

Ten Mile Lake Association

Newsletter

Summer 2015

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

ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015

Coffee and Social Time: 9:30 a.m.

Meeting: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

At Union Congregational Church, Hackensack

LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING

COME JOIN FELLOW TEN MILERS for a morning of fellowship, updates of your Association's past year's activities, regular TMLA business, and a discussion of critical interest to all TML owners: Fire Safety In their homes and on their properties.

THE PRESENTER IS MR. JEFF JACKSON, who is DNR's Northeast Region Firewise Specialist. He has been with DNR for 11 years as a Forester, Firefighter, and Fire Prevention Leader.

THE TITLE OF HIS PRESENTATION is "FIREWISE MINNESOTA – CREATING A FIREWISE PROPERTY." The Firewise-Minnesota program was developed by DNR to provide information to home owners on how to minimize risk for properties in areas subject to the potential for forest fires. Considering the very dry spring we

just went through, as well as other recent droughts, this is information we all need. The central and northern parts of Minnesota have been identified as an area of potential forest fires.

AT THE MEETING HALL, members will find displays with handouts and information presented by several of the Association's committees, including Fisheries, Environment & Ecology, History, Lake Safety, and Conservation.

PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE MEETING BY 9:30 so you will have time to get coffee, visit with all your TMLA neighbors, and view the committee exhibits. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. with TMLA updates, reports, and regular association business. Mr. Jacobson's speech will follow. The meeting will adjourn by 11:30 a.m.

We hope to see you there!

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**REPORT FROM
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

By Karen Arsan

A big thank you to all the volunteers who keep the roadsides around Ten Mile Lake so clean and pleasant to walk, bike, and drive. If you aren't already an Adopt-a-Highway volunteer and would like to be, please e-mail me at

karin.arsan@exceld.com

as we can always use more helpers.

**A REQUEST FROM
THE HISTORY COMMITTEE**

Members of the TMLA History Committee will be photographing **Boat Houses on Ten Mile Lake** this summer for a display at next year's Annual Meeting. Boat House construction has been prohibited in Cass County since 1991, so we would like a history of your unique structure. Please send a brief history of your boathouse, including when built and by whom, and any fun memories of it to **Sue Eikenberry** at: tenmile@tds.net, or mail to 5811 White Spruce Lane NW, Hackensack, 56452.

Thanks!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Lee Sand, President, TMLA

Summer is finally here! Time for family gatherings and barbecues, fishing and water sports, and breath-taking sunsets on Ten Mile Lake!

At our first board meeting committee chairs talked about their objectives and plans for 2015. All of our committees continue to be working on projects to help preserve the beauty of our lake, its shoreline and surrounding areas. The Aquatic Invasive Species Committee has been working very hard to proactively protect Ten Mile from zebra mussels, Eurasian milfoil, and a host of other nasty infestations. Our Conservation Committee has been working with the DNR and Cass County to help restore and protect shoreline from erosion due to high water. Our loon population continues to thrive thanks to the volunteers who maintain the nesting platforms around the lake. And even our surrounding roadways remain beautiful and trash-free thanks to the many Adopt-a-Highway

volunteers as well as members who are working with the County Highway Department to eradicate thistle in the ditches and nearby wetlands.

Other committees are actively involved with member communications and information. We received some excellent feedback and suggestion as a result of our first general email. Please look for monthly emails from the lake association containing information about current activities. Our email address is association@tenmilelake.org. We welcome your thoughts, ideas and suggestions!

The schedule for monthly board meetings is on our website and on the front of the Spring Newsletter. As always, all board meetings are open to any member. Plans are underway for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 1st at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack. Coffee and registration begins at 9:30 and the starting gavel drops at 10! Hope to see you all there!

DON'T FORGET THE HACKENSACK LIBRARY!

By Mary Ackerman

Here is a quick reminder that the Hackensack Lending Library is now open! It is in the little log cabin near the statue of Lucette. Library Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The library has lots of adult summer reading and a Youth Room for "Read to Me" books through teen literature. We always welcome 'hand-me-down' books and LOVE new additions to the Youth Room. What we don't shelve we sell at the Annual Book Sale during Sweetheart Days. Time to recycle?! Remember....no library card needed, no set return time, all volunteer run!

AIS UPDATE

By Bob Iversen, Chair, AIS Committee

The good news is ... the AIS actions we detailed in the Spring newsletter are all going forward, and the threat of a funding cut by the Minnesota legislature didn't get very far when the legislators received many very strong messages from their constituents. -- Thank you!

We are very pleased that Cass County's new AIS coordinator, **Rima Smith-Keprios**, has jumped into her new job with enthusiasm and is supervising the placement of 27 paid inspectors at many county lakes. Ten Mile is benefitting from 30 hours of inspection most weekends, except when there are strong needs elsewhere (like a fishing tournament on Leech Lake). We're using the TMLA volunteers to fill in on those occasions.

I-LIDS is in operation (although it had an audio problem that had to be fixed.) Both TMLA volunteers and the I-LIDS manufacturer are

reviewing the videos to spot any issues (none so far).

The Association of Cass County Lakes project to prevent AIS on the Boy River chain of lakes is underway. As part of that work, funded by the state money provided to Cass County, AIS education literature has been provided to all 60 resorts on the chain, and Dr. Pat Welle (BSU, retired) is starting a summer-long engagement with resort owners and fishing guides to get their opinions on what's working (or not) for AIS prevention. The third component of the project is testing 9 locations in the chain of lakes (including Ten Mile) for the presence of zebra mussel veligers. (We hope we won't find any).

Thanks to all Ten Milers who are being vigilant on AIS prevention and who are passing the word to friends and guests. Keep up the good work!

THE LOON JOURNAL

By Kim Moe, Co-chair, Loon Committee

It's great to see a normal number of loons swimming, flying, and nesting this summer on Ten Mile! The four floating nests are in place, thanks to the work of **Bob Horn** and **David Byers**. Several natural nests have also been reported. Please give the loon families space and stay away from loons with chicks.

On June 13 an adult loon washed ashore at Pinewood. It was dead. The loon was bagged and frozen and turned over to the MN DNR. They will test and determine the cause of death. If and when we learn how this loon died we will inform you in the TML newsletter.

New this year, we are asking that you report any sightings of loons with **COLORED LEG BANDS**. These bands help researchers identify individual loons for nesting, breeding, territory, and migration information.

We encourage you to keep us informed about chicks hatching, abandoned eggs, unusual behaviors of loons and injured loons or loons in trouble. Call Bob & Kim Moe (218) 547-3975.

Always remember.....we are all loon ambassadors. **BE LOON AWARE!! BE A RESPONSIBLE BOATER, FISHERMAN, AND RESIDENT! GIVE LOONS THEIR SPACE.**

REPORT ON THE SCHWARTZ FUND CAMPAIGN

WE ARE ON THIRD BASE!

By Gary Anderson, Conservation Committee

The title of this article is not quite correct. Actually, we are moving off third base and headed for home plate! No, this isn't an article about the Minnesota Twins or even about baseball. But it is baseball season and so the metaphor seems apt. In this case the metaphor applies to our Ten Mile Lake Association goal of raising \$175,000 to replenish the James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund. As of mid-June 2015 we have raised 83.5% of that goal! We are on our way home.

In the game of baseball, as we all know, getting to home plate safely is the big objective. And that is our objective as an association as well. It is important because winning this game involves having funds to purchase property to be set aside

as environmental protection properties. This helps preserve the watershed that feeds the lake and also keeps pollutants out of the clear Ten Mile water.

Just under two years ago we set out to meet our goal or, in using the metaphor again, to reach home plate. With the help of more people making a gift in whatever amount, big or small, we can do just that. Maybe we can even announce that we have won the game at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 1. If so, a cheer will go up all around the lake.

Gifts should be made out to The Ten Mile Lake Association, PO Box 412, Hackensack, MN 56452. Gifts are tax deductible. Thank you for your gift toward our important goal.

FISHING CHATTER

By Bob Horn, Chair, Fisheries Committee

The fishing opener this year was better than the past two years. Lundstrom and Long's Bay were targeted by most walleye and pike hunters. Many of the larger walleye were released. Crappie & Sunfish were also active in the bay.

Here are a couple tidbits of fishing info!

- Ten Mile is one of the leading lakes in Cass County to receive stocked Walleye fingerlings. Every odd-numbered year, DNR releases 2600 lbs. of walleye fingerlings in Ten Mile. (On average, that's over 20,000 fish!)
- The voluntary "Walleye" stamp costs \$5.00 and the money is used for stocking of Walleye fingerlings and fry — a good investment for those who fish in TML.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

THE STORY OF THE OLD “SAND BEACH”

By Sue Seyala, History Committee



**The Old Sand Beach, now Sunset Beach
Photo by Dr. E.A. Benbrook, 1928**

I came across this picture while moving my Dad's old photos to new albums last December.

The picture shows the sandy lakeshore in Ten Mile's southeastern corner. The photo captures the whole east end of the lake, from the "Woods Cottages" extending in a northeasterly and then northerly direction all the way past Sandy Beach and Agate Beach and across the water to what is now Crescent Beach but was for many years "Iowa Beach" on the North Shore. The "Sand Beach" began just east of Woods, and probably ended

north of the north end of Long Beach Road, where the land rose and the shoreline became higher and rocky as the water in 1928 was much lower than it has been since then, and would have exposed much more sand than is exposed today.

According to Stan (Benbrook, my father) the general opinion at that time was that all that sand could never support the building of cabins, so it would always remain just as it is — a great place to swim and picnics!

TMLA NAMES IN THE NEWS

Patricia Mitchell

The Minneapolis *StarTribune* announced May 29 that **Patricia Mitchell**, President and CEO of the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, will retire from that position in December. [*“Legacy in place, Ordway’s leader bows out,” May 29, 2015, page B1.*] She has served in that position since 2007. She is a summer resident of Chariton Beach on Ten Mile Lake.



Patricia Mitchell, President and CEO of the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts.

According to Rohan Preston, Minneapolis theater critic who wrote the article, “She leaves a legacy both as peacemaker and builder.” When she arrived, the three partners in the Arts Center, the Minnesota Opera, the Schubert Club, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, all competed fiercely for space in the hall. She was able to “smooth out the process and stop the sniping.” She was also able to achieve construction of a new 1,100-seat concert hall, just opened in February, to be principal home of the SPCO.

Colleagues describe Patricia as having great leadership skills and “a witty collaborative style. She’s really been a transformational leader and we’re going to miss her.”

Preston writes: “Prior to the Ordway, Patricia has held executive posts at the San Francisco Opera, the Los Angeles Opera, the Hollywood Bowl, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, where she was instrumental in the building of Disney Concert Hall. Before going West, she served as Community Relations Director for the Guthrie Theater.”

Patricia Mitchell is one more example of what makes us all proud to live on Ten Mile Lake.

REMEMBER THE HACKENSACK FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

By Mary Ackerman

Hackensack Fire & Rescue Department is marking their 10 Year Anniversary! These 29 volunteers include 9 Emergency Medical Technicians. These volunteers serve Hackensack and eight surrounding townships, as well as supporting other community fire departments when the need arises. With our nearest hospitals 50 miles away we count on our Department to be ready when we need them. Several fundraisers help support the Department including the July BBQ, proceeds from the Annual Calendars, and the Fall Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction.

In the past our Association has matched donations from our membership. Last year we decided to streamline the process and no longer match donations. Instead, the Association now sends its one generous donation annually. We encourage you also to support our volunteer fire and rescue men and women with your personal donation. Please send it directly to Hackensack Fire & Rescue, 231 First Street, Hackensack, MN 56452.

A REPORT ON THE ISLAND SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT

By Marty Brandt

In the fall of 2013, we became very concerned about severe erosion along the east side of the Island. Record high water, stormy weather, ice heaving and relentless wave action were taking a huge toll. We learned about state funding of grants for up to 75% of the cost for shoreline restoration projects that have important environmental impact.



East shoreline of island before restoration
Photo by Marty Brandt

We connected with **Heather Baird** from DNR Brainerd who visited the site in November, with **Bill Evarts and Kelly Condiff** from Walker. Heather enthusiastically led the effort to design an ecologically sound plan, coordinate with state and county departments, go after funding from different sources and generally help us fix the problem.

We talked with 4 companies and selected Minnesota Native Landscapes (MNL) to propose for the restoration work. Because of the bio-engineering approach and environmental sensitivity, the plan qualified for a demonstration grant, meaning the DNR considers this an opportunity to learn about best practices for shoreline stabilization and restoration.

In order to secure the funding, we needed TMLA to be the fiscal agent for the grant.

Conversations on that topic began encouragingly with Lee Sand and others early in 2014. With contractual assurances there would be no financial impact or liability to TMLA, the board approved at the May 2014 meeting. By the end of

June, with some heroic efforts by Heather Baird, the funding was approved.

Over the rest of summer 2014, we worked with MNL to finalize the plan. With over 1,200 feet of shoreline to fix, we needed the right combination of revetment wood (red cedar and other trees) and natural rock to stabilize the "toe" against wave energy, brush fascines (bundles) to slow bank erosion, bare root trees and shrubs, live stakes and native perennial plantings, and the entire length treated with a mulch of native seeds and biotic earth. By September, the plan was finalized and approved by Heather.



Natural rock and red cedar revetment fastened to the bank
Photo by Josh Hanson of MNL

The work plan rolled out in two stages. In late January, MNL's crew brought the rock, revetment trees and fascines out over the ice and placed the material along the shoreline. Early in May, an MNL crew of 5 spent several days securing the revetment materials and fascines in place, planting a variety of native vegetation and hydro-seeding the shoreline from a small barge.

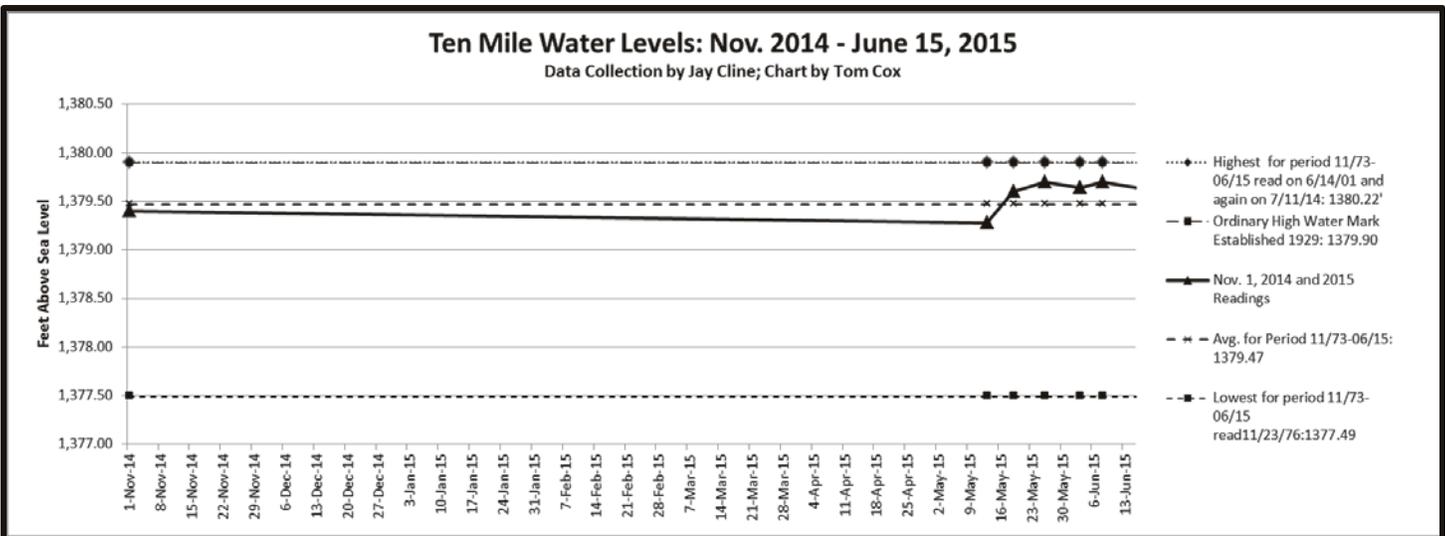
We hope that the wet month of May helped establish the plantings. And now we'll see how the revetment materials stand up to the forces of nature. The Brandt family is pleased to take on this restoration in an environmentally conscious manner, and thankful that TMLA stepped up with support for the grant. We hope we'll get positive results, and look forward to sharing information with others in similar situations.

TEN MILE'S WATER LEVEL LOWER THAN LAST YEAR'S

By Tom Cox, Chair, Water Level Committee

On its Web Site on June 15 the DNR wrote “that abundant rain in May and early June greatly had improved Minnesota's drought situation. May rainfall totals exceeded the historical average in nearly all locations around the state. The U.S. Drought Monitor released on June 11 no longer placed any Minnesota counties in the moderate drought category, a substantial improvement over early spring. “Any lingering dry conditions are reflected primarily in lake levels and are the result of a dry 2014 autumn, below average snowfall during the 2014-2015 winter, and a dry early spring. The driest areas are in far northern and northeastern Minnesota where conditions are abnormally dry, but not categorized as drought.”

On Ten Mile, Ice-Out this year was April 16, and after a dry winter, the lake level was considerably lower than it was last year. **Jay Cline's** first reading of 2015, on May 13, showed the lake down 1.44” from its level of last November 1, but *down 6.72” from its level on the May 13th, 2014*. Since the thirteenth the level has risen sharply, then dropped, then risen and is now in a downward trend, as the chart below illustrates. On June 13, the date of the last reading before the deadline for this article, the lake was down 5.76” from the same date in June of last year when shorelines were so ravaged, but up 4.08 inches from first reading on May 13th.



STUNNING ARTHUR'S OPENS ITS DOORS

By Tom Cox, Secretary-Treasurer, TMA LLLP

"Breathtaking. Elegant. Stunning up north decor. A menu of simplicity and culinary delights reflecting today's dining choices.

"This is Arthur's, the area's newest restaurant overlooking Ten Mile Lake, Rte. 371, Hackensack.

...Lila Ritchie for the Press-Citizen

By now, many Ten Miler's will have seen for themselves the truth of Lila Ritchie's opening words in her article for the Press Citizen of the week of June 22nd. That Monday was the restaurant's official opening date, which was preceded by "soft openings" for "family and friends" the Saturday and Sunday evenings before.

The new Arthur's occupies the same site as the famous Arthur's that closed in 2003 and was demolished in 2006. In 2008 a group of 19 Ten Milers and others formed Ten Mile Enterprises LLC (TME) to buy the Arthur's property. In 2014 a new group of 20 Ten Milers and others formed Ten Mile Associates, LLP (TMA), to build the new restaurant. With Carl Peterson Construction, LLC as General Contractor, TMA broke ground last September 23, and construction proceeded through the winter to opening in June. The landowner, TME, has leased its property to TMA, which, in turn, has leased the building to the restaurant operator, Graves Hospitality of Minneapolis. **Jim Graves**, CEO, owns a home on Ten Mile.

General Manager of the new restaurant is **Beth Wilson**; Floor Manager is **Barb Gravett**; Kitchen and Facilities Manager is **Brett Palmer**; and Lead Chef is **John Sowards**. On opening weekend, Graves Hospitality staff from the Twin Cities and Chicago was on hand to help get things ready for guests and keep operations running smoothly.

Arthur's unique and captivating features are too many to mention here. But one of them is the new shoreline dock that allows patrons to boat to the restaurant. It's worth noting, that because of DNR

rules, the dock is as large and as accommodating as it can be. Theoretically there is room for twelve 20' pontoons to moor there, but only if their captains use extreme care, especially on the dock's "inside," to moor judiciously and in a thoughtful, friendly and cooperative spirit, practicing good stewardship of the available space.

Arthur's will be open year-round. Its hours are



Arthurs, Mid-day, June 20, 2015, the First Day of its Two-evening Soft Openings

4:00 p.m.– 10:00 PM Sundays through Thursdays, and 4:00 to 11:00 Friday and Saturday. Arthur's will take reservations for parties of any number; call 218-675-5353.

Arthur's annotated construction photo updates are posted on the TMLA Web Site, and more information, including a sample menu, is available on the Arthur's Web Site at www.arthurstenmile.com.

REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

Betty L. Johnson

Betty Johnson was born July 28, 1943 and raised in Farmington, MN; she died April 19, 2015 at the age of 71. She was a hairdresser in St. Paul and Edina for nearly 45 years, and also helped her husband run a successful plumbing business in Edina.



Betty Johnson

Betty loved gardening, fishing, traveling, entertaining, and most of all, spending time with her beloved husband Dan Johnson, to whom she was married for 37 years. They spent summers at their home on Ten Mile Lake,

where they entertained family and friends, maintained their many gardens, and welcomed anyone who happened by with coffee and cookies or a home-cooked meal. They spent their winters enjoying the warm weather of the Florida Keys, and more recently, Las Vegas.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents Herbert and Esther Zechmeister, infant brother Donald, and husband, Dan Johnson. She is survived by her sister Donna (Edward) Loechler, nephew Jeffrey Loechler, and nieces Amy (Brian) Dimmler, Mona (Joe) Schultz, Marie (Tom) Breslain, and Marge Johnson.

(Information provided by Jerre Peterson.)



Mary Ellen Lowery

Mary Ellen Lowery, 84, died on April 16, 2015 in her home in Round Hill, Virginia, where she

lived with Kenneth Lowery, her loving husband of 35 years. She had bladder cancer.

Mary Ellen was born in 1930 in Audubon, Iowa to Dr. L.E. and Lorraine Jensen. She was the middle sister to older sister Elinor and younger sister Katherine.

Mary Ellen graduated from the University of Iowa in 1952, majoring in Speech Therapy. She was married to Gale Hansen for 25 years. They had three children, Karan, Carl, and Ellen. The family lived in Evanston and Highland Park, Illinois before moving to Bluemont, in Loudoun County, Virginia in 1968. Mary Ellen was proud of her more than 25 year career as a speech

therapist with Loudoun County Public Schools.



Mary Ellen Lowery

Mary Ellen was an active member at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, in

Purcellville, Virginia,

where she sang in the choir. In 1979, she married Kenneth Lowery, whom she met at St. Andrew. Mary Ellen and Ken lived on Sleeter Lake in Round Hill, Virginia, but spent every summer on Ten Mile Lake.

Mary Ellen first came to Ten Mile with her parents and sisters in 1934 and stayed on the north shore in a cabin at Camp Iowa. Her family continued to visit Camp Iowa from that year on, and purchased several cabins from Camp Iowa in 1951. In 1965, her father purchased the rest of the property and constructed the log cabin that is there today. Mary Ellen's and her sisters' love of Ten Mile has been passed on to future

generations who continue to enjoy the property every summer.

Mary Ellen was a kind and generous person. She took great interest in the lives of her family and friends, always making time for conversations with them. She loved to read, bake, make toffee and caramel candy at Christmastime, and share recipes with her children and grandchildren. At Ten Mile, she loved to swim and she enjoyed water walking with her sisters and friends every afternoon. She is remembered as a wonderful loving wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend of many.

She is survived by her husband Kenneth, her sisters Elinor Chase and Katherine Hoover; her children, Karan (Fernando) Padilla, Carl (Ruth) Hansen, and Ellen (Brian) Land; stepdaughter Diane (Cy) Young; stepson Robert Lowery; nine grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on April 26 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Purcellville, Virginia.

(Information provided by Ellen Land, Mary Ellen's daughter.)



Lois Louise Schropp

Lois Louise Schropp passed away peacefully April 11, 2015. A celebration of her life was held at Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines on Thursday, April 30.

Lois was born in Des Moines on July 4, 1923 to Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Harnagel. Growing up in Des Moines, she attended Hanawalt Grade School and Roosevelt High School, where she met her future husband, Rutledge C. Schropp. She traveled the American West extensively with her parents and fell in love with chemistry, geology, and nature while collecting and collating gems with her father. She was graduated *magna cum laude* from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, where she had been a member of Kappa Delta fraternity and Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Following graduation, she was married in Plymouth Church in Des Moines, moved to St. Louis, MO, and worked as a research chemist for Monsanto Corporation while her husband attended medical school. While Dr. Schropp

served his country in WWII, Lois lived with him in Hawaii and Christmas Island, volunteering where she could to help the war effort. The couple



Lois Louise Schropp

returned from WWII to Des Moines, where they lived the rest of their days. Lois worked part time in the Des Moines Public Schools teaching Science and History to Junior High students at Amos Hiatt and Woodrow Wilson. She

also became a volunteer throughout the

community, doing everything from helping in the hospital pediatric units during the polio epidemic, teaching at the Child Guidance Center, to running a preschool for underserved children. She was very involved in the PTA and PTO of each of her children's schools, serving as President of all those organizations. She was an active member of the Des Moines Medical Auxiliary and served as a Deaconess, a Trustee, and the President of Frisbie Club at Plymouth Church. Lois belonged to several AAUW groups and was always an active member of PEO Chapter FY, where she took her turn as every officer of the group over the years, as well as PEO Chapter FE and Sarasota Gulf Coast PEO Group in Sarasota, FL.

A woman of many interests, Lois participated in golf, tennis, snow skiing, graphic arts, music, bridge and knitting, when in Des Moines. She traveled the world with her camera and became fluent in several languages. She established a home in northern Minnesota on Ten Mile Lake and another in Sarasota, Florida, on Siesta Key, both of which she happily shared with family and friends. A great animal lover, Lois was seldom without a "furry child", enjoying her "Kitty #7" even in Hospice Care.

She was most delighted by her family, however. Lois loved being “Mom” and “Gramsie” to her “kids” and “kidlets”. She could be the quintessential woman of class and charm, while attending a concert or recital or get down and dirty and deal a mean hand of poker. She loved the hoopla of her 4th of July birthday and encouraged everyone to come and bring fireworks to celebrate!

Her parents, Edward and Lulu Verle Harnagel, and her husband, Rutledge Schropp, preceded Lois in death. Survivors include three children: Steven Schropp (Sharon), Carol Bishop (Darrin), Patricia Pyle (Stephen), eight grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

(Information provided by Maggie McGill.)



Nancy Shelton

Nancy (Carlson) Shelton, 67, of Plymouth, Minnesota passed away on May 14, 2015 at her home surrounded by her loving family, after a brief battle with cancer.

Nancy was born January 9, 1948 in Lake City, Minnesota to Francis R. and MaryLou (Johnson) Carlson. She graduated from Lincoln High School in Lake City in 1966. While in high school, Nancy was involved in the music program at school, was in the band, was a cheerleader and active in Camp Fire Girls. She was also an organist at First Lutheran and the United Methodist Church in Lake City. She went on to Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota obtaining her B.A. in Nursing in 1970.

On January 31, 1970 she married Blake Shelton in Lake City. Nancy worked for Health Partners as a Registered Nurse for 40 years.

Nancy enjoyed music and was the accompanist for the Wayzata Elementary Strings for eleven years. She also took great pride in her flower gardens, photography, and making greeting cards. Nancy enjoyed spending time at their cabin on Ten Mile Lake. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 45 years, Blake Shelton of Plymouth; their two children, Christine (Ron Elliot) Lakatos of Grand Prairie, TX, and Scott Shelton of St. Louis Park; two



grand-children, Aaron and Hannah Lakatos; and her brother, Bruce (Jody) Carlson of Lake City. She was preceded in death by her parents Francis and MaryLou.

Nancy Shelton

A memorial

service was held May 26th, at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, with Pastor Craig Johnson officiating. A Graveside Service was held on May 27th, in Lake City with Pastor Duane Holst officiating.

(Information provided by Blake Shelton, Nancy’s husband.)



Beverly A. (Bev) Van Skike

Beverly Van Skike passed away peacefully on March 19, 2015. She was born December 20, 1934 in Fort Dodge, IA to Fred and Madge Hagan. Beverly was preceded in death by her brother Bill Hagan. She is survived by her sons Bill and wife Stephanie, Tom, Steve and wife Suzy, and four granddaughters Jordan, Julia, Tess, and Carley. Beverly is also survived by her brother Jim Hagan and wife Jean, and Jack Hagan and his wife Wilma Kay, and Jack’s children Kathy, Linda, Bob and their families.

Beverly's interests always centered on her family. She was a fantastic mother, wonderful cook, and friend to all that graced her home or cabin. Every summer Beverly and family would drive back to the family cabin on Ten Mile Lake from Moraga,



Beverly Van Skike

Ca. Once there, she enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and trying new restaurants in the area.

Beverly will be fondly remembered for the old fashioned sauna parties the kids had on Ten Mile Lake where she would organize the making of homemade ice cream, fudge, and popcorn while everyone played charades and laughed and giggled into the evening. Her favorite sound was that of the Minnesota Loon. She could often be found at home in Moraga listening to various CD's containing the sounds of this beautiful bird. Beverly was an active member of PEO serving in many capacities.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, July 25th, 2015, at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack, MN at 10:30 am. A lunch reception to meet with family and friends will follow at the new Arthur's Restaurant on Ten Mile Lake. Memorial donations may be made to the Ten Mile Lake Association's James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund.

(Information provided by Bill Van Skike, Beverly's son.)



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TATE AND GINNY LANE

Karen Arsan announces that the memorial service for her parents, Tate and Ginny Lane, will be held at Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Hackensack on Monday, August 10 at 10 a.m. A luncheon will be served at the church after the service. The families are looking forward to greeting friends of the Lanes at the luncheon.

Ginny Lane died on November 28, 2012, and Tate died on January 2, 2015.

THE HISTORY PAGE

MOM AND POP BUSINESS FOR THE BIRDS

NOTE: This article was originally written by Bill Macklin and printed in the Pilot-Independent on January 26, 1984. Spencer & Alvina Kubo then lived in the home now owned by Theresa & Chris Conway on the north shore. The Keister home is now owned by his daughter, Susan Bohlender and her husband Jack, also on the north shore.

Twenty-one years ago, **Tubby Keister** suggested to his friend, **Spencer Kubo**, that they start a small business supplying bird seed for themselves and friends.

“You’ve got a pickup that runs around empty most of the trips,” said Keister, owner of a lumberyard in Iowa who spent summers on Ten Mile Lake, where Kubo has made his living for 50 years. “You might as well use it to haul sunflower seeds from the farms up in the valley.”

Keister watches birds through the window of a nursing home in Iowa now. Kubo, at 76, carries on alone.

“Business gets better every year,” said Kubo. “I’ve hired truckers to haul in two 10-wheeler semi loads this year,” he said, “costing \$6,000. I hate to run out and disappoint my customers.”

To modernize with the growth of his business, Kubo this year hung a sign on his two-car “garage” to identify his seed place. Not that it is needed for folks around the lake. Everyone knows where Kubo lives. The sign is for birdwatchers from Bemidji who drive down for the first time. His place is off the Upper Ten Mile Lake road where it meets the lake. No lane to drive down looking for seeds; the building is right on the blacktop. Those quotation marks are around “garage” for a reason. The building was a garage, but he converted it to a sunflower processing plant. Inside are a sorter that shakes out the trash from the plant, blows it out and a pipe to fill the bags.

He uses 25-pound bags, large enough so even a generous birdfeeder won’t run out in a week, but the woman can lift them out of the car when she gets home.

Although it is mostly a Papa business, Mama Kubo gets into the act frequently. When Kubo is out spearing in his fish house in front of their cabin, she takes the money. So that customers won’t have to take a few steps to their cabin, he this year installed a buzzer. The

customer pushes the button which rings in the kitchen. Alvina appears and checks you out.

Once, before the buzzer, I couldn’t find anyone to answer a knock. I took a bag of seed, but didn’t have a pencil to write Kubo a note. Next time I picked up a bag and paid, Kubo said, “how about paying me now for that other bag you got.” Made me think that maybe he has a camera concealed in the ceiling.

When Kubo started, he sold sunflower seeds for four cents a pound. “I had to raise my price from 18 cents a pound to 20 cents this year,” he said. “First hike in four years.” Five dollars for 25 pounds is competitively priced.

It was prices in Nebraska that moved Kubo to Minnesota. He figured he could do better up here than farming in Nebraska trying to scratch out a living selling eggs at six cents a dozen and hogs at five cents a pound. He eventually bought a dairy farm on Ten Mile and was provider for the growing crop of summer residents. “I sold milk and ice in summer – firewood in winter – and rented out two cottages,” he said.

Pasteurization laws and electric refrigerators took away his customers and thanks to Tubby Keister, Kubo turned to sunflower seeds and became the birds’ best friend. Summer residents always find room for a sack or two of his seeds in their car when they return to their homes down south.

“Orphan” paper bags that were made for Supersweet feeds do a good job of getting Kubo’s seed to his local customers. They load up their feeders generously and sit in the cozy warmth of their cabins these sub-zero days, and watch the chickadees, nuthatches, grosbeaks, blue jays and woodpeckers vying for sunflower seeds. They’re so good for the birds and the little ones will even eat seeds out of your hand. They do for Howard Sandell on Ten Mile Lake, a little trick he has for the tourists.

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