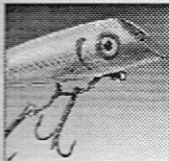




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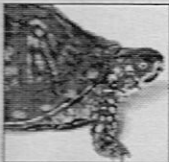
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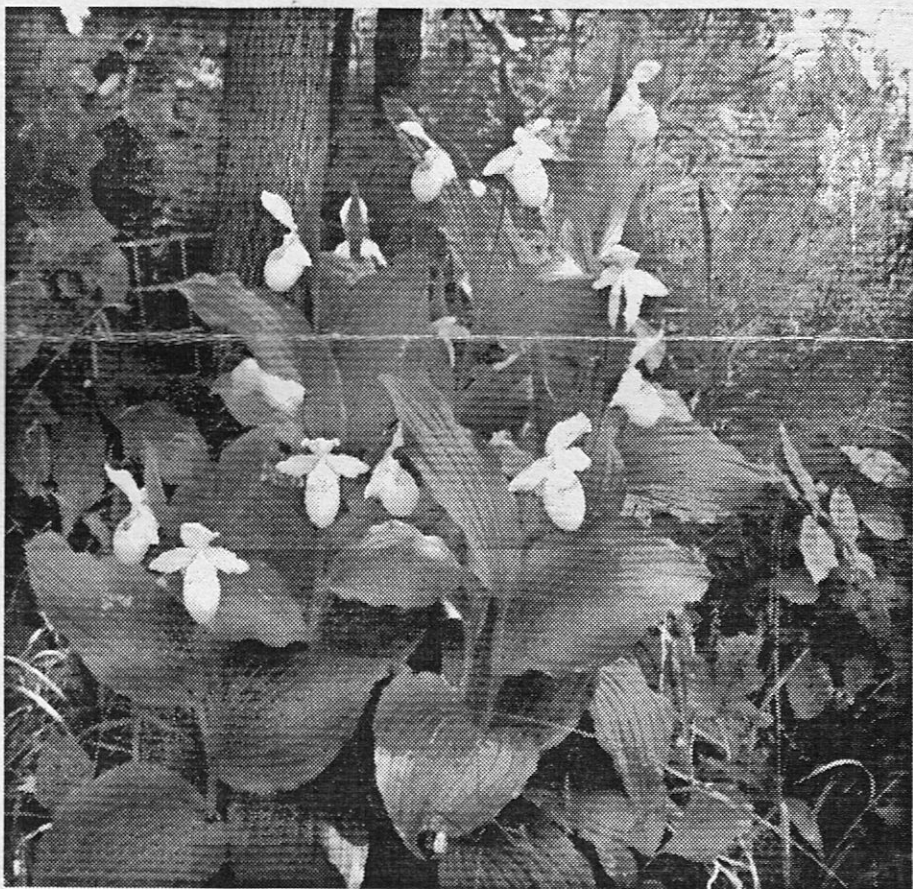
### JUNE MEETING

Our first general meeting of 1996 will be held on Saturday, June 15, at the Town Hall in Outing. Fellowship/coffee time will be from 9:00-9:30 with the meeting starting at 9:30 am. A door prize will be awarded at the end of the meeting.

The program, arranged by Jean Johnson, will be a presentation by Doug Fairbanks, Cass County Director of Environmental Services. He will speak on Zoning, Environmental Issues and Lakeshore-Safe Practices Issues.

We hope you will join us for fellowship and information on June 15.

## *The Minnesota state flower is the lady's slipper.*



*Phyllis Mazey is lucky enough to have a patch of wild lady's slippers in her back yard.*

### **BIRDS, BIRDS, BIRDS!**

Orioles and hummingbirds returned in full force about May 16 with large appetites. It seems the feeders didn't stay full very long! Other birds, such as grosbeaks, finches, and woodpeckers also appreciated their feeders after their long winter. Birds are certainly fun to watch!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

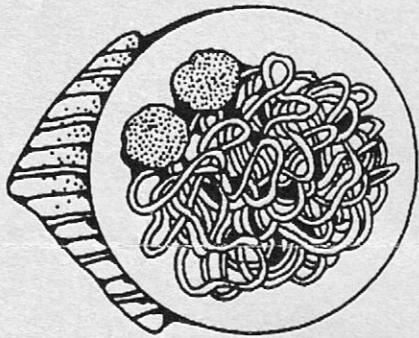
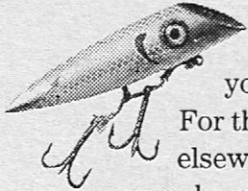
Spring certainly came late this year! The ice went off the lake completely on Sunday, May 6. The opener found few fish caught on Lake Washburn, but the weather was sunny with highs in the low 50's.

I am pleased to announce that as of May 1, we had 152 Lake Washburn Association members for 1996. With our goal of 245 (75% of all possible lake owners) we need 93 more

members. If we haven't received your membership yet, you will find a membership form stapled to this newsletter.

For those who have joined (and whose names are listed elsewhere in this newsletter), we say "THANK YOU". Your

membership makes us a stronger Association when dealing with county and state officials, and in protecting our lake for the coming generations.



## MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to a conflict in the use of the Outing Town Hall, our August Spaghetti Supper and Annual meeting will be held on August 17. Spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, bread, bars, coffee and koolaid will be served. Tentative cost for dinner will be \$5.00 per adult/ \$2.50 per child or \$12.50 per immediate family. Serving will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by the general meeting at approximately 7:15 pm.

We hope to have representatives of both Thunder Lake and Crooked Lake townships speak to us and answer questions. Reports will be given by the various directors and the election of two directors, president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer will take place.

We hope to see you on August 17.

## TOWN HALL DONATION

Last year our Board voted to make a donation to the Crooked Lake Town Hall. It has been decided to give a free standing fan which can be used by all. Jean Johnson will be obtaining and presenting the fan to the Town Board.

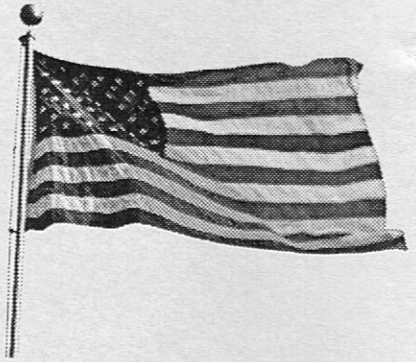
## NOMINEES NEEDED

Would you like to become more active in the Lake Washburn Association? At our August meeting we will be electing new members to the Lake Washburn Board.

The following positions will be open:  
 2 directors (3 year terms)  
 President (1 year term)  
 Vice-president (1 year term)  
 Secretary (1 year term)  
 Treasurer (1 year term)

Being on the Board of Directors, as a director or an officer, is a good way to get learn more about the Lake Washburn Association as well as meet fellow lakeshore residents. New faces and new ideas help our organization grow and prosper.

For more information on any of these positions, please contact Don Peterson, 792-5257, or Harold Hegman, 792-5442.



# Fourth of July Events

*Want to do something special over the Fourth of July weekend?*

*Bring the whole family and help the LWA in cleaning Highway 48 from Highway 6 to the end of the blacktop. We will meet at the Campground at the south end of the lake on Saturday, July 6, at 9:00 am. Bags will be provided. Be sure to wear gloves.*

*If you would like to help with the LWA boat monitoring, contact Greg Hosch at 792-5649 or 612-755-2873. Two hour shifts are available for Saturday July 6, and Sunday July 7.*

*The more volunteers we have, the more time we can monitor the boat launch. This is great opportunity to talk with fellow Lake Washburn property owners and to spread the word about Eurasian milfoil.*



## 1996 LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Following is a listing of those who have paid their 1996 membership dues to Lake Washburn Association as of May 1, 1996. If you haven't joined as yet, please send in your membership soon. We need 93 more members to meet our goal of 75% of all possible Lake Washburn land owners!

Abelleira, Aldo & Becky  
Ahlquist, Lloyd & Dorothy  
Alberg, Chuck & Marilyn  
Albers, Jim  
Altman, Joseph & Betty  
Andersohn, Bruce & Wendi  
Anderson, Swede & Peggy  
Anderson, Jereme & Karen  
Arf, Kevin/Jeffrey/Gordon  
Baker, Ron & Nancy  
Ballard, Jerry & Marie  
Barron, Edward & Paula  
Beard, Robert & Rita  
Behning, Ron & Pat  
Bendt, Kyle & April  
Benzen, Norberg & Sharon  
Betts, Dan & Julie  
Boblett, Lois  
Borgwardt, Fred & Arline  
Brinkman, Tom & Marlies  
Brodersen, Don & Barbara  
Bryan, Don & Donna  
Bullis, Ruth  
Burgoyne, Art & Ginna  
Cannon, Lloyd & Nettie  
Carlson, Greg & Erin  
Carlson, Steve & Denise  
Carlson, Terry & Fran  
Carlson, Tyrus & Lillian  
Carr, Ed & Nancy  
Cazier, Harold & Janice  
Chapman, Bob & Laurene  
Chinquist, Fred Jr  
Chovan, Gary & Jan  
Davis, Darwin & Laurie  
Dawson, Keith & Donna  
Deans, Ken & Mildred  
DeVries, Stephen  
Downey, Art & Joanne  
DuBois, George & Cindy  
Duffney, Scott & Debra  
Edelbrock, Bob & Sandee  
Edwards, Jim & Marge

Ellis, Tim & Lynne  
Erdman, Sheldon  
Ford, William & Pamela  
Fortmeyer, George & Louise  
Fox, Pauline  
Gabel, Gary & Sue  
Gaskill, Ronald & Jane  
Gilbertson, Greg & Diana  
Goodin, Jim & Karen  
Gooley, Jerome  
Gouze, Steve & Candy  
Grant, Bill & Kim  
Gryskiewicz, Ray & Mildred  
Hacker, Steve  
Hagel, Jerry & Jackie  
Hannay, Edward & Barbra  
Harris, John & Kate  
Hartz, Ron & Debbie  
Hed, Dennis & Joanne  
Hegman, Harold & Dorothy  
Hegman, Mark & Jacqueline  
Hildreth, Marvin & Sara  
Hoogland, Tim & Glenda  
Hosch, Greg & Karen  
Houston, John & Alvis  
Hron, Rolie and Jan  
Huss, Richard & Diana  
Johnson, Brad & Lynn McKee  
Johnson, Dave & Jan  
Johnson, Gordon & Doris  
Johnson, Lance & Patricia  
Johnston, Clem & Mary  
Jorgenson, Jerry & Ginny  
Judd, David & Janis  
Kaske, Andrew & Kae  
Kinsky, Patricia  
Kirchner, Leonard & Hedwig  
Knox, Barry & Nancy  
Kruetter, Jim & Jean  
Kroehnert, Paul  
Kruse, Cy & Nancy  
Kurtz, Kelly & Karna  
LaBounty, Charles  
Laakso, Dan & Karen  
Lakso, Wayne & Sue  
Lambertsen, Albert  
Lansky, Lester & Shirley  
Larson, Dale & Lucille  
Larson, Norman & Dorothy  
Lesperance, Peter & Betty  
Leuthard, John & Joyce  
Fruneaux  
LeVoir, Ken & Elaine  
Lindblad, Hubert & Iris  
Lindblad, Ralph & Nancy  
Lindbom, Wayne & Lucy  
Manthie, Gordon & Darla

Maranda, Pat & Julie  
Martinsen, Geroge & Jane  
Mogren, Robert  
Morreim, Ernest & Kathy  
Morrow, James & Marilee  
Moss, William & Dee  
Nechas, Dave & Nancy  
Nelles, Richard  
Nielsen, Stephen & Lisa  
Olsen, Eugene & Monica  
Opatz, Mark & Betsy  
Page, Clayton & Marie  
Pattock, Larry & Florence  
Perendy, Bill & Maxine  
Peterson, Rick & Judy  
Peterson, Dennis & Kathy  
Peterson, Donald & Jo  
Peterson, Jim & Barbara  
Pierre, Bob  
Pietrowski, Ed  
Powers, Brad & Sandra  
Rask, Jon & Elaine  
Rayman, Scott & Janet  
Regal, Ron & Jean  
Ress, Ronald & Mary  
Reynolds, Warren & Dorothy  
Richard, Ray & Lois  
Schlieff, Harry & Sandra  
Schuller, John & Grace  
Schwalbach, Dick & Margarie  
Schwengler, Dean & Carol  
Seelye, Richard & Priscilla  
Simpson, Vern & Shirley  
Smith, Dennis & Mary  
Smith, Helen  
Solstad, Leo Sr  
Stanchfield, Victor & Roberta  
Stephanek, Thomas &  
Rosemary  
Stidger, Grace  
Stuenkel, Omar & Pearl  
Sweazy, Ben & Esther  
Thielen, James & Sue Henken  
Toth, Dennis & Nancy  
Voynovich, Nick & Myrle  
Wahl, Donald & Carol  
Wahl, Thomas  
Westman, Lloyd & Doris  
Wheeler, Charles & Virginia  
Whiteley, Frank & Margaret  
Whitely, Terry & Diane  
Wilder, Don & Dorothy  
Wilder, Steve & Sue  
Wraalstad, Duane & Patricia



## WATER SCOOTER TIPS



Water Scooters (personal watercraft) are the fastest growing segment of the watercraft industry. In Minnesota there are double the number of water scooters that there were five years ago. Water Scooters are involved in 20% of the fatal boating accidents. One of the reasons for the increase in accidents may be the number of young and inexperienced riders. New laws require a watercraft operator's permit for those under 17. (See article on Young Boater Laws).

Other tips to remember:

- \_Don't ride too close to other boats, give yourself time to react in case of emergency.
- \_Make gradual turns - your machine will come to a complete stop due to the jet pump losing contact with the water if you turn too sharply.
- \_Everyone on board must wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD or life vest.
- \_The machine must be equipped with a fire extinguisher.
- \_You must travel at a no-wake speed within 100 feet of non-motorized watercraft, shore, dock, swimmer, swimming raft or moored or anchored watercraft.
- \_If the machine comes equipped with a lanyard-style cut-off switch it must be attached to the person, life jacket or clothing of the operator when underway.
- \_Do not harass wildlife.
- \_Remember - water scooters cannot be operated between sunset and 8:00 am the next day.

## LIFE PRESERVER LAWS

As of May 1, all boats regardless of length must carry one US Coast Guard approved WEARABLE (Type I, II or III) life preserver for each person on board.

In addition, boats 16 feet or more in length (except canoes and kayaks) must also carry at least one US Coast Guard approved Type IV throwable device for the boat, such as a boat cushion or ring buoy.

## WATER ANALYSIS

Fred Borgwardt, our Natural Resource chairperson, has arranged to have water sampling kits available for purchase at the June meeting and at the campground from noon-2 pm on Saturday, July 6. These kits will cost \$20.00 each, payable upon pickup.

You should take your water sample, according to kit directions, and return the kit to the campground on Sunday, July 7, between noon and 2 pm. We will take the kits to Brainerd for analysis and you will receive the report directly from the company.

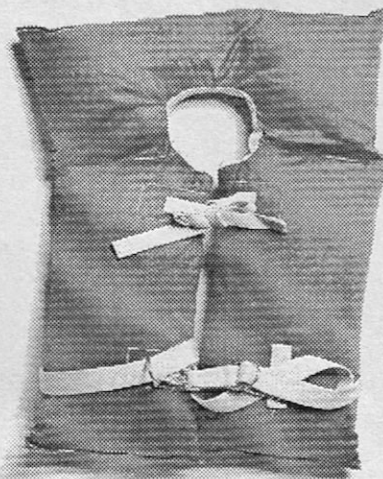
More information on this program will be given at our general meeting on June 15. If you have questions, please contact Fred at 218-792-5740. It is recommended that well water be tested every two years for bacteria/impurities.

## YOUNG BOATER LAWS

Two changes have been made to the operator age laws for youth operating powerboats and personal watercraft.

Powerboats:

- \_Youths under 12, no restriction on operating a 30hp or smaller motor; from 30-75 hp must have someone at least 18 on board; cannot operate a boat over 75hp.
- \_Youths 12-17: no restriction on operating a 30 hp or smaller motor; over 30 hp must have a watercraft operator's permit or have someone at least 18 on board.



Personal Water Craft (Water Scooters)

- \_Under 13 years of age, CANNOT operate even with an adult on board.
- \_13 years old, must have someone at least 18 on board or have a watercraft operator's permit AND be in unaided (no binoculars) visual contact with someone at least 18 years old.
- \_Those 14-17 must have a watercraft operator's permit or have someone at least 18 on board.

Watercraft operator's permits are available by writing Minnesota DNR, Boat & Water Safety Section, 500 Lafayette Rd, St. Paul, MN, 55155-4046 or calling 1-800-766-6000, and ordering the free education home-study course.

For more information about the rules call the DNR's 24 hour hotline at 1-800-766-6000 during regular business hours.

## HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Planned road construction projects in MnDOT District 3 this summer include the resurfacing of 17 miles of Highway 6 from Remer to Outing, 14 miles of Highway 200 from Remer to Highway 84, 15 miles of Highway 371 from Nisswa to Pine River and 9 miles of Highway 169 from Milaca to the Rum River Rest Area and the finishing of the bridge replacement project in Outing.

The Highway 6 work between Outing and Remer will include construction of 7 right turn lanes, 7 bypass lanes, 7 combo right turn/bypass lanes, culvert repair & replacement, and guardrail upgrade. This work is planned for Mid-July to November.

The Hwy 6 reconstruction project from Highway 6 in Crosby to the Mississippi Bridge has been delayed until 1997. That project will affect the road from Highway 6 in Crosby to the Mississippi Bridge.

We urge everyone to be alert and use extra caution when driving through a highway work zone area. Please do your part - Drive Safe - Drive Smart!



## A TROPHY FISH?

So you caught a trophy fish. What do you do now if you want to have the fish mounted.

First and foremost, is to put the fish on ice. This cools them down and slows decomposition. Never gut, clean or scale a trophy fish, according to the book "Handling Trophy Game". Doing any of these will ruin the fish or at least put a blemish on it.

When landing your "trophy" try to keep it in the net or hold it close until it stops flopping to prevent scales from being knocked loose and the skin from being beaten up. If you continue fishing, put the fish on ice, in a live well, or on a stringer (watch out for the snapping turtles if you have it on a stringer!)

Once out of the water fish should be taken to the taxidermist as soon as possible. A good way to move it is to lay the fins against the body and wrap the whole fish in a wet towel. Put the wrapped fish in a plastic bag, folding the towel's ends back over the fish and sealing them with a rubber band. When putting the wrapped fish in a cooler be sure that no water will be getting into the bag.

Enjoy the memories seeing your "trophy" on the wall brings.

## DEEP PORTAGE CAMPS

Lake Washburn Association is offering two \$100 scholarships to children/grandchildren, age 10-14, of any LWA member to attend Camp Portage by Hackensack, Minnesota. This year the camps include:

**Portage Aquatics Camp:** Campers will be fishing, canoeing, monitoring water biochemistry, fly tying, fish

printing, census taking, portaging, swimming, and camping. Week-long sessions beginning June 23 and July 28.

**Portage Adventures Camp:** Crafts, hikes, nature lore, canoeing, fishing and field trips and having a good time in the outdoors. The week-long session begins July 14.

Those interested may apply for a scholarship by submitting a 100 word essay as to why they would like to attend camp. Essays should be sent to Youth Camp Essay, Lake Washburn Association, Box 26, Outing, MN 56672.

For more information regarding deadlines, cost, etc. contact Marje Anderson, HCR 3, Box 197A, Remer, MN 56672. Phone 612-941-1212.

## FISH TIPS

A cooler might be the most important item for anglers who want to keep fish to eat. Fish that are dragged around on a stringer all day might die and if left in warmer water, will lose their flavor.

Dan Dieterman, a DNR fisheries specialist, said coolers with some ice may even be better than a live well for fish that anglers want to keep to eat. Live wells work well, but fisherman must be careful to monitor water temperatures. Once fish die and aren't cooled, "they can go (get rancid) in a hurry," he said.

It is legal to fillet walleye or northern if at least a square inch of skin (not

belly skin) remains on them. But fish with statewide length limits such as muskies, sturgeon, splake, brook, brown and rainbow trout and salmon cannot be filleted.

*Other rules to remember:*

\_A fish cannot be cut into more than two fillets.

\_The one-square-inch of skin rule applies to all fish except sunfish, crappies and bullheads, that are dressed and filleted.

\_Licensed anglers and their children under 16 can transport a possession limit of fish, but all fish must be packaged so they can be easily unwrapped, separated, identified and counted.

\_Fish in the FREEZER count for a possession limit.

\_Frozen fish must be packaged so they can be easily counted.

\_Anyone storing fish for someone else must plainly mark in ink on the package the owner's name, address, fishing license number and number of fish.

(Information from the May 3, 1996, Rochester Post Bulletin.)

## ADDRESS CHANGES

A reminder to let the Lake Washburn Association know of your lake and/or home

address changes. Having a current up-to-date mailing list helps keep our postage costs reasonable. Our February newsletter resulted in 10 returned packets.

Thank you for your help.





**BURNING BRUSH?**

You must obtain a burning permit before doing any burning outside of a burn barrel in Minnesota. Permits are available from fire wardens located throughout the state. In our area contact:

- Howard/Barb Dutton
- Jerry/Terry Anderson  
218-792-5473  
218-792-5381
- Del/Beatrice Rocheleau
- Lyle/Beverly Gaines  
218-792-5196  
218-792-5160

**PROPERTY TAX BREAK**

The Minnesota Legislature, responding to the seasonal property owner's concern of higher taxes, decided to decrease the percentage of the cabin's value that is taxed from 2% to 1.5% by 1998. This helps smaller cabin owners because it applies only to the first \$72,000 in value.

Homeowners who qualify for the state's homestead exemption pay lower property taxes than seasonal property owners. The seasonal owners have long felt they pay higher taxes but they don't vote on tax levies, don't have children in local schools and don't receive many county services.

However, the rising value of lakefront property is likely to erase the effect of the lower tax rates. Many cabin owners are still likely to receive higher tax bills next year.

Homesteader residents at first feared that a decrease in property taxes on seasonal cabins would shift the burden to them. Instead the Legislature decided to make all state taxpayers make up the difference, which is estimated to amount to \$22 million in lost seasonal cabin taxes in 1997 and 1998.

(Information from the April 27 Rochester Post Bulletin)

**WHAT LICENSES PAY FOR**

The DNR is often asked "Where do my fishing license fees go?" What anglers get for their license fees is the assurance that a fisheries team is keeping an eye on lakes and streams to ensure that the fisheries are being managed to produce good angling.

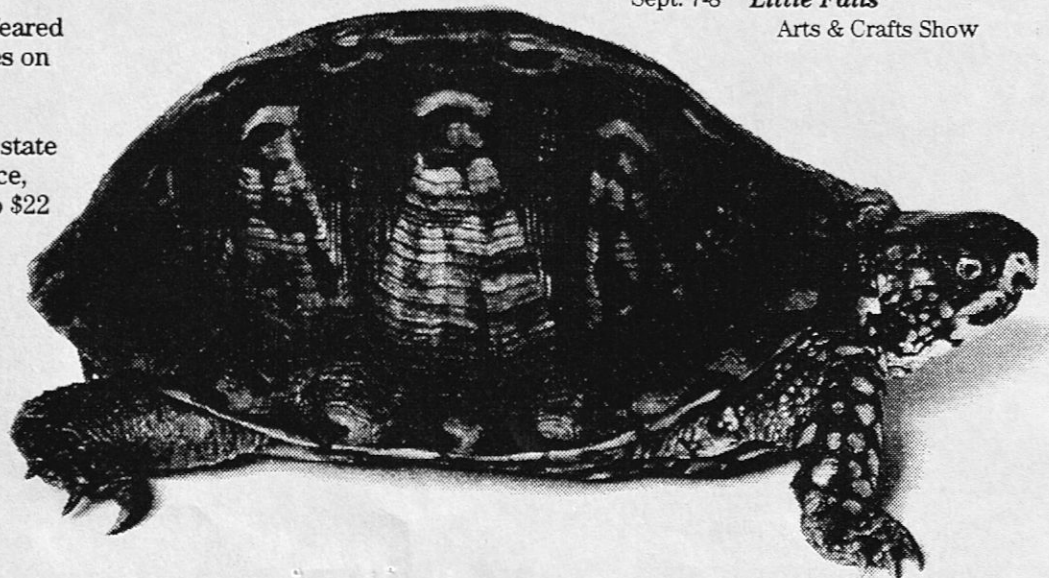
Specifically most of the \$17 million DNR fisheries budget pays for a staff of 300 which oversees the management of 5400 game fish lakes and 15,000 miles of streams and rivers. Much of Minnesota's fisheries program is reimbursed by the Federal Aid Sport Fish restoration program which is funded through a federal excise tax on fishing equipment, boats, and motor fuel and administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The money is also used to survey lakes and streams, maintain lakes fisheries history, conduct creel surveys, do test netting, do research projects, fishing piers, aquatic education, maps and brochures. It also pays for buildings, boats, trucks, motors, nets, computers, printing, training and day-to-day equipment need and cost of fisheries management. They also pay for the enforcement of regulations that keep fishing for all anglers.

*And don't forget the Turtle Races at Longville and Nisswa every Wednesday!*

**AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST**

There are many summertime festivals and activities to be enjoyed in our area. Most communities are having some type of July 4th celebration — watch for advertisements in local papers. Listed below are some events which may be of interest to your family and friends.

- July 5 **Brainerd**  
MN Loon Festival
- July 6 **Outing**  
Independence Day
- July 9-10 **Pequot Lakes**  
Bean Hole Days
- July 12-14 **Deer River**  
Wild Rice Festival
- Floodwood**  
Catfish Festival
- July 13-14 **Grand Rapids**  
Woodcraft Festival
- July 13-21 **Hibbing**  
Mines & Pines Jubilee
- July 19-21 **Aitken**  
Riverboat Heritage Days
- Park Rapids**  
Summertime Arts/Crafts
- July 20 **Emily**  
Emily Day
- Nisswa**  
Arts & Crafts Festival
- Aug. 3-11 **Crosslake**  
Crosslake Days
- Aug. 9-10 **Deerwood**  
Summerfest
- Aug. 15-16 **Federal Dam**  
Muskie Tournament
- Aug. 16-18 **Crosby**  
Heritage Days
- Sept. 7-8 **Little Falls**  
Arts & Crafts Show





# TICKS, TICKS, TICKS!

Three kinds of ticks annoy people in Minnesota. The American dog tick (also called the wood tick) can be distinguished by the grayish markings on its back. The brown dog tick is somewhat smaller than the dog tick and reddish brown in color. The deer tick (also known as the bear tick) is much smaller than either the dog tick or the brown dog tick and is brownish with black legs. This tick is a potential vector of Lyme disease. All three ticks are hard-bodied.

The American dog tick is a pest to humans during spring and early summer. They are found in grass, shrubs, brush and other vegetation, along animal trails or footpaths. The dog tick can be a carrier of "rabbit fever" and spotted fever, both infections of humans. Ticks bite without being felt. If you are in a tick-infested area, carefully examine your body for ticks daily. Also examine your pet for ticks daily.

The brown dog tick is found only on dogs. It cannot winter outside in Minnesota, but can be found year-round on dogs in heated kennels and homes. These ticks can be found in the home on carpeting, furniture, draperies, and lay eggs behind radiators, under baseboards or in floor spaces.

The deer tick is usually associated with hunting and camping. It is usually found on white-tailed deer and mice, although other small mammals and birds can be infected. This tick is a potential carrier of Lyme disease. When you find a tick attached

to an animal or human, grasp it very close to the skin with a tweezers or tissue paper. Then pull it off. The mouthparts are short; they will not be left in the bite wound if you follow this procedure. Another removal method involves placing a piece of tape over the back of the tick. Under this pressure the tick pulls out it's mouthparts. Always treat the wound with a good germicidal agent as iodine. Never destroy ticks by crushing them in the fingers; this has been known to cause infection. Kill the removed ticks with kerosene, turpentine or a match. Save any suspected deer ticks for identification.

To protect yourself from ticks, wear protective clothing, such as long sleeved shirts and pants. Repellents can be effective when applied to clothing, such as socks, trouser cuffs, trouser legs and parts of clothing that brush tall grasses. Effective repellents include: N-diethyl-m-toluamide or deet which is sold as a liquid or in an aerosol for spraying. Carbaryl (Sevin) provides good tick control in the home, but do not apply to carpets or rugs because damage may occur.

(Information from Minnesota Extension Service pamphlet Minnesota Ticks and Their Control).

## EURASIAN MILFOIL

Five lakes were found to be infested with Eurasian watermilfoil in 1995. They are Arrowhead Lake and Nokomis Lake in Hennepin County and Gervais Lake, Keller Lake and Sucker Lake in Ramsey County. Listed below are the other lakes in Minnesota which, according to the DNR Ecological Services report of September 7, 1995, are known to have Eurasian watermilfoil. If you, or your guests, use your boat in any of these infested lakes, please be sure to check the boat BEFORE launching it into Lake Washburn. Areas to check are the hitch, rollers, live well, transom well, axle, and lower unit/propeller. This preventive measure could save our lake from this devastating exotic weed.

**Douglas County:** Oscar Lake  
**Chisago County:** Green, Rush Lake  
**Crow Wing County:** Bay Lake  
**Kanabec County:** Knife Lake  
**Todd County:** Sauk Lake  
**Wright County:** Augusta, Beebe, Clearwater, Little Waverly, Pulaski, Rock, Sugar, Waverly Lake  
**Olmsted County:** George Lake  
**Anoka County:** Cenaiko, Crooked, Otter, Spring Brook Lake  
**Carver County:** Ann, Auburn, Bavaria, Lotus, Minnewashta, Pierson, Riley, Schutz, Stone, Virginia, Waconia, Zumbra Lake  
**Dakota County:** Crystal, Lac Lavon Lake  
**Hennepin County:** Brownie, Bryant, Bush, Calhoun, Cedar, Christmas, Dutch, Eagle, Fish, Forest, Harriet, Hiawatha, Independence, Lake of Isles, Libbs, Little Long, Long, Medicine, Minnehaha Creek, Minnetonka, Niccum's Pond, Parkers, Rebecfa, Sarah, Schmidt, Swan Lake  
**Ramsey County:** Bald Eagle, Island, Silver, Vadnais, Wabasso Lake  
**Scott County:** Lower Prior Lake  
**Washington County:** St. Croix River, White Bear Lake

Eurasian watermilfoil spreads through human activity. A fragment transported from an infested lake can establish the weed in a previously uninfested lake. It adversely affects boating, water skiing, fishing and swimming; replaces desirable native plants; destroys fish spawning areas; impairs visual aesthetics. Surface mats of Eurasian watermilfoil are nearly impenetrable.

## A WASHBURN MEMORY - ANOTHER VIEW OF IOWA CAMP

By Alma Wheeler Porter

Our trip from Iowa to Lake Washburn was a real adventure. One morning about 8:00 am 5 carloads started out for Lake Washburn. By noon they had reached Iowa Falls so they stopped to eat. By evening they reached Albert Lea where they camped for the night. (For several years Albert Lea was the stopping place for the night and camp was often set up at Heads Dairy just south of the city where lots of cold milk was available). Other camping spots included country school yards and church yards where tents were pitched in tall grass and we had plenty of mosquitos for company. Cooking was done on a little folding camp stove that had to cool off before it could be packed. Meals consisted of round steak and fried potatoes - the best in the world. A whole load of steak could be purchased for 75 cents. Since there would be "no going to the store" everything needed for the two weeks was taken along...bacon, lard, flour, syrup, coffee and potatoes picked up north of Minneapolis for 50 cents a sackful. Blueberries, red raspberries and hazel nuts were plentiful along the trip.

All the cars were really loaded down - one running board packed full and covered with canvas, supplies tied across the back of the cars, flat box bolted on the other running board for tools and small articles. Back seat cushions were removed and replaced with bedding. Extra tires were strapped on wherever there was a place for them. The roads were poor - rough washboard gravel and very dusty. When one car had to stop, everyone stopped. It

took some time to get the cars gassed up and let everyone use the bathrooms. The second day usually ended up around Little Falls. There was no road from Elk River around Millac Lake. The caravan would go through Little Falls, St. Cloud, Rice, Royalton (where the cars would always get stuck in the white sand) and on to Brainerd. From Brainerd to Outing was the longest lap of the trip. There was just two tracks around trees, rocks, stumps, and even sometimes, over them. To get across swampy places, two poles were laid down with dirt or sod placed on them. With the rough roads, tires were often a problem. One trip the day was extremely hot and the tire patches would not stick. One tire had to be taken off and patched 13 times! The trouble never occurred in a shady spot but always in the blazing hot sun. Then it was take the tire off the rim, take the tube out, patch it, put everything back together again, pump it up by hand (no changing wheels like today!) The road would be so narrow that two cars could never meet. Once in a while there would be a wide spot in the road where a car could pull off to let another pass. The average speed was about 20 miles an hour and the first non-stop trip took about 19 1/2 hours. The only pavement was through the larger towns. The Minneapolis route was not marked so it was easy to get lost. At every stop Ora Hildreth would head for a store and the group always had to wait on him when it was time to head out. Today the mileage has been cut from 500 miles to around 380. At the end of the third day we would usually arrive at Uncle Charlies...500 miles of dust and gravel behind us. Noon of Day 4 would find us Lake Washburn. The cars were left on the east bank of East Lake and everything was taken across in boats. 11 of us stayed in one cabin and it

was common to do washing in the lake and carry drinking water from the little pump back in the timber. The Andrews family (who lived at Lake Washburn) had a milk cow so milk was often purchased from them. In early days ice was not available but after the cabin was constructed a hole was made in the floor of the cabin and on into the ground — this was the cooler. Finally ice was available from the Andrews family and after they moved away, at the narrows in Outing. The first stove at camp was a small square laundry stove. A small oven fitted into the stope pipe to use for baking bread. The first beds were muslin ticks filled with prairie hay laid on the floor and eventually up on frames built against the wall. Kerosene lamps were used. Some people preserved their fish in wooden tubs with water and salt, as well as smoking fish over the fire for several days and nights. No one ever left the camp until it was time to go back across East Lake and go home.

Things have changed now. Dozens of cabins have been built around the lake. People still come to enjoy Northern Minnesota and reminisce, the sand beaches, the dawn of another day and beautiful sunsets. Many drive long distances just for a weekend. Life subjects us to stress that at times seems almost too much to bear. In among the trees, streams, lakes and camps of Minnesota, nature waits patiently to heal the battered spirit and send us back to our tasks refreshed and with vim and vigor. And while we are there we listen for the call of the loon, the wind through the pines and the sound of the lake — this is Lake Washburn.

(We thank Alma Wheeler Porter for sharing these memories with us. Travel certainly is easier today!)







# THESE OUTING BUSINESSES SUPPORT THE LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION

## ANDERSEN COUNTRY STORE DOWNTOWN OUTING

SUMMER HOURS  
MONDAY-SATURDAY  
7:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
SUNDAY  
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
(218) 792-5381

## BRIDGE CAFE & RESORT AT THE BRIDGE IN OUTING

SUNDAY - THURSDAY  
7:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
FRIDAY - SATURDAY  
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
(218) 792-5295

## CENTURY 21 LAKE FOREST REALTY

DOWNTOWN OUTING  
OPEN EVERY DAY  
(218) 792-5200

## LAKEVIEW MARKETPLACE

ANTIQUES & CRAFTS  
ON & OFF SALE COFFEE & TEA

OPEN: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
(218) 792-5206  
DOWNTOWN OUTING

## LAND O' LAKES MARINE SERVICE-SALES-RENTALS

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM  
SUNDAY: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM  
(218) 792-5198  
DOWNTOWN OUTING

## OWLS 'N THINGS

ICE CREAM-GIFTS-SOUVENIRS  
CAPPUCCINO  
SUMMER HOURS  
MONDAY-SATURDAY: 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
SUNDAY: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
(218) 792-5677  
OUTING

## OUTING LUMBER & HARDWARE South of Outing on Hwy 6

SUMMER HOURS  
MONDAY - SATURDAY  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
(218) 792-5127

## ROOSEVELT LAKE SERVICE STATION

SUNDAY-THURSDAY  
7:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
7:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
HIGHWAY 6 IN OUTING  
(218) 792-5160

## VACATION PROPERTIES NETWORK

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
SUNDAY: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM  
OUTING  
(218) 792-5365  
EMILY  
(218) 763-2652

## THE VILLAGE INN DINING/SALOON

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK  
1/4 Mile East of Outing  
County Road 58  
(218) 792-5186



# DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>JUNE 15, 1996</b>	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	DIRECTOR'S MEETING FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE GENERAL MEETING	TOWN HALL, OUTING TOWN HALL, OUTING TOWN HALL, OUTING
<b>JULY 6, 1996</b>	9:00 AM NOON-2:00 PM	HIGHWAY 48 CLEANUP PICK UP WATER ANALYSIS KITS	MEET AT CAMPGROUND BOAT RAMP AT CAMPGROUND
<b>JULY 6 &amp; 7, 1996</b>	ALL DAY	BOAT MONITORING	BOAT RAMP AT CAMPGROUND
<b>JULY 7, 1996</b>	NOON-2:00 PM	RETURN WATER ANALYSIS KITS	BOAT RAMP AT CAMPGROUND
<b>JULY 13, 1996</b>	8:00 AM	DIRECTOR'S MEETING	TOWN HALL, OUTING
<b>AUGUST 17, 1996</b>	8:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	DIRECTOR'S MEETING SPAGHETTI DINNER GENERAL MEETING	TOWN HALL, OUTING TOWN HALL, OUTING TOWN HALL, OUTING
<b>AUGUST 31, 1996</b>	9:00 AM	HIGHWAY 48 CLEANUP	MEET AT CAMPGROUND
<b>SEPTEMBER 1, 2 (tentative)</b>	ALL DAY	BOAT MONITORING	

## WANTED!

We would like your comments, ideas, articles and pictures for the Lake Washburn Newsletter. Do you have a picture of a big fish, an animal or even a special view? Or what about a story of the "good 'ol days" here on Lake Washburn? Find an article you think might be of interest to other lake property owners? Send them to Lake Washburn Newsletter, Lake Washburn Association, Box 26, Outing, MN 56662.



## OUTING INDEPENDENCE DAY

Outing will be having the city's first annual Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, July 6, at Luscher Park on Lawrence Lake, located on the east side of Outing on County Highway 58.

Starting at 3:00 pm, festivities will include a bake sale, food, a beer garden and games. Fireworks will be held at dusk. See you there!!



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