashes (15%) where someone is injured, involves distracted driving.

• **Slips, trips, and falls:** One in 4 older adults falls each year. Many falls lead to broken bones or a head injury. Keep these tips in mind...

- ~ Always keep objects off the stairs.
- ~ Fix loose or uneven steps.
- ~ Have an electrician put in an overhead light and light switch at the top and bottom

of the stairs. You can get light switches that glow.

~ Have a friend or family member change the light bulb.

~ Make sure the carpet is firmly attached to every step, or remove the carpet and attach non-slip rubber treads to the stairs.

~ Fix loose handrails, or put in new ones. Make sure handrails are on both sides of the stairs, and are as long as the stairs.

~ Remove the rugs, or use double-sided tape or a non-slip backing so the rugs won't slip.

~ Keep things you use often on the lower shelves (about waist high).

~ If you must use a step stool, get one with a bar to hold on to. Never use a chair as a step stool.

~ Place a lamp close to the bed where it's easy to reach.

~ Put a non-slip rubber mat or self-stick strips on the floor of the tub or shower.

~ Have grab bars put in next to and inside the tub, and next to the toilet.

Helping Improve Water Quality

The following practices can aid in the longevity and improve the operation of your septic system.

• Take shorter showers instead of baths everyday.

• Consider shutting off the water in the shower while lathering and shampooing.

• Install low-flow shower heads.

• Do not run the hot water to warm the bathroom.

• Do not use tub, tile and shower cleaners. They will move soaps through the system to the drain field. Use a squeegee, instead, to keep the film off the shower walls.

• Shut off water while shaving and brushing teeth.

• Put adequate water in the washbasin to wash hands instead of washing under running water.

• Repair leaky faucets and toilets immediately.

• Reduce use of cleaners by doing more scrubbing with less cleaner.

• DO NOT flush facial tissues, paper towels, cigarette butts, baby wipes or personal hygiene products down the toilet. Use a moderate amount of toilet paper that breaks up easily in water.

• Do not use "every flush" toilet bowl disinfectants that are placed in the tank.

• DO NOT dispose of unused prescriptions or other medications of any kind down the drains. They have a huge negative impact on the ecosystem. They do not break down. They will travel to the groundwater, lakes, rivers and streams. High concentration of antibiotics and chemicals can retard or kill the growth of good bacteria in your septic system. Some studies are pointing to mutations in fish and other aquatic species from these chemicals in lakes.

• Limit use of antibacterial soaps. They too can have a negative impact on the ecosystem.



Photo submitted by Fred Rizk



The Rhubarb And All The Gardens Are Really Blooming Nicely.

Photos submitted by Ken Wentz



Rhubarb Recipe

Preheat oven to 350, butter an 8-inch square baking dish. (Double the recipe for a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan).

- 1 cup brown sugar (firmly packed)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup rolled oats (quick-cooking)
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 cups fresh rhubarb (diced or sliced into 1-inch pieces)
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

In a mixing bowl, combine the brown sugar, flour, oats, melted butter & cinnamon; mix the ingredients until crumbly. Press half of the brown sugar and oat mixture into the prepared baking dish. Top with the sliced or diced rhubarb pieces.

In a saucepan, combine 1 cup of granulated sugar, cornstarch, the 1 cup of water and vanilla. Cook together, stirring, until the mixture is thickened and clear. Pour the thickened syrup mixture over the rhubarb in the baking dish.

Top the rhubarb filling evenly with the remaining crumb mixture.

Bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until the topping is browned and the filling is bubbling.

Variations:

Strawberry-Rhubarb Crisp: Add 1 cup of sliced strawberries to the rhubarb.

Rhubarb-Apple Crisp: Add 1 cup of thinly sliced apples to the rhubarb.

For subtle citrus flavor, replace the 1 cup of water with 1/2 cup of orange juice and 1/2 cup of water. Add 1 teaspoon of grated orange zest, if desired.

If you have only 2 or 3 cups of diced rhubarb, supplement it with diced or sliced apples.

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Here's 2018 featured artists, dates and where they are displayed...

Located at the Art of the Lakes Gallery

- June 16-30 Donna Dean
- July 1-15 Kristi Kuder
- July 16-31 Judith Grooters
- Aug. 1-15 Rebecca Albright
- Aug. 16-31 Mary Williams
- Sept Terry Shaw

Located at Stella's Bistro:

- Jun Janet Demars
- July David Beddow
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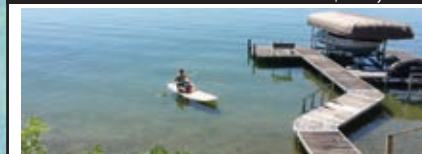
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Revisions Made To Otter Tail County Dock And Riparian Use Ordinance

Submitted by Shannon Terry, Public Information Officer, Otter Tail County

June 5, 2018 - Otter Tail County, MN - The County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing in the County Board Room at the Government Services Center in Fergus Falls for proposed Aquatic Invasive Species revisions to the Dock and Riparian Use Ordinance. The current policies in the dock and riparian use ordinance will remain in place but language will be added that enforces the current state law. The revisions bring Otter Tail County into compliance with MN Statute Chapter 84D. The statute states "A boat lift, dock, swim raft, or associated equipment that has been removed from any water body may not be placed in another water body until a minimum of 21 days have passed." The exceptions to the ordinance are as follows: a dock, pier, wharf or boatlift that has never been in a body of water, is being moved from one location to another in the same body of water. The movement of all other docks, piers, wharfs, or boatlifts must be registered with the OTC Land and Resource Management Office.

The County Board discussed the proposed changes with Land and Resources Director Chris LeClair and AIS Specialist Spencer McGrew. Mr. McGrew reiterated to the board that the addition of the revisions brings Otter Tail County into compliance with state law and establishes a system to enforce the ordinance. Members of the public, including

members of the AIS Task Force, lakes associations and dock/lift business owners provided feedback to commissioners. A comprehensive discussion took place as varying perspectives were shared. The consensus was every governmental, public and private entity needs to partner to protect the lakes of Otter Tail County.

"The message to the people of our county is that 21 days is important if we are all invested in keeping our lakes pristine," stated Commissioner Lee Rogness.

The County Board of commissioners voted to pass the ordinance with the changes to go into effect upon publication. The Board Members discussed revisiting the ordinance this winter to further discuss preventive measures on other pieces of water equipment such as attached mechanical pontoon and boat legs/lifts.

Spencer McGrew remarked, "This ordinance is for public awareness and education to make others aware of this policy. We are all invested in the protection of our county's lakes."

For more info or to register a dock, pier, wharf or boatlift please call 218-998-8095, or visit the office at the 520 West Fir Ave. in Fergus Falls.

Otter Tail County Dock ordinance: <http://www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/8862/Dock-Ordinance> (See side bar to the right.)



OTTER TAIL COUNTY DOCK AND RIPARIAN USE ORDINANCE

The County Board of Otter Tail County ordains:

I. Authorization, Purpose, Intent and Application

A. As authorized by Minnesota Statutes 86B.201, 86B.205, and Minnesota Rules 6110.3000 - 6110.3800 as now in effect and as hereafter amended, this Ordinance is enacted for the purpose and with the intent to control and regulate the use of docks, moorings, and riparian areas in all of Otter Tail County, Minnesota, to promote its fullest use and enjoyment by the public in general and the citizens of Otter Tail County in particular; to insure safety for persons and property in connection with the use of said waters; to harmonize and integrate the varying uses of said waters; and to promote the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Otter Tail County, Minnesota.

B. These regulations affect all docks, piers, wharfs, or boatlifts placed in public water in Otter Tail County and are in addition to any applicable state statute, rule, or regulation affecting the placement of such structures in public water.

II. Regulations

A. Only a riparian (waterfront) property owner may place a dock, pier, wharf or boatlift in public water.

B. Docks, piers, wharfs, boatlifts and moored boats must be confined to the owner's riparian zone.

1. Riparian Zone is defined as the water area adjacent to a lot extending from where lot lines meet the shore on lines most perpendicular to the shoreline, or on lines which bisect the angles of such lines in areas where the shoreline is curved, such as in a bay or a peninsula; and extending out to the line of navigation.

2. The method for describing these zones where the dividing lines are not obvious is described in Exhibit A, attached to and made a part of this ordinance by reference.

C. A dock, pier, wharf, boatlift, moored boat or other structure placed in the water may not obstruct navigation. A dock or pier may not encircle or isolate a part of a waterway.

D. A dock, pier, wharf, boatlift, moored boat or other structure must be setback five feet from an adjacent riparian zone to ensure that any attached or adjacent boat lift, moored boat, attached deck, T, or L, does not encroach on the use of the riparian zone of an adjacent property.

E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent or restrict the placement of docks by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at public landings.

III. Enforcement

A. The Primary responsibility for enforcement of this ordinance shall rest with the Otter Tail County Sheriffs Office. This, however, shall not preclude enforcement by other licensed peace officers.

B. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor.

C. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after the date of its passage, approval by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and publication.

Adopted by the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners on March 1, 2016.

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It's early June and although it's been dry and rain is needed Lake Blanche continues to be at least 3 inches higher along the shoreline and it is about 7 inches higher at the end of Ken Wentz's dock over last year.

Submitted by Ken Wentz

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:

- Perham - Wednesday, June 27, City Garage
- Battle Lake - Friday, June 29, Cty. Hwy. Garage
- New York Mills - Friday, Sept. 7, Cty. Hwy Garage

Movies In The Park In Battle Lake

These free events provided by Park Region Mutual Telephone Co./Otter Tail Telcom will be held at 9pm.

- Here's the movies and their dates:
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Glendalough State Park Events

Glendalough State Park will be hosting 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 dates...

Beginning Canoeing*
Dates: Wednesdays, June 20, July 4, July 18, August 1 or August 15, 9:30-11:30 am.
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.
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.
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.
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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Adult Survivors Of Suicide Loss Support Group

Tri-County Health Care's monthly Adult Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, which helps area residents affected by suicide, will meet on Tuesday, June 19, from 6:30-8pm in the Wesley Conference Room at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena.

Each year, more than 36,000 people in the U.S. die by suicide. The support group at Tri-County is intended to provide healing support for people coping with the shock, grief and emotions that accompany the loss of a loved one to suicide. This confidential

support group provides a safe place for those who have experienced this type of loss to find support, share their story and learn ways to cope.

The monthly Adult Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group is open to all adult family members and friends of a loved one who has died by suicide. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month.

For more information, contact Tri-County Health Care's Medical Social Services at 218-631-5228 or visit TCHC.org.

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 3:15-4:00 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

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)

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.





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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.

Who Do I Call?

Contact the DNR Information Center at 888-646-6367 about the following:

- To reach a conservation officer.
- Injured, sick or nuisance animals.
- Hunting, fishing or other regulations
- Safety education training
- Other questions or concerns

Turn in Poachers (TIP) call 800-652-9093 or go to www.dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/tipreportingform.html

Red Cross Swimming Lessons

Staff from Fergus Falls Area Family YMCA

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

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	Level			Preschool		
July 16-20						
___ Otter Tail Lake 3:15-4:00 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	Level			Preschool		
July 23-27						
___ West Battle Lake 3:15-4:00 pm	Level	1	2		5	
	Level 3 is full					
___ West Battle Lake 4:05-4:50 pm	Level		2		4	6
___ West Battle Lake 4:05-4:35 pm	Level			Preschool		
July 30-August 3						
___ West Battle Lake 1:00-1:45 pm	Level	1		3	5	
___ West Battle Lake 1:50-2:35 pm	Level		2		4	6
___ West Battle Lake 2:50-3:35 pm	Level	1		3	4	
___ West Battle Lake 3:50-4:35 pm	Level	1	2			
___ West Battle Lake 3:50-4:20 pm	Level			Preschool		

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

Questions about specific swimming skills and placement in class, please contact Emily at 218-739-4489 ext. 27.

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

NO REGISTRATIONS AT THE BEACH. PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE.

Otter Tail Lake lessons are at Amor Park Beach
West Battle Lake lessons across from Lions Park in Battle Lake

Name _____ Age: _____
Address _____
E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact Information

Parent Name _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

2nd Contact Name _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please attach payment. Please make checks payable to Battle Lake Community Education. Mail to Battle Lake Community Education, 402 W. Summit, Battle Lake, MN 56515.

YMCA staff and Battle Lake Public School will take every step possible to provide adequate supervision. However, as with any physical activity, there is a certain amount of risk of injury. The participating individual, parent, or guardian agrees not to hold the YMCA, Battle Lake School, employees, contractors, and volunteers responsible for claims resulting from training, attendance in, or participation in swimming lessons.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

LAND TRANSFERS May 14, 2018 until June 11, 2018

TWP	LAKE	PROPERTY TYPE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PRICE
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Lundeen, Richard & Ray Jean	Schmidt, Lowell & Janet	\$390,000
Girard		Residential < 4 Units	Jarrell, Leland J. & Debra S.	Gjere, Gregory A. & Niki A.	\$46,000
Girard		Residential < 4 Units	Luginbill, Kathryn	Jensen, Brian K.	\$156,200
Girard	West Battle	Seas Res Unimproved	Mikkelson, Roxanne L. & Gregory M.	Grell, Charles C. & Pollyann	\$165,000
Otter Tail		Residential < 4 Units	Mitchell, Joshua M. & Haley	Weigel, Nathan P.	\$92,400
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Plombon, Donald R. / Priebe, Shirley	Yaggie, Donald	\$650,000
Ottertail City		Tax Exempt	Otter Tail County On Behalf Of The State Of M	Housing And Redevelopment Authority Of Otter	\$2,500



PULL THE PLUG ON AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS

Actions Required by MN Law to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- ✓ **Clean** aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species off watercraft, trailers, and equipment before leaving the water access.
- ✓ **Drain** water from boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, and motor before leaving a water access – and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs. **Keep drain plugs out** while transporting boats.
- ✓ **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into the water, or to dump worms on the ground.



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Summer Concerts In Ottertail City Park

The Ottertail Business & Community Association's (OTBCA) summer concert series is now performing at the Ottertail City Park from 6:30-8:30pm on the dates listed below. These are free concerts, bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy some great music. Hot dogs, pop, popcorn will be available. If there is rain it will be held indoors at Thumper Pond.

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

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