

Lake Washburn Association Newsletter

Working to Protect our Beautiful Lake and its Environment for Future Generations

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Saturday, June 14
at 5:00 PM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I started work on this article a few weeks ago on the first day over 70 degrees since last October. Currently, the week after Easter, as I am doing the final editing we are now back to rain and cold. Will Spring ever arrive? It is less than 3 weeks until the Fishing Opener and I am not sure the ice will be off the lake by then, but we can hope. This morning I heard from Keith Ahlquist that

Howard Dutton was predicting Washburn ice out on May 5th. (Editor note: Howard was very close—the ice went out on May 1st!)

Sandpiper Oil Pipeline Project

Hopefully by now you are well aware of the planned route for the Sandpiper Oil Pipeline that would bisect Cass County and Crooked Lake Township, following the power line right-of-way south of County Road 48. Throughout the winter we have tried to keep you up to date through a number of emails. Most recently the Minnesota Public Utility Commission has extended the comment period from the original closing date April 4 until May 31. Should you desire to submit a public comment on the project and its effect on the environment around Lake Washburn, you can do so at their website: http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment

Opportunities for Serving LWA

All too often when faced with an opportunity to volunteer we are always concerned about what's in it for **me**! I would like to respond that when you volunteer for the association you are helping to further the environmental education and preservation of our lake, for your children and grand children. There are many opportunities to volunteer with the association. The committees and activities our association is engaged in are covered in detail throughout this newsletter. However, I would like to highlight a few opportunities in the hope that you will see something of interest that will motivate you to step forward and volunteer.

Boat Monitoring

As you know we have been working with Crooked Lake Township to monitor the public landing at the campground. The township has received a grant for this summer, however it is less than the amount received in 2013. We are developing plans to supplement our portion of this grant that will ensure the landing is monitored on weekends with significant lake visitor activity. Consequently the association **may** need volunteers. This activity is not physically demanding and simply involves educating boaters entering or leaving our lake about the treatment of Aquatic Invasive Species. You will be handing out literature and reminding boaters to remove vegetation, pull plugs, etc. I encourage you; please respond in the affirmative if contacted by Les Raisch or Bob Holman.

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County Rd 48 Cleanup

The association is responsible for roadside clean up along County Road 48. The 3.5 miles west of highway 6 is normally cleaned on the Saturday morning after the major holidays. This year our Spring road cleanup is scheduled for May 31. Please refer to Keith's article on page 4 for additional details. I would encourage you, if you are able to spend a few hours that morning, to please contact Keith and volunteer to help clean up the environment.

Water Patrol

The association participates in the Water Patrol Volunteer Program that assists the Cass County Sheriff's Department to promote water safety and educate boaters on the current laws and rules for safe boating. The Cass County Sheriff provides the boat, which is shared with Roosevelt and Lawrence Lakes, however we need to provide volunteers. You can get involved as a volunteer staffing the boat. Teams of two volunteers serve for two-hour minimum shifts. You will be provided training and an official water patrol shirt and hat for use while on patrol. If you would like to get involved, please contact Steve Carlson.

Association Board

Finally looking forward to our Annual meeting in August there are a number of opportunities for you to become involved. Your Association officers along with three board positions are up for election. If you are interested in serving in any capacity please let me or any of the current board members know.

Lake Washburn History Project

As I noted last fall, the History Committee is developing a history of Lake Washburn and has a goal of delivering the final document "100 Years on Washburn" in the summer of 2016, our Centennial Year. We have tentatively established July 30, 2016 as the date for the Centennial Celebration. Look for more information, as we get closer to the date. The committee is still looking for old documents, photos, etc. of early cabin history. I encourage you to read the article on page 12 Ellen Leger prepared after reviewing past newsletters for significant historical events. Hopefully Ellen's article will give you ideas about events, stories that should be included in the history. The History Committee is listed below, therefore as you think of these stories, old photographs, art effects, or anything of a historic nature please contact any of these individuals. 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. We do have some face-toface meetings but much of the effort, coordination, and communication will be done via email.

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DNR NEWS – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 20, 2014

DNR: Protect yourself and Minnesota waters

After a long winter, Minnesotans are ready to hit the water for the official start of the boating season — Memorial Day. The Department of Natural Resources is reminding everyone to protect themselves and state waters.

"Think zero — zero aquatic invasive species violations, zero new infestations and zero boating deaths," said Lt. Adam Block, DNR conservation officer.

DNR inspectors working at public accesses around the state have found that most people are following aquatic invasive species (AIS) laws. But already this year they have stopped over 40 boaters who were entering or leaving lakes with zebra mussels attached to boats or equipment.

And so far this year, one person has died in a boating accident. Last year, 13 people died in boating accidents. If all boaters in Minnesota wore life jackets, 10 lives could be saved each year.

"Minnesota's lakes and rivers are precious resources and we are asking people to do their part; wear a life jacket every time you step on a boat and always clean and drain your boat, so everyone can continue to enjoy our waters," Block said.

More than 500 Minnesota — rivers, lakes, wetlands — are designated as infested with AIS. That leaves more than 10,000 bodies of water to protect.

A few simple steps can make a big difference from a good day on the water to a bad day.

- → Boaters should always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- → Before leaving a water access, boaters are required to:
 - Clean off all aquatic plants and animals.
 - Drain all water from bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs.
 - Leave the drain plug out when transporting.
 - Empty bait buckets and dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Watercraft Inspection

Les Raisch / Bob Holman

In 2013, LWA had weekend boat monitoring inspections by trained DNR inspectors amounting to 420 hours with 570

boats being inspected. The cost for Lake Washburn inspections was shared 50/50 between the DNR and the Lake Washburn



Association. It was a valuable and beneficial service to help protect our lake from invasive species especially zebra and quagga mussels. Prior to watercraft being launched, they were inspected to ensure that there wasn't any vegetation attached to the trailer and all water was drained from the boats including live wells and bait containers. For those leaving the lake, owners were reminded that all water must be drained, the plug must be removed and vegetation removed prior to traveling on Minnesota roads.

Crooked Lake Township (CLT) has received two grants for this year; one from the DNR, the other from Cass County. The DNR grant was for \$4000, Cass County has a match of funds based on contributions from CLT, RALALA and LWA currently at \$1250: \$750 from CLT and \$250 each from RALALA and LWA.

With 18 weekends, which include 4 hours each Friday, 12 hours each Saturday, and 8 hours each Sunday, plus three extra days during the 3 summer holidays, inspectors are needed for 464 hours. Since the DNR grant is less than last year, our share is more: the projected boat monitoring cost for 2014 will be \$4,250 this season as compared to ~\$3,100 in 2013.

We would like to be able to count on these AIS grants being available to us each year, but that is wishful thinking. However, we can be prepared should these grants not be available. Some years ago Lake Washburn Association established an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Fund dedicated to fund activities to help prevent the spread of invasive species, such as weekend boat monitoring by qualified AIS inspectors. When you renew your membership this year, or if you are a concerned property owner on Lake Washburn, please consider contributing to the Lake Washburn Association AIS Fund.

County Road 48 Cleanup

Keith Ahlquist

The Spring clean up will be on Saturday, May 31st at 9:00 AM. Please meet at the public boat landing. Remember to bring gloves, wear sturdy shoes

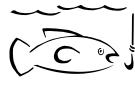
or boots, and long pants. You may want to consider bringing bug repellant as well. Hope to see you there!



Fisheries

John Harris—Washburn DNR Liaison
In mid-March, I asked our year-'round neighbor on Washburn about the condition of the ice. He responded, "I believe that we'll be enjoying ice fishing in 40 degree weather... on the 4th of July." As I write this report, it appears that his joking comment is likely to have merit.

Another brutal winter, the second in a row, probably means a late ice-out and what that does to the walleye spawn is anyone's guess but, if there is an impact, it's likely not good. Walleye usually spawn when the water temp is 42-50 degrees. If the ice-out is late it could once



again push the spawn into the fishing season when the females are in danger of being caught before depositing their eggs and/or dispersing. So, even though you are probably tired of me saying it,

for the sake of the fishery, PLEASE, release those big females.

Last year the DNR conducted two key surveys of Washburn, one by netting and the other by electrofishing. The results were interesting but neither particularly encouraging nor discouraging. Here is what was learned:

Netting: The Fall 2013 Newsletter included a preliminary report on the results of the netting that the DNR conducted on our lake last summer. That report is finalized and remains pretty much the same. Mike Knapp, our DNR contact commented as follows: "The narratives have some comments, but I guess overall, as time goes on we get a better picture of what we can reasonably expect. In short, despite a number of

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(Committee Reports continued from page 4) different walleye stocking strategies, it seems like walleye abundance is just not gaining any ground (at least as measured by gill nets). Of course, the report is based upon the netting. On the other hand, based upon anecdotal reports, last summer was one of the better walleye fishing years for a long, long time. No further netting is planned for a couple of years.

Electrofishing: This annual test was done the night of September 26, 2013. A total of 58 walleye were found during that 1½ hour process. While young walleyes are targeted, five larger walleye were also measured. The largest was 19.5", about 3 pounds; the mean length was 13.5", almost one pound. Mike Knapp noted, "The walleye catch of 3.5/Gill Net is slightly above the long term average for Washburn, but not by any significant measure. You can see the fryling years show up...but as we've discussed there's some natural reproduction mixed in as well (63% of the 2012 fall YOY [young of the year] were from natural reproduction), and there are non-stocked years contributing as well."

Since night electrofishing began in 1999, catches have ranged from 0 to 47.0 fish/hour. This year, the rate was 35.7 fish/hour... slightly above average but below the highest year. We can't look at each year on a standalone basis and other factors play into the picture. That is why the testing has been done each year. We are now starting to see a more meaningful composite picture. That picture seems to indicate that stocking may have a slight positive impact and that natural reproduction is occurring at some level.

<u>How You Can Help</u>: Two things that you can do include:

- The DNR reports finding no aquatic invasive species (AIS) during their testing. That's great. Mike Knapp states that the primary tool of the DNR in identifying AIS in a lake is through the eyes and ears of those using the lakes. SO, if you see or hear of anything that has any possibility of being AIS, let someone on the Board know. AIS includes Eurasian watermilfoil, zebra mussels, rusty crayfish, etc, etc.
- With only three primary spawning sites on the lake, we need to be good stewards. We must try to protect those sites and to be judicious about the walleye we remove from the lake (and, consume those little northern).

What's Up Next?: The DNR has two activities planned. In June they expect to again stock approximately 56,100 walleye frylings. And, in September, they'll again conduct electrofishing. We'll try to get the DNR reports placed on our website

for easy review by those who access the internet.

I'd love to hear about your fishing success on Washburn so please give me a call 792.5725 or email jnhnj@yahoo.com during the upcoming summer months. Have a great summer.

Buoys

Steve Carlson

As you may be aware, the Buoys on Lake Washburn fall under the jurisdiction of the Cass County Sheriff's Department. Your Association maintains the buoy system for the County. This sum-



mer they will be taking a fresh look at the buoys on Lake Washburn. We will be re-evaluating positions and the necessity of all the buoys on the lake. Some may be moved, added or removed. If you have suggestions or concerns please contact me and I will bring them to their attention.

Have a safe boating season and be aware that some of the Buoys may have been moved. If you can help with buoys or the Water Safety Patrol please volunteer. There is always a need for volunteers. (See page 2 for contact information.)

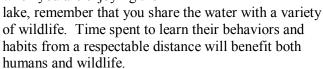
Wildlife—Loons

Richard Nelles

L ditions. However, particularly during the breed-

ing season, thresholds can be crossed that will cause a nest to fail or result in the death of chick or adult loons.

During the summer months when you are enjoying the



Personal watercraft and boat operators can help significantly by staying away from the shoreline, and also keeping a sharp eye out for loons and other wildlife, while on the water, giving them a wide distance to feed and care for their young.

Boat Traffic Can Cause Loss of Eggs

Loon parents will leave the next if watercraft comes within 500 feet of the nest. This leaves the eggs without warmth or protection from predators.

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Loon parents may abandon the nest if disturbed too often. If they try to re-nest later in the season, the likelihood of chicks hatching and surviving is very low.

Boats Can Easily Kill Chicks

Young chicks are not waterproof! They need to be able to climb on their parents' backs to stay warm and dry. When watercraft comes close, parents may leave their chicks to defend their territory.

Young chicks can't dive! Young chicks are very buoyant and can't dive very quickly or very deep. This makes them particularly vulnerable to being run over by watercraft, particularly from June to September.

Chicks tire easily. The presence of watercraft causes chicks to keep swimming instead of feeding and resting. This can weaken them, affecting their ability to survive.

It is the habit of loon parents to move the chicks away from the nesting environment, out into deeper water along more open shorelines, to avoid their natural predators. Unfortunately this puts them into direct conflict with watercraft—particularly personal watercraft and boats pulling water skiers and tubers.

What You Can Do

- Be aware of loons. If you see a loon from late June to September, chances are that one or two chicks will be close by. Keep your distance!
- If you approach a loon and hear it start to call, this means you are too close. Move away!
- ◆ If you see a loon "dancing" straight up out of the water and slapping its wings, it is alarmed by your presence. You are too close—Move away!
- View loons from a distance.
- Enjoy their lovely haunting calls.
- Give loons their space—they need solitude to breed and raise their young.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Ted Johnson

VERY IMPORTANT SUMMER AHEAD!

We did not find any Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) last summer and also none was found in 2012. So far EWM hasn't ever been found outside of the south side of East Lake, but that does not mean it could not spread or appear somewhere else. The upcoming summer will be very important, if there is any that reappears we need to find it and treat aggressively. If it is allowed to grow and spread our problem only would get bigger and more difficult to manage. In essence an ounce of surveillance and quick action is worth several pounds of cure! Our program for the summer therefore is:

Have everyone keep an eve out for EWM—

especially fisherman. Every time a fisherman pulls up a weed should be a spot check for EWM (that is essentially the way the DNR checks). Every time you are out paying a little more attention to the vegetation helps our efforts.

Look at what washes up on your shoreline. Many of you rake up the weeds that wash up on your beach... Look for EWM as you collect those. EWM spreads primarily by fragments floating to a new location and taking root so this is very effective.

We will continue with scuba diving/snorkeling surveillance. The more divers/snorkelers we have the better. We can use more volunteers. If you are certified let us know and the Association will even pay for equipment rental and tank fill charges. We believe this has been critical because we have found EWM when it was small plants that had not reached the surface and begun to create fragments that allow EWM to spread and reproduce.

Help monitor the ramps. We need to make sure no new EWM or other invasive species are introduced into the lake. Anyone can do this! It would be a shame if we managed to eliminate EWM from the lake only to have a careless boater reintroduce it or another invasive species like Zebra Mussels or Curly Pondweed.

As always if you can help or have questions feel free to contact me at <u>ttjohnsonCPA@comcast.net</u> or 612-619-6533.

Water Quality

Dave Snesrud

Vater testing is done 5 times a

VV year during the months of May through September. Four sites are tested: East Basin (204), North Basin

(202), West Basin (206), and Birch Bay (101).

The last two years we have seen deteriorating conditions in the West Basin, North Basin, and Birch Bay. The secchi disk readings have dropped by 3 feet or more. There has also been an alarming increase in the level of phosphorus in the West Basin and Birch Bay. The North Basin has also seen phosphorus levels increase. Phosphorus is the limiting factor for plant growth. If the vegetation cannot take up the phosphorus, then we end up with algae blooms. In an attempt to find some answers to the phosphorus level increase, this spring an additional test was done in Daggett Brook where it flows into Washburn.

The East Basin results have remained constant and have secchi disk readings averaging 11.5 feet.

Water testing results can be found on RMB Labs website (rmbel.info) in their Lakes Database on the Lakes Program tab.



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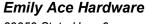


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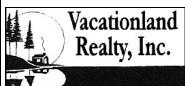
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General Membership Meeting

Finally I would encourage you to join us at the General Membership meeting on June 14th. It will be held as usual in the Crooked Lake Town Hall in Outing, with the following tentative agenda. Hope to see you there.

> 5:00 General Meeting Reports **New Business O&A Discussion** 5:30 Program/Speaker 6:15 Spaghetti Dinner

Looking forward to a great Spring and Summer at Lake Washburn.

Thanks, Ron

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GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM:

SANDPIPER PIPELINE

Scott Lucas from the MPCA, and a
representative from the Pine River Watershed Alliance will give an update up on
the pipeline and answer any questions
you may have.

NO SILVER BULLET FOR **AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**

n March the New York Times published a story Lalled "Science Takes on Silent Invader," a version of which was reprinted in the Star Tribune. The article seems to indicate that scientists are closing in on a "silver bullet" solution, something that can be safely added to lakes that will kill zebra mussels and nothing else. Unfortunately the article is misleading and the hope it generates unfounded. The article outlines the work of Dr. Dan Mallov with Pseudomonas fluorescens, a naturally occurring bacterium that kills zebra mussels. The bacterium is being marketed under the name Zequanox.

The public is justifiably excited about this discovery. Zebra mussels can threaten fisheries, lake ecology, and Minnesota's \$4 billion annual recreation-based economy, Mille Lacs being the most recent and painful example. Aquatic Invasive Species can lower property tax base and destroy public infrastructure like dams and water intake pipes at drinking water and hydroelectric facilities.

Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates and member of the Statewide AIS Advisory Committee said, "The blogosphere and many newspapers have recently declared the war on zebra mussels to be won, but sadly those reports are grossly premature."

Said Forester, "Yes, Zequanox can kill zebra mussels without harming other life, but it has an insurmountable obstacle of scale. There is simply no viable open water application."

Zequanox will kill ZMs in a pipe or tank with better than 90% effectiveness, and does not harm other creatures. But Zequanox is not a live bacterium, and so must be reapplied, which is cost prohibitive. If an inexpensive method of synthesizing Zequanox were to be developed, it would still be impossible to get concentrations high enough to treat even a small open water lake with currents, wind and waves.

Dr. Malloy is actively seeking funding of research building on his earlier work with Pseudomonas fluorescens, with an emphasis on trying to find a live organism that was self-replicating, could get federal approval, and would not harm any other aquatic life in the system. Dr. Malloy recognized that while his work to create Zequanox was like looking for a "needle in a haystack," finding a similar live organism for open water treatments would be like initiating a moon shot and predicts an open water solution would take decades, if it was found.

Said Dr. Peter Sorensen, the Chair of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, "As we look for solutions to the state's AIS problems we need to recognize that a combination of approaches that includes prevention and short-term fixes, as well as new science that aims for fundamental change with long-lasting effects is needed. This will take sustained effort and time."

There may never be a "cure" for the common cold or zebra mussels, but that doesn't mean our lakes have to get sick. Instead we will need to enlist an array of strategies, behavior changes, tools and laws to continually lower the risk of transmission. Controlling AIS is about controlling the pathways on which they travel from one lake to another. The good news/bad news is that the great majority of these pathways rely on

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TRAFFIC COUNTER INSTALLED AT PUBLIC LANDING

In order to help LWA with our boat monitoring in-**L** spections, we need to know what days and hours are most active for boat launches. This will allow us to have the boat inspectors working the peak times during the most active days. On May 9th, Cass County installed an in-ground simple vehicle counter. It uses a magnetometer and embedded software to detect passing vehicles to a user-programmable range up to 20 feet away. Powered by three C size alkaline batteries, it is contained in a weather-proof case and requires no external wire loops. The device, buried about 6 inches deep, can be uncovered, attached to a PC and the information downloaded. This can be done weekly, monthly or left in for an entire season. Initially, more frequent downloads should be done in order to adjust our inspection schedule to cover the busiest times of boat launching activity.

RALALA will have installed two of these devices by the end of May: one at the Highway 6 Roosevelt public landing, the other at the Luschers Park public landing.

Anyone with experience with this or a similar device, please contact an LWA Board member to share your experience.

2014 BOAT PARADE NOTICE

The annual boat parade is scheduled to be held on **Saturday**, **July 5**th beginning at 1:00 pm. As usual, the parade will start in front of the Schuller place on the west side of Birch Bay. The boats will proceed around Bitch Bay and wind permitting, around the east end of the west basin of Washburn (Iowa Camp area, etc).

Please decorate your boat and join in the fun. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Even if your property is on a different part of the lake, join in the fun. And, if you chose to not participate, please come and observe.

For further information call Rob: 218.792.5725



WASHBURN LAKE HISTORY

By Ellen Leger

Note: The intent in publishing these is to encourage other stories, corrections/additions. The sample here, is only a brief summary of articles printed in the past Newsletters.

1917: (Darwin Fletcher, writer) A Lake Washburn Memory-Iowa Camp—Charles Taylor, guide and ranger, beckons family members to come take a look at Lake Washburn. The area was purchased for \$175. In 1919 the entire Iowa caravan drove up again, the land divided into 37 foot lots. Some started cabins. The post WWI depression was hard. After WWII electricity was brought in.

1929: (Rollie Hirman, writer) The beginning of Longwood Point Road was when a trail was cut from Muchow's resort. The two families, Patterson/Sund, purchased land in 1929 or 30.

1934: (Barb Dutton, writer) –Al and Ann Fehr brought Fehr's resort. "These were depression years. We arrived with our belongings to include 100 pound sacks of flour, sugar and potatoes, some of it froze that first night on the flatbed truck because we didn't get it all inside. We ate fish and ducks the first winter."

1945: (Barbara Harrington, writer). Bear Paw was purchased in 1945 by Jim and Mae Witkus. In 1936 the CCC workers blocked both ends of the creek and cut a new creek where it is now. In 1950, a rearing pond was established by resort owners with CCC workers support. They learned by trial and error-northern pike fingerlings, at a certain size, eat each other. Walleye fry were raised successfully in the pond until fishery biology decided spawning was more productive in the lake.

1946: (Richard Nelles, writer)...The east narrows held rice beds. Ed and Inga Nystom lived in a cabin at the east narrows. A portion of their road became Eastburn Road. Inga Nystrom created stone sculptures on their property, as well as stone-works at Fehr's resort.

1948: (? writer) Glen and Pat Mechelke moved to Lake Washburn in 1949, they built 4 cabins by 4th of July. The lodge was built the fall/winter of 1949-50. There was no electricity. Refrigeration was by ice cut from the lake during winter months and stored in the ice house.

1969: (Ron Reich, writer) Outing Tornado hit Simmons resort and destroyed three cabins at Bethany Bible Camp. The tornado jumped across Rooselvelt Lake, a disaster that claimed 10 lives, more were injured. Anxious parents were calling but our cabin didn't have a phone and cell phones had not yet been invented. Highway 6 was closed to the south by debris.

IN REMEMBRANCE みかみかかかかかかかかかか



Patricia Mechelke

Patricia J. Mechelke, 88, of Outing, MN, passed away peacefully, after a short battle with cancer, on January 25, 2014 at her home surrounded by family. Pat was born in Saint Paul, MN on September 29, 1925 to Hal and Jane Tallant. She attended and graduated from Mahtomedi High School where she and her hus-

band began going "steady" in her sophomore year. Glen and Pat moved to Outing, MN in 1949. They started pounding nails on the South Shore of a Bay on Lake Washburn. The only existing building on the entire bay was a small cabin. They named their new venture Birch Bay Lodge. Much of Pat's life was spent making people happy at Birch Bay Lodge. After most people knew of Pat's illness, she received a message from one of the young men who spent many vacations at Birch Bay. It was as follows, "I am inspired to write to thank you for the gift you have been in my life, and the lives of so many others. You are such a kind and thoughtful person and have been a gracious host to all vou have welcomed to the little piece of heaven on Earth that so many affectionately call "Birch Bay". Thanks to you and Glen, golden memories have been made by countless people over the years. On behalf of them all, thank you. You are a wonderful example of what it looks like to follow your heart and pursue your dreams and generations of families have been blessed by your doing so. Yes, good and faithful servant you have done your job and have done it very, very well. Thank you." Pat was very involved in the beginning years of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and spent many years working with the youth group at Our Savior's and Bethany Lutheran in Remer. She was also active with the women's auxiliary. Pat also compiled "The History of Crooked Lake Township", which was published in the 100 Year Cass County Heritage Book. Pat is survived by Glen, husband of 68 years, daughters Judy (Bob) Seidel of Eureka, MT, Barb (Larry) Carstens of Outing, MN, Kim (Dave) Hughes of Outing, MN. 9 Grandchildren Jeff (Beth) Seidel, Tim (Kim) Seidel, Stacey (Shaun) McKinney, Jessica (Justin) Chalich, Sara (Chris) Smith, Joshua Morris, Scott Carstens, Erin Hughes, Derek Hughes, 21 great grandchildren, and other family and friends. . A memorial service was held at 2 pm on Sat., February 8, 2014 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Outing. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations were asked to be given to Northland Area Family Center, Remer, MN, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Outing, MN or the charity of your choice.

Melba Lawrence

Former Ankeny resident, Melba Lawrence passed away February 3, 2014 in Pharr, Texas. She was born in Polk County, Iowa on September 15, 1915. Melba graduated from Ankeny High School in

1933, and attended Ankeny Jr College. On December 15, 1935, Melba (Hildreth) married Ted Lawrence. They lived and raised their family in Ankeny, IA, where their three daughters graduated from Ankeny High School. Melba and Ted spent their summers with family and friends on Lake Washburn near Outing, MN. In 1966 they spent their first winter vacation in southern Texas. In 2002, Mission TX became their full time home. In July 2012, Melba lost Ted, her husband of 76 years. Melba is survived by her three daughters: Theo Ann and husband



Bill Michael of Mission TX; Ardyth and husband Steve Cornell of Bondurant, IA; and Jane and husband Ron Gaskill of Mission TX.

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John Heinen

John N. Heinen, age 76, of Osseo and formerly of St. Michael. John Nicholas, husband, father, and grandfather, left us to begin eternal life with Jesus immediately following the blessing by Father Kevin Magner at home on Thursday, March 6, 2014 with many of his loved one's present.

John attended St. John's Preparatory School and graduated from St. Michael High School. All through those early years he worked at Heinen & Mason, Inc., with his father John Sr. and Don Mason (brother-in-law), until one day becoming President of the company. John was the third generation of the Heinen family to own and run the company, which continues to thrive through his son Paul Heinen. John will be deeply missed by wife Maryanne of nearly fifty years; a son: John (Ann Marie): Alex, brother Matthew, L.C. of Rome, Italy, Andrew, Christopher, Clare, and Rachel; daughter Carolyn (Kirk Knight): Pierce, Dane, and Graham; son Gregory (Joanna): Paige, Althea, Noah, Gabriel, Nicholas, Hannah, Garrett, and Monica; son Paul (April): Kolin and Abbigail. They deeply appreciate the dedicated and compassionate care received from doctors, nurses, and staff of Cuyuna Medical Center and North Memorial Hospital, and the entire North Memorial Hospice Team especially Dr. Mark Solselt. Also the excellent care given by Dr. Neil Jeddeloh of North Clinic, Osseo, Minnesota. A celebration of John's life began with a visitation Thursday, March 13, 2014, at St. Michael Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday, March 14, 2014, at St. Michael Catholic Church, St. Michael, MN. In lieu of flowers, the family preferred memorials to St. Michael Catholic Church, Smile Network International or Prolife MN.

THANK YOU...

The final membership count for 2013 was 250. LWA would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to the following members for their support:

Abts, Jerry Ahlquist, Gary Ahlquist, Keith Alberg, Marilyn Albers, Jim & Shirley Andersohn, Bruce & Wendi Anderson, Jerry & Karen Anderson, Cynthia & Euguene Pelarski Appel, Marty & Karen Arf, Kevin Baker, Ron & Nancy Ballard, Cecil & Carole Ballard, Gerald & Marie Barker, Jim & Jean Barron, Ruth Bear Paw Lodge Behning, Ron & Pat Bendt, Kyle & April Benzel. Sharon Betts, Dan Blackmon, Rick & Miki Blaisdell, Kim & Mary Jo Bochman, Gary & Kathryn Branham, Tom & Diane Branscom, Don & Sandra Braun, Dave & Pam Brinkman, Tom & Marlies Brodersen, Don & Barb Bruton, Dan & Janelle Bullis, Ruth Buttz, Cendyl & Jeni Callander, Harlow & Mary Campion, Jim Carlisle, Todd & Kim Carlson, Steve & Denise Carlson, Terry & Fran Carr, Corey & Victoria Carr, Nancy Carroll, Mary & Ross Lindmeyer Cartwright, Bill & Eileen Cartwright, Paul & Donna Cazier, Janice Christensen, David & Yvette Clausen, John & Penny Coleman, Richard & Kelly Consoer. Steve & Sherrie Dahlager, Ken & Sonja Davis, Dar & Laurie Davis, Larry & Joy Davy, Bob & Zona Dawson, Keith & Donna Demuth, Dave DeVries, Steve & Hallie Downey, Art & Carol Downey, Mark & Marguerite DuBay, Donald & Diane Dutton, Howard Edelbrock, Bob & Sandee Edwards, Jim & Marge Ellis, Tim & Lynne Emanuel, Jill Erdman, Sheldon

Erickson, Walt & Nancy Farni, Patty & Jeff Filzen, Ron & Dee Fischbach, Juli & Charlie Fischer, Jim & Lee Fitzpatrick, Pat & Mary Pat Floen, Craig & Carrie Fortmeyer, George & Louise Fortmeyer, Phil & Caroline Funk, Greg & Sharon Gabel, Gary & Sue Gall, Gerard & Anne Gehrman, Don & Mary Genz, Craig & Mindi Gilbertson, Greg & Diana Goodin, Jim & Karen Gooley, Jerome & Diane Gooley, Patrick & Dennice Gouze, Steve & Candy Granseth, George & Sandra Gulbrandsen. Steve & Pat Hagel, Jerry & Jackie Hagen, Larry & Diane Halstensen, Rolf & Lynda Hannay, Edward & Barbara Hanson, John & Julie Hanson, Julie & Dave Harris, Jeff & Leah Harris, John & Kathy Harris, Robert Harris, Ryan Hartmann, Alex Hed, Dennis & Joanne Hegman, David & Shirley Hegman, Mark & Jackie Hetland, Janice Higgins, Jenny & Mike Hildreth, Mary & Sara Hildreth, Mike & Michelle Hillger, Eric & Lisa Hines, Alan Hirman, Rollie & Mary Hoglund, Jim & Pat Holman, Bob & Marnie Holman, Stephanie & Darren Holt, Tom & Debbie Hoogland, Tim & Glenda Horst, Richard & Barbara Hosch, Greg & Karen Hovind, Dale & Colleen Hughes, Dave & Kim Huss, Richard & Diana Ingebrand, Tom Johnson, Brad & Toni Johnson, David Johnson, Jack & Jean Johnson, Lance & Pat Johnson, Ted & Daniela. Jorgenson, Joel & Ronda Jubert, Richard & Helen Judd. Dave & Janis

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Lake Washburn Association **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Annual Membership Dues: \$25.00* (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

Renewal

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*Memberships and addi	tional donations are tax d	eductible. Additional	donations will be treated as general funds

unless otherwise instructed.



TREASURER'S NOTES By Linda Snesrud he final 2013 membership total was 250. In addition, 89 ■ members made additional contributions totaling \$4,250— THANK YOU! A total of 17 properties were sold in 2013.

Contribution Only

Please welcome these new property owners and their families: Trent & Shelley Gilliss of Minneapolis, MN—Fehrs Drive Randy & Lisa McCloud of Eden Prairie, MN-Birch Bay Drive Mary Jo Reiter, Patrick & Lisa Reiter, & Michael & Elizabeth Mueller of New Hope, MN—Fehrs Drive

William & Audrey Steigauf of Faribault, MN—Sundew Trail (If you are aware of any others that haven't been listed in this or the previous two Newsletters, please let me know.)

Not sure if you have paid your dues yet? Check the expiration date on your mailing label.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN TODAY!

(Mail your dues to the return address found on the membership form.)

WANTED: Newsletter Editor

If you are interested please contact any board member.

(Contact information can be found on page 2.)

(No Silver Bullet continued from page 11) humans. We do have a certain amount of control. Zequanox may well play a role in this work, for instance as a treatment for ballast water tanks in wakeboard boats or in live wells and difficult to reach bilges, but Zequanox is no silver bullet.

Note to the Editor: This is an excellent piece from one of the persons in MN most informed about AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species). Jeff Forester works with Dr. Sorenson, Dr. Dan Malloy, other inventors and researchers, our legislators, the MN DNR and others to learn and follow the issues regarding our lakes, rivers and *properties* – *and the serious threat from* AIS. This letter tracks with one from Dr. Malloy himself. This letter should definitely be attributed to Jeff Forester, and I am honored to be a contact if there are any questions.

Darril Wegscheid, RALALA Board Member & Lake Management Plan Coordinator, (Roosevelt And Lawrence Area Lakes Association) 651-503-8414

SEBKY WASSETS! NOLIN OAK TYKE!

The Crooked Lake Township (CLT) Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee is interested in recruiting your help! Bring in new thoughts, ideas and plans. You can donate as much or as little time as you like. We typically meet Thursday afternoons in the spring and summer at the CLT Town Hall. Visitors are always welcome to any of our meetings. Qualifications are an interest in keeping our area lakes safe and healthy for the present and future. Please contact Les Raisch or Bob Holman for more information.



The Outing Volunteer Library WI - FI Available!

The Library is open each week:
Monday: 10 AM-2 PM
Tuesday: 1 PM-4 PM
Wednesday: 3 PM-4 PM

Wednesday: 3 PM - 5 PM Thursday: 1 PM - 5 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 1 PM M I - MA 01 : Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM

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Crooked Lake Township Canister Station

Garbage is only accepted in the orange Township plastic bags. Bags are sold at Roosevelt Station, Owls & Things, Lake Country Grocery, Outing Station and Outing Hardware. Cost is \$20 for a roll of 5 bags or \$5 per bag.

:noits of Operation:

Winter - Sat 9:30-12 and Monday 10-12 Summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day) -Sat 9:30-12; Sun 12-4; Mon 10-12; Wed 4-6

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