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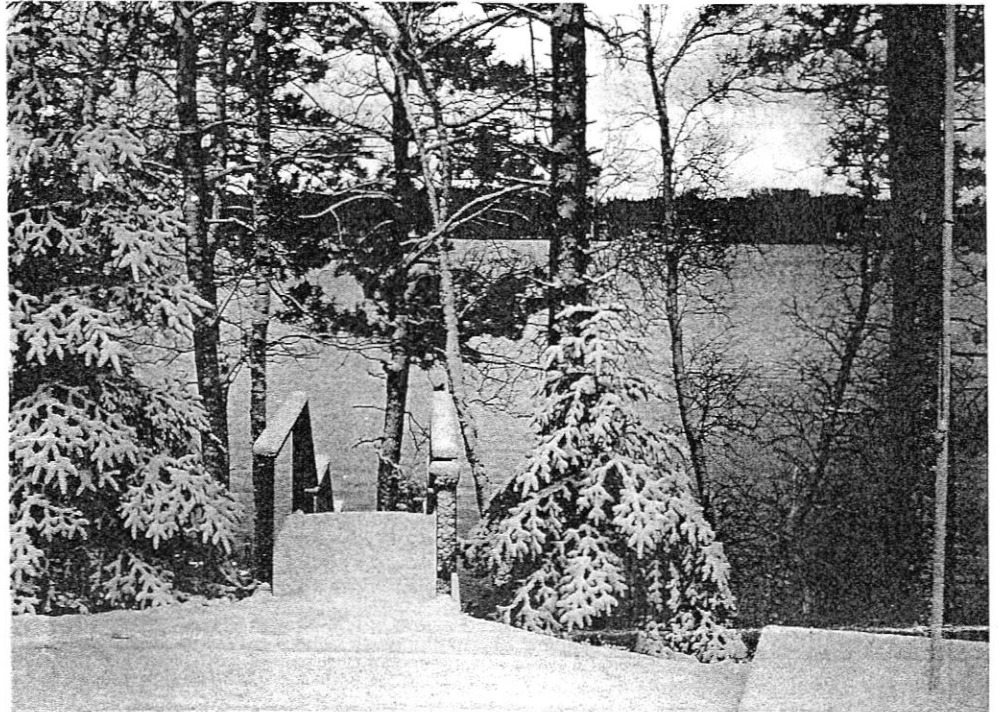
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COMING SOON!





FROM THE PRESIDENT



By Doug Johnson

First thing on the list of "to do's", is to thank all the business's who advertised in our newsletter. We all should seek those people out when we need their services.

Secondly, I have been in contact with the Superintendent of Schools for Northland High School, Mr. Mike Doro. I explained that we would provide two fully paid scholarships (up to \$350 each) to educate young adults in environmental responsibilities. I also explained that the scholarships would be offered to Lake Washburn Association members FIRST, and if no interest, we would honor the two names that he provided. He was very pleased and said that he would work with the science and biology teachers. A formal letter will be sent to School District #118 this winter.

You will probably get a fair amount of information from Gary Ahlquist, but I want to add my own plug. We have the interest of the County Extension Office to aid us in lakeshore landscaping. Donna and I have been a few of the volunteers to offer lakeshore to renovate. So in the year 2002, if you are interested in joining many of us in this project, contact Gary Ahlquist (218-792-5452 or 612-448-6371). If you are just curious, watch around the lake for changes!

Our newsletter....unfortunately this year it has been extremely hard to deliver the first two issues on time. There's no apology here, just a statement that we all could have done better. We need everybody's input. Have you seen an interesting article, or have a picture of Washburn you would like to share? Everybody's input is invited and welcomed. For 2002, I have taken the responsibility of collecting the materials for the newsletter.

There's a possibility that County 48 blocks natural flowage. I'm attempting, thru county, state and federal authorities to see if the southern tip of East Lake should have flowage into the bog area on the south side of County 48. If this is true, maybe we can get a culvert installed under County 48. But's it's also possible the flowage is from the bog to the lake, but we won't know unless we ask!

Dry wells for fire safety...a subject we haven't forgotten, it's just hit red tape. So we will communicate with Lenny Lang from time to time, and we'll report to you any major changes.

Don't forget to join our association in 2002, and you can request an area you would like to help with when paying your dues.

HELP PROTECT WATER QUALITY

One of the best ways you can protect a lake's water quality is by implementing the best management practices (BMPs) in the near shore area. These activities help control nonpoint source pollution and reduce the amounts of soils and nutrients entering the lake.

Here are seven great shoreland BMPs for lake protection:

- ** Use "Phosphorus Free" fertilizers only as needed and don't fertilize along the shoreline.
- ** Septic systems should be properly maintained and currently up to code.
- ** Do NOT deposit grass clippings or leaves in the lake or storm sewers.
- ** Encourage woody vegetation and tall grasses (buffer strips) to stabilize the shoreline and prevent runoff.
- ** Always maintain natural vegetation when possible or slow shoreland runoff with gentle slopes or terrace landscaping.
- ** Minimize disturbance and removal of aquatic plants as they are vital to the health of the lake and fisheries.
- ** Work with local officials to ensure that the local water plan contains protective and restorative management efforts for your lake.

This information is from the Water Pollution Control Agency. For detailed information on lakes in Minnesota you can access the web site as follows:

<http://www.data.pca.state.mn.us/pca/clmp.html>

--Submitted by Pat & Ron Behning

A JOB WELL DONE

Three Lake Washburn property owners have been involved with the Citizen Lake Monitoring Program for the year 2001. These people measure the clarity of the water in Lake Washburn at various times during the year.

In the year 2000, 820 lakes in Minnesota were tested and Washburn was 186th, which put our lake in the upper 24%. Water height, lack of rainfall, and temperatures all influence water clarity.

Our thanks to Howard Dutton, Richard Nelles and Ron Behning for participating in this project.

By Gary Ahlquist



2002 BOARD MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Lake Washburn Association Board Members for 2002 are listed below as well as their general responsibility. Please contact any of these members with questions or concerns regarding our Association. Your input is valuable.

OFFICERS

President:	Doug Johnson	218-792-5185	515-438-2670
Vice President:	Ron Nichols	218-792-5386	515-438-4459
Secretary:	Mark Hegman	218-792-5499	952-920-2392
Treasurer:	LaVon Heston	218-792-5455	

BOARD MEMBERS

Gary Ahlquist	1 year	218-792-5452	612-448-6371	Environment/Lake Front Development
Rick Blackmon	2 year	218-792-5940	763-424-9154	Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation
Paul Cartwright	3 year	218-792-5428	952-835-1067	County 48 Cleanup
Bill Herrick	1 year	218-792-5513		Boat Monitoring
Marv Hildreth	2 year	218-792-5297	913-492-7525	Newsletter Advertising
Judy Matherne	2 year	218-792-5533	763-420-4836	Meeting Dates/General Meeting Planning
Rod McKinley	2 year	218-792-5228		Fisheries/Bouys/Sechi Disk
Don Peterson	3 year	218-792-5257		Nomination & Audit Committee
Dave Snesrud	1 year	218-792-5824	612-753-2790	Hydro Lab/Pine River Watershed

MEETING DATES FOR 2002

The Lake Washburn Association holds four Board meetings and two General Meetings a year. All Association members are invited to attend these meetings. Please join us! Meeting are held at the Town Hall in Outing as follows:

Director's Meetings

Saturday, May 11	8:00 AM
Saturday, June 8	8:00 AM
Saturday, July 13	8:00 AM
Saturday, August 10	8:00 AM

General Meetings

Saturday, June 8	9:30 AM
Saturday, August 10	9:30 AM

EXOTIC SPECIES STILL POSE THREAT TO LAKES, RIVERS

If anglers and boaters don't do more to prevent the spread of exotics -- like removing plants from boats and draining livewells before leaving a lake -- then Minnesota's fish populations and fishing are bound to suffer.

Harmful aquatic animal and plant species such as the zebra mussel and spiny water flea increasingly threaten to permanently harm Minnesota's fish populations and fishing itself. Zebra mussels, which consume food at the base of the food chain, recently invaded one of Minnesota's inland waters, Lake Zumbro, near Rochester, MN, for the first time. Spiny water fleas are now clogging fishing tackle on Lake Superior charters. These and other species could displace native fish species and alter the food chain that supports game fish.

Help prevent the spread of exotics by checking your boat each time you take it out of a lake, river or stream.

(Material from DNR 2001 Report to Minnesota Anglers)



2001 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Following is a listing of the 162 Lake Washburn property owners who joined our Association for the year 2000. We thank them for their support! If we have missed anyone, we apologize. Let's all work together to have a **large increase in memberships for 2002!**

Abts, Jerry/Judy	Davis, Darwin/Laura	Ingebrand, Thomas	Olson, Ron/Mae
Ahlquist, Gary/Karen	Dawson, Keith/Donna	Johnson, Brad/Toni	Opatz, Mark/Betsy
Alberg, Charles/Marilyn	DeVries, Steve	Johnson, Dave/Jan	Page, Clayton/Marie
Albers, Jim/Shirley	Downey, Arthur	Johnson, Doug/Donna	Pattock, Larry/Florence
Anderson, Arland/Peggy	DuBois, George/Cindy	Johnson, Lance/Patricia	Perendy, Frank/Celjie
Anderson, Jerome/Karen	Dutton, Howard/Barb	Jorgenson, Jerry/Ginny	Peterson, Don/Jo
Anderson, Marje	Edelbrock, Bob/Sandee	Jorgenson, Wayne	Peterson, Rick/Judy
Arf, Kevin/Jeffrey	Edwards, Jim/Marge	Jubert, Richard/Helen	Rask, Jon/Elaine
Baker, Ron/Nancy	Eisler, Jim/Shan	Judd, David/Janis	Regal, Ron/Jean
Ballard, Cecil/Carole	Erdman, Sheldon	Kasel, Doug	Reymolds, Ken/Tish
Ballard, Gerald/Marie	Filzen, Ronald/Dee	Kaske, Andrew/Kae	Schaumberg, Bernard/Jill
Ballis, Paul/Sharon	Fortmeyer, George/Louise	Kinsey, Patricia	Schloesser, Rod/Pat
Barfuss, Karen	Fox Pauline	Kirchner, Hedwig	Schuller, Jack/Grace
Barker, Jim/Jeanine	Funk, Gregory	Knox, Barry/Nancy	Schwalbach, Dick/Marjorie
Barron, Edward/Paula	Gaskill, Ronald/Jane	Kreutter, Jim/Jean	Schwinghammer, Ben/Pat
Barron, Ruth	Germkundsens, Orville	Kroehnert, Paul/Joan	Simpson, Vern/Shirley
Beard, Robert/Rita	Geyer, Bob/Mary	Kruse, Cy/Nancy	Smith, Craig/Michele
Behning, Ron/Pat	Gibis, Gary/Gibson,	Kurtz, Karna	Smith, Helen
Bendt, Kyle/April	Dennis/Melissa	LaBounty, Charles	Smith, Roy/Marlene
Benzel, Sharon	Gryskiewicz, Ray/Mildred	Laakso, Dan/Karen	Snesrud, David/Linda
Berg, Dave/Kim	Gulbrandsen, Steve/Pat	Lawrence, Ted/Melba	Stanchfield, Victor/Roberta
Betts, Dan/Julie	Hagel, Jerry/Jacquelin	Lindblad, Ralph, Nancy	Stephanek, Thomas/Rosemary
Berstedt, Robert/Judy	Hannay, Edward/Barbra	Lundeen, John/Janan	Stubbs, Mark/Jan
Blackmon, Richard/Michelle	Harling, Don/Fran	Lunneborg, Donald/Donna	Stuenkel, Omar/Pearl
Boblett, Louis	Harris, John/Kathy	MacKenzie, Malcolm, Donkna	Stuhr, Jay/Brenda
Bourke Jr, Dell	Healy, Tim/Kathy	Madigan, Jim/Judy	Sweazey, Ben/Esther
Branham, Thomas/Diane	Hegman, Mark/Jacqueline	Maranda, Pat/Julie	Thomas, Jack/Gail
Brinkman, Tom/Marlies	Herrick, William/Pat	Mark, Scott/Kelly	Thompson, Frank/MaryAnn
Broderson, Don/Barbara	Heston, LaVon	Martinsen, George/Jane	Trummel, Gary/Geri
Bryan, Donald/Donna	Hildreth, Craig	Matherne, Bob/Judy	Urness, Todd/Katherine
Bullis, Ruth	Hildreth, Mark	McKinley, Rod/Jane	VanBrugger, George/Delores
Callander, Harlow/Mary	Hildreth, Mike	Meyer, Paul/Mandy	Wahl, Donald/Carol
Campion, Jim/Perri	Hildreth, Marv/Sara	Michael, Bill/Theo	Wahl, Thomas
Carlisle, Todd/Kellie	Hirman, Rollie/Mary	Mogren, Robert/Rosemary	Waters, Cliff/Marilyn
Carlson, Terry/Fran	Hilman, Bob/Marnie	Morr, Mike/Joyce	Westman, Doris
Carr, Corey/Victoria	Hoogland, Tim/Glenda	Morreim, Ernie/Kathy	Whiteley, Bill/Becca
Carr, Ed/Nancy	Hosch, Greg/Karen	Morrow, James/Marilee	Whiteley, Frank/Margaret
Cartwright, Paul/Elizabeth	Houston, John/Alvis	Moss, William/Dee	Whiteley, Terry/Diane
Cazier, Harold/Janice	Hovind, Dale/Colleen	Nichols, Ron/Willa	Wilder, Michael/Sue
Chapman, Bob/Laurene	Huss, Richard/Diana	Oleson, Dave/Pat	Williams, Larry/Shawn
Chinquist, Jr, Fred			Witkus, Mae

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The DNR web site offers management and regulations on all game fish species, an interactive state fishing lake map, and more. On the Minnesota DNR home page, click on the topic "Fishing". You can get the latest fisheries management news by subscribing to the DNR **FREE** webzine, *Fish & Wildlife Today*. Go to: www.dnr.state.mn.us/fwt and click "Subscribe for Free".

(Material taken from DNR 2001 Report to Minnesota Anglers available at DNR offices)

TREASURER'S REPORT

9/07/01

Checking Balance	\$3722.02	
Disbursements	850.00	
Balance Checking		\$2872.02
Money Market	2420.73	
CD's	10905.46	
Total Balance		\$16198.21

--Lavon Heston, Treasurer

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WHERE IS HOME?

You are from Iowa, your neighbor is from Florida and the people down the road live on Lake Washburn year around. So where do Lake Washburn residents have their "home" address. This information was taken from the spring 2001 mailing label zipcodes. As you can see, we call many places home along with Lake Washburn!

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Arizona - 3 | Kansas - 1 |
| California - 1 | Missouri - 1 |
| Florida - 2 | Montana 1 |
| Hawaii - 1 | Nebraska - 1 |
| Illinois - 1 | Texas - 1 |
| Iowa - 29 (Ankeny with 14!) | and |
| | MINNESOTA 303! |

The top 10 towns in Minnesota are:

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 43 - Outing | 9 - Coon Rapids |
| 20 - Minneapolis | 9 - Edina |
| 14 - Remer | 7 - Brooklyn Park |
| 11 - Bloomington | 7- St. Paul |
| 10 - Plymouth | 7 - White Bear Lake |

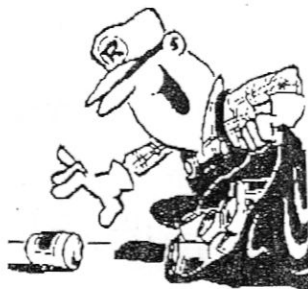
and

10 other cities with 1-6 Lake Washburn property owners!

--Alvis Houston

Let everyone enjoy nature's beauty....

... please don't litter.



COUNTY 48 CLEANUP

September 1st has come and gone. The number of volunteers for highway clean-up was, to say the least.....terrible.

Communication was made, in the spring newsletter, both general meetings, and four signs posted a week prior to cleanup. But **NO ONE** showed.

We, as an Association, made a committment to Cass County and ourselves to keep County 48 picked up. If we can't keep this committment, then we'll look in the year 2002 to discontinue.

--Doug Johnson



WATERCRAFT MONITORING

The Washburn Lake Association has been coordinating a watercraft monitoring program at the Clinton Converse Campground public access three times each year for many years.

We have been monitoring Memorial Day weeked, July 4th weekend and Labor Day weekend. Starting in 2002, we are going to modify the schedule to include the Minnesota fishing opener weekend and exclude the Labor Day weekend. We feel this schedule will be more effective.

Please remind your guests to thoroughly check their watercraft and trailer before putting them into our lake! If you are interested in helping with the monitoring program for 2002, please contact **Bill Herrick at 218-792-5513.**

We give a special "THANK YOU" to the following monitors from 2001:

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Judy Abts | John Houston |
| Dave Anderson | Jean & Jack Johnson |
| Gerald Ballard | David Judd |
| Pat & Ron Behning | Bob Matherne |
| Paul Cartwright | Jane & Rod McKinley |
| Bob Chapman | Ron Nichols |
| Joe Clayson | Don Peterson |
| Jack & Seve DeVries | Dick Schwalbach |
| George Fortmeyer | Dave Snesrud |
| Pat & Bill Herrick | Bert & Vic Stanchfield |
| Sara & Marv Hildreth | Margaret & Frank |
| Marilyn & Bob Holman | Whiteley |

-- Bill Herrick

2002 NEWSLETTER

Newsletters for 2002 will be under the direction of Doug Johnson. This newsletter was compiled by John and Alvis Houston

If you have comments, pictures, articles you would like to have in the newsletter, etc, or would like to help with the newsletter, please write Doug Johnson at: 2217 M Avenue, Woodward, Ia, 50276 or 1411 Horsetail Trail, Outing, MN 56660 or call him at 515-438-2670 or 218-792-5185.



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 1999-2001

As noted in the chart below, our membership has been declining in the past three years. For 2001, we have a membership of 162 or 45% of the 346** property owners. Let's all work together to have a large increase in membership in 2002!

Location	1999 Statistics			2000 Statistics			2001 Statistics		
Explained below-->	Mem	Own	%M	Mem	Own	%M	Mem	Own	%M
Bbay 48 Bear Paw	19	29	66%	18	26	69%	14	29	48%
changes (-) or (+@)	@3			-1			-4		
Eastburn	25	40	63%	23	40	58%	16	40	40%
changes (-) or (+@)	-1			-2			-7		
Fehrs Rd/Lois Lane	50	70	71%	39	71	55%	39	72	54%
changes (-) or (+@)	@8			-11			even		
Longwood Pt	29	46	63%	29	48	60%	21	49	43%
changes (-) or (+@)	-4			0			-8		
Peninsula Rd	85	105	81%	87	106	82%	53	110	48%
changes (-) or (+@)	-1			@2			-34		
Plummer Pt	19	19	100%	16	20	80%	9	20	45%
changes (-) or (+@)	@2			-3			-7		
West Washburn	20	23	87%	18	26	69%	10	26	38%
changes (-) or (+@)	@5			-2			-8		
Totals	247	332	74%	228	333	68%	162	346	45%
	@11	@4	@2	-19	@1	-6%	-66	@13	23%

Membership Totals previous to 1999: 1998- 236; 1997- 214; 1996- 228; 1995- 206; 1994- 166.

-->Mem: # of Members; Own: # of Owners; %M: % of Owners that are Members

**Property owners total varies as there are several properties owned by more than one person/couple and previously undeveloped land now has been sold and/or divided..

ELECTROFISHING RESULTS

Night electrofishing is done yearly on Lake Washburn in September as part of our participation in the 5 year no stocking program. This helps determine the success of natural reproduction of young-of-year walleye.

2000 electrofishing was done the evening of Sept, 12, for a total of 1.9 hours of shocking time. The water temperature was 65 and conditions were perfect. A total of **eight** walleye were captured for a catch rate of 4.2 fish per hour. No young-of-year were captured. Seven of the eight walleye observed were from the 1999 year class (age 1) and the one other fish was from the 1995 year (age 5). The 1999 year class ranged in size from 189 mm to 215 mm. The strong year class of 1999 observed during last years electroshocking did not appear in large numbers this year which may be due to the young-of-year being on the skinny side and condition factors were poor in 1999. Growth rate for the 1999 year class in 2000 was a little slow.

Numerous small (under 20 inches) northern pike and fairly high numbers of perch were observed. Perch were observed in low numbers in 1999. Largemouth bass and blue gill were common in abundance. Results of the September, 2001, electrofishing will be available in the spring of 2002.

(Material from Tim Brastrup, DNR Fisheries, Brainerd Office, October 12, 2001.)



JOIN LAKESCAPING!

The Lakescaping Program is moving right along. We have 15 property owners who have volunteered to be part of the five year program of lakescaping their property.

"Putting back what was originally there" gives you a great feeling. In many cases plants, flowers, etc., can be put into place for beauty as well as soil holding properties. Without the use of fertilizers, removal of trees and the stripping of the shoreline, great rewards are harvested.

More volunteers are needed. Remember all you need is a 6 foot by 30 foot area, starting at the shoreline. To volunteer to participate in this program or for more information, contact Gary Ahlquist at :

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--Gary Ahlquist



JULY 4 BOAT PARADE TO BE HELD JULY 6, 2002

2002 will be the 10th Annual July 4 Boat Parade for Lake Washburn. We will meet on Saturday, July 6, at 1:00 pm at Schullers, on Birch Bay, and go counter clockwise around Birch Bay and then head to the Narrows, go thru the Narrows and then turn around and return. Everyone is invited to participate in this parade. If you don't wish to participate, come watch!!

Last July we only had 18 boats participate and in previous years we have had upwards of 50. Perhaps the reason was because we held it before the 4th. When the 4th is in the middle of the week it is always difficult to know what date to pick. Or perhaps the reason is that people are no longer interested in doing it. If the turnout isn't better in July, 2002, it will be an indication to discontinue this event.

Our thanks to all who have participated over the years. Please give your feedback to Jack or Grace Schuller at 1534 Plummer Pt Rd, Outing, MN 56660, or call at 218-792-5256.

--Grace & Jack Schuller

HYDRO LAB UPDATE

Four times a year a technician from Cass County comes to Lake Washburn to measure for water temperature, dissolved oxygen, phosphorous levels and conductivity.

What is Conductivity? It is a measure of man-made pollution in the water. We have participated in this process for three years and are building a base to see any changes that may occur and possibly catch changes before they progress to far.

A measurement is also done of Sechi disk readings. The 2001 spring measurement was different from previous years. On North Lake in 2000 year the reading was 14 feet, this year, possibly due to high water and erosion, the measurement was 10 feet. In Birch Bay the reading went from 12 feet in 2000 to 8 feet this year. Oxygen level was less in the Birch Bay area, possibly because of fertilizers and human exposures. More tests will be done this year. Results should be available next February .

This information was presented by Dave Snesrud at the August 11 general meeting.

2002 DUES

Dues for 2002 will be \$15.00. Dues paid after September 1, 2001 were credited to 2002.

A membership form for your use will be in the spring newsletter. Please be sure to include your current address and phone number so that we can keep our records up to date. The following have paid in advance for 2002:

Ron & Pat Behning
Ruth Bullis
Ron and Willa Nichols
Tom Wahl

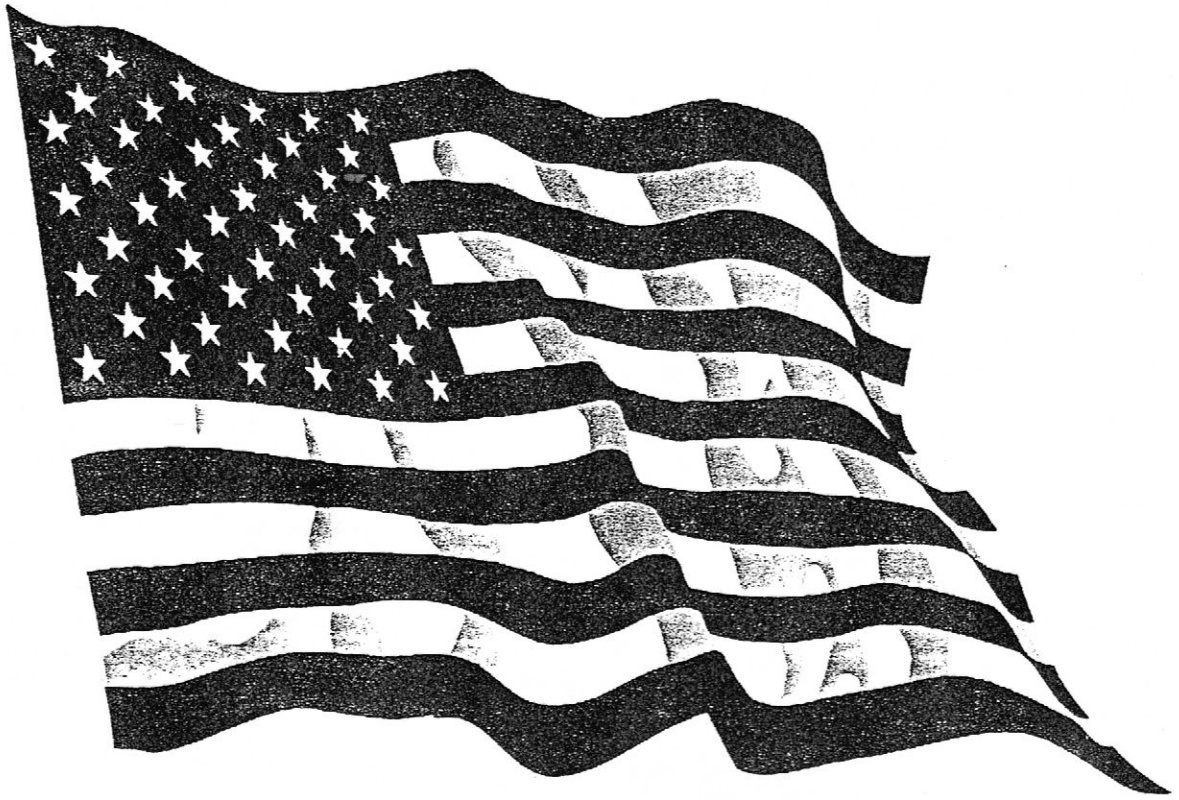
-- LaVon Heston

HIGHWAY 6 UPDATE

The Highway 6 construction project is proceeding close to schedule. As of October 9, the Department of Transportation is expecting completion of the project by the end of October , **IF** the weather cooperates. In case of a stretch of inclement weather the opening would be delayed accordingly.

The \$4,662,569 highway improvement project includes grading and bituminous surfacing; shoulder widening and construction of right turn lanes.

Let's hope for good weather!




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