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

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, June 30 at Zion Lutheran Church in Amor. A tasty breakfast of egg bake and giant cinnamon rolls were served to over 130 people by Betty's Pantry. Pastor Rob Nelson gave the invocation and a short meeting was held. The 2 guest speakers were Howard Fullhart, from the Minnesota DNR, who talked about stocking sturgeon and Dave Majkrzak, from Otter Tail Lakes Cola, who reported on the long term effects of zebra mussels.

It was a great morning to be at the Annual Meeting and enjoy some breakfast, fellowship and knowledge about the lakes area.



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Howard Fullhart,
Minnesota DNR



Dave Majkrzak,
Otter Tail County Cola

100th Anniversary of Amor Park

Come out and celebrate with us on August 11th at Amor Park. This year marks the 100th Anniversary and it's time to have some fun.

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association along with our Foundation have partnered with Amor Township, Birak Shrine Club and Underwood Lions to bring you:

- Live Caribbean music from MOTU in the afternoon.
- Underwood Lions serving their Famous Pork Chops
- Birak Shrine Club serving refreshments

Both Underwood Lions and Birak Shrine Club are donating a portion of their proceeds to the Battle Lake Fire and Rescue and the Underwood Fire and Rescue.

We will be sending out a mass email the week of the event with the details and times of 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!

If you haven't signed up on our email list please visit OTLPOA.com. We currently have 1,100 members on our email campaign.

Suspicious Activity On Dead Lake

The Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office is asking residents around Dead Lake to report all suspicious activity. In the past few weeks, a resident has witnessed individuals coming off the lake and onto property. The individuals were looking into windows of outbuildings with flashlights. These individuals may have used a canoe or other small watercraft to get onto the property.

Sheriff's deputies want people in that area to be aware of this incident. If you notice anything call the sheriff's office immediately at 218-998-8555 or for an emergency call 911.



Bob Solien has been on Blanche Lake longer than any MALE!! Submitted by Ken Wentz

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President's Corner



Scott
Simdorn
OTLPOA
President

By the time you're reading this, the fourth of July will have already passed. Seems like just yesterday we were waiting for the ice to go off. We had great weather for the week of the fourth and hopefully everyone got a chance to enjoy some time at our area lakes with friends and family! Lets not forget the significance of the fourth and all of those who past and present worked to give us our independence.

On June 30th we had our annual meeting. We had a great turn out with 130+ people. This years meeting was held at Zion Lutheran Church. Thanks to the church for the use of their facilities. It's a great venue for hosting our meeting. After a great breakfast prepared by Betty's Pantry we had two interesting speakers.

Howard Fullhart of the DNR spoke on sturgeon stocking in Otter Tail Lake and some of the history of this fish. Dave Majkrzak, of Pelican Lake, spoke on zebra mussels and the effects of them on Pelican and other lakes. By now many of you have noticed the increased clarity readings on Otter Tail Lake. This is attributed to the zebra mussels. Dave also spoke on muskie stocking and a few other related topics. Thanks to both of our guests for their presentations. I would also like to thank all the board members for their time and efforts in putting together a great meeting. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Board members up for re-election were Stan Fetters of Deer Lake, Lynn Cave of Long Lake, Linda Snyder, Tom Geddy, and Scott Simdorn all of Otter Tail Lake. All members were elected for another term.

Marc Wing spoke on grant programs. We still have money available for shoreline grants. If anyone is interested, please contact Marc. His contact information is listed in this paper.

Bernie Steeves presenting

information on worm spraying and the AIS Task Force.

Steve Mouritsen of the foundation presented information of their activities.

Our directories will be out this month. Your directors will be hand delivering these to your property. This is a great time to meet your directors if you haven't already. We look forward to meeting our members. Please remember if you have new neighbors, or know of anyone who isn't currently a member, introduce them to your association and suggest they join.

Swimming lessons are here. This is a great opportunity to get your kids/grandkids in the lake and experience lake swimming. Living on the north side of Otter Tail Lake, our grandkids have found our what "big waves" really are.

With the longest day of the year already past, it's time to get out and enjoy your area lakes. Please remember our lakes belong to everyone and it's everyone's responsibility to protect and preserve them.

Have a great summer!
Scott

Red Cross Swimming Lessons

The last of the swimming lessons offered in Battle Lake are scheduled for either July 23-July 27 or July 30-August 3. The lessons will be held across from the Lions Park. The registration fee is \$50 or \$45 for preschool lessons.

Register in advance by calling Kathy at 218-862-4603, no registrations will not be allowed at the beach.

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

(Note: the last scheduled swimming lessons on Otter Tail Lake are being held July 16-20)

Lost & Found

Have you lost something or have you found something in your yard? If so we will help you find the owner...

One member has a lost tackle box. It is multi-layered beige & brown stuffed with assorted tackle. This box was lost on June 28 by the bridge/dam near the boat launch on Otter Tail Lake.

If you have any knowledge of its whereabouts, or any questions or suggestions, please email secretary@otlpoa.com and we will let you know who to contact.

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Free Nitrate Water Testing Clinic

Provided by Ben Underhill, East Otter Tail SWCD

Homeowners who rely on private wells for their drinking water supply should test for nitrates on a regular basis. Private well owners are encouraged to participate at the **free nitrate testing clinic that will be held from 10am-3pm, Friday, July 27, 2017 at the Ottertail Community Center.**

The clinic is sponsored by the East and West Otter Tail County Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Nitrates are the most common contaminants in Minnesota's groundwater, and a significant number of the state's wells have high nitrate levels. In 2011, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) found that over 10% of private wells tested across the state had nitrate levels above the safe drinking water standard. In 2015 the MDA targeted several townships in the county for nitrate testing. Initial results showed about four percent of the wells tested were above the drinking water standard.

If you would like to know more about the nitrate level in your well, please bring at least one-half cup of water in either a clean plastic or glass container or Ziploc-type bag to the nitrate testing clinic. To get a good sample, allow the water to run five to 10 minutes before filling the bag. Homeowners with distillators, reverse osmosis or other nitrate removal systems should take two water samples one before and one after the treatment process. This will determine if the nitrate removal system is working. Homeowners with just a water softener need to take one sample, either before or after the water passes through the water softener. Only water from private wells

will be tested, water from lakes and rivers will not be tested.

Samples should be taken no more than 24 hours before the testing, and they must be refrigerated. Samples should be cool when arriving at the clinic. To ensure accuracy, homeowners should mark the bags with their name, phone number and a well identification number if more than one well is sampled.

Homeowners may remain anonymous. In that case, they should simply choose another easily recognized number to put on the well samples. It is not necessary to provide information about the well or well location.

Samples are analyzed on the spot. The process usually takes less than five minutes and results are given directly to the homeowner. If the nitrate level in a sample is elevated, clinic staff can refer the homeowner to certified labs that will retest the water. For more information on the clinic, contact Ben Underhill 218-346-4260 ext. 120 or Aimee Zimmermann at ext. 121.

The West Otter Tail County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) will offer a **free nitrate water-testing clinic at 506 Western Ave. N. in Fergus Falls, across from the Comfort Inn, on Thursday, July 19, from 9:30am-2pm.**

For questions about the West Otter Tail County SWCD clinic contact Mary Jensen at the West Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District at 218-998-5300.

Pictures from the OTLPOA Annual Meeting Held On June 30 *Submitted by Ken Wentz*



Scott Simdorn,
2018 OTLPOA
President



Pat Hunke,
OTLPOA
Treasurer



Bernie Steeves,
Otter Tail County
AIS Task Force



2018 OTLPOA Board of Directors
Front Row Left to Right: Scott Simdorn, Bernie Steeves, Stan Feters, Fred Rizk and Lynn Cave
Back Row Left to Right: Jon Anderson, Debbie Ness, Linda Snyder, Marc Wing, Rob Bope, Tom Gedde, Ken Wentz, Roger Anderson, Becky Kemling and Pat Hunke
Submitted by Ken Wentz

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Wenonga Days

Wenonga Days will be held in Battle Lake on Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29. Check out all the activities:

Saturday, July 28

8am - BL 542 Education Foundation Wenonga Day 5K/10K Race/Walk. Register online at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/38707>

9am-2pm - 7th Annual Craft & Vendor Show, located at the Battle Lake City Parking Lot next to Lakes Area Community Center. 40 plus vendors, food and more!

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

11am - Turtle Races, located at the Battle Lake City parking lot next to Lakes Area Community Center.

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

7pm - Big Parade. With over 100 entrants and thousands of spectators it is an area event you don't want to miss!

After Parade until midnight - Teen Dance & Night Games, if you have completed 7th-12th Grade head over to the BLHS Football field after the parade! \$5.00 wristband at the gate. DJ Chris From Pirate Radio productions is back. We will also have GLOW Volleyball and GLOW Capture the flag so get your teams together! Hosted by BLHS BPA. Fresh baked cookies and water available in the concession stand. All proceeds from wristband and concession sales go to support the Battle Lake BPA,

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

9pm-12am Indoor Dance at Stubs in the Beer Garden, music by Confusion, 21 and over event.

Sunday, July 29

8am-1pm - Battle Lions Krusteaz Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast located at the Battle Lake Lions Park Shelter at the Battle Lake Public Access.

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

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

May 24, 2018 - 7:00pm at the Ottertail Community Center

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

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

3. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Steeves, seconded by Kemling.

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

- Membership drive has brought in \$30,623 to the Bell Banks account. The total sweep account has raised \$3,660. The total amount raised for general membership is \$21,045 and the foundation amount is \$12,338. The foundation has agreed to split membership cost 50/50 with the association.

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion made by Hunke, seconded by Cave.

- Secretary \$400
- 831WEB \$25 domain registration
- The Midweek \$1,237.09 May Lakeshore News
- \$29,412 transfer from Bell Banks to 1st National Bank

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: If you want to get involved with a committee please let us know. Our annual meeting is coming up.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership Committee – Simdorn, Snyder – As of May 24th, 2018 we have 881 members. 93 members paid online and 785 members paid through the mail. 3 prepayment from 2017.

- Auditing/Finance/Budget Committee – Steeves, Simdorn, Anderson, Hunke, Bope

- DNR & Government – Steeves, Kemling

- Water Testing/COLA – Wing, Wentz

– Otter Tail lake site 206 – 19.5 ft, 207 –

21.5 ft, 208 – 21.5 ft.

- Communications Committee – i. Lakeshore News – Steeves, Wentz – June 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 has been sent

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

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- Dock and Lift Ordinance Public Hearing June 10th

- Worms are being spotted in our area and we will plan on spraying next week.

- Annual renewal of our membership for OTC COLA and Minnesota Lakes and Rivers motion was made by Wing and seconded by Fetters to continue our membership.

- Six people will go through AIS inspector's ambassadors program funded by the foundation.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion was made by Steeves, seconded by Fetters to purchase two additional water testing kits from RMBs for \$130, for the inlet and outlet of Otter Tail Lake.

10. 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

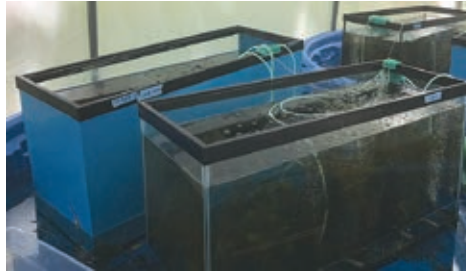
11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Will It Work in Otter Tail County?

Christmas Lake Is Piloting A Process That Trains Native Weevils To Feed On And Ultimately Control Eurasian Water Milfoil; Early Indications -- And Educational Possibilities -- Are Promising

Submitted by Jeff Forester, Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates (www.mnlakesandrivers.org/)

Christmas Lake in the Twin Cities area spends about \$35k annually to treat for milfoil. The Christmas Lake Association will be testing to see if a weevil native to Minnesota can be trained to eat Eurasian watermilfoil. Will this process work in Otter Tail County?



Weevil Tanks

The pilot is based on research by Dr. Sallie Sheldon, Middlebury College, VT. She has developed a process to catch native weevils, which usually feed on native northern milfoil exclusively, out of a lake, raise a generation in a lab and imprint them on the invasive Eurasian watermilfoil, and then release these weevils back into the lake to achieve some control of the invasive and costly plant.

Another focus will be to see if weevils have an impact on hybrid milfoil, a cross between the native milfoil and the invasive non-native eurasian milfoil. This new hybrid, which is present in Christmas Lake, has proven to be more resistant to chemical treatments. Joseph Schneider, Christmas Lake Association President, said, "Would love to get information on the affinity of the weevil for hybrid milfoil. We want to get this packaged into a kit so that lake associations throughout Minnesota could use this."

In 2012 and 2013 the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District began a three-year pilot, putting 30,000 weevils into the lake. The program was interrupted in 2014 when the company hired to do the work pulled out. Schneider said, "We started to see dramatic improvement a few years later. You could argue that milfoil is no longer a problem on Christmas Lake. Dr. Sheldon believes that another year or two of stocking will tip the balance."

This year the Christmas Lake Association is funding the weevil project, with much of the labor being done by volunteers from Blake School and Minnetonka Schools as well as school aged children from Christmas Lake. Next season, based on these results, other lake associations may pilot a weevil project to control Eurasian Watermilfoil.

Dr. Sheldon, Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR) and Paul Hamilton, an educator from Norway Lake, have been developing a curriculum that can be taken to schools to form partnerships between local schools and lake associations to add

summer enrichment programs for high school students. Forester said, "We are the land of ten thousand lakes. Minnesota should have the most robust water sciences program in the nation. This pilot and future efforts will work to bring schools and lakes together."

Data from the project is being compiled by Dr. Sheldon to improve and assess the protocol. The MN DNR has permitted the project and will be tracking results closely. Management of Aquatic Invasive Species, including costs, typically falls to local lake associations with little or no financial support from the state agency. Forester said, "Lake Associations in Minnesota pay millions every year for management of aquatic invasive species. A project like this could free up funding for other conservation projects and lake improvements such as fish stocking, buying conservation easements to protect water quality, building water trails or shore lunch sites and so forth."



MLR Milfoil Research

Dr. Sheldon said. "Anytime we can achieve control of an invasive species without impacting the native plants that is a win. We want to test to see if over time, Christmas Lake can achieve control of their invasive milfoil without having to treat the lake every year." "It is an exciting experiment", notes Forester.

Dr. Sheldon did her PhD work on Christmas Lake, and her return decades later represents a full circle. "I am thrilled to be back on Christmas Lake and excited about the opportunities created in Minnesota by engaged lake associations, science and professional resource managers."

Here is a link to the presentation Dr. Sheldon gave on the project at the Aquatic Invaders Summit in 2018: AIS in Schools – Curriculum to Engage Local Students. <https://vimeo.com/261443725/172e69bf98>.

Do you think this would work in Otter Tail County? Could the weevil help control the Eurasian Water Milfoil? Partnerships between lake associations and schools could formed and funding could be used in other areas. It sounds like it's worth trying.



Weevil Study Area For Students



Deer Lake Boat Parade on July 4th
Submitted by Jon Anderson

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!
Please submit to secretary@otlpoa.com and include a byline and brief description

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

Report Fish Kills
Just a reminder...If you see a fish kill this summer, please report it using this easy app: z.umn.edu/fishkill. This is an easy, helpful way to get involved with MAISRC research – it really makes a difference! When MAISRC receives a timely report of a fish kill, researchers are able to investigate the kill while it's still going on, which allows them to collect additional data and capture sick fish for improved analysis. This results in a much better chance of uncovering underlying diseases that may be causing the kill.
Fish kills that include carp are also very useful because they may help inform MAISRC research on harnessing pathogens to control invasive common carp. Researchers recently confirmed the presence of viruses KHV and CEV in Minnesota waters, which are lethal to carp. Learn more about this project at www.maisrc.umn.edu/report-fishkills

The pileated woodpecker is native to North America. It is one of the biggest, most striking forest birds and is nearly the size of a crow. Their main food is carpenter ants. They are known for digging unique rectangular holes in trees.



Fox Pileated Woodpecker at Long Lake.
Submitted by Kathleen Fox

2018 Art of the Lakes Studio Tour

The Art of the Lakes Studio Tour will be held on July 20, 21 & 22. Fifty-six artists in twenty-four studios will showcase their arts. This annual event is free and open to the public. For more information and map go to www.artofthelakes.org.

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 13-15	Henning Area Festival	Aug. 8-12	Looney Daze, Vergas
July 14-15	Phelps Mill Festival, Maine	Aug. 10	Ottertail Rod and Gun Derby
July 16-20	Swimming Lessons, Otter Tail Lake	Aug. 11	Otterfest, Ottertail
July 18-21	West Otter Tail County Fair, Fergus Falls	Aug. 11	100 Yr. Celebration for Amor Park, Amor
July 19	COLA Member Meeting*	Aug. 11	Art & Craft Affair, Battle Lake
July 19	Nitrate Testing Clinic, Fergus Falls	Aug. 16	COLA Member Meeting*
July 19-22	East Otter Tail County Fair, Perham	Aug. 17	World Famous Turkey BBQ, Henning
July 20-22	Art of the Lakes Studio Tour	Aug. 18	Watermelon Day, Vining
July 22	Discover God's Acres, Amor	Aug. 18-19	Pioneer Days, Perham
July 23-27	Swimming Lessons, Battle Lake	Aug. 21	Music in the Park, Ottertail
July 23-29	Dance BARN Festival, Battle Lake	Aug. 23	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
July 24	Music in the Park, Ottertail	Aug. 24-25	Barnesville Potato Days
July 26	OTLPOA Board Meeting*	Aug. 31- Sept. 3	Western MN Steam Threshers Reunion, Rollag
July 27	Nitrate Testing Clinic, Ottertail	Sept. 1	Gathering of the Airplanes, Battle Lake
July 27	Tuffy Nelson Golf Classic, Perham	Sept. 7	HHW Mobile Collection - New York Mills
July 27	Pebble Lake Youth Triathlon, Fergus Falls	Sept. 7-9	LRPTA, Dalton
July 28	Hoot Lake Triathlon, Fergus Falls	Sept. 20	COLA Member Meeting* TBD
July 28	Art in the Park, Pelican Rapids	Sept. 20	OTLPOA Board Meeting* TBD
July 28-29	Wenonga Days, Battle Lake	Sept. 22	Central Lakes Cycle Duathlon
July 30-Aug. 3	Swimming Lessons, Battle Lake	Oct. 6	I Outran the Hairy Man, Vergas
Aug. 3	Movies in Battle Lake, "Beauty & the Beast"	Oct. 12	Brewers Fest, Fergus Falls
Aug. 3-4	Perham Crazy Days, Perham	Oct. 25	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
Aug. 3-5	Flekkefest, Elbow Lake	Nov. 11	Turkey Trot, Fergus Falls
Aug. 5	Classic Car Show, Fergus Falls		
Aug. 7	Music in the Park, Ottertail		

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

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OTTER TAIL LAKE SUNSETS 3 season walkout with 2+BR and 2 baths, new kitchen with ash cabinets and stainless steel appliances, Corian countertops with tile backsplash, ceramic floors in kitchen and baths, main floor laundry, lakeside deck and patio, back patio, Irrigation system, drilled well, central air, 26x36 garage with upper level. Priced to sell. MLS #20-23935

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

Discover God's Acres

Sunday, July 22, 3-8pm

Walk or ride to see our different recreation/meditation areas

- 3-5pm "DISCOVER GODS ACRES"
- 3-5pm Register for prizes at each area on the map
- 3-3:30pm Disc Golf Demonstration followed by tournament if you wish
- 3-7pm Minnesota Viking tickets raffle available
- 3-9pm God's Acres T-shirt sales available \$10
- 5-6pm "Grill Fill" Amor Pork Hot Dogs
- 5:15pm Drawings
- 6-8pm Patrick Murphy Concert - Nashville Singer /Songwriter

All for a Free-Will Donation to help support God's Acres • Bring a chair

God's Acres is located adjacent to Zion Lutheran Church of Amor – 36051 Cty. Hwy. #74, Battle Lake, MN. Just off Cty. Hwy. #1. It's 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.

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. 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.

Recreational amenities with equipment include:

*A beautiful nine hole Disc golf course which winds through pine trees, a field of dreams and a berry hedge; a 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; an obstacle course for older children and more. There is a picnic area with a shelter in the playground. The playground is an absolute child and adult/child's dream and a must see.

Meditation amenities include:

*A prayer garden with a gazebo, fountain, roses and day lilies.

*A labyrinth for a quiet meditation walk in nature.

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.

History

The restored Shellman Home adjacent to God's Acres was built in the 1870's, where decisions shaping Amor township were made.

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.



PATRICK MURPHY
NASHVILLE SINGER/SONGWRITER

God's Acres at Zion Lutheran in Amor

Show Time: Sunday, July 22nd | 6-8^{pm}

Discover God's Acres

Demonstrations and Prizes 3-5^{pm}

Grill' Time 5-6^{pm}

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Golf Carts

Golf carts are required to have a permit and insurance to operate on city streets in Ottertail and to cross over any state highway. Anyone that operators a golf cart MUST BE 16 and HAVE A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE to drive on these roads.

Permits are available at City Hall for a cost of \$20 per year. Please remember to use these carts safely. Golf carts are a motorized vehicle and are not allowed on the multi-use bike/walking trail.

Otterfest...

Ottertail Rod and Gun Club Derby - August 10

The Ottertail Rod & Gun Club will host the Demo Derby in Ottertail on August 10 at 7pm. For more info go to ottertailrodandgunclub.com.

Otterfest - August 11

Enjoy a full day of Otterfest in Ottertail on August 11! Bring your whole family for this awesome event for all ages held rain or shine.

7:30am 5K RUN/WALK

Registration starts at 6:45am.

Proceeds go to A Measure of Healing Heart for Childhood Cancer. For more info and to pre-register go to www.ameasureofhealinghearts.org

7:30-11am PANCAKE BREAKFAST

at the Ottertail Community Center. Sponsored by the Ottertail Lions

9 am VENDOR SHOW & FACE PAINTING

Contact Alex R. by email alexr@hilltoplumber.com

10am-3pm INFLATABLES

at the Ottertail Park. Sponsored by Perham Health Ottertail Clinic

10AM CLASSIC CAR SHOW

For info or entries: Stacey Olson 218-731-1400, Entry fee \$20

11am BIG PARADE

Parade line-up by the water tower at 10AM. For info or entries: Lisa 218-371-7181 or email lisa.augustus@hotmail.com

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Twenty-three people were in attendance for the Long Lake Annual Meeting. The meeting was held on June 23 at the Ottertail Community Center and included a potluck.
Submitted by Lynn Cave

Vining Watermelon Days - August 18

Vining will celebrate it's 46th Annual Watermelon Day Event on Saturday, August 18. Enjoy a full day of fun, activities and food. (Many food options will be available.)

- 5/10K Run/Walk begins the day with registration at 6:30am and the race at 8am. More info is available at www.runforthemelon.com

- Arts and Craft Show 9am-4pm
- Free watermelon beginning at 11am

- The Children's Theatre will present a play "Robin Hood" at 11am at the Community Center

- Bingo begins at noon
- Musical Entertainment will be provided throughout the day by two groups, "Nathan's Old Time Band" and "Piano Memories" by Steve Worner

- Activities for children include: a petting zoo, pony rides, inflatables and children's games (1:30)

- Parade at 7pm

Following the parade the Nidaros Women host a Pie and Ice Cream Social at the Community Center. Raffle tickets costing \$20.00 have been sold prior to the event and there will be a drawing for the generous cash prizes as the Parade ends.

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Glendalough State Park Events

Glendalough State Park will be hosting Beginning Canoeing, Nature Explorations: Wild Wednesday Junior Naturalists Programs and Archery in the Park. Here's the dates:

Beginning Canoeing*

Dates: Wednesdays, 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: 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: 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.

*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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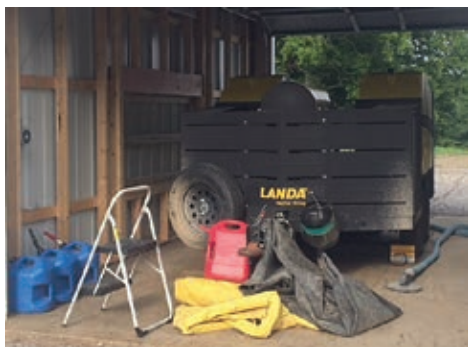
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Wright County Approved Precedent-Setting Pilot Program Last Summer: Should Otter Tail Do the Same?



MANDATORY, CENTRALIZED INSPECTION AND DECONTAMINATION TO ENSURE PROTECTION AGAINST THE SPREAD OF AIS

With more than 3,500 public lake access sites and almost 900,000 watercraft statewide, new ordinance is a major step forward

Submitted by Jeff Forester, Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates (www.mnlakesandrivers.org/)

Last summer, The Wright County Board unanimously approved what could be a precedent-setting, pilot program in Minnesota's fight against Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) calling for mandatory, centralized inspection and decontamination to help prevent and protect against the spread of the dreaded invaders, including zebra mussels, starry stonewort and others. This summer, the program hit the lake water areas where new inspections and a decontamination station are set up. Faced with AIS issues of its own, should Otter Tail Country consider a similar measure?

In the past, programs to control aquatic invasive species have focused primarily on individual boat accesses. But with over 3,000 public boat ramps, untold private and commercial ramps, and almost 900,000 registered watercraft in Minnesota, these efforts have been able to reduce and slow the spread, but not stop it.

Ordinance Amendment 1701 was passed unanimously at the Wright County board's June 27, 2017 meeting, creating a mandatory inspection requirement prior to launch at four lakes in Wright County: East and West Lake Sylvia, Lake John and Pleasant Lake. Lake Sylvia currently has an infestation of starry stonewort. The Ordinance is based on Minnesota Statute 84D, which was amended in 2012 to allow for a mandatory, regional

inspection/decontamination programs and created funding for County-based AIS prevention aid. The DNR approved the Wright plan this spring.

"AIS is an Imminent and Irrevocable Threat to Water Resources, Property Values, Enjoyment and Habitability of the Community"

Last year's vote was followed by a standing ovation and congratulatory comment from District 1 Commissioner Christine Husom: "Mr. Chair, I don't think I've ever seen a grassroots effort that has moved this quickly or this effectively...they have been just so diligent."

"By adopting this resolution, the Wright County Commissioners are not only showing a commitment to preserving the valuable, local lake-based economy and tax base, but providing an example to other local governments a practical first step to an efficient mandatory regional inspection program," explained Jeff Forester, Executive Director of on the non-profit Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLRA) and a key proponent of the new Wright County pilot program, as well as the 2012 state legislation

Assistant County Attorney Greg Kryzer presented the ordinance, noting that the measure had the support of both his office and the Wright County Sheriff's office. The ordinance's purpose and intent were to try to gain greater control of the problem with a workable solution: "The County of Wright



finds that the uncontrolled spread of aquatic invasive species poses an imminent and irrevocable threat to the water resources, property values, enjoyment and habitability of the community."

Whole Country Watching this Pilot Program, Notes Scientific Expert


Despite some push from small vocal minority of anglers, the new system is operating well and being closed watched.

"DNR estimates that regional inspections are 10 times more cost-effective than working a limited number of boat ramps," adds Chris Hector, President of the Greater Lake Sylvia Association, who framed the goals of the new ordinance. "Many of the people working on this project are not from the affected lakes, but from the wider lake community of the state who believe that this is an opportunity to leverage and make more effective use of our taxpayer dollars. This is our opportunity to show the legislature that they made the right choice when it funded the counties to be innovative and to find better, more localized ways to combat AIS."

Dr. John Rogers, an international scientific expert on algae from Clemson University, who spoke in favor of the Ordinance, noted, "This is a very interesting pilot project. The entire country is watching this situation."

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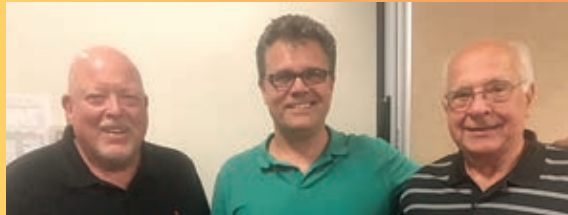


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Both Underwood Lions and Birak Shrine Club are donating a portion of their proceeds to the Battle Lake Fire and Rescue and the Underwood Fire and Rescue.



Rob Bope, Jeff Forester, Bernie Steeves attended a meeting about the Pilot Program

Goals and What To Expect When Going To The Wright Inspection Site

The goal of the Wright Regional Water-Related Equipment Inspection Program is to improve Wright County's success of preventing new introductions of aquatic invasive species (AIS). The program requires free entry inspections prior to launching water-related equipment at accesses on lakes, Sylvia (east and west), John and Pleasant, near the city of Annandale.

The Commissioners have passed an ordinance making it a requirement for all boats, trailers, docks, lifts, and other water-related equipment to be inspected at the regional station before launching into Sylvia, John and Pleasant. The inspection takes place at a convenient site near the lakes, at 1300 Business Blvd, Annandale, MN. The inspections/decontaminations are done at no charge.

This pilot program has plans to expand the number of lakes in the program, and by starting small, the program can easily be adjusted to keep things running smoothly.

During the free inspection, an inspector will visually and tactilely inspect your boat and trailer for AIS. You may be required to undergo a hot water decontamination, which is also provided at no charge. After, you will receive a Certificate of Inspection to place on the dashboard of the tow vehicle. Your watercraft will be zip-tied to the trailer and after launch, the zip tie seal must be placed in the collection box at the landing.

If someone does not get an inspection before entering these three lakes they will be subject to a fine—up to \$1,000—if they are found to have launched their water-related equipment and didn't have the proof of inspection and zip tie seal placed in the box at the launch.

There are two exceptions to the inspection requirement. They are non-motorized carry-in watercraft such as canoes, kayaks, or paddleboards; and watercraft, boats, lifts, and docks stored in the riparian area of the lake and not transported over public roads.

Blanche Lake Water Parade Held On July 4th

There were close to 40 participants. Every type of boat could be seen in the parade... pontoons, speed boats, fishing boats, jet skis... decorated in red, white and blue!



These are pictures taken from the boat while watching the people cheer on the Blanche Lake Parade participants.



Blanche Lake Boat Parade Sign



Submitted by Ken Wentz




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A major gust of wind took down this boat and tore the canopy from the lift. This happened on July 4 at about 9:30 in the morning on Lake Blanche. Submitted by Ken Wentz

This proposed amendment is an addition to the current Dock Ordinance. This information can be found at <https://www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/1098/Ordinances-Policies>.

Dock and Riparian Use Ordinance Under Review

Dock and Riparian Use Ordinance II. Regulations

F. In order to comply with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 84D. Invasive Species, a dock, pier, wharf, or boatlift may not be placed in waters of the state unless:

1. The dock, pier, wharf, or boatlift, is new and has never been in a body of water, or;
2. The dock, pier, wharf, or boatlift, is being moved from one location to another in the same body of water, or;
3. The dock, pier, wharf, or boatlift is registered with the Otter Tail County Land and

Resource Management Office. Registration of the dock, pier, wharf or boatlift must include the owners name, the location (E-911 address) and the date the dock, pier, wharf or boatlift was removed from the water. All docks, piers, wharfs, or boatlifts must remain dry for 21 days before it may be placed in another body of water.

Boating While Intoxicated

In Minnesota and across the nation, boating while intoxicated (BWI) is the leading contributing factor in boating accidents and fatalities. Of the 12 fatal boating accidents that occurred last year in Minnesota, six involved alcohol. Over the past five years, alcohol has been a factor in about 44 percent of boating fatalities.

"People who operate a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs are a danger to themselves and other boaters," said Lt. Adam Block, DNR Enforcement boating law administrator. "We have zero tolerance for anyone found operating a boat while under the influence.

While failure to wear life jackets is the reason the majority of fatal boating accidents turn deadly, being intoxicated often is what causes people to end up in the water in the first place. The legal blood alcohol limit for boaters is .08, but public safety officials encourage boaters to leave alcohol on shore and boat sober on "dry water."

"Minnesota has some of the strongest BWI laws in the country, which should send a message to boaters about the seriousness with which officers take intoxicated boating," Block said.

Boaters convicted of BWI face fines up to \$1,000 for a first offense, possible jail time, impoundment of their boat and trailer, and the loss of boat-operating privileges for the first 90 days during the boating season. Intoxicated boaters with prior BWI convictions, who have a child under 16 years old on board, or who have a blood alcohol content of 0.16 may be charged with a gross misdemeanor or felony crime and subjected to higher monetary fines, mandatory jail time, loss of driver's license, loss of vehicle plates, and forfeiture of their boat and trailer.

For more information on boating safety, visit www.mndnr.gov/boatingsafety

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Ladies' Bible Study - 3rd Thursday
Men's Prayer Breakfast - 1st Saturday 7:00 am
Potluck Dinner - 2nd Sunday

First Baptist (ABC) - Battle Lake
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Lynn Hansen, Pastor—651-485-7378
www.firstbaptistbattlelake.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Fellowship & refreshments 10:30 am

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 

Saturday Mass 4:00 pm, May 1 - October 1
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LUTHERAN

Bethel Lutheran Church
Battle Lake Campus:
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218-862-4903
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Website: bethellutheran.church

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blfirstlutheran.org
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LUTHERAN

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Zion Lutheran - ELCA
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Hwy. 1 & 74, 10 miles north of Battle Lake
James Gronbeck, Pastor • Church—218-495-2563
Email: zionamoroffice@prtcl.com
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Fellowship & refreshments between services
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Fellowship & refreshments after service
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Richville United Methodist Church
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Coffee Fellowship following Worship 2nd & 4th Sunday

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Pet Ordinance Reminders

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A proposed ordinance is under review and can be downloaded at www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/1098/Ordinances-Policies. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public from animals with a history of inflicting bodily injury upon humans and to protect the public from animals from exposure to rabies.

Under the ordinance what is a Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous Dog

“Dangerous dog” means any dog that has:

1. Without provocation, inflicted substantial bodily harm on a human being on public or private property;
2. Killed a domestic animal without provocation while off the owner's property; or
3. Been found to be potentially dangerous, and after the owner has notice that the dog is potentially dangerous, the dog aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals.

“Potentially dangerous dog” means any dog that:

1. When unprovoked, inflicts bites on a human or domestic animal on public or private property;
2. When unprovoked, chases or approaches a person, including a person on a bicycle, upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public or private property, other than the dog owner's property, in an apparent attitude of attack; or
3. Has a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, causing injury or otherwise threatening the safety of humans or domestic animals.

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Blanche Lake fun. Submitted by Jackie Hochstein



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Some of the reoccurring events each year are the Crazy Days sales on Friday and Saturday at all the businesses, along with the craft vendors, and delicious food. There is also a community picnic on Friday night at Veterans Park known as Flekke-feast.

Saturday the fun continues with the 5K Walk/Run & 1K Kids Fun Run, Fly-In,

Softball Tournament, Arts & Crafts, Pony Rides/Petting Zoo, Farmer's Market and live music downtown. The parade starts at 5pm and ends at Veterans Park with another community picnic. There will also be music and other forms of entertainment. Don't forget to stick around for the fireworks at dusk.

Sunday morning church services will be held at 10am at the Park followed by the annual Elbow Lake Lions Fish Fry at the Fire Hall. And please stop by and meet the folks from Norway and our sister city – Flekkefjord.

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This really made a difference last year. Starry Trek participants found an early infestation of starry stonewort in Grand Lake, which lead to the lake association and the Minnesota DNR rapidly mobilizing to hand-pull the infestation. Initial results from this

early intervention are very promising.

The closest rendezvous sites in this area are Detroit Lakes and Alexandria. In Detroit Lakes, the rendezvous site will start at the Becker County Soil & Water District, 809 8th St SE, Detroit Lakes, MN. This site is hosted by Becker SWCD. In Alexandria, the rendezvous site will start at Douglas County Public Works, 526 Willow Dr., Alexandria, MN. This site will be hosted by Hosted by Douglas County Land and Resource Management.

Please register by August 10th, to ensure enough complimentary volunteer totes and refreshments are available. Late registrations are welcome, but your tote is not guaranteed. Individuals under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Youth organizations (scouts, 4-H, etc) that wish to participate as a group may do so with advance notice. Upon registration you will be provided with contact information for the host coordinator for the site you registered for.

Register now at www.eventbrite.com/e/starry-trek-2018-tickets-47027802423?aff=ebdssbdstsearch. For more information contact Megan Weber at mmweber@umn.edu.



**Andrew Hanson,
grandson of
Helen Momsen caught
this
29-1/2" northern on
Blanche Lake.
Submitted by
Linda Voss**




Long Lake 4th of July Parade - held July 7th on Sugar Maple Drive



9 floats were in the Long Lake parade and 110 property owners with their families came for Root Beer Floats. This block party was sponsored by the LLRPOA. Submitted by Lynn Cave





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We will wrap up with a lunch and learn session on dry land (lunch is provided). The registration fee is \$35. Two workshops will be held: Moose Lake in Beltrami County on Friday, July 27 (register at <https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2486305>) and Lake Koronis in Stearns County on August 4 (register at <https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2486304>)



*Just relaxing and reading and enjoying the nice weather on Fourth of July.
 Submitted by Ken Wentz*



*Smallest toad that we have ever seen on the road.
 Submitted by Ken Wentz*



Quality Time With The Kiddos

Fred Rizk cut wood out of cedar from his old cottage, put the nails in part way and let the kids (4 and 6 yrs. old) pound the nails in the rest of the way. The kids drilled 6 vent holes and the entrance with a manual hand drill. These houses were built for wrens and nuthatches. They all had fun with this project especially Fred!

Submitted by Fred Rizk

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Amor	Walker	Seas/Rec Improved	Ver Steeg, Bruce & Joan	Brooks Stefani, Heather/Kothe, Michael	\$248,700
Amor	Walker	Residential < 4 Units	Danielson, Judith A. & Leroy S.	Stromlund, Elaine & Loren E.	\$187,900
Amor	Otter Tail	Resorts	The Lodge On Otter Tail Lake, LLC	Buttke, Roger	\$172,000
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Blanche Lake
Submitted by Fred Rizk

Invasive Species

Every lake is just one person's irresponsibility away from an invasive species infestation. It could be the next boat trailered to the lake, the next kayak, or a dock moved in from an infested lake that causes the infestation.

Unfortunately two new lakes have been confirmed as have Zebra Mussels by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources- Jewett Lake in Otter Tail County and Floyd Lake in Becker County.

Swimmers reported finding two adult zebra mussels on Jewett Lake. "It's helpful when people recreating or working on a lake contact the DNR when they find a suspected invasive species," DNR assistant invasive species specialist Mark Ranweiler said.

Watershed district staff alerted the DNR to the discovery of an adult zebra mussel attached to a native clam in Floyd Lake.

Did you know...with Minnesota's 13 million acres of surface water, infestation IS NOT inevitable. Less than 7 percent of Minnesota's more than 11,000 lakes are infested with an invasives species and only about 3 percent of Minnesota lakes are listed as infested with zebra mussels. That is about 155 lakes. Prevention works.

Whether or not a lake is listed as infested,

Minnesota law requires boaters and anglers to:

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

Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody:

- Spray with high-pressure water.
- Rinse with very hot water (120 degrees Fahrenheit for at least two minutes or 140 degrees for at least 10 seconds).
- Dry for at least five days.

Zebra mussels can compete with native species for food and habitat, cut the feet of swimmers, reduce the performance of boat motors, and cause expensive damage to water intake pipes.

People should contact an area DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if they think they have found zebra mussels or any other invasive species.

More information is available at mndnr.gov/ais.

Fight The Spread Of Aquatic Invaders... Be A Hero, Transport Zero!!!

- Remove all weeds from your watercraft and equipment before leaving the lake access to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- Drain all water from your watercraft before leaving the lake access to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- Clean off and let your dock, lift, or raft dry for 21 days before moving to another lake or river to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- Use decontamination stations to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.



Even the dog enjoys a paddle boat ride.
Submitted by Ken Wentz


Free Nitrate Water-Testing Clinic

Friday, July 27, 10am-3pm
Ottertail Community Center
93 Lake Avenue South, Ottertail, MN

Homeowners who use private wells for their drinking water should test for nitrates on a regular basis. Bring at least one-half cup of water in either a clean plastic or glass container or Ziploc-type bag to the nitrate testing clinic. To get a good sample, allow the water to run 5 to 10 minutes before filling the container.

If you have questions please call Ben Underhill, East Otter Tail SWCD Water Planner
218-346-4260 x120

Nitrate Clinics are sponsored by the MDA and the East and West Otter Tail SWCDs





All days at the lake are fun days!!!
Submitted by Scott Simdorn

Who Do I Call? Contact the DNR Information Center at 888-646-6367

- 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



Bring on the rapids!!!
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*Hot doggin' on the jumbo dog on the Fourth of July afternoon.
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*Beautiful sunset.
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