Ten Mile Lake Association

# Newsletter

**Spring**, **2003** 

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

# TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2003

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WELL WATER TESTING	Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	July 12, 1003
At former Woock's Store and	
Jerry Mills' Garage	

ANNUAL MEETING . . . . . . . . . . Saturday
9:30 a.m. August 2, 2003

At the Hackensack Senior Center

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

Place to be Determined . . . . . June 21, 2003 July 12, 2003

August 16, 2003

September 13, 2003

# SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT: Safety Notes

- Watercraft Operators Permit Training is scheduled for Friday, June 27 at the Hackensack Community Center. Several lake associations are working with the Sheriff's Department, the Lions Club, DNR, and the Town of Hackensack to provide training aimed at youth 12 years of age and older. Included are information, hands-on training in boats on the water, lunch, and a test for the permit. Call Don Harris (675-6285) or any member of the Safety Committee to register your child.
- The Minnesota Boating Guide, 2003 (A Summary of Laws & Rules) — GET IT! This small handy booklet is available for free at the DNR, at bait and boating shops, in government offices. READ IT! KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE BEFORE YOU GET IN YOUR BOAT! Some of the rules have changed slightly, so check it out!
- The water level in the lake is somewhat lower than previous years, so be aware that rock hazards will be closer to the surface, just waiting for your propellor to get close. Extra caution may be needed!
- Private floats and markers may not be left in the lake overnight unless you have a permit from the County Sheriff (\$5 fee required).
- Mooring Buoys Cass County requires that mooring buoys must be located not more than 100 feet from shore.
- Swimming Rafts Cass County requires that swimming rafts must have a permit, be reflectorized on all sides, and be located not more than 150 feet from shore.

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#### TEN MILE LAKE IN THE STAR TRIBUNE

Ten Mile Lake gets a prominent mention in an article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune for May 26 headed "FIGURING THE VALUE OF CLEAR WATERS: The price of lakeshore land is closely related to water clarity, a study shows." (Tom Meersman, Page B-1,3). TML is mentioned as one of a number of lakes studied in the north central region of the state to determine the relationship of water clarity to lakeshore land values. The researchers predict that "Ten Mile Lake in Cass County, which is clear to nearly 22 feet, would see shore frontage rise an estimated \$9 per foot if its water became clearer. Land values would drop by about \$11 per foot if the lake lost more than 3 feet of clarity." The change values for TML are less than for Leech Lake, presumably because our lake's clarity and land values are already high. However, "total property value around a lake could increase or decrease by millions of dollars," depending on water quality.

The article points out that "lakeshore property is under tremendous development pressure," which can degrade water quality if developers fail to follow proper guidelines. According to Charlie Parson, author of the study, "(T)he worst practices include removing trees, native plants, and aquatic vegetation in front of the property, and then mowing everything down to the water and fertilizing the heck out of it."

The study was conducted by researchers at Bemidji State University under the direction of the Mississippi Headwaters Board.

#### ICE OUT ON TEN MILE LAKE

The Ten Mile Lake Web Site (tenmilelake.org) records that on May 6, Bob Crom reported that Jim Schwartz had observed some ice on the lake on April 24th, but that it was gone on the morning of the 25th. Ice out on Leech Lake was recorded on April 24th. In 2002 the official Ten Mile ice out date was April 24th.

#### **NEW FACES AT ARTHUR'S**

by Sarah Cox

(Last summer, Jeff and Nancy Hanson, who had owned Arthur's Ten Mile Lake Inn since 1995, sold the business to Dan and Cindee Petrie. Tom and I visited with the Petries this spring to find out who they are, where they come from, and what they have in mind for the restaurant.)

Dan and Cindee Petrie talked to us on the sunny, newly power-washed deck of Arthur's. Both the Petries have a long association with the restaurant business, though Dan's most recent job was with Polaris Industries in Medina, MN. They lived in Elk River, and Cindee worked as a manager at the Red Lobster in

Golden Valley. started She working for Red Lobster in Wisconsin as a iob for summer break from college (where she was studying Nursing), but was almost immediately invited to get into management and has stayed with it, starting and managing new restaurants for Red Lobster, In fact, the Petries first met when came Dan looking for a

Dan and Cindee Petrie, on the deck at Arthur's, with daughter Ellie.

temporary job and was hired by Cindee. Similarly, Dan had worked in restaurants as a teenager; while at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO (studying Political Science) he started working as a bartender at the Sundance Steakhouse and Country Club; then he, too, moved into management.

The Petries had already decided they wanted to get further away from the city, when a friend, Harold Bruns, told them about Arthur's, which was then on the market. It proved to be just what they wanted, and in an area they liked and were familiar with. They were interested in a restaurant with a family orientation and a supper

club atmosphere, rather than a business centered on a bar and late night drinking.

The changes the Petries have in mind for Arthur's are incremental rather than calling for total overhaul. They are hoping to achieve slow but continuous improvement in both the menu and the facility. The dining room is newly panelled in light wood, and the tables on the deck have dark red or blue tablecloths. Dan hopes to increase the banquet business and add catering; eventually they may increase the dining room seating. They have some ideas about landscaping, and will be painting the outside of the buildings soon.

The menu, new as of the Memorial Day Weekend, will include more fish and seafood, and some other interestina additions. though some of favorites from the old menu are still presented. As **Executive Chef the** Petries have hired Harepat. Ed friend of Cindee's from high school. Ed has 20 years experience as a chef and restaurant manager, in such the places as Riverwood Conference Center in Monticello, MN

and the Vintage Restaurant in Minneapolis. The Petries say Ed is great with desserts, and that desserts will now all be made in-house.

Dan and Cindee, with three-year-old daughter Ellie, will live for the time being (after some remodeling is complete) in the apartment over the restaurant. Ed Harepat and his wife, Janelle, will live in Walker with their two-and-a-half-year-old son Eddie. We are pleased to welcome them to the community (and to the Association — Dan and Cindee are now members in good standing).

#### **GULLS AND TERNS OF TEN MILE LAKE**

by Carl Hertsman

For the most part, gulls and terns tend to nest in colonies on sandy beaches and sandy islands. (Exceptions include the Fairy Tem of the Pacific islands and the Bonaparte's gull which nest in trees.) Eggs of gulls and tems are the color of sand, as are the young, so that they are less visible to predators. Ring-Billed and Herring gulls are omnivorous and opportunistic feeders; their numbers have rapidly increased with the increase in human development and man-made dumping areas. These gulls will also predate on tern eggs and young, so gull colonies are crowding out the colonies of nesting terns. Increased numbers of dogs and raccoons and losses of habitat have also seriously decreased the numbers of terns in many areas. As far as I know, no gulls or terns nest on Ten Mile Lake, nor do I know whether they did so in the past. (Has anyone seen these birds nesting at the lake, now or in the past?) Further, I have not been present to witness the arrival times of these birds.

I will give brief descriptions of the mature birds; immature gulls can be difficult to identify where there are numerous species.

The Ring-Billed Gull: This is the common gull seen on TML, roosting on swimming platforms, boat awnings, etcetera. The adults are whitish with slate grey wings, the ends of which are black. There is a blackish ring near the end of the bill, hence the name. Immature members of the species are brownish in color, and slowly turn to the white of adults. Adult birds are 17.5 inches long with a wingspan of 48 inches. Gulls at TML appear to be non-nesting adults; having no parental responsibilities, they can hang around. When the dump was open, I would see them winging to the dump in the morning and returning in the evening. They are also fish eaters, and can be seen swimming on the surface of the Lake snapping up insects. Plastic owls do not deter them; they will sit on the owl. These birds are still present when we leave TML in early October. They winter primarily in the southern and coastal US, though we see them in southern Ohio.

The Herring Gull: This bird is uncommon on TML in the summer, though it is described as common in the Chippewa national forest. Birding guides show it nesting primarily in Canada. As a migrant it can be seen on TML mostly in spring and fall. The colors of the bird are similar to the Ring-Billed, but the adult Herring Gull has an orange spot on its lower bill; the young peck at this spot to stimulate the adult to regurgitate food for them. Immature birds have a black ring around the bill. This bird is much larger than the Ring-Billed,

with a length of 25 inches and a wingspan of 58 inches. This size difference is very apparent when the two species are together.

The Bonaparte's Gull: This bird is named after a nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte; (the nephew was an ornithologist in the 1800's and spent several years studying birds in the US). This species winters primarily along the coasts and migrates to its nesting grounds in Canada, including the subarctic. These birds are much smaller, and have a buoyant, tern-like flight. Adults have black heads and bills; the immature birds (and winter adults) have a whitish head with a dark spot in back of the eye. In flight they are easily identified by the white window toward the end of the wing. These birds nest on the branches of coniferous trees in Canada, particularly near the northern edge of the tree line, near water. A flimsy nest is built; the young are fed in the nest until ready to leave. The summer diet is primarily insects though in the winter they eat more fish, plus insects, crustaceans, etcetera. The birds spend most of the year in their winter range. On TML they congregate in small flocks (numbers vary from year to year) starting late July and leaving in the fall. Some immature birds are present, but I suspect that some of the adults are changing to winter plumage while at TML. They feed by plunging into the water after fish, but also pick up insects both on the water and in the air. The Franklin's Gull is similar to the Bonaparte's; it is present in western Minnesota, but uncommon on TML. It does not have the white window on the wing.

The Caspian Tern: This bird, the rarest of the terns and even larger than many gulls, has a world-wide distribution both on salt and fresh water. Adult breeding birds have a black cap extending beneath the eyes and a dark red bill. Body length is 21 inches, and wingspan is 50 inches. (The slightly smaller Royal Tern is not found in Minnesota.) The Caspian is a spring and fall migrant on TML. These birds seem to like Long Bay where they may stay for awhile; I also see an occasional few birds flying south over TML in September. Range maps in bird guides show these birds as nesting in a few spots in northern Minnesota (possibly, Leech Lake); they nest on islands and shorelines. They tend to fly high and plunge into the water after fish. The call is a harsh, loud combination of croak and scream.

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#### (Gulls and Terns of TML, Continued)

We used to see a few **Black Terns**, which are black with grey wings and lower body, but not in recent years. They are seen in western Minnesota. We also used to have some **Common Terns**, but the numbers have plummeted. Range maps indicate breeding mostly in

Canada and a few in northern Minnesota, so it should be possible to see this bird. The Arctic Tern migrates by way of the oceans, not inland, and nests in northern Canada. Note that in the fall terns are changing into winter plumage and may not look like the summer adults; even the bills can change color.

### THE CREATURE FROM OUTER TEN MILE

by Molly Bliska

One night last fall, in the middle of the night, I awoke to my cats romping all over the bed, bumping and scrambling. I quickly turned on the bedside lamp; I thought my 2 male cats were chasing Sweet Pea (female). But as I was glancing around the bed to figure out what all the commotion was about, there climbing up the side of the mattress right by me was a creature with big blinking eyes!!! I remember saying, "who are you?" — as I scrambled out of bed and ran into the living room. I closed the bedroom door with the 2 male cats in the bedroom; Sweet Pea and I curled up on the couch to go back to sleep. I figured the cats would take care of whatever it was.

When the sun came up, I opened the door to see what the cats had caught. They both sauntered out, a little peeved to have been shut in, winding around my legs, and asking for their breakfast. I searched the room looking for something chewed and dead. There was nothing!!! I quickly dressed, called my friends Bernadette and Fritz Kilander and described what I

saw, hoping they could identify it, but they were as puzzled as I. So I began to take the bedding off to wash as there were droppings here and there. As I removed the pillow cases, under one pillow was a flying squirrel all curled up and sound asleep. She (I knew the sex: see below) was upset to be disturbed and immediately flew around the room; up the walls, into the bookcase and under the bed. After an hour of strenuous exercise, she was exhausted and then I gently put a towel over her and carried her outside to a nearby pine tree.

She had been our friend for several years--eating in the window box at night while the cats watched from inside. Last spring, she used a double roll of Charmin (shredded) for a nest in the outhouse. (That's how I knew it was a female — she was in the process of organizing the nest).

Unanswered questions: How did she get in the cabin? And how come the cats didn't kill her?

# **DON'T DUMP YOUR WORMS IN THE WOODS!!!**

Just dispose of all unwanted bait in the trash.

Whv?

- First, because earthworms are nonnative exotics, and it is illegal to release exotic species into the wild in Minnesota.
- Second, because they are destructive of our woodlands and forests. They eat up the 'duff' of leaves and litter that provides nutrients to seedlings and undergrowth, and cause the death of tree seedlings, wildflowers, and ferns, and increased surface runoff and erosion.

A website of Mn/DNR has more information about earthworms, how they got here (No earthworms are native to the area; they came with European settlement!) and the harm they are causing in northern forests. Check it out:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/hot\_topics/invas ive\_earthworms.html

And then share the information with your fishing buddies.

#### THE LOON JOURNAL

by Bob Moe, Co-chair, Loon Committee

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: All the loon platforms are in place. Three of the platforms are being used as nesting sites by loon pairs: one on either side of the causeway, and the one in Flower Pot Bay. As far as I can tell, the others, located in Kenfield Bay, Long Bay, and the Boy River outlet area, are not being used. One additional loon pair is nesting in the Long Bay/Boy River area but it is not clear precisely where the nest is. Last year we had six nesting pairs, so the count is down some, but we may just not have located all the nesting birds.

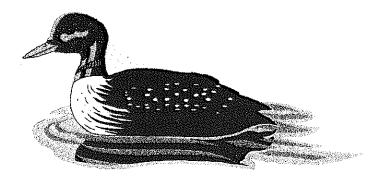
MINNESOTA VOLUNTEER LOON WATCH: This organization collects loon statistics from all over the State of Minnesota. Kim Moe reports our counts. They have announced the results from 2002, including the following information:

Four counties with the highest loon chick counts:

Cass County	 64
Crow Wing County	 62
Hubbard County	 56
St. Louis County	 45

Cass County lakes with the highest loon chick

Ten Mile Lake	 11
Woman Lake	 10
Washburn Lake	 8



#### WINTERING AT TEN MILE LAKE

by Joyce McManus

(We asked Joyce McManus to tell us what it was like to give up Snowbird status and spend the winter at TML. Here is what she reported:)

AFTER TALKING ABOUT RETIRING "NORTH" for several years, we made the big move to full time, permanent residence in the summer of 2001. Earlier permanent residents like the Hoovers, Sandelins, and Griggses were probably relieved when we stopped talking about it and DID IT!

Since the last two winters have had less than normal snowfall, and since there are reliable snow plowers around, we have yet to be snowed in, although we had expected it. I do have a better understanding of the reason for spring load limits on the roads, and of the predominance of trucks and SUVs after having to have my car pulled out of the mud both early springs — in our own driveway! The cold weather also meant we had to replace our 70+ year-old garage with a new one that would actually house vehicles in the winter.

FOR US THE BIGGEST ADJUSTMENT has probably been from city to country, small town living. There are things we have always liked about smaller towns, such as knowing people in the stores, and things we have grown to like, such as the welcoming of new people by local groups and organizations. For instance, John was introduced this spring to the joys (and work) of maple syruping by a group of north shore men. There are enough organizations welcoming workers who are here when the snowbirds leave to keep you as busy as you wish.

TECHNOLOGY HAS PROVIDED us with a few things we might have missed a generation ago: via the internet, we can shop almost anywhere, and we have unlimited information access. A TV Dish with an NFL package allow us to continue to view all the Packer games

A Long TIME Ago a resident told me there were three groups of people who enjoy the area: tourists, summer people, and natives. Today there is a growing group who have opted to stretch summer through four seasons. After all, if you are lucky enough to have the opportunity to be at Ten Mile, why would you want to be anywhere else?

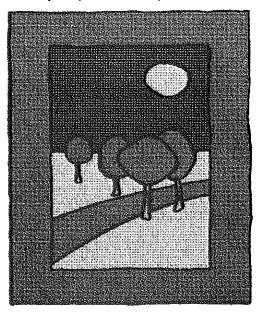
# OPEN HOUSE FOR DISCUSSION OF CSAH #71

by Rebecca L. Haydon (Hauschild), P.E., P.T.O.E. WSB & Associates, Inc.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend an Open House for discussion of the final plans for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) #71, on Friday, June 27, 2003, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Hackensack Senior Center. The project management team (representatives from the townships, the County, TMLA, Chippewa National Forest, Mn/DNR and Mn/Dot) have developed a final plan for the improvement of the highway which responds to concerns raised in earlier public hearings and meetings. County survey crews will be staking out the area in late May and early June.

THE PROPOSED PLANS include maintaining the existing alignment, except for minor adjustments to meet the Natural Preservation Route standards and a few potential new alignment areas to address issues and concerns raised through the public involvement process and environmental investigation. Intersection revisions have been identified at Bachelor Road, Hiram Loop Road, and CSAH 50. New alignment areas include: Angel Island, Lundstrum Bay, and Hiram Loop Road. The Chippewa National Forest Service has conducted a tree survey and is also working with Cass County on a re-forestation plan for the entire length of CSAH 71.

CASS COUNTY IS CURRENTLY in the process of finalizing construction plans. These plans will then be brought before the Cass County Board. Upon approval of these plans, right-of-way acquisition would begin. Construction is anticipated in 2004 or 2005, dependent on right-of-way acquisition and permits.



#### **DEMOLITION LANDFILL UPDATE**

by Don Scouten

PROBABLY MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE that George Young has applied for a permit to operate a demolition landfill at his gravel pit in Hubbard County about a quarter mile north of County 12 (lower Ten Mile Lake Road extension in Hubbard County) and adjacent to Cass County and the Foothills State Forest. Many of us near the landfill are concerned about the potential environmental problems associated with this landfill. We have petitioned MPCA for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and MPCA is currently evaluating whether an EAW should be required. The proposed landfill is about 60 feet above the water table and sits on very permeable sand and gravel so that any pollution would likely seep into the ground water within days. Since the general water flow is to the west toward Steele and Shingobee Lakes and on into Leech Lake by way of Shingobee River, Ten Mile Lake itself is unlikely to be directly affected.

Mr. Young Has Applied for permission to deposit 10,000 cubic yards of debris annually. The likeliest transport route would be Lower Ten Mile Lake Road. One estimate indicates that this would require 17 truck trips per day during the May 15 to November 15 season. Needless to say, the resulting traffic and dust concern us. Mr. Young's application was submitted on March 18 and the MPCA responded on April 29 with a letter requesting 8 additional items to complete the permit application and 8 comments to be addressed for technical adequacy. Mr. Young was given 60 days to respond and we are now waiting to see what his response will be. I have copies of most of the documents and will be glad to share them with anyone who is interested. Those of us who live near the site would welcome any help and/or recommendations from Ten Mile Lake Association members. You can contact me for more information (or offers of assistance). Mike Cool, an Akeley resident and Williams Lake shoreowner, is also a good resource and is well informed about the current state of the application.

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#### **FISHING NEWS**

by Larry Urbanski, Co-Chair, Fisheries Committee

- WINTER FISHING: Winter fishing on TML was not up to its usual reports. Usually there is plenty of action and high bragging about numbers. This year sunfish were not cooperative, nor were the Bass and Crappies. Even the earlier netting of whitefish in the fall was below the usual expectations of those brave enough to face the elements to work for them.
- New Regulations in Effect This Year for Anglers: Be sure to check the DNR Fishing Regulations booklet when you buy your license for this season. The biggest jolt was that Seniors now have to pay full price no discount! In addition, bag limits have changed:

Sunnies — from 30 to 20 keepers

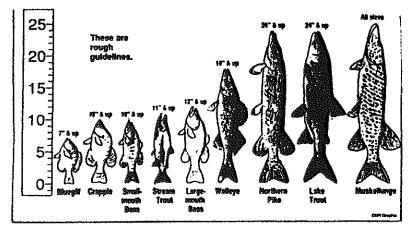
Crappies — from 15 to 10 keepers.

Over 60 lakes were added to those lakes (such as Ten Mile lake and the local Portage Lake) with added restrictions as to types and sizes of fish. If you travel to another lake to fish, be sure to note whether that lake has any restrictions listed in the booklet. Most will have their restrictions posted by access areas, so check it out before you head into the lake!

**Collections of Walleye Fish Heads still needed:** DNR would still like to receive the heads of any walleyes you catch in TML this season. Leave the fish heads

- at the DNR office near Ah Gwah Ching, or drop off at the Larry Urbanski residence on the North Shore (5375 County Road #71). Most of the fish heads in prior years have come from the cooperation of the two resorts on the lake, Happiness and Quiet Woods. The study helps DNR calculate the needs of the lake as to stocking, if not enough natural reproduction is evident.
- LEAD SINKERS: When buying new fishing equipment, please consider buying alternatives to lead sinkers. Several alternatives are now on the market. Many loons, eagles, ducks and other wildlife have been killed by the ingestion of lead sinkers.
- CATCH AND RELEASE: The Association still has the billboard encouraging anglers to practice Catch and Release; formerly this billboard was placed next to Arthur's Ten Mile Lake Inn. The sign now sits in the garage at DNR headquarters. It needs some paint work, some new posts, and a new location. The best location would be somewhere on the access road leading to the public access on the South Shore, but DNR approval would be needed. If you would be willing to help out with refurbishing the sign or finding a new location for it, the Fisheries Committee would welcome your assistance. Call Larry Urbanski at 547-3107.





## QUARTERLY REPORT 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER, 2003

John Alden, Watershed Coordinator

CLEAN WATER ACT GRANT: As of this spring, the TMLA, Inc. has been awarded 90% of a total \$36,500 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the Mississippi Headwaters Board for non-point source pollution evaluations in the Upper Boy River and nearby watersheds. As Watershed Coordinator, I wrote the grant proposal for the "Upper Boy River Hydrologic Assessment" that was accepted in June of 2001. The project should be completed by the end of 2003.

#### **ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS GRANT:**

- Provide an assessment of the environmentally sensitive areas of the Boy River and evaluate the effectiveness of control structures and/or restraining fixtures along the river from Ten Mile Lake (the headwaters of the Boy River) to Big Deep Lake.
- Integrate the Cass County computerized models for wetlands, uplands, and ground-water as they may help identify environmentally sensitive areas in the Upper Boy River Watershed. The Ten Mile Lake Association, Inc. has been instrumental in the development of these three models and will benefit from their applications for future growth in our watershed.
- 3. Initiate a study with University of Minnesota Duluth Geology Department to evaluate groundwater recharge areas and ground-water flow movements in the Boy River watershed and also the Williams Lake watershed. A demolition landfill site has been proposed near Williams Lake. The proposed site is approximately 2.5 miles west of Ten Mile.
- 4. Cooperate with the United States Forest Service regarding its proposed revisions for the management the Chippewa National Forest. Shoreline in Flower Pot Bay of Ten Mile is in the CNF and a significant part of the drainage into Ten Mile comes from wetlands in the CNF. I will be reviewing the alternatives promoted by the Forest Service for the CNF that include recreation, timber harvesting, and the increased promulgation of conifers rather than aspen.

 Provide funding for water quality studies on the Upper Boy River. These studies do include limited funding for Ten Mile. Water samples will be taken from the river and lakes to again document levels of phosphorus, nitrogen, chlorophyll and other indicators as deemed necessary.

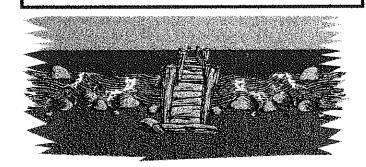
#### WATER LEVEL REPORT

by Tom Cox, Chair, Water Level Committee

Light snow and relatively light rain so far this spring have left our water level little changed from levels recorded last year, which was also a year of relatively light snow and spring rain. On Tuesday, May 27, 2003, Walt Kane reported that the level at the DNR gauge in Long Bay was1379.17'. This is 1/2 inch higher than on the same date last year, and seven tenths of an inch higher than on May 1st this year. It is 1.8 inches lower than it was on November 1, last fall.

In January, with sadness we received notice from Mel Sinn, Surface Water Section Administrator, DNR Waters, that on Thursday, January 16, Dave Ford, who had been directing the DNR's Boy River Hydrologic Study, had died of complications that developed following his second round of cancer treatments. Dave had worked for DNR Waters for 24 years, specializing in the application of hydrologic and hydraulic computer models. Last summer he and his technical assistant, Dana Dostert, gave an illustrated Boy River status report to interested Ten Mile. Birch and Pleasant Lake residents at the Hackensack Senior Center. The data and photographs in that report are accessible on the Ten Mile web site at tenmilelake.org.

I was pleased to learn in a phone conversation with Mr. Sinn earlier this spring that **Dana Dostert** is still on the job, and that the Boy River Hydrologic Study will continue. I hope to have more information on the progress of that study later this summer.



#### THE HISTORY PAGE

(Cheris Garrison sent in the following item, which she had gleaned from her archives of Ten Mile Lake *Newsletters*, this one from 1983. "I love this story." she said. Perhaps you would like to see it, again, or for the first time.)

# ICE CAPADES OF 1971 PLAYED TO A SMALL AUDIENCE

by Warren Goss

The last Newsletter told of some mysterious occurrences on Ten Mile Lake . . . . Here is another:

It happened a dozen years ago on an exceptionally warm spring afternoon, so warm, in fact, that I donned my swimming shorts and went about readying the dock for installation as soon as the ice went out. The ice in fact was already moving, propelled by a west wind, and by midafternoon the ice sheet had cleared my shore and the west half of the lake was open.

Temptation moved me to launch my old wooden boat, put on a motor, and go for a joy ride with our puppy, Maggie. I toured the shoreline, and waved occasional greetings here and there to friends I hadn't seen during the winter months. It was exhilarating to be skimming again over the open water.

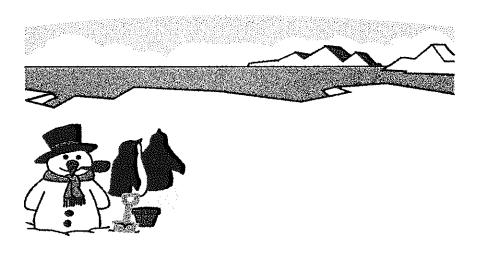
The circumnavigation ended along the opposite shore when I reached the still retreating ice sheet, so I headed across the lake for home, keeping a respectful distance from the ice field and a sharp lookout for any stray icebergs. The hilarious voyage was interrupted abruptly when I noticed that Maggie was no longer aboard. Gazing astern, I could see her little head bobbing in the

waves, so I swung around and returned on a rescue mission.

Then things happened with remarkable suddenness. I was on the ice sheet sliding at full speed. The boat slid and sli.i.i.id and kept right on sliding, finally coasting to a standstill in a vast nowhere, far from any open water. It was like a bad dream. I muttered to myself, "How in the (expletive deleted) did I get HERE? This is ridiculous. No one will ever believe anything this stupid! Now how do I get home?"

Upon disembarkation I found the footage chilly and slippery. I pushed and pushed toward some faraway open water, with an occasional dunking at numerous soft spots. To make a dumb story short, eventually I relaunched the boat off the edge of the ice sheet, retrieved one soaked and frigid puppy, and then shivering and with teeth chattering, steered a bee-line for home and a hot shower.

So, in case you did witness someone nearly naked running around barefoot on the ice a mile from shore, now you know the wherefore of another odd-ball occurrence on Ten mile Lake.



# REMEVBERING OUR IEN MILE LAKEERIENDS

#### **Archer Crandall**

Archer Crandall passed away on November 3, 2002 at the Episcopal Church Home in St. Paul, at the age of 96. The Crandall family has been coming to Boone Point on the Northeast Shore of Ten Mile Lake since 1954. Prior to that Arch and his family would vacation at Rasmussen's North Shore Beach Resort.

Ten Mile Lake would surely be at the top of the list of the places Arch treasured. He was a regular on the front yard swing up until this past summer. He loved to tell stories of the good old days: visiting Albert Thomas; boating across the Lake to Mrs. Hom's for corn; trips to the Ten Mile Lake Store for ice cream; stopping at Cap Clines for a block of ice on Friday night; movies at the drive-in theater (does anyone remember the "blaster system" drive-in at Hackensack?); walks in the woods with his wife Carolyn to pick berries for jam and pies.

Arch is survived by his son Edward, daughters Carolyn Bremner (Russell) and Sara Wenda (Ronald) as well as seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. His love and respect for Ten Mile Lake will carry on for many generations to come. A small portion of his ashes will be scattered at the family property this coming summer season.

(Information provided by Ed Crandall.)



#### Byron Godbersen

Byron L. Godbersen, 78, a seasonal resident of Ten Mile Lake, passed away Sunday, May 11, 2003 at his year-round home in Ida Grove, Iowa, as the result of numerous health problems that he had been battling for many years. He was born January 29, 1925 on a farm near Mapleton, Iowa, to Harry and Minnie (Scheer) Godbersen. He served in World War II as a paratrooper in the Pacific Theater. After overseas service, he married LaJune Erickson of Soldier, Iowa, and began farming near Mapleton. In his eighth year of farming, he developed a hydraulic hoist for farm wagons, called the Bolster Hoist. This hoist was the first to harness hydraulic systems in tractors to raise loaded farm wagons, and was an invention that would benefit nearly every grain farmer in the Midwest in the 1950s and '60s. In March 1954, Midwest Industries, Inc. was incorporated, and in October, 1954, a U.S. patent was issued for the Godbersen POWR-LINK, which set the

course for selling Bolster Hoists by the truckload.

In 1959, Godbersen's enthusiasm for boating led to his development and marketing of the Shore Station, the revolutionary boat hoist that was to do for waterfront property owners what the Bolster Hoist had done for farmers. A U.S. patent was issued for the method of lift on the boat hoist. National marine sales outlets were established, and Midwest Industries became a diversified manufacturer. Docks, canopies, and a complete line of accessories rounded out the waterfront equipment line.

In 1970 Midwest entered the boat trailer market following several years of product development and testing under Godbersen's direction. The new line of ShoreLand'r boat trailers firmly established Midwest Industries as a major player in the marine industry. Godbersen was awarded Iowa's Small Businessman of the Year Award and National Small Businessman of the year Award in 1973. His many community contributions and growing businesses became recognized nationwide, earning him the Albert Gallatin Award in 1974.

In 1976, Godbersen's love of flying led to the creation of Byron Originals, a division of Midwest Industries devoted to the design, production, and marketing of large-scale remote-controlled (RC) model airplanes. To help promote his new line of RC airplanes, he began to hold demonstrations and annual shows for RC modelers. As interest grew, so did the show, and in the mid-1980s, Byron's Aviation Expo was born. The Expo, a five-day extravaganza dubbed "The World's Most Unique Aviation Event," drew over 50,000 model airplane enthusiasts to Ida Grove annually through 1991. The show became too big for Ida Grove, was sold, and became the Des Moines Aviation Expo. In 1987, Byron Originals was spun off as a separate company; Byron's son Bruce is the current president.

One of Godbersen's joys was the creation of new products. He held well over 50 patents — more than any other individual in the state of Iowa. In 1996 he was inducted into the Iowa Inventors' Hall of Fame and was named Inventor of the Year in Iowa. In 1999 the National Marine Manufacturers Association honored him with the prestigious Alan J. Freeman Award for his lifelong contributions to the marine industry.

#### REMEMBERING... continued: Byron Godbersen

He had a hand in creating several local fixtures in the community of Ida Grove, either donating land for or spearheading the construction of the local airport, ball field, high school, country club, and skating rink. He built several mock castles in the area, complete with moats, had an 8-acre lake built for Midwest Industries demonstrations, and had a half-scale replica of the HMS Bounty built for the lake.

Godbersen treasured times with family and friends, and especially enjoyed the water, whether at TML, on the beaches of Mexico, or yachting in the Pacific Northwest. He will be remembered for his innovative and creative spirit, his generosity, and for the passion and zeal with which he lived his life.

Survivors include his beloved wife, LaJune; one son, Bruce (Beverly) Godbersen; four daughters: Beverly Corr, Susan (Don) Rusch, Linda Harriman, and Debra (Andy) Brosius, all of Ida Grove; 11 grandchilrdren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Berniece Pruehs of Ida Grove; one sister-in-law, Leone Godbersen of Ida Grove; many extended family members and friends, as well as his favorite canine companion, Dana. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Harold Godbersen, and one son-in-law, Van Corr. Funeral services were held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ida Grove on May 15, 2003 followed by burial in the Ida Grove Cemetery with military graveside honors by McNamara-Moore Post No. 61 of the American Legion.

(Information from the Walker Pilot-Independent, Thursday, May 15, 2003, Page 10A, and the Des Moines Register, May 13, 2003, page 2D.)



#### Raymond Johnson

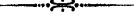
Raymond George Johnson, age 94, of Lamberson, MN died Wednesday, January 29, 2003 at Valley View Manor Care Center in Lamberton.

Ray was born on October 6, 1908 to Andrew and Emma (Rasmussen) Johnson in Swea Township, Iowa. He attended and graduated from Armstrong High School in Armstrong, Iowa, and then from Mankato Commercial College in Mankato, MN. On June 11, 1936 Ray married Perle C. Bellig in Willow Lake Township near Lamberton. The couple then moved to Morgan, MN where Ray worked as a bookkeeper for an International Harvester dealership. In 1939 they moved to Lamberton, where Ray and his brother-in-law, Giff Bellig, entered into business selling International Harvester equipment; later they also had a Ford dealership for many years.

Ray retired in 1972 and then spent his summers at Ten Mile Lake in Hackensack. Here he enjoyed gardening, golfing, playing bridge, and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was an active member of the Lions Club, the Lamberton Commercial Club, and the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lamberton, and for many years served on the board of directors for the Lamberton Bank.

Ray is survived by his three daughters: Judy (Forrest) Chaffee of Cedar Falls, lowa; Jane (Ken) Odell of Mankato, MN, and Jeanne (Frank) Agnello of Olympia, WA; seven grandchildren; fourteen greatgrandchildren; two sisters: Helen Schaefer of Hackensack, MN and Alice Skoglund of Rock Island, IL; and a sister-in-law, Gina Bellig of Lamberton. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Perle; a brother, Emie Johnson; and a sister, Florence Olson. A memorial service will be held for Ray on Tuesday, July 8, 2003 at Hope Lutheran church in Walker, MN.

(Information provided by Jane Odell.)



#### irene Petersen

Irene Petersen, 70, of Hackensack, Minn., died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd. She was born Aug. 4, 1932, in Hankinson, N.D., to Albert and Olga Marie Bellin.

She is survived by her husband Jerre; one son, Jerre Jr. of Portland, Ore.; one daughter, Heidi of Long Beach, Calif.; two brothers, Donald of Minneapolis and Kenneth of Arizona; three sisters, Mae Hendricks of Lidgerwood, N.D., Esther Warner of Wahpeton, N.D., and Edith Pankow of Hankinson, N.D.; and one granddaughter, Cherie Elizabeth Petersen. She was preceded in death by her parents and one granddaughter, Audrey Brianne Petersen.

A family friend, Mark Putney, said that Irene was "a dear friend and neighbor. Her enthusiasm, zest for life, and love of her family and friends inspired everyone who was privileged to know her." Memorials may be sent to the Make-a-Wish Foundation in memory of Irene and her granddaughter Audrey.

Services were held January 4, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hackensack, with Pastor Thea Munson officiating, Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

(From the Walker Pilot-Independent, January 9, 2003.)

#### REMEMBERING... continued:

#### Algot "Al" E. Quick

Algot "Al" E. Quick, 93, of Des Moines, died Saturday, April 26, 2003 at Iowa Lutheran Services Hospital in Des Moines. Services were held at Grandview Lutheran Church, and burial was at Lincoln Cemetery in Granger, III.

Al was born in Des Moines and was a member of Grandview Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Willis Quick, of Des Moines; a daughter, Karin Beardsley (Jack) of Des Moines; a daughter-in-law, Judy Quick of Ankeny; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, also named Ruth; a son, James; an infant son; and two sisters, Agnes Garvis and Elsie Stark.

Both AI and his second wife, Ruth Willis Quick, were widowed after 50 years of marriage in their first marriages. The two couples were long time friends, and eventually the widow and widower were married, and AI joined his second wife at her cabin on the North Shore of Ten Mile Lake. AI liked to fish, and he and Ruth were active members of the Senior Center at the Walker Legion Hall and of Hope Lutheran Church in Walker. Ruth says that AI liked to hand out pennies to his friends, saying he wanted them back the next year. He also frequently handed out peppermint candies. So at his funeral, bowls of pennies and peppermints were made available, for people to return to him.

#### **Lewis Shelton**

Lewis Shelton, 88, of Springfield, IL died October 21, 2002. He was born April 25, 1914 in Chariton, iowa, the son of Corwin R. and Mary E. Lewis Shelton. In 1940 he married Lucile Dillman in Chariton.

Mr. Shelton was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran. He graduated from Northwestern University, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He worked at the lowa state Liquor Commission and later owned Shelton Distributing Company. He retired in 1971. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Springfield Consistory, Capitol City Shrine Club and Blue Lodge 63 AF&AM in Chariton, lowa. He was a life member of Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Lucile; three sons: Robert (Mariann) of Effingham, Iowa, L. Steven (Diane) of Minneapolis, and Philip D. (Diane) of Yardley, PA; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Fred (Hildur) of Minneapolis.

Lewis first came to Ten Mile Lake in 1930.In 1931, Lewis' father, C.R. Shelton built a cabin on property originally purchased by William Eikenberry, also of Chariton, Iowa. That area is now known as Chariton Beach. Except for the World War II years, Lewis spent part of every summer at Ten Mile for the next 70 years. He enjoyed sailing, Bridge and the Men's Coffee. Lewis and Lucile attended Walker Community Church. He was known for his wonderful story-telling and his cheerful, friendly personality. The original cabin is now owned by Lewis's nephew, Blake Shelton; Ten Mile Lake has been the scene of many Shelton family reunions and gatherings.

(Information provided by Cheris Garrison.)



# KENFIELD BAY PROJECT NEARS FINAL PAYMENT

by Al Hoover, Chair, Environmental Protection Fund

In 1998 TMLA agreed to purchase the Anderson property in Kenfield Bay, after a real estate agent had planned a 12 lot housing development on the site. The Board recognized that Kenfield Bay represents an important ecological site that would be damaged by such intense development. After negotiations with the developer, and with the support of the Association, including significant financial donations, the TMLA board purchased the property for \$170,000.

As of May 10, 2003, TMLA still has a balance of \$54,925 on the contract for deed. Of this amount \$54,337 is due on July 10, 2003. We currently have \$43,800 in the James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund which has come from donations from members of TMLA. If we do not raise an additional \$10537, we will have to use reserve funds to pay this contract.

The TMLA board recommends that you give serious consideration to participation in this project.

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