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The 100th Anniversary Of Amor Park Was Held On August 11

On August 11th the Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association partnered with Amor Township, Birak Shrine Club and Underwood Lions to bring live Caribbean music from MOTU, Underwood Lions' famous pork chops and refreshments served by Birak Shrine Club. This was held to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Amor Park. Both Underwood Lions and Birak Shrine Club are donating a portion of their proceeds to the Battle Lake Fire and Rescue and the Underwood Fire and Rescue.

What a fun filled day at the park!

See more pictures on Page 8



BATTLE LAKE LIONS are sponsoring a **Pillow Cleaning** on Sat., Aug. 25 7am-1pm at the Lions Park in Battle Lake

2018 Swimming Lessons Are A Wrap

Swimming lessons were once again held at Amor Park with 2 sessions on July 9-13 and July 16-20. Over 30 kids participated across the sessions and each of levels Preschool, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 had attendees.

Steve Mouritsen from the OTLPOA Foundation went to Amor Park on the last day of each session and wrote checks to the kids who participated in the lessons. Steve said, "The kids like it and the parents love it. Swimming in a lake is different than swimming in a pool as there are numerous other factors that come in to play for the kids – waves, wind, sticks, shells, sand, docks, boats, etc."

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Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research And Management Showcase

Mark your calendars! The fifth annual Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Management Showcase will be held on Wednesday, September 12 on the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus. Learn about all the exciting work going on at MAISRC at this day-long conference filled with informative talks, hands-on demos, lab tours, and more. This is your best opportunity to learn about the latest findings in AIS research, useful management tools, and get an inside-peep into our state-of-the-art lab. Registration is open. For more info and to register go to www.maisrc.umn.edu

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Let's make a sand castle.
Submitted by Fred Rizk

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President's Corner



Scott
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It's early August and what can I say? Of the 15 years we've been on the lake, this has to be one of the nicest summers I can recall. An absolute great summer at the lakes. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to get out and enjoy the wonderful weather at the lakes.

Last weekend, on August 11th, Amor Park on Otter Tail Lake celebrated its 100 Year Anniversary. Attendees were treated to live music by Motu, fabulous pork chops and corn on the cob by the Underwood Lions, and beverages by the Birak Shriners. A special thanks to these organizations for their support of the park. The weather was very cooperative and quite warm. The

association attended and had a small stand to greet and visit with its members. Thanks to all the members who took time to help the Amor Township group with this event and the foundation for its contribution to the event. The park is a wonderful place for everyone to enjoy. It has a shelter, picnic tables, new restrooms, horseshoe pit, and a great playground for the kids. There is also lake access with a dock for those who would like to enjoy the lake and park. If you haven't had a chance to experience this park, it is a must. Best of all, it's free for all to attend. Thanks to the Amor Township for maintaining and promoting this little jewel in Otter Tail County!

The Foundation also provided swimming lessons at the park this year. The lessons are put on by the Red Cross and all participants who complete the class are refunded the cost of the lessons by the Foundation. This is a great opportunity to get your kids/grandkids into a lake swimming environment. Thanks again to all who participated and the Foundation for funding this

program.

I'm sure many of you are wondering where is my directory? The publisher has had problems with the printing company and this has delayed the shipment beyond our expectations. We are doing all we can to get these printed. Once completed, your directors will be hand delivering your directory to your lake residence. We look forward to meeting and visiting our members during this time.

I would like to personally thank our water testers for all their efforts. This group goes out once a month and samples water, does clarity checks, and has the waters tested at a lab in Detroit Lakes. This is a great group most people probably aren't aware of their efforts. Thanks again to all who help!

As I write this letter, the sun is shining, lake is beautiful, and grandkids are waiting for Papa! Enough said. Have a great remaining summer and get out and enjoy the wonderful lakes we have.

Scott

Water Is Ultimately A Non-Partisan Issue

Love A Lake Even If You Don't Live On One? Help Support It By Joining Organizations That Support All Lakes

Submitted by Jeff Forester

There are a number of threats to our lakes and rivers in Minnesota: aquatic invasive species, changing hydrology with increased or decreased flows and levels, decreased size and abundance of fish species, nutrient and phosphorus loading of our waters.

So far there is no coherent plan for dealing with these lake, river and ground water issues. The agencies and organizations tasked with managing water are a confusing alphabet soup of acronyms. The MN DNR tells us, "You don't own the water" -- that is until there is a problem, and then we own the problem. But if you love Minnesota's lakes – even if you don't live on one – there are many ways to help problem solve challenges to our beautiful and bountiful waters.

Each year, lakeshore residents, through lake associations spend \$6.2 million annually and invest 1.2 million volunteer hours to manage the milfoil, curly leaf pond weed and other invasives. They also stock game fish species, treat for alga blooms, update sewer, septic and storm water systems, deal with floating bogs set adrift by rising lake levels, and so forth. But even lakeshore owners that are not active in their local lake associations still bear the costs

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Dylan, one of the 25 AIS boat inspectors on duty.

Submitted by Ken Wentz

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of water issues through increased local property taxes, loss of recreational opportunities due to alga blooms, invasive weeds or shoreline littered with razor-sharp zebra mussel shells.

So, joining a local lake association – or a similar organization that shares the value of protecting our waters in your area – goes a long way toward protecting and preserving Minnesota's most viable nature resource. In the last five years, a statewide organization with a local and statewide focus has emerged that is making remarkable progress, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, MLR. Without trying to sound my own horn too loudly, since I'm its Executive Director, MLR has succeeded because of public support from individuals and organizations across Minnesota. We've made some enduring partnerships with leading scientists and experts, recreational businesses, marina owners and operators, resorts, angling groups and others who share the common goal of advocating for Minnesota waters.

We've learned through experience that what happens in Saint Paul at the legislature and in government agencies impacts each of us out on our docks -- often to our detriment. There are hundreds of thousands of lake home and cabin owners in Minnesota. They have a commitment to the health of Minnesota's lakes, but their voices were not always heard because they were not organized. MLR is working to change that.

Beginning in 2012, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates set out to build the largest and most active grassroots conservation group in Minnesota. Our strategy hoped to build a grassroots base to impact water-related policy in Minnesota, to push media stories about the issues, lobby for legislative changes, and promote, energize and support local efforts. Water is ultimately a totally non-partisan issue. Concern for our lakes and rivers crosses party lines and unites Minnesotans. After six years, it

seems our efforts are working and worthwhile.

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates strategy is based on four main efforts:

- Full time lobbying at the State Capitol to change laws, push pro-water initiatives, and direct funds towards local lake and river projects, including aquatic invasive species.
- A steady drumbeat of pro-water news stories in press, television and radio to educate citizens and politicians on water issues.
- Support for local partnerships that build lake association capacity and give local water advocates a seat at the table.
- Support funding for world class science to identify issues and discover on-the-ground solutions to our water problems.

The results of these efforts have been profound. In the last five years MLR and a statewide group of advocates have successfully worked for:

- \$10 million dollars ANNUALLY in County AIS Prevention Aid to fund local AIS work. This has been a game changer in AIS work across the state.
- Increased authority to manage and decontaminate infested watercraft and water related equipment.
- Special funding for starry stonewort management on Lake Koronis in Stearns County.
- \$4.4 million in Legacy Funds for grants to support innovation and pilot projects around the state to control the introduction and spread of AIS.
- \$6 million in bonding to build a world-class lab at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at the University of Minnesota.
- Doubling of fines for AIS violations.

Thousands of lake home and cabin owners across the state are building a grassroots constituency to protect lakes from runoff pollution, aquatic invasive species, poor



I don't want to get out of the lake.
Submitted by Fred Rizk

fisheries management, loss of lake habitat and other challenges. MLR is entirely funded by voluntary membership contributions with the average being about \$8 a month – you spend more on that every week on coffee!

We've grown, but we've also become very effective at what we do – doing a lot with very little. And we've heard that we have earned some bragging rights, like "No other group of people is better positioned to advocate for water protection and the local economic and lifestyle benefits our waters provide to our communities and state." We also regularly interact with participating lake home and cabin owners,

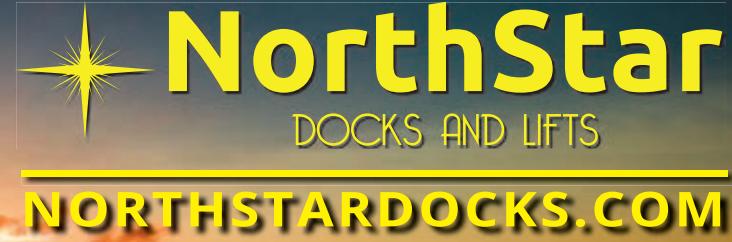
legislators on both sides of the aisle and media folks who cover issues our statewide members care about. By organizing this large grassroots constituency for today and the future, we will be able to advance legislation and secure funding to ensure we leave a healthy lake legacy for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jeff Forester is the Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates. To learn more, and to join MLR, go to www.mnlakesandrivers.org. Consider being a sustaining member to maximize your contribution. Or call 952-854-1317 for more information.



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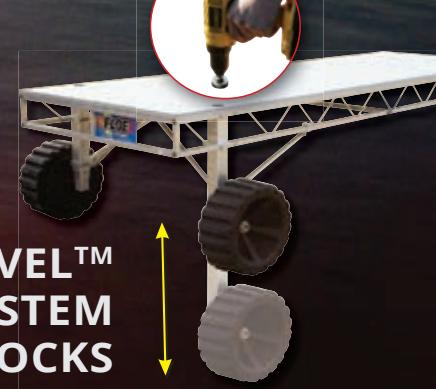
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Lake Learning

Clean Water Indicators

Submitted by Moriya Rufer

One way to determine water quality is to do clarity monitoring (Secchi depth) and chemical testing (phosphorus) in the lake. Another way to determine water quality is to look for clean water indicators. Using both water quality monitoring and clean water indicators is a good way to fully understand your lake's health and ecosystem. In science, two explanations that come to the same conclusion are better than one.

Clean water indicators are plants and animals that live in and around the lake and rely on it for survival. Organisms reflect their environment and live there year-round (in some form). Some animals are very tolerant to pollution, while others are very intolerant. Clean water indicators are the animals that are intolerant to pollution. If your lake never had these indicators, don't worry, it could be that they never lived there. The indicators mentioned below mainly apply to lakes over 50 feet deep in northern and north-central Minnesota. If you used to have these indicators and you don't have them any more, that's when you'll know that water quality has been impacted in some way.



Mayfly

Many mayflies are filter feeders found in the soft silt or sand of streams and lakes. Because mayflies can't survive in water that lacks oxygen, they are good indicators of the amount of eutrophication (phosphorus). These mayflies are everywhere during one week in June and then they're gone. They all emerge as adults at the same time to increase their chance of mating successfully.



Common Loon

Loons are diving birds that use their eyesight to capture their food. They need clear water and healthy fish populations. Also, in order to make nests and protect their young, they need undisturbed natural shoreline with tall vegetation. If your lake is ringed by manicured lawns, you may lose your loons due to lack of nesting areas.



Tullibee/Cisco

Tullibee/Cisco are important forage species for the lake's game fish. They are mainly found in lakes over 60 feet deep, and they need highly oxygenated water to live. When lakes lose their Tullibee populations, it can indicate increased eutrophication. The loss of Tullibee then affects game fish populations because they are a major food source. To find out if your lake has Tullibee, visit the DNR Lakefinder web site: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakdetrefind/index.html>. Look up your lake by name and county, and when your lake information comes up, click on "Fisheries Lake Survey". This page will show the DNR Fisheries report for your lake.



Freshwater Mussels

Mussels filter oxygen and particles from the water, cleansing the water in the process and absorbing what they consume into their bodies and shells. It is for these reasons that mussels are sensitive to changes in their environment and serve as indicators of the health of our lakes and streams.

Degradation of our lakes and rivers from runoff of silt and chemicals as well as physical changes from damming, channelization, and dredging, have taken their toll on native mussels in North America. In addition, invasive zebra mussels can out-compete native mussels and displace them from their native areas.

In summary, fish, birds and other aquatic organisms need a healthy habitat to survive. To maintain a healthy lake ecosystem, this habitat needs to be preserved. If these clean water indicator species disappear from your lake, it could indicate a water quality problem. Decreases in water quality and the loss of habitat and spawning sites for game species are often the primary mechanisms that create opportunities for "less popular" fish species (bullhead, carp) and aquatic invasive species. The best way to avoid this is to protect habitat where game fish spawn and rear their young. Also, to protect fish and bird food sources such as invertebrates, aquatic insects, and aquatic plants.

Enjoy the lakes! This article was written and shared by Moriya Rufer at RMB Environmental Laboratories as part of continuing education for their Lakes Monitoring Program (218-846-1465, lakes@rmbel.info). To learn more, visit www.rmbel.info.

The AIS Task Force wants to remind you about the **21 DAY DRY TIME** for docks and lifts.

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER!

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New DWI Law Goes Into Effect Aug. 1

Little Alan's Law provides consistent application of DWI law

A new law that goes into effect Aug. 1 means people convicted of driving while intoxicated – regardless of the vehicle they're driving – will lose their driver's license and be prohibited from operating motor vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, motorboats and snowmobiles. The state Legislature passed the law following the death of 8-year-old Alan Geisenkoetter Jr., who died in January after being struck by a snowmobile driven by a man whose driver's license was revoked after multiple DWI offenses.

Before the law change, people convicted

of DWI in a highway-licensed vehicle still could legally operate ATVs, motorboats and snowmobiles. The changes apply to violations that occur on or after Aug. 1.

"We have zero tolerance for people who endanger themselves and other people by operating a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle while they're intoxicated," said Col. Rodmen Smith, director of the Minnesota DNR Enforcement Division. "This new law should send the message that drinking and driving – no matter what the vehicle – isn't acceptable and the consequences are severe."

As an example, a person convicted of DWI in a motorboat, or who refuses testing for a motorboat DWI, would have their driver's license suspended and be prohibited from operating ATVs, motorboats and snowmobiles for one year. Additionally, first-time DWI offenders operating off-road recreational vehicles or motorboats also will be subject to chemical use assessments, conditional release and plate impoundment – the same as a DWI in a highway-licensed vehicle.

The Minnesota DNR and other law enforcement agencies in the state, along with ATV and snowmobile groups, supported the law change, which passed the Legislature with bipartisan support and was signed into law in May by Gov. Mark Dayton.

Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)

June 28, 2018 - 7:00pm at the Ottertail Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: President Simdorn called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Board members present were Simdorn, Cave, Kemling, Snyder, Ness, Steeves, Anderson, Bope, Fettters, Wentz, Rizk and Hunke. Absent board members were Wing and Gedde.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion Fettters, second Bope

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Hunke, second Cave

4. FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion Bope, second Anderson

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion Steeves, second Cave

- Otter Tail Power Worm mailer \$1,345.38 worm account
- West Central Ag-Air \$21,037 worm account

- Midweek June Lakeshore News \$1,215.83

- Vacation Guide Map \$250
- Secretary \$600
- Secretary \$500 worm account
- Stan Fettters \$280 for a Directory payment that came through our online payment processor

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Membership Committee – Simdorn, Snyder – We are over 900 members

- Auditing/Finance/Budget Committee – Steeves, Simdorn, Bope

- DNR & Government – Steeves, Kemling – Possible slot limits to be implemented on Otter Tail Lake, 4 Walleyes with 1 over 20"

- Water Testing/COLA – Wing, Wentz – Blanche 13', Long Lake 13', Round Lake needs a tester

- Communications Committee –

- i. Lakeshore News – Steeves, Wentz – July LSN we want photos from every board member

- ii. Website – Bope, Wentz

- Worm Committee – Steeves, Simdorn, Fettters, Wing, Wentz

- Foundation – Steeves, Simdorn – Next foundation meeting will be July 26th, 2018 one hour prior to our board meeting at Ottertail City Community Center

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- Directory updates
- Annual Meeting

- i. Setup/tear down
- ii. \$50 donations to the church for using their facility

- iii. Approval to pay Betty's Pantry for cooking breakfast
- iv. Wing will give update on grants available

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- Board member's terms expiring:
 - i. Simdorn, Snyder, Gedde, Fettters, Cave & Johnson
 - OTC Dog Ordinance taking effect June 30th, 2018

- i. Requested to have the ordinance available at the annual meeting

9. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Amor Park 100th Anniversary August 11th, 2018 starting at 11 am

- The next meeting will be July 26th, 2018 7pm at the Ottertail Community Center

- October board meeting we will discuss the use of QuickBooks accounting software

10. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm was made by Steeves, second by Anderson



Family enjoying evening pontoon ride on beautiful Blanche Lake. Submitted by Ken Wentz

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Underwood Harvest Festival

The 71st Annual Harvest Festival will be held Friday, August 31 & Saturday, September 1 in Underwood, MN.

The festival starts Friday night with a steak fry, pig and horse races, and dances with music from Jay Ricochet and Cruize Control.

Saturday has a Fishing Tourney, Fun Run, Crafts, Kids Carnival, Kids Pedal Tractor Pull, Kiddie Parade at 12:30, Main Parade at 1:30, Egg Toss, Water Wars, Bean Bag Tourney, Giggles the Clown, Senior Citizens Tea, Open House at Foss Log Cabin, music by Roger Gillespie, and other events not listed. The evening will end with a street dance featuring SLAMABAMA.

Throughout the day there's plenty of food choices: breakfast from the Cub Scouts, dinner from Sverdrup Welca, Lions has a Pork Chop & Corn Feed and an all day food stand.

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2018 AIS Research and Management Showcase



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Registration Now Open For 2018 AIS Research And Management Showcase!

Submitted by Christine Lee, Communications Specialist, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center

Join the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center on campus on Wednesday, September 12 for a selection of talks about the latest MAISRC research on starry stonewort, zebra mussels, spiny waterflea, invasive carp, and much more. Go to z.umn.edu/MAISRCshowcase to register.

Interact with faculty over lunch, get an inside-peek into our newly renovated lab, hear from MAISRC's newest researchers who are launching projects this summer, and enjoy a reception with appetizers, beer and wine, and posters from MAISRC graduate students. Lab tours will include research on starry stonewort control, preventing the upstream spread of Asian carp, harnessing pathogens to control common carp, and surveying for zebra mussels underwater.

A list of breakout sessions (see side bar for the list) and full presentation descriptions will be available on MAISRC's website at www.MAISRC.umn.edu.

Breakout Sessions

A 2017 Showcase attendee said, "I am a repeat attendee, and active in the statewide AIS fight. For me, this is the conference that keeps me current with the leading edge of research."

This is the best opportunity to learn all about MAISRC's research and the latest in AIS management recommendations. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. If you wish to attend a lab tour, please be sure to choose that option when registering. Register at z.umn.edu/MAISRCshowcase.

We hope to see you on Sept. 12!

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!
Please submit to secretary@otlpoa.com and include a byline and brief description

Breakout Sessions held at the 2018 Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Management Showcase

- The results are in: Estimating AIS risk for Minnesota's lakes
- New findings on new invaders: The latest on starry stonewort spread and hybrid watermilfoil behavior
- Engineering the carp genome: A new paradigm for the control of invasive species
- Public participation in aquatic invasive species solutions
- An air curtain coupled with sound can block over 98% of invasive carp passages in the laboratory
- On the horizon: New projects launched this summer by MAISRC
- Findings: Are zebra mussels hiding in the nooks and crannies of your boat?
- New common carp management techniques: Selective toxins and Whooshh
- Managing zebra mussels: Developing treatments to eradicate localized populations and evaluating low-dose copper treatments
- Honing aquatic plant management by hoarding spreadsheets
- Mussel poo holds the answer for biocontrol
- Monitoring fish behavior and passage in a Lock and Dam while testing a numeric model: Improving operations to stop carp and help native fish
- Factors influencing spiny waterflea entangling of various fishing gear
- You are what you eat: Beginning to understand how AIS disrupt sport fisheries
- Phragmites pushback: Is eradication possible?
- Genetic variation and management of Eurasian and hybrid watermilfoil
- Locating boat inspection stations on Minnesota lakes
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Starry Trek 2018: Citizen Science Event

Submitted by James Wooton, Aquatic Invasive Species Detector
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Volunteers from across Minnesota will be participating in a statewide search for starry stonewort, Minnesota's newest aquatic invasive species on Saturday, August 18. Hundreds of volunteers will gather at rendezvous sites statewide to learn how to identify starry stonewort and other aquatic invasive species and search for them in area lakes.

Starry stonewort is an invasive algae that was first found in Lake Koronis in 2015 and has since spread to eleven Minnesota lakes. Early detection of this species is critical for control. Last year, a group of Starry Trek volunteers found an early infestation of starry stonewort in Grand Lake, which led to the lake association and Minnesota DNR rapidly mobilizing to hand-pull the infestation. Initial results from this early intervention are very promising.

"This event is a terrific way for people to get outdoors, get educated about aquatic invasive species, and help protect their area lakes," said

Megan Weber, Extension Educator with the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. "The information we gain at this event helps researchers and managers understand its current distribution and potentially take action if new infestations are found."

"I am excited to be taking part and assisting the University of Minnesota Extension and the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center with such an important event," said James Wooton, Aquatic Invasive Species Detector. "Education and early detection are both key components to the prevention and spread of aquatic invasive species, and together, through public education and early detection, we can prevent future spread and infestations in our beautiful Minnesota lakes, rivers, and streams."

There will be 25 rendezvous sites around the state, including Todd County. Volunteers will meet at their local rendezvous site for training, then be sent to nearby lakes to check for starry stonewort. At the end of the day, they'll return to the rendezvous site to report their findings. For a full list of the sites and other FAQs, please visit www.StarryTrek.org.

Statewide coordination for Starry Trek is done by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center and University of Minnesota Extension in partnership with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. A portion of the funding for this program is provided by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.



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Amor Township Celebrates The Park's 100th Anniversary On Saturday, August 11



On Saturday August 11, many of us gathered at Amor Park to help Amor Township celebrate the park's 100th Anniversary. The Underwood Lions served their famous pork chops and corn on the cob. Birak Shrine Club provided beverages. MOTU band was an excellent choice for the beautiful weather we had.



Amor Township wanted to thank everyone who came out to assist and attend the party.

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Shoreline Restorations

The East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District (EOTSWCD) needs help in identifying locations for shoreline restorations. To do this they need to be in contact with interested landowners and know where the most vulnerable locations are on lakes. Since water quality is their main concern, they are most interested in finding the most cost-effective locations for these practices. Community involvement is a big factor in project success.

The projects EOTSWCD are trying to establish may have some flexibility. It depends on the main sources of nutrients. Often, shoreline restorations and rain gardens are the main focus. These projects involve planting native vegetation (grasses and flowers) immediately adjacent to the lakeshore. Steep banks and bluffs may require additional engineering or dirt work. There may be an opportunity to work in the larger lakeshed with agricultural landowners, feedlots, and developments.

Why is EOTSWCD establishing these projects? For water quality benefits. Shoreline restorations protect the shoreline from erosion, both steady

erosion from wave action and erosion from major events, such as ice push. Rain gardens can redirect and infiltrate runoff, reducing some erosion and input of nutrients and sediment. Other projects will be based on specific issues.

So why don't we just put in rip-rap? In many cases shoreline restorations are better at protecting the shore. Shoreline restorations often protect the shoreline better from ice push and high water than rip-rap. Wildlife benefits are generally greater; attracting more birds, butterflies, and other pollinators. They also do a better job at keeping geese and duck off your lawn.

Landowners may be eligible to receive funding through cost share programs that assist with water quality and shoreline projects. Up to 75% of project costs could be covered.

Please contact the SWCD office at 218-346-4260 ext. 3 for more information about these cost share programs and to find out if your project is eligible for funding. A Shoreland Specialist can visit your site and help you come up with a plan.



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Amor	Walker	Seas Res Unimproved	Joyce, Michael A.	Olson, Jared & Lindsey	\$55,000
Amor	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Currie, Brandon J.	Larson, James & Theresa A.	\$259,995
Everts	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Reichmuth, John P. & Kathleen L.	Reichmuth, Catherine M. / Kurth, Gerald R.	\$82,300
Everts	Deer	Seas Res Unimproved	Henrickson, Beverly & Kent	Seefeldt, Phillip	\$145,000
Everts	Deer	Seas Res Unimproved	Henrickson, Beverly & Kent	Bracht, Bradley & Cynthia	\$145,000
Everts	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Yaggie, Donald L.	Bleichner, Richard H. & Janet M. & Brock H.	\$222,200
Everts	Elbow	Residential < 4 Units	Kruger, Marylin S. & George	Bradt, Stephen J. & Susan B.	\$527,275
Everts	Silver	Seas/Rec Improved	Johansen, Michael Vernon &	Olson, Sheryl A.	\$369,000
			Michelle Marie		
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Everts	Deer	Resorts	Living Trust Dated 0		
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Otter Tail	Sherman	Seas/Rec Improved	Olson, Candace Diane &	Baukol, Arlan & Victoria	\$40,000
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Seas/Rec Improved	Matthew Duk Youn		
Otter Tail	Buchanan	Seas/Rec Improved	Gowin, Randal & Ina	Winter, Carol & Daniel	\$529,000
Otter Tail	Buchanan	Seas/Rec Improved	Brandt, Wesley P. & Dianne L.	Anderson, Greg A. & Rhanda R.	\$245,000
			Brudelie 1999 Irrevocable	Grundyson, Bruce & Diane	\$324,000
			Trust Number One		
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Schroer, Gail M.	Duchsherer, Charles & Julie	\$585,100
Otter Tail		Residential < 4 Units	Rohrich, Carroll & Joyce Jean	Spilde, Elizabeth A. / Rowe, Michael S.	\$314,500
Ottertail City		Seas/Rec Improved	Bradshaw, Charlene L. & Jack /	Curtis, Randy & Beth A.	\$42,000
Ottertail City	Otter Tail	Residential < 4 Units	Russ, Timothy C.		
Ottertail City		Seas Res Unimproved	Hagen, Gary G. & Patricia K.	Greenwaldt, Daniel & Loretta	\$508,500
Ottertail City		Residential < 4 Units	Hawes, Alice	Draeger, Benjamin & Kristin	\$10,000
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Appropriate Plan For Transferring Assets After Death

Submitted by Attorney Amy Ann W. Mursu, Lakeview Trust & Estate Law, PLLC

Martin Luther King, Jr.’s family fought over his Bible and Nobel Peace Prize. James Gandolfini, star of the show “The Sopranos,” could have avoided or at least postponed approximately \$30 million in estate taxes upon his death. Most of Marilyn Monroe’s estate ended up in the hands of her acting coach’s third wife.

Over half of Americans die without having a plan in place to transfer their assets. Without proper planning, people can unintentionally put the loved ones and beneficiaries they leave behind in some unfortunate circumstances.

Take these examples:

- A car accident kills both young parents, who have not designated guardians or put trusts in place for their children. Relatives go to court and fight about custody over the children and the children receive all of their parents’ assets when they turn 18.

- An uncle promises his business to his nephew, who is helping with the business, but the uncle has no paperwork in place. After the uncle dies, the nephew cannot afford to buy out the heirs-at-law’s interests in the estate. The business goes under.

- A parent with a special needs child does not have proper planning in place when she dies. The child inherits the

assets, which disqualifies the child from the assistance the child was receiving.

- A farmer gets no estate tax planning done. Her death forces her heirs to sell the farm, which has been in the family for a century, so they can pay estate taxes within nine months.

- A man leaves his estate outright to his second wife. After he dies, the wife changes her estate planning and disinherits the man’s children from a previous relationship. Her children end up with the man’s assets.

- A woman dies leaving everything to her daughter with an addiction problem. The daughter does not get help and spends her inheritance on her addiction.

- A grandmother wants her grandchildren to inherit equally. However, she puts only one grandchild’s name on her financial accounts and nothing goes through her will. That one grandchild gets all grandma’s assets.

We may not be billionaires or celebrities, but we work hard, and we try to be fiscally and morally responsible with the assets we have accumulated. Part of being good stewards for those assets includes making sure we have an appropriate plan in place for transferring our assets upon our disability or death.



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- Aug. 16 COLA Member Meeting*
- Aug. 17 World Famous Turkey BBQ, Henning
- Aug. 18 Watermelon Day, Vining
- Aug. 18-19 Pioneer Days, Perham
- Aug. 21 Music in the Park, Ottetail
- Aug. 23 OTLPOA Board Meeting*
- Aug. 24-25 Barnesville Potato Days
- Aug. 25-26 Finn Creek Festival, NYM
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1 Underwood Harvest Festival
- Aug. 31-Sept. 3 Western MN Steam Threshers Reunion, Rollag

September

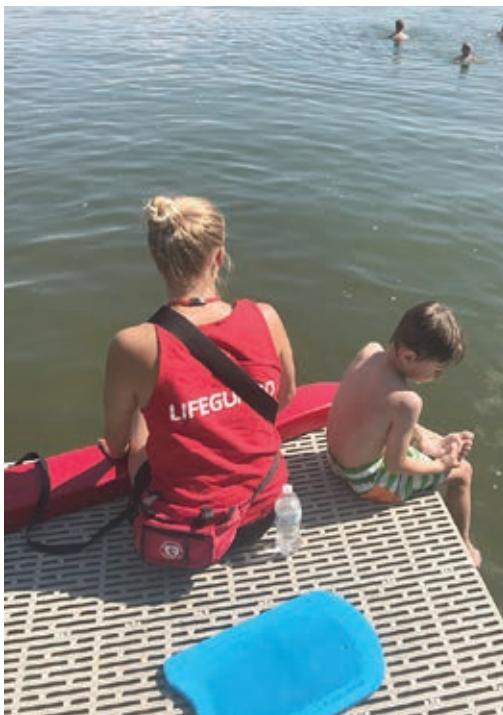
- Sept. 1 Gathering of the Airplanes, Battle Lake
- Sept. 7 HHW Mobile Collection - New York Mills
- Sept. 7-9 LRPTA, Dalton
- Sept. 12 2017 MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research & Management Showcase
- Sept. 20 COLA Member Meeting
- Sept. 20 OTLPOA Board Meeting
- Sept. 22 Central Lakes Cycle Duathlon

October

- Oct. 6 I Outran the Hairy Man, Vergas
- Oct. 12 Brewers Fest, Fergus Falls
- Oct. 25 OTLPOA Board Meeting*
- Nov. 11 Turkey Trot, Fergus Falls

*Held at the Ottetail Community Room in Ottetail unless indicated by TBD. GSP - Glendalough State Park, MSP - Maplewood State Park, OTL - Otter Tail Lake.

Swimming Lessons At Amor Park



Swimmers in action during the swim lessons.
Submitted by Ken Wentz

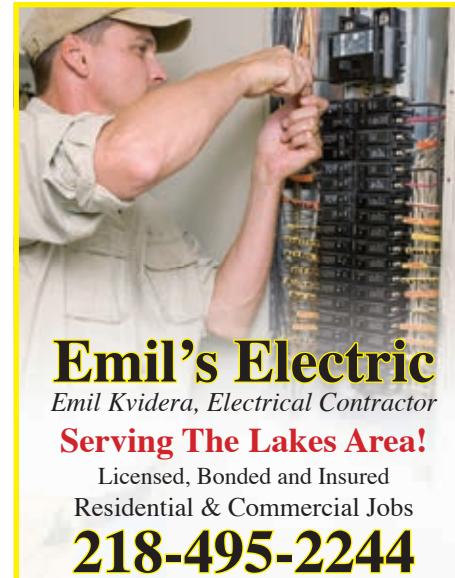


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Attract Beautiful Songbirds To Your Backyard

(StatePoint) Did you know that you can create a safe haven for wild song birds in your own backyard? By taking a few simple actions, you can provide birds with vital resources they need to thrive, as well as guard them from common flying hazards.

Protect Them

Before inviting birds to your yard and garden with food and habitat, first take measures to protect them.

Unfortunately, millions of birds die annually by striking glass, making the windows and glass doors of your home a potential safety hazard. Help reduce the risk of bird strikes by applying special decals that reflect ultraviolet sunlight from your home's windows, particularly those highly reflective of open sky. Virtually invisible to humans, they keep birds safe without affecting your view.

The ones offered by WindowAlert, for example, give the appearance of slightly frosted translucent glass, but glow like a stoplight for birds. For fuller protection, supplement the decals with WindowAlert UV Liquid, making marble-sized dots to create a "visual barrier" across glass surfaces. To learn more, visit WindowAlert.com.

You can limit other hazards to birds by ensuring cats, dogs and other predatory (but otherwise adorable) pets are monitored while outside to prevent attacks. Dogs can be trained not to attack birds. If this proves to be an issue, consider consulting a professional dog trainer on how to break this bad habit.

Feed Them

Birds in transit expend a lot of energy, but you can ease their hunt for food. Avoid the temptation to feed birds yesterday's bread. Stale breads that have developed mold could be potentially harmful to birds.

Instead, populate your garden with native flowering species and supply a bird feeder stocked with a variety of seeds. Strategic placement of a bird feeder is key in preventing bird strikes. Place your feeder either closer than three feet or farther than 30 feet from windows. Clean your feeder periodically to ensure its contents are fresh and free of potentially toxic mold.

Want to beautify your backyard naturally? By taking a few simple measures, you will give birds an incentive to visit!

Lost & Found

Have you lost or found something in your yard? If so we will help get it back to its owner. Email secretary@otlpoa.com and we will let you know who to connect.

MN COLA Sponsors Workshop

A MN COLA Sponsors Workshop will be held on Tues., Sept. 25, 9:30am-3pm at the Douglas County Public Works Building, 526 Willow Dr., Alexandria, MN.

This free workshop is aimed at building additional community capacity by sharing information on local government responsibilities; by self-assessing your lake association's individual, relational, and organizational capacity; and by providing some practical tips for working with your local and state agencies.

The facilitators will be Dr. Amit Pradhananga, Research Associate, University of Minnesota; Dave Rush, Douglas County Land & Resource Management Director; Jeff Forester, Minnesota Lakes & River Advocates; Chris Pence, Board Conservationist, BWSR; Paul Radomski, Lake Ecologist, DNR; and Kris Carlson, Decision Support Specialist, DNR.

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Men's Prayer Breakfast - 1st Saturday 7:00 am
Potluck Dinner - 2nd Sunday

First Baptist (ABC) - Battle Lake

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Lynn Hansen, Pastor—651-485-7378
www.firstbaptistbattlelake.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
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1st Starry Stonewort Confirmation In 2018 Zebra Mussels Confirmed

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed the invasive algae starry stonewort in Medicine Lake, located within the city of Plymouth in Hennepin County. This is the first new confirmation of starry stonewort in Minnesota in 2018. There are now 12 lakes in Minnesota where starry stonewort has been confirmed.

A DNR-trained Three Rivers Park District watercraft inspector recognized starry stonewort on a boat propeller and notified the DNR. DNR invasive species specialists confirmed a widespread growth of starry stonewort around the public access administered by Three Rivers Park District at the north end of the lake.

Three Rivers Park District and DNR staff surveyed the lake to determine the extent of the infestation. They found starry stonewort in about 14 acres of the 924-acre lake. An initial treatment at the access is planned for early next week, and the DNR and Three Rivers Park District plan to treat the access through the open water season.

Inspection efforts have increased and a decontamination unit is available at the access. The DNR is working with Three Rivers Park District to develop and partner on long-term viable management options. Starry stonewort has never been eradicated from any U.S. lake, but treatment can help reduce the risk of spread and provide nuisance relief for water-related recreational activities.

"Starry stonewort can be difficult to identify without the presence of the tiny star-shaped bulbils," DNR invasive species specialist Keegan Lund said. "We ultimately

The DNR reminds boaters and anglers to follow Minnesota laws to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- Clean aquatic plants and animals from watercraft.
- Drain all water by removing drain plugs and keep drain plugs out while transporting watercraft.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving infested waters:

- Spray with high-pressure water.
- Rinse with very hot water (120 degrees for at least two minutes or 140 degrees for at least 10 seconds).
- Dry for at least 5 days.

used a microscope to examine the algae and confirm that bulbils were present."

Since starry stonewort was first confirmed in Minnesota in 2015, most new populations have been reported in the month of August, when the telltale star-shaped bulbils are most abundant and visible. Now is the best time of year to look for it. Information on how to identify starry stonewort can be found on the DNR's website. If people think they've found starry stonewort, they should report it to the DNR.

Starry stonewort is an alga that looks similar to other native plants and can form dense mats, which can interfere with use of a lake and compete with native plants. It is most likely spread when fragments have not been properly cleaned from trailered boats, personal watercraft, docks, boat lifts, anchors or other water-related equipment.

Details about starry stonewort and other aquatic invasive species are available at mndnr.gov/ais.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed a report of zebra mussels in Amelia Lake in Pope County.

A group of swimmers contacted the DNR after finding a quarter-inch zebra mussel attached to a rock on the north end of the lake. DNR aquatic invasive species specialists found 36 juvenile and adult zebra mussels in three locations during a follow-

up survey of Amelia Lake. Another lake user contacted the DNR after finding two additional zebra mussels at the same location as the original report.

"It's helpful that lake users are being vigilant and are contacting us when they suspect they've found a zebra mussel," DNR assistant invasive species specialist Mark Ranweiler said. "We ask people to keep the specimen and send us a photo, to assist with identification and confirmation."

A report of a zebra mussel has been confirmed in East Loon Lake in Otter Tail County. East Loon Lake is between and connected to East Spirit Lake and Sybil Lake, both of which were confirmed as having zebra mussels in 2016.

A lake user contacted the DNR after finding a single adult zebra mussel in

East Loon Lake, which DNR specialists confirmed through photos and the specimen itself. No additional zebra mussels were found during a follow-up survey.

"It's helpful that an alert individual contacted us when they suspected they'd found a zebra mussel," DNR assistant invasive species specialist Mark Ranweiler said. "Because they kept the zebra mussel, we were able to confirm the species identification."

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed zebra mussels in Bay Lake, near Deerwood in Crow Wing County.

Last fall, a lakeshore owner reported finding the shell of a dead zebra mussel, but additional searches with DNR zebra mussel detection dogs could not confirm the presence of live specimens. Recently, a guest of another lakeshore owner reported finding a live specimen that a DNR invasive species specialist confirmed to be an adult zebra mussel. Additional water sampling showed the presence of veligers and in-lake searches confirmed a reproducing population of zebra mussels in Bay Lake.

"Most of the new zebra mussel reports are brought to our attention by people who are out using Minnesota's public waters in the summer months," said DNR invasive species specialist Tim Plude. "We appreciate the vigilance of folks reporting them to the DNR, as well as the partnerships we have with lakeshore owners."

Zebra mussels can compete with native species for food and habitat, cut the feet of swimmers, reduce the performance of boat motors, and cause expensive damage to water intake pipes.

People should contact an area DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if they think they have found zebra mussels or any other invasive species. The contact for the Fergus Falls area is Mark Ranweiler, 218-739-7576 ext 254

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- 10am-4pm Children’s Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Both near Community Center
- 11am Children’s Theatre Presents “Robin Hood” Tickets \$4/person or \$10/family, Lower Level of Community Center
- 10am-1pm “Nathan’s Oldtime Band”, Tent on Lund St.
- 11am-4pm Vining Community History Center Open, Upstairs Community Center
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- 12pm Bingo Begins
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Floating Bog Creating Problems? DNR Permit Is Required To Move One

Following heavy rains this past spring, more lakeshore property owners than usual were asking the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources about an unexpected visitor – floating bogs dislodged by the high water and coming to rest against docks, water outlets and boat landings.

“This has been a unique summer. Typically we issue around 50 permits a year for property owners to move nuisance floating bogs and we hit that mark in mid-July,” said Jon Hansen, aquatic plant management coordinator with the DNR.

If a property owner or associated group chooses to remove or relocate a floating bog, they must acquire a permit from the DNR. The property owner or group also is responsible for moving the bog. But the DNR can provide advice as part of the permitting process.

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“Oftentimes people need help making sure any nuisance bog material finds a home that won’t bother others,” Hansen said. “We are not responsible for moving bogs and usually focus on sharing information. Although DNR staff were on site as crews of volunteers tried to move a large nuisance floating bog on North Long Lake by Legionville that was the size of five football fields this summer, that was a rare event.”

The DNR considers the ecological value of bogs in the permitting process and prefers that floating bogs are returned to where they

came from because of their ecological value. The removal or destruction of rooted bogs is not allowed. Property owners who want to move a floating bog that washes ashore are advised to act quickly before it becomes rooted.

While the property owner who finds a bog nestled against their boat lift may consider it a nuisance, bogs do play an important role in the health of the lake. Bogs are made up of vegetation that provide important habitat for fish, birds and other wildlife. They also act as sponges by soaking up excess nutrients that enter a lake and help prevent harmful algal blooms.

More information about aquatic plant management permits can be found at mndnr.gov/apm.

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