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A group of friendly AIS inspectors at the Sportsman Access on Otter Tail lake. They are assisting to keep our lakes clean and beautiful!



Steve Mouritsen, Your Newest OTLPOA Director

Steve Mouritsen is the newest director of OTLPOA. Steve

and his wife, Branda, have been married for 26 years and have 4 children, Callen, Dalton, Nycole and Kendal. Next year they will have three of their children in college and one in high school.

Steve has been around lake life since he was young. While growing up he spent his summers at the family cabin on Otter Tail Lake and for the past 20 years he and Branda have owned a cabin on Round Lake.

Steve has lived in Fergus Falls for 15 years and has worked for Wells Fargo in Enterprise Information Technology for the past 16 years.

Steve was asked, 'What you would you like to see happen in OTLPOA?' His response was, "He would like to keep focusing on water safety for kids and AIS education."

If you see Steve, thank him for stepping up and taking on a director's position.

Welcome Steve!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association

ANNUAL MEETING Saturday, June 29

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29 at Zion Lutheran Church in Amor. Rolls from Ottertail Bakery along with juice and coffee will be served at 8:30am and a meeting will follow at 9am.

The guest speaker will be Betty Murphy, from the Otter Tail County Commission. She will be speaking on the updated county policies and regulations.

Here's your chance to "Be Informed". Learn more about what your Lake Association is doing and ask questions. Also you can share your new ideas and thoughts so the entire Association can benefit.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

A decontamination unit is located at Otter Tail Lake East Public Access (off of MN highway #78) 7 days a week 7am-5pm. This is a free service for boaters to clean, drain & dispose. This will help to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS).

For more info go to <https://ottertailcountymn.us/departments/aquatic-invasive-species/>



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President's Corner



*Scott
Simdorn
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As of this writing we have a little over 950 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 your association and the work it does. We would like to see 1100 plus members this year.

The membership committee has processed these memberships. Some of you had comments and concerns listed on your membership form. These items will be reviewed by the board and grouped into categories which will be featured in future issues of the Lakeshore News. Please be patient as this takes time. Keep in mind the membership committee has 1000 or so forms to review.

As of this writing in early June we

have not sighted any tent caterpillars on any of our association lakes. The end of May, first week in June, are typical times for sightings. We have local tree services, DNR, and private individuals monitoring for them. There have been sightings on other lakes not in our association. If it's determined spraying is required all association lakes will be sprayed. At this point only about 600 property owners out of 1800 have participated in this program. We would like to see this participation much greater. The cost of spraying our association lakes is over 20K. At this point we are short of that amount. 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. If there isn't enough support, we will have to eliminate this program. For those of you who haven't seen the devastation caused by these "worms", please ask any neighbor who was around before the spraying program was started.

Coming up July 22-26 and July 29-August 2 the Foundation will be sponsoring their annual Red Cross swimming lessons on Otter Tail Lake. 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 by the Foundation once the attendee passes the class. This is done on the last day at the swim site.

Our annual meeting is coming up on June 29th at Zion Lutheran Church. Coffee/rolls will be served at 8:30am along with a short meeting at 9am. We will be having a guest speaker from the Otter Tail County Commission, Betty Murphy. She will be speaking on updated county policies and regulations. Please make plans to attend and enjoy some coffee and rolls with your fellow members.

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 the 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! Please remember them not just on Memorial Day, but all year long!

Have a great summer,

Scott

Second Round Of Funding

Submitted by Daniel Olson State of Minnesota.

The University of Minnesota Onsite Sewage Treatment Program received a second round of funding through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health to offer educational homeowner classes in 2019 and 2020 across Minnesota. These classes will cover how septic systems and wells function and the required maintenance and testing. Over the last 2 years, over 700 people attended the course and the reviews from citizens have been very positive. The class provides basic information on chemicals of emerging concern including pharmaceuticals and personal care products and the potential impact on septic systems and groundwater.

One key aspect to make these events successful is the local marketing. The UMN is again hoping to collaborate with local programs including counties, wastewater management districts, homeowner associations, or other similar organization who would be interested in hosting and marketing the homeowner classes.

For more information on this training program, please visit: <https://septic.umn.edu/septic-system-owners/trainingevents>

Please contact Sara Heger at sheger@umn.edu or 612-625-7243 if you are interested in more information.

There will be additional workshops held but they have not been scheduled as of the printing of this issue.

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Scott Simdorn's grandson, Emmett Haan is holding the fish. His buddy, Ben Wilson, is Scott and DeAnn Boll's grandson.

Submitted by Scott Simdorn

Water Connects Us All *By Jeff Forester*

Jeff Forester is the Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (www.mnlakesandrivers.org)

On June 17 and 18th Cass County will host a gathering of lake leaders and public officials from across Minnesota to address various critical issues facing the state's natural resources, while also exploring possible partnership solutions at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker, MN. Minnesota DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen (who has a cabin with her husband Jon on the Wabedo Chain) will deliver the plenary over lunch on June 18. That afternoon there will be a number of field trips to see nearby projects that Cass County and their partners have accomplished to protect Cass County's precious lakes and rivers. (See Full Schedule* below).

Despite the emphasis on Cass County, the "Water Connects Us All Conference" is drawing people from across the state concerned about protecting our natural water resources and all the attendant issues, from lakeshore property to aquatic invasive species (AIS) and more. The event is part of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR) 25th Anniversary year celebration, a tireless non-profit organization that has become an effective voice at the state legislature and on-the-ground across the state to protect water and provide lakeshore owners, anglers and others the ways to safeguard recreation and property, plus the various industries and communities tied to Minnesota's natural resources and its tourism industry that provided jobs and generate over \$12 billion annually.

All progress on water issues is due to partnerships. And this event, in particular, celebrates the great partners in Cass County.

If We Want to Protect Family Time at the Lake, We Need to Address a Lot of Issues Including Pollution, Changing Water Temperature and Hydrology, Fisheries Issues and, of course, AIS

On Monday evening, participants will also celebrate the founding of MLR in 1994. The non-profit was originally formed by a group of cabin owners on Lake Vermilion who were concerned that rapidly escalating property tax pressure would soon make a place at the lake unaffordable for the average Minnesotan. "Heritage has always driven our mission," Forester explained. "But now, if we want to protect family time at the lake, we need to address a lot of issues including pollution, changing water temperature and hydrology, fisheries issues and, of course, aquatic invasive species."

Tuesday morning will feature a showcase of some of the many positive programs and projects lake associations have initiated across Minnesota, and the partnerships they have built to protect the resources in their care. This event is intended to build civic infrastructure around water in Minnesota. The partners who helped host this event are a case in point. All contributed to making this event happen:

- Cass County Environmental Services
- Northern Lights Casino
- Pine River Watershed Alliance
- The Pine River Watershed Alliance
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- MN DNR
- MN COLA

Linda Blake, President of the Association of Cass County Lakes, has noted that by bringing people from across the state to the county, it will help shine a light on the projects, partnerships and efforts being done by lake associations in Cass County to protect lakes, and to learn about the good work others are doing elsewhere as well. It's going to be a solid learning experience, in other words, that we all might be able to implement in the future.

Linda and the ACCL have been a crucial partner and lead organizer in making this event this happen. Cass County is a real leader in water protection. The people in the county, and the many professional resource managers and policy makers, not only will be hosting the rest of the state's lake advocates, but providing a blueprint to so many innovative and forward-thinking programs and policies.

Tickets for the two-day event, including meals, are reasonable priced at \$30. They are available to members of MLR, MN COLA (Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations, or ACCL (Association of Cass County Lakes) on the MLR website at www.mnlakesandrivers.org.

*FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR "WATER CONNECTS US ALL CONFERENCE"

Monday, June 17

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| 4:00 pm | Cash Bar and Music |
| 4:45 pm | Welcome |
| 5:00 pm | Legislative Update and Walleye Dinner |
| 6:00 pm | Senator Carrie Rudd (R) Dist. 10, Chair, Env. and Natural Resources Policy Committee |
| 6:15 pm | Rep. John Persell (DFL) Dist. 5A, Chair, Env. and Natural Resources Policy Committee |
| 6:30 pm | Paul Huttner, MPR Meteorologist; "Changing Weather Patterns and the Impacts on our Lakes and Rivers" |

Tuesday, June 18

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|----------------|--|
| 8:00 am | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:00-11:30 am | Showcase; Presentations of projects lake folks are doing across Minnesota. |
| 9:30-10:00 am | MLR Annual Business Meeting; MLR members only |
| 10:00-11:00 am | MN COLA Business Meeting; MN COLA members only |
| 11:30-12 noon | Resort Ambassador Program; Collaboration, Cass, Itasca & Lake Vermilion Assoc. |
| 12:00 noon | Buffet Lunch and Plenary; DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen |
| 1:00-2:00 pm | Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL); Showcase Presentation |
| 2:00-4:00 pm | Field Trips include master water steward trip on Leech Lake, kayaking and canoeing trip with fisheries specialists and more. |

DNR Continues Aggressive Starry Stonewort Management

Agency, partner organizations, anglers and boaters working together to limit spread

As the 2019 fishing and boating season gets underway, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is continuing and expanding a multi-faceted approach to combating the spread of starry stonewort, an aquatic invasive species.

The agency is issuing permits for pilot projects, working with local governments and lake associations, and partnering with researchers to limit starry stonewort in Minnesota after it was first confirmed in the state in 2015. This first confirmation was in Lake Koronis in Stearns County.

"Our main goals are to help prevent spread to other lakes, suppress starry stonewort in the 13 Minnesota lakes where it has been confirmed, reduce the recreational impacts and learn more about how we can control it," said Heidi Wolf, DNR invasive species program supervisor.

Efforts include control of starry stonewort using hand removal, equipment, and copper herbicide treatments; evaluating the relative effectiveness of these methods; learning more about the biology of starry stonewort; working with lake associations and volunteer groups for early detection and monitoring; and educating boaters and anglers about how to prevent spreading starry stonewort and other invasive species. The DNR formed a starry stonewort guidance group in 2017 to review, permit and evaluate control projects.

Monitoring and research efforts have led to important new information:

- Starry stonewort may double or triple in size within two to three years in a lake, once it becomes well established.

- Hand removal by divers in small, localized areas appears to be effective, if done carefully. Repeated hand-pulling efforts or follow-up copper treatments may be necessary. Similar to other invasive plants in Minnesota, starry stonewort requires management on an annual basis if suppression is the goal.

- Repeat copper treatments can reduce abundance and slow spread in a given season. Most native plant communities have seen minimal impacts from copper treatments, though a native type of algae that looks similar to starry stonewort, Chara, has been damaged by treatments.

The DNR's partners in these efforts include the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, the AIS Detectors group through University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota Sea Grant, Wildlife Forever, lake associations and Minnesota counties with invasive species prevention programs.

Starry stonewort is an alga that looks similar to other native plants and can form dense mats, which can interfere with use of a lake and compete with native plants. It is most likely spread when fragments have not been properly cleaned from trailered boats, personal watercraft, docks, boat lifts, anchors or other water-related equipment.

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Bear Spotted



This bear was spotted in a yard on the Otter Tail River (just below the dam) on June 7. Photo by Mark Holl

New Dock And Riparian Use Ordinance

To comply with the Otter Tail County Dock and Riparian Use Ordinance, a dock, pier, wharf, or boatlift must be registered with the Otter Tail County Land & Resource Management Office before being moved from one body of water to another.

Registration is free and easy. Call Otter Tail County at: 218-998-8113.

Farmers Market In Battle Lake

The Farmers Market is held Saturday mornings from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend in Battle Lake. You can find locally grown produce and handmade crafts.

For more information, or follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/blfarmersmarket/>

OTLPOA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you did not receive a renewal form you are encouraged to let us know immediately. Renewal forms can be found in this issue - please fill out and mail to PO Box 21, Battle Lake, MN 56515 or you can visit www.OTLPOA.com and under the membership section pay online.

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

APR. 25TH - 7:00pm at the Ottortail Community Center

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by president Simdorn. Members present: Wentz, Steeves, Kemling, Fetters, Hunke, Snyder, Cave, Bope, and Ness. Absent: Rizk, Anderson, Gedde, Mouritsen

Approval of Agenda - Unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Minutes - Unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Bills - Approved unanimously as distributed

Midweek \$1,242.47

MN Lakes and Rivers \$300.00

OT Power \$1,554.96

West Central deposit \$50.00

Presidents Report - Pres. Simdorn introduced Chris LeClaire, Director of Land and Resource. He replaces Bill Kalar who retired.

Committee Reports

Membership - Snyder reported we are at 893 members. More in latest mail. Committee will be working on plan to receive and process mail/membership letters over the winter. Discussed getting GIS lists from county. Chris LeClaire offered to help obtain.

Auditing/Finance - Will report next meeting after audit of books is done. Discussed money owed to Foundation from last year.

DNR/GOV'T - Steeves reported that a DECON unit will be at Sportsman Access for the summer with 5 more added throughout Otter Tail County. New dock

and lift ordinance will be emailed to the members we have emails for. Kemling reported that Rep. Nornes will support AIS surcharge of 15.00 increase to 3 yr. boat license, this will be included in the omnibus bill.

Water Testing/COLA - Water testers should have their kits. Dan Carlisle agreed to water test for Otter Tail Lake.

Communications - Wentz requested payment of 250.00 for map insert in Lakeshore News. Approved by board.

Bope reported that our website is being updated with worm policy information.

WORM - Steeves reported that worm letter will be out by May 1st. It includes a reminder that if no payment is made their property will not be sprayed.

Foundation - Steeves reported they will be discussing LID at their next meeting.

Rearing Pond - Bope reported that WCI is recommending that 1/2 of the 90,000.00 needed should be acquired before going public with request for donations.

Social - Ness reported that committee will meet to plan for annual meeting.

Old business - Donations from 2018 were approved.

New Business - Annual meeting will be held June 29th. Continental breakfast at 8:30am meeting at 9:00am.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm. Next meeting is May 23rd at 7:00pm.

That's Quite A Stringer Jocelyn Marvin, granddaughter of Sue & Dave Sethre

Submitted by
Rob Bope



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Even The Mergansers Were Being Patriotic On Memorial Day

Submitted by
Ken Wentz



Volunteers Needed In Otter Tail County For DNR Loon Survey

Volunteers are needed for one morning between **Fri., June 28 & Mon., July 8**

Submitted by
Kristi Coughlon,
Public Information Officer
– Northwest Region,
Minnesota Department of
Natural Resources



The common loon has made the journey from its wintering area in the Gulf of Mexico to its nesting area in Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is looking for citizens to help count loons on a number of lakes in Otter Tail County to assist them in assessing the health of the population. The survey period takes place June 28 - July 8.

Volunteers can now sign up to survey using a new online system, which offers an interactive map that shows what lakes need volunteers. Volunteers create an account, add a lake(s) they want to survey to their "cart" and check out.

The time commitment is 30 minutes to four hours per lake, depending on the size of the lake. Surveyors visit a lake once between 5 a.m. and noon on one day during the monitoring period. Surveys can be conducted from shore or by boat or canoe,

depending on the size and visibility of the lake. DNR will provide detailed instructions, training materials, maps and a data form.

This survey offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while being part of a team of volunteers and fellow loon lovers monitoring 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 information on Minnesota's Loon Monitoring Program, loon survey procedures and links to the interactive map, visit mndnr.gov/eco/nongame/projects, or contact Nettie Cole, DNR Northwest Region, at 218-308-2462 or nettie.cole@state.mn.us.

WORMS

As of the printing of this issue of Lakeshore News there has not been a significant sighting of worms on OTLPOA lakes. Although there have been sightings on other lakes, there has not been an abundance on our lakes. If it's determined spraying is required all association lakes will be sprayed.

Free E-Waste Disposal Event

Otter Tail County is holding a free E-Waste Disposal Event on Saturday, June 15, 9am-3pm. Acceptable E-Waste includes: TV's, DVD/VCR players, cell phones & accessories, printers, fax machines, computers & accessories (keyboards, mouse, etc.), monitors and satellite/cable receivers.

There is a limit five of E-Waste items per person and no hazardous waste will be accepted. To drop off items you must be an OTC resident or property owner and proof of residence may be required. The event is for residential E-waste only - No business/commercial E-waste will be accepted.

E-Waste Drop-Off Locations:

Battle Lake Transfer Station - 36005 MN State Hwy 210 • 218-864-8666
Fergus Falls Transfer Station - 275 Airport Rd., Fergus Falls • 218-998-8920
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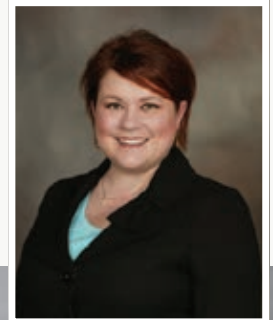
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**Check This
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**Jocelyn Marvin,
granddaughter of
Sue and Dave Sethre
of Otter Tail Lake,
with her 41", 25 lb.
sturgeon.**

Submitted by Rob Bope

DNR Continues Aggressive Starry Stonewort Management continued from Page 3

The DNR reminds boaters and anglers to follow Minnesota laws to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- **Clean** aquatic plants and animals from watercraft.
- **Drain** all water by removing drain plugs and keep drain plugs out while transporting watercraft.
- **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, especially after leaving infested waters:

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

Details about starry stonewort and other aquatic invasive species are available at mndnr.gov/ais.

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4 Simple Tips For Hosting An Owl In Your Backyard

Source www.birdsandblooms.com/birding/bird-species/birds-of-prey/attract-host-owls-backyard/#.XPU9Tkx1v0E.email

Owls are both popular and mysterious. They're so obscure, in fact, that most people report they've never seen one in real life, let alone a backyard owl. But some kinds of owls come into suburban neighborhoods and city parks, and you might even be able to attract owls to your backyard if you follow these four tips.

1. Provide shelter.

Most kinds of owls like to hide inside dense cover during the day and venture out only at night. Evergreen trees provide this kind of shelter year-round. Depending on where you live, ideal choices include pine, spruce or juniper; check with a local native plant nursery to find out which grows best in your region. Eventually you may find long-eared owls, northern saw-whet owls, great horned owls or other species nestled away among the branches, sleeping the day away.

2. Offer nest sites.

Eastern screech-owls are common and widespread east of the Rockies, with western screech-owls replacing them farther west, and both often lurk in towns and cities. However, to nest and raise young, they need cavities such as woodpecker holes or natural hollows in trees. If you can safely leave dead trees or large dead limbs standing, these often have holes that owls use. Otherwise, screech-owls use nest boxes designed for wood ducks or American kestrels, with an entrance hole at least 3 inches in diameter. In cooler climates, the northern saw-whet owl also adopts nest

boxes, although it favors a 2-inch entrance hole.

Some larger owls also nest in cavities, including barn and barred owls. If you live in farm country, you may be able to place a barn owl box at the edge of open fields or in a barn loft. Barred owls favor dense, swampy woods,

and they like boxes that are high in trees. You can also buy nest boxes designed for screech-owls or larger owls, or build your own. Check out theraptortrust.org for building plans, advice on placement and more.

3. Say no to insecticides.

To successfully lure owls to your space, you have to also attract the creatures they hunt. Screech-owls feed on large insects, such as moths and beetles, and small animals such as mice. If you use insecticides or rodenticides around your garden, those poisons may wipe out the prey before the owls find them. Worse, the poisons

may be passed along directly to the owls.

4. Keep cats indoors.

Even if they're well-fed, prowling house cats kill many small wild animals. Wiping out populations of mice, voles, lizards and other creatures may not leave enough to support a family of screech-owls or other small owls. On the flip side, a cat that wanders outside at night might become a meal for a large species like a great horned owl.

It's better for everyone to keep house cats inside houses where they belong!

SOUNDS
Owls in towns and cities are often less vocal than those in wild country. But late at night, after traffic quiets down, listen for them calling.

PELLETS
Owls often swallow their food whole, later coughing up the indigestible parts. You may find "owl pellets" of matted fur, tiny bones, and insect scales under dense evergreens where the owls have roosted.

WHITEWASH
When owls find a roosting spot, they may use it for several days. Their droppings accumulate as "whitewash" on the ground or on the tree trunk below their perch.

Boys Fishing For Walleye On Otter Tail Lake

Submitted by
Sam and Gina
Long



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 12-16	Perham Turtle Fest	July 26	Pebble Lake Youth Triathlon, Fergus Falls
June 14	Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collections - Ottertail	July 26-27	Wizard of Oz Vergas
June 14	Perham Turtle Fest Grand Parade	July 26-28	Wenonga Days, Battle Lake
June 14	Relay for Life of Otter Tail West, M-State, Fergus Falls	July 27	Hoot Lake Triathlon, Fergus Falls
June 14-15	Perham Brew Fest x 2	July 27	Prospect House Museum - Civil War Celebration, Battle Lake
June 15	Otter Tail County Free E-Waste Disposal Event	July 27	Art in the Park, Pelican Rapids
June 15	Perham Turtle Fest Half Marathon, 5K & 10K Road Race	July 31	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham
June 15	Henning Citywide Garage Sale	Aug. 1	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
June 15	City Wide Garage Sale, Battle Lake	Aug. 1-3	WE Fest, Detroit Lakes
June 15	Rocky's Fishing Friends - Youth Event, Phelps Mill County Park	Aug. 2-3	Perham Crazy Days
June 15-16	Battle Lake City-Wide Garage Sales	Aug. 2-4	Flekkefest, Elbow Lake
June 15-16	West Battle Lake Lions Walleye Tournament	Aug. 3	Rail Trails 100 Bike Run, Fergus Falls to St. Joseph
June 17-18	MLR Annual Meeting and Celebrating 25 Years, Walker	Aug. 4	Classic Car Show, Fergus Falls
June 18-19	Birak Shrine Circus, Fergus Falls	Aug. 8	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
June 19	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	Aug. 8-11	Looney Daze, Vergas
June 19-23	Olds Settlers Reunion, Barrett	Aug. 9	Derby Demo, Ottertail
June 20	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center	Aug. 9-10	Otterfest, Ottertail
June 20-23	Cycle Days, Fergus Falls	Aug. 10	Parade, Ottertail
June 21	Downtown Fergus Falls Mystery Tour	Aug. 10	Fly-in/Drive-In, Pelican Rapids
June 21-23	Hi-10 Baseball Classic, New York Mills	Aug. 10	Art & Craft Affair, Battle Lake
June 22	Lake Alice Cyclone Tour	Aug. 10	Music in the Park, Ottertail
June 22	Cyclone Centennial Celebration, Fergus Falls	Aug. 13	COLA Annual Member Meeting*
June 22	Friendship Festival, Pelican Rapids	Aug. 15	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
June 25	Music in the Park, Ottertail	Aug. 15	Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collections - Wadena
June 26	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	Aug. 16	Corn Feed/Puppet Pageant, New York Mills
June 27	OTLPOA Board Meeting*	Aug. 16	Annual Turkey BBQ/Crazy Day, Henning
June 27	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center	Aug. 16-18	Black Powder Rendezvous, Perham
June 28-29	Pelicanfest, Pelican Rapids	Aug. 17	Starry Trek 2019
June 29	OTLPOA Annual Meeting, Zion Church	Aug. 17	Watermelon Day, Vining
June 29	Kinship Average Joe Triathlon, Perham	Aug. 17	Monarch Butterfly Event
June 29	BBQ Rib Cookoff, Perham	Aug. 17-18	Pioneer Days, Perham
July 3	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	Aug. 18	God's Acres Extravaganza - Patrick Murphy Concert
July 4	Blanche Lake Boat Parade	Aug. 22	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
July 4	4th of July Celebration, Erhard	Aug. 22	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center
July 4	Fireworks, 10pm, Krueger Field Fairgrounds, Perham	Aug. 23	Landmark Corn & Brat Feed, Henning
July 6	Car Show, Pelican Rapids	Aug. 23-24	Barnesville Potato Days
July 9	Music in the Park, Ottertail	Aug. 24-25	Finn Creek Festival
July 10	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	Aug. 27	Music in the Park, Ottertail
July 10	Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collections - Perham	Aug. 30- Sept. 2	Steam Threshermans Reunion, Rollag
July 11	Historic Henning Walking Tour	Aug. 31	Gathering of the Airplanes, Battle Lake
July 11	Shop, Move N Groove, Fergus Falls	Sept. TBD	COLA Member Meeting
July 11	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center	Sept. 6	Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collections - New York Mills
July 12	Stories from the State Hospital, Fergus Falls	Sept. 6-8	Lake Region Pioneer Threshermen's Assn., Dalton
July 12	Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collections - Vergas	Sept. 11-14	Wissota 100, Fergus Falls
July 12	Pat & Donna Surface Dinner/Concert, Maine Presbyterian Church	Sept. 13-14	Disgruntled Daze 4th Annual, Perham
July 12	Relay for Life of East Otter Tail, Perham Public School, Perham	Sept. 14	Dream for Kids, Perham
July 12	Summer Celebration & Fish House Festival, New York Mills	Sept. 14	542 Foundation Fundraiser - Tastes. Toasts & Traditions & Stubs, Battle Lake
July 12	Lund Mania Fishing Tournament, Otter Tail Lake	Sept. 18	AIS Research & Management Showcase St. Paul Campus, U of M
July 12-14	Rothsay Prairie Days	Sept. 20	Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collections - Wadena
July 12-14	Henning Area Festival	Sept. 25	Fall Supper, Zion Lutheran Church, Amor
July 12-21	Northwest Water Carnival, Detroit Lakes	Sept. 26	OTLPOA Board Meeting* TBD
July 13	Wendell Lions Motorcycle Run	Sept. 28	Lakes Area Home Tour, Perham
July 13-14	Phelps Mill Festival, Maine	Oct. 5	I Outran the Hairy Man, Vergas
July 17	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	Oct. 10-12	Oktoberfest, Pelican Rapids
July 17-20	West Otter Tail County Fair, Fergus Falls	Oct. 12	Foster Hope Run 5K and 1 Mile, Fergus Falls
July 18	COLA Member Meeting*	Oct. 18-19	Henning Haunted House
July 18	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center	Oct. 24	OTLPOA Board Meeting*
July 19-21	Art of the Lake Studio Tour	Oct. 25-26	Henning Haunted House
July 19-21	Ashby Appreciation Days	Nov. 29	Old Fashioned Lighted Horse Parade, Pelican Rapids
July 20	Henning Fly-In	Nov. 29-30	Old Fashioned Home Town Christmas, Pelican Rapids
July 22-28	Dance BARN Festival & Activities, Battle Lake	Nov. 30	Old Fashioned Christmas, Vergas
July 23	Music in the Park, Ottertail	Dec. 7	Battle Lake Craft Show
July 24	Turtle Races, 10:30am, City Hall, Perham	Dec. 7	Over the River Holiday Festival, Fergus Falls
July 25	OTLPOA Board Meeting*	Dec. 7	Otter Dazzle
July 25	Turtle Races 11am, Free Concert 7:30pm at Battle Lake Community Center	Dec. 14	Wine Walk, Vergas
July 25-28	East Otter Tail County Fair, Perham	Dec. 21	Longest Night Music Fest, New York Mills
July 26	Tuffy Nelson Golf Classic, Perham		

*Held at the Ottertail Community Room in Ottertail unless indicated by TBD.

Patrick Murphy Concert at God's Acres Extravaganza Sunday, August 18



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Water Testing Site On Blanche Lake

The water testing site on Blanche Lake has been set up and was ready for the first water testing date on May 20. The engineer and innovator behind the marker is Bill Ramsey.

Submitted by
Ken Wentz



Tri-County Health Care Hosts Monthly Support Groups

Grief Support Group -

The group's purpose is to offer understanding, suggestions for coping, support, friendship and hope to bereaved adults. Anyone who has experienced a loss is invited to attend. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Support Group for Parents Who Have Lost a Child -

Whether the child was lost to miscarriage, stillbirth, cancer, suicide or an accident, the purpose of this group is to provide long-term support to parents and a confidential setting where they can share their story and learn ways to cope. Many find it comforting to talk with others who have suffered a similar loss.

The Parents Who Have Lost a Child Support Group is open to all parents who have lost a child of any age at any time in their lives. The group meets the second Monday of each month.

National Alzheimer's Association hosts a Memory Loss Support Group for Caregivers -

This support group seeks to show caregivers of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other types of dementia that they are not alone. At the group, they will learn new coping skills to better care for and understand their loved ones dealing with memory loss.

Anyone with an interest in understanding more about memory loss is invited to attend. The group meets the second Thursday of each month. Support group members are not expected to attend every meeting to be part of the group.

Adult Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group -

Each year, more than 36,000 people in the U.S. die by suicide. The support group at Tri-County Health Care 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. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, from 6:30 to 8 pm in the Wesley Conference Room at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena.

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

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Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention 2018 Summary

WATERCRAFT INSPECTION

- 25 Watercraft Inspectors.
- Inspectors on duty May 21, 2018 to September 10, 2018.
- 12,059 Inspections.
- 12,706 Inspection hours.
- Inspections conducted at 134 Public Water Accesses.
- 89 watercraft prevented from launching with aquatic plants hanging from them.
- 57 watercraft prevented from launching for containing residual water.
- 0 entering watercraft attempted to launch with Zebra Mussels attached.
- 95.31% Drain plug compliance rate for 2018, down from 98.03% in 2017.
- Sheriff's Department—27 sworn officers enforcing AIS laws.
- 1 Full Time AIS Deputy in summer—2,235 contacts made with citizens.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- Train the Teachers to Train the Kids: AIS curriculum in 15 classrooms across 11 school districts in County.
- 585 students reached in 2018, total of 2,050 since start of program in 2014.
- AIS billboard on I-94 near Brandon, MN sponsored by Otter Tail, Douglas, and Grant Counties.
- AIS Public Service Announcements produced in partnership with Douglas, Grant, Pope, Cass, Aitkin and Crow Wing Counties, as well as Becker County SWCD, Pelican Lakes Association, and J&K Marine.
- County Board of Commissioners amended the Dock and Riparian Use Ordinance to establish a dock and lift registry. Docks and lifts must be registered before being moved from one body of water to another.
- Dock and Lift Awareness Campaign—24,000 post cards mailed out to Otter Tail County residents reminding residents of 21-day dry time for docks and lifts.
- Dock and Lift Registry—22 docks and lifts registered in 2018.
- Dock and Lift Registry prevented boatlift with dead Zebra mussels attached from being placed into Clitherall Lake in June 2018.

OVERSIGHT

- Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force established in 2012.
- 12 voting Members appointed by Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners.
- Meets monthly.
- Promotes public awareness, education, containment, research and provides recommendations to the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners.
- Committee system is used to evaluate and develop programming.

Glendalough State Park Summer Interpretive Program Schedule 2019

June

- Wed., June 12, 9:30-11:30am --- Beginning Canoeing*
 Wed., June 12, 1:00-2:30pm --- Wild Wednesdays Junior Naturalist Program**
 Sat., June 22, 12:30-3:00pm --- Archery in the Park***
 Wed., June 26, 9:30-11:30am --- Beginning Canoeing*
 Wed., June 26, 1:00-2:30pm --- Wild Wednesdays Junior Naturalist Program**

July

- Wed., July 10, 9:30-11:30am --- Beginning Canoeing*
 Wed., July 10, 1:00-2:30pm --- Wild Wednesdays Junior Naturalist Program**
 Sat., July 20, 12:30-3:00pm --- Archery in the Park***
 Wed., July 24, 9:30-11:30am --- Beginning Canoeing*
 Wed., July 24, 1:00-2:30pm --- Wild Wednesdays Junior Naturalist Program**

August

- Wed., August 7, 9:30-11:30am --- Beginning Canoeing*
 Wed., August 7, 1:00-2:30pm --- Wild Wednesdays Junior Naturalist Program**
 Wed., August 24, 10:00am-12:00pm --- Monarch Butterfly Tagging Demonstration****

*Beginning Canoeing - Meet at the Molly Stark Fishing Dock to learn canoeing basics from a Naturalist. We will cover safety, parts of the canoe and paddles, and learn strokes, before heading out on to the water to practice our skills. Equipment is provided, so come enjoy a paddle on a quiet lake. Space is limited so call the park at 218-864-0110 to register.

**Wild Wednesdays Junior Naturalist Program - Join the park naturalist for a different program every Wild Wednesday as you explore the natural wonders of Glendalough State Park. More details on each program will be available soon. Programs are designed for children aged 5-15, but all are welcome. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

***Archery in the Park - Learn this valuable skill from trained archery instructors who will be on hand to introduce families and individuals to the sport and teach the basics of shooting a bow. No experience is needed. No reservation is required, but groups over 10 should call to arrange a separate time. All equipment and instruction is provided for free. Stop in anytime during the workshop hours. Children must be at least 8 years old to participate, and anyone under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

****Meet at the Prairie Hill trailhead. All ages can learn how to catch and handle a monarch, determine whether it is male or female, and properly tag it. All monarchs will be released after they are tagged to continue their long migration to Mexico. Bring your own butterfly net if you have one, or share a park net if you don't. Long pants are recommended. Tagging will continue as long as there are enough tags and butterflies.

Check the events calendar for more programs at https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/events.html?location=spk00167

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The Orioles Have Returned And Love The Jelly

Submitted by Ken Wentz

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Exciting Projects Move Forward

By Dan Malmstrom

Glendalough State Park has enjoyed a continual march of progress since its inception in 1992 due in large part to a strong partnership between local citizens and DNR professionals. The pace of progress and positive enhancements to the park driven from this partnership may be nearing a crescendo in the next few years. Several exciting projects are in motion, and it's no longer accurate to refer to all of them as long-term. Things are moving forward now.

The City of Battle Lake has been awarded the coveted "Bike Friendly City" status in Minnesota and celebrated on the evening of May 22nd. Not coincidentally, a segment of the Glendalough Trail system located within the city will be upgraded as part of a road construction project managed by Otter Tail County and the City of Battle Lake. The county roadway along the lake, and in front of Lions Park extending past the airport will be reconstructed in the summer of 2019. This also means the bike trail in that section of roadway will also be reconstructed to a new paved segment.

Second, the proposed Trail Center in Glendalough has been formalized within the Minnesota DNR. As you may know, this project will benefit from more than \$200,000 of philanthropy raised by the Citizens Advisory Board and \$750,000 of state bonding that was also spearheaded by the board. The DNR informed us the project has an official project number! A DNR Project Manager and Principal Architect have been assigned to the initiative. Work has begun and a preliminary timeline shows final design by late 2019 or early 2020, and construction in 2020/2021.

Third, the highly utilized Glendalough Trail is set to experience some exciting expansion within the park too. The Citizens Advisory Board and DNR long-term planning committee wrote a plan for a new segment of trail running from the Sunset Lake parking area to the Park entrance at Highway #16.

This segment of trail will largely run on the west side of Whitetail Lane in the prairie and take bikers and pedestrians completely off a roadway with vehicular traffic. An additional part of this plan will be to complete the short gravel portion of trail from the Annie Battle Lake Bridge to the Sunset Lake parking area, intersecting with the new Trail Center. Some grant funding has already been awarded for this trail initiative, and Park Manager Jeff Wiersma is submitting applications for the remainder. A preliminary target timeline for this trail project is 2021 or 2022.

Finally, the DNR is assessing a possible land expansion for Glendalough State Park. The DNR was approached by a family with 153 acres adjacent to the northwest corner of the park about a possible purchase. The land consists of a beautiful blend of Blanche Lake shoreline, forest and prairie; all teeming with recreational, interpretive, and conservation possibility. The DNR is working with the state legislative process regarding park boundary definitions and also with the landowner regarding a possible acquisition. Although much excitement surrounds this possible expansion, it is premature to be comment on certainty or timelines at this point.

One thing is clear, Glendalough is a catalyst for many positive developments in the area!

Dinner & Concert With Pat & Donna Surface

On Friday, July 12 a dinner and concert will be held at the **Maine Presbyterian Church** with Pat & Donna Surface performing. Dinner is scheduled for 5pm with the concert to follow at 6pm. **Maine Presbyterian Church** is located at 30761 Co. Hwy. 35, Underwood, MN.



- 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 East side this year)
- July 4 Perham Fireworks, Krueger Field/Fairgrounds, 10pm


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Basswood Baptist Church B.G.C. 
38188 340th St., Richville, MN 56576
Bert Holmquist, Pastor—218-495-3800
Church—218-495-3771
Sunday School 9:30 am, refreshments following
Worship Service 10:45 am
Bible Study, Youth Group & Kids Club - Wednesday 7:00 pm
Ladies' Bible Study - 3rd Thursday
Men's Prayer Breakfast - 1st Saturday 7:00 am
Potluck Dinner - 2nd Sunday

First Baptist (ABC) - Battle Lake
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Fellowship & refreshments 10:30 am

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CATHOLIC

Father LeRoy Schik, Pastor
Mass Times—218-864-5619
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St. James Catholic - Maine Township 
Sunday Mass 8:30am, May 1 - Sept. 30
Saint Edwards - Henning 
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Our Lady of the Lake - Battle Lake 
Saturday Mass 6pm, Memorial Day-Labor Day
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Worship: 10:30 am
Website: bethellutheran.church

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

Sverdrup Lutheran Church 
PO Box 70
209 Southern Ave. E., Underwood
Martha Halls, Pastor
Church—218-826-6919
Worship 9:00 am

Tingvold Lutheran Church
6 miles north of Underwood, Co. 1 & Co. 35
Martha Halls, Pastor
Church—218-826-6487
September 1-May 31: Service 11:00 am
Fellowship 10:00 am
June 1-August 31: Service 10:30 am
Fellowship 9:30am


Zion Lutheran - ELCA
36051 Co. Hwy. 74, Amor
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James Gronbeck, Pastor • Church—218-495-2563
Email: zionamoroffice@prtcl.com
Website: www.zionamor.org
Summer Services May 12-September 15
Worship 8:15 am & 10:00 am
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
8:15 am - Traditional Service Weekly
10:00 am - Informal Service 1st & 4th Sundays (Piano)
Contemporary Service; 2nd & 3rd Sundays (Praise Team)
Fellowship and refreshments between services.
Bible Study - Tuesday 10:00 am, Evening Bible Study -
Contact church office for date and time

METHODIST

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Maine Presbyterian 
30761 Co. Hwy. 45, Maine Township
2 miles north of Phelps Mill
Ed Morgan, Reverend
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Lessons will be held as follows on Otter Tail Lake: July 22-26

3:15-4:00 pm - 1, 3, 5/6 combination
4:05-4:50 pm - 2, 4
4:05-4:35 pm - Preschool

July 29-Aug. 2

3:15-4:00 pm - 1, 3, 5/6 combination
4:05-4:50 pm - 2, 4
4:05-4:35 pm - Preschool

If you can't make it to the July 22-26 or July 29-Aug. 2 sessions then West Battle Lake will also have lessons on July 8-12 and July 15-19. 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, survival float, tread water for 30 seconds, as well as emergency situation Check—Call—Care.

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

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

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

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- Tuesday, June 25 - Elvis Presley
- Tuesday, July 9 - Slew Foot Family Band
- Tuesday, July 23 - Chris Frost Band
- Tuesday, August 13 - Castaways
- Tuesday, August 27 - Anthony Miltich (note time change: 6-8pm)

These are free concerts. Hot dogs, pop, popcorn will be available. If there is rain it will be held indoors at Thumper Pond.

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 22-26			
___ Otter Tail Lake 3:15-4:00 pm	Level	1 3	5/6
___ Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:50 pm	Level	2 4	
___ Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:35 pm	Level	Preschool	
July 29-Aug. 2			
___ Otter Tail Lake 3:15-4:00 pm	Level	1 3	5/6
___ Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:50 pm	Level	2 4	
___ Otter Tail Lake 4:05-4:35 pm	Level	Preschool	
July 8-12			
___ West Battle Lake 3:15-4:00 pm	Level	1 3	5/6
___ West Battle Lake 4:05-4:50 pm	Level	2 4	
___ West Battle Lake 4:05-4:25 pm	Level	Preschool	
___ West Battle Lake 4:55-5:40pm	Level	1 2 3	
July 15-19			
___ West Battle Lake 3:15-4:00 pm	Level	1 3	5/6
___ West Battle Lake 4:05-4:50 pm	Level	2 4	
___ West Battle Lake 4:05-4:25 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: \$52
(Preschool lessons are \$40)

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• 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.
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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 _____

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TWP	LAKE	PROPERTY TYPE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PRICE
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Hought, Joel G. & Theresa G.	Jongeward, Daniel P. & Karen L.	\$299,000
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Thimjon, Troy & Darla	Gruebele, Calvin C. & Gayle A.	\$353,500
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	The Lodge On Otter Tail Lake LLC	Berg, Karl & Robin	\$134,000
Amor	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Lunde, Mark & Nicole	The Lodge On Otter Tail Lake LLC	\$84,000
Everts		Farm Unimproved > 35 AC	Stans, Gary	Shorma Family Trust Dated May 15, 1983	\$672,000
Everts		Rural Land Unimproved < 35 AC	Bjorggaard, Lowell O. & Lynette M. / Bjogaard, Sha	Pettit, Chad L. & Mary C.	\$122,900
Everts	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Kratzke, Jennifer A. & Trevor / Fuhrmann, Shanno	Hager, Jonathan B. & Marcy L.	\$170,000
Everts	Deer	Seas/Rec Improved	Swan, Dale R. & Sherry A.	Bowers, Wesley A. & Susan R.	\$245,000
Everts	Silver	Seas/Rec Improved	Ellicson, Andrew J. & Erica K.	Rice, David	\$130,000
Girard	East Battle	Seas/Rec Improved	Berge, Lewis O. & Rita D.	Gerdes, James T. & Stephanie A.	\$545,000
Ottertail City	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Wall Kressin, Beverly J. / Kressin, Lynn / Wall	Wall, John D. & Catherine J.	\$213,333
Ottertail City	Donald	Residential < 4 Units	Branson, Timothy & Holly	Nelson, Troy Michael	\$306,500

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Testing Civic Governance As A New Approach To Policy Making

Both problems and solutions to water issues are complex. Lakes and rivers are highly complex systems, and they have significant cultural and societal components. Science, funding and regulation alone cannot protect our aquatic ecosystems. No single federal or state agency can protect our water quality. Because of the significant social component to water use and impairment, social solutions are critical for success.

Unlike grasslands, forests and even wetlands, lake and river systems are almost impossible to fully restore once they are significantly degraded. In most cases, the best resource managers can hope to achieve after aquatic degradation is to mitigate negative impacts, and work towards the rehabilitation of the degraded system. The costs are enormous and the results uneven. Preventing aquatic degradation in the first place is always cheaper and more effective.

As a society, we have placed the greatest responsibility for making water policy and executing water programs in the hands of government agencies. We have built largely siloed administrative infrastructures to govern water; when our water is in the sky it is under the authority of NOAA, when it falls to the ground, it is the land owner's responsibility until it flows into the ground, a nearby creek or lake, where the DNR has authority, or a river where the US Army Corps of Engineers takes over. In addition, local government units like counties, cities, townships, watershed districts and soil and water conservation districts play a role. At the statewide level decisions by the MN DNR, the Department of Transportation, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Department of Agriculture and others make decisions and set policies that impact water.

Challenges include:

1. Numerous federal, state, and local rules,
2. Multiple jurisdictions each having specific responsibilities for protecting water,
3. A diverse set of uncoordinated NGO stakeholders,
4. Scattered funding sources, and
5. An often-unengaged citizenry.

Water flows around and through the gaps in these regulatory and institutional systems and impairments continue.

Science and funding are not the biggest obstacles to success. We have the science, expertise and knowledge needed to improve or protect water, or to at least make a good start. We also have remarkable public investments in water protection in Minnesota, totaling about \$256 million annually. Water issues are non-partisan by and large, so politics is not the greatest barrier.

One significant gap where there is potential to make progress, however, is our civics. Often our communities (government staff and residents alike) lack the civic mindset and political skills needed to work cooperatively, navigate the complex regulatory maze around water, leverage the complex resources needed to restore impaired waters and protect the good quality waters they still have. Many citizens fail to see a role for themselves in protecting water, assuming, "that's the government's job." Government resource managers often complain that the public lacks urgency and commitment.

Citizens most often organize in response to specific threats like a proposed feedlot, mine, pipeline or other development that could impact clean water after these projects have been proposed. This organizing often creates controversy in local communities, is usually too late to be effective, and does not build a sustainable civic mindset in the community that can be leveraged to address future water issues.

In recent years, there has been a growing sense that we have reached a point of diminishing returns when it comes to traditional ways of governing water decisions and managing water quality. Existing education and outreach programs, incentive programs, regulatory programs, and even civic engagement activities all have their limits when it comes to achieving sustainable impact.

A New Approach

MLR is working with the Citizen's League using a grant provided by the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment through the Initiative Foundation to pilot Civic Governance demonstration projects in Cass and Ramsey Counties. Participants include MN DNR, County Commissioners, Tribal representatives, local county resource managers, watershed districts managers, water service providers, the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, and lake association leaders. In less than a year these groups have developed a New Infestation Response Plan (NIRP) to connect all of the stakeholders that have a role in taking action after a new infestation of AIS is discovered, and a testing of eDNA to help detect AIS earlier. We are working towards implementation strategies for One Watershed One Plan as well as piloting a bio-control for eurasian watermilfoil that builds partnerships between local high school students, professional resource managers, and lake associations.

As these non-controversial projects move forward, and relationships are built, civic infrastructure will develop to promote local water quality efforts. Said Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, "In the natural resource world, there is often a lot of talk about individual rights. But we felt that there was a lack of emphasis on the other side of citizenship - the responsibility to work with others both inside and outside of government for the common good. Clean and healthy water ecosystems are a good that benefits every citizen in Minnesota, and we see a real role for citizens to engage in this work and achieve better outcomes."

For a Case Study on MLR's Civic Governance Project, go to: <http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org/2019/01/27/civic-governance-to-protect-water>

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

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Walk In The Park (2019)

By Tracy Kortlever and Dan Malmstrom

An estimated 320 people gathered from around the region on a beautiful morning on Saturday, April 20th to participate in "Walk for Glendalough 2019". Young and old enjoyed the richness of Glendalough on Earth Day weekend with its pristine setting, wildlife, interpretive qualities, and diverse recreation. Guests began arriving at 9am and the flow was non-stop for hours. The park staff had prepared a beautiful park setting for the event! \$13,380 was raised from 116 private and 15 corporate donors, adding to more than \$300,000 that has been amassed in Walk donations since 1996.

At noon, Glendalough Citizens Advisory Board president, Steve Nelson, kicked off the brief program and awards ceremony by welcoming the public and introduced State Representative Bud Nornes, who offered some interesting remarks about Glendalough's unique position and growing brand among Minnesota State Parks. He was also complimented the DNR and local volunteers for the park's impeccable condition after a long and lingering winter.

Walk goers were updated on park activities from DNR Park Manager, Jeff Wiersma. CAB board member, Dan Malmstrom offered a synopsis and general timeline for several long-term development projects that are in Glendalough's future.

The program closed with recognition for the top 2019 Walk fundraisers. Grace Stoebe continued her reign as the top fundraiser, with Reba Gilliland and Linda Poll coming in second and third. Megan Hodnefield and Danielle Hanson with the top teen fund raisers. All the kids in attendance were awarded prizes, and nearly everyone received a gift or plant from Lake Country Gardens as the event ended.

Tracy Kortlever and the Walk committee are so grateful to the many local businesses that provided door prizes, such as; Thrivent's donation and Amor Pork for the bratwursts, Larry's Supermarket for buns and supplies, and Falls Bakery for baked goods.

It was another great day for a Walk in the Park!

The Snowbirds Are Returning To The Beautiful Lakes Country



The Finches and Squirrels Have Also Returned

Submitted by Ken Wentz

Clean Bird Feeders To Keep Birds Healthy

Moldy birdseed and unclean bird feeders can make birds sick. Homeowners who enjoy feeding birds can take steps now to help birds stay healthy, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

In spring and especially in warm, humid weather, it is common for mold to form on wet birdseed. The mold can cause an avian disease called aspergillosis, which affects the birds' respiratory systems. Salmonella is another disease that affects birds and is associated with unclean feeders. Both diseases can be fatal to birds.

To clean a feeder, use a solution of one part bleach and nine parts water, and scrub the entire surface. Always allow the cleaned feeder to dry out in the sun, as the sunlight will help kill bacteria on the feeder. Hummingbird feeders should be cleaned about every week to 10 days during the summer, to keep the sugar water from producing mold.

Staff from the DNR Nongame Wildlife Program urges bird enthusiasts to also rake or sweep up any fallen seeds and seed hulls under their feeder to prevent moldy conditions from occurring on the ground. Seeds left on the ground can also attract meadow voles, house mice, other rodents, raccoons, deer and even bears.

Keep the feed dry by using a hopper-type feeder or a fly-through feeder, and always scrape out old seed that

accumulates in the corners. Tray feeders with a screen bottom will allow seeds to dry out from above and below after a rain shower, but thick layers of seed could still trap moisture, so consider more frequent fillings with less seed.

More information about bird feeding is available at mndnr.gov/birdfeeding. Books about attracting and feeding birds include, "Wild about Birds: The DNR Bird Feeding Guide" and "Landscaping for Wildlife." These books were made possible by donations to the Nongame Wildlife Fund.

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Birding And Biking By Sound On The Glendalough Bike Trail

by Sandra Thimgan

... Bird life — it is everywhere around us — we only need to take time to observe and listen.

When biking the Glendalough Trail, there is a definite expectation of what we will see and hear from the birds along the trail. Ditch your device and earbuds and enjoy the “real life” audio trip on the trail.



Self-registration is easy.

Otter Tail County is now using the **CodeRED® Emergency/Weather Warning Notification System** - a high-speed community communication service. This system allows us to send specific information to individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout the county - or just in affected areas - in case of an emergency or severe weather situation.

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Go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BF58FD528F29> for the new **CodeRED®** registration page. If you need assistance to sign up, or have any questions about the system, please contact **Otter Tail County Emergency Management: 218-998-8067**

Featured throughout this article are some common phonetics used by birders to recognize bird songs.

As we enter the bike trail, the “caw, caw” of the crows in the forest that abuts the trail greets us. They chide bikers daily for entering their domain. The fledglings clumsy first flights and “teenage” voices mature over the summer until we are greeted by agile aerialists and confident caws.

This section will also bring the burbling spring “chur-wee” of Eastern Bluebirds, Brown Thrasher (phrases in twos or threes), Catbird (ongoing medley of phrases), scolding Blue Jays, the flight of the majestic Bald Eagle, the stealth of a hunting Northern Harrier hawk, and the classic “keeeeee” scream of Red-Tailed Hawks. Eagles and hawks will also be on the prairie at the end of the trail as you exit GSP, and if you are lucky, you may hear a dicksissel “dic, dic, sis-sis-el.”

Coasting through the prairie on the east side of the park, you may be greeted with Marsh Wren (gurgling chatter), Sedge Wren (dry, rattling chatter), Song Sparrow “maids, maids, maids, put on your tea, kettle, kettle, kettle,” and Common Yellowthroat, “witchety, witchety, witchety.” Did you hear something that sounds like a ping pong ball bouncing? That’s a Field Sparrow!

As you enter the lush understory, the “conversations” begin to change. The Ovenbird, hardly ever seen but their “teacher, teacher, teacher” song is everywhere, Red-eyed Vireo’s never



ending “here I am, where are you, etc.,” Yellow-throated Vireo “three-a, three-a,” Warbling Vireo (like “verbal scribbling” with an exclamation point at the end!), American Redstart “tzee, tzee, tzee, tzeeoo,” our woodpecker species: hairy, downy, red-bellied, pileated, Scarlet Tanager (robin with a sore throat), Common Loon (come on, you know this one!), Veery (water cascading down a drain), Eastern Wood-PeeWee “pee-oo-wee, pee-ooo,” Great Crested Flycatcher whose loud “wheep, wheep, wheep” can’t be ignored, Eastern Phoebe (a buzzy “Fee-bee”), Hermit Thrush whose ethereal, fluting call is truly the “magical sound” of the woods — if you were in a movie and the woods was beckoning you, drawing you in to enter, this would be the sound!

Biking and birding perfectly fit this Robert Lynd quote: “In order to see birds, it is necessary to become a part of the silence.” The woods are never truly silent if we really listen.



2019



2018

Blanche Lake Dam Water Level Is Up

This is the Blanche Lake dam water level measurements. The one on the right is from last year at this time and the one on the left is from May 22 of this year. It shows an increase of approximately 5 inches. This measurement is done on a weekly basis throughout the summer and is given to the DNR.

Submitted by Ken Wentz





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Dock Regulations Balance Public Water Use And Protection

Docks and dock platforms provide access to Minnesota's lakes and rivers, and are regulated to help protect public safety as well as aquatic habitat. As summer approaches, the Department of Natural Resources encourages property owners and lake service provider businesses to review the regulations, to ensure the equipment they own, sell or install is in compliance.

Extensive dock systems may shade out important aquatic plants and eliminate critical habitat where fish spawn, feed, grow and find shelter from predators. They can also obstruct navigation or even create a safety hazard if they are too large or improperly placed.

"The current regulations have been in existence for many years, but not everyone is familiar with them," said Jack Gleason, DNR public waters hydrologist. "The DNR worked with property owners, public water users, and business and industry representatives to develop these regulations. They're designed to balance the need for reasonable access to public waters with habitat protection and safety."

To ensure this balance, a dock may not be more than 8 feet wide and may not be combined with other similar structures to create a wider dock.

A modest platform at the water end of a dock is allowed under certain conditions. A single, temporary platform up to 120 square feet measured separately from the access dock, or 170 square feet including the area of the adjacent access dock, is allowed if the following conditions exist:

- The access dock must be 5 feet wide or less, and

- The dock must be on a lake with a shoreland classification of General Development or Recreational Development.

Docks must not be a hazard to navigation, health or safety and must allow the free flow of water. A dock should not close off part of the lake or river to other users. Docks must also comply with any local ordinances.

A document about state dock requirements is available on the DNR website.

The DNR website also contains links to other helpful information for property owners about shoreline erosion control and restoration projects to help improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Zion Lutheran Church Activities

Zion Lutheran Church of Amor, located off of Co. Hwy. 1, has many activities planned for this summer.

They include:

- Bible Study Tuesdays 10am
 - Faith N' Films – 2nd Sundays at 6:30
 - Vacation Bible School July 15-18
 - Harvest Garden Sunday Market 9am-11am Aug.-Oct.
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