

Newsletter

Fall, 2012

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

TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2013

SPRING FLING..... Saturday
5:00 p.m. April 27, 2013
At Tianna Golf Clubhouse

FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADES Thursday
10:00 a.m. July 4, 2013
North Shore Area by former Arthur's
South Shore Public Access

**WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S
PERMIT TRAINING**..... Wednesday
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. July 3, 2013
At the Hackensack Community Center

WELL WATER TESTING..... Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July 13, 2013
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 3, 2013
At Union Congregational Church, Hackensack

TMLA BOARD MEETINGS..... Saturdays
9:00 a.m.
At Tom & Sarah Cox's May 18, 2013
At David & Teri Gapinski's June 15, 2013
At Mark & Lee Sand's July 20, 2013
At Bill & Louise Brandt's August 17, 2013
At Bob & Kim Moe's September 15, 2013

FALL FETE..... Saturday
5:00 p.m. September 21, 2013

DEADLINES, MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTERS:
Spring Issue April 1, 2013
Summer Issue June 15, 2013
Fall Issue September 1, 2013

TMLA ANNUAL MEETING FOCUSES ON ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

At the Annual Meeting on August 4, instead of an outside speaker, the Association heard and discussed detailed reports from several committees.

Bruce Carlson, Chair of the Environment and Ecology Committee, described the extensive activities that committee undertakes to monitor the health of the lake, and invited more members to participate in these activities as volunteers. He noted that the best way to preserve and improve water quality is to maintain and upgrade septic systems.

Bob Iversen, Chair of the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee, described the history of the formation of this committee, and the kinds of invasive species they are trying to prevent from ruining our lake. A major summer activity has been the installation and monitoring of the I-LIDS system, which takes videos of boats using the public access and reminds boat owners to bring only clean boats onto the lake. They have also formed a cadre of volunteers who attend the public access on weekends as "Inspection Educators." Bob encouraged more members to volunteer for this important activity. They are also working to control access at other public landings around the lake.

Bob also noted that State law now requires that all lake service providers be trained and certified, and that equipment such as boat hoists being moved from one lake to another must be out of the water for 21 days before being relocated. The Committee is working to have a centralized decontamination station installed in Hackensack.

Don Hoppe, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of officers and directors, which was approved. (See the list of officers and directors on page 2.)

Ten Mile Lake Association Officers

Jay Cline, President.....	675-5880
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Ivar Sigveland.....	Cell: 218-675 6282
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Marty McCleery.....	675-6908
Bob Moe.....	675-3975

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Committees

Adopt-A-Highway – Ivar Sigveland, Denny & Paula Abbott, Mary Ackerman & Jim Reents, Phoebe Alden, Karin Arsan, Jim & Susan Brandt, Larry Clemens, John Coughlin, Elaine Crabb, Cary & Janet George, John & Lolly Hallberg, Bob & Nancy Horn, Mike and Sandy Kennedy, Paul & Carolyn Krech, Emily Minor, Kay White, Bob & Carol Williams.

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AIS – Bob Iversen, Bruce Carlson, Jean Carlson, Jay Cline, Warren Gerber, Pat Golden, Marty McCleery, Bob Rydell, Ivar Sigveland, Dick Staunton

Conservation – Jim Miller, Gary Anderson, Andy Biebl, Bruce Carlson, Mimi Garbisch Carlson, Tom Cox, Al Griggs, Shelly Knuths, Jim McGill, Tom Moore, Diane Westmore

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Fisheries – Bob Horn, Pat Carey, Bruce Carlson, Teri Gapinski, Warren Gerber, Al Griggs, Rod Owre

Healthy Lakes – Marty McCleery, Tom Cox, Bob Horn, Tom Moore, Bob Rydell, Andy Seward, Sarah Swanstrom, Randy Vosbeck

History – Sue Eikenberry, Karin Arsan, Tom Cox, Alden Gjevre, Deb Hamilton, Cathy Iversen, Tom Meyers, Kim Moe, Sue Seyala, Murry Towler, Larry Urbanski, Mary Ann Varela

Lake Safety – Don Harris, Lynn Abraham, Bill Brandt, John McManus, Bob Moe, Dorothy Owre

Loons – Kim Moe, Dave Byers, Bob Crom, Bob Horn, Lynn Martin, Bob Moe, Murry Towler

Nominating – Don Hoppe, Bob Moe, Sarah Swanstrom

Treasurer's – Ken Regner, Jim Hickman, Ivar Sigveland, Sarah Swanstrom

Water Level – Tom Cox, Jay Cline, Dan Eikenberry, Marty McCleery, Ray Raetz,

Zoning – now handled by the Conservation Committee

DO YOU REMEMBER. . . ?*by Sue Seyala***A MEMORY***From Ann Lee Harris*

Years ago when I was a very small child, my Dad would drive us all up from Ames, Iowa to stay the summer at Woock's cabins. In those days just preceding WWII, there were boats, but not many people had motors. Even so, no one was allowed to operate a motor boat between 1 and 3 pm because children were napping.

There was also at that time a lady who came to collect sheets and towels in her boat. Sometime later she would bring them back in her boat all freshly laundered. Whether or not she did other washing I didn't know, because the rest of the laundry was done in a big galvanized tub in the back yard. We filled it with well water, scrubbed it clean on a wash board, and then rinsed it in the lake.

During the War years no one came up at all because you couldn't get gas or tires. Tires and roads were so bad that several tires could wear out just on the trip up.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

by Jay Cline, President, TMLA

Well, it is inevitable that we must say goodbye to our summer fun and hello to our fall beauty. I am always sad to start putting away the water toys and watch the docks move from lake to shore. What does make me happy is to watch the deer stroll to the lake to get a drink and see them eating the acorns that have fallen off of the trees; the reflection of the leaves in the water on a calm day, and the gathering of the loons to plan their trek south.

I was happy to hear at a recent AIS meeting that our lake has not been infested with any nasty Invasive Species yet and that the I-LIDS unit at the public access appears to be working as we had hoped. **Bob Iversen**, who heads up the committee, was also very encouraging about donations that have been received, the

professionalism of the volunteers at the public access and the need for more education as well as more manpower. If you have the ability or feel the calling to help, please let Bob know. At the annual meeting this year I was happy to be elected president for another term, and I assure you that we will do everything in our power to avoid the infestation of our beloved lake.

During this fall season, I would encourage each of you to take the time to enjoy one of Ten Mile's breathtaking sunsets, say farewell for now to our loons who will soon be leaving us, and count our blessings for the wonderful country that we live in.

Have a safe, enjoyable fall and winter. – See you in the spring!

HONOR ROLL

From time to time,, we include in the *Newsletter* an Honor Roll of those Ten Mile Lake residents who have upgraded their septic systems or installed new systems. We honor them because maintaining effective and safe septic systems is one of the most critical components of our ongoing effort to preserve and improve Ten Mile Lake and its environment. Here we list the names of those families who have improved, replaced, or built new septic systems since we last published this list. We thank these residents for doing their part to protect the health of the lake. If you or someone you know has updated a septic system and not been recognized in the Honor Roll, please let us know about it.

Steve Adams
 Bradford & Blake Putney
 James & Nancy Brandt
 Brandt Family Ltd Partnership
 Lowell Campbell
 Barrett Columbo
 Luther Fjelstad
 Jon & Nancy Gangelhoff
 Pamela Gregory
 Don Jensen
 Bill & Kim Marshall
 William Johnson
 Eleanor Nelson
 Scott Sasse
 Ten Mile Lake Ltd Partnership

AIS PREVENTION – END OF SEASON STATUS REPORT

by Bob Iversen, Chair, AIS Committee

IT'S BEEN ALMOST A YEAR since TMLA formed the AIS committee to work on ways to keep Aquatic Invasive Species out of our wonderful lake. A lot has happened in that time, but the most important thing is that, to the best of our knowledge, Ten Mile is AIS-free. The committee has worked hard to educate Ten Milers and everyone using the lake about the AIS threat and ways to prevent infesting new lakes ("Clean, Drain and Dry"). We'll be continuing the education program, so expect to hear more next spring.

ANOTHER MAJOR PART of our AIS prevention effort has been "inspection education" using volunteers at the south shore DNR lake access on weekends, augmented by the I-LIDS video camera (now with an LED light to check night fishermen!). I can't thank the volunteers, led by Ivar Siqveland, enough. Starting in mid-May these generous folks have spent over 400 hours educating boaters on the AIS threat, teaching them how to inspect and clean their boats and trailers, and informing them about the new Minnesota AIS laws and regulations. (The boaters' response continues to be extremely supportive, and no AIS have been observed on incoming boats.) To the volunteers: **Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!** Please consider joining the crew next summer.

ONE QUESTION THAT I'VE RECEIVED a couple of times concerns monitoring the lake to make sure that is no AIS is present in Ten Mile. I'm writing this article in late August, and in mid-September we will be doing our combined water chemistry sampling and lake vegetation inspection at selected spots to look for things like Eurasian water milfoil. The locations were chosen as the "most likely" spots for AIS introduction into the lake. To supplement these spot inspections, we need your help: if you see any suspicious weeds around your lakeshore (or anywhere on the lake), please contact the DNR with the exact location and a plastic-bagged sample. As for zebra mussels, they're not likely to be spotted at the few sample inspection spots so, again, we need your help. When your docks and boat lifts are removed from the lake, please carefully inspect them for attached, zebra-striped mussels about 1" to 2" long. If you find anything suspicious, bag the critter and contact the DNR.

FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK the almost 200 Ten Milers who have contributed to the new TMLA AIS Prevention Fund. Through the end of August, over \$11,500 has been contributed – Thank You! We will be using those funds to continue the education efforts and to expand the boat inspection program in 2013 – stay tuned.

AIS PREVENTION VOLUNTEERS

Here is a list of the volunteers who worked this summer at the public access to greet and educate boaters arriving at or departing from the lake. We are extremely grateful to them for their dedication and service to the "preservation and improvement of Ten Mile Lake and its environment."

Lynn Abraham
Gene Becker
Linda Becker
Terry Bergstrom
Jim Brandt
Bill Brandt
Louise Brandt
Bruce Carlson
Jean Carlson
Elaine Crabb
John Crabb

Mariah Lee Crabb
Sue Eikenberry
Joan Golden
Pat Golden
Pam Gregory
John Hallberg
Tom Hay
Don Hoppe
Heidi Hoppe
Bob Iversen
Cathy Iversen

Mike Jensen
Eric Lincoln
Jackie Lincoln
Anne McGill
Ron Merritt
Bob Moe
Dan Newton
Mary Newton
Tom Moore
Kurt Owen
Rick Purvis

Jim Reents
Bob Rydell
Linda Schwartz
Mike Schwartz
Ivar Siqveland
Peg Siqveland
Bill Spaniol
Susan Spaniol
Dick Staunton
Forrest Watson
Jane Watson

FISHING CHATTER

by Bob Horn, Chair, Fisheries Committee

After a slow start this spring, fishing improved notably into the summer and peaked in August. Many nice stringers were reported. The walleyes caught were of all sizes but the most common lengths were 12 to 18 inches. Another bright spot was the increased size of the northern pike. Crappie numbers seem to be down.

As has been reported in past articles the DNR has been researching the Cisco populations in selected lakes throughout Minnesota. The following report was written by Peter Jacobson, DNR Fisheries.

CISCO ASSESSMENT OF TEN MILE LAKE, September 14, 2012

by Peter Jacobson, Minnesota DNR

We have been assessing the cisco population in Ten Mile Lake as a part of the DNR's sentinel lake program. In 2010 and 2011, we worked with **Tom Hrabik** at the University of Minnesota Duluth to estimate the size of the cisco populations in the five sentinel lakes that have cisco. Tom uses state of the art hydroacoustic equipment to actually count cisco in transects taken across the lake. Using sophisticated software, this transect data is then used to make the population estimates. The following table shows the results of the assessment.

Lake	Year	Cisco density (#/ha)	Cisco biomass (kg/ha)	Yellow perch density (#/ha)	Yellow perch biomass (kg/ha)	Piscivore density (#/ha)
Carlos	2010	1233±197	61±10	-	-	42 ±7
	2011	1683±250	91±13	-	-	46 ±6
Elk	2010	353±43	18±2	5468 ±711	77 ±10	134 ±16
	2011	579±100	26±5	3247 ±544	45 ±8	36 ±6
South Twin	2010	209 ±32	10±2	2137 ±329	30 ±5	13 ±2
Ten Mile	2010	2624± 364	45±6	-	-	65 ±10
	2011	3915 ± 393	53±5	-	-	66±7
White Iron	2010	724±54	33±2	-	-	21 ±2
	2011	1442±146	41±4	-	-	10±1

The population estimates are reported in terms of number of cisco per hectare (a hectare is 2.47 acres) and kilograms per hectare (a kilogram is 2.20 pounds). The plus or minus is the amount of error in the estimate. Note that Ten Mile lake has the highest density of cisco (number per hectare) of any of the lakes. However, because the cisco in Ten Mile are so small, it does not have the highest biomass (kilograms per hectare). The piscivore (predator) density is primarily walleyes and northern pike, but might also include lake whitefish in Ten Mile. In any case, the cisco population in Ten Mile is very healthy and is comprised of the dwarf form of the cisco, which are excellent for forage.

We are now proceeding into Phase 2 of the sentinel lakes program. That is where we will set the long term monitoring schedule for the lakes. Ten Mile is part of Phase 2, so there will be additional surveys on the lake in the future. We will be deciding what that final sampling schedule will be this winter, so stay tuned for further details!

THE LOON JOURNAL

by Kim Moe, Chair, Loon Committee

This summer Ten Mile Lake had 7 nesting pairs of loons:

1. Boy River — a natural nest with two chicks hatched
2. Long's Bay — a platform nest with two chicks hatched
3. South of the island causeway — a platform nest with one chick hatched
4. North of the island causeway — a platform nest with two chicks hatched
5. Boone's Point — a natural nest on which an egg was abandoned
6. Pinewood — a natural nest with two chicks hatched
7. Kenfield Bay — a natural nest with two chicks hatched.

That makes a total of eleven chicks hatched this summer; four have survived into August.

Once the mating season and fighting for territory was over, numerous single loons spent their entire summer on Ten Mile. Large groups could be noted fishing, diving, socializing and enjoying the deep clear water and numerous tasty ciscos, minnows, leeches etc.

The male loons are the first to leave and start the migration south. The females leave next and the juveniles stay till the ice begins to form on the lake. They have to eat and put on weight and get stronger for their 2000 mile trip to the Gulf of Mexico and the south Atlantic coastal waters.

A big thank you to the residents of TML for your part in protecting and respecting our loon neighbors each summer. Thanks also to **Dave Byers, Bob Horn & Bob Moe** for building and maintaining the floating nests and for putting them in and taking them out each season. You do make a difference!!!

TML NAMES IN THE NEWS

JIM GRAVES — CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Jim Graves, who has a home on Ten Mile's North Shore, is a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Sixth District of Minnesota, a seat currently held by Michele Bachmann. For a newcomer on the political scene, Jim has edged extremely close in the polls. He recently (October 27) received the editorial endorsement of the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*, among many other significant endorsements.

In their endorsement, the editors said, "Once you meet Graves, it's abundantly clear that he's anything but the big-spending liberal that Bachmann's cartoonish ads make him out to be. Instead, Graves is a successful, numbers-minded business executive more at home in a boardroom than on the campaign trail."

They went on, "At a time when the economy tops voters' concerns, Graves actually is a job creator whose hotel and hospitality business has about 700 employees. . . . When the two candidates finally [meet to debate] . . . it will be obvious who has the bona fides on economic issues. Graves, who founded the AmericInn hotel chain . . . is a respected entrepreneur, already on a first-name basis with Minnesota's business leaders."

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the election will have taken place. Just possibly Jim Graves will then be a U.S. Congressman!

LEECH LAKE WATERSHED RESTORATION AND PROTECTION PROJECT UNDERWAY

by Paula West, Executive Director, Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation

THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY (MPCA), the MN DNR, and local partners launched a four-year project this past spring to assess the health of the waters in the Leech Lake watershed and develop a long-range plan for keeping our waters healthy.

THE LEECH LAKE WATERSHED covers 855,000 acres in Cass and Western Hubbard Counties along with a small portion of Beltrami County. This land area ultimately drains to Leech Lake and from there to the Mississippi River and on to the Gulf of Mexico. Over 165,000 acres (20%) of this watershed is water. Ten Mile Lake is located in the Leech Lake watershed.

THE FIRST PHASE of the assessment project involves both chemical and biological monitoring of streams in the watershed and collection and analysis of existing water quality data from local lake associations, the Leech Lake Band, and local and state agencies. **Tom Cox** and **Marty McCleery** with the TMLA Healthy Lakes Committee are participating in the assessment project and supplying extensive water quality data collected by TMLA.

THE SECOND PHASE of the project will focus on additional analysis of streams and lakes that are showing decreases in water quality, developing water protection models and an implementation plan for restoring any impaired waters that are identified and for protecting the high quality of other waters in the watershed.

LOCAL PARTNERS IN THE PROJECT include Cass County Environmental Services, the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Leech Lake Association, and the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District.

FORTUNATELY, THE WATERS OF THE LEECH LAKE watershed are in good shape now, but what will they be like in 25 years? Our waters are essential to our health, our recreation, the economic sustainability of our communities, and our quality of life. Citizen involvement will be the key to the future of our waters. We, as community stewards, control the actions on the land that determine the quality of our waters.

AT THE WATERSHED PROJECT KICKOFF MEETING held May 10 at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker, project partners, members of the business community, local lake association representatives, township officials, and others came together to explore “keeping our clean waters clean.” Top water quality issues in the watershed that were identified by the group were:

- impacts of shoreland development (including lack of shoreland buffers and shoreland erosion)
- aquatic invasive species
- failing septic systems
- stormwater runoff, and
- groundwater protection.

THE KICKOFF MEETING was the first of many opportunities over the next four years for the community and concerned citizens to be involved in guiding and influencing the future quality of the waters of the Leech Lake Watershed. Contact **Paula West, LLAWF**, at **218-675-5773** or info@leechlakewatershed.org for more information on the Leech Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Project.

THE HISTORY PAGE

BOYHOOD MEMORIES OF UPPER TEN MILE LAKE

1932-1940

by Ralph Mendenhall

I didn't need National Geographic to tell me that Ten Mile is the third most beautiful lake in the world. They were wrong. In my opinion, it is the most beautiful lake in the world. As a young boy, I spent many hours with my parents and six brothers and sisters with my Uncle Andy and Aunt Bess Christie who had a small resort on upper Ten Mile. We spent our mornings weeding the long rows of their gardens, and some afternoons throwing hay in the hay wagon to be put in the barn. This hay was often our bed at night. Sleeping the hay mow and telling stories was as much a treat for us as staying at the Crowne Plaza.

The rows were long, but we were paid two pennies a row. This money, along with our hay money, was well spent in Walker or Hackensack on candy and ice cream. We thought we were rich as we stood in front of the penny candy counter trying to reach a decision.

But our real quality time was spent on the lake fishing, or swimming on the beautiful sandy beach. It was here that we learned to appreciate the beauty of Ten Mile Lake. The clean, pure, spring-fed quality of the water, even at our tender age, was obvious to us. We didn't have all those fancy gadgets to catch fish. We didn't need them. With Uncle Andy's old, flat-bottomed boat and a pair of oars, a cane pole with a worm at the end of the line was all we needed to catch supper. It was a two-way street, but I think we children were on the winning side. I wish Uncle Andy and Aunt Bess were here now so I could thank them again!

Other folks I met in my "Ten Mile Experiences" were the Kubos and their daughter Dorothy. Dorothy still lives on Ten Mile Lake. *[Editor's note: Dorothy Kubo Mills still lived on the lake at the time this was written.]* The Rosses come to memory. They were most gracious in renting their cabin to us several times in later years. Our children loved them. They had none of their own, and were more than happy to share their lovely beach with us. The Jensens were very important to us. Their son, Bob (who, with his wife, was later killed in an airplane accident in California) was our age and shared many of our adventures.

Sunday night was special. Aunt Bess prepared five gallons of home-made ice cream, which was gladly shared around the campfire. Along with fish stories, and accounts of life in Minneapolis, and stories of our youth, we were a happy bunch.

There were lots more activities that occupied our time. Bob Jenson, my brother Bob, Jimmy Christie and I went fishing for northerns in nearby Portage Lake. We all played ball in the cow pasture with cow pies for bases. In the winter we snared rabbits and filled the back seat with them. Mom gladly canned rabbit, a delicacy, for our winter meals.

These are a few of my memories of Ten Mile Lake. In later years I have become proud of it as a wonderful neighbor. However it has provided my youth with a lot of precious memories. I'm glad to have added my bit to this wonderful place on earth.

HISTORY TABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING



Ten Milers study the artifacts at the History Committee's table at the TMLA Annual Meeting, August 4. Clarke Pasley is shown behind the table, explaining his pottery finds. Others contributing to the display, set up by Kim Moe of the History Committee, were: Carter Gjevre, Wes Cline, Jay Cline, Susan Paulsen, Murry Towler and Karla Seibert.

A NOTE FROM THE HISTORY COMMITTEE

by Sue Eikenberry, Chair, History Committee

The Ten Mile Lake Association's History Committee has reduced the price on the fabulous history book, *Ten Mile Lake History: 200 Years*. Now you can purchase one for \$25; two or more are \$20 each.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get these books for kids, grand kids, or frequent guests to your lake home. They make great gifts! They can be mailed to you for \$5 each. There is a good possibility the book can be delivered to you at the lake, any time this year. Call **Sue Eikenberry, 218-675-6183**, or **Tom Cox, 218-675-6844**.

Also, if your own family history is not in the history book, please consider writing that story and sending it to Tom Cox at tbcoxreston@aol.com. He is collecting them for a possible future supplement.

THE SCABBARD

[Editor's Note: Jay Cline brought to the Annual Meeting for display among the historical artifacts a scabbard his father had discovered in the beaver dam in the Boy River. Jay invited speculation as to how the scabbard had ended up there. In response, Bob Siqveland, TML author and historian, and closet romantic, offered the following possible explanation.]

Dear Jay,

Barring any semantic arguments, I'm not a fan of coincidence, but by nature believe in serendipity. Intrigued by your assignment to come up with an explanation of how a civil war scabbard was found beneath the beaver dam, I offer this possible explanation.

The back-story begins in Portland, Maine, home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, author of one of America's most idyllic, musical and imaginative poems — *The Song of Hiawatha*. When you read the lines about Gitchi Gumee and Shawondasee, it is difficult to believe the fact that old Henry had very little contact with the Native American environment and culture. His poem drew largely on letters and accounts of missionaries, manuscripts of George Caitlin, stories of James Fenimore Cooper, and of particular interest and relevance to this report, Henry Rowe Schoolcraft.

Henry Rowe Schoolcraft was an American geographer, geologist and ethnologist, noted for his early studies of Native American cultures, as well as for his 1832 expedition to the source of the Mississippi River. The two Henrys were friends, and as interesting as Schoolcraft's biography is, our focus turns to his wife, Jane Johnston Schoolcraft. Jane was an Ojibwe; her native name was Bamewawagezhikaquay, or *Woman of the Sound the Stars Make Rushing Through the Sky*. By the time she died, she had produced a large body of literary and other writings. Eclipsed from the historical record by her famous husband, Jane Johnston Schoolcraft was nevertheless among the first American Indian writers, the first known Indian woman writer, the first known Indian poet, the first known poet to write poems in a Native American language, and the first known American Indian to write out traditional Indian stories (as opposed to transcribing and translating from someone else's oral delivery, which she did also). Her stories became a key source for Longfellow's poem.

So — now to the present day —.

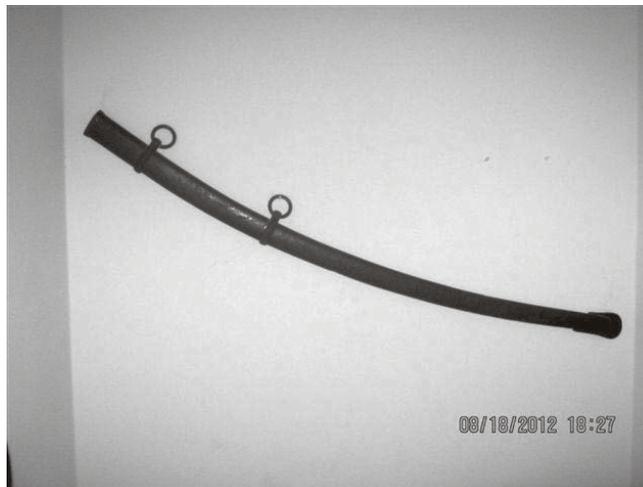
Recently passing through the quaint little town of Lake George, I filled my tank and took the time to browse the Schoolcraft store across the street. In the course of perusing Jane's books and manuscripts, I was nearly dumbfounded to find reference to the story of her daughter (Petite Fleurbaquet), the offspring of a French trader who was gathering his trove of furs near present day Itasca State park. It seems (and it was no simple task gleaned from the manuscripts) that the young princess, sometime in 1862, was harvesting wild rice along the Shingobee when she came upon two young men, brothers and loggers, Danes named Povl and Sten Rollyan. Povl was a behemoth of a man while Sten was athletic and lithesome. Sten was referred to as Odaywayquay by the Chippewa, while Povl was called Shu-rzab-eegfelaeh. Sten was instantly smitten, and in the days following, so was Petite Fleurbaquet. Unfortunately, Sten had joined the cavalry and was being sent, on

August 1st, to Fort Ridgely near New Ulm to provide defense for an imminent conflict with Little Crow and the Mdewakanton Sioux. Before he departed, the two lovers met on three separate occasions on the flowing stream that connected the "lake of yellow shores" (Birch Lake) and the "lake without a bottom" (Ten Mile Lake).

According to Schoolcraft, at their third romantic tete-a-tete, Sten appeared in uniform, and a handsome soldier he was.

They pledged their love "to the four winds" and the lovely Indian princess gave her soldier a bracelet of eagle claws to keep him safe. Sten in turn removed his sword from its scabbard, claiming, "This sword shall not return to its rightful place until I return to mine." He got on one knee and presented the scabbard to his bride to be.

After a rather intense effort to gain access to early Minnesota military records, and calls to Fort Snelling and the State and County Historical Societies, I was finally able to discover that listed among those killed at Fort Ridgely during the Sioux Uprising was Corporal S. Rollyan. There was nothing further in the manuscripts about Petite Fleurbaquet, but with the Cline discovery of the old scabbard, we can only picture the heartbroken young maiden returning for days, even



Scabbard found by Wes Cline

months, until she knew he would not come back to her. When she left the site after her final visit, she must have buried the scabbard, along with her heart, in the mud over which one day the beavers would build a dam.

Because of age and some illegibility in the Schoolcraft materials, I must admit to at least some

measure of interpretation. But without your request, this story would never have come to light.

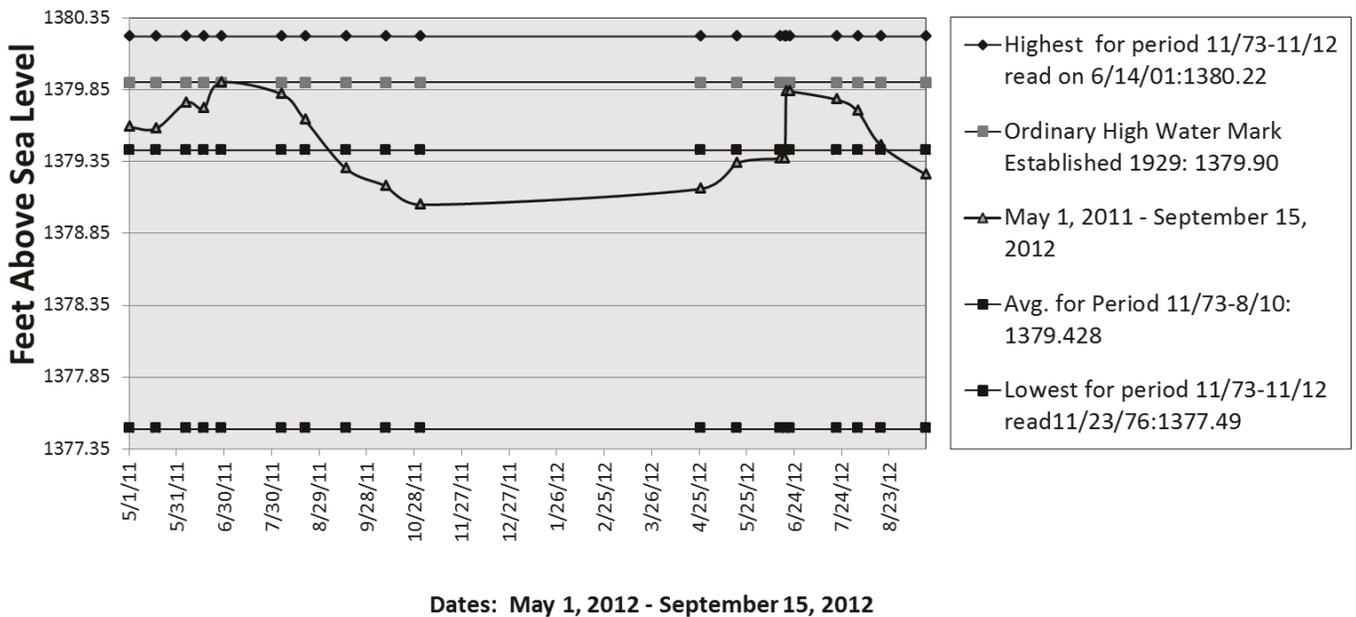
Most respectfully submitted,
Bob Sigveland

REPORT ON TML WATER LEVEL

by Tom Cox, Chair, Water Level Committee

Ten Mile Water Levels 2011 - 2012

Data collection by Jay Cline. Chart by Tom Cox.



2012 levels were about the same as those of 2011, but the pattern of change was very different.

2012 levels remained low until mid-June, when a veritable deluge flooded basements and sharply boosted the water level. Between June 15 and June 19 the water rose 4.92". By September 15, Ten Mile's waters stood one-half inch below their level on the same date in 2011. The Water Level Committee will publish readings from September 15 through November 1 next spring.

REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

Jean Brunzell

Jean J. Brunzell, age 91, died October 19, 2012. She was a graduate and later a faculty member of MacPhail College of Music. She was a professional pianist, accompanist, and soloist, and taught piano for 60 years. She was a member of Mu Phi Epsilon International, the Thursday Musical, the Schubert Club, the Salvation Army, and the Church of the Good Shepherd. She was a founding member of the Minnesota Leukemia Society.

Jean lived her life every day compassionately caring for and serving others. She was adored by her students and the neighborhood children, always ready to give encouragement and, of course, cookies. She was a champion of the less fortunate and generous with her time, resources, and love.



Jean Brunzell

Jean is survived by her husband of 64 years, Clifford; her daughters, Juliann Brunzell, Barbara Brunzell (Michael Looney); grandchildren Sara Brunzell (Jaciél De La Riva), McKenna Brunzell, Ian and Erin Brunzell-Looney, Meghan Starliper; brother-in-law David Dean, Sr.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by son Phillip Charles Brunzell and sister, Marilyn Dean.

Cliff and Jean Brunzell bought the last Pebble Beach Resort cabin in 1968, along with daughters, Juliann and Barbara. Three generations continue the legacy and lovingly call visits to the Ten Mile Lake cabin going "up north".

Jean was a good steward and environmentalist of Ten Mile Lake and the surrounding forest. She loved the birds, the critters, the wildlife, the flowers...and, of course, the loons. Each cabin visit meant daily walks in the forest ("bear whistle" in hand), and a morning swim (rubber

swimming cap on top). Jean enjoyed the peace, the quiet, and the calm Ten Mile Lake provided, even during its unpredictable weather "events." She also loved and looked forward to cabin visits with surrounding neighbors and friends, always ready to serve her homemade fudge.

(Information provided by Juliann Brunzell.)



Joseph Patrick Kessler

Joseph Patrick Kessler, 50, of Walker, Minn., passed away Thursday, Sept. 28, 2012. A Mass of Christian Burial was held October 4 at Immaculate Conception Church, Pine City, MN. Joe was born November 4, 1961, in Pine City to William and Gertrude Kessler. He graduated from Pine City High School in 1980 and from St. John's University in 1984. He worked for many years in the insurance industry.

Joe was a loving father, successful businessman, excellent athlete and proud graduate of St. John's University. Joe was most proud of his daughters, Samantha and Lauren, who were following in his footsteps at St. John's sister school, the College of St. Benedict. He was proud that they grew to be strong, smart and beautiful girls who loved God.



Joseph Patrick Kessler

He was an excellent cook and loved to entertain. He was happiest spending time with his girls at his cabin on Ten Mile Lake in Hackensack.

Joe will be remembered for his charismatic, kind-hearted and loving manner. We will miss him greatly. The family

would like to thank the amazing staff of doctors at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester for the skilled and compassionate care they provided to Joe. Also a heartfelt thank you to the excellent team of nurses who took great care of Joe during his stay.

Joe is survived by his adoring daughters, Samantha and Lauren Kessler; and their mother, Jean Kessler, all of Long Lake. He is also survived by his siblings, Dr. Susan

(Mark) Halter of LaCrosse, Wis., Christine (Dr. William) Piotrowski of St. Croix Falls, Wis., Dr. Charles (Laurie) Kessler of Onalaska, Wis., Dr. Anne (Michael) Brutlag of Plymouth and John (Laura) Kessler of Rosemount; and by many nieces and nephews and countless friends.

(Information taken from the Walker Pilot-Independent, October 3, 2012.)



Harriett Robnett

Harriet Robnett (age 90), a member of the Seward family, passed peacefully in her home in Washington D.C. on Wednesday, July 25th, 2012.

Born to Curtis and Cordell Robnett of Columbia, Missouri, Harriet attended the University of Missouri, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism.



Harriett Robnett

After volunteering for the Red Cross during World War II, Harriet returned to Missouri to continue her career in journalism as a Producer and Director for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch while simultaneously earning a Degree in Law from the University of Washington (St. Louis).

In 1965 Harriett moved to Washington DC to start her long and successful career in law and government. She set a precedent, becoming one of the first women to serve as Legislative Counsel and Assistant to Senator Stuart Symington (D-Mo) from 1965-1975. She was then

appointed to serve on the Federal Election Commission when it came into existence in 1975.

Even during retirement, Harriet continued to be involved in the democratic process, traveling to Dakar to cover Senegal's election law. She did the same in Uganda. Harriet loved discussing politics, and was well informed. Even in the last week of her life, she was still discussing the variables regarding the upcoming presidential election.

She was able to relax as well as to be active, enjoying naps in the hammock, and extended dock sitting, working on her tan. She was always up for an adventure, whether it was writing and performing plays with her great niece and nephew, raspberry picking, gardening, sailing, or cooking gourmet meals that left a sizeable mess.

Harriet loved her summers with the family and friends at Ten Mile Lake. A firm believer in the physical and mental benefits of exercise, Harriet did it all, even at 90 years old. Morning swims, regardless of the weather, were a part of Harriet's tradition. Neighbors would see her pass by Chariton Beach on her afternoon bike rides, and she was an annual player in the Brandt tennis group.

In the final analysis, Harriet set the gold standard on how to live a full and meaningful life. She was an unusual bridge between generations and a friend to many. She had a smile and laughter that were contagious, a curious mind, and enthusiasm that was admired by all. She had the wisdom of a 90 year old, and the energy of a teenager. Harriet grew old gracefully, and had a young spirit until the end.

Harriet was the sister of Franny Seward. Franny and Harry Seward, Jr. are the elders of the Seward cabin. Harriet would visit every summer from DC. She had a lot of friends at Ten Mile and was especially loved by the younger generation because she was so adventurous.

Harriet is survived by sister, Frances A. Seward (Harry P. Seward Jr.), Lincoln, NE; niece, Anne Crosby, New Hope PA; nephew, Harry Seward III (Judy) Lincoln, NE; great niece, Laurie Lofquist (Kraig), Hastings, NE; great nephew- Andrew Seward (Emily), Elk River, MN; 4 great-great nieces and one great-great nephew and an abundant number of admiring friends of all ages.

(Information provided by Laurie Lofquist.)

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Today at the Women's Coffee I heard about several incidents where Ten Mile Lake residents were seriously injured as a result of dogs running free.

In one case, a man was knocked off his bike and suffered facial injuries, scrapes and soreness. In another case, a woman was knocked into a fallen tree stump and suffered leg punctures requiring weeks of daily trips to Park Rapids for care. Both incidents could easily have resulted in more serious injuries including broken bones, concussions, or (no exaggeration) death. Everyone thinks his/her dog is not dangerous, but bad things can happen so quickly. None of these incidents involved biting or attacking, just chasing and normal doggy enthusiasm.

After hearing stories like these, it's easy to see why liability issues are becoming more and more a concern to pet owners. None of us want our Ten Mile residents, whether dog owners or health-conscious walkers and bikers, to have to deal with unnecessary and stressful incidents like these.

I believe we should strongly encourage everyone to keep their dogs on a leash when out of their own yards. Robert Frost said, "Good fences make good neighbors." So I believe do leashes.

Sincerely, Cheri Garrison

Editor's note —

This issue was referred to **Don Harris**, Chair, Lake Safety Committee. He made the following points in his response:

The dogs involved in these incidents belonged to a resident of Birch Lake (who probably doesn't read our newsletter). At least one of the incidents was reported to the Sheriff, and the dogs' owner was served with a restraining order.

The Lake Safety Committee recommends that whenever a similar incident occurs, it should be reported immediately to the Sheriff so that proper steps can be taken.

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