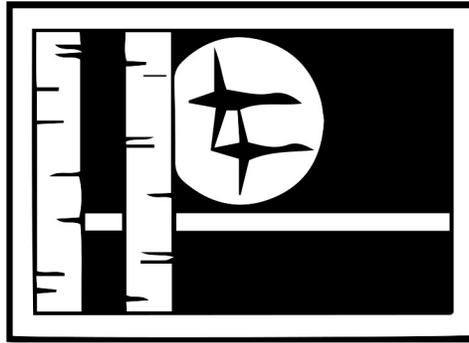


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

*By Bob Iversen, TMLA President*



Finally, there is a sense of optimism in the air: the vaccines are rolling out, the new Covid-19 cases are down, and there's a touch of spring in the air at Ten Mile. The picture above still shows snow on the ground after a very cold February, but early March temperatures in the 40s (and maybe a 50?) will be melting it quickly. (Many of us remember an April a few years ago when there were two big snows, though.)

With the current guidance from health experts suggesting that in-person visits between fully vaccinated people will be safe, I am really looking forward to summer at Ten Mile. I hope we will be able to resume some of our usual activities and possibly have some in-person TMLA meetings. Its a season for hope!

Stay safe!

**Please note:** *Due to the increased trolling of our website and the consequent increase in scam phone calls and emails to members, we have removed personal email addresses and phone numbers from the newsletter. If you wish to comment or reach the author of one of our articles, use the [association@tenmilelake.org](mailto:association@tenmilelake.org) email address OR go to the Anchor or your TMLA Directory to find the data you need. Sorry for the inconvenience.*

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## PRESERVING LAND, ENHANCING FISHING

There are many excellent reasons to preserve land: maintaining habitat for wildlife, protecting water quality, providing natural areas for carbon dioxide absorption to help reduce global warming and protecting shoreland to enhance fish populations.

One of the biggest threats to healthy fish populations is shoreland development and destruction of vegetation. Sunfish, crappies, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike and muskies, all depend on good shoreland habitat for spawning new generations of fish. The threat to this good habitat is the clearing of shoreland for docks, boat lifts, recreational beaches and clearing of "weeds" for swimming. Many homeowners are unaware of the implications these activities have on the lake's fishery.

### Shoreland Is Critical Habitat

No one can blame homeowners for wanting to get the most out of their lake property but learning how to use their land in harmony with nature can be beneficial to both the land owner and all the creatures of nature that depend on a healthy shoreline. A great source for information of how to manage shoreland for wildlife can be obtained from the **Minnesota Shoreland Management Resource Guide online through the Minnesota DNR.**

There are many lakes in Minnesota where development is so dense that it is too late to do much to preserve shoreland habitat. The effort now is to take good care of those areas where there can still be a positive impact on preserving vital natural resources. Preserving land is really important. Think about that the next time you see a crappie or bass sitting on a nest in two feet of water!!

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# LOON REPORT

Winter is receding and spring is rapidly approaching here at Ten Mile lake due to above normal temperatures and lack of snowfall. The ice out date for last year was April 28th and should be much sooner this year! Our loons have already begun their 1000+ mile journey back to TML and will soon land on open waters further south and scout ahead to see if the ice is gone from their nesting lake. They arrive as soon as the ice disappears, or even partially disappears, from the lake. Loons are long-lived (20-30 years) and very territorial, returning to the same lake and bay every year. Young loons are believed to spend two to three years in coastal waters before returning to their birth lake, or a nearby lake.

The male chooses a territory and attracts a mate. Courtship between mated pairs involves spending time fishing, feeding, diving, bill-dipping, preening and soft hoots between the pair. Nest construction usually coincides with the reproductive activity. Older loons tend to keep the same mate for many years and may mate for life if they remain successful with their partner at reproducing chicks. However, while most loons occupy the same nest territory for many years in a row, there is up to 20% turnover every year. This may be due to mates dying or loons that are stronger and more aggressive driving out the resident birds. Younger, less experienced loons who have suffered nest failure often will seek a new mate and nest location the following year. Mated pairs with young stay together all summer until migration in autumn.



Loons build their own nests, with construction being a joint effort shared equally by both parents. Nests are built on sites that were successful the previous year. Loons typically nest in quiet, protected, bays, peninsulas, islands, or marshy coves, all ideal nesting habitat for loons. Their nests are made with

vegetation such as moss, grasses, twigs, sedge and leaf litter from the immediate area. Some nesting material is retrieved from the bottom of the lake, often for the base of the nest. Most nests are small, consisting of only a few inches of plant material. Loons can't walk well on land, so nests are built close to a bank, often with a steep drop off that allows them to approach the nest directly from underwater. They often build nests on small islands, floating mats of vegetation or artificial platforms to reduce the chance of predators finding their eggs. Raccoons are the primary predators of loon eggs, followed by skunks, with foxes and coyotes also being threats.

Along with several natural nesting sites, TML has some artificial nesting platforms which need to go in the water as close to ice out as possible. Loons start defending their territories and working on their nest sites as soon as they return in early spring. This past summer we started researching how to make the platforms more appealing for the loons. Erin's mom Barbara, a master of handwoven rugs, was visiting from Montana and also got involved. Erin, her husband Steve, and Barbara collected reeds from marshes near TML. Barbara and Erin came up with a prototype we plan to experiment with on one of the rafts. It will serve as the foundation, on which we will add live vegetation, dried grasses and mud/sand mixture. If the platform remodel works well and we have success, we plan to expand to other rafts if necessary.

Egg laying begins in May or early June, with eggs being large and light brown speckled. While an average clutch contains two eggs, some have only one, and rarely, three are laid. Both adults take turns sitting on the eggs, with the average time a loon sits on the eggs before exchanging with its mate

## LOON REPORT

is four to six hours. Parents always sit facing the water to observe all that approaches. Incubation lasts 27-29 days and most chicks leave the nest and enter the water within 12-24 hours of hatching. Chicks that hatch in the afternoon stay in the nest overnight. It is thought that once chicks leave the nest, they might not touch land again until they start to nest. Loons are extremely attentive parents and never leave their newly hatched chicks alone. During their first seven days of life, chicks often ride on their parents' backs for warmth and safety, as their parents back replaces the nest just left behind. Predators such as northern pike, snapping turtles and bald eagles are constant threats to tiny loons.

We want to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the volunteers who set up and take out the loon rafts. Please reach out to us and let us know if your raft is being used this year or if you have a successful natural nest near you, and how many chicks hatched and survived the summer. You can call or text us - numbers in the Anchor Roster or the Directory.

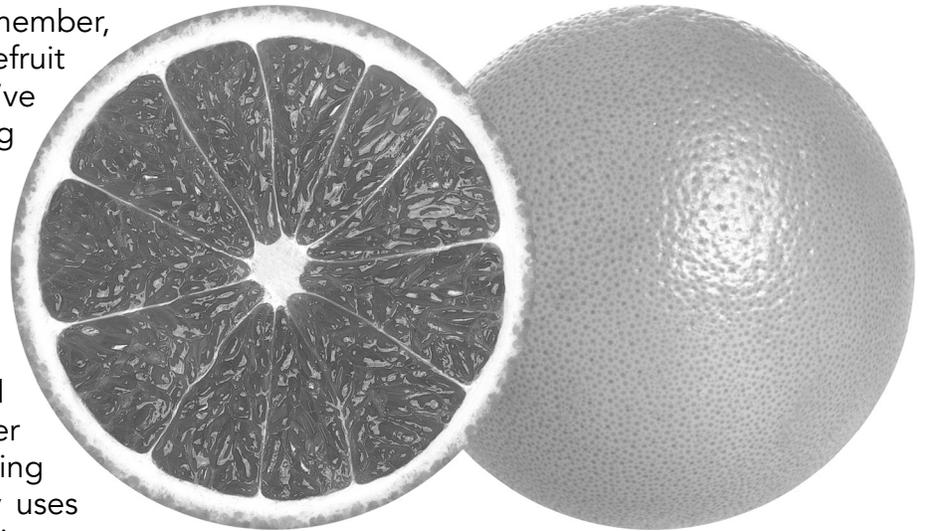
Sheryl DuCharme and Erin Adams

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## SPRING HISTORY TIDBITS

### Grapefruit Pie, Anyone?

One time a TMLA History Committee member, the late Don Buck, mentioned a grapefruit pie recipe in a Sylvia Hasse cookbook. I've thought about that unusual sounding recipe for years, and recently asked his son, Greg, if their family had the recipe. They didn't, so I asked Judy Brown, who has lived for many summers along the North Shore, if she had Sylvia's recipe. She did have the whole cookbook by Sylvia. She said Sylvia was a great and interesting lady and everything in her home in Ida Grove, IA, was pink, including the stove, refrigerator and house! Judy uses her cookbook all the time. Here's the recipe:



### Grapefruit Pie

- 1 can Eagle Brand milk
- 1 6 oz. container frozen lemonade, thawed
- 1 carton Cool Whip, plus more for topping
- 2 skinned grapefruits, pulled apart or chopped
- 1 pie crust, baked

Mix Eagle Brand milk and lemonade, then fold in Cool Whip. Fold in grapefruit. Chill pie and top with more Cool Whip if desired.

*Note on recipe from Sylvia: "Years ago Harold and I had a pie social. I made all the pies. I had 9 pie tins lined up on the table and had them all filled in no time. The Grapefruit Pie was a big hit - no one had ever had one!" Thanks, Judy, for sharing!*

*Compiled by Sue Eikenberry*

# THREATS TO NORTHERN MN LAKES

Many of you have probably read the article by Jennifer BJORHUS in the Feb. 21, 2021 Sunday edition of the Minneapolis Star Tribune that featured the warming and increasing murkiness of the lakes in north-central Minnesota. Link: [North-central Minnesota lakes get murkier.](#)

Our TMLA President, Bob Iversen asked me to comment on this article as it relates to Ten Mile. While there is no doubt that air temperatures in this region have been rapidly rising and are consequently affecting many lakes in the area, the good news is that to date, these have not shown any effect on Ten Mile.

Over the past 20 years, we have had no increase in average lake water temperature and no decrease in water clarity either. A major reason for this is the care that Ten Mile residents have taken to prevent nutrients from entering the lake. This includes both efforts taken by individual cabin owners to reduce the use of fertilizers for lawns, keeping septic systems up to date and a number of other measures to buffer the lakeshore from nutrients. In addition, our small heavily forested watershed is one of the few that meets the state standards for a well-

protected watershed. The one concern is a very significant drop in Cisco numbers from 2017-2019. (I have not been able to extract data from the DNR on later years.) This spring I hope to connect with Pete Jacobson, who was prominently mentioned in the article and who is a real expert in whitefish and ciscoes. If I can get any new information on this front, I will transmit it to you.

Looking into the future, I still think that we will remain in good shape if we collectively continue to be as thoughtful about care of our lake as we have been in the recent past. The one wild card is the effect of zebra mussels, which, if anything, may make our water somewhat clearer, but at the expense of possible significant disturbances in the ecology of our lake. We'll know more about that in a year or two.

Let's all hang in there for the rest of the winter. Spring and open water are now within sniffing distance, when we can again enjoy the treasure of Ten Mile Lake.

*Bruce Carlson, Chairman, E and E committee*

## 2021 WATER TESTING

The E & E Committee will once again be sponsoring the biennial well-water testing this summer. It will take place on Sat. July 10. The cost will be \$30, and the testing for nitrates and bacteria will be done



by the RMB Labs in Detroit Lakes. The sterile test bottles will be available for pick-up at 10:00 am and must be returned before 3:00 pm. The south shore distribution site will be on Cass Co. 6 and Rockrose Trail (next to the old Woock Store) and the north shore site will be at 5457 County Rd 50. The normal cost for these 2 tests would be over \$40, but RMB gives us a discount due to our volume. Instructions for collecting the water sample are included with the sterile bottles. The bottles are returned the same day to Detroit Lakes and the results are usually sent out within a week to each property owner. There will be another reminder of this event in the Summer Newsletter.

*John Hallberg, E and E Committee*

## WHERE DID THE TENT CATERPILLARS GO?



21 years ago, residents of Chariton Beach and Batcheler Bay donated to "Project Tent Caterpillar Control". These monies have never been spent and are currently sitting in the First National Bank of Walker.

The steward of the fund wants to close the fund and contribute such monies to the James Schwartz Environmental Fund of the TMLA.

If, however, any of the contributors wish to have their donation returned to them, please contact Jean Rydell before July 4, 2021. Her number is in the TMLA Roster in the Anchor, and in the Directory.

## SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS WITH THE TMLA

Whether you are new to the lake and the association or have been involved with a TMLA committee for years, we would love to hear from you if you think you'd like to get more involved. The TMLA Nominating Committee works year-round to develop a strong slate of nominees for officers and directors and is always looking for input from committed Ten Milers. If you enjoy volunteering and love Ten Mile Lake, please think about getting involved on one of our committees and possibly serving on the board in the future. We would love to hear from you.

If you'd like to learn more about this opportunity, please send an email with the subject "interest in the TMLA board" to [membership@tenmilelake.org](mailto:membership@tenmilelake.org) and your message will be delivered to our Nominating Committee Chair, Diane Finley Power. Thank you for supporting the TMLA.

*Diane Power, Nominating Committee Chair*

## ZEBRA MUSSEL CORNER



Since the first reports of zebra mussel veligers (floating larval forms) in October 2019, there have been no reports of adult zebra mussels from Ten Mile. This is not surprising, even though there must by now be adults somewhere in the lake. My underwater photos from last summer showed no adults on rocks. If we look at patterns of spread from other lakes, I wouldn't be surprised if some small ones begin to be found by mid-summer, 2021. The big population explosion, however, is more likely to be seen in 2022. What we are likely to see this summer is the settling of young post-veliger zebra mussels (young adults that are just starting to form shells) on plants, especially Chara, but also on some hard surfaces, like dock posts, as well. When they first begin to attach to objects, zebra mussels are only about 1/100 of an inch (1/8 – 1/4 mm) long, and they then grow at about 1/100 of an inch per day. When they first attach to a smooth surface, they feel something like coarse sandpaper.

Adult zebra mussels begin to spawn when the water temperature reaches the low 50's F. The hatched eggs develop into free-floating veligers. The floating veliger stage lasts only a few weeks, and after that, what are then called post-veliger's settle down and begin to form a shell. If Ten Mile follows this pattern, we can expect to see the first major settling-down period in early to mid-summer, but in some lakes, zebra mussels spawn several times per year, so we could have several settling-down periods over the summer. Any mature zebra mussels that settle down in 2021 will have grown to the point where they should be easily visible by the summer of 2022.

If you do find any signs of zebra mussels this summer, please let me know when and where you found them (brcarl@umich.edu). Just as a reminder, a photo of an adult zebra mussel is attached to this note.

*Bruce Carlson*

# AIS NEWS



A couple of pieces of AIS news came to my inbox right at the deadline for this newsletter: Cass County has hired a new AIS Technician to manage the county's program, including the inspectors who work at

Ten Mile's access as well as those of many county lakes. The second piece of news is a brief report on inspections at Ten Mile last summer as well as the county-wide statistics. Here they are:

## New County AIS Technician

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and say hello. I am the new AIS Lake Technician for Cass County. As an environmental enthusiast and avid user of our Minnesota lakes, I am excited for the opportunity to be working with all of you on AIS prevention, education and management.

I am a graduate of the University of Minnesota Duluth's Environmental Studies program and I have worked directly with AIS in the field. I have seen

firsthand the difficulties and cost of mechanical control of Eurasian Water Milfoil as a harvester on Lake Tahoe. I also have experience working with and preventing the spread of New Zealand mud snail at a Rainbow Trout fish hatchery in Mammoth Lakes, California.

I recognize that all of your lakes are as important to you, as the lake I live on is to me (Lower Trelipe). I recognize that I will be coordinating a lot of moving parts and resources, and I am so excited for this opportunity because I know that prevention, early detection, and management plans are key to continuing to live the life we do on the lakes.

Sincerely,

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# CASS COUNTY AIS PROGRAM 2020 INSPECTOR ANNUAL REPORT

2020 AIS Lake Report Ten Mile Lake The 2020 AIS inspection numbers for Ten Mile Lake showed 546 boats inspected by Cass County Inspectors during 758 hours of inspection time. This is equivalent to a .7 boats per hour inspection rate. Ten Mile Lake had a 100% compliance rate for Minnesota boat plug law. This is better than the 97.9% county wide compliance rate. The AIS inspector did not find any new AIS going in or going out of Ten Mile Lake this year.

## Highlights from the 2020

### Cass County Inspector Program

- Conducted boat Inspections for Frank Schneider Muskie Tournament
- Mississippi Headwaters Board AIS Outreach Campaign with Minnesota Traditions
- Norway Lake - Mechanical Treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed
- Aquatic plant survey for Norway Lake
- Participated in Resort Ambassadors Project
- Distributed Clean, Drain, Dry campaign materials at boat launches throughout the season
- Cost share with Lake Associations on projects: signs, aquatic plant studies, zooplankton and water quality studies, advertisement, and education.

## 2020 Statistics:

- Inspection hours — 14,616.5
- Inspections done — 25,800
- 103 Inspection days

## AIS boat plug law violation rates by year:

- 2017 - 1.17% - 211
- 2018 - 2.4% - 265
- 2019 - 1.8% - 217
- 2020 - 2.1% - 535

## WATER LEVEL REPORT

Ten Mile lake level in a typical year starts off relatively high due to winter snow and spring rains. Then the annual dance between precipitation and evaporation, plus some other minor players, takes place but by the end of the year the end result is lake level is significantly lower than the start.

Last year, 2019, was a typical year but at a much lower level due to a rather dry winter and very little spring rain. The year ended with the lake level being lower than it has in many years.

This winter there has been very little snow. Unless there is some major precipitation between now and ice-out we can expect the lake to be the lowest starting level in the past many years. This is good news for those who have been fighting shoreline erosion or just long for their beaches to return. This

is not so good news for those who have docks that are in shallow water to begin with.

The beaver that started building the dam just south of the Lower Ten Mile Lake Road bridge over the Boy River have been trapped. Our trapper, Jeff Peterson, says that the unfinished dam itself does not appear to be holding back water. An article in the Minneapolis Star and Tribune this fall described such dams and said that they would self-destruct over time. We will keep an eye on it but take no action this spring.

*John Crabb, chairperson  
Lake Level Committee*

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# CLIMATE CHANGE IS COMING

Are you prepared to adjust to the changes coming to Ten Mile over the next 50 years?

What will they be?

Who and what will cause the changes?

What is your role in adapting to them?



Maybe a better way is to visualize it as a balloon. The thin skin holds out the bad stuff and holds in the good stuff. For example, all the good stuff such as

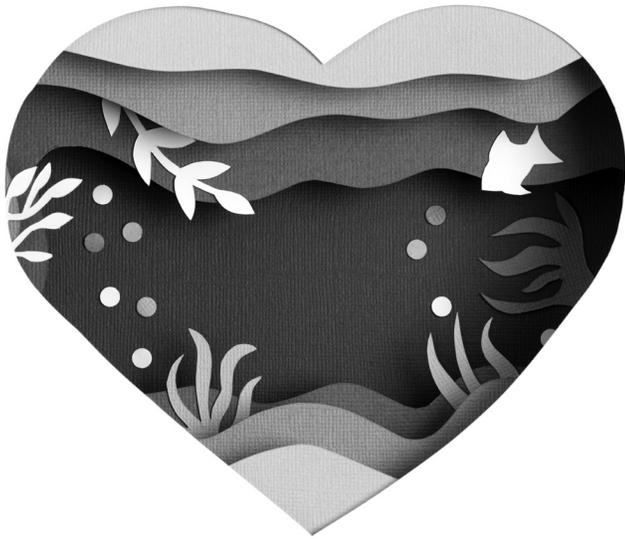
Ten Mile is the source of the Boy River which flows through a chain of 16 lakes and ultimately into Leech Lake's Boy Bay across from Sugar Point. Lake drainage has a contributing watershed area of 16.3 square miles (10,432 acres). Lake surface area is 7.25 square miles (4640 acres). With a comparatively small watershed, the ratio of the watershed land area to the lake surface area is high, 2.25/1. The watershed consists of uplands, wetlands, and waters. Watershed land ownership includes the Chippewa National Forest, Cass County, the State of Minnesota, and private owners. Surface use is approximately: 41.9 percent open water, 35.2 forest, 3.7 percent residential and 2.6 percent open pasture. The watershed is part of the Mississippi River Basin drainage system.

lakes, rivers, surface and geologic lands, wetlands, forests, terrestrial and aquatic critters, birds, etc. are sustained within the bubble. All the bad stuff such as pollutants, toxic rain and air, aquatic invaders, forest invaders, drought, floods, property damage etc. would be left out.

Many members may have difficulty visualizing what a watershed is. Some may think it's a shed filled with water or an outhouse.

Since the Ten Mile Lake Association was initially founded almost 70 years ago, there have been many changes. Changes in Cass County Land Use and Shoreline Ordinances and changes DNR Dock Rules are just two examples of changes to which Ten Mile property owners have had to adapt over the years. A very recent change is the *Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act*, signed into law by the President on December 23, 2020, which transfers 11,760 acres of public land, currently managed by the Chippewa National Forest, to the Department of the Interior to be held in trust for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. (Parts of Ten Mile lie within the Chippewa.) Another is

# CLIMATE CHANGE IS COMING



the increasing clearing of forests to make way for growing potatoes and other row crops and its effect on our region's land and water.

Changes will continue over the next 50 years, to be sure. To stay aware of and adapt to such changes and the challenges they present, the TMLA needs to prepare an updated plan, with goals, objectives, and strategies (GOSs) designed to meet the challenges the future is sure to bring.

Since 2002, the TMLA Healthy Lakes Committee has been instrumental in its assigned role of guiding the Association's development of its Long Range (50-year) Plan and its Lake Management (3-year) Plans. Working with the GOSs described in its Long-Range Plan, the Association has implemented measures that have helped to protect the lake by sustaining and improving the health of its waters and its watershed.

Now the TMLA needs an updated Long-Range Plan, with appropriate GOSs, to anticipate future challenges and to identify what needs to be done to keep up with the planning and related activities undertaken by local, regional, state and federal governments.

Developing such a plan, with its GOSs, will require coordination with these agencies. The Healthy Lakes Committee recommends that the TMLA Board assign a workgroup to develop draft GOSs and a plan for consideration by the Association during 2021. The work group would be made up of members

of the TMLA Board, existing TMLA Committees, interested members of the Association and outside experts. The Healthy Lakes Committee would refine the plan for the Association's consideration and approval in 2022.

The plan's goal would be to identify currently unimpaired waters and resources where protection and load reduction actions are necessary to ensure that high quality waters do not become impaired, and to address conditions that may contribute to impairments downstream. In many cases, a mix of actions to restore and protect unimpaired waters may be necessary to comprehensively implement the plan. The plan's focus may include the following considerations in order to prioritize the protection of unimpaired/high quality waters:

- Unique, valuable, or threatened species or critical aquatic habitats of these species;
- Waters and watershed areas (including ground waters where appropriate) that serve as source water for a public drinking water supply;
- Protection of high-quality waters in watersheds that contain some impairments;
- Waters near geographic areas where rapid land use development is occurring;
- Waters where data trends indicate water quality degradation is occurring;
- Waters requiring continued water quality assessment and maintenance of best management practices to assure unimpaired status;
- Outstanding Natural Resource Waters or other state-defined categories of high-quality waters;
- Watersheds contributing high nutrient loads to downstream waters.

As the GOSs and plan are developed we welcome your review, insights, comments and participation. We will post changes on the web for your review as the plan is developed.

*Marty McCleery,  
Chair, TMLA Healthy Lakes Committee*

## CHARLIE'S CROWS

Charlie Mayer had several crows, over the years, that he raised from the time they were young and had had some mishap like falling out of the nest. They were never captive but just saw Charlie as their friend, which he was. He had his first crow when he was a teenager growing up at Shady Shores Resort on Birch Lake. When I interviewed Charlie and Joyce Mayer Sept 16, 2008, they told me several great crow stories that I didn't use for the story I wrote at that time. Now I will tell you those stories, some in Charlie's own words like this one:



"Those crows were so mischievous...one time (at the resort) we had a bench down by the swimming area and a woman had taken her ring off and laid it on the bench and went swimming, a bad thing to do. And all of a sudden we heard her hollering and the crow had grabbed her ring and he was up in the tree with it. And I was sure he was going to hang it over a limb up there. But I called the crow and it came down with the ring. That was really unusual because normally, I figured, he'd hang it up in the top of that tree and you never would get it."

Another time, "My cousin came and rented a cabin at the resort and he had a pretty good size cat and

he said when he saw the crow, 'You better lock him up for a week or the cat will get it. It's caught mallard ducks and other stuff'. I said don't worry about it, if it happens it happens. But I said I don't think it's going to happen. And the crow came around, and they'd only been here a day or two, and they were down by the lake and the cat would start sneaking up on the crow and take a leap at it. And the crow would jump off to the side and that went on for an hour and finally there was a big pine tree and the crow flew up, and there was a big limb and the crow flew up and sat on it and the cat climbed up the tree and got out on that limb and started walking out and the crow would just keep hopping farther and farther and finally it got way out there on the end of the limb and the cat got out there where he had to hang on with all four feet and then the crow jumped on the cat's back and just bit the heck out of it...after that day the cat wouldn't go out of the house."

"Those crows were just amazing. We had people who had dogs on a chain and the crows would be walking around and pecking on the rocks and looking and the dogs would be sneaking up and all at once take a run and wham about 6 inches from the end of the chain, and the crow would just turn and look. I don't know how they knew just how long the chain was but they did. They would just tease the heck out of animals like that."

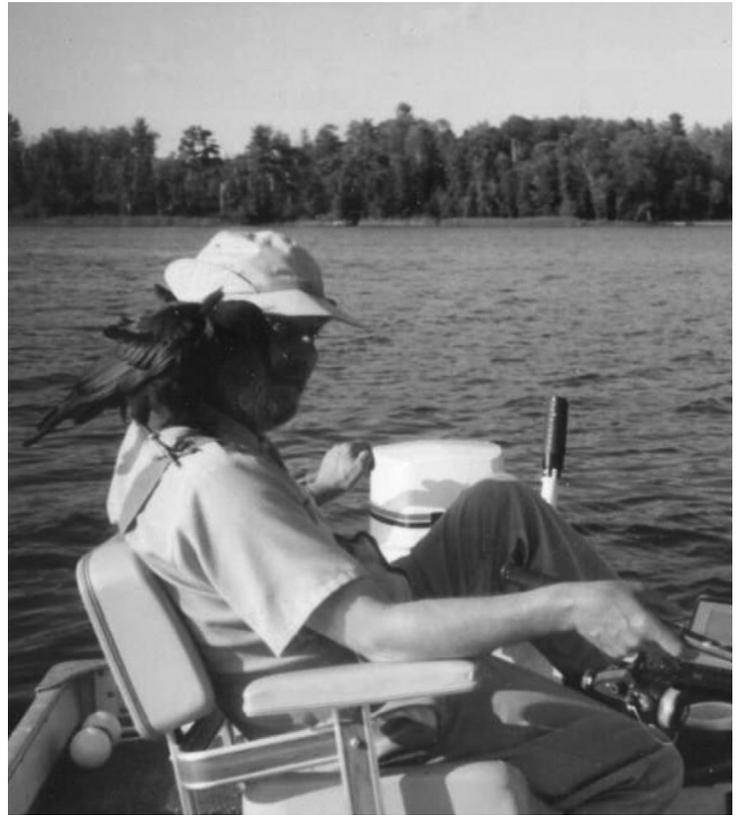
Charlie thinks he had 5 or 6 crows over the years. One stayed all winter and would come to the door to be brought in at night and jump on Charlie's arm and let him carry it down to the basement and then it would get in its cage. That crow learned to talk. That was when Charlie was at Shady Shores Resort and there were lots of bass fishermen and people would go out early. The crow heard and learned to say "5 o'clock, 5 o'clock get up, 5 o'clock get up", just as plain as could be. It also learned to say, "Hi Bob. Hi Bob." That was the name of Charlie's dad. "They were a lot of fun and they are really awful smart. We had cats here...one was a big brown cat and Fluffy weighed 15 pounds. We looked out here one time and the crow had him pinned right against the corner of the patio door...the crow used to just love to run up and peck the cat's tail and pull back. It's funny how animals will act like that."

## CHARLIE'S CROWS



One spring, Charlie's "crow would go out and really jump into one of those thawing mud puddles", and all at once Charlie saw a neighbor's 3 dogs coming toward his place and he'd seen the crow taking a bath out in the puddle and thought hey, that's the end of that crow because when they get soaking wet they couldn't fly. And Charlie ran outside and found his dog had grabbed that crow in his mouth and was protecting it from the other dogs. Charlie chased the other dogs away and the crow was fine and became a good friend with the dog. He'd lay right down next to the dog and also ride around on his back. A lot of fun.

The last crow Charlie had was the one my dad gave him when it had fallen out of the nest. That crow liked to go in the boat with Charlie and Joyce when they went fishing. "He'd fly around and then plop, he'd sit in the boat. You'd have to watch the worms and your hooks real close or he'd grab hold of them. But some of the people in other boats just couldn't believe it. I remember one fellow yelled at his wife, 'you've got a bite'. But she just said I'm too busy watching the crow." Several times crows would fly over and Charlie wouldn't know if one was his pet crow but he'd call "Jim" and one would fly down and land on his arm.



Charlie's crows "were real happy to be around there and they just loved to be petted. But then well it got to be late in the fall and it was just their instinct and there would be more crows around and at first they didn't want anything to do with the other crows, the wild ones. But then they started a little more, and pretty soon they'd feed with them and come back and then after a period of time pretty soon they just didn't show up again. But in the spring there would be crows again and they'd feed right next to the patio door. They're wild but they'll come up pretty close."

*Karin Arsan*



## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



We have volunteers who are assigned to pick up trash on designated areas of roads all around our beautiful lake.

If you are walking, biking, running or even in your car, you, too, may be an unofficial volunteer. Take a bag with you and clean up that trash!

### **THANK YOU TO ALL.**

If you'd like more information, please email me  
- my email address and phone number are in the Anchor Roster and the Directory

**REMEMBER,**  
// **Clean Up, Clean Up, Everybody Everywhere.**  
**Clean Up, Clean Up, Everybody Do Their Share //**

*Judy Seward, Adopt-a-Highway Committee Chair*

## FROM THE CASS COUNTY PIONEER, 1945



A rearing pond located on the Al Woock farm west of Hackensack produced this year over 30,000 choice fingerlings measuring from 4 to 7 inches, that are now swimming in their new homes in Birch and Ten Mile Lake. The State had put in 25 cans of pike fry in the pond, and there was already sufficient natural feed in the pond to care for the growing fingerlings. The pond was seined by Al Galbranson of the State Fish Hatchery, coming up with equipment to supervise the job. About 16,800 of the fingerlings were put in Ten Mile, Lake and 13,500 were put in Birch Lake.

# REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

**"...fathomless lake, stay as you were, idling with a reflected cloud, for my sake, whom your shore no longer touches." Czeslaw Milosz**



**MARY VIRGINIA  
(THORVIG) BUCK  
(1931-2021)**

Mary Buck of Edina lived a long, joyful life dedicated to the people she loved and the things in which she believed. Mary's own words summarize her life best:

"Things change. I've changed. But the big things that matter have not changed, like faith, family and the things I care about. You all matter to me the most." Mary left this world on February 12, 2021, with family by her side.

Mary was born to Mildred (Peterson) and Oscar Thorvold on November 17, 1931 in Minneapolis. One Sunday morning in 1949, while singing in the choir at Nokomis Lutheran Church, Mary caught the eye of a dashing young man in the pews. On October 7, 1950 (she was "almost 19") she married that young man, Donald Lionel Buck, her adoring husband of 65 years.

Education was always important to Mary. Ten years after marriage interrupted her studies, and with two small children and a baby at home, Mary completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota. At age 40 she began her 23-year teaching career in the St Paul public schools, where she pioneered a high school home economics program for young mothers. Unassumingly modern, Mary did all this in addition to the work of steadily caring for her four children, seven grandchildren, and eventually, an aging Don.

Mary was a long-time member of Normandale Lutheran Church and her faith was the cornerstone of her life. Mary had a distinct style. She liked to sit at the piano and play unusual chords. She appreciated the architecture of houses. She even designed the mid-century modern home where the family lived for more than 50 years. Mary loved a beautiful table with a centerpiece, her famous corn dish, especially when the people she loved gathered around. Whether in their home or at the family cabin, her food, questions and care were always present. She made everyone feel welcomed and appreciated, and she would want you to know, you were on her prayer list.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband Don, oldest son Steven and his first wife Kathie, and great-granddaughter, Emma Jean. Mary is survived by sister Kathryn Thompson; three children, Greg (Lisa), David (Jenny), and Brenda (Tim); Steven's wife Sally; grandchildren Kim, Chris, Paul, Madeline, Tyler, Riley and Griffin; and great-grandchildren Brooklyn, Braden and Jackson. A graveside service with family occurred at Lakewood Cemetery and a celebration of her life will be in the future. The family is grateful to the staff of Friendship Village for their care in such a difficult year. Memorial contributions may be made to: Normandale Lutheran Church in support of the choirs, the Normandale Lutheran Church Foundation or to the charity of the donor's choice.



# MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

It is gratifying to see many more of you using the Anchor. If you have not yet signed in, give it a try! Within the Anchor you can:

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If you are not yet a member of this fabulous organization and you want to join you can go to the website and click on the JOIN button on the Home page. Fill out the form and pay with a credit card OR contact the Membership Coordinator and join over the phone, by email or by snail mail.

The 2020 TMLA Directory has been mailed. If you do not receive a copy or want extra copies (\$4 each ppd), email Annie at [membership@tenmilelake.org](mailto:membership@tenmilelake.org).

Sign into the Anchor yourself, call or email Annie at 218-429-1164, [membership@tenmilelake.org](mailto:membership@tenmilelake.org) and ask her to verify your info or fill out and mail the form below to TMLA Membership, P O Box 412, Hackensack, MN 56452

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## TEN MILE LAKE MEMBERSHIP INFO FORM Please use this form to JOIN the Ten Mile Lake Association

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Anything else you want us to know?

*Membership dues are paid in advance in January for one year. The cost is \$40 per nuclear family or per individual. Mail this form with a check to PO Box 412, Hackensack MN 56452*

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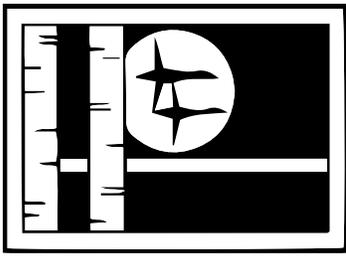
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