



Lake Washburn Association Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I sit writing this article it is difficult to believe summer is over. Days are getting shorter and the trees are turning and it has also been a couple of months since our Annual meeting. Those of you who were present I apologize for going over some of these items again. You heard a number of reports on what your Association is doing - many are also included in this newsletter. The following individuals were elected Officers and Directors:

President – Ron Reich

Vice President – Bob Holman

Secretary – Janis Judd

Treasurer – Linda Snesrud

Directors

Steve Carlson

Greg Hosch

Ted Johnson

I would like to express my thanks to the above individuals and also the other directors and committee chairs listed in the Newsletter. These individuals have volunteered their time to make your association function and be more responsive to your needs. They have also made my job much easier. I would also like to thank the outgoing directors, Gary Gabel, Ken Estvold, and Scott Mark for their service over the past years.

LAKE WASHBURN HISTORY PROJECT

The History Committee reported at the Annual Meeting on the status of the History of Development on Lake Washburn. The group has targeted the year of 2016, Our Centennial Year—the 100th year of cabins on the Lake—for delivery of the document of their efforts. The committee is currently researching material and specifically looking for old documents, photos, etc. of early cabin history. I am sure many of you possess items that will help tell the story of our lake. If you have any such items please let us know. For any artifacts you may have found, please photograph them and email the photo to Gary Gabel (gabelggsg@aol.com) who will date them. Also if you or a loved one have memories of early lake times but don't feel comfortable documenting them, please let us know and we will arrange for an interview with someone from the committee who will record your memories. I have listed the members who have currently signed on the history committee. We are also looking for more help with this effort, to collect items, research county and historical records, document memories, etc. If you are interested please let me know if you would like to be added to the group. All that is needed is a desire to help document all phases of historical cabin life on Lake Washburn.

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We do have some face-to-face meetings but much of the effort, coordination, and communication will be done via email.

History Committee

Marlies Brinkman	John Harris	Ellen Leger
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Diane Dubay	Rollie Hirman	Theo Michael
Gary Gabel	Bob Holman	Linda Snesrud
Sue Gabel	Janis Judd	Ron Reich

One final note on history, if you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting and are still wondering about the connection to the famous Mercy Kidnapper of Roger Sherman Ross published in the March 28, 1938 of Time Magazine, Theo Michael provided a photo of a root cellar on her uncle's property in Old Outing which purportedly was used as a hideout by the kidnapper, John Henry Seadlund and his accomplice James Atwood Gray.

SANDPIPER OIL PIPELINE PROJECT

You may have noticed surveyors flagging along County Road 48 and other local areas. From now through 2014 Enbridge Pipelines LLC is planning a 610-mile pipeline from North Dakota to Superior Wisconsin. Their selected route would bisect Cass County and Crooked Lake Township, following the power line south of County 48. If you are concerned about the potential effect on the environment, I encourage you to check this website for more information: <http://www.enbridge.com/SandpiperProject/Project-Overview.aspx>

WATERCRAFT INSPECTION PROGRAM

I just want to include a big thank you to Les and Bob for the great job coordinating the watercraft inspection program for the summer. The article on page 4 covers the details of the 2013 Watercraft Inspection Program. As you can see it was an outstanding success. We have agreed to continue the program for 2014 and will be seeking grants and other assistance to continue the program. However, should grant funding not be available, the membership at the Annual Meeting approved to continue the program in 2014 using AIS dedicated funds. We wish to thank the membership for their forward thinking in support of this important program.

FEHRS ROAD UPDATE

You may recall, at the June General Meeting, the membership expressed unanimous approval that the Association should get involved in the storm water runoff into our lake along Fehrs Road. The Crooked Lake Township Board met on site in late June. In mid- July they decided to do some road grading in the area to avert

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DNR advises waterfowl hunters to avoid spreading invasive species

Now that hunting season is underway, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) warns waterfowl hunters it's against the law to transport aquatic invasive species (AIS).

DNR conservation officers routinely inspect equipment during the hunting season and enforce state regulations related to invasive species.

Many people only associate the threat of spreading AIS with summertime activities, but hunters are also at risk of moving aquatic invaders from one waterbody to another. Without proper precautions, invasive plants and animals such as purple loosestrife, faucet snails, Eurasian watermilfoil and zebra mussels could be transported on duck boats, blind material and hunting gear.

“Hunters are legally required to drain all water and remove visible plants from boats and equipment before leaving the water access,” said Allison Gamble, DNR AIS specialist. “Waterfowl hunters should also remove all mud and check everything that could harbor aquatic invaders – even hunting dogs – to avoid carrying unwanted hitchhikers.”

Hunters are required by law to:

- Remove faucet snails and other prohibited invasive species from boats, waders, push poles, decoys, and decoy anchors before leaving the water access to avoid their spread.
- Cut cattails or other aquatic emergent plants above the waterline for blinds or camouflage. Thoroughly clean these materials before moving to another waterbody. When inspecting boats on infested waters, the DNR often finds zebra mussels attached to vegetation.

The DNR also recommends that waterfowl hunters switch to elliptical, bulb-shaped or strap decoy anchors that won't snag submerged aquatic plants as easily.

Invasive species can damage habitat for waterfowl, fish and other wildlife, and even cause die-offs of waterfowl. It only takes a fragment of Eurasian watermilfoil to spread into a new waterbody.

At early life stages, some invasive species such as young zebra mussels are difficult to see. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another water body:

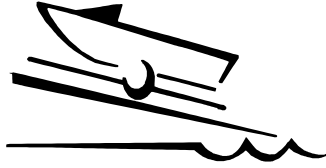
- Spray with high-pressure water, rinse with very hot water (120 degrees for at least two minutes or 140 degrees for at least 10 seconds), or
- Dry for at least five days. Air drying may require additional days due to cool weather.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Watercraft Inspection

Les Raisch / Bob Holman

The Lake Washburn Association Watercraft Inspection Committee worked in partnership with the Crooked Lake Township (CLT) Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee to prevent the spread of AIS. In this effort, CLT applied for and was awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). CLT administered the grant and allocated 500 hours to the Association for DNR trained inspectors to inspect watercraft using the public landing. The DNR grant provided 50% of the cost of these inspectors.



Lake Washburn Association allocated \$3,750 of AIS funds to cover 50% of the cost for the trained inspectors. Due to the late season start, only 420.5 of the 500 hours were used. Including other miscellaneous costs, such as training, overtime and costs for materials needed for the inspectors, the actual cost to the Association was \$3,136.71.

The 2013 season data showed 570 boats were inspected. Of these 570 boats, 351 came into Lake Washburn and 219 left the lake. These numbers reflect only the hours the inspectors were on duty.

The program was very successful with one of three inspectors at the public landing Friday thru Sunday all summer through Labor Day. Inspectors worked on Friday afternoons from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Saturday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. During the July 4th holiday week and Memorial and Labor Day weekends, hours were adjusted to have inspectors on site during the heavy boat traffic times.

The inspectors provided important information which the Association stored and forwarded to the DNR. The DNR will use this information to assist them in planning for future programs to assist in preventing the spread of invasive species.

The committee is working with the Crooked Lake Township Aquatic Invasive Species to apply for a 2014 DNR grant to continue this inspection program. Please feel free to contact your State representatives to continue the invasive species program.

We want to thank all of you for all of your concerns and support.

County Road 48 Cleanup

Keith Ahlquist

Thank you to the following individuals who participated in the road cleanups this year.

The Spring cleanup was held on Saturday, June 1st. It was a cold and rainy day with 20 mph winds. Those that braved the elements were:

Don & Diane Dubay
Melinda Genz
Corey Haddy
Hope Blackburn
Sue Townsend
Richard Nelles



The Fall cleanup was held on Saturday, September 7th. Those that participated on the hot, muggy day were:

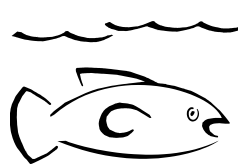
Dave & Pat Oleson Rick Blackmon
Don & Diane Dubay Sue Townsend
Harry Schlieff Bill Pudwell

Thank you all!! The 2014 cleanup dates will be on the Association's website and in the Spring Newsletter.

Fisheries

John Harris—Washburn DNR Liaison

Fishing has been good this year. How good has it been? Well, I think that there have been more comments about good fishing this year than any year since we built a cabin on Washburn some 20 years ago!



I'm not necessarily talking about stringers of walleye even though there have been some of those. And, I'm not suggesting that anglers give up Mille Lacs or Winny and concentrate on fishing

here. But, there have been a lot of walleye caught this year and some were really, really nice size. Some big northern caught as well. Hopefully, those really, really nice walleye and northern were returned to the water so that they can reproduce.

Having said that, the results of the DNR netting on August 12th-16th do not testify to the success some anglers have experienced. The preliminary results of the netting were quite similar to prior netting results except there were a few less perch and less tullibee. If those results are truly representative of what's going on in our lake, it's a mixed blessing. The fewer natural forage for fish, the more likely the fish are to bite on the bait we offer. On the other hand, with less forage; the smaller

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the fish we'll be catching (it takes a good supply of food to grow large fish).

Here's a little statistical info from the netting:

Walleye – 53 walleye were caught. The longest was 25". The average weight was nearly 2 lbs.

Northern – 72 were caught. The longest was just over 35". The average weight was a little less 2 lbs. but a little less than that of the walleye (we have to keep eating these little buggers).

Large Mouth Bass – 5 were caught. The longest was just under 17". Average weight was about 1 1/4 lbs.

Small Mouth Bass – 3 were caught (where were all the bass that we keep catching hiding?). The largest was just over 15". Average weight was nearly 1 3/4 lbs. Other more unusual fish that were caught include a bowfin (dogfish) and burbot (eelpout).

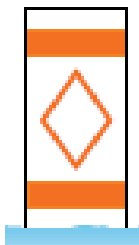
The final report of the netting results will be available early next year. The final reports are expected to tell us to what extent the stocking of walleye by the DNR is impacting our fishery.

Next Up: In late Sept or early Oct, the DNR will be conducting their annual electro-fishing. This is another way of helping determine how the fishery is doing. Electro-fishing is done after dark. It involves a couple of boats and lots of lights. Very small walleye are targeted. An electrical current shocks the fish which float to the top of the water and are netted, measured, perhaps a scale is removed and the fish are then returned to the lake none the worse for the experience. If you happen to see a bunch of bright lights out on the lake within the next few weeks, do not be alarmed. It's just the DNR, working late, trying to help our fishery.

Buoys

Steve Carlson

Your Association along with the Cass County Sheriff's Department maintain the 31 buoys on Lake Washburn. Most of our buoys are marking navigational hazards (rocks and shallow water) with the exception of the 8 buoys placed in the channel between East and North Lake. These buoys were placed to mark the natural channel between the two basins and to help protect the wild rice beds that thrive there. Please slow down, stay in the marked channel and use caution in this area, help us protect the native aquatic vegetation.



Dos and Don'ts

Don't assume all navigational hazards are marked with a buoy.

Don't assume the buoys are in the right location. Buoy anchors fail; weather can move or damage them. Contact the Association if you think a buoy is out of position or has gone adrift.

Do enjoy the lake safely, and

Do be a LWA volunteer.

Not all buoys are large cylindrical tubes. The Association has volunteer SCUBA divers that search for invasive species. Should you see a red flag with a diagonal white strip, that means divers are down, **STAY AWAY**.

Infrequently you may see buoys placed by the DNR, yellow Milfoil markers and test netting markers. You should also stay away from these areas.

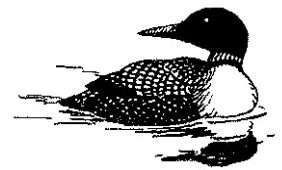
Private markers of any type including mooring buoys may not be placed overnight without a permit from the County Sheriff.

A special thanks to Brian Olds of O.L.D.S. for helping LWA maintain our buoys.

Wildlife—Loons

Richard Nelles

It was early morning on October 1st, as a sliver of moon was setting and the sun was just coming up. Fog was rising off water smooth as glass, and three deer were on the shore getting a drink as Richard Nelles, Sue Kyner, and Dave & Linda Snesrud began their cruise around the lake to take the annual loon count. A total of 16 juvenile loons were spotted, 8 in the West lake, 6 in the North, and 2 in the East. No adult loons were spotted. Richard was surprised and wondered when they had left. Dave reported having seen them two weekends ago, so sometime during the two weeks prior to October 1, the adult loons began their fall migration.



Aquatic Invasive Species

Ted Johnson

Purple Loosestrife was found several years ago along the east and west shore, and on the islands of the East basin. Jerry Ballard has been diligent about working to eradicate the Loosestrife on the southwest side. Dave Snesrud has treated most other areas, and this year no plants were found on the islands. However, the plants are spreading and it is no longer

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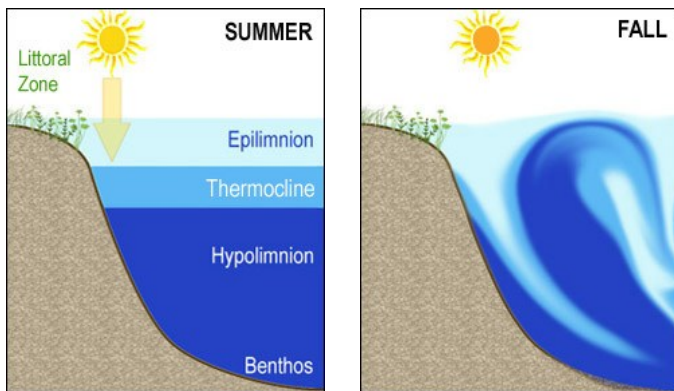
Lake Learning

Fall turnover in our lakes

The temperature has cooled lately and the wind has picked up. These are the ingredients needed for fall turnover in our lakes. A couple months ago I wrote about how the lakes separated into layers in the summer, which is called stratification. To recap, the layering of lakes has to do with the relationship between water density and temperature.

Water is most dense at 39 Fahrenheit (4 degrees Celsius), and as water warms or cools from that mark it gets less dense. This has implications for a lake's structure because the denser water is heavier and will be at the bottom of a lake while the less dense water is lighter and will generally be at the top of the lake.

In the summer in Minnesota, the sun heats the top layer of a lake (called the epilimnion) which causes it to become less dense. The bottom layer of the lake (called the hypolimnion) does not receive sunlight and therefore remains cold. Since the top layer of the lake is less dense, it floats on top of the bottom layer and the two do not mix. The metalimnion is the middle layer of water. The metalimnion also encompasses the thermocline, the area of the most drastic change in water temperature.



In the fall in Minnesota, the sunlight is not as strong and the nights become cooler. This change in season allows the top layer of the lake to cool off. As the water cools, the density difference between the top layer of the lake and bottom layer is not as great. Wind can then mix the layers. Eventually the top layer fades and mixes with the middle layer. The thermocline sinks in the water column as the heavier upper water layer forces it deeper. Soon, though, the temperature in this mixed upper layer equals that of the bottom layer; wind easily mixes the entire water column because similar temperature and density exist throughout. This mixing allows oxygen and nutrients to be distributed across the whole water column again, and is called fall turnover.

The timing and duration of fall turnover depends on the size and depth of the lake. Sometimes it can occur in a couple days and sometime it takes a week or more. The deeper the lake, the longer the water column takes to become uniform in temperature since the bottom stays cooler. Most lakes in Minnesota that are deeper than about 20 feet turnover in early to mid October.

You can track fall turnover in an individual lake a couple different ways. The easiest way is with a Secchi disk and a water thermometer. A Secchi disk measures water clarity. During fall turnover, the clarity of a lake usually decreases because mixing brings up nutrient rich water from the bottom of the lake and causes the lake to look cloudy. Sometimes there is even a distinct smell as decomposing plants, algae and other matter surfaces. Then, when turnover is complete, the clarity increases dramatically. If you take Secchi disk readings and surface water temperature readings every day or every other day in late September and early October, you can track fall turnover. Once the surface is 39 degrees F and the water clarity is deeper than it's been all summer, you will know that turnover is complete.

A more precise way to track fall turnover and the sinking of the thermocline is to take the temperature at 2-foot intervals from the surface of the lake to the bottom. You can tie a rope to a thermometer and mark 2-foot intervals on the rope. If you graph a line of temperature versus depth in the lake, you can see how the lake cools off and becomes uniform in temperature after turnover.

Some people report that fishing is not as good during fall turnover. The main reason fishing is harder is because the fish move and are more dispersed. In the summer, walleyes school in high oxygenated holes and structures. When the lake mixes, the oxygen levels become uniform throughout the lake so fish can roam anywhere. For information on how to fish during fall turnover, visit:

<http://fishingminnesota.com/fishinfo343.html>

Most lakes in northern Minnesota are considered dimictic, meaning they mix twice a year - spring and fall. Shallow lakes, less than 15-20 feet, behave differently and can mix more often throughout the summer.

Enjoy the lakes! This article was written and shared by Moriya Rufer at RMB Environmental Laboratories as part of continuing education for their:

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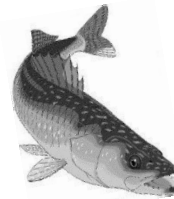
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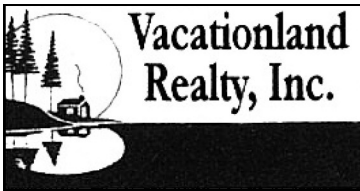
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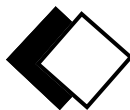


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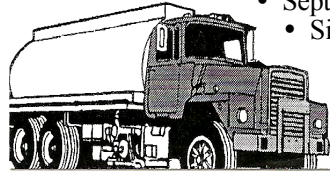
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CLEAN, DRAIN, & DRY

By Bob Holman

This past summer, Lake Washburn Association has been an active participant in a new grant program with the Department of Natural Resources and Crooked Lake Township. Our participation in this grant allowed DNR trained Aquatic Invasive Species inspectors to monitor watercraft coming into and leaving Lake Washburn at the DNR Public Landing. The inspectors spent 420 hours from mid-May through the second weekend in September and monitored 570 boats. Many of these boats came from other lakes, some which were designated AIS infected waters.

These inspectors ensured the boats and trailers coming into our lake were free of aquatic vegetation and had all water drained from the boat and live wells, including portable bait containers before launching. And, the boat operators leaving our water were reminded to remove the drain plug and drain the live wells before transporting the boats on public roads. The inspectors provided a valuable service to educate those unfamiliar with the new Minnesota AIS laws.

We are reminded there are other launch areas on private property around our lake. For those owners of this property, please be vigilant for any boats coming into our lake to ensure they are cleaned and drained of all water prior to launching. It only takes one boat from an infested water to contaminate our lake. We all need to pay attention. It only takes a few minutes to ensure boats are cleaned, drained and dried to prevent invasive species from hitchhiking on boats and trailers. These hitchhikers include zebra mussels, quagga mussels and spiny waterfleas to name a few - especially the veligers which are the microscopic embryos of the zebra mussels.

We have a great lake enjoyed by many. Let's keep it that way by being vigilant and following good boating practices. Clean, drain and dry is a catchy slogan but, **it is the law.**

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runoff into the lake. It appears, based on reported observations following the rains of late summer, that the grading has corrected most of the problem areas, however there is still one area they are planning to rework.

COMMUNICATION

I have a few final comments concerning ways in which we can insure and improve communications in the future. First, check your membership expiration date shown on your Newsletters mailing label. If your membership has expired in 2012 please send in your current dues. You might also think of including the 2014 dues.

Second, this is the last newsletter you will receive in 2013, as the next newsletter will be Spring 2014. In the event there are any items of significance we will send you an email via Constant Contact as we have done in the past. In order to make sure you receive this information please make sure we have your current

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DNR question of the week

Q: With nesting season over, what is the best method for cleaning out a bluebird house?

A: After birds are finished using the box remove all of the nesting material. If the box has a door, open it and leave it opened until spring. This way, rodents won't chew on the door or the entrance hole to try to get in. If the box is soiled, spray a 10 percent bleach solution inside, wipe it out and let it dry. This should remove parasites and disinfect the box so it is ready for next year.

-Lori Naumann, DNR nongame wildlife program information officer

IN REMEMBRANCE



Harlow Paul Callander

(January 29, 1938 - July 30, 2013)



Age 75 of Shoreview, MN. Passed away July 30, 2013. Harlow is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Michael (Kathy) Callander, Colleen Callander, Cathleen Timo and Robert Callander; grandchildren, Ellianne Timo and Dayton Ogier. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harlow and Margaret. Harlow was an

accounting professor at the University of St. Thomas for 36 years, retiring in 2005.



Lillian Carlson

Lillian Carlson was born on September 12, 1915, in Hutchinson, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Jim and Christine (Hansen) Andersen. Lillian was baptized as an infant, and was later confirmed in her faith as a youth. She received her education in Hutchinson and attended Hutchinson High School. On May 28, 1938, Lillian was united in marriage to Tyrus Carlson at the Lamson Evangelical Free Church in Dassel, Minnesota. This marriage was blessed with 2 children, Richard and Mary Lee. Lillian and Tyrus resided in Chicago until 1956, when they moved to Hutchinson, Minnesota. In 1979, they moved to their lake home in Crooked Lake Township, Cass County, Minnesota. They shared 62 years of marriage until Tyrus passed away on September 19, 2000. Lillian was a loving wife, mother and homemaker. She also helped her husband, Tyrus at Ty's Metal Finishing in Hutchinson. She retired in 1979. Lillian was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. Lillian enjoyed cross stitching, sewing, quilting, word puzzles and fishing. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends. Lillian passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at the Woodbury Estate Assisted Living in Woodbury, Minnesota, at the age of 97 years. Blessed be her memory. Lillian is survived by her: Daughter, Mary Lee Fischer and her husband, Jim of St. Paul, MN; Grandchildren, Mark Fischer and Laurie, Christopher Fischer and his wife, Jennifer, Shannon Schrum; Great Grandchildren, Mason, Eva, Annika, Mia Fischer, Morgan and Hanna Schrum; Great Step Granddaughters, Allie and Summer Langness; Sisters, Erma Juhl of St. Paul, MN, Irene Moir

of Dallas, TX; Brother, Henrik Andersen and his wife, Dorothy of Mayer, MN; Many other relatives and friends. Lillian is preceded in death by her Parents, Jim and Christine Andersen; Husband, Tyrus Carlson; Son, Richard Carlson; Sister, Asta Larsson; Brother Fred Andersen.



Malcolm Kerr MacKenzie

Age 86 of Apple Valley and formerly of St. Peter, was united with the Lord on Monday, December 31, 2012. A Celebration of His Life was held on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at Union Presbyterian Church, St. Peter, MN with Rev. Andrew Davis officiating. Burial was in Greenhill Cemetery, St.



Peter. Memorials were preferred to the Traverse des Sioux Treaty Site History Center or the Twin Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Malcolm was born April 3, 1926, in Gaylord, MN. He was the son of State Senator Claude H. MacKenzie and Ruth Jean (Wheelock) MacKenzie. Malcolm earned the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America. He graduated from Gaylord High School in 1944. Malcolm served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He then attended the University of Minnesota and the U of M Law School; graduating and passing the bar exam in 1951. On June 24, 1950, Malcolm was united in marriage to the love of his life, Donna Marie Tauer. They were blessed with three children. Malcolm started practicing law in St. Peter in 1951 and was in private practice for 11 years. In 1962 he partnered with Bill Gustafson to form the Gault, MacKenzie & Gustafson Law Firm. Malcolm served as Nicollet County Attorney for 12 years and had also served as a lobbyist for the County Attorney Association. Other community involvement included: Lions Club (serving as District Governor for a time) leadership in the Twin Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and served one term as the President of the Clan MacKenzie Society of the Americas.

Malcolm enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling, and spending time with his family; at the family cabin, camping vacations, and winters on the Alabama coast.

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Malcolm is survived by his daughter, Kyle (John) Nowell; son, Charles (Leigh Ann) MacKenzie; daughter-in-law Lynn MacKenzie; grandchildren: Heather (Paul) Polivka, Brandon (Katie) Macrafic, Chalyce (Ryan) Bland, Colin (Trish) MacKenzie, Caleb (Kelly) MacKenzie, Cameron MacKenzie, Blake MacKenzie, and Nicole MacKenzie; step-grandchildren: Michael (Allison) Bell and Lisa (John) Thompson; great-grandchildren: Henry and Ellie Macrafic, Colton MacKenzie; step-great-grandchildren: Shelby and Reagan Skinner, Ethan and Sara Thompson, and Jonas Bell. Malcolm was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Donna; his parents; his sister, Betty Jean and his son, Bruce.



GEORGE MARTINSEN

George went to dance with the angels February 19th, 2013, at home, surrounded by family, in peace. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Jane; his 5

children, Bruce (Julie) Martinsen, Karen (Stephen) Hawkinson, Diane Martinsen Bach, John Martinsen, Susan (Douglas) Mork, 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Brothers-in-law, Richard Monn and Roger (Mary) Monn, many nieces, nephews and friends. A 1948 graduate of Central High, George went on to get his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota and Master of Arts degree from the University of St. Thomas. He spent the majority of his working career in the insurance industry as the owner of Martinsen Agency Insurance. He not only took pride in his work and agency, but truly relished the friends he made during his time in business. George thoroughly enjoyed everything life had to offer and it was rare to find him without a smile on his face or a joke to share. He was a self-proclaimed "grammarian about whom your mother warned you," and always found and nurtured the perfection in everyone. He spent his leisure time traveling the country in his travel trailer, driving around in his red '71 Olds convertible and loved spending summers at the cabin in Northern Minnesota.



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email. Please include it on your membership form or email it to WashburnLA@outlook.com. During the next few months you may want to check for any late updates on our web page: www.lakewashburnmn.org.

Finally we are hoping to improve communications to members, and as such we would like to create a Facebook page. If this is something you would be able to help with, please let us know. Lake Washburn Association is your Association; please let us know your concerns via email or if you prefer, mail or call to let us know about issues of importance to you.

Have a great winter.

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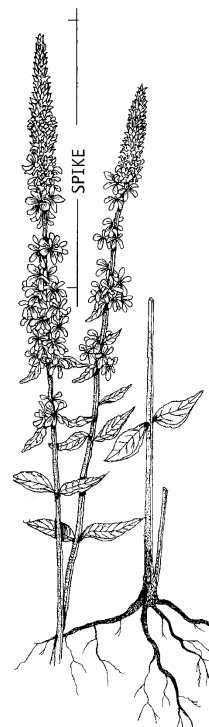
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a one man job to treat everything. Please check your shoreline for Purple Loosestrife and if found take steps to get rid of it.

What's bad about this pretty purple-flowered plant? Loosestrife is very aggressive and degrades the area where it establishes itself. Habitat where fish & wildlife feed, seek shelter, reproduce and rear their young get choked with the purple flowers.

There are several methods which can be used to get rid of Loosestrife. Depending on how large of an area is infested, the plant can be dug and pulled by hand. These methods do not require a DNR permit. Other areas might require the use of a hemical. If it is near the water, Rodeo should be used and a permit is required. Loosestrife can easily spread if improper control methods are used. Be very careful when digging and get as much of the root system as possible, because broken roots may sprout new plants. Removing the flowering spikes before going to seed will prevent more plants in future years—each mature plant can produce over 2 million seeds per year. All plant material should be put in the garbage. Be diligent, it can take up to 10 years to fully eradicate it.

If you have any questions about identifying Purple Loosestrife or disposing of it, contact Dave Snesrud. His contact information is found on page 2.



Purple Loosestrife

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AVOID DEER-VEHICLE CRASHES WHILE DRIVING THIS FALL

Nearly one-third of car-deer collisions each year occur between now and November, said the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), citing a national report. Minnesota is ranked eighth when it comes to car-deer crash totals, according to State Farm Insurance, which tracks the trends nationwide. Most states, the company reports, are seeing a decline in their numbers. There are two exceptions: Wyoming and Minnesota.

Though most people would expect these crashes to be more likely in rural areas, motorists in urban regions of the state also need to watch out for these dangerous — and sometimes deadly — accidents involving deer. Minnesota has 3 million drivers and 136,000 miles of roadway. More than 20,000 deer-vehicle accidents are reported annually, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

While trying to predict when and where a deer and motorist will meet is an impossible task, drivers who understand how deer behave are more likely to avoid a crash. The DNR advises motorists to use these driving tips to help avoid collisions with deer:

- **See the signs.** Deer-crossing signs are posted in high-risk areas. Drive with caution, especially in the posted areas.
- **Deer don't roam alone.** Deer often run together. If one deer is near or crossing the road, expect that others will follow.
- **Danger from dusk to dawn.** Watch for deer especially at dawn and after sunset. About 20 percent of these crashes occur in early morning, while more than half occur between 5 p.m. and midnight.
- **Safety begins behind the wheel.** Always wear safety belts and drive at safe, sensible speeds for road conditions.

If a vehicle strikes a deer, motorists should report the crash by calling local law enforcement, the sheriff's department, or the Minnesota State Patrol. By following these tips and maximizing one's situational awareness, it becomes less likely to experience a deer-vehicle crash.





Lake Washburn Association

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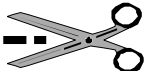
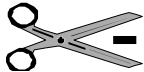
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MEMBERSHIP NOTES *By Linda Snesrud*

The current 2013 membership total is 199. We are behind our usual membership level. Here is membership history for the last ten years.

2003	231	2007	237	2010	223
2004	260	2008	224	2011	247
2005	266	2009	227	2012	248
2006	224				

There is still time to send in your 2013 dues. Not sure if you have paid your dues yet? Check the expiration date on your mailing label. If the expiration year is 2012 or older, **please** send in your dues today.

Please welcome the following new property owners and their families:

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- Heather Sillers-Rudebusch of Shoreview, MN—Birch Bay Drive
- Dave & Tami Smith of Albertville, MN—Fehrs Drive

We need your help to keep our database current. Please let us know if you move, or if you know of someone new to the lake. We also keep track of properties that are for sale to watch for new ownership. Please contact any of the board members listed on page 2 if you have information to help us. Thanks!

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN TODAY!

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