

Newsletter

Spring, 2011

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

TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2011

FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADES..... Monday
10:00 a.m. July 4, 2011
North Shore..... Area by former Arthur's
South Shore..... Public Access

**WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S
PERMIT TRAINING**..... Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. July 7, 2011
At the Hackensack Community Center

WELL WATER TESTING..... Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July 16, 2011
At former Woock's Store (South Shore, Rock Rose
Trail & Lower Ten Mile Lake Road) or
Christiansens' (North Shore, 5457 Co.Rd.50)

ANNUAL MEETING..... Saturday
9:30 a.m. August 6, 2011
At Union Congregational Church, Hackensack

TMLA BOARD MEETINGS..... Saturdays
9:00 a.m.
At Tom & Sarah Cox's May 21, 2011
At Lee Ann Sand's June 18, 2011
At Bob & Kim Moe's July 16, 2011
At Jim Miller's August 20, 2011
At Teri Gapinsky's September 17, 2011

FALL FETE..... Friday
5:00 p.m. September 16, 2011

DEADLINES, MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTERS:
Summer Issue..... June 15, 2011
Fall Issue..... September 1, 2011

REPORT OF THE ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

By Bruce Carlson, Chair

This will be a brief interim report, because much of what would ordinarily go here has been included in the President's Report. (See Page 4.) For the spring and summer, committee members will continue their regular monitoring of the lake, including Secchi disk readings from a number of locations and temperature/oxygen profiles from a couple of locations within the lake.

This information gets fed to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and serves as a valuable source of information to them about the state of the lake.

The survey of the state of the Ten Mile shoreline is half completed and should be finished by late spring. Mid-May will see the usual spring water sampling (four locations within the lake, the Boy River outlet, a number of inlet sites from wetlands around the lake and selected wells), which is done with Del Hogen and his company, Instrumental Research Inc. The E & E Committee has stayed well connected with the relevant governmental agencies over the winter, and we anticipate a number of interesting things will happen this summer.

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Zoning – now handled by the Conservation Committee

DO YOU REMEMBER? . . .

BY Stan Benbrook

Do you remember coming across Indian Pipe plants while out walking in the woods? They were always snow white because they lacked chlorophyll. Sometimes they could be seen in our deepest woodlands growing out of decaying trees left over from the old logging days. . . .

Have you while out canoeing had a loon try to climb in with you? One evening a long time ago I had that experience along the south shore of Ten Mile. That beautiful wild bird came right up to the edge of the canoe and seemed perfectly content to be there. A moment later he was gone, and I had a great memory. . . .

If you'd like to contribute to this column of memories, please send your memories to History Committee member Susan Seyala at: s.seyala@gmail.com

Summer Internship Available

We have been told that for the summer, 2011 the Department of Environmental Services of Cass County will have funds to support a **summer intern** to analyze data resulting from septic system inspections around Ten Mile Lake over the past several years. The aim is to determine the efficacy of the present system of inspections and to use the data to formulate future policy and practice. Other environmentally-related projects are also possible. For a college student, this could be a good way to stay at the lake this summer and also earn some money in a job that would be of direct benefit to the lake.

If you are interested, please contact **John Ringle, Director of Environmental Services**, Cass County for further information. His e-mail address is john.ringle@co.cass.mn.us, and his phone number is 218-547-7241.

FISHING CHATTER

By Bob Horn, Chair, Fisheries Committee

The 2011 Walleye/Northern Pike fishing opener began on May 14th this year. Fishing for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass opened May 28th. Possession limits are the same as last year:

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| Walleyes – 6 | Not more than one walleye over 20" in possession. |
| Northern - 3 | The special regulation for Ten Mile is that all 24"- 36" pike must be immediately released. One Pike over 36" is allowed in possession. |

REMINDERS:

- **Do Not Release** unused minnows, worms, leeches into the lake.
- **Practice "Catch and Release"** to help maintain a good resource.
- **Aquatic Invasive Species** are threatening Minnesota waters. The Law requires that you inspect all boats and trailers and remove visible plants, zebra mussels, and other invasive species before leaving and before accessing other waters. (Gull Lake, near Brainerd was added to the list of infested waters last fall. There are now 6 lakes in Cass County known to be infested with zebra mussels.)

NEW LAW:

Drain water from boat, live well, bilge and impeller by removing drain plugs, and open water draining

devices before leaving any water access. Also portable bait containers must be drained when leaving designated infested waters. If you want to keep your live bait when leaving infested waters, you must replace water in bait containers with tap or spring water.

SMALLMOUTH BASS

One of the fish that swim the clear waters of Ten Mile Lake but doesn't get much attention is the Smallmouth Bass. Smallies are a feisty, fun fish for all ages to catch. Ten Mile has a good population of both Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass. Smallmouth Bass can be found in many of the same habitats as the walleye and can also be caught off the dock in some locations. The Minnesota state record is a Smallmouth Bass of eight pounds caught in 1948 on West Battle Lake.

Not much is known about how this fish found its way into Ten Mile. The most common theory has been that they followed the Boy River upstream. Well, we have new evidence that dates back to the 1930's. **Don Brown**, a lake resident, found an article that was published in the Walker Pilot on November 8, 1935. This article states "twenty cans of smallmouth bass fingerlings were planted recently in Lake May, Ten Mile Lake, and Portage Lake. Each can contained 100 fingerlings that averaged from four to six inches in length".



GOT LOTS OF TREASURES (JUNK) YOU WANT TO SELL?

ANNOUNCING PLANS FOR A TEN MILE LAKE COMMUNITY

GARAGE SALE "CRAWL"

JULY 8-9, 2011

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Bruce Carlson, TMLA President

As I write this update on events since the Fall Newsletter, it is looking like winter might be finally relaxing its grip on the north country. Even though the lake seems to have been placed in suspended animation under the grip of ice and snow, there has been considerable activity involving the Ten Mile Lake Association. Several initiatives that were set into motion in 2009-2010 have either come to fruition or are progressing nicely. Let me outline some of the major developments.

TEN MILE LAKE AS VIEWED BY STATE GOVERNMENT

One of the most important things for a lake association to do is to be sure that its lake is well positioned in the radar of various governmental agencies. Over the past couple of years, a concerted effort has been made to be sure that relevant state agencies are aware of TML, both as a unique lake and as a lake whose shoreline residents care greatly about the well-being of the lake. For many years, this has been a prime strategy of the Association. This is really paying off. Probably the best example of this is reflected in a talk that I attended at the annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society in Minneapolis this past December. This was a two-day session devoted to anticipating the effects of global warming on northern lakes, with emphasis on Minnesota. As you know, TML has been designated as one of 22 sentinel lakes in Minnesota. These are lakes around the state that have been singled out for special study because of both their unique characteristics and their role as bellwethers of future climate change. In addition, TML has been designated as a "refuge lake." This means that Ten Mile is one of a few lakes that are top priority for preservation in their "natural" state.

At the meeting I attended a talk in which about 75% of the material concerning refuge lakes was based specifically on TML. A main emphasis of the talk involved preserving a significant percentage of the watershed in order to maintain the quality of the lake. This is a step beyond immediate shoreline restoration, and it takes a broader view. If I remember the numbers correctly, it was estimated that if another 500-600 acres of the approximately 8,000-acre Ten Mile watershed could be preserved through conservation easements, the entire watershed would be considered "sufficiently" protected. I'm hoping that

we can do better than that, but the above is a goal that will likely be supported by state funding for conservation easements (more later on this). There are also ongoing studies of the cisco population in TML. The cisco is considered a key indicator species of the health of a northern lake, especially regarding the likelihood of future warming. Scientists at the University of Minnesota, Duluth and at the DNR are actively working on this.

SHORELINE IMPROVEMENT AND RESTORATION

This is a currently major hot-button issue for a number of state agencies. TMLA was a bit ahead of the curve on shoreline improvement, and through some efforts that began in 2009, we are now the recipients of a \$40,000-50,000 grant from the Clean Water Legacy Fund for shoreline improvement on TML. This grant is being administered through Cass County Environmental Services. Over a year ago, a group of over 40 TML shoreline lot owners had indicated an interest in shoreline improvement, and these folks were the first to be notified about the options of participating in this program. I recently posted a note on the TMLA Website about this, as well. If the number of projects exceeds the available money from this specific grant, I have been told that there are several other potential sources of funds. I really don't think that funding will be a limiting factor for anyone on the lake who is interested in a shoreline improvement project at the lake. Anybody who is interested in a shoreline improvement project should contact **Kelly Condiff** at Cass County Environmental Services. He is happy to come out to evaluate your shoreline and suggest treatments. He also does much of the work on the ground himself. To contact Kelly, either call him at 218-547-7246 or e-mail him at KellyCondiff@yahoo.com.

RESOURCE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

Nothing of significance has happened on this front since late last summer. There are some early plans for setting up a common informational meeting for residents covering 5 or 6 townships in the area. Such a meeting may take place in June. If so, an announcement will be posted on the TMLA Website.

SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTIONS

TMLA was one of the early lake associations to institute a system of regular septic system

inspections. The reason for this was to identify non-compliant systems that could allow nutrients to leak into the lake. A major reason for the improvement in our water quality a few decades ago was attention paid to reducing inflow from biffies and septic systems into the lake. In recent years, we have completed two rounds of inspecting all the septic systems around the lake. This summer Cass County Environmental Services will ask a summer intern to analyze the results of these inspections and recommend future actions.

SANDY BEACH RESIDUE

Since last September, I have heard nothing from any source regarding the Sandy Beach purchase effort. Although the effort to purchase the land was not successful, several valuable lessons were learned. Most important is that regardless of one's view of the merits or lack of merit of the proposed Sandy Beach purchase, TMLA still has the capacity to raise a significant amount of funds for important projects that could benefit the lake. The amount of money that was pledged over just a short period of time dwarfs that raised by lake associations for high profile projects on nearby lakes. The message that I came away with from last summer's efforts is that

1. We would need to be very clear why a land purchase project is of importance to the lake.
2. There are folks around the lake who would be willing to put substantial amounts of money into preserving or improving the lake, although all may not be agreed upon individual priorities or projects.

UPCOMING TALKS

Two talks scheduled for this summer merit mention. The first is a talk on succession planning for cabin owners. This is a topic of importance for anyone who plans to keep the family cabin in the

family, as is so often the case at TML. Last summer Margaret Cronin, a Twin Cities attorney, gave a talk on this topic in Walker, and 150 people had to be turned away, because the room could hold only 250. Margaret has agreed to give an encore talk this summer on August 19 at the Walker Community Center. The talk will be jointly sponsored by the TMLA and the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation. More on this in the Summer Newsletter.

The second talk will be one on aquatic invasive species, which will be given by a representative of the DNR at the annual meeting of the TMLA on August 6. Anybody who reads the news these days is aware of the heightened public and legislative interest in this topic. With Eurasian Milfoil found in a number of nearby lakes and the discovery of zebra mussels in Gull Lake last fall, this is not just an abstract threat to the well being of our lake. It is worth noting that officially, DNR does not provide funds to treat lakes for invasive species, and in some lakes residents are being asked to contribute up to \$1,000 per cabin per year for measures to control invasives in their lake. So far, at Ten Mile we have been lucky, but increasing awareness is an important step in preventing their entry into our lake.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

Based on what I can see now, the future for Ten Mile looks bright, but things could change quickly, depending upon political, environmental and other factors. We all need to keep our collective antennae up to try to anticipate and then respond to future issues and needs. There is nothing better than a broadly involved lake association to do this, and I hope that every member of the TMLA will do his or her part to continue our long tradition of caring for our lake.

THE LOON JOURNAL

By Kim Moe, Loon Committee

WHAT IS THE GULF OIL SPILL DOING TO OUR LOONS?

Since 80 percent of Minnesota's loons winter in The Gulf of Mexico, MNDNR has announced a plan to research the effects of the Gulf oil spill on loons and pelicans.

The loons that hatched in 2008 and 2009 were in the Gulf during the entire time of the oil spill. Those that survived will not be flying back north until their third year of life and they may not mate until their 5th or 6th year. Since loons can dive down 200 feet to feed, they may be feeding where millions of gallons of oil have settled and collected on the Gulf floor. These young birds, and those loons wintering in the Gulf, may be eating toxic or tainted food. Perhaps the food sources may be gone completely.

12 loons are currently being tracked with transmitters and 60 more will be fitted with GPS units. Blood samples are being obtained and tested for toxins in the loons' blood. Long-term impacts of the oil spill may affect mating, reproduction and egg viability.

Loon Mortality is being studied in Minnesota and Wisconsin. If you should come upon a dead loon, put it in a plastic bag and on ice. Contact Bob or Kim Moe at 547-3975 or your nearest DNR official or the Brainerd Non-game Wildlife office at 218-828-2228 or 218-833-8728.

We hope this spring and in the years to come, we will still have numerous loons and chicks summering with us on Ten Mile Lake!

ADOPT-A-Highway

By Ivar Soqveland, Chair, Adopt-A-Highway Committee

The Ten Mile Lake Association would like to thank all members of the Adopt-A-Highway Committee for the outstanding performance displayed in keeping Ten Mile's highways and byways clear of debris during the 2010 Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons. The association would also like to thank the many committee members who have agreed to continue to serve in 2011.

We would like to invite any and all members who would like to participate to join our committee for the upcoming season. The more participants we have, the less area each participant needs to cover. Although we welcome anyone interested we have a special need for assistance on the North end of the lake (County Road 50 to County Road 71 from Highway 371).

If interested, please contact **Ivar Siqveland**, Committee Chair, at **218-547-0924 (H) 218-341-3970 (Cell)** or by e-mail, **ivaresi@gmail.com**. Once our members are confirmed, each person will receive their area of responsibility.

Even if you don't choose to be a committee member, we request all members whose property adjoins those roads around the lake to keep that part of the road clear as well as the opposite side of the road.

Thank you for your help.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES IMPACTING TMLA SHORELINE

By Marty McCleery

The Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL — TMLA is a member) formed a Variance Steering Committee in late January to address ACCL concerns that MN House File No. 52 (H.F. No. 52) and MN Senate File S.F. No. 13, lowered the standards for granting a variance by counties, cities and towns and **would negatively impact existing shorelines and property**. The Variance Steering Committee has received support from the Minnesota Shoreline and Recreational Property Owners (MSRPO), Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, MN Waters, ACCL & supporters now referred to as the "Collaborative." The Bill eliminates the balancing test pursuant to the **Stadsvold decision** that is currently the law for counties to determine whether or not to grant a variance. It became clear that in order for the Collaborative to be effective ACCL needs to have both a communication strategy with the key legislators and a lobbyist to represent their interests. The ACCL Steering Committee believed that **Henry Erdman**, MSRPO lobbyist, was the best person to represent them.

Under H.F. No. 52 an applicant may be granted a variance if he/she can establish there are "**practical difficulties**" in complying with the Ordinance. "**Practical difficulties**" under the H.F. No. 52 it means the following:

- The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by an official control;
- The plight of the owner is due to circumstances unique to the property and not created by the landowner; and
- The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.

The Bill requires that all three of the above criteria must be satisfied in order for there to be "practical difficulties."

The attempt by ACCL to strengthen the definition of "**practical difficulties**" in H.F. No. 52 includes the following:

- The proposed use was not a substantial variation from the Ordinance;

- There is no other feasible method to alleviate the need for a variance; and
- The variance will not result in substantial detriment to the neighboring property, have adverse effects on government services and conflict with other rules, official controls and statutory requirements.

Neither the League of Cities nor the organization of counties was willing to consider these changes to the "**practical difficulties**" standard. The current changes were approved by the House Committee, on February 17th, and are not supported by the League of Cities and organization of counties, and did not address the Collaborative concerns. Now the House draft legislation does not have the support of the cities, counties, and Collaborative as it passed out of that Committee to the House floor.

Henry Erdman has advised the Collaborative that ACCL may have a better opportunity to strengthen the definition of "**practical difficulties**" in the Senate Committee. ACCL is now working on S.F. No. 13, the companion bill to H.F. No. 52, which will go before the Senate Government Relations Committee. S.F. No. 13 contains the same language as proposed by the cities and counties in H.F. No. 52. ACCL is proposing the following changes (in bold italics) to the definition of "**practical difficulties**" under S.F. No. 13:

The proposed "Practical difficulties" mean the following:

- The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by, ***but not in substantial variation from***, an official control;
- The plight of the owner is due to circumstances unique to the property and not created by the landowner ***or prior landowners***;
- ***There is no feasible method*** to alleviate the need for the variance; and
- The variance, if granted, ***will not result in substantial detriment to the neighboring properties*** and will not alter the essential character of the locality.

As of 3-21-2011 (spring has arrived!) there are indications that the cities and counties may be more supporting of this language.

THE HISTORY PAGE

THE TRAILBLAZER ----- THE UNEXPECTED

By Colonel Gilbert A. Robertson
Gretna, Nebraska

Early in 2009 I was surfing the net and on a whim I typed in "Ten Mile Lake, Minnesota." Wow! What a lot of hits! I clicked on "Ten Mile Lake Association." There was the "History" section and "Klose to Nature Kamp." which had been my Grandma **Anna May Robertson's** resort on Angel Island. I read the section with great interest and amazement. I knew about Grandma's resort and had spent quite a bit of time there as a small child. I looked up the officers of the Ten Mile Lake Association and called board member **Sue Eikenberry** and we talked about the article. In January of 2010 I discussed with Sue the possibility of a trip to Ten Mile and a tour of the island with my close friend, **Lorraine Teslow**, while visiting her in Eden Prairie, MN. She said she would arrange that and maybe I could meet the Bowmans. I was astonished and said, "Who are the Bowmans?" I told her I didn't know that **George Bowman**, who eventually married my grandmother, had any children. Here is what I HAD known:

The summer of 1914 my Grandmother Robertson decided to take my Dad up to Northern Minnesota for a "vacation." So far as I know, she never returned to Lake Park, Iowa. Grandma started a resort on an island in Ten Mile called "Klose to Nature Kamp." Dad told me the first indication that something was going on was when she wrote a check on Grandpa Robertson's bank for \$5,000 to buy lumber and build cabins on the island. The resort had five or six cabins and there was no modern plumbing. I don't know if there was more than one outhouse, but there must have been one for guests. Somehow Dad acquired a school bell and mounted it on the roof of this outhouse. Most bathrooms at this time had a toilet with a "flush box" mounted above the toilet with a chain with a wooden handle on it to flush the toilet. Dad got one of the chains and ran it to the bell through a hole in the roof. He said you could always tell when there was a new guest in camp, but they only rang the bell once!

There was a lodge that had a dining room that was decorated with all sorts of stuffed animals and birds. It would seem that Grandma would import exotic birds into the sub-arctic climate of Northern Minnesota and when they succumbed to the bitter winter weather she would

have them stuffed. According to the photos of the dining room, the local taxidermist could have retired from the work that she brought him.

In the late 20's Dad became engaged to a girl by the name of Ann whose dad was the local banker that held the mortgage on the lodge at Klose to Nature Kamp. That engagement ended, and about this time Grandma was a bit behind on the mortgage payments. The banker had been sympathetic to her payment tardiness while Ann was engaged to Dad, but now he became eager to get the payments current. When Grandma dragged her feet on making the payments and was threatened with foreclosure the lodge mysteriously burned. However, and somehow, a lot of the contents were saved!

Grandma had a pair of diamond earrings about 1 carat each. She had them set in rings and gave one to George and the other to Dad. Dad lost his and one night while she was upset with George and he was asleep, she removed it from his finger. The diamond that was in George's ring ended up in Mother's engagement ring.

Grandpa Robertson died in Iowa in 1944, thirty years after she went up north. The marital status block on his death certificate was marked: married. She never divorced Grandpa because she didn't believe in divorce. After Grandpa died, she and her long-time companion George Bowman got married.



Meanwhile, Sue had talked to **Jim and Janet Bowman** on the lake about the possibility of our meeting. So, a few weeks later I had a call from Jim Bowman. I asked him if he was any relation to George Bowman and he said he was George Bowman's grandson! Come to find out, Jim's dad was a child from George's first of three marriages. I was never told about the prior marriages and I have no idea if my father knew or not. So, Jim and I were both grandsons of these early residents and nearly the same age. We had a very cordial conversation and I told him I was planning a trip to Ten Mile in July of 2010 and I would certainly like to meet him. He said that would be great and that he would take me on a tour of the island.

On July 27 Lorraine and I arrived in Hackensack and located Sue Eikenberry. She had everything set up with Jim and Janet Bowman and we all met at the Bowman's residence to take photos and notes. We all had a delightful visit. I had brought some photos that belonged to my

father's sister, Ruth, that were taken over the years at "Klose to Nature Kamp" before the lodge burned to the ground, possibly in 1932. Some of the photos were more than just a trip down memory lane! Jim spotted a concrete birdbath in one of the photos that had been in one of Grandma's gardens on the island. The same birdbath was now in the Bowman's flower garden.

Also, Jim and Janet saw a "garden ball" in another photo that was now in the yard across the road from them where Grandma Robertson and George had later lived.

Jim drove my friend and me over to the island. We wandered around just looking and trying to find anything about the past. Where the cabins were lined up in a row I spotted some large plinth blocks. Plinth blocks are a pyramid with the top half removed. There were four of them in a pile and what looked like a concrete porch stoop. I told Lorraine that those four plinth blocks were more than likely the piers that held up the four corners of the cabin. About thirty feet from that pile there were three more plinth blocks and a similar concrete stoop.

One of my photos showed a view of the lodge with a grape arbor in front, possibly 30 to 40 feet from the front entrance. That arbor was still standing and there were a few grape vines on it. Not too far from the arbor towards the lake we saw the mostly complete remains of the rock

stairs going down to the lake. Of course, the fireplace and chimney, the remaining remnants of the once gorgeous lodge are still standing and may be for many years to come.

The Bowmans took us to the cemetery in Akeley where my Grandmother is buried. A very pleasant and memorable visit was had by all.



Jim Bowman, left, talks with Gilbert Robertson about the Klose to Nature Kamp

(Note from History Chairman,

Sue Eikenberry: This has been a very interesting two-year series of phone calls and e-mails leading up to the visit. It just goes to show: History Matters!)

(Editor's note: Since 1951 Angel Island, aka Brandts' Island, the site of the Klose to Nature Kamp, has been in the ownership of the George C. Brandt family. Those wishing to visit the island should follow the protocols that are normal when visiting any privately owned property without an invitation.

Those interested in the history of the island will find comprehensive accounts in Ten Mile Lake History: 200 Years, available through the TMLA History Committee. Ten Mile history buffs can also find a link to George Brandt's history of the island within George's 2002 obituary, which appears on the Obituary page of the TMLA Web Site at <http://www.tenmilelake.org/>)

REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

William Lee (Bill) Christofferson

William (Bill) Christofferson passed away December 28, 2010 after a ten-year battle with cancer. Bill's devoted wife Darlene was privileged to care for him in their Naples FL home during his passage.

Bill was born May 29, 1934 in St. Paul, MN. He received his B.A. degree in 1956 from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN and his M.A. in 1960 at the University of Michigan, where he also did his doctoral studies.

Bill began his career as an educator teaching music in Bagley MN. He taught English, Speech, and Music in Flint, MI for four years. He enjoyed a 30-year career as a Secondary School Principal in Flint and Romulus, MI and his final 23 years as Principal at Brownell and Parcels Middle schools in Grosse Pointe, MI. Under his leadership, Brownell was one of 40 schools in the US to receive the 1986-87 National Recognition for Excellence. A ceremony at the White House Rose Garden with President Ronald Reagan presiding highlighted this achievement. He retired in June 1990, after completing 34 years of service to public school students.

After retiring, Bill and Darlene traveled extensively around the world. Between travels, they resided in Naples, FL during the winter, and at their log cabin on beautiful Ten Mile Lake in Hackensack, MN during the summer.

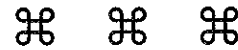
Bill had a beautiful tenor voice and loved to sing. He was a member of the Concordia College Chapel choir during his college years. He had the honor of later directing the singing of the Alma Mater during Concordia College Choir's tour to Naples.

Bill was actively involved in church activities, serving as choir director and elder at churches in Michigan, Minnesota, and Florida. He served as co-chair of the Concert and Vespers Committee for First Presbyterian Church in Naples Florida. Most recently, Bill and Darlene have been members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Naples, FL.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Darlene; three children: Randy (Judy) Christofferson of Greenville, DE, Sandy (Pete) Reiersen of Stoughton, WI, and David Christofferson of Bemidji, MN; and five grandchildren: Anders, Jennu, Kara, Alex, and Christopher.

A memorial service will take place this summer at Ten Mile Lake.

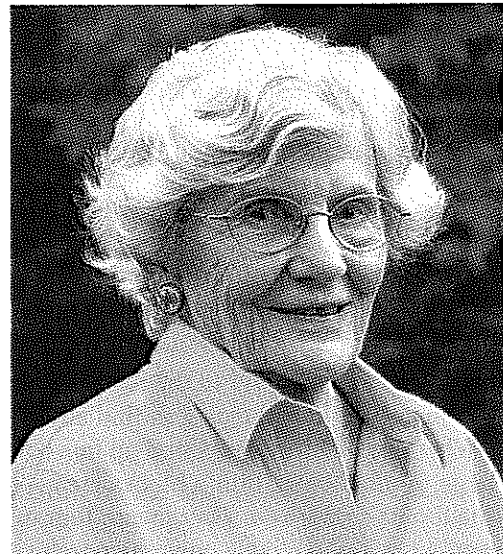
(Information provided by Darlene Christofferson, as published in the Naples FL Daily News, December 30, 2010.)



Catherine (Boucher) Crabb

Catherine (Boucher) Crabb, age 93, died October 20 in Scottsdale, Arizona. She was the youngest of three children born to Florence (Wall) and George I. Boucher in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Robert Crabb in 1939 and raised three children living in LeSueur, MN and Seattle, WA before returning to Minneapolis.

Bob and Catherine moved to Scottsdale upon retirement and split time between Arizona and northern Minnesota where they enjoyed time with family and friends. Catherine was active in numerous charities throughout her life.

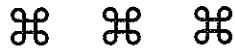


Catherine Crabb

She leaves three sons: Earl (Giselle Shepatin), Robert Jr. (Andrea Lambrecht) and John (Elaine Burnham); grandchildren Christine, Cynthia, Catherine, Brian, Andy and Mariah Crabb, and Robin Wenzel; and great grandchildren Fiona and Cecilia Sweeney, Charlie and J.P. Wenzel, and Benjamin Crabb. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers John and Frank Boucher and her husband

of 71 years, Robert. Memorials are suggested to TMLA, P.O. Box 412, Hackensack, MN 56452

(Information provided by Robert Crabb, Jr.)



Geraldine (Gerry) DeLand

Geraldine (Gerry) DeLand died January 25, 2011 after a short illness. She was preceded in death by her husband, John (Jack) DeLand. She will be greatly missed by her daughters, Kathy (Milt) Anderson and Kris (John) Baligrodzki, and by her much-loved grandson, Adam Baligrodzki.

Geraldine is survived by her brother, Bill (Jo) Hedlund and sisters-in-law, Dorothy, Lois, and Ruth DeLand, and many nieces and nephews.

Gerry was raised in Ceresco, NE. She married Jack in 1955, and moved to California. The family moved to Adelaide, South Australia, and on to Tokyo, Japan. In 1971 the family settled in White Bear Lake, MN until Jack retired. After that they divided their time between McAllen, TX and Hackensack, MN. After Jack's death in 1992, Gerry returned to White Bear Lake.

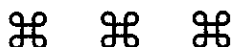


Geraldine DeLand

Gerry enjoyed her summers up north, where she was involved in her church, traveling, sewing, and being with her family and many friends.

Gerry truly enjoyed life. Her family celebrated that life with a memorial service on February 12, 2011 at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake.

(Information provided by Jane Watson.)

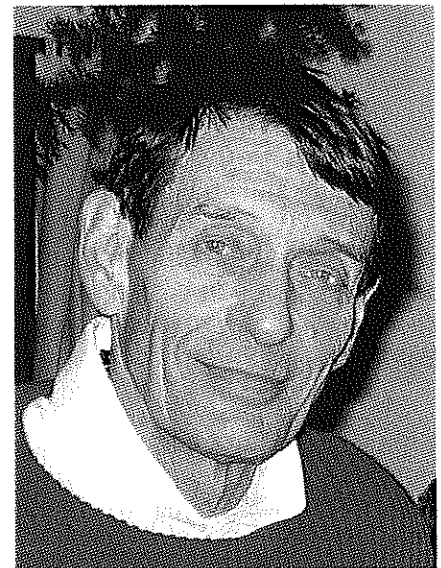


Holger (Fritz) Kilander, Jr.

Holger (Fritz) Kilander, Jr., 74, of Hackensack, MN, died peacefully on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the home of his stepson in Dover, FL. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 28, at 11:00 a.m. at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack.

Fritz was born on December 20, 1936 in East Orange, New Jersey to Holger and Juanita (Miller) Kilander. He lived in New Jersey and Virginia before attending Gustavus Adolphus College ('59) and the Pratt Institute of Art and Design in Brooklyn, NY. He worked for Creative Playthings in New Jersey and Playskool in Chicago until 1974 when he became self-employed and came to live on Ten Mile with his wife Bernadette.

The Kilander family history on Ten Mile Lake began in 1922 when Fritz's grandparents, Karl (Gustavus Professor from St. Peter) and Augusta, were invited to visit Rev. Elof Carlson at his new lake property (purchased from the Bostroms) on the south shore of the lake. They fell in love with Ten Mile and bought three lots from Elof; one for each of their children, Gertrude (Hertzman), Holger Sr. and Ingemar. In 1924 the original cabin was built by Holger Sr. for \$300 and was called "Kilaro," Swedish for "Little Cabin." The Kilanders spent summers at the lake until 1974 when Fritz and Bernadette came to stay. They built a beautiful A-frame home on the original property and lived there until 1980, when they built their current home with artistic care high on the hill on Boone Point. The original three lots have remained in the family and are currently owned by Carole (Kilander) and Al



Holger (Fritz) Kilander

Griggs and the Hertzman family. The Ten Mile tradition continues as children and grandchildren love their time at the lake. Daughter Heather and

husband Mark Stonacek purchased their own cabin in 1998 (formerly the cabin of Kay Cram and Helen Dalton, the directors of Camp Hillaway).

Fritz was a talented inventor and artist. He was very active in the toy industry and his inventions include the Fisher Price Magic Show, the Little Tykes Drum, the Step 2 Roller Coaster and many more. He created and sold many forms of art including sandcastings, paintings, and carvings, many of which were sold locally and adorn cabins around the lake. He loved sailing, old Fords, and all kinds of history. He was the life of the party in his day and he never stopped making people laugh. Fritz made life an adventure for all who knew and loved him.

Fritz was preceded in death by his parents. He will be missed by his wife, Bernadette, his children, Eric (Dotti) Raynal, Heather (Mark) Stonacek and Trip Kilander, his grandchildren, Matt, Zander, Quad, Raymond, Kannon, Holly, Stuart and Kiera, his sister Carole (Al) Griggs, nephew Dave, niece Ann, and their families.

(Information provided by Heather Stonacek.)

(Editor's note: Interested readers will find Fritz Kilander's detailed and engaging story of the Kilander family on Ten Mile in Ten Mile Lake History: 200 Years, available through the TMLA History Committee.)



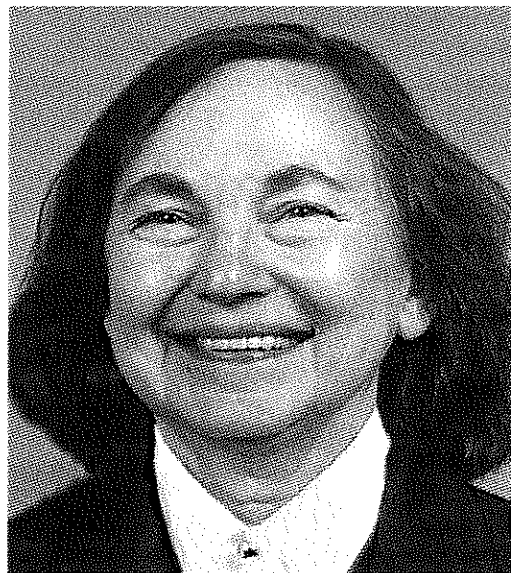
Geraldine "Jerry" Marie Paulson Krueger

Geraldine "Jerry" Marie Paulson Krueger, 80, of Hackensack, MN passed away at her home Friday, March 18, 2011, with her family by her side. Funeral services were held March 26, at 2 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker with the Rev. Mark Olson officiating. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery in Walker.

She was born June 12, 1930, in Montevideo, MN to Melvin Gerhardt and Theresa Corine (Bendickson) Paulson. She spent her growing up years in Walker, Laporte, Park Rapids, Cohasset and Grand Rapids. She graduated from Walker High School in 1948, where she twirled baton in parades and was homecoming queen. She met David Krueger when they were 14; they were married Sept. 22, 1951. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 22, 2001. The Kruegers had three children. Sandra Lynn was born when they lived at

the Fort Riley, Kansas, Army Base. Paul "Skip" Michael and David Scott were born while they lived in Walker.

After high school she worked as a clerk in the Cass County Selective Service office, while David went to the front lines of Korea in 1950-51. After that, they lived four years at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul Campus' "Tin" Village. When David graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1959, they moved to Park Rapids where he was a dentist for 35 years.



Geraldine (Jerry) Krueger

She was a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader and Girl Scout Council Representative in the 1960s. She was state secretary for the Federated Woman's Club and District President of PaRaMi. She sang in the church choir and taught Sunday School at Calvary Lutheran. She enjoyed doll clubs in Bemidji and Fargo. When the Paulsons got together, they sang in harmony. She sang all the time, and David whistled. She loved to read, swim and bike ride. She loved to travel around the United States and twice traveled to Europe.

The couple hosted an AFS student for a year in 1969-70. Line ("Leen") recently visited twice from Paris to see her American family. In 1997 the Kruegers moved back to their Ten Mile Lake home that David had designed. Jerry enjoyed Ten Mile Lake Women's coffees and the summer "Whoop-De-Doo," when friends and family came for weekends in July. She was sweet, gentle and caring, with a smile that could light up a room.

After suffering a major stroke Oct. 30, 2001, she became homebound and was cared for by her husband and daughter and by St. Joseph's Home Care in Park Rapids.

Jerry is survived by her husband David; daughter Sandi; grandson Justin of Ten Mile; sons David of Eureka, CA., and Paul of Brentwood, CA; and brother Dick Paulson of Sun City Center, FL. She was preceded in death by her parents and her stepmother, Helen Paulson.

(Information from the Walker Pilot-Independent, March 23, 2011.)



Gary Reiten

Gary Orville Reiten, 61, of Hackensack, Minn., died unexpectedly Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, on a nature trail at Deep Portage Conservation Reserve near Hackensack. A memorial service was held Jan. 15 at 11 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker with Pastor Mark Olson officiating. Military honors were provided by the Minnesota Army National Guard Funeral Honors Team.

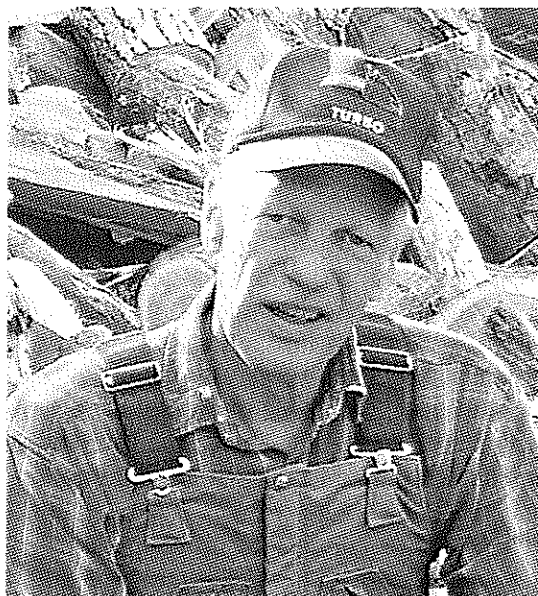
He was born May 10, 1949, in Fosston to Orville Glen and Clara Henrietta (Rud) Reiten. He graduated from Fosston High School in 1967 and then attended Moorhead State until joining the U.S. Army in 1969. His duties took him to various stations including one year in Vietnam. He married Lynn LaVoi July 31, 1971 in Fosston, and they moved to the Twin Cities where he completed his military duties. They then moved to Bemidji, where he finished his degree at Bemidji State University, graduating cum laude. In 1974 they moved to Portage Lake. He then taught junior high science and coached wrestling at Walker-Hackensack High School.

After five years of teaching he decided to pursue his master's degree in geology, which prompted a move to Duluth where he attended UMD. After completing his degree, the couple moved back to their home on Portage Lake, and he continued teaching part time. He also worked at Reeds Sporting Goods in Walker in the shipping department, a job he held until June 2003. Since then he has become the neighborhood handyman and was quick to tell everyone that he "worked for Lynn."

He enjoyed spending time in the woods and anything outdoors, especially fly fishing, hunting and camping. Woodworking or working on his latest

project in his heated shop were also favorite ways he spent his time. He loved helping people and will be remembered for his dry sense of humor and his predictability. Without fail he went on a daily walk at 8:45 p.m. in spite of any weather.

He was generous with his time in helping others but was always frugal with his resources. He valued the time he could spend teaching kids and was a firearms safety instructor and a counselor at Camp Fish. His family was very important to him, especially sitting around the campfire and spending time with his grandchildren. He lived his life with a quiet faith and has left a legacy of memories for his family and community.



Gary Reiten

He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, the Fosston American Legion, a lifetime member of the Northstar Sportsmen's Club and president of the Portage Lake Association.

He is survived by his wife Lynn of Hackensack; son Brian Orville (Lynda) Reiten and their children, Morgyn, Brenna, Samuel Orville and Gunnar of Brainerd; daughter Sarah (Neil) Kotzer and their children, Hayli and Kael of St. Cloud; sister, Amy (Paul) Bugge of Duluth; brother-in-law, Steve (Cara) LaVoi of Fosston; two nephews, Matt and Nate LaVoi; and aunts, uncles, many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

(Information from the Walker Pilot-Independent, January 13, 2011.)

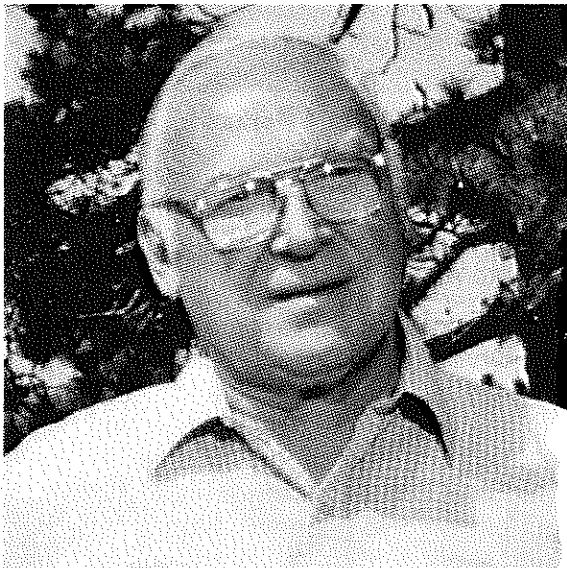


Frederick Stanton Shelton

Frederick Stanton Shelton died peacefully February 3, 2011 in Minneapolis at age 93. Fred was born March 7, 1917 in Chariton, IA to Corwin Code and Mary Shelton. He was raised in Chariton where he played high school football, basketball, tennis and golf. He attended Northwestern University in Evanston, IL.

Fred's connection with Ten Mile Lake began in 1929 when he was invited to join the W.A. Eikenberry family for the summer. The Eikenberrys were building their cabin that summer, and Fred and Bill Eikenberry helped with the construction. One of their jobs was to hand-polish all of the pine beams found throughout that cabin.

According to his older brother Lewis, upon Fred's return from Ten Mile, Lewis whined so much about not being able to go to Ten Mile with Fred that the family made the trip the following summer, 1930. They stayed at Fisher Point resort on Leech Lake and visited their Chariton friends. Fred's parents were impressed by what they saw and purchased the next lot available on Chariton Beach and built their own cabin in 1931. That property is now owned by Fred's son, Blake and his wife, Nancy.



Frederick Shelton

In 1936 Fred brought his then girlfriend, Caroline Blake, to Ten Mile along with Caroline's older sister and her husband as chaperones. During this visit Fred and Caroline borrowed Caroline's brother-in-

law's car and drove to Walker where they were married in front of a probate judge. The marriage was kept a secret for a year while Fred attended Northwestern and Caroline worked in Des Moines. They were married 34 years until Caroline's death in 1970.

After working in the family bakery in Chariton Fred was employed by J.C. Penney for 32 years. From 1951 to 1961 the family lived in Racine, WI; Spokane, WA; Wauwatosa, WI; Wichita, KS and Edina, MN. Fred managed stores in Wisconsin, Kansas and Minnesota before retiring in 1973.

He married Hildur Nelson Grossman of St. Paul in 1972. Fred was active in Rotary International throughout his career, held many leadership positions in his church and was a Mason for over 72 years. He enjoyed playing tennis and golf into his later years.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Caroline, and his siblings, Lewis Shelton and Delores Shelton Fee. He was the last Shelton of his generation. With the possible exception of Jack Reese, whose parents built the cabin that has been occupied by Harry and Franny Seward for about fifty years, he may have been the last survivor of the children of the original owners of the first eight lots of Chariton Beach.

He is survived by his wife, Hildur; his children, Susanne Hetrick of Linwood, NJ, Cheris (Robert) Garrison of Ocala, FL, and Blake (Nancy) Shelton of Plymouth, MN; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Hildur's children, Ruth Ann VonGrossman of Minneapolis, Robert (Lynae) Grossman of Lakeville, MN, Jean Grossman (Charles Heibel) of Minneapolis, and Betsy Grossman (Randy Stanley) of Big Stone Gap, VA; and Hildur's four grandchildren.

(Information provided by Blake Shelton.)



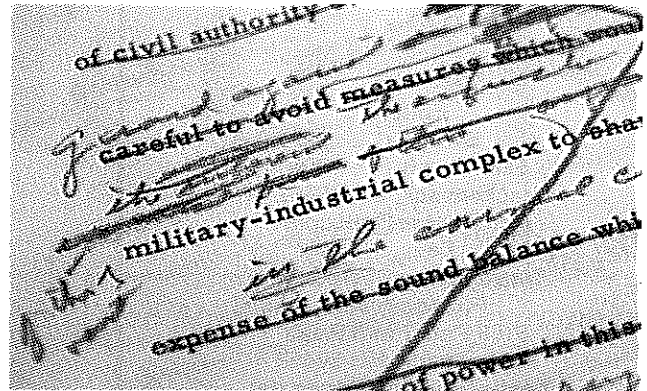
TMLA NAMES IN THE NEWS

GRANT MOOS FINDS IMPORTANT PAPERS LEFT BY HIS FATHER

Last fall Grant Moos made a spectacular discovery during his fall clean-up activities which was covered by two journalists (and possibly others unknown to us): John Milburn, of the Associated Press, appearing in the December 10, 2010 Minneapolis *Star-Tribune*, and Jim Newton, writing for the *New Yorker Magazine's* "Talk of the Town" Section on December 20, 2010.

The *New Yorker* article starts as follows:

"A few months ago, Grant Moos was closing his boathouse, near Hackensack, Minnesota, as he does every summer, tying up loose ends, sweeping up debris. This year, though, his sister Kathy insisted that it was finally time to do something about six cardboard boxes that for decades had been stacked in a corner next to a 7.5-horsepower Evinrude engine. The boxes belonged to their father, Malcolm Moos, a journalist and academic who was a speechwriter for President Dwight Eisenhower. When Moos left the White House, in 1961, he donated some of his papers to the Eisenhower Presidential Library, in Abilene, Kansas, but he kept some, too. The boxes were full of pine needles, acorns, and mouse droppings, and smelled of campfires. As Moos looked through the contents, he came across a batch of folders marked "Farewell Address." He looked up the Eisenhower Library, and sent the boxes off to Abilene."



Picture by Charlie Riedell (AP) for the *Star-Tribune*

As the two articles recount, the archivists took awhile to discover what the materials in the boxes meant. They included multiple drafts of the speech Eisenhower gave as a Farewell Address to the nation, in which he spelled out his concerns about the "military-industrial complex." Historians had long debated whether Eisenhower contributed that idea himself and whether it was included early on or only in later drafts. The papers showed that it was Eisenhower's concern from the time he conceived the idea for such a speech.

(If anyone is interested in reading the full texts of either of these articles, please e-mail me (sjcoxreston@aol.com) and I will e-mail you a copy.)

JAY CLINE NAMED WOODLAND BANK'S EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

As reported in the *Pilot-Independent* on February 9, 2011, **Jay Cline**, Vice President of TMLA and manager of Woodland Bank's office in Jenkins, was named Bank Employee of the Year at a company conference. Jay will become President of TMLA at its annual meeting in August.

Jay has nearly 27 years in the banking business, and joined Woodland as manager at Jenkins in May 2009, following nine years as vice president and marketing manager at Centennial National Bank/Bank Forward in Walker and Hackensack. He also has held management positions with the State Banks of Pine River, Pequot Lakes, and Backus.

In presenting the award, Brian Nicklason, president and chief executive officer of the

bank, said "During his [time] at Woodland Bank, Jay has led by example, bringing an enthusiastic sense of teamwork to the office, and has increased outreach into the community."

Jay responded that being named Employee of the Year was one of the proudest moments in his banking career. A resident of Hackensack, Cline has been active in several area organizations, including the Hackensack Chamber of Commerce, the Hackensack Lions, Cass County Economic Development Corporation and TMLA. He is a graduate of Walker-Hackensack High School and earned an accounting degree from Central Lakes College in Brainerd.

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