

Ten Mile Lake Association

Newsletter

Fall, 2002

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

TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2003

SPRING FLING **Saturday**
7 p.m. **April 26, 2003**
At Arthur's

**WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S
PERMIT TRAINING** **Friday**
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **June 27, 2003**
At the Hackensack Community Center

WELL WATER TESTING **Saturday**
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **July 12, 2003**
At former Woock's Store (South Shore) and
Jerry Mill's Garage (North Shore)

ANNUAL MEETING **Saturday**
9:30 a.m. **August 2, 2003**
At the Hackensack Senior Center

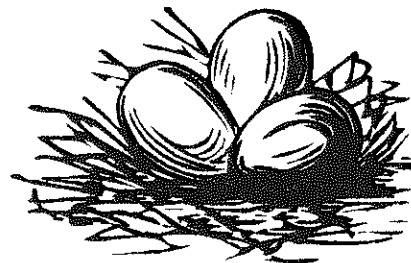
TMLA BOARD MEETINGS **Saturdays**
9:00 a.m.
At Don Willis' Home **May 31, 2003**
Place to be Determined **June 21, 2003**
..... **July 12, 2003**
..... **August 16, 2003**
..... **September 13, 2003**

KENFIELD BAY PROJECT

by Al Hoover, Chair, Environmental Protection Fund

As noted in the last Newsletter, the Ten Mile Lake Association (TMLA) agreed to purchase the Anderson property on Kenfield Bay in 1998. On August 10, 2002, we had a balance due on the Contract for Deed of \$60,024. Of this amount, \$54,337 is due as a final payment on July 10, 2003.

TMLA currently has \$49,332 in the James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund. This means that we need to raise \$10,692 by July 10, 2003. Through our request for contributions at dues time we have now raised \$5,414, with about half of the members responding, so far. We hope to receive more contributions as additional dues payments come in. **Many thanks to those who have already sent in contributions.** For those who have not, the TMLA Board would like to encourage participation in this worthwhile project, and hopes that you will give serious consideration to making a contribution. (Payments on the Kenfield Property are not made from dues income.)



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK —

by Don Willis, TMLA Inc. President

A quote that I have learned to appreciate:

We come and go, but the land is always here. And the people who love it and understand it are the people who own it.....for a little while. (*Willa Cather*)

We are blessed around Ten Mile Lake. Our association's members, from their varied backgrounds, have stepped forward to serve our many committee projects, helping to maintain and improve our lake community and its environs.

Take a look at the column to the left, or check the web site at

tenmilelake.org

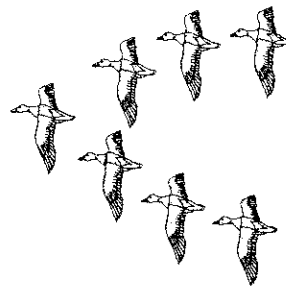
for a list of committees. See which ones interest you. Then, contact the committee chair(s) to volunteer. Well over 100 members of our Association are active in various projects. Some serve "for a little while". And some, like Jim Schwartz, serve for a long while. Jim is stepping aside as Chair of the Environmental and Ecology Committee. He has chaired or co-chaired the group since its inception. What a remarkable man to have in our midst!! Willa Shonkwiler-Martin, History; Jerry Mills, Safety; and Bob Crabb, Finance, are also stepping down as Chairpersons; Jim will continue to serve on the Environment & Ecology Committee, and Jerry will remain active on the Lake Safety committee.

A sincere thank you to: all committee chairpersons and their members; board members and officers; and to all who have responded to the action call for a little while — or for a long while. . . .

We've had a good, busy season at Ten Mile Lake. Have a great winter and we'll look forward to seeing you all next spring.

Until next time —

Don Willis, President



ANNUAL MEETING APPROVES LONG-RANGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

by Tom Cox, for the Healthy Lakes Planning Committee (HLP), Marty McCleery, Chair

At the TMLA 50th Annual Meeting in August, following an informative presentation by **Marty McCleery**, members attending unanimously approved the proposed *Ten Mile Lake Long Range Management Plan* that had been distributed with the Summer, 2002 *Newsletter*.

In his report, Marty said that the Long Range Plan had been reviewed favorably by **John Sumption** of the Cass County Environmental Services Department (ESD) and by **Don Hickman** of the Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Marty said that in a meeting of his committee with Mr. Sumption on July 26, Mr. Sumption had shared the comments of Don Hickman regarding next steps involved in defining our goals and objectives more concretely and identifying more specifically the resources and commitments, both personal and financial, needed to bring the plan into conformity with the Initiative Foundation's Healthy Lakes Program requirements. It should be noted that this plan will change over time as we achieve some objectives and develop additional strategies to address other goals.

John Aiden, TMLA Watershed Coordinator, will rewrite the Long Range Plan in response to Mr. Hickman's suggestions. Meanwhile, **Al Griggs**, TMLA Treasurer, reports that in keeping with its Healthy Lakes Planning policy, as a result of our work so far the Minnesota Initiative Foundation has forwarded a check for \$1,600 to the TMLA to assist with its implementation of the plan.

HLP welcomes participation by all TMLA members in implementing the Plan. We are always looking for persons who have the time and interest to serve on the various TMLA Committees. If you can help, please contact any of the officers, directors, or committee chairs listed in the box on page 2. Work on these committees can be rewarding as well as fun, and a good way to get acquainted with fellow TMLA members!

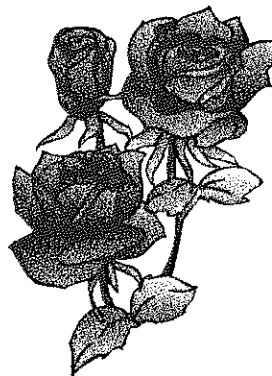
Please direct any questions to **Martin McCleery**, HLP Chairman, 3975 Lower Ten Mile Lake Road, Hackensack, MN 56942. Telephone: (218) 675-6908.

HONOR ROLL

by Jim Schwartz, Associate Editor

THE FOLLOWING TEN MILERS have earned Honor Roll recognition by installing new waste water treatment systems or by applying for a system upgrade:

Bill and Birdie Bagley-Westerdahl
John and Elaine Crabb
Bob and Be Davis
Geraldine De Land
Cy and Marian Ducharme
Richard and Mary Gaskins
John and Donna Hartzell
Jim and Leah Hickman
Bob and Cathy Iversen
Stan and Jeanie Kramer
Bruce and Nancy Nelson



Kerry S. Nelson
Rita and Michael Reisz
Harry and Sharon Rhodes
Randy Robers
Robert and Jean Rydell
Mark and Leann Sand
Steve Schoen
Joe Scott
James and Anita Thomas
Helen Kolderie and Kay White

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL! These Ten Mile Lake residents join the growing list of persons taking a major step to help protect the water and the environment of the lake. If you know of any persons we have missed, please let us know, and we will recognize them in a subsequent Newsletter.

From the Notebook

by Jim Schwartz

AS YOU ALREADY may have learned, this has been my final year as chair or co-chair of the Environment and Ecology Committee. I will remain a committee member and continue with whatever chores I can reasonably manage, such as taking clarity readings from time to time at those designated sites where Toni and I have been measuring transparencies for a couple of decades. While my passion for doing everything possible to preserve this jewel of a lake has not diminished, my capacities for playing a leading role in that laudable endeavor are waning. I leave the post with the firm opinion that, while many problems remain unresolved and more are certain to emerge, the Association and its membership are on the right track, well-positioned for the future.

My reasons:

- a. The Association Board is composed of active, talented officers and directors who are committed to the well-being of Ten Mile Lake.
- b. The lake's residents have demonstrated again and again that they believe in the investment the Association's governing body has made in projects and programs designed to preserve the resource.
- c. Ten Mile Lake was one of the first in the state to begin systematically collecting data on the lake chemistry, clarity, dissolved oxygen, temperature profiles, flora and fauna — data that are demonstrating Ten Mile is one of the few Minnesota lakes showing water quality improvement in the last ten years.
- d. The Board's decision to retain the services of a Watershed Coordinator a few years ago was a bold move that is paying off handsomely and will continue to do so in the future.
- e. Ten Mile Lake was among the first in the state to prepare and adopt a long-range management plan (now in its ninth year), a step that was so innovative the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency sought and was granted permission to recommend Ten Mile's plan to other lake associations seeking a blueprint for their situations.

In sum, it has been a privilege, a challenge and an enormously rewarding experience to work with committee and board members dedicated to the stewardship of this tiny corner of our universe. It's a never-ending responsibility and my expectation is that Ten Mile residents will continue to be as supportive of Association efforts as they have been in the past.

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FOR THE LAST THREE seasons duckling broods have been uncommonly scarce along our Chariton Beach shore area. This year, for example, Toni and I spotted only one mallard hen and her family of five, one goldeneye with six young, and regular visitations from a "flotilla" of red-breasted merganser youngsters. In earlier years, mallard broods were almost a daily occurrence, goldeneye families were not all that rare, but mergansers almost never showed up. I'm told traditional duckling populations also are down along the North Shore. Why certain duckling species appear to be declining is not at all clear to me, although it might have something to do with better nesting choices now that wetlands are brimming with water.

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I HAVE NEVER FOUND the oft-cited *National Geographic Magazine* article that is purported to have singled out Ten Mile Lake as one of the most beautiful blue-water lakes in the world. Many of us believe that's an accurate characterization, of course, but the article in question continues to elude me. I did, however, locate in the March, 1935, issue an article about Minnesota written by Glanville Smith entitled "Minnesota, Mother of Lakes and Rivers." In it, Ten Mile rates a couple of mentions, one a picture showing a "good catch of (northern) pike . . . hooked at Ten Mile Lake, near Hackensack," and the other a reference to what a stranger to Minnesota might carry away with him and treasure: such "flat-footed western" lake names as Cut Foot Sioux, Ten Mile (and) Hungry Jack. Anyone who has a copy of the "other" *National Geographic* article is invited to bring it to our attention.

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TO THOSE OF US FORTUNATE enough to summer in the North Country, the call of the loon is magical, haunting, a mournful cry of the spirits. It is the music of the soul. Did you know there are five distinct loon calls?

- (1) *Tremolo*, sounded when the bird is excited or feels threatened, such as when someone or something is too close to the loon, nest or chicks.
- (2) *Wail*, used to call other adults or chicks to come closer, or to warn chicks of danger, particularly from predatory eagles.

From the Notebook, Continued

- (3) *Hoot*, a one note call, used mostly in groups to keep track of each other.
- (4) *Yodel*, confined to males only, each male having a different version; it is an aggressive call, with the number of yodels a tip-off to how aggressive they are — the more they yodel the angrier they are.
- (5) *Chorusing*, starting with a wail then using all the other calls as well; heard mostly at night.

Mere words, though, can't adequately describe loon calls. You'll have to listen for yourself and delight in the refrains you hear. A recommended resource for your library is *Voices of the Loon*, a recording by William Barlow.

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A TERM OFTEN USED but perhaps somewhat confusing to some is "Ordinary High Water Mark." What, exactly, is it? The DNR defines it as an elevation which marks the boundary of the lake, marsh or stream bed. It is the highest level at which the water has remained long enough to leave its mark upon the landscape. Generally, it is the point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial.

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SEVEN MORE MINNESOTA LAKES have been invaded by Eurasian water milfoil in 2002, bringing to 140 the total number of lakes, rivers and wetlands that now harbor this nuisance plant. So prolific is the exotic that even the most aggressive control efforts have failed to eliminate milfoil or even limit its spread in a given lake. The best defense against milfoil remains what it has been since the first infestation was discovered in Minnesota in Lake Minnetonka in 1987: boats and boating rigs whose owners or users keep them free of all plant materials. Your E&E Committee surveys Ten Mile each September, searching for signs of this exotic. So far, none has been spotted, a result that it is to be hoped will continue to be the case.

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A HANDFUL OF RHODE ISLAND communities are in the process of banning personal watercraft from their lakes, ponds and rivers. Residents complain of noise, air and water pollution, and weeds churned up by the machines. A sympathetic RI General Assembly has expanded municipalities' regulatory powers over certain waterways, but PWC enthusiasts are gearing up for a spirited battle against any bans. Stay tuned.

THE LOON JOURNAL

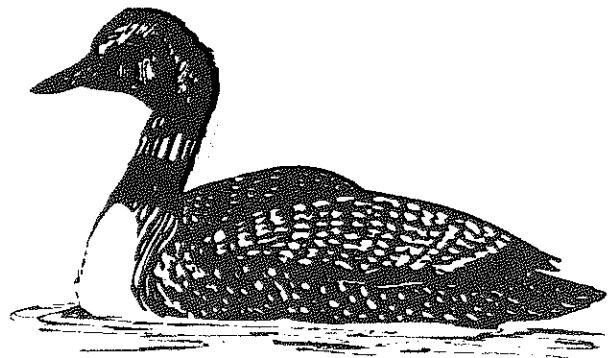
by Bob Moe, Co-chair, Loon Committee

[Note: At the Annual Meeting, Bob Moe announced that the count of loon chicks, reported as nine in the Summer issue of the TMLA Newsletter, proved to be in fact eleven chicks — a new nesting pair in Kenfield Bay had been missed.]

AUGUST 28, 2002:

Loons are beginning to gather in groups (raft) on the main part of the lake as of this last week in August. I recorded three groups with at least 7 in a group about 4 days ago. Rafting behavior is a precursor to the gathering of adults to fly south later in the Fall. The hatch of chicks from this year will not leave until very late in the fall (2 or 3 weeks after the adults fly out).

All 11 juveniles appear to be thriving, so this has been a very successful year for Ten Mile in the production of an on-going and healthy Loon population. The floating platforms and buoys will be taken out of the lake (or have been taken out) and readied for next year's arrival of our resident flock.



By the way, the adopted baby (apparently separated from a two-chick family on the South Shore and adopted by a two-chick family on the North Shore) is still in evidence in Flower Pot Bay, where that family of 5 loons is doing well.

WATER LEVEL REPORT

by Tom Cox, Chair, Lake Level Management Committee

A. Birch Lake Outlet Structure Update

On August 28, Cass County Engineer Dave Enblom convened a meeting at the Hackensack Senior Center for the purpose of updating the public on the status of DNR's 2-year hydrologic study to determine the effect of the Birch Lake Outlet Structure on Ten Mile water levels. Thirty-eight people attended, fifteen of them Ten Mile residents representing thirteen Ten Mile families.

David Ford, Supervisor, Surface Hydrology Unit, DNR Central Office, St. Paul, introduced Dr. Dana Dostert, Surface Water Hydrologist, St. Paul, who made a *Power Point* presentation covering the century-long history of the outlet structure, the "Thoroughfare" (Boy River) between Ten Mile and Birch, and the hydrological data gathered since last summer. Two of the most interesting discoveries were

- 1) that the elevation of the bottom of the river reaches a high point just under the CSAH # 6 bridge — so high, in fact, that at this point there is an effective second "dam" impeding the flow of water out of Ten Mile into Birch Lake, and
- 2) that over the course of the summer, vegetation in the river increases markedly, so much so as to significantly slow Ten Mile's outflow.

These two facts, among others, result in the observation that "Once Ten Mile levels are high, they take longer to recede than Birch levels partially because Ten Mile Lake is four times greater in surface area than Birch and also because of resistance and restrictions in the channel between the lakes."

Dave Enblom reported that the County was presently soliciting bids on the construction of a new, "clear-span" bridge over CSAH # 6. Construction is due to take place this fall, and will have the effect of considerably opening up the channel under the bridge where, presently, the remains of a previous dam, piling caps from the previous bridge and the pilings supporting the present bridge impede water flow themselves and provide ideal conditions for the construction of a beaver dam.

Years ago, Dostert reported, local realtors sponsored the dredging of the river so that they could promote real estate sales on Ten Mile by advertising water access from Ten Mile to the town of Hackensack. Asked whether dredging might be a present-day possibility, Kirk English, DNR Regional Hydrologist, Bemidji, observed that dredging would have fisheries

impact and that the question would need to be taken up with DNR's Fisheries Division.

Dostert observed that varying rates of precipitation are the major cause for high and low lake levels. Annual precipitation in seven of the last eight years has been above the 30-year annual mean (27.4"). Year 1999 (31.4") and year 2000 (33.9") are the only two consecutive years of 30" or more of precipitation within the last 30 years. Year 2001 precipitation of 29.6" added to the average cumulative effect. Because of recent years' high precipitation, groundwater levels, which also contribute to lake levels, have increased by more than three feet in this area since 1993.

DNR's study will continue through this next year. DNR hopes to be able to present a final report next summer, with recommendations to Kirk English in the Bemidji office and to the County regarding the future treatment of the Birch Lake Outlet Structure. The goal, insofar as possible, is to have a "fixed weir" structure that will prevent Birch Lake's dropping to unacceptable levels in periods of drought while, in periods of high water, allowing excess water to escape from Birch and Ten Mile without causing hardship downstream through Hackensack, and on Poquet and Pleasant Lakes.

B. Dam Raiders Strike Again

Where it passes under the CSAH # 6 bridge, the Boy River stayed clear of beaver dam activity in early summer, but by the end of July it was clear that the beavers were back, and busy. Bouquets to these intrepid Raiders who descended on the river on Friday, August 9, to rid the stream of dam debris:

Tom Cox	Dave Cox
Dan Eikenberry	Bob Nelson
Eric Olsen-Dufour	Don Patterson
Ray Raetz and his Trailer	Ken Regner
Randy Vosbeck	Don Willis

With any luck, the new Boy River bridge may obviate the need for the Dam Raiders, though in the worst case the beavers may simply find another, more inaccessible spot to build. This would impede water flow and be much more difficult for the Dam Raiders to remove. Stay tuned!

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C. Water Levels Down This Year

Water in Ten Mile has been lower this summer than last. On May 10, the water was down 3.12 inches from its level on May 1, 2001. On June 8 water stood 10.08 inches lower than it did on June 1 the previous year. By the end of June, however, with summer rains, the difference had decreased to 6 inches, and by the second week in July it had decreased to 3.96 inches.

Last year, after reaching its record high of 1380.22 on June 14, the lake level dropped steadily as the summer wore on, and stood at 1379.60', down 7.44 inches, on September 1. This year on September 4, the level was 1379.58', or about a quarter of an inch lower than last year on roughly the same date.

Walt Kane reports that this year, in late summer, his readings have been disrupted by the dislocation of the DNR gauge in Long Bay due to construction adjacent to the gauge site. The gauge has now been reset, though in a less accessible location, which makes readings more difficult. Meanwhile, in connection with the DNR's ongoing hydrological study, a separate, computerized gauge is sampling the level every ten minutes, and averaging and recording those readings every thirty minutes. This information is far more detailed than we are used to, but it is less convenient for us to obtain than Walt's customary weekly readings for the TMLA. In the near future, our reports will be a little less contemporary than we would prefer.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

by Dave Losby, Co-Chair, Adopt-A-Highway Committee

This past summer 24 volunteers have done a wonderful job of picking up litter along the roads surrounding Ten Mile Lake, along highways 6, 50, and 71. The result has been pretty, uncluttered roads as we all drive to and from our cabins. When you consider that the average pick-up is from one to four full trash bags on each individual's outing and that you'll always find new litter within an hour of completing your route, their good works have really helped keep these roads looking great. The pride and dedication these individuals show in keeping their areas of responsibility clean are really impressive. We thank you!

We'd like to recognize the impressive efforts of the following volunteers: **Sandy Birkholz, Molly Bliska,**

Judy Bryngelson, Elaine Crabb, Janet & Cary George, Sally Helsman, Bob & Nancy Horn, Paul & Carolyn Krech, John McManus, Homer Olsen, Rod Owre, Sharon Peterson, Ken Regner, Don Willis, Phoebe & Sarah Alden, Jerry Mills, Bob Nelson, Don Patterson, and Larry Urbanski — along with **Norm and Norma Telander**, of Birch Lake, who also pick-up from a stretch of Lower Ten Mile Lake Road on their walks.

As usual, we can always use more help. If you're interested and would like to assist in this activity, call **Dave Losby at 675-6066**.



HACKENSACK FIRST RESPONSE TEAM, INC: A VALUABLE COMMUNITY ASSET

by Tom Cox, TMLA Inc. Vice-President

One of the volunteer community services that is easy to take for granted — until we urgently need it — is the **Hackensack First Response Team, Inc.**, which is almost always first on the scene in cases of medical emergencies in the Hackensack area, including on the shores of Ten Mile Lake. Organized twenty-three years ago by Mary Parrish, Hackensack First Response was the first such organization in the State. Volunteers receive 1200 to 1300 hours of training every two years and are equipped with several thousand dollars worth of gear.

Because Hackensack First Response Team is so important to Ten Mile residents, and because its services are provided voluntarily, The Ten Mile Lake Association has a policy of matching members' gifts to First Response in an amount equal to each gift, up to a

total of \$1,000 per year. So far in this new fiscal year (August 1 - September 14), TMLA has matched \$185 in individual's donations, which means that the total given by Ten Mile residents so far equals \$370. Donations may be made as memorials or as outright gifts. **Gifts given through TMLA are tax deductible in their entirety.** Your Board of Directors encourages you to keep the Hackensack First Response Team, Inc., in mind as you are planning your year-end giving. Send your contribution to the TMLA by check payable to TMLA and mark the memo line "First Response." Add a note if your gift is a memorial. You may be assured that the treasurer will match your gift and promptly forward the total (and your memorial information) to Hackensack First Response Team, Inc.

HIGHWAY REPORT — UPDATE ON ROUTES 50 AND 71

by Rebecca H. Haydon, WSB and Associates, Inc.

CSAH 50

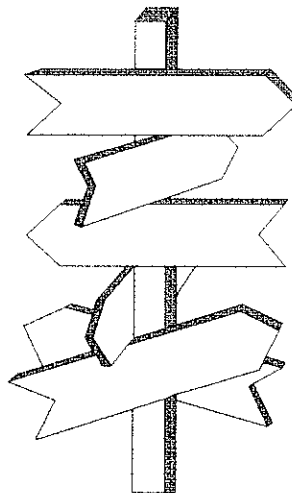
Cass County is continuing with the plan development for the CSAH 50 corridor based on comments collected at Project Management Team meetings, neighborhood meetings and property owner meetings. The concept to date includes an alternative alignment (Alternative 2) from Choke Cherry Lane to Bearberry Trail. This new alignment would be located north of the existing garages and cabins on the north side of CSAH 50. It is anticipated that this new alignment would be tied into the existing CSAH 50 west of Choke Cherry Lane and east of Bearberry Trail to provide access to the adjoining residents.

The remaining segments of CSAH 50 from CSAH 71 to Bearberry Trail and Choke Cherry Lane to Trunk Highway 371 would maintain the existing alignment, except for minor adjustments to meet a 40 mph State Aid design standard. Possible intersection revisions have been identified at CSAH 71 and TH 371. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2003 or 2004, dependent upon funding and right-of-way acquisition.

CSAH 71

Numerous questions were raised at the Ten Mile

Lake Association annual meeting. The following is a brief project history in attempt to answer some of these questions.



Prior to hiring WSB & Associates, Inc., Cass County had expended approximately \$100,000 on preliminary design, concepts, and numerous meetings. The Cass County Board then authorized WSB to proceed with the design of CSAH 71. The County Board made this decision based on the approved Environmental Assessment, United States Forest Stipulation Agreement and Natural Preservation Route designation.

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HIGHWAY REPORT, continued

Cass County is now continuing with the plan development for the CSAH 71 corridor based on the previous agreement with the Chippewa National Forest and comments collected at the August 2001 and 2002 open houses, along with numerous meetings with property owners and concerned citizens.

The proposed plan includes maintaining the existing alignment, except for minor adjustments to meet the Natural Preservation Route standards and a few potential new alignment areas to address issues and concerns raised through the public involvement process and environmental investigation. Possible intersection revisions have been identified for consideration at Bachelor Road, Hiram Loop Road and CSAH 50. The potential new alignment areas include: Ten Mile Wildlife Reserve Area, Lundstrum Bay, and Hiram Loop Road. The next step in this process will be to present the revised concept plan for County Board approval. The typical section and proposed alignment shifts should be presented to the County Board for approval in September. Cass County and WSB & Associates, Inc. will then proceed with the design of CSAH 71. **The construction limits in select areas will be staked by Cass County in the spring of 2003.** This is later than previously thought due to delays in obtaining good base mapping. **A public meeting is proposed in June of 2003, after the staking is complete.** However, it is imperative to note that this meeting is not to discuss whether or not the project should move forward; it is a meeting to discuss what the proposed impacts are and if a significant feature has been missed, to see if some

re-design can accommodate that feature. The final construction plans will then be brought to the Cass County Board in the summer of 2003 for their approval.

Numerous questions have been raised about the posting of the speed limit on CSAH 71 and speed limits in general. Neither the County, nor the townships have the legal right to post speed limits. Speed limits are set by the Commissioner of Transportation, per Minnesota State Statute. When construction is complete on CSAH 71, the Cass County Board will pass a resolution requesting the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) to perform a speed study. The speed limit will be set based on the outcome of this radar speed study and design considerations. The actual speed study usually takes about 1 to 1.5 years. In the interim, the county posts temporary speed limit signs, based on discussions with Mn/DOT staff. The Mn/DOT traffic engineer contacts **Mr. David Enblom**, County Engineer, before and after the study, to discuss what speed limit the County thinks is reasonable, what the study results are, and what the proposed posted speed limit will be. Mr. Enblom will note to Mn/DOT to keep in mind, for county liability reasons, that this road is a Natural Preservation Route with a 30 mph design speed.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2004 or 2005, dependent upon funding availability and right-of-way acquisition. Please contact **Mr. David Enblom**, Cass County Engineer at **218-547-1211**, Extension 101 or **Ron Bray**, WSB & Associates Project Manager at **888-541-4800**, Extension 177 with any comments or questions.

NEW MEMBERS FOR TMLA, INC.

Phoebe Alden, Membership Coordinator, reports that as of September 16, 2002, eleven new members have joined the Association during the summer. We would like to welcome the following new members:

David & Mary Abe	Jim & Nancy Brandt
Dave & Terri Elsenpeter	Mike & Karla Elsenpeter
Dennis & Carol Finley	Dale & Linda Gabrielson
Paul & Sue Jaeger	Alan Lecher

Tom & Meg Meyers	Kerry & Patty Nelson
Steve & Linda (Minor) Peirce	
Mike & Karen Stephan	Jeff & Ann Widman

We hope to see these new members at our annual meeting and with our various committees! We urge all of our members to make an effort to get to know new members, and to encourage any new neighbors to join TMLA Inc.

THE HISTORY PAGE

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BRANDT'S ISLAND, September 3, 2002

by George Brandt, October 19, 1919 - September 4, 2002

In 1928 I was a young boy summering with my family on the southeast shore of Ten Mile Lake when I first set foot on the Island. My father drove the family across the causeway, wheels partially below the water surface, to a Sunday dinner at Klose to Nature Kamp. A parrot named 'Polly' entertained guests in a birch-decorated lodge warmed by a massive stone fireplace. Little did I realize then how special the Island would become to our family for so many years!

But the Island was also a special place for the three families that preceded us.

PREVIOUS OWNERS

Chauncey G. Hasbrouck was about 40 years old when he and his second wife Cora moved from Akeley to the west shore of Ten Mile Lake after his first wife died, leaving him with six young children. To homestead government land at that time one had to apply, improve and live on the site for at least seven years after which the U.S. Department of Interior would issue a "land patent." On August 2, 1915 Chauncey received title to the Island's 19 acres.

Around 1908 Chauncey built a very primitive cabin near the center of the Island, perhaps to satisfy homestead requirements. The remains of a small log cabin and the foundation of what might have been a barn can still be seen today. It is unlikely that he lived in this tiny cabin, for Chauncey eventually had 17 children and most of them lived on the Island from about 1908 to 1916. Visits to the Island from Chauncey's descendants have helped to complete an understanding of the Hasbrouck years. In the late 1970's while walking through the brush behind the Old Fireplace, Chauncey's daughter Minnie identified the foundation of the house she lived in as a child. She recalled some very brutal winters when she and her siblings had to sleep together to stay warm. With no indoor plumbing, someone had to chop a hole in the ice every day to draw drinking water from the lake. She also remembered riding in a sleigh to the one-room schoolhouse just

south of the Island where she attended school with **Al Woock** who later became a prominent builder of cabins and fireplaces around TML.

Chauncey and Cora moved to Hackensack around 1916 after their house burned down. Chauncey and his predecessors may have benefited from logging on the Island, for only two huge White Pines remain from those years. They are about 300 years old. One, with a circumference of more than ten feet, is recorded as the largest tree on Ten Mile Lake.

Sometime around World War I Chauncey sold the Island to **A. C. and Anna May "Robin" Robertson** who came from Spirit Lake, Iowa.

The Robertsons developed a resort and named it Klose to Nature Kamp. The resort had about ten seasonal cabins for fishing and hunting. Most were one-room cabins that stood in a row along the Island's east bank. Cabin 9 has been preserved and is used today. The resort had a lodge with a public dining room and living quarters above. A second building contained a livery/carrriage house, cannery, large sawdust pit for storing chunks of lake ice, and saloon on the second floor. The dining hall, saloon and nightlife at Klose to Nature Kamp attracted both vacationers and local residents.

A. C. Robertson sold his half-interest to Robin in 1921 in a divorce settlement for \$1,843. At that time Robin was already the sole builder and proprietor of the resort. Her caring presence adds charm to the Island to this day. She was an avid gardener, planting wild grapes, lilies, and ferns that continue to grow throughout the Island. Her garden on the south side of the lodge provided fresh vegetables for the dining room. Without the benefit of powered cement mixers, she built a large decorative cement pond for fresh game fish and cement/stone steps bordered with decorative rocks and shells leading from the dining hall to the beach.

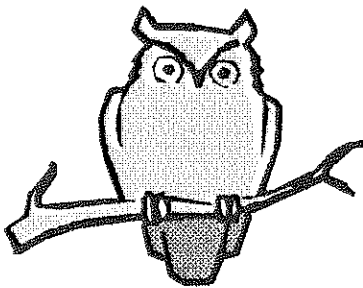
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The resort must have been a lively place. **Al Woock** remembered attending lawn dances in front of the lodge. There were rumors of nudism on the Island during the Roaring 20's and bootleg liquor during Prohibition.

Robin later married **George Bowman** who was a butcher and later a cattle buyer in Pine River when the resort was flourishing in the 20's and 30's. He may have met Robin while delivering meats to the resort. With the Great Depression, Klose to Nature Kamp went into decline and was dealt a fatal blow when the lodge burned down in 1932. Only the foundation and majestic stone fireplace survived. The Bowmans soon abandoned the Island and moved to a farmhouse on what is now Lorraine Stromquist's property.

Owen Heusmann and Leonard Mersch, brothers-in-law, returned to St. Paul in the fall of 1945 after service in the Navy during WW II. They attended a career opportunities symposium at the Brown and Bigelow calendar company and were impressed by the "Own a Resort" presentation. Leonard, a policeman in St. Paul, joined Owen in an extensive tour of northern Minnesota in search of a resort. After visiting many sites, they stumbled onto the Island and the remnants of Klose to Nature Kamp. By the end of 1945 they had a contract-for-deed with the Bowmans. They started Wild Acres Resort the next spring. Leonard remained a policeman and Owen and Delores (Mersch) Heusmann attempted to put the new resort into profitable operation. It was a tremendous physical and financial strain. Leonard, who married in 1948, chose to get out of his investment. He sold his half interest to me in 1950 and Owen and Delores followed six months later.



BRANDT FAMILY YEARS

The opportunity to buy the Island was a dream come true. As a young boy summering at TML, I had often

visited the abandoned Island, getting there in a homemade sailboat or 10 h.p. motor boat. My musings during those visits included prospective cabin sites and awe of the old fireplace and other relics of previous lives and loves there. In the summer of 1940 I was a sailing and swimming instructor at Camp Hillaway. At that time I tried without success to get the owners of Hillaway to visit the Island with me, establish a boys' camp there, and to hire me forever to be the waterfront director.

My wife Joan and I built a cabin in 1952. Joan and our five children summered on the Island, while I commuted from St. Paul every weekend. In 1953, I invited my brother **Chris "Heidi" Brandt** to build a cabin on the northwest point of the Island. Our cabins, built by **Al Woock**, grace the Island today. Heidi and his wife **Janie** brought their six children from Kansas City, Kansas to TML every summer.

The Island soon became the gathering place for the more than 30 Brandts who were scattered around TML in the 1950's and 1960's. Over the last 50 years many friends from around TML have also enjoyed the Island corn roasts, pig roasts and sing-a-longs at the Old Fireplace on the site of the burned-down lodge. Jazz festivals were annual events for many years. Another summer highlight for decades was the Fourth of July picnic when fireworks displays were launched from the Island to the delight of many friends and family from around the lake. The tradition was actually established by my father in the 1920's on the southeast shore of TML but continued from the Island beginning in the 1950's.

Six generations of Brandts have now enjoyed the Island. Joan and Heidi both died in 1997. Janie, with her grown children and their families, continues the tradition. In 1992, I transferred ownership of the Island to a partnership that includes my children, **Marty, Christine, Jon, and Rebecca**.

Note: Pictures of the Island from 1925 and other historical images of Ten Mile Lake and Hackensack can be found on the website of the Minnesota Historical Society: www.MNHS.org.

REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

George C. Brandt

George C. Brandt, long-time owner of Brandt's Island, died on Wednesday, September 4, 2002 at his home in Minneapolis. George was born October 19, 1919 in Rochester, MN, to George and Gertrude Brandt and lived for many years in the St. Anthony Park area of St. Paul, MN. He was a graduate of Central High School in St. Paul and the University of Minnesota, where he was captain of the swim team, a member of Beta Theta Pi, and later, president of the M Club. In World War II, he was a naval aviator and flight instructor.

For forty years, he worked with his family company, George C. Brandt, Inc., a supplier to manufacturers of paints and related materials. He was a former president of the St. Paul Rotary Club and a long-time member of the Town and Country Club. An enthusiastic skier of some of the world's great slopes, George skied well into his 70's. He was devoted to conservation and ecology and to his Norwegian heritage.

George first came to Ten Mile Lake with his parents in 1926 as guests of the **Siqveland** family. George remembered, at age seven, sleeping in a pup tent with his aunt, when a dog that had just come from an encounter with a skunk joined them in the tent. Before the end of 1926 the family purchased a cabin on Shady Shores where the five Brandt children spent their summers until they graduated from high school. One day in 1932 when drilling for a well, the family discovered clay, whereupon **Edna Moore**, George's aunt and owner of the neighboring cabin, said, "Now we can build a tennis court." With help from **Al Woock**, the family built the first tennis court on TML.

The children all spent a lot of time in and around the water and the three older boys, including George, were all competitive swimmers in high school and college. In 1935 George Sr. bought an X-Boat, remembered by George as one of the few new items acquired by his family. Later, in 1938, his family bought one of the first C-Boats on TML.

George graduated from high school in 1937 and then worked summers at the Minnesota State fairgrounds to earn money for college. In 1940, while on summer break from college, he, like some of his brothers, sister, son, and nephews, was a counselor at Hillaway Girl's Camp at TML. He graduated from the U of M in 1942 with a degree in chemical engineering. After briefly working at a defense-related chemical plant

in Detroit, he joined the Navy Air Corps where he became a pilot and instructor in naval combat flying in Pensacola, FL.

In 1945 he married Joan Collins, whom he had met earlier at the plant in Detroit. They soon returned to Ten Mile Lake where they rented a cabin. In 1950-51, George purchased the island. The Brandts built their cabin that winter, again with the help of **Al Woock**. George and Joan's five children grew up summering on the island and this summer, George celebrated his 50th year in his beloved lake home.

George cared deeply for the island and the lake. Shortly before his death he wrote a history of the island. (See Page 10.) He worked for many years to limit over-development of CSAH #71, and recently, to get attention paid to the water level in the lake. He was actively involved in the development of Deep Portage Conservation Preserve.

George is survived by children Rick (Pam), Marty (Diane), Christie (Norm), Jon and Rebecca (Annie), brother Dave (Evie) and sister Molly; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be given to Ten Mile Lake Association, Inc. or Deep Portage Conservation Reserve, 2197 Nature Center Drive NW, Hackensack, MN 56452.

Harold James "Hank" Sandwig

Harold James Sandwig, known as Hank (after his father, Henry, known as "Big Hank"), died Thursday, August 1, 2002 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Park Rapids, MN. at the age of 75. He was born June 6, 1927 in Bismark, ND to Henry and Ruth Sandwig — the only son of the only son of a Norwegian immigrant farmhand who came to North Dakota through Ellis Island late in the 19th century. He grew up in Albert Lea, where he attended high school. In 1945 he went to sea for two years with the Merchant Marine; after his hitch he returned to Minnesota and his high school sweetheart, Betty Lou Pickell, whom he later married. He attended college at North Dakota State University and graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in chemical engineering.

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REMEMBERING — Hank Sandvig, Continued

He spent his next 41 years employed by Cargill, Inc., for whom he built a number of bean processing plants on three continents. The family spent a total of eight years overseas, in Spain, Holland, France, and Brazil.

His son said of him, "He was a member of what Tom Brokaw called the Greatest Generation: men and women whose hard work, dedication and faith saved the world from tyranny and created the incredible prosperity our great country continues to enjoy."

Hank's family remembers him as a great teller of stories, an unself-conscious entertainer, a total participant in whatever game was being played. He gave his girlfriend seventeen roses on her seventeenth birthday, and also on her seventieth birthday — saying he couldn't afford seventy roses! The family picture gallery shows Hank repeatedly and happily playing the clown in whatever costume was appropriate for the scene. To look at these pictures is to wish one had had the opportunity to know him better.

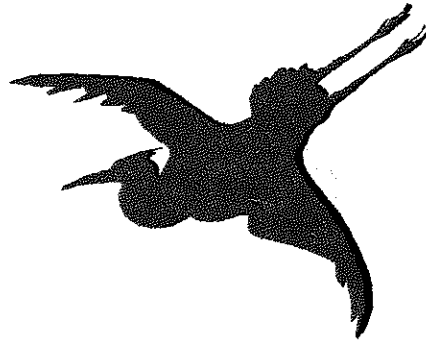
His son also said, "My dad was known by many names, his friends called him Hank, his parent's friends called him Little Hank. He was Harold to his mother, and to Betty Lu, he was Hanky Panky. His pals nicknamed him Heebes, for he had evidently contracted the heeby-jeebies at some early age. He was the Jefe in Spain, and The Superintendent in the plant. Most importantly, though, he was beloved husband, dad, grampa, and friend."

The Sandvigs first came to the Hackensack area in

1987, when they stayed at a resort on Leech Lake. They were friends of Fred Brosius, and soon bought a place on Ten Mile Lake. Hank served for ten years on the TMLA Board of Directors, and helped with the secchi disk testing for water clarity. He played golf, fished, and, says his wife, loved to putter.

Hank was diagnosed with lymphoma two years before he died; he underwent chemotherapy, and maintained his zest for life. His great sorrow was to miss the wedding of his first granddaughter earlier this summer, but the wedding party came to see him instead, visiting him at the hospital in Park Rapids. Cargill sent a busload of employees to attend his funeral service at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack, on August 7, 2002.

Hank is survived by his wife Betty; two sons, Mark (Lori) of Edina, and Todd of Toledo, Ohio; one daughter, Jane (Greg) Goven of Eden Prairie, MN; and six grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Minnesota, 5217 Wayzata Boulevard, St. Louis Park, MN 55416.



SOME BOATING SAFETY TIPS: Rules on Boating While Intoxicated

Conservation officers, sheriffs, or other peace officers who suspect from the actions of any motorboat operators that drugs or alcohol have impaired their ability to safely control the craft may require the operator to take tests to determine sobriety.

- If the test is taken and the operator is found to be over the legal limit of .10 alcohol concentration, he or she is subject to loss of operating privileges for 90 days, a fine of up to \$700, and any other penalties the court may impose, including a jail sentence.

- If the operator refuses to take a test, he or she can still be arrested for BWI, and will have to pay a \$500 penalty and automatically lose motorboat operating privileges for one year, in addition to any additional penalties set by the court.

Don't Risk It!

FISHING NOTES

by Nick Mellby and Larry Urbanski, Co-Chairs, Fisheries Committee

FISHING LOGS: Please remember to keep up and send in your fishing logs. It is fine to submit your logs together at the end of a month or at the end of a season, but it is very important that this information be saved and sent in. Both the Department of Natural Resources and your Fisheries Committee are extremely interested in the number of fish caught in Ten Mile Lake. DNR is interested because of their role in stocking the lake with walleye fry, and the Committee because of the commitment we have made as part of the Lake Management Long Range Plan to collect data on TML fishing resources. You can get logs from any member of the Committee, or make up your own, or make copies of the log that came with your Handbook materials along with the mailing of the Summer *Newsletter*. If you make up your own, please be sure to include the following information:

- Date and time of fishing trip
- Length of time spent fishing
- How many fisherpeople
- By variety, how many fish caught, how many kept, and how many released.

Send logs to **Larry Urbanski**, 5376 County Road 71 NW, Hackensack, MN 56452. (You can also e-mail the data to ljbanski@uslink.net.)

OTHER FISHING INFORMATION: The Fisheries Committee is collecting fishing-related data to be placed in a central database. Any TML-specific or general data relating to history of fishing in TML, habitat, surveys, studies, et cetera would be appreciated. Please contact any member of the Fisheries Committee.

SIGNMAKER WANTED: The Fisheries Committee is looking for a person who has woodworking skills and might be willing to use these skills to make us a sign. The Department of Trails and Waterways has given us permission to place a "Catch and Release" sign at the main public landing. Materials for making the sign will be provided. Contact Larry Urbanski, 218 547-3107 or Nick Mellby, at

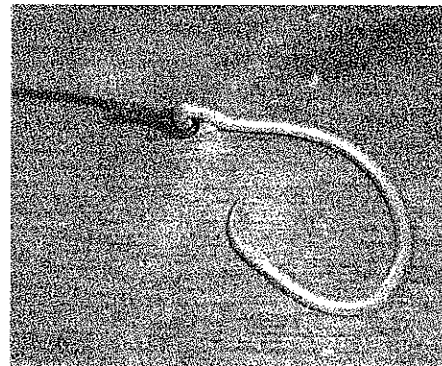
ljbanski@uslink.net or nick.mellby@wellsfargo.com.

WALLEYE HEADS: Keep turning in your walleye heads, if you are still fishing. The Committee hopes that fishermen will continue to participate in this effort through the fall. Thanks to all those who have contributed their fish heads for study!

CIRCLE FISHHOOKS: While it is not a new item, the

circle hook is getting a lot of attention from freshwater sport fishermen. This hook's design allows for extremely effective hooking and holding of nearly every fish species. It looks somewhat odd: unlike the traditional J-shaped hook, the circle hook has a generally circular shape and a point that turns inward to the shank at about a 90° angle. Circle hooks come in most popular sizes and are being manufactured by most major tackle companies. They are a little more expensive than conventional hooks.

Here's how the circle hook works: the fish grabs the baited hook and starts to swim away; the line tightens slowly and usually pulls the hook out of the throat and to the corner of the mouth, where the point rotates and pierces the jaw hinge or cheek. Once the fish is hooked, it cannot escape. You will need some practice to be successful using the circle hook. Most of us were taught to pull up sharply on the rod to set the hook when a fish hits your bait. With circle hooks, patience pays off as the fish will hook itself. If you try to catch the fish the way you were taught, you'll end up just pulling the hook and bait right out of the fish. Let the fish chew on the bait and let the hook do its job.



(Picture provided by SLN Corp., Sebastian, FL.)

Other advantages: releasing fish back to the water is much easier with circle hooks, and the fish has a better chance for survival. A clumsy or careless fisherman is less likely to accidentally sink such a hook into his finger, ear, or clothing. An article on the Internet claims that "little kids and little old ladies never miss with circle hooks." For more information about circle hooks, do an Internet search for 'circle hooks'; you will find hundreds of articles.

ICE FISHING: Think about giving ice fishing a try this year. You won't have to worry about any crowds!

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August 1, 2001 - July 31, 2002
 Corrected September 19, 2002

BALANCE SHEET

INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

<u>ASSETS</u>		
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>JWS EPF</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash:Checking	\$ 836	\$ 495
Cash:Money Mkt. Savings	74	44,475
Cash:USPS Trust Account	0	
Cash: MHB Grant	<u>16,421</u>	
Total Current Assets	\$17,331	\$ 44,970
<u>LAND HELD FOR PRESERVATION</u>		
Kenfield Bay Purchase	\$ -	\$171,730
Land - Donated	-	<u>182,300</u>
Total Land	\$ -	\$ 354,030
<u>OTHER - FIXED INC FND</u>	<u>\$44,423</u>	
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$61,742</u>	<u>\$ 399,000</u>

<u>LIABILITY AND FUND EQUITY</u>		
<u>LIABILITY - Kenfield Bay</u>	\$ -	\$ 60,570
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>	61,742	338,430
<u>Total Liab. & Fund Eq.</u>	<u>\$61,742</u>	<u>\$ 399,000</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
 Al Griggs, Treasurer 9/19/02

NOTES

Kenfield Bay CD = Kenfield Bay Contract for Deed
JWS EPF = James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund
MHB = Mississippi Headwaters Board
MLA = Minnesota Lakes Association
ACCL = Association of Cass County Lakes

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>JWS EPF</u>	<u>MHB Grant</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Contributions			
JWS Envir. Prot. Fund		\$ 2,205	
Undesig. Contributions		3,875	
Memorials			
For First Response	\$ 80		
JWS Env. Prot. Fnd		410	
Undes. Memorials		1,450	
Directory Sales	62		
Dues: 01-02	16,535		
MHB Grant			16,425
Int. & Dividend Income	<u>4,447</u>	<u>1,318</u>	<u>10</u>
Total Income	<u>\$21,124</u>	<u>\$ 9,258</u>	<u>\$16,435</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Administration	\$ 898		
Annual Meeting	160		
Memb. Sec'y Services	896		
Committee Expenses			
Envrn. and Ecology	6,643		
Handbook Committee	309		
History Committee	108		
Loon Committee	37		
Safety Committee	475		
Water Level Committee	32		
Donations: Outside Groups			
1st Rsp. Passthru & Don.	185		
Hackensack Centennial	300		
Healthy Lakes Project	43		
Insurance	801		
Interest			
Kenfield Bay Contract	-	5,760	
N-R-G Bond	719		
Memberships (MLA, ACCL)	225		
Miscellaneous	55		
Miss. Hdwrts. Board			15
Newsletter Expenses	3,239		
Principal on Kenfield CD		6,240	
Taxes: Real Est. & Sales	1,516		
Wtrshd. Coord. Stipend	8,400		
Website Expense	<u>45</u>		
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 25,086</u>	<u>\$ 12,000</u>	<u>\$ 15</u>
Difference	\$ (3,962)	\$ (2,742)	\$16,420

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