

Ten Mile Lake Association

# Newsletter

Spring, 2012

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

## TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2012

### WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S

PERMIT TRAINING.....Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ....July 5, 2012  
At the Hackensack Community Center

### FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADES ... Wednesday

10:00 a.m. ....July 4, 2012  
North Shore ..... Area by former Arthur's  
South Shore ..... Public Access

### WELL WATER TESTING..... Saturday

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ....July 14, 2012  
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 4, 2012  
At Union Congregational Church, Hackensack

### TMLA BOARD MEETINGS..... Saturdays

9:00 a.m.  
At Tom & Sarah Cox's ..... May 19, 2012  
At Lee Ann Sand's ..... June 16, 2012  
At John & Donna Hartzell's ..... July 21, 2012  
At Bill & Louise Brandt's ..... August 18, 2012  
At Jim & Pat Miller's ..... September 15, 2012

### FALL FETE..... Friday

5:00 p.m.....September 21, 2011

### DEADLINES, MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTERS:

Spring Issue .....April 1, 2011  
Summer Issue ..... June 15, 2011  
Fall Issue .....September 1, 2011

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

by Ivar Siqveland, Chair, Adopt-A-Highway Committee

Many thanks to all those members who worked last year to keep the roads around Ten Mile Lake free of debris and litter. The Adopt-A-Highway committee is pleased to report that all the great volunteers who signed up for last year, with the exception of one couple who have declined for health reasons, have agreed to serve again this summer. However, the committee needs a few more volunteers particularly to help cover the north end of the lake along Route 50.

Of course, the more people volunteer, the shorter the stretch of road that each person needs to be responsible for. Please think about whether you have a few hours during the summer when you could have some nice hikes and pick up some trash along the way. It's a great job for families, too.

Anyone interested in helping out is asked to call **Ivar Siqveland** at 218-547-0924 or 218-341-3970 (cell) for details.

Even if you are unable to join the committee formally, we appreciate everyone who takes a bag along on hikes and helps to keep the roads clear. That can be an important contribution to our goals for the lake.

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**Zoning** – now handled by the Conservation Committee

**DO YOU REMEMBER. . . ?**

*by Sue Seyala*

When my Mom was still next door in their cabin, she would come to our place to do laundry. Her first washing of summer was usually in late May before we came up. One year back in the 80's she went over to start up a load. But when she came back to remove the clothes she discovered the washer had backed up and she couldn't get it to start up again.

She called my Dad and together they pulled several mice out of the machine along with the clothes, all in gruesome looking body parts--- tails, ears and so on. This marked the end of never looking inside of a container before placing something inside, and beginning of a big mouse hunt. That never to be forgotten summer we eliminated several large and extended families that had taken up residence in various places between laundry and garage.

**NAMES IN THE NEWS**

**BOB HORN A WINNER**

**IN THE LEECH LAKE ICE-OUT CONTEST**

Well, whaddaya know! Our very own Ten Mile Laker, Bob Horn, was a winner in the contest to guess the date of ice-out on Leech Lake. (The winning guess was April 2. The ice was reported gone from Ten Mile Lake on March 29.) According to the *Walker Pilot-Independent* for April 4, 2012, there were 49 correct guesses and 39 prizes, and Bob was one of the lucky prizewinners, winning a pass for four persons to the VIP Room at the Bear Pause Theater.

Congratulations, Bob! See you at the movies!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

*By Jay Cline, President, TMLA*

I hope that you had a safe and wonderful winter. Spring is certainly here as today (April 2) I sat on my dock that was just installed, saw a robin in the yard and heard the yodel of a loon. My mother (and next door neighbor) has kept an informal record of all of the ice out dates for Long's Bay since 1980 and this year is the earliest that she has recorded at March 26.

As I look back to this last Fall and Winter, it seems as though we have had a lot going on in regard to our lake:

### The unfortunate things, such as:

- The tragic helicopter accident of **John Zacher**, a fellow Ten Mile resident and local business man, on Thanksgiving Day that resulted in his drowning.
- The loss of the battle with cancer by **Barrett Columbo**, a seasonal resident, friend and associate who helped the Ten Mile Lake Association with several legal matters at no-charge.

### The good things, such as:

- The grant funding received from the Initiative Foundation for the continued prevention of AIS; thanks to **Bruce Carlson** for his work on this.
- The working together of Cass County and TMLA for the funding assistance program available for non-complying septic systems around our lake.

### The pro-active things, such as:

- The AIS committee, headed up by **Bob Iverson** and all of the research, discussion and work that this team has done including the AIS plan, I-LIDS system, the informational mailing, recruiting of inspection volunteers, looking at off-site decontamination locations and the tracking down of grant monies available.

In discussions with the AIS team, DNR representatives and interested parties I have heard some interesting comments that I would like to share:

1. Waters in Minnesota belong to the people – education is key for the protection of all of our waters.
2. The last 3 lakes infected with AIS have been so infected by the installation of used water front equipment – **be careful, inspect and know where your used equipment is coming from!**
3. We must be ambassadors for our lake – forceful or rude actions to others could very well result in vigilante actions against our lake.
4. Ten Mile is considered a “big brother” to the lakes that follow down the Boy River, if we get infected, they are certain to get infected also.
5. Most of the vacationers that come to stay at our resorts respect Ten Mile just as we do.

## NEWS FROM THE AIS FRONT

*By Bob Iverson, Chair, AIS Committee*

By now, you've received (and hopefully, read!) the letter sent to all Ten Mile Lake property owners concerning Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Over the years, most of us have heard about Eurasian Water Milfoil and probably about zebra mussels. Eurasian Water Milfoil forms thick mats of vegetation that make boating and swimming difficult or even impossible.



**Eurasian Water Milfoil**

Zebra mussels attach themselves to almost anything in the lake – boats, dock posts, rocks – you name it. Their shells are sharp and readily cut the bare feet of swimmers. AIS is very expensive, if not impossible, to control.



**Zebra Mussels**

For a number of years, AIS has been “someone else’s problem” and has not been found close to Ten Mile. Unfortunately, that’s not true any longer. Eurasian Water Milfoil is in Leech Lake, Town Line Lake and Washburn Lake in Cass County as well as in Lake Mille Lacs and numerous Crow Wing County

lakes. Zebra mussels are present in seven Cass County lakes, including the Gull Lake chain.

Last year, a number of Ten Milers participated in a Visioning Session sponsored by the Ten Mile Lake Association’s Healthy Lakes Committee. One of the main concerns raised by the participants was AIS, and late last summer a group of Ten Milers decided that it was time to take action. With the TMLA board’s approval, an AIS committee was formed and has been working throughout the fall and winter to define an AIS prevention plan and take the first steps. (The TML AIS Plan is available on the Association’s website: <http://www.tenmilelake.org/committees/ais.htm>.)

There are a number of steps in the Plan, but the most important is **Inspection**. Every watercraft, trailer, dock, boatlift and anything else that’s going in to the lake must be carefully inspected for any aquatic plants or animals – including live wells, bilges, motors and portable bait containers. Anything found must be removed in a way that it won’t eventually get into the lake. The only exception is if the boat, trailer, etc. has been out of the water for an extended period (like over the winter). Please insist that all of your Ten Mile guests follow these steps as well. When transporting watercraft, Minnesota state law requires the drain plug be removed. Lake Service Providers (the folks who install and remove many of our docks, lifts and boats) are now required to have a state permit and to take an AIS training course. Just to be sure, ask your boat / dock installer if they have received the training, and make sure to let them know how important AIS prevention is.

If you see someone doing something that’s not right (like getting ready to launch a boat with weeds), please politely let them know that we want Ten Mile to stay AIS-free. If they refuse, you can call the Walker area DNR Conservation Officer Gary Sommers (547-4501), the Cass County Sheriff’s office (547-1424) or me (547-1876).

Speaking of inspection, one of the steps we want to take starting this year is to have AIS inspectors at the DNR access on the south side of the lake at high boat traffic times (mainly weekends). There are two ways we can accomplish this: volunteer inspectors or paid inspectors. Just to cover the 17 weekends from mid-May to September would cost approximately \$7,000, so we’re hoping that many of you who are

dedicated to preserving our wonderful lake will volunteer to help. We're anticipating that volunteers would work a 4 to 5 hour shift in pairs. All inspectors will have to take a DNR training class, which lasts a few hours. If you're willing to help, please contact me.

To cover those times when a human inspector can't be present, the TMLA board recently approved the purchase of an Internet-Landing Installed Device Sensor (I-LIDS). Basically, I-LIDS is a motion-activated video camera that will be installed at the DNR boat access this spring. The video images of the boat and its registration number will be wirelessly transmitted to a web server, where they will be reviewed for compliance with the "inspect and clean"

Bob Iversen  
AIS Committee Chairman  
[bob@iversenconsultin.net](mailto:bob@iversenconsultin.net)

Note: DNR has a list of the trained and certified lake service providers on its website:  
<http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/permits/lsp/lsp-permits.pdf>.

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### **"ARTHUR'S" LAKE ACCESS CLOSED**

*by Tom Cox, General Manager, TME LLC*

In April, at the request of the TMLA's newly formed Aquatic Invasive Species Committee, in order to protect the lake from AIS infestation by contaminated boats Ten Mile Enterprises LLC, owner of the former Arthur's Restaurant property, installed a gate to block the "Arthur's" lake access. The access is now closed to all except those expressly licensed to use it (Northwoods Dock & Service, Clyde's Lakeside Service, Cass Co. Sheriff Boats and Waters Department). For information, call Ten Mile Enterprises LLC at 218-675-6844. (Photo courtesy of Jay Cline.)



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## QUALIFIED CONSERVATION EASEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### POTENTIAL INCOME, REAL ESTATE AND ESTATE TAX SAVINGS

*by Jim Miller – Conservation Committee Chair*

Congress has continued to allow charitable contribution deductions associated with conservation easements. A qualified conservation easement allows a taxpayer to claim a charitable deduction for a permanent easement restriction placed on real estate, while retaining full ownership and use of that real estate. Typically, a lakeshore easement would permanently restrict any future development of the property, but allows the property owner to retain possession, ownership and use of that property.

The diminished market value of the property from the permanent easement is treated as a charitable contribution. This charitable contribution is limited to 30% of the taxpayer’s annual adjusted gross income (AGI), with the excess being allowed to carry forward for a total of 6 tax years [IRC Sec. 170(b)(1)(E) and 170(h)]. Congress is considering a permanent reinstatement of prior contribution enhancements that allowed a charitable deduction of up to 50% of AGI over 15 years.

The diminished market value of the property may qualify for reduced real estate taxes if significant development potential is forfeited. If the owner is exposed to federal or state estate taxes, the reduced property value from the permanent easement will decrease those taxes.

A good Ole and Lena example regarding the opportunities involved in conservation easements is contained in the [tenmilelake.org](http://tenmilelake.org) website under Conservation Committee. Here is an abbreviated version of that example:

**To measure their charitable deduction, Ole and Lena secure two appraisals: An appraisal of the 200 frontage feet of property and accompanying woodland as is (based on its development potential) and a second appraisal after placement of the easement restriction. Assume that the property appraises at \$500,000 if capable of development, but only appraises at \$300,000 of market value with the permanent easement that restricts any future development. These appraisals indicate that Ole and Lena’s conservation easement has diminished the market value of this parcel of land by \$200,000. This \$200,000 represents their allowable income tax charitable deduction.**

For questions and further information, please contact any of the following members of the Ten Mile Lake Association Conservation Committee:

	Ten Mile	Business
Jim Miller, CPA, Chair	218-547-3337	612-376-4506
Andy Biebl, CPA	218-547-2702	612-397-3121
Tom Cox	218-675-6844	218-507-0394
Al Griggs	218-675-6312	

## TEN MILE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENT GRANTS

*By Jim Miller*

Cass County Environmental Services Department, in collaboration with the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, has received a legislative appropriation of \$300,000 from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to provide financial assistance to shoreland property owners of sensitive shore land who are willing to donate a perpetual conservation easement on their property. Ten Mile is among the

18 Cass County lakes identified through the DNR Sensitive Shore land study as a high priority for the project. Sensitive shore lands are areas of unique ecological significance for fish and wildlife habitat. A conservation easement is a legal restriction on a property that permanently limits development in order to protect natural resources. The project will fund the closing costs on 12-15 donated easements, with priority given to properties that are largely

undeveloped and fall within designated sensitive shore land areas. By limiting development, water quality and important fish and wildlife habitat is protected. Landowners who place permanent easements on their properties retain ownership and use of their properties while the development rights are held by a qualified entity, which will be either Cass County or the Minnesota Land Trust per the landowner's preference. If the property is sold or inherited, the easement passes on to the future owners to insure permanent protection of the resources. If desired, the landowner can set aside future building sites or uses in the easement.

The project grants will provide a willing landowner with financial incentive to put the easement in place. This would cover costs for appraisals, land surveys, legal reviews, documentation of conservation values, and other associated costs. Conservation easements usually qualify for an IRS charitable deduction. Every easement is individually tailored to the landowner's conservation interests.

As chair of the TMLA conversation committee, I want to lead by example and practice what I preach. All of our shoreline in Flower Pot Bay was improved

under Shoreline Restoration Program in 2011 and now Pat and I are putting a conservation easement on 2.77 acres and 240 feet of our shoreline to take advantage of this grant opportunity.

Over 200 feet of this protected shoreline is in Flower Pot Bay, an environmentally sensitive area on Ten Mile. Our family has enjoyed coming to a small lagoon in the wetlands area covered in easement by a walking trail, by canoe or kayaks. The lagoon is a quiet protected area with ducks, fish, turtles, birds, frogs and other wild life. Our family is in 100% agreement about protecting all of the easement area in perpetuity so future generations can continue to enjoy the area as much as our family has for the past 35 years.

For more information on participating in the conservation easement grant program, contact John Sumption, Land Conservation Specialist with the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, at 218-363-2942 or [sumptionenv@gmail.com](mailto:sumptionenv@gmail.com). Or contact Cass County Environmental Services at 218-547-7256 or any of the members of our Conservation Committee listed above.

## THE LOON JOURNAL – SPRINGTIME FOR THE LOONS

*by Kim Abraham Moe, Chair, Loon Committee*

While swimming and feeding in the warm water of the Gulf of Mexico, loons are experiencing a total feather moult. This must happen each year before their spring migration – usually in the month of March. During this time the birds cannot fly at all.

The new, strong flight feathers grow back for their long trip north. These feathers are brilliantly colored and very attractive – for the upcoming mating season.

The males arrive first at their northern home (early April). They scout out spots to nest and attempt to establish their territory. The female loons arrive soon after the males.

You may be able to see some of the courtship activity of the loons. The males often fight for the female's attention. Once a pair is established they begin the task of nesting. They both work together making a nest. When the egg or eggs are laid, male

and female take turns sitting on the eggs. The incubation period is around 29 days.

It is very important that our nesting loons not be harassed by humans!! Always stay away from a nest while fishing, skiing, boating and sightseeing. Avoid making waves or wakes that could disrupt the nest or the eggs. Never cast into a nesting area. If you observe someone getting too close to the loons or their nest....DO YOUR PART!!!! Kindly explain that they need to get away from the loons as they are upsetting them. Be an advocate for the loons!

We have a lot of loons living on Ten Mile Lake each summer. Hopefully this summer we will see more nesting pairs with successful hatches!!

**REMINDER:** Should you ever come upon a dead loon, please put it on ice and call Bob or Kim Moe (547-3975) or call Pam Perry at the DNR office in Brainerd. All loons that die while in MN are examined and studied to determine the cause of death.

## FISHING CHATTER

*by Bob Horn, Chair, Fisheries Committee*

Those of you that have never experienced winter at Ten Mile missed a good chance this past winter. As many of you know we enjoyed a very gentle winter at TML - both in respect to snowfall and temperatures. Not everybody was happy about that. Ice conditions before Christmas were unsafe for ice fishing, plus the lack of snow hurt other outdoor activities. The Ten Mile water level will be noticeably lower this spring when the docks are placed into the lake.

This year there was a dog-sled team led by a Mr. Arnold training on the lake. He would circle the 26-mile shoreline with his Huskies most every day. One winter morning my wife and I were snowshoeing along the South shore of Ten Mile and were lucky enough to see two gray wolves running across the lake toward the North Shore.

Ice fisherman on TML are few and far between. Reasons might be unsafe ice conditions due to the many springs. Another factor is the poor vehicle access and the historically late freeze up of Ten Mile Lake compared to other local lakes. But fish can be found during the winter season! Long Bay sees the most action on Ten Mile with crappies and sunfish being the prime target. The other bays also have potential for catching pan fish, but they are not easy for outsiders to access, by foot or snowshoe. After ice conditions improve, a limited number of ice-fisherman will seek out the elusive walleye with some success. Personally, I have never counted more than a dozen ice houses on Ten Mile at any one time.

Spring arrived very early this year and the ice was off the lake before the first of April. This should mean an earlier than normal spawn. At this time the DNR is considering pushing the opener up one week to May 5<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your time on the lake this summer, catch some fish and release the larger fish back to the lake.

## REPORT OF THE LAKE SAFETY COMMITTEE

*BY Don Harris, Chair, Lake Safety Committee*

The MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has taken the following actions to help prevent the spreading of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):

1. Legislation has been enacted making it illegal to:
  - a. Transport a watercraft without first removing all drain plugs from ballast tanks, pumps, bilges, live wells and all draining devices.
  - b. Service providers, dock & lift installers, must complete a training program (for all employees) and be certified. Hiring only certified installers will help support this effort.
2. The DNR has printed reminder decals to display in your watercraft. Contact a member of the Lake Safety Committee or your local service provider for posting in your watercraft.

The Lake Safety Placard has been updated and will be available this spring. The placard has been reformatted to make it easier to locate current important phone numbers. Please fill out the "Directions to your Cabin" and post the placard near your phone. If you, your guests or visitors use a cell phone to call 911, the dispatcher may not be able to locate you. Cass County is upgrading the 911 system but for now, not all types of cell phones can be located. Being able to provide directions to your location will help the dispatcher in an emergency. The placard also gives you a summary of Minnesota Boating Laws. We will attempt to distribute the revised placard at the Spring Fling, Well Water testing stations, Annual Meeting and through the Lake Safety Comm. and Board of Directors.

**Parents, Grandparents and Kids** – the Lake Safety Committee and other area other lake associations and the Hackensack Lions Club will once again host Watercraft Operators Permit Training on Thursday, July 5, 2012, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Hackensack Community Center.

Cass County Sheriff's Boat & Water Safety Deputies will conduct the training. The morning is devoted to classroom instruction, followed by completion of the test, followed by "hands-on-training" on Birch Lake, in three types of watercraft. The Hackensack Lions provide snacks and lunch.

Minnesota Law requires kids between the ages of 12 and 17 to have a Watercraft Operators Permit to operate a watercraft with a motor larger than 25 horsepower. Call **Don Harris, at 675-6285** to register.

Before the 2012 Boating Season begins a few reminders:

1. Secure a copy of The Minnesota Boating Guide, a summary of Laws and Rules, 2012. Available where you purchase a fishing or boating license. The Boating Guide will detail the laws that apply to your specific watercraft (laws vary by length of boat and motor size) for the following:
  - a. License
  - b. Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's), life jackets and throwable devices.
  - c. All Children under 10 must wear a PFD in a watercraft underway.
  - d. Horn or whistle.
  - e. Lights
  - f. Fire extinguisher.

Note: Inspection stations for AIS at public access points this spring may also include safety device inspections.

2. Secure a permit from the Cass County Sheriff's Office if you are placing a structure in the water overnight; *i.e.*: swim raft, buoys, slalom course, ski jumps, etc..
3. The Cass County Sheriff's Office has received numerous complaints about boats operating on Ten Mile Lake at night without lights. Enforcement will be increased in 2012.
4. Safety Buoys should be in place by before fishing opener.

**HAVE A SAFE SUMMER ON THE LAKE!**

## THE HISTORY PAGE

## THE HISTORY OF TML MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COFFEE

by Cathy Iversen

Late in the 1970's several men on the north shore decided it would be fun to get together on a regular basis to meet for coffee and solve all the world's problems. According to **Al Hoover** and **Jack Adams**, the early movers and shakers included **Ross Melgaard**, **Claude Miller**, **Don Hall**, **Ed Ytzen** and **Ted Rasmussen**. The informal gatherings continue to this day. Early coffees included homemade yeast rolls made by **Inez Ytzen** but in later years donuts from Hackensack Bakery became the official treat. One of the most infamous happenings at a Men's Coffee was the time that **Ruth Hirschfield**, wanting to know just went on at these meetings, dressed up as a man complete with mustache and crashed the party. One thing she may have learned is that fish stories about how many and how big were a popular discussion. These days topics include politics, fish stories (still), lake safety, water clarity, milfoil and how to prevent it from invading Ten Mile, and the annual Ice Out Pool. Summer is fast approaching and Men's Coffees will begin in May. All lake residents and friends are invited to attend each Tuesday at 10 AM. The calendar for sign-ups is on the Ten Mile Lake web site at [www.tenmilelake.org](http://www.tenmilelake.org). You may volunteer to host a coffee at your cabin by emailing **Geoff Cox** at [geoff@geoff-cox.com](mailto:geoff@geoff-cox.com). Or you may call **Tom Cox** at (218) 507-0394.

In 1995, **Dorothy Mills**, **Elinor Chase**, **Gail**

**Becher**, and **Joan Urbanski** were having a cup of coffee together and they decided it was time that the women of Ten Mile Lake stood up for women's rights everywhere! It was time for us to have our own get-togethers, and so, the TML Women's Coffee was born. Early on, they met on Tuesdays, too. The first hostess was Joan Urbanski and about 20-25 women attended and had a lovely time. For many years, **Marianna Goodwin** was the organizer and kept the calendar of sign-ups. When she retired to Arizona, she asked **Judy Brown** and **Cathy Iversen** to take over. It's really an easy job since many women graciously open their homes each week to anywhere from 15 to 30 neighbors. We meet on Wednesdays at 10 AM now and that seems to work out well. Of course, women being a bit more adept at entertaining, we now often have homemade goodies to serve. And in recent years, we have also added a Wine and Cheese Party on one Wednesday evening. Around mid-summer we have an annual Luncheon which often brings ~50 ladies. Our topics of discussion vary from the men's, but we try to solve all the world's problems, too. Not so many fish stories, though. Please check the calendar on the Ten Mile Lake web site at [www.tenmilelake.org](http://www.tenmilelake.org) and attend a Women's Coffee this summer. You may sign up to host a coffee with Cathy at [cathy@iversenconsulting.net](mailto:cathy@iversenconsulting.net). Or call her at (303) 570-8755.



Men's Coffee July 26, 2011, Don Willis' Front Lawn. L to R: Ray Raetz, Mark Putney, Ken Lowery, Don Lundberg, Don Brown, Don Willis, Geoff Cox, Randy Vosbeck, Don Sarles, Richard Zejdlik, Tom Cox, ?, Bill Brandt, Dave Krueger, Jeff Wilke, Bob Iversen, Homer Olsen, ?, Ahmet Arsan, Dave Batman, Paul Edelbrock, Dick Staunton (with apologies to two whose names escape me – TBC). Photo courtesy of Earl Crabb.

## REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

### Parke H. Behn

Parke H. Behn died peacefully in his sleep at his home on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011. Born on July 23, 1941, in Mount Pleasant, Iowa to John and Eileen Day Behn, he graduated from Monticello High School and attended Iowa State Teachers College. He married Marlene Wynn on June 27, 1964. They became the parents of Brock and Beth Behn.

His professional career included executive positions with Control-O-Fax, Professional Office Services, Medical Technology and Net Worth Advisors, all within the Cedar Falls and Waterloo, Iowa metro area.

A dedicated community leader, Parke served in leadership roles on many boards and capital campaigns. As a music lover, Parke was president of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra Board for three terms and chaired the University of Northern Iowa Suzuki School of Music Endowment Campaign. Parke was a member of the committee that oversaw the design and construction of the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center and served as president of the PAC Advisory Board.

An active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Parke served on the vestry and chaired two capital campaigns. He and Marlene were regular attendees at Trinity Episcopal Church in Park Rapids, Minnesota when vacationing at Pinewood. A former president of the boards of Sartori Memorial Hospital and Covenant Health Systems, he was currently serving on the multistate Wheaton-Franciscan Healthcare Board.

Among Parke's other areas of service were the University of Northern Iowa Athletic Club, Cedar Falls Lions Club, Junior Achievement, Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa and Goodwill Industries. Parke was a recipient of the UNI Distinguished Leadership Award and was inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame. He and Marlene were selected as the Cedar Falls representative citizens of the year for extraordinary community leadership in 1996.



Parke is survived by his wife of 47 years, Marlene; their daughter, Beth (Julie Shappy) and grandchildren Parke and Twila Shappy-Behn of Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.; his sister, Carole Greenawald of Indianapolis; his brother, John Behn of Cedar Rapids; and several nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and son Brock.

Parke and Marlene began vacationing at Pinewood Resort on Ten Mile Lake in the summer of 1976 and purchased their own cabin at the resort in 1980. An avid fisherman, Parke took great pride in the bass and walleyes that he pulled out of Ten Mile over the years. He and Marlene competed in the Ten Mile Fishing Derby several times and enjoyed the opportunity that event gave them to meet many of their neighbors on the lake. For all of us who allow the magic of Ten Mile Lake into our lives, we are forever changed for the better by the beautiful sunsets, the occasional sighting of a bald eagle, watching the rain come across the lake, and hundreds of other precious moments. Parke Behn was one who allowed himself to love the lake and all that came with it. The bass and walleyes are just a little bit safer with his passing, but will undoubtedly miss their formidable foe.

*(Information provided by Marlene Behn.)*



### Clarence A. Bruhn

Clarence Bruhn, age 83, of Little Canada, died November 3, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma; sisters, Alvina, Clara and Lillian; and brothers, Rudolph and Donald. Survivors include his sons, Michael, Gary (Georgette), Donald and Gordon (Molly); grandchildren, Brenda, Jennifer, Jason, Josh, Nicole, Andy, Steven, Eric, Sara and Jack; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers, Theodore "Bud" and George (Pat); many nieces, nephews and friends.



Clarence and his wife Norma bought a cabin on Ten Mile Lake over 30 years ago. The cabin was part of the Pebble Beach Resort on the South Side of the lake. Clarence enjoyed working around his place, but his favorite pastime was repairing his John Deere tractors. Another hobby of his was to go to auctions around the lakes area.

**Clarence A. Bruhn**

Clarence was very friendly and cheerful person – our lake neighborhood won't be the same without him.



### Barrett Lorne Colombo

Barrett Lorne Colombo died peacefully, surrounded by his family and close friends, on March 23, 2012 at his home in St. Cloud. He was 65. A service celebrating Barrett's life was held on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell, with interment at the Rutherford Cemetery in Stillwater.

Barrett was born to Robert (Barrett) and Norma (Johnson) Colombo on October 9, 1946. Barrett graduated from the College of St. Thomas with a degree in business management and received his law degree from the University of Minnesota. He was admitted to the Minnesota bar in 1975. Barrett served as a captain in the U.S Army during the Viet Nam war from 1968-1972. In 1968 Barrett married Cynthia Ann Brosious, his high school sweetheart. They would have four children and six grandchildren, all of whom survive him.

For over 30 years, Barrett practiced law specializing in business and estate planning at Rinke Noonan law firm in St. Cloud. Prior to joining Rinke Noonan, Barrett was a supervisor in the tax department of an international accounting firm. Barrett worked for many charities and committees during his lifetime. He is a member of the board of directors for the CentraCare Foundation and was past president of the St. Cloud Rotary Club. Barrett served on the board of directors of the Central Minnesota Initiative Foundation, the Cathedral High School Foundation, the St. Cloud Neighborhood and Historical Association, and the St. Cloud Rotary Foundation.

In addition to his wife of 43 years, Cindy, Barrett is survived by his four children, Laura (Paul) Tomczik of Sartell, Amy (David) Clements of St. Paul, Barrett (Aimee Witteman) Colombo of St. Paul, and John (Meizani Irmadhiany) Colombo of Jakarta, Indonesia. He is also survived by his sister, Sally (Dale) Roffers; brother, Mark (Phyllis) Colombo; and six grandchildren, Alexander, Franklin, and Maxwell Tomczik; and Sophia, Marcus, and Julia Clements.

Barrett loved the great outdoors and enjoyed all the things it provided: a walk in the woods, fishing, biking, and hunting. He adored his family and gave thanks for the many friends who meant so much to him.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Barrett L. Colombo Family Legacy Fund established by the Initiative Fund, 405 First St SE, Little Falls, MN 56345, dedicated to building thriving communities and a strong economy in central Minnesota.



### Dayle Bromley Freeman

Dayle Dene (Bromley) Freeman, 60, of Hackensack MN, and former resident of Bullhead City, AZ, passed away unexpectedly at her home. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. June 5, 2012, at Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker.

Dayle was born December 6, 1951, to Charles "Chuck" and Deana (Sparks) Bromley in Waterloo Iowa. She grew up in Hackensack living above her parents' family business, Bromley's Ten Mile Lake Inn. She attended Walker Elementary and High Schools, graduating in 1970.

In 1975, Dayle married Gerald "Jerry" Freeman in Aberdeen, SD. They had two sons, Anthony "Tony" and Chad Freeman.

Dayle was employed at Scott's 200 Club, Chase on the Lake, and Bieloh's Family Foods.

Dayle is survived by her sons Anthony (Susan) Freeman and Chad (Missy) Freeman of Walker; two granddaughters, half-sister Terry Bengman of Detroit Lakes, and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Scott Bromley.



Dayle Freeman

*(Information was taken from the Walker Pilot-Independent, Wednesday, April 4, 2012.)*



### Mary Kathryn "Kay" Helscher

Mary Kathryn "Kay" Helscher, age 90, of Iowa City, formerly of Keota, Iowa, died Sunday, October 16, 2011, at the Washington County Hospital.

Kay, or "Tink" as she was known to her family and lake friends, was born January 9, 1921, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Charles and Roslyn (Steinke) Ball. Her family moved to San Antonio, Texas in 1923 and she graduated from High School there in 1938. She then graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids in 1943 and taught music in Keota for one year. On December 18, 1943, she married John Robert Helscher in Keota. The couple made their home in Keota, and Kay taught elementary music at Eddyville, Iowa, from 1965 until 1975. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and Chapter CM P.E.O.

Kay enjoyed many summers swimming, fishing and kayaking with her family at the family property on Boone Point, where she spent entire summers after she and J R retired. The property was originally purchased by her parents in 1915 and has been in the family since that time, with six generations of the family spending many pleasant hours at the lake. She and J R also enjoyed their winter home in Mission, Texas.

Survivors include three sons: Karl F. "Rick" (Judy) Helscher of Puyallup, Washington, Charles (Dawn) Helscher of Keota and Stephen (Barbara) Helscher of Columbus Junction; six grandchildren: Angela (Nick) Brainard, Leslie (Jake) Olson, Joshua (Michelle) Helscher, Jillian (Jeremy) Beukema, Jacque (Joshua) Strong and Jonathon Helscher and four great grandchildren: Kayla and Natalie Olson and Matthew and Kenadee Helscher. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: J.R. in 1993 and two sisters: Eloise Allensworth and Zelda Johnson.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at Powell Funeral Home in Keota, with Rev. Dennis Hopes officiating. Burial was at Keota Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the United Church of Faith, Ten Mile Lake Association or the Keota Community School Foundation.

*(Information was provided by Charlie Helscher.)*



### Sally Helsman

While listening to her favorite jazz music, Sally Carol (Spooner) Helsman passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012, in the presence of her loving family, close friends and her caregivers.

Sally was born in Watertown, S.D., the first daughter of Raymond and Caro Spooner. She attended South Dakota



**Sally Helsman**

State University in Brookings, S.D., where she met her future husband, Raymond Helsman. The couple married on July 1 in a double wedding ceremony with her beloved sister, Harriett (James) Wyland, officiated by her father-in-law, the Rev. F. B. Helsman.

Sally received her bachelor of

science degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota. During her career, she was a public health nurse and school nurse for the Golden Valley and Hopkins School Districts. While working in the public school system, she met her lifelong friends, Sharon and Douglas MacDonald of Victoria, Minn.

In 1956, Sally and Ray's daughter Kay was born, and

they moved to Bloomington. In 1987 and 1990 Sally and Ray were blessed with the birth of their grandsons David and Dane Kaepfel.

After her retirement, Sally and Ray were residents of Ten Mile Lake near Hackensack and kept a second home in Eden Prairie. She loved being at Ten Mile Lake and was an avid, accomplished swimmer, boater, sailor and hiker. She excelled at tennis and bridge.

Nothing pleased her more than to see her grandsons enjoy their summers at YMCA Camp Olson near Longville. She immensely enjoyed the frequent visitors to their lake house from her immediate family to her numerous nephews and nieces. She was the recipient of several tennis tournament awards while living at Ten Mile Lake.

Sally was a lifelong advocate of women's rights, women's financial independence and education, and women's and children's health, both physical and mental. She participated in several women's health initiatives and studies throughout her career and into her retirement.

Her family will miss her infectious laugh, her beautiful smile, her loving and generous nature, and her strong, independent spirit.

Sally's family would like to especially thank the wonderful and caring staff at Summit Place, the wonderful and caring aides and nurses from AgeWell Inc., and all the doctors, nurses and caregivers from Allina Healthcare and Allina Hospice.

*(Information taken from the Walker Pilot-Independent, March 14, 2012.)*



### David A. Holland (Vilipsky)

David A. Holland, 58, of Plymouth, MN passed away from COPD on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Services were held at the Cremation Society of Minnesota in Edina.

David was born January 12, 1954. He attended Benilde High School and Hopkins Eisenhower High School. He continued his education at St. Mary's College in Winona. David loved spending his summers at Ten Mile Lake on the north shore. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. David loved to fish different lakes in the area. He had a love for fireworks – the louder the better. David worked numerous summers at Camp Holiday out of Hackensack while he was growing up. You could often find David at a bonfire or the 208 foot deep spot on the lake.

He was preceded in death by his father, John F Vilipski and two of his brothers, John and Stephen. He is survived by his mother Jean, his brothers Dr. Michael Holland (Mary-Liz), William Vilipski (Lisa), his sisters, Mary Stang (Jim), Cathy Vilipski-Smith (D.L.), sister-in-law Storey Holland, many nieces, nephews and cousins

David will be remembered and missed for his wonderful sense of humor, his gentleness, and his love for all things nature.

*[Information provided by his sister, Mary Stang.]*



### Josephine A. (Jo Ann) Kane

Josephine A. (Jo Ann) Kane died November 21, 2011 at Quiet Oaks Hospice House in St. Cloud, MN.

Jo Ann was born to Herbert and Adele (Pohl) Neenan on October 23, 1926 in Dubuque, Iowa. She married Walter J. (Red) Kane on August 28, 1948 at St. Columbkille's Church in Dubuque. The family grew to include five children: Denny, Judy, Dave, Doug and Jackie.

In addition to Dubuque, Walt and Jo Ann lived in Omaha, NE; Bloomington, MN; Hackensack, MN; Peoria, AZ and Sartell, MN. They enjoyed an especially happy marriage of more than sixty years, were loving parents, and truly valued and cherished family and friends. People were an important part of their lives; they contributed a great deal to the communities in which they lived, and had a lot of fun along the way. Jo Ann and Walt built their lives around a strong faith in God.

Jo Ann was very devoted to her husband and family. She enjoyed life to the fullest. She loved gatherings of all kinds with friends and family, bright colors, sparkling lights, Ten Mile Lake, long walks and hikes outdoors, flowers/gardens and the simple pleasures of everyday life. She was a serene person with wonderful wit and wisdom, and was a great role model to those around her.

Survivors include her children: Denny (Jan) of Champaign, IL; Judy (Tom) Wyne of St. Cloud, MN; Dave (JoAnn) of Minnetonka, MN; Doug (Gail) of Buffalo, MN and Jackie (Paul) Ottoson of Chanhassen, MN. Her grandchildren are Steven, Brian and Beckie Kane; Kevin, Kateri, and Keith (Mary Beth) Wyne; Tim and Danny Kane; Jeff (Tera), Joe, Bill and KC Kane and Nicolas and Darby Ottoson. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Benita (Curt) Kirschbaum, Carol Kane, and many cherished nieces, nephews and friends.

Jo Ann was preceded in death by her parents Adele and Herbert, her husband, Walter (February 10, 2009), and her siblings, Herbert, Mary Catherine "Bunny" Clancy and Frank Neenan.

*(Information was provided by Paul Ottoson)*



### Joyce Gray McManus

Joyce Gray McManus, age 79, of Hackensack, MN, died peacefully on November 10, 2011 in Minneapolis with her husband of 57 years, John, and her three children at

her side. She treasured her family and friends, and especially loved her time with them at Ten Mile Lake.

Joyce was born in Ames, Iowa, in 1932, and graduated from Iowa State University with a business degree. She was one of two women in the management training program at Proctor and Gamble. She later returned to Iowa State to receive her teaching degree, where she met and married her husband. As Joyce taught US history in high school and John went to medical school, they built their family. Most of her adult life was spent in Wisconsin in Green Bay and then in Milwaukee.

Joyce is survived by her husband, John, and children Margot (John Eaton), Lori (Steve Plaunt), Michael (Michelle), as well as beloved grand children Maggie Eaton, Emily Eaton, Anna Plaunt, Eleanor Plaunt, Eric Plaunt, Sean McManus, and Erin McManus, and nieces and nephews. A lover of numbers, Joyce was an avid game player and especially enjoyed bridge. And as a sports enthusiast, she cheered most loudly for the Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers.



**Joyce Gray McManus**

Joyce utilized her numbers acumen by preparing taxes for decades, both working at H&R Block and volunteering at the Walker Senior Center. She was active in many local, state, and national organizations including League of Women Voters, Kappa Alpha Theta (president, Iowa State chapter), United Congregational Church -WI (treasurer), Ten Mile Lake Association (treasurer), Northwoods Coop, and the Walker Community Center.

The family is grateful to the wonderful hospice care givers at Methodist Hospital and N.C. Little Hospice House, who gently cared for Joyce and her whole family.

Memorials may be made in her name to the Ten Mile Lake Association.

*(Information provided by Margot McManus Eaton.)*

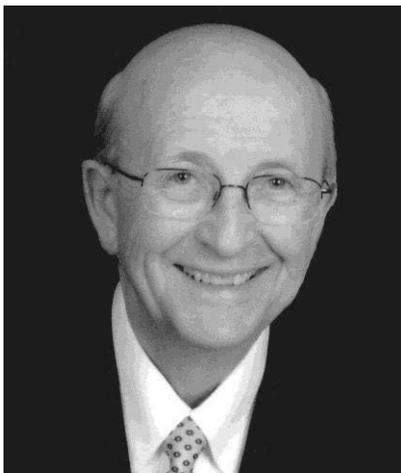


### William (Bill) Stevens

Bill Stevens, 75, of New Hope, MN, died on March 9,

2012. He was born on October 9, 1936 in Des Moines, Iowa and graduated from Clover Park High School in Lakewood, WA in 1954. He has degrees in music education from Drake University and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Oklahoma. He taught public school vocal music in Madrid, St. Charles, and Woodward, IA, Howard Lake, MN, and Kansas City, KS. He taught vocal music and related subjects at St. Mary's University, Winona, MN 1978 – 1991.

His many interests included singing, gardening, woodcarving, fishing, karate, and recording textbooks for the Minnesota State Services for the Blind, where he volunteered for 19 years.



**William Stevens**

Since their honeymoon on the north shore of Ten Mile Lake in 1959, Bill and Marna enjoyed many summer gatherings with family and friends. Bill passed along his love of fishing to his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by wife, Marna (Adams), daughter Becky (Steve) Nett and son David (Beth) Stevens;

five grandchildren, Katie Nett, Ryan Nett, and Kelle Nett and Madeline Stevens and Sophia Stevens; and brother-in-law Jack (Barb) Adams.

A memorial service was held March 23, 2012 at Brunswick United Methodist Church in Crystal, MN.

*(Information provided by David Stevens.)*



**John Zacher**

John Ignatius Zacher, 56, of Hackensack, Minnesota died unexpectedly after his helicopter failed him while flying with his wife on Thursday, November 24, 2011.

John was born July 25, 1955 in Parkers Prairie, Minnesota to Leo and Mary (Bichler) Zacher. After graduating from Brandon High School he was married to Vickie Srock on August 21, 1976. They resided in the twin cities where he worked as a roofer and with time, hard work, and perseverance built up his legacy to include a portfolio of many different companies, all of which he owned and operated. John and his family moved to the Walker area in 1993. He always lived life to the fullest, was a firm believer in a hard day's work, and gave unselfishly to others. He enjoyed good food and was an avid fan of perfecting his cooking skills.

John had a passion for flying, as he found the skies to be calming and relaxing. The most important aspect of John's life was time spent with his family. John will be remembered as an intelligent and kindhearted man. He had a great sense of humor, a huge heart, and was honest, strong-willed, genuine, and well respected. He lived honestly and was always willing to find time in his busy schedule for others. He left an unforgettable footprint in the lives of all who knew him and will be missed dearly.

John is survived by his wife Vickie, children: Jason (Heather), Dustin, Shane, Joshua (Ashley), Janae (Ben), Shanda, six grandchildren Holden, Shae, Tatiana, Asha, Coltan, Obie; siblings Bernice Hill, Leo "Sonny" Zacher, Judy



**John Zacher**

(Joe) Kelly, Ben (Carol) Zacher, Gary (Cindy) Zacher, Larry Zacher, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Jane Schroeder, nephew Perry, and an infant brother.

*(Information provided by the Zacher family.)*



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