

Newsletter

Spring, 2004

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

TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2004

**WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S
PERMIT TRAINING** Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. June 25, 2004
At the Hackensack Community Center

FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADES ... Sunday
10:00 a.m. July 4, 2004
North Shore Dock at Arthur's
South Shore Public Access

WELL WATER TESTING Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July 17, 2004
At former Woock's Store (South Shore) and
Jerry Mills' Garage (North Shore)

ANNUAL MEETING Saturday
9:30 a.m. August 7, 2004
At the Hackensack Senior Center

TMLA BOARD MEETINGS Saturdays
9:00 a.m.
At Don Willis's May 29, 2004
At Al Hoover's June 19, 2004
At Dave Losby's July 17, 2004
At Tom Cox's August 21, 2004
At Lorraine Stromquist's September 18, 2004

**DEADLINE FOR SENDING IN MATERIAL
FOR NEWSLETTERS:**
Summer Issue June 21, 2004
Fall Issue September 1, 2004

NOTES ON THE CALENDAR

1. Watercraft Operator's Permit Training

Once again, the Sheriff's Department, Lions Club, Town of Hackensack, and several lake associations are working to present their training program for youths ages 12 years and older. Youth who want to operate boats or personal watercraft must have a permit, and to get the permit, they must participate in an approved training program. The program includes lunch, hands-on training on boats in the water, and a test for the permit. Call Jerry Mills at 547-1164 or John McManus at 675-6266 to register your child.

2. Fourth of July Boat Parades

Two! Count'em! Two boat parades on the Fourth of July! The north shore folks have been doing this successfully for years. Now the south shore folks are organizing their first annual boat parade.

Decorate your boat (defined as "something that floats" — any kind of watercraft is acceptable) and join the parade. Or dress in red, white, and blue and come to watch. Spectators are important too!

The north shore gang will assemble at the dock for Arthur's restaurant; the south shore at the public access. Both start at ten a.m. Try to be prompt.

3. Well Water Testing

The Department of Health strongly recommends that people who use private wells have their water tested annually. At \$20, TMLA's program of well-water testing is a bargain of convenience and accuracy, especially when compared with the cost of getting a serious illness from your well water. On July 17, be sure you pick up a kit from either the north or south shore location and follow the directions.

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Al Griggs, Vice-Pres.	675-6312
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Anne McGill, Secretary	675-6652

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Heidi Hoppe	675-6265
Bob Horn	675-5314
Jerry Mills	547-1164
Lorraine Stromquist	675-6813

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Dave Losby	675-6066
Ken Regner	675-5464
Randy Vosbeck	547-3840

Watershed Coordinator

John Alden	547-3114
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Committees

Adopt-A-Highway - David Losby (South), Mollie Bliska, Sandy Birkholz, Judy Bryngelson, Elaine Crabb, Cary & Janet George, Sally Helsman, Bob and Nancy Horn, Paul & Carolyn Krech, Homer Olsen, Erik & Lise Olsen-Dufour, Rod Owre, Sharon Peterson, Ken Regner, Don Willis, Robert Nelson (North), Phoebe and John Alden, Jerry Mills, Don Patterson, Larry Urbanski

Advisory Committee - Don Willis, Jack Adams, Bob Crom, Al Hoover, Ross Melgaard, Jim Miller, Jim Schwartz, Stan Skaug

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Lake Level Mgmt. - Tom Cox, John Alden, Dan Eikenberry, Walt Kane, Marty McCleery, Ray Raetz, Jim Schwartz

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Loons - Dick Horn, Bob Moe, Dave Byers, Bob Crom, Chet Malek, Lynn Martin, Kim Moe, Ken Regner, Murry Towler

Membership Coord. - Phoebe Alden

Newsletter - Sarah Cox, Ed., Jim Schwartz

Zoning & Land Use - Randy Vosbeck, John Alden, Elinor Chase, Pat Golden, Ted Melby, Bob Nelson, Ellie Nelson, Don Patterson, Dick Roberts

COFFEE TIME — IT'S NOT JUST FOR THE MEN!

by Mariana Goodwin

Every Tuesday morning from early June into September (starting on June 8 this year) the women of Ten Mile and Portage Lakes meet at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and conversation with a different resident as hostess each week. Although this tradition began on the North Shore area, women from all parts of Ten Mile are welcome and encouraged to attend and/or be a hostess. The get-together is for one hour only and the treats need not be elaborate — coffee and doughnuts are just fine. This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors or renew old acquaintances. The location of the coffee each week will be listed in the local newspaper under "On Deck" and also on the Ten Mile Lake web page.

TMLA NAMES IN THE NEWS

Anne McGill, long-time TMLA member and current Secretary, has recently been awarded the 2003 Director of the Year Award of Excellence by YouthBuild USA. Anne is the assistant director of operations of Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc. (Bi-CAP). The award was given in recognition, appreciation, and celebration of Anne's commitment to young people and community on a local, State, and national level. Anne has served as program director for the Bi-CAP YouthBuild Program since 1989. The program serves youth, ages 16 to 24, who have dropped out of school, providing them the opportunity to spend 32 hours per week in a training program. The program combines academics, leadership development, and construction training.

(from the Pine River Journal, March 11, 2004)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR, PHOEBE ALDEN

After the mailing of the 2003 TMLA Directory to the membership last fall, I learned that some copies of the Directory were missing pages 33-36. These pages include the centerfold map of Ten Mile Lake, as well as the preceding and subsequent page of directory listings. Please check your directory; if those pages are missing contact me by phone (218-547-3114), by e-mail (phalden@uslink.net), or at the annual membership meeting in August, and I will provide a copy of those pages to you.

NOTES FROM THE LAKE SAFETY COMMITTEE

by Don Harris, Chair, Lake Safety Committee

WHILE BOATING

- ◆ **ALWAYS WEAR** a personal flotation device (PFD). In 80% of boating fatalities, the victim was NOT wearing a PFD.
- ◆ **KEEP YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY LOW** to reduce the chance of falling overboard or capsizing. Falling overboard or capsizing are the most common fatal boating accidents.
- ◆ **TAKE A WATER SAFETY** or boating course. (Minnesota requires a water safety course before children ages 12-17 receive a boating permit.) An astonishing 84% of boating fatalities occurred on boats where operators had not completed a boating safety course.
- ◆ **TRAIN YOUR GUESTS AND FAMILY** to drive boats. According to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, in 1996, 36% of all boating accidents occurred while the boat was being borrowed. Borrowed boats accounted for 16% of all fatalities and 43% of all injuries; 54% of the personal watercraft involved in accidents were borrowed. If you share a boat — **SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE!**
- ◆ **DON'T DRINK WHILE BOATING!** According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, 31% of all boating fatalities involve alcohol.
- ◆ **PAY ATTENTION!** Nearly 70% of all boating accidents involve operator-controlled factors. Recklessness, inattention, inexperience, and unsafe speed can result in a serious accident.
- ◆ **Know Your Lake! Know Your Buoys!** Hidden rocks, shallow spots, and underwater items can cause serious damage to the boat . . . or the riders. The low level of the lake makes this even

more important. Where there are buoys in the area, keep your speed down, or plan to get a new propellor.

- ◆ **Watch the Weather!** Getting caught in a storm is scary and can be very dangerous.

ON THE SHORE

While boating accidents make up a large share of water-related injuries and deaths, many accidents also happen on shore. In 2001, there were 17 boating deaths and 53 non-boating water-related deaths. Therefore:

- ◆ **MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN CAN SWIM!** Enroll them in a program through your local YMCA, the American Red Cross, or other community swimming program. Watch them carefully when near the water and use a buddy system when there are several children swimming at once.
- ◆ **NEVER DIVE INTO THE LAKE** unless you are absolutely sure that it is clear of obstructions and is deep enough.
- ◆ **SWIM TOYS ARE NOT THE SAME** as Personal Flotation Devices. When in doubt, use a PFD.
- ◆ **FOLLOW THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SUGGESTION:** Watch out for the "dangerous toos": too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun and too much strenuous activity.
- ◆ **WEAR SUN BLOCK AND SUNGLASSES!** Not all of the danger around water is wet. Skin cancer is becoming increasingly common.
- ◆ **TAKE A CPR CLASS.** We hope you will never need it, but wouldn't you rather have something that you don't need the need something that you don't have?

WATER LEVEL REPORT

by Tom Cox, Chair, Water Level Committee

On Saturday, May 29, 2004, Walt Kane reported that Ten Mile's water level at the DNR gauge in Long Bay was 1378.75' — 5 inches lower than its level last year on May 27; eight-tenths of an inch higher than it was on May 16, 2004; and 4.1 inches higher than it was on November 1 last fall. While earlier this spring The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Drought Monitor map at <http://drought.unl.edu/dm/> classified our region of Minnesota as one of "severe drought," as of the Memorial Day weekend our classification was "moderate drought."

Gail Becher's Phenology Calendar on Page 6 records Ten Mile ice-out on April 24. Ice-out last year was on April 25th, and in 2002 on April 24th.

In October the DNR published the final version of its two-year study of the Ten Mile-Boy River-Birch Lake-Birch Lake Dam-Pleasant Lake hydrology and hydraulics. As expected, the DNR recommends that a new, fixed weir control structure be installed on the Birch Lake dam's existing sill. To date the County has not taken action on the DNR recommendation.

THE LOON JOURNAL

by Kim Moe, Loon Committee

EVEN LOONS CAN BE BAD PARENTS

Last summer, on Flower Pot Bay, we had a successful nesting pair of loons. They used the platform that Dave Beyer and Bob Moe maintain each spring and fall. The usual nesting routine of the male and female taking turns sitting on the eggs did result in two chicks. The chicks were hatched on June 7, 2004, after a 29 day incubation period.

With our scope we were able to observe the nest activity. Once both chicks had dried off they plopped off the platform, into the water. They swam around and around the platform. We didn't observe any bonding or feeding by either adult loon. Both adult loons swam off toward the center of the bay, leaving the two tiny vulnerable chicks alone. The chicks could be heard peeping as they swam around near the platform. We were frustrated but realized nature can be strange. . .

After about 45 minutes, the parents both returned to the nesting area or "nursery". The chicks swam to the parents and followed them out of flower pot bay to the big part of the lake. This was the last we saw of the two chicks.

The two adult loons did return to the nest and even sat on it again 2 or 3 times, then left it for good. When the nest had been abandoned for three days, we canoed over to have a look. The eggshells and membranes remained on the nest. Usually these are quickly disposed of right after the chicks hatch so as to help keep predators from smelling them.

This is nature taking its course . . . something we don't always understand or agree with.

AND NOW, SOME RULES:

If you have a loon nesting area near by —

- Observe loons from a distance of several hundred yards
- Do not fish, canoe or boat in areas where loons are nesting or feeding
- If a loon acts disturbed when you are nearby- it is trying to tell you to move away
- Respect "keep out" signs near the nests
- Do not disturb or chase a family. This exhausts the chicks and parents and makes them vulnerable to predators
- Educate others about protecting loons on our lake
- Deal with any loon harassment you observe by informing the people, educating them. And if that does not work, document: what you saw, date, time, boat license number, location. Then get other witnesses and call a game warden.

Since loons tend to return to the same lakes and nesting areas each year, we can protect them now and expect to enjoy them as neighbors in the years to come!

Note: The Loon Committee believes that there are five nesting pairs of loons on the lake this spring: In Long Bay; near the Boy River; in Flower Pot Bay; and on both sides of the causeway to Angel Island. The pair in Flower Pot Bay is being harassed by eagles, so chicks may have a difficult time surviving.

GET RID OF LEAD TACKLE *By Jim Schwartz, Environment and Ecology Committee*

IS LEAD FISHING TACKLE on the edge of becoming outlawed? Well, maybe. The detrimental effects of lead tackle on certain wildlife species are widely known. A Canadian report, for example, asserts that ingested lead jigs and sinkers are the single most important cause of death for adult common loons in eastern Canada and the U.S. According to the report, a single lead jig or sinker is enough to expose a loon or other bird to a lethal dosage. Now Canada's Minister of the environment is said to be considering a ban on the sale and use of lead fishing tackle there. Regardless of what happens in Canada, those of us who fish and are concerned about the welfare of loons and diving ducks can take matters into our own hands: stock up on

alternatives and discard lead tackle (safely!). A great opportunity for participating in such an exchange will present itself in the area:

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| June 18 | Bemidji, Gander Mountain
2 p.m. to 7 p.m. |
| July 17 | Baxter, Reed's Sporting Goods
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. |
| July 22 | Walker, Reed's Sporting Goods
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. |

Swanson's Bait and Tackle in Hackensack stocks some alternatives to lead tackle as well.

From the Notebook

By Jim Schwartz

TONI AND I ARRIVED April 22, the day before ice-out and just in time for the annual spring songbird and waterfowl migration. Many species of warblers greeted us, as did our usual bird and ground feeder guests: chickadees, purple finches and goldfinches, chipping sparrows, rose-breasted grosbeaks, downy woodpeckers, juncoes, Harris' and white-crowned sparrows, red- and white-breasted nuthatches, Baltimore orioles, American redstarts, scarlet tanagers, and more. Mindful as we are of studies indicating declines in songbird numbers, it was reassuring to have so many of our friends pay us a visit.

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NOT SO IN THE CASE of waterfowl. We are accustomed to seeing large numbers of migrators, rafting out in the middle of the lake as they rest before moving on. We saw none of that this year. No scaup, no bufflehead, and only a smattering of species that may or may not stick around to nest: goldeneye, wood ducks, mallards. The merganser family, on the other hand, appears to be secure. We did have a pair of hooded mergansers take up residence in one of our nesting boxes. Whether they tough it out remains to be seen.

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FOR MANY YEARS, Toni and I have been tracking the spring appearance at Ten Mile of the ruby-throated hummingbird. Almost always, a male will visit our feeder on May 10. I say "almost" because on occasion the sighting will be May 9 or 11, never before or after. This year we had to be in the Cities May 10, but Gail Becher reported the long-distance flier showed up right on schedule. We returned to the lake May 14, and sure enough, a hummer was at our feeder the next morning. In a few days, the females appeared, courting began, and the summer nesting ritual was under way.

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ALTHOUGH THE RUBY-THROATED hummingbird is typical of our area, there are 320 known species, 16 native to the U.S. and all found only in the Americas. Hummingbirds are well-known by birders for their feisty behavior. In fact, one biologist/ornithologist is purported to have said: "... if hummingbirds were the size of hawks, we'd all run around in fear of our lives."

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WE ALL KNOW THAT bird watching is an immensely popular pastime. How dedicated to this pursuit can bird watchers be? The rare appearance of a stripe-headed tanager in Florida this January offers a case in point. The tanager was spotted on Friday. On Sunday, about 95 people arrived at the park hoping for a glimpse. A Pittsburgh man heard about it and was on a jet the next day, saw the bird, and flew back home. A Tampa man drove down, returned home after failing to see it, then came back down after he heard the bird was still there. A woman left her winter home in Okeechobee to add the tanager to her lifelong list of 755 bird species. And so it went. The Florida news came my way from Fran Brandt, a Ten Mile neighbor who winters on the Keys.

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MOTHER EARTH HAS BEEN and will continue to be hostess to an unending procession of disasters, natural and man-made. In modern times the Chernobyl meltdown, the Mt. St. Helens and other volcanic eruptions, plus any number of horrific earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods come to mind. The biggies though, occurred millions of years ago, catastrophes that destroyed large chunks of the earth's life forms. Scientists have identified five extinction events: the Ordovician, 440 million year ago, wiped out two-thirds of all species; the Devonian, 360 million years ago, 50 percent; the Permian-Triassic, 250 million years ago, 90 percent; and the Cretaceous-Tertiary, 65 million years ago, the dinosaurs and 50 percent of all other species. Amazingly, the resilient Earth has always recovered, at least so far. Now, scientists are beginning to talk about the possibility of still another mass extinction, this one man-made (climate change). A number of studies in Great Britain documented sharp declines and even extinctions in some bird, butterfly, and native plant species. According to an article in *Science*, the findings strengthen the hypothesis shared by many scientists that: "the biological world is approaching the sixth major extinction event in history."

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RESEARCH OUT OF GEORGIA provides convincing evidence that buffer zones composed of trees and native plants effectively remove nitrogen and phosphorous from the soil. The data measured decreases of 60 percent to 65 percent. The study validates recommendations for leaving shore areas as natural as possible, or, where necessary, planting native trees, shrubs, and grasses to create a buffer zone. Any measure that prevents nutrients from seeping into the lake will reduce algae concentrations and improve water quality. Easy to do, attractive, and it works!

WATERSHED COORDINATOR'S REPORT, SPRING, 2004

TMLA's Watershed Coordinator, John Alden, reported the following items to the Board of Directors:

- ◆ **THE HYDROLOGICAL STUDY OF THE UPPER BOY RIVER AND THE TEN MILE LAKE WATERSHED** — This project, supported by grant funding from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Mississippi Headwaters Board, is complete; 90 percent of the funding has been received and spent. John is working with several entities to document the work accomplished, after which the remaining funding will be turned over to TMLA. These funds will reimburse the Association for expenses in support of the study. The Study, in essence, indicates that the Upper Boy River is in good shape, both as to flow and water quality.
- ◆ **JOINT POWERS GROUP PROJECT** — John is working with a new joint-powers group comprised of 11 townships, including the four townships surrounding Ten Mile Lake. This group will be trying to develop a new local classification system for lakes within their borders. They will consider such indicators as

depth of lake, ratio of shoreline footage to surface area of the lake, shoreland vegetation, spawning areas, and water quality indicators. Townships have the authority to regulate surface water use on lakes, and may want to develop more restrictive surface water controls for environmentally sensitive lakes.

- ◆ **GOVERNOR'S WATER INITIATIVE** — At the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Conference in April, attended by John, the Commissioners of the Department of Natural Resources and the Pollution Control Agency described water quality initiatives in Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Aitkin, and Itasca Counties. They indicated that shoreland rules and regulations will be updated to give local governments more options in making land use decisions. These new options will be provided to county governments to accept, reject or alter. This regional initiative is called the North Central Lakes Pilot Project. John will serve on a committee formed to provide guidance on the project.

PHENOLOGY* CALENDAR *by Gail Becher, E & E Committee*

Here are Phenological highlights of this past year. Don't forget to send your observations to: Gail Becher, c/o Ten Mile Lake Association, Inc., P.O. Box 412, Hackensack, MN 56452, so they can be included in upcoming calendars.

October:

- 2nd 20 degree nighttime temperature
- 4th 5 juvenile loons in Long Bay
- 8th Mid 80's during day, dramatic leaf color change- reds & chartreuses turn to golds and rusts
- 9th Huge flocks of blackbirds stop on migration
- 10th 75% to 80% of leaves have fallen and slate juncos return

November:

- 23rd 10 inches of fresh snowfall, 1st accumulation of winter

December:

- 2nd Black ice across the lake from north shore outwards, open still in mid-lake
- 3rd Evening grosbeaks return to feeders
- 12th Total Ice on lake

January:

- 2nd Minus 43 degree morning temperature with minus 63 degree windchills

February:

- 13th 36 degrees above zero, warm and balmy
- 15th Minus 24 deg., a real change in temperature
- 17th Flocks of ravens feed on deer carcasses along 50
Ravens enjoy periods of acrobatic flight
- 18th Willow bark taking on more green color

March:

- 22nd Robins return, pussytoes in bloom
- 25th First thunderstorm of 2004
- 26th Juncos return, chipmunks out of hibernation
- 28th Four blue herons fly over North shore
- 31st Two loons and three swans fly over North shore

April:

- 1st Red-winged blackbirds return
- 24th Total Ice off lake
- 26th Bluebirds seen along County 50
- 27th 31 degrees at 5 a.m.
- 28th 91 degrees at 2 p.m.

May:

- 4th Midge hatch begins
- 10th Hummingbirds return
- 11th Large Flowered-Bellwort and Rue-Anemone in bloom
- 12th Orioles, rose-breasted grosbeaks, and scarlet tanagers coming to feeders
- 13th Trillium in bloom
- 18th Caspian Tern dive fishing in Flower Pot Bay
- 25th American redstarts, Cape May warblers, Blackburnian warblers, yellow warblers, yellow-rumped warblers, blackpoll warblers, ruby crowned kinglets in prolific numbers feeding along north shore shrubs & trees, an amazing sight!

* *Phenology: Study of relationship between climate and periodic biological phenomena.*

RECYCLING DO'S AND DON'TS

An article by Gail DeBoer in the May 6 Walker *Pilot-Independent* has lots of useful information about recycling. Here are some of the OK and NOT OK items in the various categories:

1) Glass Containers

OK: Glass bottles or containers of all colors. May have labels.

Broken window glass and ceramics

NOT OK: Caps or lids on bottles

Auto glass

Light bulbs

2) Commingled Plastic, Aluminum, and Steel (tin) Cans

OK: Plastic bottles with necks, that have a recycling triangle with either a number 1 or 2 inside the triangle. Sometimes the words PETE or HDPE are printed below the triangle. Both are OK. Labels are OK.

Aluminum and steel cans

NOT OK: Styrofoam, plastic toys, plastic bags, garden hose, PVC pipe

Caps on plastic bottles

Motor oil containers

3) Fibers

OK: Corrugated cardboard (flattened)

Newspapers (loose)

Office paper (must be bagged in brown paper bags)

Magazines and catalogs, including glossy newspaper inserts

NOT OK Cereal boxes

Beverage cartons

Hiway 371, or to one of the following transfer sites:

- Walker-Hackensack Transfer Site on Highway 371, 2 miles north of Hackensack;
- Slagle's Demolition Debris and Transfer Site, on Cass County 7, 5 miles east of Longville
- May Township Transfer Site, 2.5 miles west of the junction of Cass County 1 and 34.
- Crooked Lake Township Transfer Site, Town Hall, .5 miles north of Outing on Highway 6.
- Leech Lake Band, Solid Waste Transfer Site, 2.5 miles south of Cass Lake on Highway 371.

Note: Transfer sites will accept recyclables as listed above, but **RECYCLING BINS ARE NOT FOR GARBAGE!**

- ◆ **Used Fluorescent light Bulbs** — do not go into recycling bins. However, both Walker Ace Hardware/Radio Shack and Walker True Value Hardware will take your used fluorescent bulbs for free. Just take them into the store.
- ◆ **Light Bulbs, Waste Oil, Oil Filters** — do not go into recycling bins, but can be brought free by County residents to any of the transfer sites
- ◆ **Old Paint and Hazardous Chemicals** — are accepted only at the Pine River Transfer Station, and only by appointment. Call 218-587-7287, or 888-910-2425, extension 1.
- ◆ **Tires** — Residents may bring four per month to the Pine River Transfer Station at no charge
- ◆ **Household Appliances** — Residents may bring one per month to the Pine River Transfer Station at no charge.

Brochures listing proper recycling and disposal practices are available at the Environmental Services Department Desk in the Cass County Government Building. Information is also available online at www.co.cass.mn.us. Go to "Departments" and then to Environmental Services, or go to the sidebar and choose "Garbage and Recycling."

WHAT ABOUT SOME OF THE PROBLEM ITEMS?

- ◆ **Garbage** — does not go to recycling bin sites! Garbage should be taken to Cass County's main transfer station two miles north of Pine River on

THE HISTORY PAGE

IN REMEMBRANCE — DOUGLAS KOHL

By Tom Cox, with assistance from Dave Brandt, Jim Kohl, John Bryngelson and Fritz Kilander

For a number of Ten Mile's long-time south shore residents, many happy memories are of Doug Kohl, who died last October of pancreatic cancer. He was 79. (Doug's obituary can be found on page 11.)

Doug arrived at Ten Mile in 1940 as a teenager when his parents, Wes and Amy Kohl, purchased a cabin at the Shady Shores development just east of the former Camp Hillaway.

It was also in 1940, when I was five, that my family first visited Ten Mile, renting a cabin at Fernhurst, just west of Hillaway. Soon I was old enough to take delighted notice of the little hydroplane — "Bug," Doug called it — that on calm mornings often came zipping by our dock. One day I was thrilled to have the Bug turn my way, buzz in and stop. That was Doug's and my first meeting (he would have been about 20). Hardly had we said hello than he offered me a ride. Of course, I accepted. Off we roared, skimming over the water at what seemed like lightning speed (sans life jacket — no one seemed to worry about them much in those days). So began one of the most influential friendships of my childhood.

As it happened, my parents, Harold and Virginia Cox, were close friends of Larry and June Bryngelson, near neighbors of the Kohls and next-door neighbors to George and Gertrude Brandt, whose son, Dave was a good friend of Doug's. When we visited the Bryngelson's, I often hung around the Brandt boat house watching Dave and Doug work on one of their boat-related projects.

In those days, there was a sign on the outside of the boathouse:

BRANDT-KOHL BOATWORKS —
SPEEDBOAT RIDES, 25 CENTS EACH.

One of Doug's boats was a beautiful wooden 12-foot Larson runabout powered by a "war surplus" 22-horsepower Johnson outboard, the same motor, I believe, that powered Bug I (and its successor, Bug II). I recall thrilling rides in that boat. (I don't recall ever having anteed up the 25 cents.) Doug would drive at speed (probably 21 mph) and then suddenly make a sharp turn, so that the gunnel I was sitting against dipped below the wake. I was thrilled and frightened by those high-speed turns, but Doug assured me that we wouldn't capsize.

Quite a few of us along the south shore learned to water ski behind Doug's runabout. According to Dave, Doug may have had Ten Mile's first water skis. He made them himself by shaping a plain board and then gluing, screwing and bracing a short board on the front to form the tip. The "shoes" were an

old pair of moccasins nailed on the boards. They didn't really hold one's feet in very well, but they were safe, because one's feet would slip out quite readily in a fall. Doug could drop one ski and ski on just the other, on which he nailed another moccasin behind the first one. He also built a single ski about 15 inches wide and only 4 feet long with two moccasins side by side. He made the front of the ski by gluing multiple layers of three-quarter inch boards together and then planing them to a nice curve.

I was intensely interested in "Bug I" and "Bug II." When I was about 12, Doug offered to design a "bug" for me. The idea was that I was going to build it myself, but in fact in the summer of '47 or '48 Doug spent a great deal of time under the white pine in front of our cabin with me and my Dad working on that boat. It was really Doug who built it more than we. In later years my sons Geoff and Dave and I went on to build two hydroplanes. But it was Doug who first inspired my interest in boats with his Bug I and Bug II back in the mid-forties.

In time, Doug's interest shifted from power boating to sailing. Dave Brandt recalls that after Doug began to concentrate on catamarans in the early 70's, he never ran his runabout again. He gave his motor to Bill Rumpel, a young neighbor, and helped Bill build a hydroplane for it. Meanwhile, Doug hauled his boat into the woods where it lay for about 20 years. About 10 years ago, Doug let Dave remove some of the hardware. Then Doug took a big saw and cut the boat up into pieces about two feet long and took them to the landfill. "Why he didn't sell the boat in the beginning is a mystery."

Doug's first catamaran, of his own design, was, as Dave describes it, "a heavy old monster made of Masonite." I remember being impressed that he could design and build such a craft, which was stable and swift, and sailed circles around the C boats on the lake. I'll never forget the moonlight cruise on which Doug took me and my wife, Sarah, when we were on our honeymoon at Ten Mile in 1960.

Since his shoreline was rocky and steep, to store his catamaran Doug built a tall wooden A-frame anchored in a concrete foundation at the water's edge. Dave recalls that with a big winch, Doug would swing the A-frame out, hook the catamaran to it and winch up the frame and with it the boat until the frame was vertical. The boat simply hung there in the air, safe from winds and waves.

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Doug got rid of his first cat one winter by dragging it out on the ice and setting it on fire (no longer an environmental "best practice"!). Eventually Doug bought commercially made NACRA catamarans, and for those he built a wooden ramp on which to secure them.

Doug's sailing wasn't limited to Ten Mile. According to his son, Jim, "The big deal was the Lake of the Woods International Sailing Regatta. . . . The race would start at Kenora, Canada and last a week with 5 days of racing 20-30 miles per day." In 1967, Doug and his daughter, Nancy, sailed in the Regatta, but the results are unknown. Then, in 1970, Doug and Jim sailed to first place with 69 boats in the race. "The boat was the *Bug IV*, designating the fourth major incarnation of Doug's always evolving catamaran."

In those "early" days, it wasn't uncommon for the young people to gather for evening parties on the east shore. Though I was ten years his junior, Doug would sometimes offer to pick me up in his runabout. I remember his bringing me back across the water late at night, under a starlit sky, with lighting flashing on the far horizon, and wondering whether I'd arrive home safe and sound. I always did. Doug, following in the footsteps of this educator-musician-father, was also a keyboardist. I remember his wonderful riffs on the Hammond at gatherings in his cabin.

In 1960, John Bryngelson moved from his family's south shore cabin to his own cabin on the north shore. Last fall, John wrote: "My memories of Doug go back to my teenage years at Ten Mile Lake. Doug and his friend, Dave Brandt, taught me how to water ski and gave me many superb rides behind their speedboats. It was always a treat when Doug would come walking down the front path by the lake and could be enticed in to my parents' cabin. He was knowledgeable about so many subjects and conveyed it in such a gentle and kind way."

Later last fall John shared another memory: "... (Doug) was known as the 'Ten Mile Lake Monster' to my kids. When we would come across the lake to visit my parents and slowed down as we approached their dock, if Doug was in the water he would scare my kids by thrashing around in the lake and shouting that he was the Ten Mile Lake Monster. ..."

About Doug's marriage, Dave Brandt recalls that Doug and Marian eloped and were married in Iowa in The Little Brown Church in the Vale, with Dave serving as Doug's best man.

In 1980, Doug met long-time Ten Mile resident Fritz Kilander. Fritz wrote to me in February:

On Ten Mile Lake having fun, out playing with the wind in a Hobie Cat one day in the summer of 1980; when out of nowhere a big white Catamaran flew by me like if I was standing still.

It was long and wide with "5.5" on the sides.

This was my introduction to Doug Kohl and his sailboat and the start of a one-of-a-kind friendship.

Nineteen years later, in May, 1999, Doug wrote to Fritz:

Hi Fritz,

Hope the winter went well for you. I put my dock in the lake at the end of April thinking that the lake level wouldn't rise until June when we usually have a lot of rain! So, I rushed up there last Thursday and put 100# of weight on the end so the whitecaps from the northwest wind wouldn't damage anything.

I'm writing to you to know if you would like another catamaran to add to your beach! My dermatologist has recommended that I stay out of the sun...that sun block just won't do. So reluctantly, I must give up sailing.

The NACRA 5.5 has seats and is not fitted for trapezes. The trampoline is in good shape. The sail is used, of course, but is in good shape.

If you think you might be interested, go over and take a look. The mast is up and rigged so it is ready to go. Of course, if you want it, we could sail it over to your place. It is designed to be a single handed boat but it works well with two people. I won't set a price; I'd consider it a gift, if you want it. I'd like someone, such as yourself, who likes the thrill of sailing a cat to have the boat."

Then, in July of that same summer, Doug wrote again:

I've enclosed a little history of the 5.5. I borrowed a trailer to haul the boat (in boxes) to Ten Mile and when I returned the trailer the dealer's place was surrounded by police . . . they had gone out of business. I almost lost my investment. . . . If I had been a day later . . .

I do have a favor to request from you. A little later in August I'd appreciate you to tow my rowing boat over to your place and let me store it over winter.

I'll get in touch the next time I'm at the cabin.

Doug never again sailed his beloved catamaran; he never retrieved his rowboat, and thus made a gift of it, as well, to Fritz.

I was deeply saddened when Dave Brandt alerted me to Doug's death last fall. For many years Doug and his family were a gracious presence on Ten Mile, and Doug himself was a profound and beloved influence in the lives of many of us now older folks who were fortunate in the "early years" to have summered on the south shore and to have counted Doug Kohl as our neighbor and friend.

REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

Helen Anderson

Helen Anderson passed away on February 12, 2004, at the age of 93. Her daughter, Ann Lee Zalk, says of her, "Her laugh would dance across the waves and to the ears of sleeping children. The merry voice is silenced, but memories of Helen Anderson remain."

Helen, the wife of Dr. David Anderson, lived for over 50 summers in the pine grove on the southeast shore of Ten Mile Lake. Johnson, Lane, Crabb, Garbisch, Richardson, and Anderson children all learned to water ski thanks to Helen's efforts. She provided an endless supply of watermelon on warm days and popcorn on rainy ones. Loons, woodpeckers, and bald eagles were a source of joy to her in her later years.

Her children, Ann-Lee (Bob) Zalk and Jane Greco will continue to marvel at the sunrises and sunsets and will share their beauty with Helen's grandchildren: Jessica Greco and Jordan, Amy (Matthew) Larson and Nathan, Dmika (Billy) Park, and Jenna (Peter) Berendzen.

The family thanks the families of Blueberry Beach as well as assorted Brandts and Siquelands for over a half-century of joy on these shores.

(Information from Ann-Lee Zalk.)

John Hillis Anderson

John Hillis Anderson, 74, of Hackensack, MN died Friday, March 19, 2004 at Woodrest Nursing Home in Walker, MN. John was born April 21, 1928 in Wenatchae, WA to Hillis and Mary (Battey) Anderson. Before he was one year old, his family relocated to Wells, MN where he graduated from high school. He worked with his father in the dairy business for several years, then went into flying, and attended flight school in Albert Lea, MN, Ardmore, OK, and Phoenix, AZ.

John married Lois Woock on September 18, 1955, in Hackensack. The couple made their home in Wells for several years before moving to Hackensack, where he was employed with his father-in-law in the family construction business. His greatest enjoyment in life was flying, and he started his own flying service, Anderson Aviation, out of the Longville Airport. Later he became a self-taught gunsmith and operated a gun sales and repair business until retirement. He also loved the outdoors and all types of hunting and fishing.

John is survived by his wife, Lois, of Hackensack; three children, Craig (Maxine) and Lynnette (Bill) Cook,

both of Milford, IA, and Michael (Melissa) of Hackensack; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, David (Shirley) of Sedona, AZ; one sister, Mary Lou Howland of Mayer, AZ; a brother-in-law, Burton Woock and aunt, Margery Woock, both of Hackensack; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, and two nephews. A funeral service was held March 23 at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack, the Rev. Michael Small officiating. Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association or the Union Congregation Church College Scholarship Fund.

(Information taken from the Walker Pilot-Independent, March 25, 2004.)

Pauline I. Bagenstos

Pauline I. Bagenstos, 83, died Sunday, November 9, 2003 at the Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake. Pauline was born Jan. 6, 1920, in LaPorte City, Benton County, Iowa, the daughter of Earl S. and Catherine (Wilson) Young. She graduated from LaPorte City High School in 1938 and attended business college in Waterloo. Pauline married Earle Bagenstos March 9, 1944, in San Antonio, TX. Pauline and her husband owned the Watertower Paint & Repair Co. where she was the stenographer and bookkeeper for five years. She enjoyed fishing and hunting with her husband and loved nature, as well as traveling. Pauline was an active member of P.E.O. Chapter LE, 21st Century Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Clear Lake Women's Club, and the Clear Lake Christian Women's Club. She was also a 50-year member of Thistle Rebekah Lodge. Pauline was a current member of the First Congregational Church in Clear Lake.

Her funeral service was held at the First Congregational Church of Clear Lake, the Rev. Thomas Healey officiating. Burial was in the Clear Lake Cemetery. The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be given to the First Congregational Church, Clear Lake, Iowa, to Union Congregational Church, Hackensack, Minn., or to Hospice of North Iowa in her memory.

(Information from the Mason City Globe Gazette, Mason City, Iowa.)

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Richard W. Carson

Richard W. Carson, age 63, son-in-law of Josephine Major, passed away suddenly October 8, 2002 in Kettering, OH. He was preceded in death by his mother, Beth Lacy Carson. He is survived by his father, Gordon; his wife, Pat; his daughter, Mary Beth Schell; and two sons, Douglass (Katrina) and Joseph (Kandice) Carson. He is also survived by five grandchildren, and by three sisters, Emily Duggus, Alice Allman, and Jeanne Gable.

Richard was an active member of St. Francis and St. George Episcopal Churches, and was an Ombudsman Specialist for the Joint Office of Citizen Complaint.

A memorial service was held October 13, 2003 at St. George Episcopal Church in Dayton, Ohio, the Rev. Carol Hull officiating.

(Information provided by Katrina Carson.)

Gerald G. Horn

Gerald G. Horn passed away from a sudden heart attack on February 24, 2004. "Jer" was born in Minneapolis, Mn. on August 15, 1940. He graduated from South High School in Minneapolis and went to work for Sears and Roebuck for almost 30 years before retiring in the fall of 1992.

He married Kim (Elraye) Anderson in 1960 and they spent 44 wonderful years together. They especially enjoyed their annual vacations together in Hawaii.

Jer started coming to Ten Mile when his grandparents built their retirement home on Ten Mile in 1945. He loved the time he spent at Ten Mile with his family. He was an avid walleye fisherman and could regale you about how big that one was that got away. He also loved that "cow pasture" game called golf. He, his brothers, nephews and family friends had a lot of good times on the golf course. One of Jer's greatest joys was bringing his grandsons to Ten Mile to fish and camp out. Jer is survived by his wife Kim; a son, David (Sherry); two daughters Heidi and Sherri; and four grandsons, Zach, Blake, Logan, and Justin. He is also survived by three brothers, Dick, Bob and Art, Jr. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Ragnhild. Service was held at Lakewood Cemetery Chapel, Minneapolis, Mn. on March 2, 2004. Internment was also at Lakewood Cemetery.

Jer was a giving person, who will be remembered for his love of humor and his big heart. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

(Information from Gerald's brother, Robert Horn.)

Douglas A. Kohl

Douglas A. Kohl, age 79, of Osseo, MN, died October 17, 2003. He was preceded in death by his parents, Amy and Wes Kohl and by his sister, Dorothy Prince. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Marian; a daughter, Nancy Kohl; a son, Jim (Jan) Kohl, and other relatives and friends. A memorial service was held October 22 at Brooklyn United Methodist Church, Brooklyn Center.

Doug graduated from the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1950. After a 15-year career in applied science, he left the industry and established the Electronics Technician program at Anoka-Hennepin Technical College, then chaired the department for 20 years. He was a 50-year member of the Winslow Lewis Masonic Lodge #125 and belonged to QCWA, where he served as treasurer for many years. Doug was a veteran of World War II, where he served in the South Pacific with the 233rd Combat Engineers. He was a Boy Scout leader for many years, and an active member of Brooklyn United Methodist Church.

(Information obtained from the Minneapolis Star Tribune, October 19-20, 2003. Note: The History Page offers a remembrance of Doug Kohl written by Tom Cox.)

James J. Kuehl

James J. "Jimmy" Kuehl, age 63, of Lamberton, MN, died Sunday, October 13, 2002, at Springfield Medical Center in Springfield, MN. He was formerly a resident of the South Shore of Ten Mile Lake.

Jim was born March 10, 1939, the son of Theodore (T.E.) And Gertrude (Anthonisen) Kuehl. He graduated from Lamberton High School in 1957 and attended the Minnesota School of Business. He worked at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Lamberton from 1958 to 1973, with time out to serve in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He owned and operated Kuehl's Clothing and Dry Cleaning for 15 years; then he became an over-the-road truck driver until December 2001, when he was diagnosed with cancer.

Jim married Judith Luttmann on April 26, 1959 at Sharon Lutheran Church in Lamberton. Jim was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lamberton and the Andrew Peterson American Legion Post #41.

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He enjoyed visiting with everyone he met, fishing, hunting, and driving his semi. He especially enjoyed his four grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife, Judith, of Lambertton; two sons, Jeff (Nichole) of Lady Smith, WI, and Johathan, of Owatonna; four grandchildren; brothers and sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

(Information was provided by Ann Lee Zalk.)

Brian C. Miller

Brian C. Miller, age 68, passed away June 13, 2003, from pancreatic cancer. Brian graduated from the Milwaukee School of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. He also received a Master's Degree from Fairleigh-Dickenson University and many credits towards a Ph.D. in engineering. He was employed with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command's Research Development and Engineering Center at Fort Monmouth, NJ. He served in the government for 37 years, retiring in January, 1995. The majority of his career was dedicated to advancing electronic warfare technology for the Army. The equipment and techniques developed by his group are now commonplace throughout the Army.

Brian started coming to Ten Mile Lake as a young lad in 1942, with his parents, Dorothy and Claude Miller, his grandparents, Helen and Eugene Frith, his brother Jim (now M.D.), and his sister, Carol Divertie. They drove from Waterloo, IA and loved their vacations on TML, enjoying fishing, boating, and especially waterskiing. The parents frequently described the trip to Hackensack one year when the car was heavily packed with crib and other items for the baby, Jim. The car broke down near Hackensack, because a Waterloo mechanic had not properly greased the rear axle. Everything had to be unpacked so repairs could be made. They were undeterred, and continued to come to TML every summer.

In 1954 Brian brought his fiancée, Shirley to introduce her to TML; they married in 1958. In 1985 they purchased the cabin on County Road #50 from Brian's parents, and continued to enjoy annual visits to the lake and their many wonderful friends here. Shirley particularly remembers a fishing trip to Portage Lake with Brian and his father. They caught a 36-inch Northern Pike; very impressed with themselves, they had the fish mounted by a local taxidermist, to be shipped to them in New Jersey. The fish became lost in the shipping process, and finally arrived at the Manhattan Bus Terminal in New York City. After a trip

to NYC to pick up the fish, they opened the crate and the fish's head was broken off. They had to visit the taxidermist again, but still the fish still hangs in the family room in New Jersey.

(Information provided by Dorothy Miller.)

Kathryn Mary "Kay" Pauly

Kathryn Mary "Kay" Pauly, age 90, died in April, 2004. Kay was a longtime resident of Chanhassen and lifetime summer resident of Ten Mile Lake in Hackensack, MN. She had been a longtime active member of St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Chanhassen, and a lifetime member and past president of the Chanhassen American Legion Auxiliary. Kay had a great love for the piano, animals & birds, gardening, and fishing, and was a great cook.

Kay is survived by husband, Willard H. "Dutch" Pauly; children, Connie (David) Goetze of Baxter, Steven (Dorothy "Dolly") Pauly of Hackensack, Tom (Lynn) Pauly of Chanhassen, Mary (Duane) Goetze of Carver; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, April 16, 2004 at St. Hubert Catholic Church, Chanhassen, with interment at St. Hubert Catholic Cemetery, Chanhassen. Memorials may be made to St. Hubert Catholic Church or Auburn Manor Care Center of Chaska.

Kay had been a summer resident of Ten Mile Lake since her parents, William and Chris Ivers, purchased the property jointly with William and Clara Lothimer in 1919. William Ivers was an employee of the M & St. L Railroad and Kay and her brother Tom, along with their mother, rode the train to Hackensack most summers. It has been told that they rowed a boat across Ten Mile to Lundstrom's Bay, where their cabin was located. Having no transportation of their own, they relied on the residents of the lake to assist them in getting groceries, ice, etc. They walked through the woods to get milk from cows raised by the Deer family. They also raised chickens and took care of a huge garden. Kay and Tom became avid swimmers and often swam across to the point we call Red Sand Point, with their mother following them in her row boat. At one point two cabins were built which they rented out for the season. This was a short term venture and the cabins have since been destroyed. Kay and Tom also became successful fishermen. A lot of their time was spent catching every kind of fish imaginable. Their mother knew the whereabouts of every fishing hole in Ten Mile, including the location of the sunken island.

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Kay's father passed away in 1932 when Kay was 18 and after that time the property was not often used. In 1940 Kay married Willard (Dutch) Pauly. In the 40's Chris listed her portion of the property for sale but was unsuccessful in finding a buyer. During this period Kay, Dutch, and children spent some time at the cabin during the summers. Kay and Dutch made an offer to Grandma Ivers and became owners of the property. After long years of use the old cabin no longer met the needs of the growing family and multitude of friends that spent time there in the summer. In 1958 a new cabin was built with running water, a bathroom, and all the conveniences; it continues in use today. Five generations of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have all learned to swim, fish, and enjoy Ten Mile Lake. While Kay was in the nursing home during her last years she always had a smile on her face when looking at the picture of Ten Mile Lake, site of her most special memories. She has left a legacy of memories and experiences for which friends and family offer grateful thanks.

(Information from the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, and from Kay's daughter, Connie Goetze.)



Mary Ann Schmidt

Mary Ann Schmidt, 75, of Hackensack, MN and formerly of Ames, Iowa, died unexpectedly Thursday, October 23, 2003 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Park Rapids, following a fall in her home.

She was born October 9, 1928 in Ames Iowa, to H.L. "Lafe" and Florence (Storms) Young. She attended public schools in Ames, but graduated from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, Iowa, with the class of 1946. She attended Iowa State University in Ames where she studied home economics, and earned her bachelor's degree in 1950. She married Malcolm Schmidt in Des Moines on August 19, 1951. She dedicated herself to homemaking and raising her three children. She returned to Iowa State University in the mid 1970s where she earned her master's degree in education. She worked as a teacher and guidance counselor and went on to become Dean of Students at Ames High School until her retirement in the early 1990s. Upon retirement she moved to Ten Mile Lake near Hackensack.

Mary Ann had first come to the lake when she was one year old, and never missed a summer after that. The original family cabin at the NW corner of the lake was called "The Knoll," after the president's residence at Iowa State University; her father was the president there at one time. ("The Knoll" is now the Becher family home.)

Mary Ann was active in PEO and was a participant in several local bridge clubs, the Ten Mile Lake Association, the Tianna Women's Golf League in Walker, and the Union Congregational Church in Hackensack.

She is survived by her long-time companion, Karl Reuland of Hackensack; two daughters: Sarah Schmidt of Hackensack and Susan (Dan Krivit) of St. Paul; one son, Steve (Melissa) of Olathe, Kansas; four grandchildren: Christopher and Michael of Olathe and Joe and Jenna of St. Paul; two sisters: Gretchen Bush of Las Vegas, NM and Norma Becher of Bellbrook, OH; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held October 28 at Union Congregational Church, the Rev. Michael Small officiating. A memorial fund has been established at the church in her name.

(Information from the Walker Pilot Independent, October 30, 2003.)



Frederick Norman Shrimpton

Frederick Norman Shrimpton, 80, of Hackensack, MN died Wednesday, March 17, 2004. He was born in Minneapolis on April 28, 1923 to Charles and Elizabeth Shrimpton. He served during World War II as a U.S. Navy meteorologist, from 1942 to 1946. He graduated from Brown Institute for radio and then from the University of Minnesota in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in speech and theater. He married Priscilla Indall on August 12, 1950 at Breckenridge Lutheran Church.

Fred started his radio career with station KROX in Crookston, MN. In 1956 he changed careers, splitting his time between being an assistant hospital administrator and legislative lobbyist for the University of Minnesota, Crookston. In 1960, the family moved to Benson, where he was the hospital administrator. He held the same position in Glencoe, Keokuk IA, and Park Rapids. He was a member and former president of the Minnesota Association of Hospital Administrators and the American College of Hospital Administrators.

In 1994, the couple retired to their cabin on Ten Mile Lake. A staunch supporter of the community, he was active in numerous service organizations. For many years, he belonged to Rotary, Toastmasters, National Exchange Club, Lions, and Kiwanis, often serving as an officer.

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His faith in God was prevalent in all activities. At Hope Lutheran Church in Walker he served regularly as a lector and usher. A true harmonizer, he loved to sing and was a devoted member of his church choir and barbershoppers. He was involved in the community through volunteer work and supported multiple charities and the arts.

Fred was known as a true gentleman who cared for everyone around him, bringing a smile to all with his distinctive wit, humor, and story-telling.

Fred is survived by his wife, Priscilla; two daughters, Pamela Littlefield of Muskogee, OK and Suzanne (Randy) Skaare of Issaquah, WA; a son, Scott, of Grand Rapids, MN; seven grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. The family expects to have a memorial service during the summer.

(Information from the Walker *Pilot-Independent*, April 1, 2004.)

John F. Vilipski

John F Vilipski, 87, of Edina, MN and longtime seasonal resident of Ten Mile Lake, passed away peacefully on October 7th, 2003. Services were held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Edina and burial was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

John was born April 2, 1916 in Tolstoi, Manitoba. After he served our country in WWII in the South Pacific theater, he married Jean Bensen on October 18, 1948 in Omaha, Nebraska. John helped Jean raise their 7 children in Edina & Hopkins, MN and at their 2nd home on Ten Mile Lake. The family summer home was purchased from North Shore Beach Resort in 1958. John enjoyed the outdoors: hunting, fishing, and gardening. He could often be found playing blackjack at Northern Lights Casino and won many tournaments over the years. He loved spending time with his growing family at Ten Mile. John had a wonderful sense of humor and shared it with many.

He was preceded in death by two of his sons, John and Stephen. He is survived by his wife, Jean, his sons Dr. Michael Holland (Mary-Liz), David Holland, William Vilipski (Lisa), and his daughters, Mary Stang (Jim), Cathy Vilipski-Smith (D.L.), daughter-in-law Storey Holland, 9 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. John will be remembered and missed for his wonderful hugs, sense of humor and his passion for life.

(Information provided by John Vilipski's daughter, Mary Stang, and by the Walker *Pilot-Independent*, October 16, 2003.)

POEM

by Lisa Abraham Doucet, 1993

No alarm clock
 No traffic lights
 As I climb down from my shaky bunk, the moist fog
 Burns off the glassy surface of the lake.
 I let the cabin screen door creak gently shut behind me,
 And I walk the wooded trail in only my pajamas,
 And an old green towel hung on one shoulder.
 I leave the green towel on the end of the dock,
 And the pajamas I fold neatly on an old, sun-worn bench.
 As I jump off the dock I look down at an endless mirror,
 Just before I break the barrier to the other side.
 I feel the icy smooth water cover every inch of skin.
 I swim out, and then return to the dock.
 I reach for the green towel as I stand on the dock and
 Look out over the lake.
 The tall pines keep quiet watch over their hidden treasure.
 The glassy surface is once again tranquil, sleeping.
 A single gull flies overhead and calls a hoarse
 "Good morning" out to me.

(Lisa Abraham Doucet is a cousin of Kim Moe.)



TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
August 1, 2002 – July 31, 2003, Corrected

BALANCE SHEET

INCOME/EXPENSE SUMMARY

CURRENT ASSETS

	Jim W. Schwartz Environmental		
	General Fund	Protection Fund	Total
<u>CASH</u>			
Checking	\$ 7,429	\$ 0	\$ 7,429
Money Mkt. Svng	0	4,638	4,638
USPS Trust Acct.	4		4
Mss. Hdwtres. Grnt	22,409		22,409
Hlthy Lks Grnt	1,468		1,468
<u>Total Cash</u>	<u>\$31,310</u>	<u>\$4,638</u>	<u>\$35,948</u>

LAND HELD

FOR PRESERVATION

Kenfield Bay Purchase	\$ 171,730	\$ 171,730
Land – Donated	182,300	182,300
<u>Total Land</u>	<u>\$ 354,030</u>	<u>\$ 354,030</u>

WELLS FARGO

INVESTMENT

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>\$ 37,693</u>	<u>\$ 37,693</u>
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<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$ 69,003</u>	<u>\$ 358,668</u>	<u>\$ 427,671</u>
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LIABILITY AND FUND EQUITY

LIABILITY

Contract Payable			
Kenfield Bay	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0

<u>FUND EQUITY</u>	<u>\$ 69,003</u>	<u>\$ 358,668</u>	<u>\$ 427,671</u>
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<u>Total Liability and Fund Equity</u>	<u>\$ 69,003</u>	<u>\$ 358,668</u>	<u>\$ 427,671</u>
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Respectfully Submitted
Allen L. Griggs, Treasurer
2001-2003

	General Fund	JWS EPF	Grants	Total
<u>INCOME</u>				
Contributions				
JWS EPF		\$ 7,645		\$ 7,645
Undesig. Cntrb		1,061		1,061
First Response	\$ 210			210
Memorials				
JWS EPF	1,340			1,340
Undes. Memorials	3,055			3,055
Drctry/Hndbk Sales	108			108
Dues: 02-03	19,140			19,140
Miss. Hdwtres Grant			\$ 16,425	16,425
Hlthy Lakes Grant			1,600	1,600
3M Foun. Vol. Match	200			200
Miscellaneous Inc.	136			136
Int. and Div. Inc.	4,926	997	91	6,014
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$24,720</u>	<u>\$14,098</u>	<u>\$18,116</u>	<u>\$ 56,934</u>

EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 881			\$ 881
Annual Meeting	365			365
Memb. Secretary	1264			1264
Committee Expenses				
Env. and Ecology	6,265			6,265
Fisheries	2			2
History	78			78
Loon	13			13
Safety	1,248			1,248
Water Level	38			38
Directory Expense	2,100			2,100
Donations				
1st Response pass-thru & donations	620			620
Miscellaneous	60			60
Healthy Lakes Project			\$ 137	137
Insurance	915			915
Interest Expense-Kenfield CD		\$ 5,174		5,174
Memberships (MLA, ACCL)	225			225
Miscellaneous	192			192
Miss. Hdwtres Proj.			10,527	10,527
Newsletter Exp.	4,321			4,321
Pmcpl. on Kenfield		6,240		6,240
Taxes				
Real Est. & Sales	1,719			1,719
Watershed Coord.				
Stipend	4,210			4,210
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 24,516</u>	<u>\$ 11,414</u>	<u>\$ 10,664</u>	<u>\$ 46,594</u>
<u>Difference</u>	<u>\$ 204</u>	<u>\$ 2,684</u>	<u>\$ 7,452</u>	<u>\$ 10,340</u>

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A NOTE ABOUT THE ENCLOSURE

by Gail Becher, E & E Committee

Lakeshore owners looking for a way to beautify their property while protecting its natural value will find some fine ideas in "Shoreline Alterations: Natural Buffers and Lakescaping," a new publication by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Enclosed with this newsletter is a black-and-white copy of this brochure. The E & E Committee suggests that you include this material in your Ten Mile Lake Handbook for future reference.

Should you like a color copy of the publication (the photos are quite stunning in color) you can order one through the DNR Information Center at 1-888-857-6367.

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