

**Ten Mile Lake Association**

# Newsletter

**Summer, 2003**

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

**STUDY AUTHORS TO SPEAK  
AT ANNUAL MEETING  
WILL ADDRESS ISSUES OF WATER  
CLARITY & LAKESHORE LAND VALUE**

Patrick Welle and Charles Parson, authors of the recently published and award winning study of the relationship between water clarity and the value of lakeshore properties, will speak to the TMLA membership about the study and its implications for TML at our annual meeting on Saturday, August 2, 2003. The study was discussed briefly in the *Newsletter*, Spring, 2003 (page 2).

The study, which recognized Ten Mile Lake as having water that is clear to a depth of nearly 22 feet, estimated that shore frontage here would increase in value \$9 per foot if water clarity increased, and drop \$11 per foot if clarity decreased by more than 3 feet. The study was conducted by researchers at Bemidji State University under the direction of the Mississippi Headwaters Board.

Patrick G. Welle holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He currently is a Professor of Economics & Environmental Studies at Bemidji State University. In addition to teaching, Dr. Welle enjoys research in the area of environmental and natural resource economics. Much of his research has focused on estimating the economic benefits of maintaining water and forest quality. He has published numerous journal articles and technical reports, many of which report findings from economic surveys on the public's willingness to pay for environmental quality.

(Dr. Parson is presently attending a conference in Iceland; his bio is unavailable at this writing.)

**DON'T FORGET:**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING of the  
TEN MILE LAKE ASSOCIATION**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2003**

**9:30 a.m. . . . . Coffee & Exhibits  
10:00 a.m. . . . . Business Meeting  
at the Hackensack Senior Center**

Before the formal meeting of the Association, there will be coffee and goodies, and the opportunity to view exhibits provided by TMLA Committees and several State and local agencies.

The business meeting will include reports from Association committees and the election of officers. Then the speakers will be presented, with time following for discussion.

All members of the Ten Mile Lake Association and friends of Ten Mile Lake are urged to participate in this important event in the life of the Association. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Newsletter** - Sarah Cox, Ed.; Jim Schwartz

**Zoning & Land Use** - Elie Nelson, John Alden, Pat Golden, Ted Melby, Bob Nelson, Don Patterson, Dick Roberts

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Tom Cox, our Vice President, deserves a great big "Thank you" for filling in for me during my extended sojourn in Florida. Many thanks also to the other officers, board members, and committee chairs and members for their continuing effort in moving our Ten Mile Lake Association forward and making our programs more effective.

There is a large group of dedicated members within our association who willingly work toward our common goals. We do not always agree on every issue but we do endeavor to come up with programs that fit our motto:

*Dedicated to the preservation and improvement of Ten Mile Lake and its environment.*

Oh—and there is an added bonus to participating in these endeavors: we get to work and associate with the nicest people in the world.

I look forward to see all of you at the annual meeting!

*Don Willis, President, TMLA*

**ENVIRONMENTAL DISPLAY FOR THE E & E COMMITTEE**

*by Sarah Cox*

The Environment and Ecology Committee was treated to a rare environmental display at its meeting Saturday morning, June 28. Host and Committee Co-Chair Ken Regner had thoughtfully arranged for one of the local eagles to swoop in from the lake during the middle of the meeting in full view of the attendees, carrying a fish it had just snatched out of the lake. The eagle veered to one side and perched on the boat canopy of Ken's neighbor (how clever of Ken to advise the bird to stay off Ken's canopy!) to eat the fish, after crushing it for a minute or two in its talons. After (most of) the fish was consumed, the eagle stomped around for a minute or two on the canopy (I don't think I had ever seen an eagle walking before; they look much more elegant flying) and then flew away to the south.

Thanks, Ken! Nice lake show!

## WATER SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

by Don Harris, Chair, Water Safety Committee

### SAFETY NOTES

- ◆ **BUOY-OH-BUOY!** Enclosed with this newsletter is a new sticker from the DNR giving information on types of buoys and the functions they serve. The sticker has a pressure sensitive backing and should be placed in your boat for reference. Buoys are placed and monitored by the Safety Committee. If you have any questions, please call a member of the committee.
- ◆ **WATERCRAFT TRAINING:** The Watercraft Operators Permit training session was held on June 27. The committee would like to thank the Hackensack Lions for sponsoring the program and providing snacks and lunch, and **Tim Berglund**, Cass County Sheriff's Boat and Water Safety Coordinator, for teaching the course. This is a free program for kids from 12 years of age and older in the greater Hackensack area. Plans are for this to be an annual program.
- ◆ **PATROL BOAT IS HERE!** The Sheriff's safety patrol boat is on the lake, located at the west end of Forseman Point Drive. Thanks go to **Burton Woock** for providing lake space, to the **Putney family** for providing the dock and to **Northwoods Dock and Service** for donating the boat lift. Please read the article in this Newsletter providing information on the history of this boat on the lake.
- ◆ **THE RULES:** Copies of the Minnesota Boating Guide, 2003 will be available at the annual meeting. The Lake Safety Committee reminds boat owners and users: **BE CURRENT WITH ALL BOATING LAWS AND RULES.**
- ◆ **REMINDER --** Check to see if your boat license and trailer license are current.
- ◆ **REMINDER --** Effective August 1, 2002, operating a

boat under the influence of alcohol (BWI) is a felony. **CONVICTION CARRIES A MANDATORY SENTENCE OF 3 TO 7 YEARS IN PRISON.**

### CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S SAFETY PATROL BOAT

The Cass County Sheriff's Water Safety Department has begun a program of putting safety patrol boats on Cass County lakes. The purpose of these boats is to provide a presence on each lake with the hope of preventing improper boating practices and thus preventing accidents. Gull, Leech, Woman, and Pleasant Lakes are already involved in this program. The boats used for this program are boats that have been confiscated by the Cass County Water Safety Department for various offenses, mainly BWI.

As of this spring, TML is a participant and has a Sheriff's Patrol Boat on the lake. The boat provided to Ten Mile Lake, a 17 foot Larson with a 150 horsepower motor, is docked at the west end of Forseman Point Drive, off Lower Ten Mile Lake Road. The boat will be on the lake on weekends, manned by volunteers. The volunteers will have no police powers; they will simply be a presence on the lake. We expect to have a minimum of two volunteers on the boat whenever it goes out (couples are welcome).

The Cass County Sheriff's Office provides the boat, fuel, and maintenance, and also provides training for the volunteers. The first training session for 2003 will be scheduled for a date in July, 2003 at the Hackensack Community Building. If you are willing to volunteer, please call **Don Harris at 675-6285** to learn the date and time.

### OUR WATERSHED COORDINATOR PRACTICES HIS DETECTIVE SKILLS

The TMLA Watershed Coordinator, John Alden, has worked with a number of foundations and organizations to obtain grant funding for TMLA that is helping us work on several of our goals and objectives as part of the Healthy Lakes endeavor. This summer he had not only to obtain the funding, he had to FIND it.

He knew that a check for \$16,425 had been cut by the Mississippi Headwaters Board to fund the Upper Boy River Assessment project. But where was the check? No one knew. . . . But because John has worked for the County as well, and knows its ways, he was able to poke around and locate the check, which had been tucked into a file folder somewhere, and forgotten. Good work, John!

## FISHING NOTES

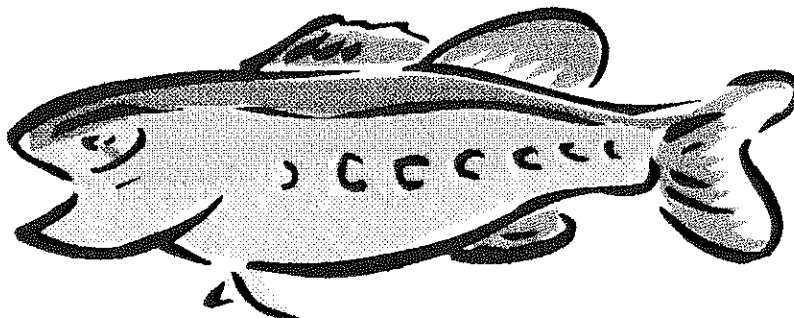
by Larry Urbanski, Co-Chair, Fisheries Committee

**KEEP THOSE LOGS COMING!** —The Fishing Committee is looking for **INFORMATION**. We would like to receive any type of fishing log or diary kept by persons fishing in Ten Mile Lake. This could be in the form of a daily, weekly, monthly, or seasonal log. The essential information needed is:

1. Date of each fishing trip
2. Number of fishermen
3. Number, size, and species of fish caught
4. Number of fish released
5. Duration of trip (in hours)

In your TML handbook is a suggested log you may use. Please make copies of the log, keep the original in your handbook, and use one copy of the log for each fishing trip. Copies of the log are also available at the TML Men's Coffees. Any form of your own devising that contains the above information is also acceptable.

We need this information to make sure that DNR's Fisheries Division is dealing with real facts and experiences when it makes decisions about how to treat the lake, as when deciding whether and when to stock the lake. They need to know how much fishing pressure TML receives, as well as what kinds of success fishermen are having.



**CATCHING WALLEYES?** —If you catch any walleyes in TML, please save the heads. Tuck the heads into a bag in your freezer, and whenever convenient, drop the bag off with any member of the Fisheries Committee, or at the DNR office across from Ah Gwah Ching. (See study results below.)

**CATCHING ANYTHING?** —lately, it seems that fishing has been improving since the opener. The "expert" fishermen

report no problem with catching fish. It seems the occasional fishermen are the ones not having much success. Heard this one? — "You should have been out yesterday. They were really hitting then!"

**PLEASE OBSERVE THE NO WAKE ZONES ON THE LAKE!** — and consider all weeded areas along the shorelines as **NO WAKE ZONES** as well. These areas are prime spawning areas for fish. Any activity in these areas can impact water quality and the health of the fish community. The turbulence created by high-speed boat travel can be totally destructive of important fish habitat areas.

**PRACTICE "CATCH AND RELEASE!"** — THIS CAN BE AS REWARDING AS BRINGING IN A FULL STRINGER. KEEP JUST ENOUGH FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE NEEDS!

**PRELIMINARY REPORT ON WALLEYE HEADS RESEARCH:** —DNR Fisheries has made available to the TML Fisheries Committee a preliminary report from its study of last year's (2002) collection of walleye heads. They received and checked a total of 686 heads, a number comparable to the 2001 study. Of these, 179 were not used because the

cheeks were removed; another 42 were discarded for other reasons. From the 465 usable heads, 65% were tagged (stocked) fish. The most abundant were fish from the 1998 stocking; these were in the 15-16 inch size. Those from the 2001 stocking were smaller. A more complete report will be made soon.

Most heads were collected at Happiness and Quietwoods Resorts. Our thanks to these resorts for their co-operation. We are still collecting heads for the DNR research so save them for the program. (Note: This fall TML is due for the stocking of 1300 lbs. of fingerlings.)

## From the Notebook

By Jim Schwartz

**BURN BARRELS**, generally regarded as a handy way to dispose of unwanted trash, are not only illegal in Minnesota, they also are a source of dangerous airborne chemicals. According to Doug Fairchild, environmental specialist in Duluth, smoke from trash fires contains more than the usual irritants and fine particulates. Fires of this sort also generate small amounts of two deadly poisons: dioxins and furans. Fairchild describes the chemicals as probably the most toxic ever studied. The problem, of course, is that there is no way of preventing the smoke from going where you don't want it to go, including onto your neighbor's property. Best solution? Dump the burn barrel and either take or have your trash taken to the nearest transfer station.

**LAST NOVEMBER'S** international climate talks in New Delhi marked a major change in emphasis: away from just concentrating on how to limit the forces that contribute to warming and toward coping with the changes that appear all but inevitable. Predictably, industry representatives welcomed the shift as a more realistic approach to what could be a growing global problem. Environmentalists, on the other hand, warned that focusing on adapting to change rather than trying to prevent it would inevitably fail. They reason that change eventually will reach the point where it exceeds the ability to adjust. My own take on the matter is that we must do both: continue our efforts to mitigate the factors that appear to be influencing climate change and put our genius to work at the task of adapting to a transforming world.

**RESEARCHERS AT THE** University of Wisconsin have learned that bluegills do not thrive as well in extensively developed lakes as they do in their relatively undeveloped counterparts. The same trend appears to be true for largemouth bass, although the findings are less clear-cut. The equation seems to be something like this: development leads to shoreline clearing, which, in turn, means fewer down trees and other woody debris making its way into the lake. The net result is that as habitat favorable to fish life declines, bluegill (and bass) numbers dwindle as well.

**ALONG THE SAME LINE**, this column has counseled for years against cutting or otherwise damaging bulrush beds and certain other aquatic plants, maintaining that these "pastures" provide important habitat for panfish and other marine life. Such beds are particularly impor-

tant to the black crappie, a species that, once abundant in Ten Mile Lake, has gone into decline in recent years. If anglers would like to see a resurgence of this wonderful fish, a couple of practices might help: avoid an overharvest, especially during the spring spawning period, and make it a point to preserve and encourage existing aquatic plant beds.

**IF YOU'VE WONDERED** whether the few hundred dollars the TMLA spends annually checking the lake for exotics is a wise investment, consider this: the Bay Lake Association shells out more than \$80,000 each year in its fight to control the spread of Eurasian water milfoil. While our survey cannot prevent a milfoil invasion, we do it in the hope that, if it shows up, early identification will help to keep this rogue plant confined and give us at least a reasonable chance at eradicating it altogether. There are other dangerous exotics as well, but E. milfoil is the most threatening.

**THE ANNUAL REPORT** on the transparency of Minnesota lakes has been issued and Ten Mile continues to measure up well. Although my health problems last season prevented Toni and me from taking as many measurements as we usually do, we did manage a total of eight at the regular sites: deepest spot on the main lake and a 45-foot location in Long Bay. On the main lake, the minimum measurement was 19', maximum 24', and the mean 20.9'. In Long Bay those figures were 15', 24' and 18.8'. Clearest body of water in the state was Sabin Lake in St. Louis County, which had a maximum reading of 52'. In Cass County, Hunter Lake south of Longville had a mean measurement of 32'. Our sister lake, Portage, had a mean reading of 23.7'.

**MANY OF US WHO** arrived early at the lake this spring were greeted by locked up septic systems, victims of the almost snow-free winter. Lacking the usual insulating effect of a snow blanket, the tanks simply froze, meaning nothing would move through. Eventually the systems were returned to working order by resorting to such strategies as pumping, tank heaters, steaming and a generous application of patience. What can be done to prevent this from happening again? Well, not a whole lot, although one could try covering tanks with bales of straw or a very thick layer of leaves in the fall. The best solution, of course, is the one over which we have no control: a return to normal winter snowfalls.

**SONGBIRD AND WATERFOWL** migrations were quite reassuring this spring. We spotted large flocks of bufflehead and scaup, as well as the usual sprinkling of goldeneye, all three of the merganser species, wood ducks and mallards. A variety of warblers dominated the songbird flights. There were orioles aplenty, and the hummingbirds' arrival was two days late: May 12.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 52 PICK-UP

When I was a kid we used to play card games. Invariably, when a group of us would get together to play, someone would suggest playing 52 Pick-Up. If a newcomer asked how it was played, some veteran card player would throw all 52 cards on the floor and tell the newcomer to pick the cards up. After a good laugh each of us would pick up a few cards so that one person didn't have to pick up all of them. It was easier that way and it also brought the group closer together.

We have a variation of that game going on all of the time on the roads and in the ditches around Ten Mile Lake. We have people who don't care about the beauty of our community as much as the rest of us do. Those people throw their trash on the roads and in the ditches and drive away oblivious to the eyesores and potential environmental contamination they leave behind. I think that some of them are much like the kids who used to throw the cards on the floor when I was young. Those people think it is funny or just don't care that someone else has to pick up the litter.

I can't stop the unconcerned from littering. All that I can do is clean up behind them. My wife and I both do it. Several times a year we patrol the roads and ditches in our assigned half mile of road. Each time we collect a good deal of material that we haul to the dump. We do it willingly because we think it is worth it to have a pristine countryside to drive through. There are many others who do the same thing as members of the TMLA Adopt-A-Highway Committee.

There are many of you that walk the roads around the lake. You could be a big help to all of us by picking up litter when you see it. That way a few of us wouldn't have to do all of the work. The roadways would look prettier more of the time too.

There are a number of things that we can learn from kids' games. One of them is that if each of us does a little, no one has to do a lot. It also brings us all closer together.

Picking up a few cards is still easier than picking up all 52 of them.

Signed,

**Ken Regner**  
Member, Adopt-A-Highway Committee

### HACKENSACK TENNIS COURT RESURFACING

History indicates that over the years many Ten Mile Lake residents and visitors have enjoyed the use of the public tennis courts in Hackensack. The City Council has observed the need for resurfacing those Courts at an approximate cost of \$7,000.

The Ten Mile Lake Association has been asked if it might help underwrite a part of that cost. As the inquiry was discussed at the May 31 Board meeting, it was observed that TML residents and visitors involve themselves in a wide variety of recreational activities, e.g. golf etc., the costs of which they underwrite as individuals. The Board agreed that as many past and future users of the tennis courts as possible be made aware of this need and encouraged to assess their respective abilities to respond. This article is a part of that effort. Those who read this are asked to join in the effort to spread the word of this need.

Contributions should be sent to Hackensack City Council, Attention: Bill Green, City Hall, Hackensack, MN 56452.

Signed:

**Bob Crom**  
Chair, Advisory Committee

### DID YOU MISS WELL WATER TESTING DAY?

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, Well Water Testing Day (July 12) will have come and gone. We hope there will have been wide participation, as the tests are an important indicator for all of us of the health of the groundwater throughout our lake shore, and an important way for you to ensure the health and safety of your family's drinking water.

If you were unable to have your water tested on July 12, you can still get your water tested, though it may not be quite as convenient as the service TMLA provides. The County's Department of Environmental Services does water testing on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You will need to go to the County building in Walker to pick up a test kit, and then, after following the directions with the kit, return with a water sample for testing. The cost will be \$20 (the same cost as through TMLA). You can call the **Department of Environmental Services at 218-547-7241** for more information.

## THE HISTORY PAGE

(The following article comes from the notes made by Warren Goss, based on an interview of Bob Mayer conducted in December, 1973. Bob Mayer was the owner of the Shady Shores resort on Birch Lake, just off Lower Ten Mile Lake Road.)

### FISHING NOTES FROM HALF A CENTURY AGO

*by Warren Goss*

(Bob Mayer) and Al Woock and a few others formed the Birch and Ten Mile Lake Association in 1946. They did a lot of work with the Brainerd and Fish and Game Office (a Mr. Gulbranson, he thought). They grew fingerlings in a number of ponds and build the walleye population up a lot. In 1951 the lakes, particularly TML, were very high, two feet higher than normal. Happiness Lodge cabins were all surrounded by water. Most of the fish in both lakes went downstream then. The Association tried to get a better dam at Hackensack, e.g. a level weir 40 feet long, and also considered an electric device to keep fish from passing. The Army Corps of Engineers and "some politicians" came and looked, but never did anything. The Association then fell apart because it seemed that their work to get a walleye population was benefitting only the downstream lakes, especially Leech Lake.

The Brainerd Fish and Game people made a number of net surveys between 1946 and 1951. In August, 1951 Gulbranson gave a splendid report to the annual meeting of the Birch and Ten Mile Lake Association. They had identified the "ciscoes" as blue fin herring and said that their presence deep in the lake in the summer caused most of the game fish also to be deep and not come up to the shallower water very much because, after getting accustomed to the higher pressures, it would cause pain to come up. The report said the nets located "boatloads" of game fish at 90 feet and hardly any at 30 feet. The report told of the walleyes and northernns following the herring into the shallow water at spawning time. Many of the herring die after

spawning. The dying herring are especially attractive to the game fish — they are easy to see and are immobile (I suppose the same as when we use herring to fish for salmon: the salmon "charge into" schools of herring and circle back to grab the wounded ones). Bob Mayer says this report is still available at Brainerd.

In 1937-8, they put 60 muskies 2 feet long into Birch Lake, and there was pretty good muskie fishing in Birch from 1938 to 1951, when the high water ended it. Some of the muskies were reported to have gone into Ten Mile Lake.

The lakes were low from 1928 to 1948. The Boy River didn't flow between TML and Birch Lake during that interval. Pleasant Lake was 17 feet below its present level. TML was 4 feet below present level. The big reef was way out of water and 50 feet wide with bushes and trees on it (a good duck blind!).

At one time there was serious discussion about opening a channel from TML into the ponds and swamps back of where the Moos and Bryngelson cabins are located, so that fingerlings could be grown there and let out into the lake by opening the gate. Bob doesn't know what happened to the proposal or why. The Ten Mile Lake Association came back to life about 1958, without the Birch Lake members.

One of the rearing ponds that TMLA put a lot of work into was "Diamond Lake Pond" where the road to Diamond Lake goes off to the north from the Wood Tick Trail.



## Water Level Trends Lower from its June, 2001 Record High

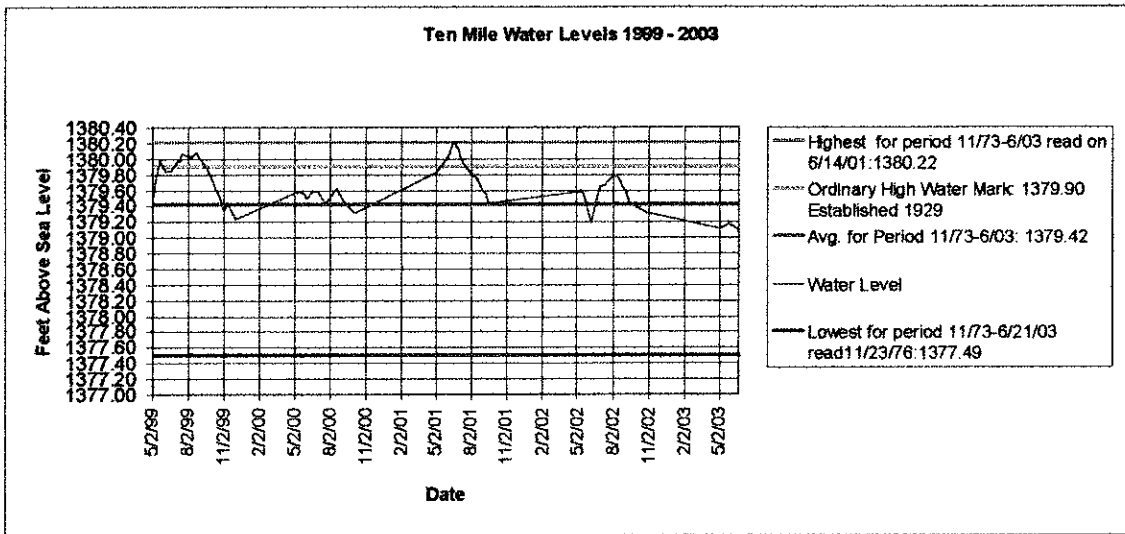
*By Tom Cox, Chair, Water Level Committee*

From its all-time (well, since 1973) high of 1380.22' above sea level recorded June 14, 2001, and after Ten Milers' consequent investment of thousands of dollars in riprap to protect eroding beaches and shorelines, our water level as been trending lower over the past two years. Ten Mile is now 1.12' (13.44") lower than it was in that fateful month two years ago though still it is nowhere near the low mark recorded in 1976. In November of that year it stood at 1377.49', 1.61' (19.32") lower than it was this past month. (In the nineteen thirties the water was lower yet, so low, in fact, that the reef extending northeast from Brandts'

(AKA Angel) Island was well enough out of the water to host family picnics! (see Warren Goss's interview of Bob Mayer on page 7)

At the TMLA Board meeting on June 21, Walt Kane reported a reading, made that morning, of 1379.1'. That was 6.6" lower than at the same time a year ago, down .1" from this past May 1<sup>st</sup>, and down 2.5" from last November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Here is a chart of water level trends based on water level readings since the creation of the TMLA Water Level Committee in 1999.



## BOY RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BEGINS ON CSAH #6

*by Tom Cox*

A bulldozer and backhoe swung into action on Friday, June 27, as a procession of 10-ton trucks began delivering fill to support a by-pass on the north (up-stream) side of the CSAH #6 bridge over the Boy River. The latest word from Dave Enblom and Jon Large, Cass County's Highway Engineers, is that the contractors will install a temporary 20'-wide bridge at that location to carry traffic while the new bridge is under construction. Barring unforeseen delays by

weather, etc., construction should be complete by the end of September.

With its 35' length and 24' width supported by wooden pilings, the old bridge will be replaced by a new, clear-span bridge 59' long and 36' wide. Like the rebuilt and widened CSAH #6 to come later this year, the new bridge will include 4' paved biking-walking lanes on each side.



## THE LOON JOURNAL

by Bob Moe, Chair, Loon Committee

### JUNE 20, 2003 — GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

The adult loon population on TML remains fairly constant with between 25-35 birds on the lake at any given time. That is the good news. The bad news is that as of this report it appears that there have been only two hatches this year on either natural or platform sites, and only two surviving chicks. Two chicks hatched on Flower Pot Bay but were lost to a rogue loon or a predator within ten hours. Two chicks survive from a hatch in Long Bay near Arthur's.

I theorize that the huge success of last year (11 surviving chicks!) may be the reason for so few chicks this year. Perhaps the lake will not support more loons than the adult population we now have.

### JUNE 23, 2003 — BETTER NEWS

Don Brown reports that two more loon chicks have appeared in Robinson's Bay. That's four chicks altogether. Have to get a new theory.

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## 2ND ANNUAL WATERCRAFT OPERATOR PERMIT TRAINING A GREAT SUCCESS

The second annual Watercraft Operator's Permit Training, held July 27 at the Hackensack Community Center and Birch Lake Waterfront, trained 27 youth from the Hackensack area in the safe handling of, driving in, and riding on boats and personal watercraft. Seventeen of the attendees were girls. Fifteen of the attendees were from TML families; other lakes represented included Birch, Pleasant, and Poquet. Some of the the students came from Texas, Louisiana, and Iowa to attend the session.

The training session was staffed by Sheriff's Deputies Tim Berglund, Bob Landreville, and Steve Abrahamson, and DNR Conservation Officer Gary Sommers. TML'ers Don Harris, John McManus, Jerry Mills, Bob Moe, and Mary Ann Schmidt were on hand to help out. Many thanks are also due to the Hackensack Lions Club which provided snacks, lunch, and course materials for the attendees, so that the course could be made available to attendees free of charge. Lions attending included Jay Cline, Ollie DeGray, Bob Hornsby, Red Kahloff, Jim McCormick, Bernie Miller, Don Patterson, Forrest Watson, and Fritz Zieffler.

## SHORELINE PINE SUCCUMBS TO WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST

by Tom Cox

Sarah and I were disheartened a couple of summers ago when, having jumped into the lake for our first swim of the season, we turned around to view our shoreline and discovered that one of our beautiful youngish (40-year-old) white pines was beginning to turn brown from the top down. Hoping the tree would heal itself, we ignored the change for a season, only to discover last year that the browning had progressed further down the tree, and was beginning to make the tree look very sick indeed. When we went for our first swim this summer, on June 15<sup>th</sup>, we saw that the tree was dead fully two thirds of the way from the top and, clearly, would have to come out.

Such has been our introduction to **white pine blister rust**, which we've learned is a fungal disease relatively common in the upper Midwest. White pine blister rust, caused by the fungus *Cronartium ribicola*, is a fungus of the type that passes through the different stages of its life cycle on alternate and often unrelated hosts.

Interestingly, the disease does not leap from tree to tree, but harbors in its alternative hosts which include all species of the genus *Ribes*, (currant and gooseberry bushes). Sadly, there is no cure, so unless the disease can be caught very early, when it is still only on the tree's branches, which must be cut off and destroyed, the whole tree will eventually succumb. It's best to remove a tree once the infection has lodged in the trunk.

For a much more complete look at the disease, its causes and effects, go to *Google.com* on the Internet and search "white pine blister rust." There you'll find a rich array of articles on the disease, many with excellent pictures. Two particularly good sites are:

<http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/3000/3205.html> (this site treats White Pine Blister Rust on Currants and Gooseberries), and

<http://plantclinic.cornell.edu/FactSheets/wpineblister/wpineblister.html> (contains a wealth of information on the disease).

## REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

### William T. (Bill) McGill

William T. (Bill) McGill, age 87, died Monday, March 17, 2003 at his home on Ten Mile Lake. He was born on November 9, 1915, at Blue Earth, MN, the son of Thomas McGill, a Scottish immigrant, and Grace (Dremel) McGill. He was raised and educated in the same area, and graduated from Blue Earth High School. He then attended Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis. He married Jane E. Peterson on May 30, 1939.

Bill served his country as a SeaBee in the United States Navy, Pacific Campaign, during World War II. After the war, he worked as an automatic sprinkler contractor, self-employed. The family lived and worked in Minnesota, Iowa, and Florida.

In 1955, Bill purchased and restored the "Old Lakeview Schoolhouse" located on the southwest shore of TML. Bill treasured his stewardship of the land and buildings. After Bill and Jane's retirement, they traveled back and forth between Florida and Hackensack. Following his wife's death in 1997, Bill remained at his home on TML.

Survivors include: his children, Maggie McGill and her husband Ned Miller, Des Moines, Iowa and Jim McGill and his wife Anne Zosel McGill, Hackensack; grandchildren Meghan McGill and Cristin McGill; great-granddaughter Madeline Jane McGill; brother Hugh McGill, Warminster, PA; and sister Margaret Guerber, Blue Earth, MN.

A memorial service was held on May 23, 2003, at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack.

*(Information provided by Jim and Anne McGill.)*

### Carol E. Willis

Carol Willis passed away at her home in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida on June 11, 2003. A memorial service was held for her at the Church of the Isles, United Church of Christ, on June 15, 2003.

Carol was born in Chester, Nebraska on March 8, 1933, as the eleventh of 12 children. After attending the University of Nebraska, she worked for the F.B.I, raised her family, and moved to Largo, Florida, where she worked as a supervisor for Oxford Medical until her retirement.

Surviving her are her husband Don; three children: Amy Mayo, of Arvada, CO, Gretchen Trusty, of Jacksonville, FL, and Eric Hewitt, of West Des Moines, IA; five grandchildren; three sisters: Phyllis Cuttingham of Clear Lake, Iowa, Margaret Mead of Orangeville, CA, and Elinor Kennedy of Boulder, CO; and two brothers: David Duey of Silverdale, WA, and Bub Duey of Roseburg, OR.

Carol married Don Willis in 2000, and spent her last two summers with him at their Ten Mile Lake home. She assisted her husband with his duties as president of TMLA, and was an active member of Union Congregation Church in Hackensack. Because of her activities at the lake and church, she made many new, loyal friends.

In 2002, Carol hosted a reunion for her family at TML. Members of her clan arrived from all over the country to visit her and enjoy the beauty of TML and the surrounding area.

*(Information provided by Don Willis.)*

### Frieda R. Zobel

Frieda R. Zobel, age 85, of Ida Grove, Iowa, died Friday, August 9, 2002, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Frieda Rosa Zobel was born on October 9, 1916 in Lindsay, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Fredrich August and Caroline (Wagner) Reuscher. She was baptized on December 10, 1916, and confirmed in her Christian faith in April, 1931 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Hooper, NE. She graduated from Hooper High School.

In the spring of 1917, Frieda moved with her family to Earhart, in Otter Tail County, MN where her father farmed. In January of 1920, she suffered the loss of her mother at the Perham, MN hospital during the birth of Frieda's younger sister. Following this tragedy, the family returned to Hooper, NE for care in the Wagner home, as August Reuscher, from Germany, was the sole member of his family in the United States.

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**REMEMBERING. . . Continued: Frieda Zobel**

Frieda worked as a hired helper in various homes until she was able to enroll in the Lincoln School of Commerce to study bookkeeping and stenography. She then worked successfully for a number of companies and for 45 years in the family business, United Builders, Inc. in Ida Grove, acting as board member, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Frieda married Milton M. Zobel on May 20, 1947 in Ponca, NE; she had one daughter, Carol. She was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ida Grove, acted as secretary for the original hospital reorganization, was a member of the Horn Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and also served as a member of the Horn Hospital Board of Directors for six years. She had

enjoyed coming to the TML area for more than 45 years, and had a home on the lake since 1963.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and a "sister-cousin" with whom she was raised, Evelyn Stover. Her survivors include her husband, Milton; her daughter, Carol Hanson of Cedar Falls and Carol's ex-husband, Philip Hanson, of Waverly; six grandchildren; three sisters: Irma Peters (William) of Lincoln, NE, Elsie Johnson of Salen, OR, and Emma Nelson (Calvin) of Omaha, NE; a "sister-cousin" with whom she was raised, Irene Goree of Fremont, NE; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

*(Information provided by Joanna Hanson, granddaughter, and Milton Zobel.)*



### **3M PROVIDES \$200 GRANT TO TMLA DONATION HONORS DON HARRIS FOR VOLUNTEER WORK**

In recognition of Don Harris's commitment to TMLA and of the volunteer service he has provided, the 3M Foundation has donated \$200 to TMLA on Don's behalf as part of the 3M Volunteer Match Program. Don has donated many more than 25 hours in his work on the Water Safety Committee. Don is one of the principal planners of the Watercraft Operator's Permit Training which has been provided in 2002 and 2003 to train children over 12 in safe practices when riding in or driving boats and personal watercraft. This training is made available to children from Ten Mile, Birch, and other lakes in the Hackensack area. Don has also worked with other members of the Water Safety Committee to initiate the Sheriff's Patrol Boat program on TML. At this time Don is chair of the Water Safety Committee, as well as of the Nominating Committee that is putting together a slate of officers for the 2003 TMLA election.

"Supporting our communities through volunteers has been a part of 3M's culture since the company's beginning more than 100 years ago, said Fred Harris, of the 3M Division of Community Affairs and Workforce Diversity (and no relation of Don Harris). "As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 3M Foundation, we are pleased to recognize the personal investment that 3M employees and retirees continue to make in their communities."

As part of the 3M Volunteer Match program, the 3M Foundation will donate \$200 to non-profit organizations for which a 3M employee or retiree volunteers 25 hours or more per calendar year. Since the program's inception in 2000, the 3M Foundation donated more than \$900,000 to 1,400 organizations in 48 states in recognition of the volunteer efforts of more than 4,500 employees and retirees. For more information about this program you may contact 3M Community Affairs at 651-733-0144.

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