

Newsletter

Fall, 2014

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

TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2015

SPRING FLING..... **Saturday**
5:00 p.m. **April 25, 2015**
At Tianna Golf Clubhouse

FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADES **Saturday**
10:00 a.m. **July 4, 2015**
North Shore Area by Arthur's
South Shore Public Access

**WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S
PERMIT TRAINING**..... **Wednesday**
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **July 3, 2015**
At the Hackensack Community Center

WELL WATER TESTING..... **Saturday**
10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m...... **July 18, 2015**
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 1, 2015**
At Union Congregational Church, Hackensack

TMLA BOARD MEETINGS..... **Saturdays**
9:00 a.m.
At Mary Ackerman's May 16, 2015
At Mark & Lee Sands' June 20, 2015
At Ann & Kurt Owens' July 18, 2015
At Bruce & Jean Carlson's August 15, 2015
At Tom & Sarah Cox's September 19, 2015

FALL FETE..... **Saturday**
5:00 p.m...... **September 19, 2015**

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Spring Issue April 1, 2015
Summer Issue June 15, 2015
Fall Issue September 1, 2015

PRESIDENT LISTS TMLA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

At the Annual Meeting of TMLA, President Lee Sand listed some of the accomplishments TMLA has achieved in the last year:

- TMLA has worked with the Leech Lake Watershed Foundation, the Coalition of Lakes, the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers, and neighboring lake associations on issues such as AIS.
- Ten Mile has been recognized by the Star Lake board and received a \$3600 donation from them.
- The AIS Committee has been active in educating about AIS and in staffing the Public Landing with educator/inspectors.
- TMLA worked with the Brandt family on their application to the DNR for a grant to repair about 1500 feet of shoreline erosion on Angel Island. This grant was recently awarded and the repair work will start soon.
- The Lake Ambassador Membership Committee in research found that about 85 percent of TML property owners are TMLA members. They are working on a database of email addresses of members that will allow better communication with the membership in the future.
- Between 225 and 250 volunteers work with and for TMLA throughout the year.

For other information about the Annual Meeting, see Lee's report on Page 3.

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

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Lake Ambassadors – Mary Ackerman, Sue Eikenberry

Lake Safety – Rick Hughs & Mark Sand, Lynn Abraham, Bill Brandt, John McManus, Bob Moe

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

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TEN MILE MEMORIES

by Sue Seyala

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

by Molly Brandt Bliska

Summer evenings when my brother David and I were about 12 and 10 years old we would hike down along sunset beach (southeast shore) to Elizabeth Ramaley's little store to buy candy. Mrs. Ramaley lived way back in the woods behind the point where Dr. Dave Anderson had a cabin (now owned by daughter, Jane Greco). Mrs. Ramaley and her husband had a large house which burned to the ground and she lived in a small shack on the property.

We bought gum, Milky Ways and such with our pennies and nickels while she talked about the past (she had no teeth!!). She told scary stories such as when her husband died while sitting on the toilet (out house, I'm sure).

Later in the day and full of ghost stories we would hike back along the darkening beach to the accompaniment of hooting owls.

The next day we would set up our own store – a card table – on the path by our parent's cabin (George and Gertrude Brandt) and sell the candy we bought from Mrs. Ramaley. Often, when my father was driving into Hackensack, he would see her funny old car and he would say "one has to be careful of Mrs. Ramaley's driving".

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

By Lee Sand, TMLA President

The 62nd annual meeting for all members of the TMLA was held on August 2nd. Congratulations to new Resident Director, **Mary Ackerman**, who is also the chair for our membership ambassador committee. And a huge thank you to **Al Griggs**, who served for three years as the TMLA President and then 2 consecutive three year terms as a Resident Director. We appreciate your service.

We had a great meeting with approximately 165 members present. Our keynote speaker this year was **Peter Jacobsen**, Supervisor of the Habitat Group of the MN DNR Fisheries Research Unit. Pete gave a great presentation entitled "Sentinel Lake Sampling and Cisco Conservation on Ten Mile Lake." Ten Mile is one of 24 lakes selected in 2008 to be monitored by the Sentinel Lakes Program. The lakes are monitored for changes in AIS, water quality and clarity, vegetation, temperature, and trends in fish populations. Ten Mile is unique as it hosts dwarf ciscoes, which are quite sensitive to climate and water quality changes and are therefore considered an indicator species.

Ten Mile has a relatively small, mostly forested watershed. That coupled with the cold water temperatures make Ten Mile an excellent host for an estimated 6 million (or so) dwarf ciscoes. Pete also talked about the relationship between the cisco and loon populations. He did mention that ciscoes were safe for human consumption, but didn't offer any cisco recipes. He was an engaging speaker and clearly recognized the beauty of Ten Mile Lake.

Thank you to all of the board members and committee chairs that worked so hard to make the meeting informative. Minutes from the meeting will be on our website.

We have accomplished a great deal in the past year, and will continue to work on projects and committees throughout the year. We are working to develop some guidelines and processes for communicating with our membership via email, Facebook, and Twitter, in addition to our current methods of communication. We will also be working with the County and the DNR to access more grant moneys that could be used for AIS prevention measures as well as shoreline restoration projects.

Our capital campaign is going well and we thank everyone who has donated or pledged a future donation. We are also collecting and electronically archiving historical documents and information.

Again, thank you to all of the 225-250 of you fellow Ten Milers who volunteer your time and talent on our board, committees, inspectors at the public access, adopt-a-highway litter collectors, coffee hosts, media managers, boating safety trainers, loon platform builders, water level readers, vegetation mappers, and so forth. We all appreciate your efforts.

Have a great fall and winter!

TEN MILE SUMMER

A Song by Lacey Canfield (Dahlstrom Family)

Verse 1:

Drivin' down 371
We knew we were gettin' closer
To green trees and blue water
Love being up north

Once we felt that summer air
We knew we were finally there
Pete and TJ waitin' on the dock
Better get going while the sun's still hot

Pre-Chorus 1:

This old cabin has years and years
Of stories and memories growing up
Here's to a summer full of laughs
Take time to kick it back

Chorus:

It's a Ten Mile Summer
Where the water meets the sky
Holding on to the sun
It's a long lost paradise

It's a Ten Mile Summer
It makes me sing inside
Ten Mile Summer

Verse 2:

Waking up to Papa making pancakes
You know it's a good morning
Swimming suits on
Uncle Shane's got the boat ready and running

It's an all day affair out on the dock
Don't have a care
The sun's our clock
The dinner bell rings
Holding hands we sing
Thank you God for this beautiful day

Pre-Chorus 2:

This old cabin has years and years
Of stories and memories growing up
Here's to a summer full of laughs
Take time to kick it back

Chorus:

It's a Ten Mile Summer
Where the water meets the sky
Holding on to the sun
It's a long lost paradise

It's a Ten Mile Summer
It makes me sing inside
Ten Mile Summer

Bridge:

We wait all winter long
Now I'm sitting here writing this song
Could this summer just last ten miles longer
Could this summer just last forever and never have
an end

Chorus:

It's a Ten Mile Summer
Where the water meets the sky
Holding on to the sun
It's a long lost paradise

It's a Ten Mile Summer
It makes me sing inside
Ten Mile Summer

(Lacey's website address is: <http://www.reverbNation.com/laceycanfield9>)

On this website you can listen to Lacey singing her song.)

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

by Bruce Carlson, Chair, E&E Committee

Banded Mystery Snails – Our Second AIS

At the August TMLA annual meeting, I was shown a banded mystery snail that had been collected in the Sandy Beach area. This was the first reported sighting in our lake of what turns out to be our second AIS. This snail, which is much more attractive than the Chinese mystery snail, is native to the southeastern region of the



United States, but not to our part of Minnesota.

Banded mystery snails are individually relatively innocuous. They prefer mud or soft bottoms and eat the detritus that collects on the

surface of submerged objects. On most lakes, they have relatively little impact, although they have been accused of disturbing eggs in the nests of bass and other panfish. In the summer, they live in shallow water, but migrate to deeper water come fall. Like the Chinese mystery snail, banded mystery snails reproduce very successfully and can attain a density of as many as 80 per square foot of bottom.

Looking into the future, we can expect at first the spread of both types of mystery snails throughout the lake. Once established, their populations are likely to soar for a while. Then, after a few years, the populations will drop and they will reach some sort of equilibrium for the lake. We presently don't have any idea what "equilibrium" will mean for Ten Mile. This phenomenon of population overshoot is common when any new species becomes established in an ecosystem. Something similar is happening with the smallmouth bass population in the lake. Since smallmouth bass were first noticed in our lake less than a decade ago, their

population has also soared as they have been spreading throughout the lake from the Long Bay area where they were first seen. In this case, it has meant for some excellent fishing in recent years. Again, we don't know when the population will level off and at what level.

Lake Mapping

Members of the E & E Committee have been active again this summer in collecting data for the construction of both bottom contour and vegetation maps of the entire lake. We anticipate that this mapping project will be completed this summer, or by early next spring; we are hoping that it will be possible to produce large wall-size maps that can be sold at next year's TMLA annual meeting.

Condition of the Lake

This has been a good year for the water in our lake. Water clarity, as measured by Secchi disk readings, has been at the upper end of our average and even above on some occasions. Water chemistry analysis has shown little change in water quality over the summer. Oxygen levels at the deepest spot in the lake remain healthy, and there is little danger of serious oxygen depletion occurring this fall. The water temperature at 200 feet is still 43 degrees! Overall, we're pleased to report that the lake has held its own this summer and has probably gained some in water quality, but constant monitoring of the water, as well as efforts by cabin owners to help maintain healthy shorelines and septic systems are the key to maintaining the near pristine condition of our lake.

Interactions with Governmental and Other Agencies

The E & E Committee, as well as other TMLA committees, continues to have close interactions with agencies at both the county and state level. These often involve obtaining funding to partially support programs, such as septic system inspections, shoreline restoration, conservation easements of land or prevention of AIS introduction into the lake. We are fortunate in having good relationships with these agencies, and our interactions assist both the TMLA and the agencies themselves in accomplishing things that benefit the lake.

A HEARTY WORD OF THANKS AND AN IMPORTANT INVITATION

*Gary Anderson, for the James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund Committee:
Gary Anderson, Chair; Bruce Carlson, TomCox, Shelly Knuths, Jim Miller and Diane Westmore*

A number of years ago a grocery chain in the Twin Cities had paper bags with the word "thanks" imprinted in many different languages. "Merci," "Gracias," "Takk," "Danke" were all there along with others from Greek to Hebrew. Of course, the English "thanks" was also prominently displayed.

In many ways the Ten Mile Lake Association Conservation Committee and the sub-committee on fund-raising want to say thanks to all who have contributed to the James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund. A year ago we set out to raise \$175,000 over three years to replenish this fund. Money from the fund had been used to purchase 2,200 feet of shoreline in Lundstrom's Bay. That property, along with 800 feet donated by the owners, has been put into a conservation easement. All this has been done to help preserve the quality of the lake and the environment. Now, as we replenish the fund, we can look toward future purchases that will further the goal of keeping Ten Mile clean, clear and beautiful.



To date the Schwartz fund has received 131 gifts totaling \$113,495 and an additional 13 pledges totaling \$8,200. Gifts range from a few dollars to many thousands. So here is a hearty "thanks" to all who have stepped forward with a gift or pledge. Say it in whatever language you wish, it means the same thing. You are appreciated. Everyone who knows and loves Ten Mile is grateful.

Now the invitation is extended to even more to participate. We have two more years to achieve or exceed our goal. There are 595 members of the Ten Mile Lake Association. That means there are many more from whom a gift would be gladly and thankfully received. A few weeks ago a letter went out lifting up this cause. It included a giving form. Outright gifts are welcome as are pledges. Gifts may be made in honor or memory of someone. All gifts are tax-deductible. If you don't have the form, simply make a check or pledge payable to TMLA. It may be sent to PO Box 412, Hackensack, MN 56452. Know that your gift or pledge will be well-used and will be received with gratitude.

BIG THANK YOU FOR HACK FIRE & RESCUE DONATIONS

by Mary Ackerman, Chair, Lake Ambassadors

Donations this summer from the Hackensack Fire & Rescue Calendar and Drawing brought in over \$3,500 in donations from members of the TMLA! Great support for a great asset to our Ten Mile Lake community! In the past, the Association has matched donations if checks were sent directly to the Association. We announced this at the Annual Meeting in August. The Board reviewed this process at the last meeting and we decided to simplify!

As of 2015 all donations should go directly to the Hackensack Fire and Rescue Department. The Association will donate a set amount each year to the Department. Up to now the Association commitment was to match our members' donations up to \$1,000 each year.

Bottom line: Send your generous support directly to the Hackensack Fire & Rescue next year! We will forward any strays if they come in!

AIS ALERT

By Bob Iversen, Chair, AIS Committee

Unfortunately, Aquatic Invasive Species keep spreading. The DNR recently sent notifications that adult zebra mussels have been confirmed in Cass Lake, the first such find in the Bemidji area. In addition, the Mississippi River between Lake Winnibigoshish and Cass Lake and eight nearby lakes have been designated as zebra-mussel infested.

This unpleasant situation points out why making sure all watercraft are "clean, drained and dry" before entering any body of water and after exiting is extremely

important. At Ten Mile we're fortunate to have both our dedicated volunteer inspectors as well as paid inspectors several days a week during the boating season - and the hours without inspectors are covered with our motion-activated video camera, I-LIDS.

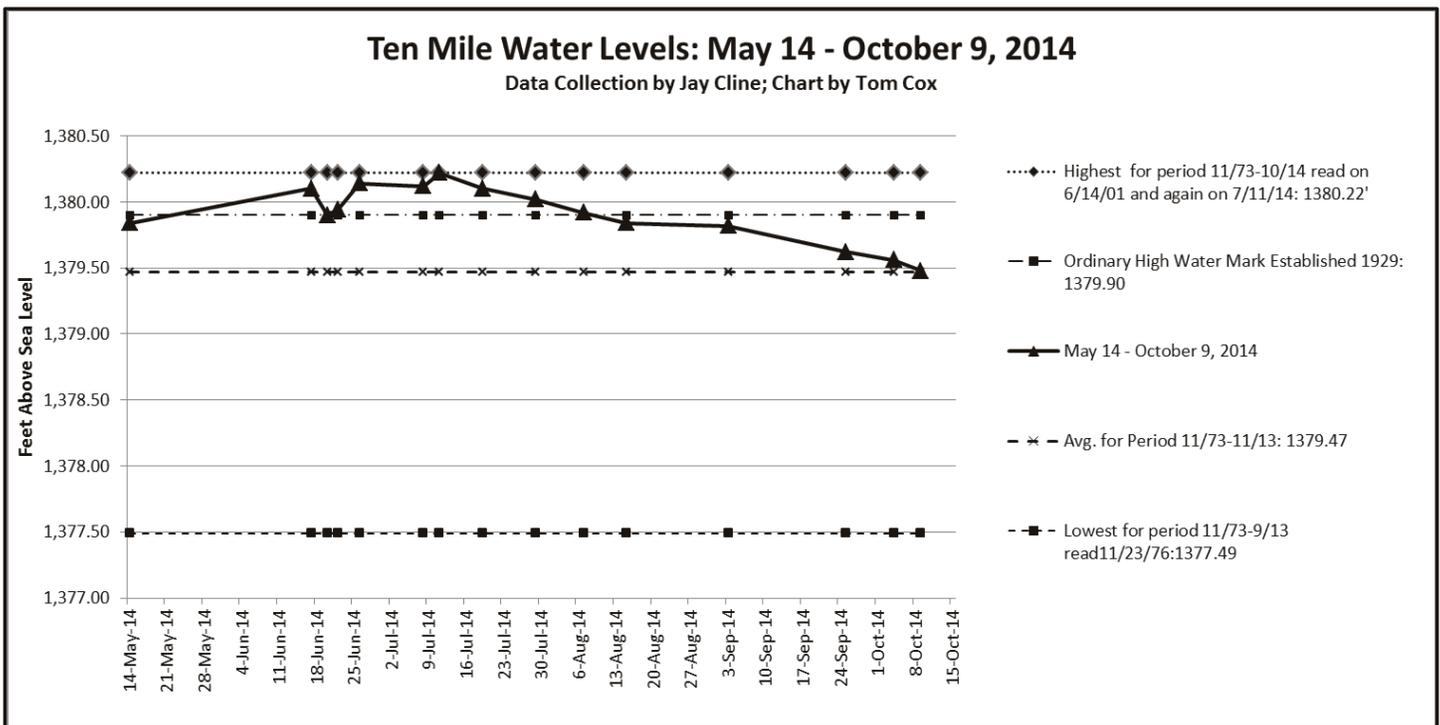
These inspections are important, but they're not foolproof. Please remember to ask your visiting friends to make sure their watercraft are free of all aquatic plants and animals (e.g., zebra mussels) before entering the lake.

ANOTHER ONE FOR THE RECORDS

by Tom Cox, Chair, Water Level Committee

Summer, 2014, saw lake water that rose to match the record set in June, 14, 2001 when the level read 1,380.22' above sea level. High water along with strong early-summer winds swamped and in some cases destroyed Ten Milers' docks and did major erosion damage to shorelines, especially on the east and north shores in June. High levels came later this year, and

lingered through the summer. At this writing (October 11) the lake is down 4.32" from its level on May 14th this past spring, but still .48" higher than it was a year ago, and .72" higher than it was on November 1st last fall. A predicted milder winter this year may mean less snowfall and lower water next May, but who's to know for sure what Mother Nature has in store?



THE HISTORY PAGE

THE DELURY CABIN ON TEN MILE LAKE

By Cathy Iversen

Brothers **Robert and Daniel DeLury** found their way to Walker in about 1895. Daniel set up a law practice and Robert opened a tailor shop. Having come from the lake country in Eastern Ontario, it was natural that they explored the lakes in their new country. They pitched a tent at Lake May where they lived for some time. To reach Ten Mile Lake, they boarded the train in Walker to Long Bay. There **Cliff Long** would take them in his one cylinder motor boat to their destination. They contracted with a Walker carpenter, **Archie Lavigne**, to build a cabin.



The Delury Cabin (Photo by Cathy Iversen)

Reportedly built in 1910, this cabin, which still stands on the Adams property on the north shore, is the oldest on the lake. About ten years later, Archie was the prime contractor on the building project of the Chase Hotel.

After the DeLury cabin was built, a friend from Bemidji, **Mr. Vanderluis**, built his cabin, which was a mirror image. Then their friends, **Miss Bicec** and **Mrs. Ilstead**, built on the east side. The big log

house was built in the early 20's and the DeLury resort was established. In addition to the log house there were 5 cabins. A log shed was built to hold ice and an electric plant was added. They thought about adding a sewer system but decided it was not necessary.

In 1925 **Robert DeLury** took over the management of Douglas Lodge at Itasca State Park and put the resort in the care of **Mr. & Mrs. Jensen**. After a few years, they built Camp Iowa. In 1930 the DeLurys returned to Ten Mile and operated their resort. Robert DeLury passed away in Baltimore in 1945. Mrs. DeLury continued running the resort for one year and then sold all but the original cabin. In 1946 her grandson, **Dan DeLury**, visited Ten Mile. Mrs. DeLury asked him if he could install a water system for her. He said he could but there was no galvanized pipe to be had.

However, an old classmate of Dan's, **Orville Liflis**, was tearing down the top floors of the old Chase Hotel and he sold Dan enough pipe to do the job. Mrs. DeLury continued to enjoy the cabin at Ten Mile until her death.



Interior of cabin (Photo by Cathy Iversen)

FISHING CHATTER

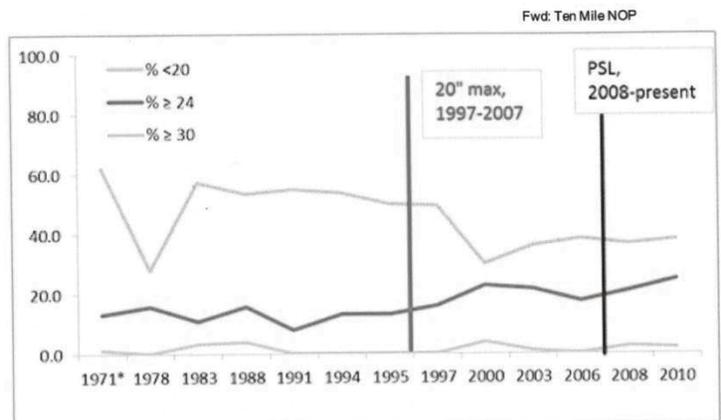
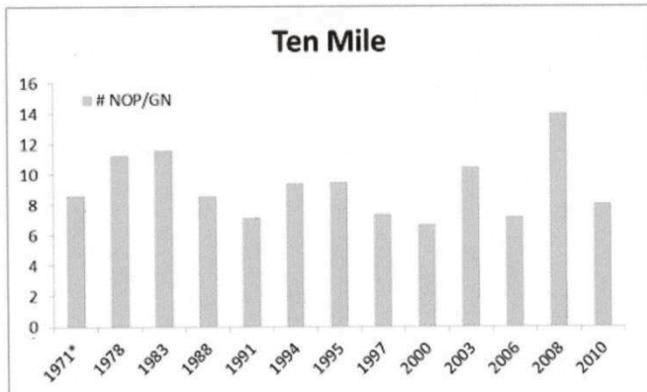
By Bob Horn, Chair, Fisheries Committee

At the TMLA Annual Meeting in August, the presenting speaker was **Peter Jacobson**. Peter is a DNR biologist specializing in fisheries and lake management. His message was clear: PROTECT YOUR WATER QUALITY by taking good care of the water that enters our lake from runoff. In other words, PROTECT YOUR WATERSHED. Ten Mile is a large lake with a small watershed, which makes it easier to manage the watershed. Peter emphasized that the slower the water runs into the lake, the better the quality of the runoff water. Keeping the watershed land covered with vegetation to slow the runoff is extremely important.

Peter also discussed the importance of the dwarf Ciscoes in TML. They are unique, because most Ciscoes grow much larger than those in TML. And there are millions of them, serving as a

significant source of food for the loons and larger fish. DNR is dedicated to preserving the Cisco population of the lake.

We have had some communication with **Doug Schultz**, the manager of the Walker DNR office, concerning the latest evaluation of the Northern Pike population in TML. He notes that there have been some modest improvements in size structure since the 20 inch maximum limit was implemented in 1997. This has continued with the conversion to the current protected slot limit (total of three; one can be over 36", others under 24"). The abundance of Northerns had remained on the higher side overall. There are not as many fish over 30 inches as we would hope to see, but at least the number of mid-size fish has improved, and that is important.



YET ANOTHER INVASIVE!

By Mary Ackerman

I know we have all been on the look-out for mussels and snails....However, we also need to be eradicating some of the more noxious plant life threatening our roadways and wetlands. The DNR Website actually lists over 50 invasive weeds, bushes, and trees. I have to admit that some are found in my garden. This note is to ask you to be on the alert for **Canada Thistle**. It is the purple thistle we see along 71 and 50...and has puffy tufts of seeds at the end of the summer.

This weed is tenacious. It has a horizontal root system that is hard to kill and the seeds can stay in the soil for up to 20 years! Here is why we should work to eradicate it: If it invades wetlands it can

crowd out all other plants needed for our biodiversity. Forty-three states have designated it as an "Invasive terrestrial plant".

What to do? Look for it along the roadway and particularly near wetlands. Put on good gloves! These are thistles! Pull and bag all plants. Take to the dump tightly bagged. They should not be burned. There are chemical products that work; however, I am not recommending that approach.

Just another great volunteer opportunity for Association members! Thanks!

HONOR ROLE OF SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADES

Over the past couple of years, the TMLA has felt that for the present it makes more sense to upgrade non-compliant septic systems than to undergo another round of inspections, which would likely only confirm that a certain number of systems are non-compliant. To assist in accomplishing this, the E & E Committee, working with Cass County Environmental Services, identified sources of funds totaling \$2,000 to assist in upgrading non-compliant septic systems on lakefront properties. Last year eight homeowners upgraded their systems under this program. This year, one owner upgraded a system, and four properties undergoing new construction have applied for new septic systems, now installed or being installed:

Richard Zejdlik, Upgrade
Paul Larkin, New Construction
Paul Seel, New Construction
Ten Mile Lake Two LL, New Construction
Ten Mile Enterprises, LLC, New Construction

Next year, TMLA will begin a new round of septic system inspections, covering about a third of the lake each year for three years. We can be proud of our dedication to maintaining compliant septic systems and assisting those who need to upgrade their systems.

REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

Oren D. Abraham

Oren D. Abraham, 89, was born in Mankato, MN on September 4, 1924, to Herbert and Laura (Manthe) Abraham. Oren passed away peacefully in Naples, FL on August 30, 2014.

Oren attended District 20 School outside of Madelia, MN through eighth grade. He graduated from New Ulm High School and continued his education at the Normal School. He enlisted in the army and served in France and Germany in WWII. Oren's ability to speak fluent German enabled him to serve as a translator at the end of the war. He was one of the soldiers who went from house to house announcing to the Germans and the prisoners of war in the concentration camps, "The war is over!"

After the war Oren returned home to finish his education at Mankato Teachers' College. He taught English, Speech, and Drama in Lamars, IA, Trimont, MN, and Benson, MN. He finished his teaching career at Brainerd Community College, retiring in 1992.

Oren enjoyed performing in many summer theater productions and singing in his church choirs. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa, MN and Cristus Victor Lutheran in Naples, FL. He was a member of the American Legion and the Elks Club.

Oren enjoyed reading. He especially enjoyed his daily paper even until the last days. Other hobbies and interests included collecting antiques, refinishing furniture, fine art and music, woodworking, and traveling. He was member of the Friendship Force while living in Naples. This enabled him to travel, as well as host foreign visitors at his homes in MN and FL. In retirement, Oren lived first on Ruth Lake then West Twin near Pequot Lakes, MN. He spent winters in Florida, where he built a home on Pine Island, and later moved to Naples.

Those who knew Oren could appreciate how much he loved his family, friends, and faith. His kind and caring ways along with his wry wit and warm friendship will be missed.

Oren was preceded in death by his parents and brother Arlo and several cousins. He is survived by brother Lynn (Pat) Abraham of Hackensack, MN; nieces Kim (Bob) Moe of Bonita Springs, FL and Hackensack, Karla (Craig) Seibert of Bonita Springs, FL and Hackensack, Lisa (Chuck) Doucet of Avon, MN, and Tracy Abraham of Naples, FL.

(Information taken from the New Ulm Journal, September 4, 2014.)



Rita C. Hereid

Rita C. Hereid, 87, of Blaine, MN died during the summer. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Clifton, daughter Linda Wallin, three grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Rita was active in the Hackensack Ladies Auxiliary along with WELCA at Christ Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, where her funeral service was held

Rita and Clifton had a home on Long's Bay, where Rita had a unique relationship with a loon she named "Looney." This experience was described in a book titled "Love of Loons," 1987, by Kate Crowley and Mike Link.

According to her story in this book, Rita discovered a loon on land on her shore, but unable to move. She captured it in a net and discovered a mass of monofilament fishing line which had ensnared the loon's legs and cut into them so as to render them useless. She removed the line and began to feed the loon strips of freshly caught fish.



Looney came to the dock three or four times a day to be fed by Rita. Photo by K. Crowley

The story continues: "The loon wasn't kept in a pen, but seemed to sense the safety of the small cove that harbored the Hereid's fishing boat."

Rita tried to get help from the DNR and other organizations with little success, so she became the bird's personal protector. Over time, the loon became a celebrity, so many people around the lake supplied her with fish. When "Looney" saw Rita, even through her picture windows, it would swim to her dock and make

pleading signals for food. It would take fish from her hand but not allow her to touch itself.

Gradually the loon's legs healed and "Looney" was able to dive for its own fish. "Near the end of August, the bird began to rise and 'display.'"

"The improvement was a source of pride not only for the Hereids but also for the entire area. As people visited and fed the bird, they became more involved and caring. They might bring food for Looney, or they might take off after a boat that been harassing other loons on the lake."

By September, Looney was able to swim freely, and to rise and fly from the water, It was once a again a free bird.

The authors of the story note that "One lesson that comes from Rita's experience is that an injured bird has a better chance if care can be given in its natural surroundings. A second lesson is that there is a chance that loons can adapt to human presence if we are aware of the limitations that we need to put on our own behavior." They refer to Rita as "The Loon Lady of Ten Mile Lake."

(Information provided by Linda Wallin, Rita's daughter.)



Marjorie Ann Hess

Marjorie Ann Hess, daughter of Charles W. and Bertha (Pingrey) Thomas, was born May 26, 1923 near Coon Rapids, Carroll County, IA. She lived on the farm with her family until her father injured his arm in a farm accident. After returning from the hospital, Charlie and friend Roswell Garst started Garst & Thomas Seed Corn Company, and the family moved into town. Marjorie graduated Coon Rapids High School.

On May 15, 1949 Marjorie was united in marriage with Harris Hess in an outdoor wedding at the home of her parents. The Hesses lived in Bagley for a short time before moving back to Coon Rapids. Marjorie and Harris were parents of two sons, both of whom died as young men, Charles in 1974 and Lynk in 1998.

Marjorie was very active in her community, chairing the Coon Rapids Red Cross Volunteers for many years, starting in 1945. Because of her untiring work, the group was honored by Governor Branstad in May of 1996. Marjorie was also an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary. In 1999, she was selected for the Governor's Volunteer Award after being nominated by the Elderbridge Area Agency on Aging and RSVP. She was very proud to have been a partner in the original Garst & Thomas Seed Corn Company. Marjorie, her parents, and three sisters built and furnished the Thomas Rest Haven and gifted it debt-free to the town of Coon Rapids. Later Marjorie and her husband also made significant gifts for the Park View

Assisted Living and American Legion community buildings. In addition to the generous gifts to the community, she also gifted individuals in the community.

Marjorie and Harris enjoyed many trips to their cabin on Ten Mile Lake, MN and winter trips to their home on Lake Chapala near Ajijic, Mexico. She was an avid antique collector and enjoyed collecting tumblers.



Marjorie Hess

In later years Marjorie suffered a number of health problems. She was able to remain in her home with the loving care of her husband and many helpers over the years. She died at home on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013, at the age of 90 years.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two sons, parents-in-law, and three sisters. She is survived by her husband Harris Hess of Coon Rapids, sister-in-law Marian Hess of Ocean City, NJ, and nieces, nephews, and friends.

(Information provided by Harris Hess.)



Dan G. Johnson

Dan G. Johnson was born July 25, 1937 in Minneapolis, MN. He died on July 24, 2014 in Edina, MN at age 76. A funeral service was held for him at Calvary Lutheran Church in Edina on July 30, 2014.



Dan Johnson

Dan was raised in Edina and was both baptized and confirmed at Calvary Lutheran Church. He owned a successful plumbing business for approximately forty-five years in Edina.

Dan was an avid fisherman, hunter, and gardener. He spent his summers at his beloved lake place on Ten Mile Lake where he taught his nieces and nephews how to fish; hunted with his

buddy Bill; maintained his many gardens, and entertained friends with his stories over coffee and cookies. Dan loved to host the men's coffee and was proud to show off his gardens as part of the Home and Garden Tour in 2009.

He enjoyed spending his winters in the Florida Keys and more recently, in Las Vegas. Dan and his wife Betty enjoyed traveling and entertaining friends both at their home in Edina and their lake place on Ten Mile. Dan was a fantastic cook and a master on the grill.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Greta Johnson, brother Phil Johnson, and sister Phyllis Berg. He is survived by his loving wife Betty, sister- and brother-in-law Donna and Ed Loechler, and several nieces and nephews.

(Information provided by Betty Johnson.)



Beatrice (Downing) Magnuson

Beatrice "Bea" Magnuson, of West St. Paul and Hackensack, MN, passed away on January 11, 2013 at the age of 90. She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Magnuson, and daughter Ruty.



Bea Magnuson

She is survived by children Sally (Scot) Armstrong, Julia (Terry) Heaver, and Peter (Helga Fabianski) Magnuson, and four grandchildren.

Bea enjoyed gardening, her lake home, and spending time with family. A memorial service was held January 26, 2013 at The University Club in

St. Paul, with interment at Riverview Cemetery.

(Information obtained by Phoebe Alden.)



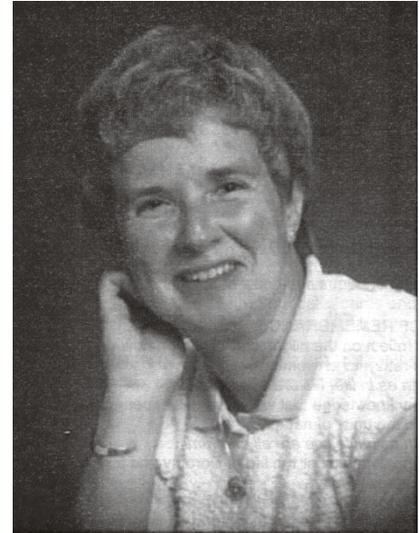
Dorothy Anne (Loudon) Owre

Dorothy Anne Owre, 75, of Hackensack, MN died at her home on Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

Dorothy was born on November 7, 1938, in Minneapolis, MN to Paul and Dorothy (Larsen) Loudon. She is survived by her husband, Roderick; children David (Andy), Deb, and Rod; and three grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Mary, Joan, and Brice and brother Bob.

Dorothy graduated from Northrup Collegiate School in Minneapolis and Mills College in Oakland, CA. She loved all sports and was an avid tennis and golf player.

Her high school yearbook said of her, "She belongs to that enviable group of happy people in the world who are fairly exploding and vivacious and enthusiastic. Chemistry is one her favorite subjects Dorth is an avid tennis fan and she is tops in matches throughout Minnesota. Her athletic and organizational ability gained for Dorothy the chairmanship of the Athletics Committee, a position which she carried out with ease and enthusiasm. Dorothy, our class mascot and friend, is a shining example of enthusiasm and industry."



Dorothy Owre

A memorial service was held September 21, 2014 at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack.

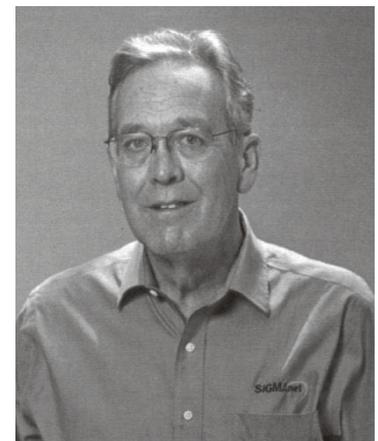


Mark Watson

Mark Allen Watson, 58, of Fontana, Calif., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2014, at his home. A memorial service for Mark was held September 20 at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack with Pastor Michael Small officiating. Inurnment was at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Hackensack.

Mark was born March 1, 1956, in St. Paul, the son of Forrest and Jane Watson. He grew up in White Bear Lake and was in the first graduating class from the new WBL Mariner High School in 1974.

Following graduation, Mark worked as the travel/equipment manager for the Chameleons. It was with this band that he became friends with drummer Charlie Adams and Yanni who later went on to form Yanni's Orchestra.



Mark Watson

After getting his degree from Coleman College, Mark worked for KayPro in San Diego as a computer marketer. For the past 14 years Mark worked with Sigmanet in Ontario, CA.

Mark loved hiking, camping, and water skiing in northern Minnesota at his parents' cabin on Ten Mile Lake near Hackensack.

He is survived by his first wife, Jane Watson of Aurora, Colo., and their son Eric from Sealy, Texas; his current wife, Tanya, of Fontana; parents Forrest and Jane Watson of Walker; brother Bruce of Del Mar, Calif.; sister Linda of Placentia, CA; and three nieces and one nephew, all of California.

(Information from the Walker Pilot Independent, September 10, 2014.)



Inez (Hanson) Ytzen

Inez (Hanson) Ytzen, 98, of Maple Plain, formerly of Walker and Hackensack, MN passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014. Funeral services were held October 6 at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker with interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

Inez was born September 23, 1916, in Hawick, MN, the daughter of Hans and Petrina Hanson. She was the youngest of 12 children, all of whom grew up on the family farm near Hawick.

Inez married Edward Ytzen March 27, 1937, in Hawick where they farmed. In 1947, they moved to Ten Mile Lake near Hackensack, where they operated Crescent Beach Resort. In 1951, they moved back to the farm near Hawick, where they lived for 10 years, before returning to Ten Mile Lake.

Inez and Edward were long-time members of Hope Lutheran Church in Walker.

Inez was an excellent cook and cooked for Hultgren's Lodge, Roby's Rib and Steak, as well as for her own restaurant business. Her daughters fondly recall homemade bread and caramel rolls every Saturday when they were young, as well as decadent holiday treats such as



Inez Ytzen

krumkake, ebelskiver, lefse, rosettes, and fattigman. These treats were enjoyed by grandchildren, church members, and other people in the community, as well!

Other hobbies included sewing, quilting, braiding rugs, playing cards and visiting with family and friends. Family was especially important to her.

Inez will be dearly missed by her two daughters, Emilie Haagenson, and Patricia (Gus) Ziemer; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one great-great grandson, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Edward Ytzen; one son-in-law, Raymond Haagenson; and 11 brothers and sisters.

(Information from the Walker Pilot-Independent, October 8, 2014.)



TEN MILE'S NEW DEEPEST SPOT? – MYSTERY SOLVED

By Bruce Carlson

Several times over the years I have heard people comment that they have noticed or have heard about a small spot in the lake that is deeper than the official deepest spot at 208 feet. I could never find it myself until a few days ago when I was doing some mop-up mapping around a deep hole north and east of the official deep hole. Suddenly the reading on my depth finder jumped from 150 to 209 feet. Another pass produced the same result. It wasn't until I analyzed the actual graph tracing that I realized that the 209-foot reading was the result of a technical artifact.

What was actually being recorded was a secondary echo coming from somewhere below the lake bottom. I'm not sure what would cause it, but there is little doubt that the 209-foot reading did not represent the actual depth. Other artifacts that many fishermen have noticed are readings anywhere from 60 to 15 feet when trolling over deep water (greater than 100 feet) in the late evening. This is due to schools of ciscoes that are so densely packed that the depth finder gets fooled and thinks that the fish represent the bottom. The moral of the story is that a number appearing on your depth finder doesn't always reflect reality.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's note: *In our summer issue, we published a recipe for Chinese Mystery Snails. We believe that this was presented in complete seriousness (even if it was a hoot). After all, people eat Escargots. Have we tried this recipe ourselves? We admit we have not. But we have tried Escargots, and while we found them quite edible, we believe there are easier and cheaper ways to get one's needed ration of garlic and butter. Also the little beasties have not yet reached the South Shore.*

However, some readers evidently felt the article was a joke. One of them has produced the following recipe in response. We are publishing it because we love reader responses. However we cannot recommend the recipe. If you are tempted, we suggest you ask Bob to prepare it for you.)

TEN MILE ARMY WORM PIE

Dear Ten Milers,

In line with the lip-smackin' recipe for Long's Bay escargot in the last newsletter, I have elected to break a vow to my dear old Granny, and share with you an old family recipe for AWP. "AWP," you say, "that sounds strangely like what one does when they're sick to their stomach." But don't be fooled by this unappetizing acronym, for this tasty dish was a staple at Ten Mile in the 1950's and 60's when the ground and the trees were slippery with the little devils. However, because of their scarcity, it is now considered a delicacy, and if my decision to break the code of silence and share results in family ostracism and a Sisyphusian (not sure that's a word) afterlife, I am willing to risk it.

AWP stands for Army Worm Pie. Whoa, don't make that face. All of you eat eggs; fewer of you fantasize about the dulcet pleasure of cow's tongue; and I would gander that even fewer have enjoyed those scrumptious little palate pleasers,— rocky mountain oysters. Still, I do need to interject a caveat here, in that this dish is not necessarily the complete sensory package, as, in its preparation anyway, some may choose to close their eyes, plug their nose and even put in a pair of ear plugs (at least until the crawling sound and the faint, high pitched screech, what I call worm screams, are done), but in the end, it is those of you with the most advanced and mature taste buds that will be rewarded and assuredly those sensitive little fellas will *quid-pro-quo* with a gustatory memory — never to be forgotten.

You'll need a bucket, though even the most tenacious and determined of you will be lucky to fill a milk carton. If you don't find these cute little critters, with the black and blue colored stripe with black dots down the middle, crawling on your porch, those lucky few that still have an outdoor biffy will find that to be a favorite gathering spot. If you have one, and your neighbor doesn't, come on folks, give 'em access, or sell 'em a block of time.

Boil water and dump the little beauties in. (Just like lobster, make sure they're still alive). Add a teaspoon of vinegar, 2 jars of Jalapeno slices, Mayo (not Miracle Whip as it distorts the piquant balance), allow the container to cool, bury it overnight (or longer, up to a year), serve with crackers or toasted hamburger buns, and like the French say, *Bon Appetit!*

Mea Culpa, Granny.

Bob Siqueland

ARTHUR'S CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

By Tom Cox

Construction of the new Arthur's Restaurant on Ten Mile began in earnest with ground-breaking at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, September 23. General contractor

Carl Peterson and **Carl Shrupp** of Shrupp Excavating were on hand before dawn

to begin the scarfing of topsoil and the opening of the foundation excavation. Happily, the weather held (Ten Mile enjoyed sunshine and eighty degrees on the last weekend in September), and two days later, on



Sept. 23: Carl Shrupp Drives the Excavator to Break Ground for the New Arthur's.



Sept. 25: General Contractor Carl Peterson Guides the BMI Concrete into the Footing Forms.

Thursday the 25th, BMI poured footings. By Monday, October 6, insulated concrete forms (ICF) were in place, and on Wednesday, Oct. 8th, BMI returned to pour the basement walls of the four-season portion of the

building. As of this Newsletter's writing (Oct. 9), work has started on the frost footings for the three-season porch at the building's north end.

Meanwhile, **Rick Smith** of Northland Septic Services, Inc., had begun

work on the new septic system. He is building a new drain field (four mounds) on the east side of 371, and a new pretreatment system on the restaurant side. A new, state-of-the art polishing system will replace

the green-roofed gravel filter that for years has occupied the south parking lot.



Oct. 8th: Carl Peterson Guides the Hose as Concrete from the Pumper Pours into the ICF.

As of this writing, twenty Ten Mile families have formed a new group, Ten Mile Associates, LLLP (TMA, LLLP), to bring

the new Arthur's to reality. With fortune smiling and weather

cooperating, Arthur's will be open for the Memorial Day weekend, 2015.



Sept. 25: Rick Smith, of Northland Septic Services, Inc., builds the sand mounds for the new septic drain field. Some 360 truckloads of sand, sandy loam and black dirt will be delivered to build and finish the four mounds.



Oct. 6: Foundation ICF In Place, Ready to be Poured.

THE LOON JOURNAL

By Kim Abraham Moe, Chair, Loon Committee

BLACK FLIES AFFECT THE LOON'S ABILITY TO TOLERATE NESTING! Early this spring, the black flies caused many loon pairs in Wisconsin and Minnesota to abandon their nests. We should be most grateful that Ten Mile had 11 successful chick hatchings this summer.

The cold snowy winter and cool spring caused the black flies to do very well. Many of these tiny flies were noticed to be covering and swarming around the heads, eyes, and bodies of the nesting loons. These biting flies leave large welts under the feathers of their victims so that sitting on their eggs for hours and hours could be miserable. All a loon can do is shake its head, peck with its beak, and move its wings — only to have the flies return in a few seconds. When it has become too much for both loons, the pair will just give up and stay beneath the water's surface, leaving the flies behind, along with their nest and unhatched eggs.

Some loon pairs did re-nest at a later date, causing very late hatches.

On Ten Mile Lake the loon chick count for 2014 was

- 1 in Flower Pot Bay
- 2 South of the Angel Island Causeway
- 2 North of the Angel Island Causeway
- 2 near Boone Point
- 2 in Kenfield Bay
- 2 in pond behind Boone Point Road (they walk to get to Ten Mile!)

Thank You to: Dave Beyer, Bob Moe, and Bob Horn for maintaining our loon platforms and putting them in & out of the lake!

Thank You to: all you homeowners, ethical fishermen, and responsible boaters who help our loons to do so well here on Ten Mile Lake!

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