

# Newsletter

Spring, 2005

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

## TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2005

PLEASE NOTE – NEW DATE!! –

### WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S

PERMIT TRAINING ..... Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. July 7, 2005  
At the Hackensack Community Center  
(See article, Page 4)

LAKESCAPING WORKSHOP ..... Friday  
8:45 to 3:00 p.m. July 15, 2005

At the Hackensack Senior Center  
(See article, Page 3)

WELL WATER TESTING ..... Saturday  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July 23, 2005

At former Woock's Store (South Shore) and  
Jerry Mill's Garage (North Shore)

ANNUAL MEETING ..... Saturday  
9:30 a.m. August 6, 2005

At the Hackensack Senior Center

TMLA BOARD MEETINGS ..... Saturdays  
9:00 a.m.

At Elinor Chase's ..... June 18, 2005  
At Al & Katie Hoover's ..... July 16, 2005  
TBA ..... August 20, 2005  
At Tom & Sarah Cox's .. September 17, 2005

### DEADLINE FOR SENDING IN MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTERS:

Summer Issue ..... June 27, 2005  
Fall Issue ..... September 1, 2005

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY NEWS

*by Dave Losby, Co-Chair*

As of this writing (May 21) many of the faithful volunteers and others have already been out to clean up sections of the highways surrounding Ten Mile Lake. For this we are all grateful. Volunteers who are assisting in this effort are not only those who are designated members of this committee but also many "Walkers". This group, some anonymous, are people who decide to take a stroll with the purpose of picking up litter from around their stretch of road or are regular walkers who periodically take the time to pick up litter they encounter.

As usual I would appreciate your calling me, Dave Losby at 675-6066, if you would like to volunteer to become a regular member of this committee. I would also like to be able to recognize those "walkers" who are providing much-needed assistance.

On a more serious note: the Cass County Highway Department has sent a detailed color brochure on the subject of METHAMPHETAMINES, I will make the brochure available to anyone for review. Basically, the cover letter requests that, if anyone sees an inordinate amount of products used in meth manufacture along the roads, they should leave the stuff alone and contact the Cass County Sheriff at 218/547-1424 or 800/450-2677 ( I would like to be advised, too). The products are numerous, ranging from cold tablets, to solvents, to cleaning fluids, to kitty litter. The equipment includes Pyrex or Corning dishes, coffee filters, propane cylinders, pails/buckets, and more. As we have all seen on the news, meth manufacturing has moved out of the cities and does exist in Cass County. Patrolling the highways in our neighborhood could be a very good way to spot any activity in our immediate area.

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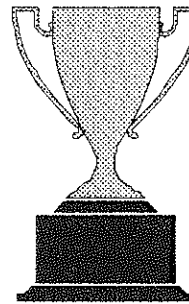
**TIDBITS OF HISTORY**

*prepared by Sue Eikenberry*

**BOAT PARADES** - In past years there have been many 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parades on Ten Mile, especially on the north shore. Why don't you and your family plan to be in one this year, on north or south shore. Decorate your boat with flags and patriotic streamers and join in the fun, around 10 a.m.

**SAILING TROPHY HISTORY** - (From "Ten Mile Lake Yacht Club Trophies" by Mimi Garbisch Carlson.)

**Sailing "C" Boats** began in the early 1930s. The first old silver trophy originally belonged to H. F. "Hub" Garbisch and was a trophy his show chickens won at Madison Square Garden. It is now used as 1<sup>st</sup> place prize for the entire summer season



(which usually consists of three named regattas and one unnamed regatta.)

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTO** - The March 1935 National Geographic magazine features an article on "Minnesota, Mother of Lakes and River," by Granville Smith, in which TML is mentioned. We cannot reprint it for you due to copyright considerations but you may research it on your own. There is a photo showing a string of large pike, and one gigantic one, caught on TML, and showing people and a cabin in the background. It would be wonderful if someone could identify the people and cabin and share that information with the History Committee!

## 2005 LAKESCAPING WORKSHOP

by Gail Becher, E & E Committee

More and more we hear of the enormous benefits of maintaining a buffer zone of vegetation along our lake's shoreline. This strip of native plants prevents erosion, improves water quality, and provides habitat and travel corridors for wildlife. This practice, known as "Lakescaping" is becoming more and more popular as people become aware that a healthy lake depends on healthy shorelines. As a shoreland owner on Ten Mile Lake, you can help protect our beautiful waters by following Lakescaping principles.

Mark your calendars now so you can attend the Lakescaping Workshop on Friday, July 15, 2005, hosted by the Environment and Ecology Committee. This educational program will be held at the Hackensack Senior Center from 8:45 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The workshop will emphasize a holistic approach to shoreland vegetation by addressing environmental functions of natural shorelines, property owner expectations, and shoreland regulations. It will enable participants to make sound shoreland management decisions and implement revegetation projects.

We have contracted with Eleanor Burkett, Regional Extension Educator, with the University of Minnesota Extension Service to conduct this workshop. The course outline includes:

- Environmental, owner, and regulatory perspectives
- Creating simple site designs
- Plant selection
- Basic site preparation
- Planting, permits, maintenance
- Additional Resources

The cost to TMLA members is \$10.00 per person and includes educational materials, lunch, and refreshments. (Non-member cost is \$20.00 per person). Additionally, Bonnie Hiniker, of Sunshine Gardens will bring live examples of plants she has successfully utilized in her shoreland revegetation projects and will offer participants some professional insights on plant selection and design features. Lunch will be catered by Arthur's.

Workshop space is limited, so call early and register now. For more information and to register contact Gail Becher, 547-3214.

## NOTES FROM THE ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

by Ken Regner, Chair

**THE FIRST MEETING** of the E & E Committee will be Thursday, June 2, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., at the Regners'. The committee looks forward to a busy and productive season. The committee is strongly supporting the Lakescaping Workshop on Friday, July 15 (See article by Gail Becher, left) and hopes for a good turnout of lakeshore owners who want to protect TML waters by beautifying their shoreland naturally.

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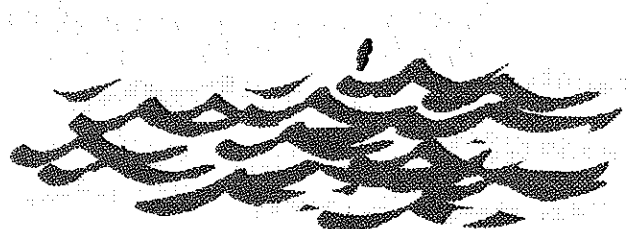
**TOM MOORE HAS THE SECCHI Disk** program up and running. The committee will share the lake water clarity readings in the next newsletter.

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**SPRING LAKE WATER SAMPLES** have been collected. Del Hogen and Ken Regner collected them on Sunday, May 15. (There were flakes of snow in the air at the time.) Results of the water analysis will be published later in the summer.

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**TMLA HAS RECEIVED A \$5,000 GRANT** from the Initiative Foundation to continue the septic systems survey for lake shore properties on TML. The grant application, prepared by John Aiden, follows up all of the good work done by the TMLA Healthy Lakes Program Committee, chaired by Marty McCleery. The survey of systems on the south side of the lake was completed two years ago; we should be able to survey most of the remaining properties along the west and north shores this summer. John Aiden will be the project manager for this survey. The committee requests that shoreland owners involved in the survey cooperate with the contractor conducting the survey, who will have been hired by TMLA.



## LAKE SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

by Don Harris

### A. WATERCRAFT OPERATOR TRAINING

The Watercraft Operator Permit Training Course is scheduled for July 7, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hackensack Community Center. Training will be provided by the Cass County Sheriff's Water Safety personnel and by the MN Department of Natural Resources. The Hackensack Lions Club will provide snacks, drinks, and lunch. Lake Associations from Birch, Pleasant, and Webb lakes are assisting. Training will include classroom instruction, followed by completion of the test to receive a permit, and hands-on instruction for tiller and steering-wheel boats plus use of a Personal Watercraft. All children ages 12 to 17 years are required to have a Watercraft Operator Permit to operate any boat with a motor over 25 hp.

Please call Don Harris, (218) 675-6285, or Jerry Mills, (218) 547-1164, to register your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome to sit in. We need a minimum of 10 registrants, or the course will have to be cancelled. While there is competition from classes held in area schools or on the internet (with a \$15 fee), our course is free, serves lunch, and includes hands-on training.

Children ages 10 and 11 will be accepted into the course, but they cannot receive a permit.

### B. CHANGES IN MN BOATING LAWS

A new Minnesota law, signed May 5, 2005, concerns Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for children. Labeled the "Grant Allen Law," for the young child who fell from his parents' pontoon boat and drowned, this law requires that all children less than 10 years of age wear a lifejacket when aboard a watercraft in Minnesota, when the craft is underway (not when tied to a dock or a permanent mooring). A craft underway can be propelled by power, wind, oars, paddles, or just floating.

The only exemptions from the requirement to wear a PDF are

- a. When in an enclosed cabin or below the top deck on a watercraft
- b. When on an anchored boat that is a platform for swimming or diving
- c. When aboard a charter (passenger) craft with a licensed captain.

The penalties for failure to observe these requirements are

- Written warning only for the first offense and before May 1, 2006.
- Petty misdemeanor for second offense before May 1, 2006, and for any offense after May 1, 2006.

### C. SOME WATER SAFETY REMINDERS

1. Check to see that your boat and trailer licenses are current: the light blue boat stickers expire December 31, 2005.
2. Operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol (BWI) is a felony. **CONVICTION CARRIES A MANDATORY SENTENCE OF 3 TO 7 YEARS IN PRISON.** On August 1, 2005, the impaired blood alcohol limit goes from .10 to .08.
3. In Minnesota in 2004 there were
  - 15 Boating Deaths (3 in Cass County)
  - 73 Non-fatal boating accidents
  - 30 non-boating drownings.
4. The 2005 Minnesota Boating Guide is available at most bait and tackle stores and area government offices. Several rules have changed, so **CHECK IT OUT!**
5. Private floats and markers may not be left in the lake overnight unless you have a permit from the Cass County Sheriff (a fee of \$5.00 is required.)
6. **Mooring Buoys** – Cass Co. requires that mooring buoys be located not more than 100 feet from-shore.
7. **Swimming Rafts** – Cass Co. requires swimming/diving rafts to have a permit, display the permit number, be reflectorized on all sides, and be located not more than 150 feet from shore.

## From the Notebook

By Jim Schwartz

**FOR THOSE WHO** believe global warming and its fellow traveler, climate change, are gigantic hoaxes being sold to a gullible public by a cabal of agenda-driven scientists, I recommend a three-part series, "The Climate of Man," that appeared in *The New Yorker*, beginning with the April 25, 2005, edition. It is an exhaustive and sobering review of the scientific literature, combined with on-the-scene observations and interviews with scientists, that put into stark perspective what can happen worldwide if current trends are allowed to continue. There are, to be sure, uncontrollable forces that contribute to climate change, among them massive volcanic eruptions, abnormalities on the sun's surface, an occasional wobble in the earth's orbit, a large meteor strike. But these are rare phenomena, occurring millions, or even billions, of years apart.

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**SINCE THE 1990s**, steadily rising yearly temperatures have contributed to a chain of disturbing changes: ice covers lakes later and leaves earlier, nearly every glacier in the world is shrinking, plants bloom earlier, oceans are warming and becoming more acidic, vast permafrost areas are slowly thawing, the Greenland ice sheet is gradually shrinking, ocean levels are beginning to rise. These alone should be enough to grab anyone's attention, even as the growing list of warning signs continues. What is important to scientists who study these matters, though, is this: natural causes cannot explain the changes being observed and recorded. More and more, they are convinced that the new "X" factor is man and his enormous capacity for refashioning the face of the planet.

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**CONSIDER THIS:** "As best as can be determined," says *The New Yorker* article, "the world is now warmer than it has been at any point in the last two millennia, and, if current trends continue, by the end of the century it will likely be hotter than at any point in the last two million years." The scientific consensus is that the culprit is greenhouse gases, being produced and spewed into the environment in much greater volumes than can be absorbed by earth's natural processes. Even if drastic worldwide reduction measures are taken now, it is said, it will be years before there can be any appreciable effect. My view, though, is that we have no choice. This is developing into what could become a global disaster and must be confronted now. Disagree? Be my guest.

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**SPRING MIGRATION** patterns were a mixed bag. For the first time since we began keeping records, hummingbirds failed to show up on May 10, give or take a day. Instead, it wasn't until the 17th that one visited our feeder. Gail Becher, however, reported hummers at their place

on the 10th and other residents around the lake had similar visitations. Waterfowl seemed particularly scarce: a pair of mallards, three or four goldeneyes, a few red-breasted mergansers, a pair of hooded mergansers, a couple of grebes, but no big rafts of ducks out in the middle of the lake as used to be the case. I did see a large flock of white pelicans wheeling overhead before they headed north, and John Alden spotted white pelicans along the rock reef in Flower Pot Bay. Three sandhill cranes moved through, two stopping in the marshy area along the North Shore and the third in a wetland on Highway #71.

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**A VARIETY** of warblers flitted along our shore from time to time, though they were not as numerous nor were there as many species as we've seen in past years. Baltimore orioles? On time, but not at our place. Rose breasted grosbeaks, purple finches and gold finches visited our feeders, again in smaller-than-usual numbers. The dependables were there: chipping sparrows, chickadees, nuthatches, downy woodpeckers, robins, juncos. As far as we can tell, our two duck houses remain empty. There were a couple of lookers but, sadly, no takers.

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**OPENING WEEKEND** of the game fishing season was cold, wet, windy and, well, miserable. The usual "armada" was present in Lundstrom's Bay (20 to 30 boats), but reports were that fishing success was, at best, modest. Apparently, the same was true of the rest of the lake: the elusive walleye lived up to its name . . . again.

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**TEN MILE LAKE** is fortunate that so much of its perimeter is given over by Mother Nature to wetlands. Why is that good? Apart from serving as ideal habitat for a large number of birds, animals and aquatic life forms, marsh lands filter out pollutants and use up significant quantities of unwanted nutrients that otherwise would find their way into the lake. They also are an effective buffer against erosion and, because of their storage capacity, do a good job of keeping floodwaters at bay.

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**AS WE MOVE INTO** the summer season, we should renew our vow to be kind to our septic system. Here are a few tips: review the number of chemical products you use and get rid of any you don't really need, particularly those that contain chlorine (e.g., bleach) or other harsh ingredients. Anti-bacterial soaps could reduce the effectiveness of natural septic processes. Starter additives are not necessary. Dish and clothes washers should be used as sparingly as possible. Long, soaker showers are a no-no. The point is to put as little pressure as possible on your septic system in order to keep it healthy and working as it should for many years to come.

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**NUMBER OF BOAT** registrations in Minnesota in 1959, the first year that practice began: about 158,000. Number in 2004: about 854,000, more than a five-fold increase in that 45-year span. (Source: DNR, as reported in a *Star-Tribune* graphic.)

## THE HISTORY PAGE

### GROWING UP ON TEN MILE LAKE

An account taken from an interview of Sam Fahr, July 12, 2000 conducted by Tom Cox for the Mississippi Headwaters Board Oral History Project. Sam Fahr died on August 28, 2004. Excerpted by Mariana Goodwin.

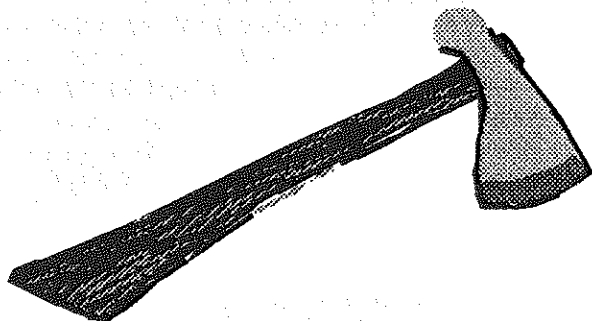
Sam's mother and father came to the Middle West from Pennsylvania in the 1920's. His mother had developed hay fever and asthma and found it necessary to move the family to the shores of Lake Superior near Beaver Bay, about 60 miles north of Duluth. They lived in small cabins with one or two bedrooms and the usual primitive facilities. The beautiful scenery reminded Sam's grandmother of the coast of Maine and her home on Bar Harbor. Sam worked for a commercial fisherman, August Olson, born in Norway. They went out every day and caught what they called herring. Sam said the herring they caught "magically" turned into walleye by the time they were transported for sale in Minneapolis. Sam loved working for Mr. Olsen for five cents an hour but there wasn't much for the rest of the family to do, so it became imperative to find another place. His mother heard of Ten Mile Lake through a friend in Minneapolis and in 1931 the family decided to rent a cabin for a season to see how they liked it. Sam didn't like the idea, especially when he found out that the friend had a daughter, **Laura Bouraem**, who would be there too. At age thirteen, that was not a happy coincidence and so Sam sulked around for a few days. Then Mrs. Bouraem gave a party for all the young people on the shore and Sam met the three oldest **Brandt boys**. Suddenly he forgot Lake Superior and Mr. Olson's fishing business and embraced Ten Mile Lake wholeheartedly. There were some girls, too, but they didn't count. **Stan Benbrook** was also there, and two years later **Dick Garbisch** arrived with his Chris Craft. It didn't work very well, but that didn't bother him too much because when he was taking a young lady for a ride and the clutch refused to work, it was like running out of gas in a car. Sam's sister **Marnie** also found girls to play with: **Molly Brandt**, **Katie Benbrook**, and **Beth Carlson** among them. Sam's brother George was twelve years younger, and Sam

tried to avoid him if possible because that was a lot of difference when one was sixteen and the other four.

There was always something to do. The Brandts had a tennis court with some problems. The court enclosure was chicken wire on some posts close to the sidelines and baseline. If they went for a wide ball they could lose some skin. The surface was just local dirt and hard to line. The lime they tried washed away in the rain so they put down tapes held by staples and sometimes tripped on loose tapes. However, they had a good time because they didn't know they were supposed to be miserable. There were different kinds of boats on the lake but not like today. A few motor boats with ten horsepower motors were considered large but mostly people had rowboats and canoes and rowed or paddled wherever they wanted to go. Sam's family often rowed to Camp Beach (Hillaway) for picnics, sometimes with the **Brandts**. They would build fires and roast wieners. Sometimes they went to Batcheller's Bay across the lake. They had to row if they went fishing along the reefs or in the bays. They caught crappies, much larger than what are caught today. Sam's family had a baby scale: some crappies weighed over two pounds. They could always catch enough for a meal for the family. There were "canvas canoes;" (fiberglass and aluminum were not available then). The Fahrs would canoe over to see friends and sometimes paddle to Long Bay and through the river to Birch Lake, where they would haul out the canoe at Shady Shores and carry it home. (The river was called "The Thoroughfare" then; now it is the "Boy River.") Life preservers were not common in those days. Children were taught to swim and if a boat capsized, they were expected to hang on to the overturned boat or swim to shore. Parents would deliberately capsize the boat so the children could practice. Sam used the same method on his children

when they were four, five, or six. The Brandt boys were excellent swimmers and left Sam way behind. A rite of passage was to swim across the lake, over to Chariton Beach where **Mr. Buck** lived. He had a very pretty daughter but she was older than the boys.

Life at the lake was not all fun. The boys had important chores to perform which took up a certain amount of time every day. There was no running water so it had to be pumped into pails and put on the porch for cooking and washing. Much of the bathing was done in the lake, and Sam's mother washed out baby George's diapers in the lake. (*EPA Alert!*) Cooking was by kerosene or wood and heating by wood in the fireplace or from the wood stove. Sam had to cut down the trees, preferably dead ones, saw them up, and split the logs. He had to carry the wood to fill the wood bins before he could go out with his friends, which was okay because they were doing the same chores. Sam learned to watch out for dead branches which were dangerous and not to cut down elm or ironwood trees. Elm won't split and ironwood earns its name.



Eventually Skelgas from the Skelly Oil Company became available, and the Fahrs got a gas range, a gas refrigerator, and gas lights which made reading at night a lot easier. They had to pipe the gas from the tanks into the house, and **Al Woock** showed Sam how to install the piping. The early cabins were quite small but the families often added rooms or porches. During construction or remodeling it often became evident that the buildings were far from square. When Sam decided to panel the living room he was told by **Mr. Green** at the hardware store in Hackensack to start in

the middle and go to the corners. When he reached the northeast corner the last piece of paneling was about ten inches at the top and two inches at the bottom. Sam then installed some wide molding which hid the difference and looked pretty good. (One family developed an ingenious way of solving the space problem. They slept on mattresses on the floor in the all-purpose room. In the morning they hoisted the mattresses to the ceiling and went about the day's activities.)

School started later in those days, after the middle of September. The Fahrs stayed at the lake until school started. The weather was nice, but chilly, so to make the cabin warmer, the floors were covered with linoleum and ceilings were installed. During the Depression, no one had much money so improvements were made gradually and much of the work was done by the families themselves. However, **Al Woock** was always around to give advice and lend a hand when needed. Al also raised some dairy cows on his farm and sold the milk. His cows were tuberculin tested, but the milk was not pasteurized. Sam did not know of anyone getting sick from that milk.

*(This interview continues into Sam Fahr's adult life and his career. If you are interested in reading the complete interview, please contact Tom Cox.)*

**The 2005 TMLA Directory will be published this summer with distribution in September.**

**Any directory changes or corrections must be submitted by June 30, 2005**

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## PHENOLOGY CALENDAR

By Gail Becher, E & E Committee

Each year, Rick and I take note of the ever changing cycles of our natural world. We focus our attention on Phenology, the study of relationships between climate and periodically recurring biological events. If you like to track sights and sounds of the plant and animal world, please 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 TMLA Newsletters. Here are some of our Phenological observations of this past year.

### August 2004:

- 10<sup>th</sup> . . . High temperature for day, 49 degrees
- 17<sup>th</sup> . . . First Monarch Butterfly on North Shore, noted very few butterflies this season

### September 2004:

- 4<sup>th</sup> . . . Red Maples in full color, Sumacs at peak, High temp: 86, conditions dry/sunny/windy
- 5<sup>th</sup> . . . 3 inches of rainfall, much needed moisture
- 12<sup>th</sup> . . . 4 p.m. air temp: 74, Lake water temp: 70, Ant swarm caught by high winds & perishing in lake
- 23<sup>rd</sup> . . . Hummingbird at feeder after storm

### October 2004:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> . . . Hard killing freeze
- 6<sup>th</sup> . . . Afternoon Asian Beetle swarm along CSAH 71, must use windshield wipers for visibility
- 7<sup>th</sup> . . . Fall foliage breathtaking with ambers, golds, oranges, reds, and burgundies
- 27<sup>th</sup> . . . Female cardinal at bird feeder

### November 2004:

- 6<sup>th</sup> . . . High temperature 57 degrees and sunny
- 7<sup>th</sup> . . . Spectacular Northern Lights Display at 6:30 p.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> . . . Flocks of Pine Siskens at bird feeders
- 26<sup>th</sup> . . . First measurable snow fall of 2 inches
- 28<sup>th</sup> . . . 10 Trumpeter swans visiting South Shore

### December 2004:

- 4<sup>th</sup> . . . 23 degrees, afternoon temp
- 14<sup>th</sup> . . . 19 degrees, afternoon temp
- 18<sup>th</sup> . . . 4 degrees, afternoon temp
- 19<sup>th</sup> . . . Total Ice on lake

### January 2005:

- 1<sup>st</sup> . . . Northern Shrike hunts Redpolls at bird feeders
- 6<sup>th</sup> . . . Minus 32 degrees at 7 a.m.
- 12<sup>th</sup> . . . Minus 8 degrees high afternoon temp
- 16<sup>th</sup> . . . Breath of Pileated Woodpecker at suet feeder is visible via cold dry air  
Great Grey owls move into area
- 17<sup>th</sup> . . . Minus 40 degrees at 7 a.m.

### February 2005:

- 6<sup>th</sup> . . . 42 degrees, afternoon temp, melt down underway, lake top becoming very slushy
- 7<sup>th</sup> . . . Minus 11 degrees at 7 a.m.

- 11<sup>th</sup> . . . 44 degrees, afternoon temp
- 18<sup>th</sup> . . . Minus 15 degrees at 7 a.m.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> . . . Numerous Great Grey & Hawk Owls in area, 3 Great Greys & 1 Hawk Owl seen on CSAH 5  
Numerous deer feeding in yards along North Shore, 7 deer travel on lake in evening

### March 2005:

- 1<sup>st</sup> . . . Flocks of Goldfinch return to area bird feeders
- 2<sup>nd</sup> . . . Minus - 10 degrees at 7 a.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> . . . Male cardinal at bird feeder, 30 degrees at 7 a.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> . . . 55 degrees at noon, great grey owls still in large numbers in area
- 26<sup>th</sup> . . . Chipmunks come out of hibernation
- 29<sup>th</sup> . . . 65 degrees, afternoon temp., Great Blue Herons & Bluebirds return
- 30<sup>th</sup> . . . First Thunderstorm of spring, Juncos, Red-Winged Blackbirds, & Robins return

### April 2005:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> . . . 99.9% of snow has melted, only few remaining piles along roadways & in deep woods
- 6<sup>th</sup> . . . Spring Peepers and Chorus Frogs vocalizing in wetlands, Flickers return
- 9<sup>th</sup> . . . Northern Harrier Hawks return, daffodils & crocuses emerging
- 10<sup>th</sup> . . . Call of loon heard on Ten Mile, Flower Pot reef open, a Merlin Falcon feeds on Junco at bird feeder,  
. . . Ospreys on nest on CSAH 5, Kingfishers on power lines
- 14<sup>th</sup> . . . 13 Brown Pelicans in Flower Pot Bay
- 16<sup>th</sup> . . . Total Ice Off on Ten Mile Lake, Hepaticas in bloom
- 18<sup>th</sup> . . . Amazing 81 degree temp in afternoon, shallow area of lake water temp of 44 degrees in afternoon
- 21<sup>st</sup> . . . 4 Trumpeter swans in Lundstrom's Bay, Yellow warbler returns, Ostrich ferns emerge
- 28<sup>th</sup> . . . 2 Merlin Falcons along North Shore perform mating ritual flight and mate atop dead birch tree
- 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> . . . Snow showers throughout day, Emerging leaves in holding pattern with dry cold conditions

### May 2005

- 1<sup>st</sup> . . . 28 degrees at 7 a.m., Rue-Anemone in bloom, Early Meadow-rue emerging
- 4<sup>th</sup> . . . Goldfinch in brilliant yellow plumage, Canada violets in bloom
- 7<sup>th</sup> . . . 2 Sandhill cranes fly over wetland near CSAH 71 & 50, extremely dry conditions
- 8<sup>th</sup> . . . Thunderstorm in evening producing continuous rumbling thunder with minimal rainfall
- 9<sup>th</sup> . . . 1 Sandhill crane seen at Twin Fawn Lakes area
- 10<sup>th</sup> . . . Ruby Throated Hummingbird returns, Brown Pelican on Lake



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Tom Cox

In pursuit of our mission "to preserve and improve Ten Mile Lake and its environs," for three decades our Association has focused intently on the chemistry of lake water and thus on septic system function and surface water inflow, both of which have a critical effect on lake chemistry, which in turn effects water clarity and purity.

This focus on water chemistry continues. In April, through the good offices of our Healthy Lakes Committee; our Environment and Ecology Committee; and particularly our Watershed Coordinator, **John Alden**, we were fortunate to receive an Initiative Foundation grant of \$5,000 with which to continue evaluation of lakeshore septic systems. This year's efforts will be on the north shore and will continue the work done on the south shore two years ago. Property owners participate in this program voluntarily. I hope that if you receive a letter from our contractor inviting you to participate, you will welcome this free evaluation of your system.

Now, in recent years, in addition to water chemistry, we have found our Association more and more drawn to the issue of developmental pressure. Increased development brings more people, and thus more septic systems and more boating as well as changes to surface water runoff, all of which add to the impact on lake water. Thus the large Loufek tract, which was for decades occupied and used lightly by just one family, has been sold and divided into a number of separate, developable lots. The old Kenfield Resort on Kenfield Bay will become the *Kenfield Pines* Planned Unit Development (PUD). And in May, the 9.4 acre Mullendore family property on the west shore was sold, and may well become the site of a PUD. Hence our growing interest in the Cass County's zoning ordinances, and the control it can legally exercise over lakeshore development.

Recently, the County approved revised Land Use Ordinances which put greater restrictions on PUDs. Zoning regulations are almost always controversial. This year's revisions were no exception.

Already, amendments to the new ordinances are being proposed. At particular issue just now is the permissibility of *lake access lots*, those lots designated by a developer to provide multiple back lot

owners with direct lake access. This issue among others will be the subject of two important hearings in the Commissioners' Board Room in Walker:

1. Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 A.M.
2. Tuesday, July 5, 10:30 A.M.

If you are interested in the developmental pressure issue, and particularly the use of zoning ordinances to control development, please plan to attend one or both of these hearings (the first is most important).

In this same regard, Cass County's Environmental Services Department (ESD) has been considering the issue of *Intra-lake Reclassification*, which means the differential classification of lands on a given lake according to their suitability for development. As you know, Ten Mile is classified General Development, and thus, for instance, requires 100 Ft. Lots with a 75 Ft. building setback. Obviously, Kenfield Bay, Lundstrom's Bay, Flower Pot Bay and Long's Bay have environmental characteristics different from those of the main lake. It is possible that these four bays could, based on technically established criteria, qualify for a change from "General Development" (GD) to a new "General Development-Resource Protection" classification, which would put additional restrictions on development. To describe and explain the Intra-lake Reclassification issue further, at its regular meeting on June 18 the TMLA Board of Directors will have as its special guest **John Sumption**, who last fall was appointed to succeed **Paul Fairbanks** as head of the Cass County ESD. I know that John will ask our Board to sponsor a public meeting in early July to address this issue with all interested Ten Mile property owners.

It seems clear that with changes coming to our lakes area, to preserve and improve Ten Mile Lake our Association will need increasingly to broaden its focus to include not only lake-water testing and chemistry, but also the impact of increased development and role of zoning ordinances in the conservation of the northwoods environment.

## REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

### Cecil Bair

Cecil Bair, 90, of Savoy, Iowa, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at home.

He was born July 29, 1914, in Shelby County, Iowa, to Fred W. and Anna Eversole Bair. He married Elizabeth Scott April 22, 1939, in Decatur, Iowa. He worked for Beatrice Foods (Meadow Gold Dairy) for 43 years in Decatur, Danville, Iowa, and Champaign, Ill. He was manager of the milk plant in Champaign until he retired in 1977. He was a member and an elder of First Presbyterian Church, Champaign; Kiwanis Club; several dairy associations; the Masonic Lodge and Shrine.

After he retired, his hobbies included wood-working, gardening, fishing and hunting. The Bairs spent six months of the year at Ten Mile Lake in Hackensack, Minn.

He is survived by his wife; one son, David of Birmingham, Ala.; two daughters, Nancy B. Wilson of LaCrosse, Wis., and Kathy Sparr of Arlington Heights, Ill.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers.

Graveside services were held Oct. 26 at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Mt. Zion, Ill. Memorial services were held Oct. 27, 2004, at First Presbyterian Church, Champaign with the Rev. Diane Hatch officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to Union Congregational Church, Hackensack, or the Carle Hospice, 206 A. West Anthony Dr., Champaign, IL 61822.

*Information was taken from the Walker, MN Pilot-Independent, October 26, 2004.*



### Donald and Edith Babst

Donald and Edith Babst, of Burnsville and formerly of Ten Mile Lake, died within two months of each other this spring. Edith passed away on February 25, 2005 from an aortic aneurysm, and

Don passed away a mere two months later on April 28, 2005 from complications of Parkinson's Disease. Central to their lives were the three cherished family lake homes Don built on Ten Mile Lake from 1958 to 1987.

Edith was born on June 18, 1918 in Virginia, Minnesota. After graduating in 1936 from Hibbing High School, she received a degree in dental hygiene from the University of Minnesota in 1941.

Don was born in Barnesville, Minnesota on July 1, 1919 to Joseph and Annie Babst. After his graduation from Barnesville High School in 1938 he attended college and then enlisted in the Coast Guard during World War II. After the war he graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Stout.

Don and Edith were married in 1949 and subsequently lived in Henderson, NV; Elmhurst, IL; Medford and Portland, OR. The couple returned in 1953 to Minneapolis where Don taught Industrial Arts at Edison High School until his retirement in 1979. Don and Edith lived year-round on Ten Mile Lake from 1979 until 1987, and were active members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hackensack. Don was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed boating, hunting and fishing. His family and friends have been enriched by his wise counsel, his indomitable spirit, gracious good will and infectious humor.

The couple raised three children, Charles, Wendy, and Charleen, who were fortunate to spend many happy summers on Ten Mile Lake. These children and their families continue to visit TML every summer and carry on their parents love of lake living.

Edith was in good health until recently, and Don had led a most courageous battle against Parkinson's Disease for about five years. Edith had been his tireless caregiver, and in the end, the two could not live without each other. Don and Edith are survived by daughters Wendy (Dr. Dale) Akkerman in Burnsville, Minnesota, and Charleen (Alan) Mirkiani in Woodridge, Illinois; son Dr. Charles (Judyth) Babst in Duluth, Minnesota; and four grandchildren, Rose, Adam, Bryan, and Emily; beloved nieces and nephews and their families; and

Margaret and Darold Kaiser.

Information was provided by the Babst's daughter, Wendy Akkerman, and the Walker Pilot-Independent, May 5, 2005.

Information was provided by the Campbells daughter-in-law, Pam Campbell.

### S. Douglas Campbell

S. Douglas Campbell, age 85, of Omaha NE died on September 10, 2004. He was a summer resident of Ten Mile Lake for over 50 years. He grew to love the area at a young age, when he spent his summers in the Cass Lake area with his family.

Doug was born December 3, 1918, the son of Dr. Stuart A. and Glendoris Campbell. He graduated from Norfolk High School in Nebraska. After college he attended medical school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. When he finished his tour of duty with the army at the end of World War II, he returned to the States and completed an internship in general medicine at Boston City Hospital. It was here that he and his wife, Mary Virginia, met Dick and Marge Garbisch, who would introduce them to Ten Mile Lake. They first came to Ten Mile and rented at Woock's cottages, and after several years they purchased Cabin #4. They and their eight children enjoyed everything about lake living: fishing, sailing, and boating. They resided in Scottsbluff, NE where Doug practiced as a family physician for 40 years. After his retirement in June, 1988 Doug and Mary Virginia were able to spend 4 to 5 months each year at Ten Mile Lake, the place he loved so much.

Dr. Campbell was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters, his daughter, Julie Ringle, and three granddaughters, Maggie, Molly, and Allison Ringle. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Virginia of Omaha, NE, and children: Kathy and Paul Edelbrock, of Scotts Bluff, NE; Anne and John Jones of Petaluma, CA; Susan and Steve Wilson of Austin, TX; Joan Campbell of Lincoln, NE; Dr. Douglas, Jr. and Laurie Campbell of Sonoma, CA; Dr Allan and Pam Campbell of Omaha, NE; and Ginny Herod of Farragot, TN. He is also survived by 26 grand-children and 22 great grandchildren.

His children and their families continue to visit TML every summer and carry on Doug's love of lake living.

### Earl Holle

Earl Holle, 85, of Hackensack, MN died Monday, December 27, 2004 in a residential hospice after a long illness with pulmonary fibrosis. He was surrounded by his family with whom he had shared a wonderful Christmas two days earlier.

Earl was born in Baldwin, WI on February 10, 1919. He grew up there on a farm, and graduated from Baldwin High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. From 1941 to 1945, in Australia and New Guinea in the 135<sup>th</sup> Medical Regiment. He married Natalie Newmann of Oakland, NE on June 20, 1948, after graduating from the University of Minnesota where he earned a degree in business administration. He retired with his wife to their remodeled cabin on the North Shore of Ten Mile Lake after 32 years as auditor for Aetna Life and Casualty in Minneapolis and Des Moines, IA.

His love of people served him well during his tenure as the manager of the all-volunteer Hackensack Countryside Coop where the coffeepot was always on, and the membership grew from 200 to more than 1,200. He was a member of Union Congregational Church in Hackensack, and the New Brighton UCC Church, and was active in church programs and Bible studies all his life. He was well loved, and it is said the he never regarded anyone as a stranger. He loved life and people. One of his mottoes was "Life is short, so eat dessert first." He enjoyed bird watching, cribbage, fishing, harvesting wild rice, collecting maple syrup, and cross-country skiing.

His informal title as the "Earl of Cribbage" was forever cemented when he was dealt the elusive "29 hand" during a game with his oldest son David, on September 17, 2004, at the Ten Mile Lake cabin.

Earl is survived by his wife Natalie; two sons, David (Karen) and Mark (Gayle); two daughters, Mary (Bruce) Vogt and Jane (Bob) Cullen; and six grandchildren. A grave-side service was held on

December 29 at the Baldwin Cemetery in Baldwin, WI. A memorial service was held on December 31 at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack. Memorials may be directed to Union Congregational Church Scholarship Fund or to Minnesota Hospice.

*Information was taken from the Walker Pilot-Independent, December 29, 2004.*

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### Richard "Dick" Arthur Horn

With heavy, yet lifted heart we mourn the passing of former Ten Mile Lake resident, Richard Arthur Horn. He was born on September 19, 1937 in Minneapolis, MN and passed away at his winter home in Green Valley, AZ on March 23, 2005. He is survived by his second wife, Shirley; sons Todd (Heather) and Daniel (Carrie), and grandchildren Rebecca, Meghan, Claire and Samantha, and step-grandchildren Timothy Jones, Michael Jones, Katelyn Jones and Justin Jones; and by brothers Robert and Arthur Jr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Sr., and Ragnhild; his first wife of 39 years, Joan; and by brother Gerald.

Funeral services were held March 31st at Hope Lutheran Church, with internment at Evergreen Cemetery, both in Walker. A memorial service was held on April 24th in Madison, WI.

Richard spent a lot of time at the family cabin on Ten Mile, ever since his grandparents built on the south east shore in 1945. His summers were spent fishing, swimming, and learning about nature around these wondrous waters. The day finally came in 1991 when he and Joan built their own retirement home on the east shore. They needed to move back to Madison, WI in the late 90's when Joan got sick. In the summer of 2004, he returned to his north-woods home with Shirley and purchased a home in a Leech Lake community. This way, he was able to be near and enjoy his favorite Ten Mile Lake.

Richard is a graduate of South High School in Minneapolis and of the University of Minnesota. Even though he retired after 33 years of service in the pulp and paper research field with the US Government, he discovered an artistic side which showed the ability to create wood carvings of birds

and waterfowl that were so lifelike, one would wait for the bird to move. He thoroughly enjoyed the game of golf ever since his teen years, and continued to play all the way up until the fall of 2004 when he played his last round at Tianna Country Club, before traveling back to Green Valley, AZ. He also enjoyed pheasant hunting with his father and brothers, and the camaraderie involved in the 'docks-in,' 'docks-out' weekends at Ten Mile.

His most cherished gift was that of the family and friends around him. The entire Horn family gave him love and strength, and he surrounded himself with lasting friends from Madison, Arizona, and the Ten Mile community. We are thankful that Richard was always there for us. Memorials are requested to the Carondelet Health Network Hospice Services 1802 W. St. Mary's Road Tucson, AZ 85745.

*Information was provided by Dick's son, Daniel Horn.*

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### Josephine Major

Josephine Major, 92, of Hackensack, Minn., and formerly of Decatur, Ill., died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005. She was born June 4, 1912, to John A. and Minnie (Berman) Kruzan in Warrensburg, Ill. She is survived by her daughter, Pat Carson of Detroit, Mich.; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Joseph Major; and two daughters, Marilyn Lou Major and Linda Lee Hughes.

A memorial service was held January 9 at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack and January 12 at Grace United Methodist Church in Decatur, Ill.

Memorials may be directed to Union Congregational Church, Hackensack, or Grace United Methodist Church, Music Department, Decatur.

*Information was taken from the Walker Pilot-Independent, January 11, 2005*

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### Norma Catherine Mullendore

Norma Catherine Mullendore, age 87, formerly of Springfield, IL and Richland Center, WI, died Thursday, October 21, 2004, at her son's residence in Northville, MI. She was born October 12, 1917 in Richland County, the daughter of George B. "Tad" and Nellie May (McCauley) Spangler. She married Daniel Wertz Mullendore Sr. in 1942. He preceded her in death on September 22, 1985.

Norma lived on the south shore of Ten Mile Lake, and was an active member of Union Congregational Church in Hackensack, participating in the choir and handbell choir. She was a supporter of Deep Portage and other volunteer services. After the death of her husband, Dan, she converted the small barn he built into a nest for her quilting and rug-making interests. She set up two looms for weaving rugs, and a quilting frame area for winter use. Her sons from time to time had to bully her to leave for short visits to Michigan, Maryland, and Illinois. Once, they even persuaded her to leave long enough to see China. She achieved her goal to live independently as long as possible until October 2003. She was then assisted by her sons while attempting to regain her health to return to Ten Mile. She did return in July 2004 for a fabulous reception by friends and neighbors. She returned to Michigan invigorated and pieced together 50 quilting squares, each consisting of 25 little squares, for a quilting project before her 87th birthday celebration. Norma never let any moss grow under her feet. Her funeral instructions: "Keep it short and snappy. It is to be a celebration."

Survivors include three sons: Daniel (Jill) Mullendore of Northville, MI; Michael (Suzan) Mullendore of Ellicott, MD; and Dr. Mark Mullendore of Springfield, IL; five grandchildren; and 5 siblings: Sylvena (Moise) Mitri of Deerborn Heights, MI; Arthur Spangler of Richland Center; Francis "Fuzz" (Lyla Mae) Spangler of Richland Center; John (Marilyn) Spangler of Milwaukee, and Rosemary (Dick) Bodin of Washburn, WI.

Funeral Services were held Monday, October 25, 2004 in Richland Center, with Pastor Michael Small of Hackensack officiating. Burial was at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Richland County. The Wednesday following the funeral in Wisconsin the family came to a Memorial Service at Union Congregational United Church of Christ in

Hackensack.

*Information was provided by Daniel Mullendore.*



### John David Nelson

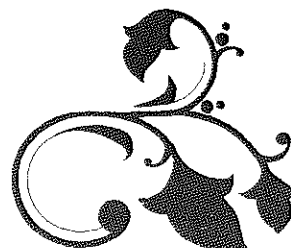
John David Nelson, 59, of Hackensack, MN died Monday, February 28, 2005 at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. He was born July 18, 1945 in Grand Rapids, MN, the son of Warren and Lone (Rathvon) Nelson. He attended grade school in Cohasset and graduated from Grand Rapids High School. Following high school, he attended the University of North Dakota, where he was a member of the wrestling program.

After college, he went to work with Woolworth's, and then was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. Following his military service, he joined Bill Johnson, his longtime business partner in the operation of their family clothing stores, The Yellow Brick Road, in Hackensack, and Johnson's, in Walker. He was a great fan of the outdoors, enjoying boating, scuba diving, snowmobiling, and various other activities.

He is survived by two brothers, Warren (Carolyn) Nelson of Woodbury, and Tim Nelson of Grand Rapids; two sisters, Judy (Dennis) Levine of Exton, PA, and Diane Pahls of Eagle Bend, VA; and his dear friend Deb Pritchard. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held March 5 at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Hackensack.

*Information was taken from the Walker Pilot-Independent, March 9, 2005.*



## WATER LEVEL REPORT

by Tom Cox

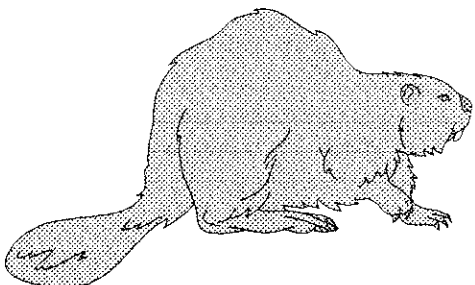
Does the lake seem high to you? That's not an illusion, you may be sure. Walt Kane reports that when he read the DNR gauge on May 29, the lake stood at 1379.89 feet above sea level, which was 12.5" higher than a year ago, 2.8" higher than on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 8.4" higher than on last November 1<sup>st</sup>.

High water is, of course, due in part to ample spring rain, but another culprit may be the substantial beaver dam in the Boy River a couple of hundred yards below the new CSAH 6 bridge. Buzz Converse tells me that on Sunday afternoon, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, he donned chest-high waders, waded out into the river and single-handedly pulled out the center section of the dam which, he said, was holding back 15 inches of water! As he pulled out twigs and branches, heaping them up on either end of the dam, the water rushed through, carrying additional dam material out with it. Gradually, as the levels on either side of the dam equalized, the water calmed down.

Buzz told me that he understands that the Birch Lake Association contracted with a trapper to remove beaver from that area last fall, and that the trapper had captured some eight or nine animals. Buzz also told me that the water is about mid-thigh depth at the dam. My conclusion: the dam is readily easily accessible to humans — sobering thought for Ten Mile's sometimes intrepid Dam Raiders! Meanwhile, we're in debt to the Birch Lake Association and to Buzz for their attention over this past off-season to this annoyingly persistent problem.

To my knowledge, there's still no word on the County's reconstruction of the Birch Lake Outlet Structure. High water may require the postponement of that project for yet another season.

Stay tuned. . . .



## REPORT OF THE WATERSHED COORDINATOR

by John Alden, Watershed Coordinator

In January 2005 the Cass County Commissioners and the Environmental Services Department requested that I present recent developments for shoreland protection and, in particular, land use controls and concerns for surface use on the lakes in Cass County. The Board of Commissioners and Cass County department chiefs attended a retreat at Deep Portage Conservation Reserve on February 12, 2005. I made the following points in my presentation:

- **Lake Management Plans** — The Initiative Foundation in Little Falls, MN has been instrumental in providing both funding and training for lake associations to develop individual Lake Management Plans. In Cass County, more than 100 lake association members have participated in training workshops. Eighteen lake management plans have been completed.
- **Environmentally Sensitive Shorelands in the County** — The Geographic Information System "Upland Functional Model" (initiated by TMLA) has been completed and will be an important tool to identify environmentally sensitive shorelands. These areas may be reclassified as Special Protection Areas.
- **Collector Sewage Treatment Systems** — Cass County promotes and supports the implementation of neighborhood/local community waste-water treatment systems. Mapping of these neighborhoods that may have limited physical space for future sanitation needs is available on the County website. County personnel are very willing to provide an initial assessment for septic waste planning.
- **Stormwater Management** — The Environmental Services Department is implementing stormwater management planning for all development projects that have more than one acre of disturbed land. The purpose of this planning is to identify over-land flow patterns of storm runoff in order to protect septic systems and provide erosion controls for water quality in lakes and streams.

## HIGHWAY WORK

by Jim Schwartz

Target Date for the completion of the Highway 50 project between Highways 371 and 71 is July 1, 2005, according to information from the Cass County Highway Department. If that deadline is not met, the contractor is subject to fines until all work is done.

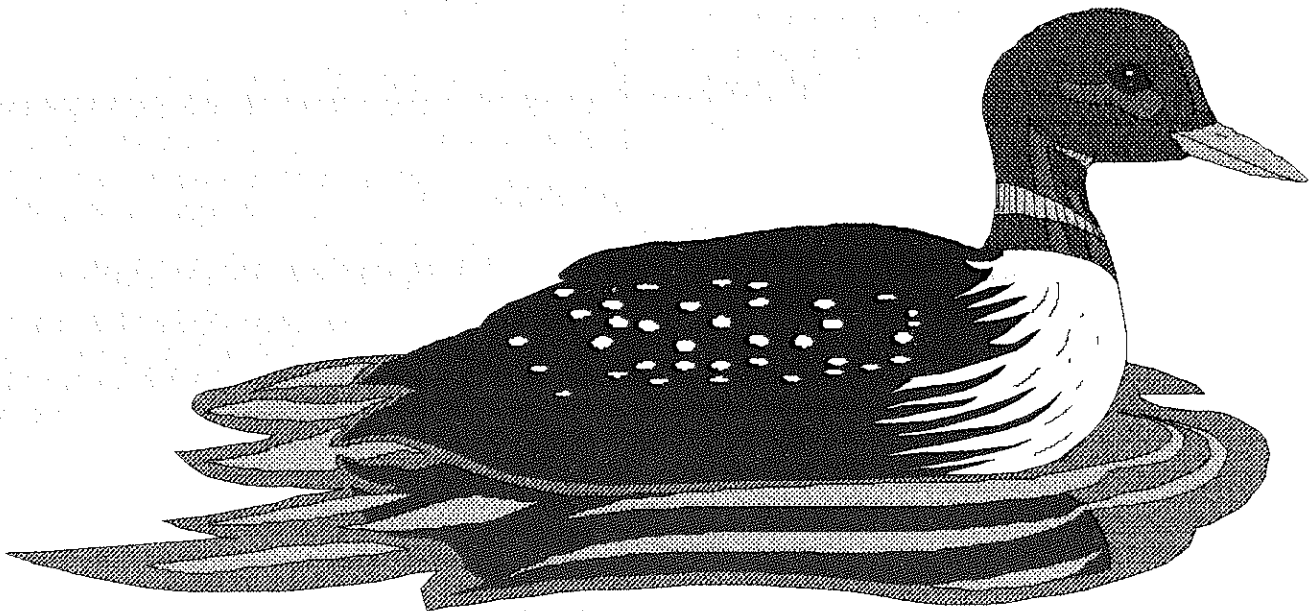
The upgrading of Highway 71 has been put on hold for 2001 and possibly 2006 as well, due to a shortage of funding. The Highway Department reports, however, that the road will get a coating of gravel and an application of calcium chloride as soon as the weather conditions permit.

## THE LOON JOURNALISTS

*Editorial note:*

The world has many loony journalists (present company exempted, of course) but Ten Mile Lake has only two Loon Journalists. Because of a death in the family, these intrepid reporters had a very involved spring, and a late arrival at TML.

Therefore, the Loon Journal is not available this spring. We extend our deepest sympathy to Bob and Kim Moe, and we look forward to a full loon journal report for the summer edition of the TMLA Newsletter.



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