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Summer Scratch: Swimmer's Itch Back in Some County Lakes

With watersports popular again there has been reports of Swimmer's Itch in lakes like Otter Tail and East Lost. Both lakes are part of the Otter Tail River watershed. Swimmer's itch is common with reported cases somewhere in the county almost every summer. It is not confined to the county either. It is considered a worldwide problem.

"We do see swimmer's itch in our community, especially during the early summer season," Otter Tail County Public Health assistant director, Kristi Wentworth said. "Perhaps people want to avoid the marshy areas of the lake and swim in the deeper spots, if it's safe for them to do so. Showering and drying off well after you swim is always a good idea as well."

According to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, swimmer's itch is a rash caused by an allergic reaction to parasites that will burrow into the skin while a person is swimming or wading.

The parasites live in birds and mammals but before affecting those hosts swimmer's itch gets released into the waters by infected snails living near the shoreline. It is one of the reasons that children have the highest risk of the disease but is not contagious and usually goes away within a week. Swimmer's itch in a lake is not permanent but there is no way of knowing how long it can be in the water.

According to the Mayo Clinic, the disease can be controlled with hydrocortisone cream applied to the skin. The cream will help with both itching and rash. Other treatments are antihistamines such as Benadryl, which can be taken orally. Tips from the Minnesota Department of Health for dealing with swimmer's itch include: bathing in epsom salts or baking soda, soaking in colloidal oatmeal bath, and applying cool compresses to the affected areas.

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UP THE CREEK MEATS PILOT – A COMING TREND IN MINNESOTA?

Here's an idea whose time may have come. Several rural communities across Minnesota have come up with a new model of farm-to-table food creation that benefits individual farmers, the land they farm on and the food they have raised for consumers eager to buy directly from them. As many know, Industrial agriculture can pollute water in our lakes and rivers. Nitrogen and phosphorus wash off fields and supercharge algae and aquatic plant growth in our waters. Eroding farm fields increase turbidity in our lakes and rivers. Siltation smothers fish spawning and fills in our waterways.

If you value clean waters, then think about buying food directly from farmers

that protect waters, farmers who are engaged in a new movement (actually it is an old movement that is coming back into fashion) towards "regenerative agriculture" with a focus on "soil health." I wrote previously about this at length in this publication. But here below are some mini-profiles of farmers who are doing it in a pilot program called "Up the Creek Meats."

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers has joined with Up the Creek Meats and identified farmers in the Pine River Watershed area who are committed to protecting water resources. Historically, agricultural commodity markets grew up around the industrial farming practices which emerged

after World War II. The few farmers practicing regenerative agriculture have had a harder time getting their product on grocery store shelves and into meat case however. But now that may be changing.

When a lake association, for example, orders products from these farmers in bulk, they are supporting their local community, their member's health and the health of the waters in the Pine River Watershed. Perhaps these stories will inspire farmers and consumers in Otter Tail County to do it too.

But first a soil and water science lesson: Healthy soil creates clean water. Healthy soil infiltrates and stores more water... much more. Much less water *Up the Creek*

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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 had 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.

We are still working on plans for a annual meeting but at this point

it is still cancelled due to Covid 19 concerns. More to come in next edition of the Lakeshore News.

Board members up for re-election this year are Ken Wentz of Blanche, Pat Hunke, Roger Anderson, and Rob Bope all of Ottertail Lake. All members have agreed to stay for another term.

We still have money available for shoreline grants. If anyone is interested, please contact Marc Wing at mwing@prtcl.com.

Every once in awhile I get a call or email from someone saying they have had trouble contacting us. Please remember all members personal phone numbers and e-mails are published in this paper. We look forward to hearing from you and will get back to you in a timely manner.

The decontamination unit is operational on the Sportsman's access of Ottertail Lake. If inspectors find your boat requires cleaning, they will request you have it decontaminated. This is a

voluntary service and is currently free. We have had some boaters pull in just for this service. Please keep this in mind when traveling from lake to lake.

We will be delivering directories in the next month as they come out every other year. This is a great time to meet your directors if you haven't already. We look forward to meeting our members and are mindful of Covid 19 issues. 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.

We are sad to have to say the swimming lessons for this year are cancelled. We had a great participation last year and look forward to doing it again next year. Special thanks to the Foundation for putting this project together every year.

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. We have had some concerns with group gatherings at or very close to the shore. While the lake belongs to everyone, please be respectful of property owners when you are close to shore. Loud noise, music, foul language, and other behaviors are all items that are disrespectful to other boaters and property owners. Safety is always a concern with smaller children swimming/playing close to shore. There are a number of places on the lake with shallow, sandy swimming areas that are owned by the county or state. These make excellent places to enjoy larger crowds while still respecting the rights of property owners.

Have a great summer and remember July is Lakes Appreciation Month!

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Pet Ordinance Reminders



Having a pet requires responsibility, not only making sure that your pet is vaccinated but also that you follow the ordinance set forth in the Ottertail City Code.

All dogs and cats must be vaccinated, wear a tag, and the owner must have on record that certificate. If your pet is picked up you will be required to produce the certificate. A leash law requires that all pets are on a leash or in a confinement system to avoid running at large.

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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There are some preventative tips to keep in mind:

Choose swimming spots carefully. Avoid swimming in areas where swimmer's itch is a known problem or signs warn of possible contamination. Also avoid swimming or wading in marshy areas where snails are commonly found.

Avoid the shoreline, if possible. If you're a strong swimmer, head to deeper water for your swim. You may be more likely to develop swimmer's

itch if you spend a lot of time in warmer water near the shore.

Rinse after swimming. Rinse exposed skin with clean water immediately after leaving the water, then vigorously dry your skin with a towel. Wash swimsuits often.

Skip the breadcrumbs. Don't feed birds on docks or near swimming areas. Apply waterproof sunscreen. This has been reported to protect the skin from the parasite that causes swimmer's itch.

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Sunset on Long Lake Near Ottertail

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runs off the fields into ditches, creeks and, eventually, the lakes. These farmers invested in regenerative farming use little or fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides, antibiotics and steroids.

The Hollister Family, Brainerd

Abe Hollister, of Hollister Family Farms outside Brainerd, sees his farming practice as a “land healing ministry.” Abe was 21 when he accepted Jesus into his life. Through a church group he met soil health guru Kent Solberg and began an internship. As he drove around Minnesota, he was struck by the number of bankrupt industrial farms. He saw the lack of biological diversity, the polluted waters, the sterile soil. Ken taught him that it did not have to be this way.

“I wanted to work to repair the land,” said Abe. “Sustainability fit into my Christianity. Spiritually I am more connected to what God has given me. I am building life.”

Abe began small. For ten years he and his wife Brea raised chickens and milk cows on 10 acres. They had a large vegetable garden. Then they rented an additional 40 acres. They bought another 40 acres and started renting an additional 40 acres. Today Abe, Brea and their five children raise cattle on about 120 acres of pasture and woods.

Before the Hollisters, the land had been heavily tilled and chemically treated. After 80 years of growing soybeans and corn, it was so degraded it could only support rye the last seven years before Abe bought it.

“It needed a rest,” said Abe. They stopped tilling and instead started a rotational grazing regime. Abe hand scattered clover, grasses, chicory, and legumes in the spring as an experiment. The seed was fallow for a year, and burst forth the following year. “In some areas the clover was thigh high,” said Abe. “It also stimulated our latent seed bank.” Other nitrogen fixers sprung up including plantain, red clover, birdsfoot trefoil, another species of legume. “Livestock can eat as much of these as they want without bloating, and it is a great source of protein.”

Abe, Brea, and their children Gideon, Adelynn, Mae, Signe and Warren work the farm together now. Abe notes that because they do not have heavy machinery, or chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides or fungicides on the place, it is a much safer environment for his children and they can help out a great deal. It is also a healthier environment for birds, insects and other animals. Abe and his wife have both noticed a resurgence of creatures on the farm. Earth insects and worms have surged in the soil. “When we started, there was nothing living in our soil. Today the soil is packed with critters,” said Abe.

They have also seen a resurgence of many different bird species. “There are flocks of birds that come in at different times to eat the tops off the plants. In the spring flocks of cowbirds come to eat the insects off the cows.”

The 3 Sixteen Ranch, Ft. Ripley

Tasha Schlangen decided that they wanted to be healthier. She had many friends and family members that had the same goal. There was one problem, the local grocery store did not carry the type of meat they wanted, antibiotic free, steroid free, no added hormones, non-GMO feed.

They started small on a sixteen-acre farm with three bred cows.

Said Tasha, “Even though I grew up on a hog confinement farm, I still didn’t have much experience with cattle and wanted to start small.” That first year I looked for a larger place and in 2017 bought 480 acres near Fort Ripley, MN. “The farm was run down when I bought it,” said Tasha. “Soil was dead, with no worms, insects, fungus. I set up a paddock system and planted pasture. Today I have about 60 cattle. I use hogs as part of my rotational grazing strategy. Into this mix I have added about 2000 chickens, which get moved every day using Joel Salatin chicken tractors. The chickens add nitrogen to the soil and follow the cows to scatter manure and manage pest insects.”

“Every year I see a change in the soil,” she continued. “Without tilling, the microbiome is growing.” She also

noted that because she operates outside the industrial commodity market, she is unaffected by inevitable market fluctuations. Today, the 3 Sixteen Ranch offers chicken, pork and beef in a variety of packaging and cuts. Beef will be available this fall.

Brakstad Natural Farms, Pequot Lakes

Just West of Pequot Lakes and North of Loon Lake is Brakstad Natural Farms. Lance Brakstad’s family has been farming these 320 acres since 1915. It is three generations of knowledge at work. In 1980 Lance and his wife Robyn decided to get out of dairy farming due to the expensive inputs and unstable markets. They have never looked back.

Said Lance, “I just continued what my grandfather had been doing. Each year, we plant and harvest non-GMO corn for silage, which is fed to more than 60 head of cattle including Jersey and Holstein. To ensure customer satisfaction, we believe it is important to: reduce antibiotics of any kind, eliminate growth hormones, remove animal by-products from their diet and limit the herd size to ensure ample grazing conditions. Ultimately, we believe that a happy, healthy herd will result in a better, tastier product for you and your family to enjoy.”

The Brakstad’s have three hoop houses and do vegetables using hydroponics. They also raise some chickens, sell eggs, starter plants and other farm products. Brakstad Farms has 40 Community Supported Agriculture, CSA members and sell at farmer’s markets in Pequot, Ideal and Pine River.

Matthew Rohr - Pine Stone Farm, Pequot Lakes

Matthew and his partner Kara Misemer manage their 40-acre farm using a silvopasture management system, meaning they are raising crops, animals and trees on the same land. This style of farming has particular benefits for local water quality.

A creek runs through the Pine Stone Farm, into Lake Margaret, and then into Gull Lake. “I am the starting point for water flowage in this drainage,” said Matthew. “Water is the second most important thing for humans. Air is first.

Water, and water management is the foundation of our farm. Water determines the soil.” By keeping water on his land, Matthew can improve the productivity of his crops. “It’s all about how we nourish soil to protect water,” he added.

The Pine Stone Farm sells beef, pork, chicken and other fowl, and eggs. Matthew also has a greenhouse on their barn, and will now produce fresh leafy greens, and cabbages into the Fall and early Winter. The majority of their market is word- of- mouth and direct sales to people who live in the area.

Matthew got into farming for his health. “At thirty years old the lifestyle trajectory I was on was making me feel worse and worse,” he noted. A licensed massage therapist and yoga instructor, Matthew began to focus on his diet, particularly the nutrient-dense food that is a by-product of regenerative agriculture. “I wanted to build a circle from my income, my daily life to the food on my table. If you don’t have a healthy farmer, you can’t have a healthy farm.”

To participate in the Up the Creek Meats pilot, or to learn more, check out our website for more information at www.mnlakesandrivers.org. If your area lake association is interested in creating this new model, keep these tips in mind: One person should be designated to take the lead. Check area farms engaged in this type of farming to find one that you want to partner with. The Lead person will gather all the orders and payments from the members. That same person then contacts the farmer to place your bulk order, schedule a drop off or pick up, and perhaps schedules a farm visit for your association.

The farmers profiled here are proud of their farms, and welcome visitors. They can show you how their practices protect water in your watershed. Depending on timing, they also may be able to come speak at a formal or an annual meeting and make the drop off then of their delicious foods while sharing their powerful stories.

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Proposal Aims to Safeguard Big Bluegills

Author: Pelican Rapids Press

People can provide input online about lowering bag limits on some lakes. Anglers can weigh in on whether to keep fewer bluegills from some Minnesota lakes as a way to protect and improve the sizes of one of the state's most prized and frequently caught fish.

"We're hearing from more and more of our stakeholders, every-day anglers, resort owners, fishing guides and fishing celebrities that they'd like more opportunities for large bluegill," said Dave Weitzel, Grand Rapids area fisheries supervisor with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

DNR area fisheries staff worked with local anglers and angling groups to identify lakes where bluegill size could be improved by lowering bag limits. Under this proposal, some lakes would have a bag limit of five bluegills and others a limit of 10. Reduced bag limits have worked on other Minnesota lakes in past years to maintain big bluegills under increasing fishing pressure. In some cases, the number of big bluegills in those lakes increased. The statewide limit is 20 bluegills per angler. Bluegills are also known as sunfish. The DNR has posted a list of proposed lakes designated for changes, as well as how people can provide input at mndnr.gov/sunfish. People can provide input now into this fall.

The DNR will post informational signs at water accesses on lakes included in the proposal. This proposal is the

result of years of discussion and the review of angler and lake survey data. The DNR heard from anglers that they're satisfied with the number of bluegills they catch, but that the size of the fish has been decreasing.

The DNR mailed questions to a random selection of anglers and asked about the level of support for reducing bag limits for the whole state. While anglers did not overwhelmingly support a statewide change, there was strong support for reducing limits on selected lakes. Based on input collected through the summer, the DNR will make any necessary changes to the proposal, and new regulations could go into effect March 1, 2021.

Bluegill biology and fishing

On any lake, anglers can voluntarily help protect big bluegills by releasing or limiting their harvest of those eight inches or bigger. Spawning bluegills are particularly prone to over harvest because they are very aggressive while defending a nest. Anglers can help by releasing spawning bluegills, especially large, nesting males. Released fish have a high survival rate and will typically return to their nests to complete the spawning cycle. Fish are a healthy source of protein but any fish – even those bought in a store – can contain contaminants that can harm human health, especially in children and fetuses. You can learn more by checking out fish consumption guidelines in the fishing regulations booklet. More information about sunfish biology and management can be found at www.mndnr.gov/sunfish

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Storm Damage on Ottertail Lake

Photos submitted by Rob Bope



Storm Damage on July 7th at Long Lake

Photos submitted by Lynn Cave



July 2020 Featured Plant: Foxglove beardtongue (Penstemon digitalis)

Photo Credit: Paul Erdmann, BWSR



Planting Recommendations & Uses

Foxglove beardtongue prefers full sun but can handle partial sun. Loamy, well-drained, medium-dry to moist soils are ideal. *P. digitalis* is most often planted from containers purchased at native plant nurseries. Recommended spacing is 12 to 18 inches apart. Seed is most often planted in the fall to allow for natural cold-moist stratification. The species will self-seed and can spread by rhizomes. Native plant nurseries can suggest suitable species to plant outside its range. Of excellent value for wildlife and pollinators, the species is great for planting in pollinator gardens, perennial borders and prairie plantings. The tubular flowers attract insects; the thin lines on the lower petals act as guides to the nectar. Its bloom time provides important late spring/early summer resources. Some likely visitors include sphinx moths, skipper and swallowtail butterflies, mason bees, sweat bees, leafcutter bees, bumblebees, and pollen-collecting wasps. *Osmia distincta*, a specialist mason bee native to Minnesota, relies on Penstemons. Ruby-throated hummingbirds consume its nectar; the plant also attracts songbirds.

Developed by Kristine Maurer, senior natural resource and conservation ecologist at Hennepin County

Family: Plantain (Plantaginaceae)

DESCRIPTION: Foxglove beardtongue — AKA tall white beardtongue, talus slope penstemon, Mississippi penstemon or Eastern smooth beardtongue — is an erect, clump-forming, showy perennial forb that flowers from May to July. Relatively rare in Minnesota, most known locations in the state are along roadsides and railroad tracks, or within Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas, regional parks or gardens. Across its greater

range, *P. digitalis* grows primarily in upland forest clearings, woodland edges, savannas and prairies. Its native range in Minnesota is unclear. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources considers it naturalized. However, it is known to be native in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri and Tennessee.

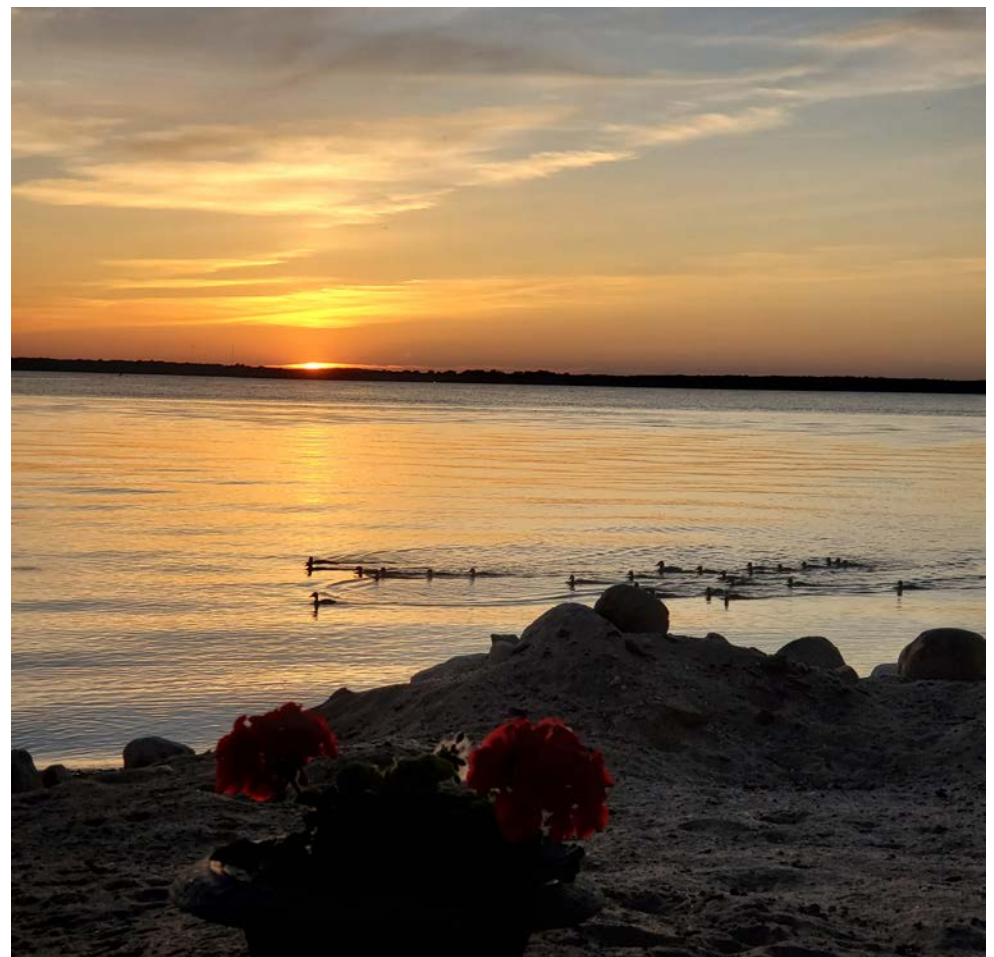
SIMILAR SPECIES:

P. albidus is smaller, with shorter flower stalks. *P. pallidus* has smaller flowers and hairy stems. *P. gracilis* has lilac flowers, and hairs near the base of the stem.

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Ducks at Sunset on Ottertail Lake on Sat., June 27 at the residence of Carol Pelvit (Mom/Nanny) together with her daughter Celeste, husband Tim & grandchildren Evan, Grace & Elly

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

Annual Meeting Postponed

Zion Lutheran Church, Amor

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Zebra mussels located under the water testing marker on Blanche Lake

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TWP	LAKE	PROPERTY TYPE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PRICE
AMOR	WALKER	SEASONAL RES REC	ANDERSON, JARED A & TERESA	MOTSCHENBACHER, MARK & LEA ANN	\$284,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	CHAFFEE, ORISON & CASSANDRA P	VANCE, SCOTT A	\$255,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	HMSTD RESORTS	ENERSON, DARRYL & TERRY	HEINTZMAN, SCOTT & KARI	\$30,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	HMSTD RESORTS	ENERSON, DARRYL L & TERRY L	JOHNSON, KENT L & FERN R	\$30,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	HMSTD RESORTS	ENERSON, DARRYL L & TERRY L	KOEP, KAYLE & JAMIE	\$227,800
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	HMSTD RESORTS	ENERSON, DARRYL L & TERRY L	HANSEN, MARK / ALLAIN, MARY KAY	\$30,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	HMSTD RESORTS	ENERSON, DARRYL L & TERRY L	SCHJENKEN, DAVID & STEPHANIE	\$210,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	HMSTD RESORTS	ENERSON, DARRYL L & TERRY L	MILLER, SCOTT L	\$244,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	HMSTD RESORTS	ENERSON, DARRYL L & TERRY L	HOLTZ, JERRY L. & CHRISTINE A.	\$30,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	HMSTD RESORTS	ENERSON, DARRYL L & TERRY L	HOLTZ, JERRY L. & CHRISTINE A.	\$144,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	HMSTD RESORTS	ENERSON, DARRYL L & TERRY L	PILGRIM, ERIC & KELLY	\$30,000
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	HOGNESS, THOMAS M & WANDA J	GAGE, CHAD & JENNIFER & CONNIE / STELLMACH, TOM	\$358,950
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	JOHNSON, DAVID & JENNY	KROG, RON & RITA	\$179,900
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	MILLER, JAMES G & TERESA M	JOHNSON, TODD & NANCY	\$619,100
AMOR	TWIN	RESIDENTIAL	OSTER, VERNON B	GARCIA, ALBERTO C / BUSH, JENNIFER M	\$433,500
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	STAKSTON, MALIN & CHERYL	ERBES, DANIEL & CYNTHIA	\$337,000
AMOR	WALKER	SEASONAL RES REC	TVERBERG, THOMAS LUTHER	TVERBERG, ERIK STEVEN	\$1
AMOR	WALKER	SEASONAL RES REC	VERHELST, THOMAS / ZELL-VERHELST, KAREN	ANDERSON, JARED	\$289,900
AMOR	WALKER	SEASONAL RES REC	WINTERROTH, MONTY R	SWANSON, AMY N & MICHAEL J	\$313,550
AMOR	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	YOUNGSM, GALEN L & LAURA A	HOGNESS, THOMAS M & WANDA J	\$632,400
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	ALDRICH, KENNETH L / JOHNSON ALDRICH, LESLIE	WEHLANDER, SHERMAN S / QUAMME WEHLANDER, SUSAN	\$317,000
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	BRUCE, CATHERINE & RALPH / ERLANDSON, BRENT & M	WULFEKUHLE, TONY	\$349,200
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	CAILLIER, CHAD S & REBECCA L	NOWACKI, RANDALL A & JULIA D	\$394,500
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	CASPER, BRIAN A & SHARON E	LEE, MATTHEW & DINA	\$455,050
EVERTS	BLANCHE	RESIDENTIAL	ESTATE OF RONALD DEAN SWENSON	MORKEN, VICKI LYNN & JONATHAN D.	\$359,568
EVERTS	DEER	RESIDENTIAL	GRIM, SALLY J & RONALD R	ERICKSON, JOHN & RONDALYN	\$223,700
EVERTS	SILVER	SEASONAL RES REC	HARRINGTON, WILLIAM & GALE	STRANDE, JEFFREY & MELISSA	\$298,000
EVERTS	SILVER	SEASONAL RES REC	LANG, BRIAN P. & RENEE	JOHNSON, RANDALL & MARILEE	\$246,900
EVERTS	DEER	RESIDENTIAL	MUEHLBERG, JOHN P. & JODI A.	SMITH, JENNIFER & STACEY	\$655,000
EVERTS	N TURTLE	SEASONAL RES REC	PEDERSON, JEFFREY R & LINDA J	LIEN, ELLA M	\$119,000
EVERTS	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	STONE, LAURIE M	PACHEL, ELI R	\$253,125
EVERTS	SILVER	SEASONAL RES REC	THOENNES, RALPH N & JOYCE B	WOODBURY, HOWARD RAY & ANITA JOY	\$327,400
EVERTS	SILVER 3RD	SEASONAL RES REC	WILKINS, BRYAN S & LISA A	GENEREUX, MICHAEL & HEIDI	\$60,000
GIRARD	BLANCHE CREEK	RES 1-3 UNIMPROVED LAND	BESTIES PROPERTIES, LLC	CHRISTENSON, JAY & ANN	\$162,500
GIRARD	E BATTLE	RESIDENTIAL	FORYS, DOUGLAS P & ROBYN L	LOCNIKAR, JOSEPH C & DENISE L	\$300,800
GIRARD	E BATTLE	SEASONAL RES REC	FROSLEE, AS TRUSTEE, VIRGINIA M. / FROSLEE, VIR	MEECE, TREVOR R.	\$73,000
GIRARD	W BATTLE	SEASONAL RES REC	GILBERTSON, GILBERT JOHN & JENNIFER J	VIG, DAVID L & RACHEL D	\$1,262,300
GIRARD	E BATTLE	RESIDENTIAL	GREEN, RUSSELL R & GAIL C	SMITH, DUANE M & JEAN M	\$229,150
GIRARD	W BATTLE	SEASONAL RES REC	KELLER, KEITH K. & ELIZABETH A.	FALKENSTEIN, ROGER W. & JULIE W.	\$410,000
GIRARD	E BATTLE	SEASONAL RES REC	KORPI, JOHN R. & KAREN	PEDDYCOART KLIVER, CARRIE ANN / LLEWELLYN, DUST	\$201,639
GIRARD	W BATTLE	RESIDENTIAL	LANGSETH, DORIS E	MANIKOWSKI, LINDA J	\$447,000
GIRARD	E BATTLE	RESIDENTIAL	LEE, LOWELL E. ALBRECHT, TRUSTEE, PAUL JAMES		\$249,050
GIRARD	W BATTLE	SEASONAL RES REC	PASEK, GREGORY J & SHIRLEY J	CONNOR, SHAD J & HEIDI M	\$382,000
GIRARD	ETHEL	SEASONAL RES REC	SKUDLAREK, RONALD & ROSALIE	ALBERTSON, ROGER & CONSTANCE	\$142,700
GIRARD	E BATTLE	SEASONAL RES REC	STAVE, RANDY R & CARYL J	BAHR, DALE / SELZER-BAHR, HEIDI	\$139,500
GIRARD	E BATTLE	SEASONAL RES REC	TWETEN, DOUGLAS & GINGER	THOMPSON, DAVID / CHAN, DONNA	\$169,900
OTTER TAIL	RAINBOW	RESIDENTIAL	BEAUDRY, THOMAS & STEPHANIE	GREENE, KRISTINA & BENJAMIN	\$128,125
OTTER TAIL	BUCHANAN	RESIDENTIAL	BJORNIE, DAVID L. & VIVIAN J.	OTT, TROY V. & ROSE E.	\$322,250
OTTER TAIL	LONG	SEASONAL RES REC	BOMMERSBACH, TROY & SONJA	HILLS, JAMI & SHELLY	\$125,500
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	CAMPBELL, JAMES J & MONICA M	WEINGARTEN, BENJAMIN J	\$700,000
OTTER TAIL	LONG	SEASONAL RES REC	COONEY, DANIEL E. & JUDITH R.	GUSTAFSON, DANIEL L. & MISTY A.	\$92,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	ELLIS, SCOTT K	JACOBSON, RICK L & DEBRA J	\$357,500
OTTER TAIL	LONG	SEASONAL RES REC	FREIGHT KINGS INC	LEABO, TYLER J.	\$25,000
OTTER TAIL	BUCHANAN	SEASONAL RES REC	HAGA, GERALD & SHERRY	PETERSON, STEVEN / LUNDEEN, TINA	\$750,000
OTTER TAIL	ROUND	RESIDENTIAL	HOCHSTEIN, BENJAMIN & LEAH	BREKER, EUGENE & CATHLEEN	\$283,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL RIVER	RESIDENTIAL	JENNINGS, TEDDY R. & RITA F.	PETERSON, RONALD D.	\$230,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	JOHNSON, GAIL L	JOHNSON, BRETT ALAN & MICHELLE MARIE	\$470,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	MCINNES, THOMAS & KRISTIN	ROGER D HOLTBERG REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	\$189,500
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	MORITZ, ROBERT E & KATHRYN C	UP NORTH RENOVATIONS, LLC	\$371,500
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	NELSON, DALE DOUGLAS & MARILYN SUE	DIETRICH, RYAN & MIRANDA	\$230,000
OTTER TAIL	BLANCHE CREEK	RESIDENTIAL	ROWE, MICHAEL S / SPILDE, ELISABETH A	TYSDAL, JERAME & SUZANNE	\$317,800
OTTER TAIL	BUCHANAN	RESIDENTIAL	SCHAFFER, WILLIAM J. & JILL Y.	MEYER, ALEC D. & MCKENNA	\$320,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	RESIDENTIAL	SCHAUFF, SCOTT D	HONEYMAN, RONALD L. & STACEY M	\$543,500
OTTER TAIL	LONG	SEASONAL RES REC	SLONEKER, ROBERT A. & CHERYL A.	GRINDLE, KEVIN LUGENE & LYNETTE ELLEN	\$250,000
OTTER TAIL	LONG	RESIDENTIAL	VERALRUD, KAREN	BOOKER, SUZANNE M.	\$195,000
OTTER TAIL	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	WALL, WENDELL A	KVAALE, DYLAN	\$640,000
OTTER TAIL	BUCHANAN	SEASONAL RES REC	WALLER, MICHAEL C. & JOLAYNE K.	KERN, BRANDON & AMY	\$338,600
OTTERTAIL CITY	LONG	SEASONAL RES REC	ESTATE OF CHERYL JEAN BURMEISTER	JENKINS, LYNETTE & JERRY	\$255,000
OTTERTAIL CITY	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	HOGAN, CHARLES W & MARY E	CARR, JARED & ERIN	\$352,100
OTTERTAIL CITY	BUCHANAN	SEASONAL RES REC	MCDONALD, KURT & JENNIFER / GRAEVE, TODD & MELA MAGNELL, JONATHAN J. & HOLLY LYNN		\$256,700
OTTERTAIL CITY	LONG	SEASONAL RES REC	STAFKI	SCHULTZ	\$25,000
OTTERTAIL CITY	OTTERTAIL	SEASONAL RES REC	THORSLAND, MARK & TERRI LEE	THORSLAND FAMILY CABIN LLC	\$130,000
OTTERTAIL CITY	DONALD	SEASONAL RES REC	TOYNE, JAMES & GLORIA	MARTIN, ALISSA J & JAMIE D & DANIEL W	\$279,000

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Blanche Lake July 4th Boat Parade—About 30 boats participated

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Enjoying the Boat Parade on her own!!

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Too Many Boats For Us ... We'll Pass This Year

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The Official Newspaper Of Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association

As an organization, OTLPOA recognizes the importance of a well-informed, well-educated membership. Strong effort has been made to not only increase membership, but to assure our members are well-informed through our "Lakeshore News" publication. By teaming with Midweek Publications, we have improved our five publication/yearly news source by increasing the number of members' photos included, informing members in an up-to-the-minute fashion of critical events, legislation, and problems/solutions, and by addressing individual members' concerns when possible or referring them on to a source for answers. Additionally, because of our concern and belief regarding not only a well-informed membership but a well-informed public, stacks of The Lakeshore News are placed in businesses in the surrounding communities.

We accept online payments for:

- Annual Membership
- Worm Spraying
- Foundation Donations

Upcoming Training Events

The MWPCP has cancelled all scheduled classes up to this point. The program will attempt to reschedule all cancelled classes when and if COVID restrictions are loosened and/or lifted to allow in-person training. MWPCP classes scheduled for September are still on, and the decision to go forward or cancel will be made in August. Registrants for all canceled classes who paid fees will receive credit toward future training, including any re-scheduled classes.

BWSR Training

October

Oct 27-29 - 2020 BWSR Academy, BWSR

Technical Training & Certification Program Events

July

July 20 - Grazing Facilitating Practices - Part 2

July 27 - Nutrient Management Module 7: Manure

July 27-28 - Grazing Facilitating Practices, TTCP, Northeast Minnesota

July 30-31 - Grazing Facilitating Practices, TTCP, Southeast Minnesota

August

Aug 3-7 - Engineering Boot Camp, TTCP, Morris

Aug 3 - WHEG for Pollinator Habitat

Aug 10 - Evaluating Herbicide Plans in a Soil Health System

Aug 17 at 9:00 - Equipment Modifications for Cover Crops

Aug 17 at 1:00 - Wild Turkeys: Habitat and Management Considerations

Aug 24 - Fertilization in a Soil Health System

Aug 31 - Nutrient Management Module 5: Nitrogen

Related Partner Training Opportunities

July

July 23 - DNR Native Plant Communities: Forest NPC Classification Methods, DNR, Cass County

August

Aug 4-5 - Salt Symposium, Fortin Consulting, Inc., Online

Aug 6 - Microplastics: A Brewing Stormwater Issue, MECA, St. Paul

Aug 17 - DNR Native Plant Communities: Forest Grasses Strata Group Focus, DNR, Clearwater County

Learn on Your Own

Not all training takes place in a classroom. We've put together a searchable library of recorded modules, webinars, videos and other resources to help our staff and partners find professional development information on a variety of topics. You can visit BWSR's Online Learning page to find web-based technical training resources sorted by category.

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The boats getting ready to line up...

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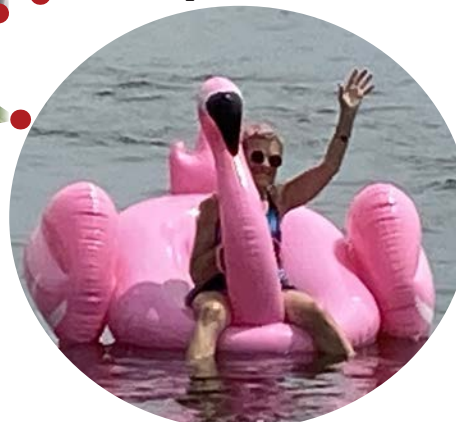


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Potluck Dinner - 2nd Sunday

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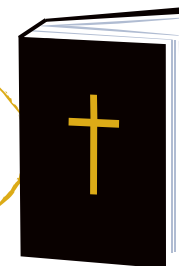
St. James Catholic - Maine Township 
Sunday Mass 8:30am, May 1 - Sept. 30

Saint Edwards - Henning 
Saturday Mass 4pm, May 1 - Sept. 30

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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
blfirstlutheran.org
Church—218-864-5686
Coffee Fellowship: 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00 am
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

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

Tingvold Lutheran Church
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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
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Hwy. 1 & 74, 10 miles north of Battle Lake
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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
Ricardo Alcoser, Pastor
Church—218-367-2270
Worship 8:45 am
Coffee Fellowship following Worship

Richville United Methodist Church
130 SW 1st Ave., Richville
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Worship 10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship following Worship 2nd & 4th Sunday

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Blanche Lake 4th of July Boat Parade

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Inc. 2019 Membership (Check one)

Property Owner Member: _____ **Associate Member:** _____
(Owners Lake Property) (Does not own lake property or shares ownership)

Name of Property Owner living at lake property address: _____

Address of Property _____ House/Street # _____
(this is the blue house number/street for your lake home) City/State Zip _____

Summer "mailing" address (5/15 – 8/30): _____ House/Street # _____
(must be valid US Postal deliverable address) City/State Zip _____

Winter mailing address (9/1-5/15): _____ House/Street # _____
City/State Zip _____

Email: (please print legibly) _____
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 • Foundation \$10.00
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The OTLPOA Foundation was established to obtain financial resources to maintain water quality for recreation, fishing, and enjoyment when Government resources are not provided.

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We're All in This Boat Together

In stressful times, escaping to the natural world can bring much needed calm and comfort. For Minnesotans, a love for the outdoors and pride in our state's natural heritage is a strong thread that pulls our communities together. The staff and researchers here at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center are no exception. We aspire to protect Minnesota's iconic waters through research, collaboration, and outreach.

In the last year, our research has directly linked zebra mussel infestations with declining walleye populations. This is an alarming discovery for small communities who rely on the economic boost supplied by sport fishing. Fortunately, last year, MAISRC researchers also became the first in the world to map the zebra mussel genome.



By mapping the genome and sharing it publicly, we can collaborate internationally to explore possible genetic weaknesses that can be targeted for control. Additionally, in the coming year, we hope to replicate and verify a new and effective low-dose copper zebra mussel treatment as a new tool for preserving our treasured lakes and streams.

Minnesota is at an important tipping point when it comes to controlling aquatic

invasive species. Without science-based, proven prevention and control methods, our waters will eventually succumb to the invaders and experience massive ecological and recreational changes.

MAISRC is here to find ways to fight back. Despite currently having an atypical day-to-day landscape, our drive to find AIS solutions is unwavering. In addition, we are tremendously proud to say that some of our researchers have been tapped by the University of Minnesota to lend their expertise in epidemiology and diagnostic development to assist in rapid response COVID-19 projects.

As the 'Center' in our name implies, MAISRC plays a crucial role in centralizing research, knowledge, and recommendations between our own team, local and state governments, resource managers, and concerned citizens—in Minnesota and worldwide. Speaking of which, while the world is a different place than it was a few months ago, we hope you see MAISRC as a buoy of normalcy. We ask you stay involved in our community by subscribing to our newsletter, following us on social media, or considering a donation to our Center as a means of charging the research funds needed to continue our work. Together, we can push through the current unknown and plan for a future of pure and protected waters. With your support, MAISRC will happily and dutifully continue our responsibility as a guardian of Minnesota lakes.

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Minnesota Fishing License Sales Continue Sharp Climb, Now Over 320K

ST. PAUL, MINN. — A surge in fishing license sales in Minnesota has led to busy boat landings and more people out on the lakes and rivers. Fishing license sales are up 11-percent over last year and in particular, youth fishing licenses. The DNR sold 1,100,256 fishing licenses in 2019, the lowest figure in at least eight years. The highest sales total in recent years was 1,173,518 in 2012. So it looks like 2020 will be a record year with over 1,221,280 for fishing license sales despite the current covid situation.

The DNR's Eric Altena said the coronavirus pandemic, has led to many new boaters and anglers and he's encouraging everyone to be courteous to one another. She said, "With some newer anglers and or newer boaters, I think some of the things we need to think about is being considerate on the ramps. There may be people who don't have much experience backing their boats in and whatnot. And certainly just making space available and not being impatient.

Altena says for people who don't have access to a boat, there are plenty of great shoreline and pier fishing opportunities as well. He says the Mississippi River in central Minnesota is a great fishery with plenty of places to cast a line right from shore.

Source: www.bwsr.state.mn.us and MNDNR



The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources doesn't know why, but fishing license sales have leaped significantly compared to last year at this point.

Keeping the Boaters on Alert!

Photos Submitted by Ken Wentz



Beware of Harmful Algae Blooms

With the intense heat of the past few days, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is asking people to be on the lookout for harmful algae blooms on lakes and rivers around the state. Be alert to the possible presence of toxic algae, which can be harmful to both people and animals. Blooms typically begin to form in hot, calm weather.

You can't tell by looking at algae if it's toxic. It may look like pea soup, green paint, or floating mats of scum, and it will sometimes have a bad smell. But harmful blooms aren't always large and dense and can sometimes cover small portions of the lake with little visible algae present. (See images of toxic algae blooms in Minnesota on the MPCA Flickr account.) Take a close look at the water and the shoreline before diving in, to try to determine if a bloom recently happened.

"If it looks and smells bad, don't take a chance. We usually tell people: If in doubt, stay out," says Pam Anderson, MPCA Water Quality Monitoring Manager. "If you're not sure, it's best for people and pets to stay out of the water." If you do come in contact with blue-green algae, wash off with fresh water immediately, paying special attention to the areas your swim suit covers. Rinse off pets with fresh water, too, and keep them out of algae that has accumulated on shore.

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

However, dogs are more likely than

people to get sick or even die after contact with harmful algae blooms, in part because they are smaller. Dogs are also more willing to wade into lakes with algal scum. Dogs tend to swallow water while swimming, and lick their coats afterwards, swallowing algae on their fur. Dogs exposed to blue-green algae can experience symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, rash, difficulty breathing, general weakness, liver failure, and seizures. If your dog has symptoms after visiting a lake, seek veterinary care immediately. Several dog deaths in the state have been attributed to toxic algae.

A few years ago, the Tagte family lost their dog, Copper, after he played in Prairie Lake in Sherburne County. Testing later showed toxic algae in the lake water.

Some cities, counties, or even resorts with popular beaches on lakes that are prone to harmful algae blooms may wish to test for toxic algae during the summer season. The MPCA has recently developed guidance and tools to help beach managers choose monitoring strategies and communicate with users about limiting their risk of exposure to harmful algae blooms. Learn more on the Harmful algae blooms: Water recreation advisories page.

Learn more about harmful algae blooms on the Blue green algae and harmful algae blooms page. Visit the Minnesota Department of Health's Harmful Algal Blooms page to report human or animal illnesses you suspect were caused by toxic algae.

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28 Chosen for MARL Class XI

Marshall, Minn. — Twenty-eight individuals have been selected to participate in Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership (MARL), Class XI.

MARL is a highly customized dynamic two-year educational experience featuring nine, two- and three-day in-state seminars, a six-day national study seminar and a two-week international study seminar.

Class XI is comprised of both agricultural producers and those involved in agribusiness or rural leadership positions.

"The quality of applicants to MARL

continues to be high," said Executive Director Olga Reuvekamp. "The board had a very difficult task in selecting MARL Class XI participants," she said. "The program really develops the leadership qualities of the participants, and these are the individuals who are making a difference in agriculture today."

The MARL calendar is designed to accommodate the busy schedules of participants, with most activities occurring over the winter months. MARL Class XI will first meet November 23, 2020 in St. Cloud.

The following individuals have been selected for MARL Class XI:

- Haley Ammann-Ekstrom, Welcome
- Dylan Barth, Lakeville

- Quynin Brandt, Shakopee
- Nada Carter, Starbuck
- Joel Dorn, St. Peter
- Erik Evans, Fridley
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- Kim Neumann, Wabasso
- Robert Orsten, Willmar
- Jesse Pabst, Pennock

- Kaelyn Platz, Pemberton
- Brad Schloesser, St. Peter
- Amy Smith, Rockford
- Jana Stangler, Utica
- Brittany Ullrich, Detroit Lakes
- Dan Vagle, Lancaster
- Charlie Vogel, Thief River Falls
- Roy Wookey, New London

MARL is a partnership between its administrative host Southwest Minnesota State University and University of Minnesota Extension, which develops and delivers the curriculum. The program is made possible by many generous investors and sponsors.

Article Submitted by Jim Tate

No Surface Water Ordinance Passed by Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners

Shannon Terry, Jul 15, 2020

Lake recreation became a topic of general discussion at Tuesday's Board of Commissioners meeting. The board discussed issues that were occurring on a lake in front of a constituent's home. The Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office has responded to complaints of gatherings of many boats on popular sand bars across several lakes in Otter Tail County. The discussion of a future ordinance was sent to the Public Works Committee for further review this fall.

The typical complaint is loud music and underage drinking but several people also said, on some occasions like the Fourth of July weekend, lake property owners could not get their boats off their docks because of so much boat traffic or uninvited boats tied to their docks.

"We have seen a three-fold number of complaints already this year," Sheriff Barry Fitzgibbons said. "It is public water but if their music is loud, or minors are drinking — this can be enforced. Ninety percent are following the rules, while 10% are causing the issues."

Currently in Otter Tail County there is no surface water ordinance. A 'No Wake Zone' has been approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the county board for a set time on Spitzer Lake. However, the only county ordinance governing lakes currently is the dock ordinance. The penalties that may be enforced at this time are ticketing for violating the noise ordinance or underage drinking.

Many other counties and cities have extensive surface water ordinances and policies. Otter Tail County Commissioners agreed that there needs to be a balance. "I understand the concerns, but it is public water, so it is a balancing act," stated commissioner Wayne Johnson. After discussion by commissioners and input from county attorney Michelle Eldien and county administrator Nicole Hansen it was decided to move the discussion to the Public Works Committee.

"We can talk with lake associations and the DNR as resources," noted Hansen. "There is a balance we can find." No surface water ordinance was passed at this meeting.

Please visit the county website for future meeting dates and agendas: ottertailcountymn.us or follow Otter Tail County on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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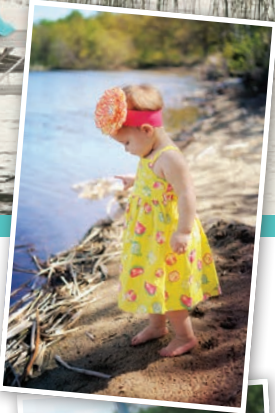

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