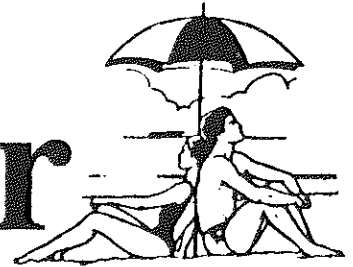


Ten Mile Lake Association



Newsletter



Summer Edition, 1993

Dedicated to the Preservation and Improvement of Ten Mile Lake and its Environment

Annual Meet Aug. 7; Plan Now

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL TMLA meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 7, at the Hackensack Senior Citizens Center, and it promises to be an especially interesting session. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and the regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

President Al Hoover has booked a speaker who, he says, will keep you utterly captivated as he spins his tale about insects and insecticides. He is Dr. Dave Noetzel, an extension entomologist/mammologist from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Noetzel has taught at North Dakota State University and Concordia College and has been at the UofM since 1969. Al has heard him and says he has a fascinating story to tell. Come and find out.

BEFORE DR. NOETZEL'S presentation you will have a half hour to review with committee chairs and others topics about which you may have questions. The popular "booth" approach that has been used the past two years will be repeated.

Whether you want information (or want to make a statement) about the proposed public access, the lake's environment and ecology, loons and other wildlife, fishing, the proposed Highway 71 project, recycling, boat and water safety, on-the-water speed limits, erosion problems, sailing, exotics, the Lake Advocate Program, possible TMLA projects, or whatever, someone will be on hand to discuss these matters with you or point you in the direction you need to go.

IF YOU JUST WANT TO VISIT that's fine too. Your neighbors and friends will be there for that purpose as well. We'll have plenty of refreshments for everyone: Homemade goodies, coffee, tea and possibly lemonade. Bring a prospective member for an introduction to Ten Mile Lake Association activities.

At the close of Dr. Noetzel's remarks, the business meeting will begin. In addition to

attending to routine business, members will elect four officers and five directors. The Nominating Committee is composed of Stan Skaug, Chair; Willa Shonkwiler-Martin, and Rod Owre.

Public Access Project Plans Halted for Now

THE PROPOSED PUBLIC access project is on hold, at least for the present. A ruling by District Judge John P. Smith on July 2 extended an earlier temporary injunction that had prohibited the Department of Natural Resources from proceeding with the public access project until certain issues could be resolved. The temporary injunction was issued by District Judge Michael J. Haas on June 21.

Judge Smith's order prevents any construction, bid letting or site preparation at the proposed access on Long's Bay until after:

(1) Court determination of the constitutionality of the rule which allows the DNR, the proponent of this project, to decide the question of whether there is a need for an environmental impact statement (EIS). As part of what transpired on July 2, the DNR agreed to prepare an environmental assessment worksheet (EAW), which is preliminary to deciding whether an EIS is necessary.

(2) Completion of the environmental review process.

(3) Trial on the question of need for any additional public water access facilities on Ten Mile Lake. It is expected that the trial will take place in May 1994.

OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED access has been led by a steering committee composed of Ten Mile residents and as- (Continued next page)

Donations Urged for First Response Team

By Walt Kane

WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE to have available an efficient, well trained, well equipped group of volunteers to administer to any of us in case of a medical emergency.

In the way of equipment and supplies the team has a defibrillator, extraction equipment, oxygen setups, airways, jump kits and bandaging equipment, mast trousers for shock treatment, blood pressure monitoring equipment, CPR "Annies" for training team members as well as the public, syrup of ipec, glucose, cellular phones, mobile and portable radios and more.

THE FIRST RESPONSE TEAM is funded by donations and memorials. The Ten Mile Lake Association has a program by which it matches up to \$1000 in donations/memorials (with a \$500 minimum annual donation from the TMLA) each fiscal year. Thus the team could receive as much as \$2000 from the TMLA and its members combined or as little as \$500 in a fiscal year.

If you wish to make a donation or memorial to this worthy cause, send your check (payable to the TMLA for the First Response Team) to: TMLA, Box 412, Hackensack, MN 56452.

Access

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sociation members. The committee was represented at the court hearings by Attorneys Ted Mellby, Jim McGill and Al Roeder.

Other recent developments relating to the proposed access are these:

*The Cass County Board of Commissioners on June 1 voted unanimously to support a resolution prepared by the County's Environmental Services Department (ESD) opposing the access on environmental grounds.

The resolution states that, since there is the potential for the introduction of exotic species, specifically eurasian water milfoil and zebra mussel, the country should have something to say about the access. It added there are other alternatives the DNR should explore. The resolution was presented by John Sumption of the ESD.

*The Hackensack City Council passed a resolution on June 7 opposing the project and requesting that any trail head or staging area for the Paul Bunyan Trail (which is to follow the old Burlington Railway roadbed) be located on municipally owned land adjacent

to the trail in Hackensack. Earlier the Hackensack Chamber of Commerce had passed a similar resolution.

*The Association of Cass County Lakes at its June 5 meeting endorsed the resolution approved by the Cass County Commissioners opposing construction of the proposed access on Ten Mile Lake.

Survey Returns in Tabulation Process

WE HAD HOPED FOR A fairly complete summary of responses to the questionnaire sent out with the last newsletter, but you have overwhelmed us: 170 responses so far and they're still coming in. The consequence is that we are mired in the tabulating process.

Even so, there are some observations that can be made. For one thing, you gave enthusiastic approval to the work of the Ten Mile Lake Association, many of you commenting favorably on the association's activities over the past decade. There was one "yes and no" answer to the approval question and one outright "no." All the rest supported the TMLA and its activities. We appreciate that endorsement and realize it must continue to be earned. Surveying the membership is one way of finding out what directions to take.

ONE ESPECIALLY INTERESTING statistic was the number of persons who have been visiting Ten Mile Lake for 50 years or more (35), 22% of the total. The percentage for those who have been visiting the lake for 30 years or more was 64.5.

The newsletter was praised by most respondents and many suggested story ideas for future issues. On that latter point, your editors would be delighted to receive articles from readers. Just write them out; we'll do the editing. And thanks for the compliments!

This brief report will have to suffice for now. In future editions we'll have additional accounts of your responses and comments.

Lake Level Facts

THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK (OHW) for Ten Mile Lake is 1379.90' above sea level. The highest recorded reading was 1380.21' April 25, 1979. The lowest recorded reading was 1377.49' Nov. 13, 1976. The range of all recorded readings is 2.72', and the mean is 1379.37'. Lake level on July 1, 1993, was 1379.6', 6" above 7/1/92, 3" higher than 5/1/93, and 10" above 11/1/92. -- Walt Kane.

Cable Laid Across Lake 30 Years Ago

By Doug Kohl and Dave Brandt

THIRTY YEARS AGO this summer a strange, oversize pontoon boat made its way slowly across Ten Mile Lake. We suspect not everyone who took notice that summer of 1963 realized what that pontoon boat with a huge six foot spool of cable on board was doing. However, at least two Ten Milers, Dr. Malcolm (Mac) Moos and Jim Schwartz, knew that the craft was laying an underwater telephone line.

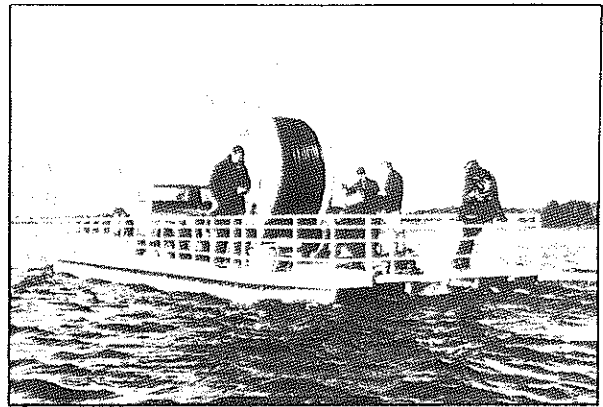
During the Eisenhower administration, Mac Moos was one of the President's speech writers. In 1960, with Eisenhower's term ending, Mac came to Ten Mile and built a cabin on the west shore. He had heard about Ten Mile Lake for years, having been a boyhood friend of Dr. Ivar Sigveland in St. Paul. From 1960 until 1967, when Mac became President of the University of Minnesota, he spent much time at his cabin. He was busy with many things, working for the Ford Foundation and perhaps doing some writing.

HE WAS OBVIOUSLY in great need of a telephone, but the Arvig Telephone Co. had not reached that part of Ten Mile with their telephone poles. They apparently decided the quickest and cheapest way to get service to Mac Moos was to go straight across Ten Mile Lake with an underwater cable! This would have astounded Mr. Poland, owner of the Hackensack Telephone Co., before its sale to Arvig in 1957. We recall watching him hang rural party-lines on tree branches in the 40s!

Arvig's pontoon boat was, in a way, reenacting symbolically the laying of the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable in the 1870s and the trans-Pacific cable in the 1880s!

ACCORDING TO ARVIG, laying underwater cable was not easy and somewhat dangerous. Sudden changes in weather during the long trip could be disastrous. The cables entered the water on the east shore at the curve of County Rd. 6 where a public "street" on the original plat runs from the highway to the shoreline.

When the trees and shrubbery were suddenly cleared out, many of us assumed the county, the DNR, or some authority, was putting in a boat access. We rejoiced, unlike today, since we had no easy way to launch or pull out boats. However, we could not help but notice huge boulders as well as many other



Laying cable across the lake

large rocks that would have to be moved to make a decent boat ramp. As the years went by and the clearing began to get overgrown, it seemed apparent that the boat access plan had been abandoned. But all this time it was nothing more than Arvig's installation of underwater cables.

AFTER EMERGING FROM the water at Mac Moos' cabin and entering a terminal box, the telephone cable went back into the water and along the west shore to a spot on Chariton Beach between Jim Schwartz's and Grant Finley's cabins. Here is another public opening to the lake, called "Boat Street" on the plat.

Arvig decided as long as they were on that shore with their equipment and sufficient cable they would lay another cable on the return trip. The purpose was to provide service to that part of the west shore if needed. Jim Schwartz still retains a vivid memory of the pontoon boat starting out across the lake back to the east shore with the cable slowly unwinding from the huge spool and settling onto the lake bottom.

THE LINE TO MAC MOOS was used only a few years, because in 1964 Arvig began upgrading their system, laying underground cables, and greatly expanding their lines around Ten Mile Lake. There is no evidence that the underwater cable to Chariton Beach was ever used.

Today the underwater cables and terminal boxes can still be seen. Arvig never bothered to remove them, and they remain historical relics of a day when telephone service around Ten Mile Lake was not to be taken for granted.

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME. DO IT NOW!

A MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM is enclosed. Return it soon so you will continue to receive the newsletter and other TMLA mailings.

Board Approves \$1000 For Exotics Research, Hears Summer Project Reports, Other Topics

THE TMLA BOARD voted at its June 21 meeting to contribute \$1,000 to what has been dubbed the "Bucky Program" for eurasian water milfoil research. The program got its name from Stan Bormann, President of the Ada Lake Association and Vice-President of the Association of Cass County Lakes.

Stan reasoned that if everyone in the various lake associations around the state gave the equivalent of a bucket of minnows (hence the name Bucky), that would go a long way toward raising the \$200,000 needed to match a grant from the Blandin Foundation. Monies will go to the University of Minnesota to conduct biological and other research on how to control or eliminate eurasian water milfoil. If the drive falls short, donors will have their contributions returned.

THE TMLA BOARD DECIDED that, because Ten Mile residents have an important stake in keeping the lake free of the exotic plant, it should make a \$1,000 contribution toward that research. On their own, residents are urged to join the Minnesota Lake Association (dues \$15, including a subscription to Focus 10,000, a magazine devoted to lake and river issues), P.O. Box 291, Aitkin, MN 56431. The MLA employs a lobbyist to speak to the Legislature about lake problems, including the perennial one of escalating property taxes.

While you're at it send your Bucky contribution to: MLA Mail of Milfoil, 26 East Exchange Street, Suite 507, St. Paul, MN 55104

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Other Board matters included reports from:

John Alden, chair, Environment and Ecology Committee. John said the Association's two summer projects, a groundwater study and a mapping of lake properties, were moving forward, although much remains to be done. In connection with the mapping effort, he repeated his earlier request for residents to cooperate with John Crandall when he calls. The information, Alden said, will be particularly helpful when the Lake Advocate program goes on line.

Al Hoover, President, TMLA. Al said he had received a complaint from the Hiram Township Board that lake residents were dumping tree leaves and other debris illegally along the sides of township roads. He asked Ten Mile residents to refrain from such practices in the future, pointing out that it creates a drainage problem, can damage culverts and is

unsightly as well. The complaint pointed out there is a composting site at the Hackensack-Walker landfill (open Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.).

John Alden, member, Steering Committee opposing the proposed public access. John said the committee was dealing with the issue on three fronts: Environmental, political and legal. The Board endorsed the committee's efforts and reiterated its opposition to the access at the proposed site. (See separate article on other developments elsewhere in this issue.)

Rod Owre, chair, Fisheries Committee. Rod said the fishing opener was spotty; some reported good luck, especially in Long's Bay, while others experienced just the opposite. He also said he would be checking with the DNR this summer as the agency firms up plans for conducting a walleye spawning and survival study on Ten Mile.

Willa Shonkwiler-Martin, chair, History Committee. Willa said she has been unable to find any books written specifically about Ten Mile, but has found several dealing with events, people and locales in the area. She listed the following: Birth of a Village -- History of Walker, MN, 1895-1905, by Maude Bragg Orton; The Last Indian War in the United States, October, 1898; The Physician and His Territory, Otto F. Ringle, Jr., D.D.S.; Mainly Loggin', collected by Charles Vander-sliuer, 1974; Fiddlefoot Jones of the North Woods, Philip D. Jordan, Vanguard Press, 1957, available at the Walker Library; Tract and Trails, Nate Dally, to be republished by the Pilot-Independent this year. Books by local authors: God is my Pilot and Grace in the Wilderness, the Rev. John W. Coffee, Jr. former pastor at Hope Lutheran Church.

Steve Chase, chair, Finance Committee. He said the committee is considering possibilities for investing in preservation projects and is working on a "near future" map. He added that the committee also is assembling gifting information for anyone interested in making a bequest to the Association and is continuing to study devices for acquiring green space properties.

Walt Kane, lake level monitor. Walt said the morning's reading was 1379.69' above sea level, 6.2" above a (Continued on next page)

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year ago and 4.1" higher than it was May 1 of this year. Highest recorded reading for Ten Mile was 1380.21' on April 25, 1979, and the lowest was 1377.49' November 23, 1976.

Heidi Hoppe, Recording Secretary. Heidi said membership was 703 as of June 21, contributions had passed the \$1,000 mark, mostly in the form of memorials, and \$450 had been received on behalf of the Hackensack First Response Team (the Board at an earlier meeting had earmarked from \$500 to \$1000 in matching funds for the First Response Team).

Three Sailing Races Remain this Season

THE TEN MILE LAKE YACHT & Tennis Club has announced there will be three remaining races on the summer schedule.

For C-scows the Memorial Cub Regatta will be Saturday, July 24, and the Moxness Cup Regatta is Saturday, August 7. For Sunfish the Ten Mile Cup Regatta is on Sunday, August 8.

ALL REGATTAS WILL FEATURE two races, with a start time of 1:30 p.m. The second race will start shortly after the conclusion of the first.

If weather forces changes, the Saturday races will be postponed until the next day, with a 10:30 a.m. start time. If the Moxness Cup is postponed until Sunday, the race set for that day will be delayed until Monday, August 9, with a 1:30 start.

ALL TYPES OF BOATS are welcome to sail along with the C-scows. The Club asks, however, that sailors keep clear in tight situations so as not to give one contestant an unearned advantage over another.

Awards ceremonies will be held at the conclusion of both the Boxness Cup Regatta and the Ten Mile Lake Regatta for Sunfish on the beach at Marge and Dick Garbisch's cabin. Marge promises her usual refreshments.

Lake Newcomers



WITH THIS ISSUE we are starting a new feature that identifies newcomers: families or individuals. Our purpose is to welcome them to the Ten Mile community and, if they are really new to the lake, help make them feel at home. We use the term "newcomers" a bit

loosely. Some may be no strangers to Ten Mile, having visited here, grown up here, or whatever. Now, however, they have established themselves more permanently than in the past by building or buying homes.

We hope you like the idea, and that you'll help by letting us know of anyone you think may qualify as a "newcomer." In this issue we welcome:

Tom and Patty Brandt, of Batavia, IL., who have purchased the property formerly owned by Virginia (Burnett) Anderson in the Northwest Shores development. Tom is the eldest son of Jim and Fran Brandt, Chariton Beach.

Bob and Lucy Crom, of Alexandria, VA, and formerly from Ames, IA, where Dr. Crom was Dean of Extension. Their new retirement home is on upper Long's Bay.

John and Yvonne Gardeen, of Bloomington, MN, where John owned and operated a manufacturing business. Their new retirement home is on the southwest shore near the existing public access. For many years they have enjoyed Ten Mile as visitors at the Lloyd and Mildred Sundin cabin.

Kenneth and Mary Jones, of South St. Paul, MN. Their new retirement home is located on the west shore of Robinson's Bay. Their Ten Mile connection is through Mary, whose father, Dr. William Macklin, brought his family for many years to the Macklin vacation cottage on Batcheller Bay.

Don and Kathleen Sarles, of Eden Prairie, MN., where Don works as a food broker. Their new home is located in the Peaceful Valley area of the lake.

Dick and Nelda Sampel, of Des Moines, IA., where Dick is in the insurance business and Nelda is a retired nurse. The Sampels have visited friends on Ten Mile for many years and recently purchased an existing cabin in the North Shore neighborhood.

Drs. Paul and Nancy Seel, of North Oaks, MN. Their new home is on the west shore of Robinson's Bay. Their Ten Mile connection is by way of the Stan Skaugs, Nancy's parents.

Lyle and Kathy Williamson, of Scottsdale, AZ., where Lyle is employed as a pilot. The Williamsons bought the Bobby Persen property located in the Peaceful Valley area.

We're sure some who should be listed have been missed. Sorry about that, but the idea turned out to be more complex than we had at first thought. Anyway, call us if you know of any Ten Milers who ought to be included (675-6422).

GET IN THE HABIT -- REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

TREASURER'S REPORT
Ten-Month Period Ended May 31, 1993

	<u>Total</u>	<u>First National Walker</u>	<u>Piper Jaffray Prime Account</u>	<u>Kemper Government Portfolio Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
INCOME					
Dues & Contributions.	\$ 12,431	\$ 11,796	\$ 635		
Dividend income	5,686		498	\$ 5,188	
FMV change	<u>(2,151)</u>			<u>(2,151)</u>	
Total Income	\$ 15,966	\$ 11,796	\$ 1,133	\$ 3,037	
Expenses					
Projects	\$ 2,506	\$ 2,506			
Secretarial	1,604	1,604			
Annual Meeting	91	91			
Contributions	730	730			
Directory	1,730	1,730			
Meetings	404	404			
Memberships	15	15			
Newsletter	1,054	1,054			
Office Supplies	729	729			
Postage	1,551	1,551			
Real Estate Taxes ...	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>			
Total Expenses	\$ 10,436	\$ 10,436	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Income Over (Under) ...	\$ 5,530	\$ 1,360	1,133	3,037	
Transfers In (Out)		(1,000)	1,000		
Beginning Balance	<u>101,122</u>	<u>876</u>	<u>19,551</u>	<u>30,041</u>	<u>\$ 50,654</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 106,652	\$ 1,236	\$ 21,684	\$ 33,078	\$ 50,654

-- Jim Miller, Treasurer

Place and People -- That's Ten Mile Lake

By Al Hoover, TMLA President

A FEW YEARS AGO, someone asked me what Ten Mile Lake was. I explained about the size, depth, clarity and many other virtues of the lake. However, after several years of working more closely with the people that make up the community around Ten Mile, I realize that, like any locale, there really are two Ten Miles: The place and the people.

Some of us live in the same area our entire lives, while others end up moving again and again. Children are brought to Ten Mile and, at first, just sit along the edge of the water under the watchful eyes of their parents. Later they make friends with other children along the shore. They expand their area and make new summer friends as sailing, water skiing, and, yes, jet skis become the favorite activities.

NO MATTER WHERE they go when they finally

leave home, Ten Mile is a favorite summer place to visit and renew old friendships, which often last longer than the original home town ones do. They know this is a place that will endure, not only for their lifetimes, but for many generations to come.

So, now we realize that the two Ten Miles are very dependent upon each other and that it is imperative for the community to treat the location with respect and care. If we don't we will not have the lake we know for the children of the future to sit along the water's edge.

IN MY EXPERIENCE working with the Ten Mile community, I have found that if something needs doing, simply ask for help and you get it. Board members and committees of our lake association are a hard working and dedicated group of your neighbors and friends who have volunteered to take their turn to help promote the preservation and improvement of Ten Mile.

It is up to the rest of us to make their jobs easier and, in so doing, make the lake a better place than it was when we found it.

From the Notebook



By Jim Schwartz



OUR NESTING BOXES this season are occupied by, in one case, a hooded merganser and, in the other, a goldeneye. Watching their daily comings and goings can be an absorbing pastime, but in early June during a spell of rather heavy weather we were struck by how dedicated these nesting waterfowl can be. A strong southeast wind was blowing toward our shore when the hooded merganser decided she needed a break from the humdrum task of sitting on her eggs. She left the box, preened, dove for food, stretched and, finally, rested for a spell on the end of our dock, scanning the sky constantly for possible predators.

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IT WAS WHEN SHE DECIDED to re-enter the nesting box that things began to get really sticky. Zeroing in on that entry hole with a 25-30 mph tailwind is not an easy maneuver, as any pilot could appreciate. But she tried . . . and missed . . . and tried . . . and missed. Again and again she took off, circled, headed for the box, and failed. At least fifteen tries and about an hour later she at last got it right, hit the target and struggled into the nest. She must have been one exhausted and frustrated duck, but we (and probably she as well) were relieved to have the almost unbearable suspense come to such a happy conclusion.

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THE MERGANSER'S PROGENY, by the way, left their nesting box on June 18, tumbling to the ground one by one until all ten were in the water, ready to explore their new world. We don't know when the goldeneye ducklings took to the water. That process takes only a few moments, so if you're not there to see it, you miss the show. Maybe next year.

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SOME EXPERIENCED BIRD WATCHERS believe the cowbird is at least partly to blame for what is seen as a slow decline in songbird populations. Not a nest builder, the pesky cowbird has become a freeloader. It lays its eggs in whatever songbird nests it can find, probably displacing an existing egg or two. The resulting young are then reared by the foster parents, their own young suffering from the fierce competitiveness of the cow-

bird hatchlings. The consequence is growing numbers of cowbirds and shrinking numbers of songbirds. Or so the reasoning goes.

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SPEAKING OF SONGBIRDS, we had an indigo bunting visit our feeder one day early this spring, the first we have seen in years. Our neighbor, Catherine Manlove, spotted a scarlet tanager, also something of a rarity in these parts. The old reliables, of course, have been here as well: Goldfinches, purple finches, baltimore orioles, hummingbirds, house wrens, evening and rose-breasted grosbeaks, pine siskins, warblers of almost every description, and so on. These annual bird visitations are reassuring evidence of life's renewal cycle. Good for the soul.

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IF YOU HAVE NEVER HEARD the raucous nighttime screeching of gulls in early spring you have missed a remarkable "serenade." Words cannot even begin to describe the piercing gabble that assaults one's hearing, but it's great fun to tune in for what will be only a two or three night chorus. What's going on? Mating calls? A big food find? Where's the next migration stop? A town meeting on where to spend the summer? Counting noses? Well, it's anyone's guess, I suppose, but my hunch is that the gulls are conveying *something of* real meaning to one another. It's just that we humans haven't figured out what it is.

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NORTHERN MINNESOTA IS becoming an attractive vacation area for a few Europeans and Britishers looking for affordable wilderness retreats. Reports are that several Crow Wing County lake properties have been purchased by commuting Old World buyers. They cannot, it is said, find anything in their homelands that is even remotely comparable with what is available here. Hang onto your shoreline! Here come the British, the Germans, the Dutch . . . and, well, we'll see.



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NEW COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES is one of the factors that, some say, will boost demand for Northern Minnesota lakeshore properties. It soon will be possible for people to live where they want to (up north, e.g.) and, by means of fiber optic cable, conduct business from their homes. What fiber optics will do is vastly increase the capabilities of telephones, televisions and computers -- linking operators to others almost anywhere on the planet. Is this the new world order?

Remembering Our Friends

Lt. Col. Everett Lyn Beasley, Sr.

Retired Air Force Colonel Everett L. Beasley, 81, died April 10 at Nashville, TN, after a brief illness. Col. and Mrs. Beasley's home is situated on lower Long's Bay. They have been year-long residents there since building a new home six years ago, and had summered at that location for more than 45 years.

Col. Beasley was a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean war and a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, two Purple Hearts, the Philippine Humanitarian Award, the Republic of Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Air Combat Medal.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; four sons, Lt. Col. Everett, Jr., Steven, John, and Capt. David; a daughter, Mary Ann Varela, and seven grandchildren.

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John R. Helscher

John R. Helscher, 75, of Keota, Iowa, died April 7 in McAllen, Texas. He and his wife, Kathryn (Ball), have summered for many years at their home on Boone Point.

Mr. Helscher was graduated from Keota High School in 1935 and from Iowa Wesleyan College in 1940. He began working for the Farmers Savings Bank, Keota, in 1933 and served there continuously after college except for a short period as an examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

After his retirement in 1982, Mr. Helscher continued as bank president and chairman of the board.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Karl, Charles and Stephen, and six grandchildren.

test Forest Service notice detailing its position.

The Commissioners judged the notice had changed little from the previous one, which had been appealed. As things stood at the end of June, two issues remained to be resolved -- easement width and speed limits.

THE FOREST SERVICE has agreed to a 66-foot construction easement for portions of the road that will pass through national forest lands, but says the county cannot maintain more than a 44-foot width without permission from the Forest Service.

That restriction is not acceptable to Cass County nor to the state Department of Transportation. MnDOT rules for county state aid highways (CSAH #71) require counties to have clear control over all 66 feet of right-of-way. According to a MnDOT letter to the commissioners, easement width is a safety matter: "The County is charged with maintaining a safe road for the traveling public and they may not be able to do so if they cannot get permission to do work that is required to protect the roadbed."

ON THE SPEED LIMIT QUESTION, the county favors a 40 mph design speed, but the Forest Service wants a 30 mph limit where the road passes through its lands. The county agrees to 30 mph design speeds for "areas that are identified to be sensitive in nature," with the reservation that lower speed "guidelines be analyzed with respect to safety of the traveling public before they (are) fully implemented."

The two issues are being negotiated in yet another appeal, which the commissioners have characterized as the final try. If that effort fails, the county may abandon #71 altogether, thereby turning it over to the townships through which it passes -- Hiram and Shingobee.

THE HONOR ROLL

HONOR ROLL MEMBERS who have installed approved waste treatment systems recently or have received authorization to do so are: Steve and Elinor Chase; Fred and Priscilla Shrimpton; Ginny Moll; Bob and Lucy Crom; Elinor Chase, Mary Lowery and Katherine Hoover; Harold Ibach; Weldon and Marilyn Hultgren.

Sixth Fishing Derby Aug. 13-14

THE SIXTH ANNUAL Ten Mile Fishing Derby is set to begin at 4 p.m. Aug. 13 and end at 4 p.m. Aug. 14. Call Ted Mellby for details.

County, Forestry in Negotiation on #71

IF THE DIFFERENCES between Cass County officials and the U. S. Forest Service cannot be reconciled, the proposed improvement project for CSAH #71 will be abandoned and the artery will revert to a township road within two years. That assessment was voiced by Jim Demgen, Board Chair, at the Commissioners' June 15 meeting following receipt of the la-

Helsman, Patterson On Advocate Roster

A PAIR OF VOLUNTEERS have agreed to serve as Lake Advocates for Ten Mile residents under the new program being administered from the Brainerd office of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. They are Ray Helsman, on the south shore, and Don Patterson, on the north shore.

Ray and Don will take part in a training session before assuming their responsibilities. When they are on the job, so to speak, they will be available to answer your questions about zoning and building regulations, furnishing information you will need before going ahead with your projects. When the advocate program is fully operational we will publish their telephone numbers and, if necessary, most convenient calling hours.

Our hats are off to Ray and Don. This will not be an easy assignment. They deserve our thanks and our support.

Three Loon Chicks Hatched this Year

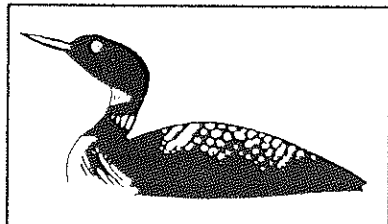
TWO SUCCESSFUL LOON hatches have been reported by Ten Milers. Ruth Benson called in with news that a loon nest was located in a cattail bed near their home on upper Long's Bay. Then, a couple of weeks later, more news: A single loon chick had hatched and was being escorted around the area by both parents.


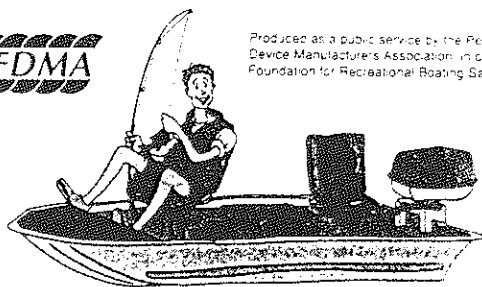
Almost at the same time, Dick Horn called to report that, while fishing, he had seen two loon chicks in Lundstrom's Bay. That was confirmed by several parties, including this writer. Thus far, no other sightings have come our way.

THE ASSOCIATION'S TWO loon nesting plat-

forms, by the way, again failed to attract any customers. Next spring they will be repositioned and given a heavier cover of grasses and other natural materials in the hope that nesting numbers can be augmented.

Our thanks to those who have reported loon chicks on the lake. Your editors appreciate getting information of this sort.



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Don't Be Caught Without Your PFD

Quinn Offers Tips For Water Safety

BOATING AND WATER SAFETY were discussed by Deputy Sheriff Bill Quinn at the June 21 Association Board meeting. In general, Quinn said, Ten Mile is a relatively safe lake because residents and users are well behaved. He did, however, make several suggestions for Ten Milers to keep in mind:

1. Private buoys and swimming rafts, anything left in the water overnight, must display permits, available at the sheriff's office. Swimming rafts must have reflectors, cannot be more than 100 feet from shore and, in any case, must not be in boating lanes.
2. It's okay to set up slalom ski courses, but they must be taken up at day's end.
3. Never boat at night without navigation lights; they must be on at all times, even when the boat is at rest.
4. Because so many accidents are related to operating a boat while under the influence (BWI), officers are concentrating on enforcement of the Minnesota law prohibiting such activity.
5. As of June 1, persons 12 to 18 years of age must have a permit to operate any watercraft with motors of more than 30 HP.
6. As of August 1, all jet bikes must have factory-installed or factory-specified rear view mirrors, a fire extinguisher on board, and the operator and/or passenger must be wearing a personal flotation device (PFD).

PROPERTY RE-EVALUATION UNDER WAY

The county assessor's office has begun re-assessing properties in three townships, including Shingobee. They hope to have the work completed by mid-October.

If you will end your summer stay prior to that date, call at the assessor's office for an inspection appointment.

State Meetings Full Of it: Information!

By Jim Schwartz

OVER THE PAST YEAR or so, I have attended lake-related meetings at Alexandria, Brainerd, Little Falls, Wadena, Longville, Breezy Point, Deep Portage and some whose locations have faded from memory. Most of these sessions are packed with information, some of it repetitious, of course. But in one way or another all of it is important to lake residents. With that in mind I decided to offer here, in summary form, a selected range of topics covered at these "summits." I hope you find the review worthwhile.

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ABOUT DEVELOPMENT: If nothing is done to manage lake development in an orderly fashion, prospects are that lake water quality will decline; high value lake homes may become the norm; resorts will be larger, more capital intensive, year-around units; water and land recreational vehicle use and numbers will increase; old substandard housing will be re-developed; more condominiums and townhomes will appear; the number of public accommodations such as accesses, recreational areas, campgrounds, etc., will increase; water use will become more diverse and more intensive. Questions: How can we preserve wild lakeshore for posterity? Should lake associations acquire and preserve land for green space? Will it be possible to perpetuate large lots? Can we save scenic vistas? Are innovative easement alternatives a possible approach? Can we find ways to move toward sustainable development?

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ABOUT AQUATIC PLANTS: Most are beneficial. They begin the food chain, produce oxygen, provide cover, serve as spawning beds, use up nutrients. Bulrushes are especially valuable in these respects in addition to also buffering wave action. Eurasian water milfoil, however, is different. It quickly becomes a nuisance, particularly in shallow water, disturbed areas, and fertile lakes. Eradication and/or control of EWM can amount to a cost nightmare. If you spot what you think could be EWM, take a sample to the DNR at once for identification.

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ABOUT EXOTICS: The cycle of many exotics seems to be invasion, establishment, rapid growth, stabilization, and possible decline. But don't count on the latter. The best ex-

otic control is preventing their spread. You can help: Make sure your and any visitors' boat rigs are free of weeds and evidence of other exotic species, such as the zebra mussel. The latter organism can hitchhike on anchors, in live wells, on boat bottoms, or on any surface where it can attach itself.

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ABOUT SHORELINE VEGETATION: As much of it as possible should be left undisturbed. It functions as a buffer zone, filtering nutrients from runoff water and stabilizing the bank area against erosion. Avoid the use of fertilizer; regular watering should suffice.

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ABOUT FISH AND FISHING: The DNR is moving away from wholesale stocking and toward more emphasis on individual lake management, habitat preservation from a watershed perspective, catch and release, size limit experiments, and so on. Being considered is a rewrite of fishing regulations and already under way is development of population plans for more about 5,000 of Minnesota's lakes. Fishing license sales are essentially flat in Minnesota (declining elsewhere in the nation), but fishing pressure is increasing, due, at least in part, to advancing technologies. Minnesota license fees are likely to go up in the next several years.

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ABOUT CONTAMINANTS: Evidence continues to mount that toxic substances are invading the tissues of the state's wildlife: PCBs, organochlorides, mercury, and certain other heavy metals. Indications are that loon populations generally are in slow decline; contaminants may be a significant part of the problem. If you find a dead loon, take it to the nearest DNR office for examination.

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ABOUT WETLANDS: As wetlands decline, lead concentrations in adjoining lakes increase. Cattail marshes are an especially effective filter where lead, phosphorous and other nutrients are present. Wetlands also support many plant and wildlife species, important in a variety of ways to the ecological balance of the area.

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ABOUT SEPTIC SYSTEMS: Avoid using such additives as enzymes, yeast, scouring/cleaning chemicals, or bacterial formulations. Daily use provides all the "stuff" needed for any conforming system to do its work. Additives actually can be harmful. By interfering with natural aerobic action, they tend to liquefy solids, which then are free to flow into the drainfield and, sooner or later, clog it.