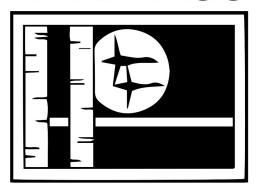
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Bob Iversen, TMLA President



What a difference a year and a half makes – we can socialize with friends and family without masks! The TMLA Board held their first in-person meeting in a year at the Hub in Hackensack. It was great to see all the directors, officers and committee chairs, and we saw those who couldn't attend in person via Zoom.

We arrived back at the lake May 1 on a beautiful 81-degree day – then back to the 50s. That's all changed now, with over a week in the 80s and 90s (the water is up to 72). Lake activities are really picking up as the weather improves and people are more comfortable traveling. Memorial Day weekend was definitely busy at Ten Mile and in both Hackensack and Walker.

As you'll see in the newsletter, most of the Association's committees are hard at work. It's going to be a busy, fun summer – I hope everyone has a great time!



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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TEN MILE LAKE ASSOCIATION

TIME TO MEET IN PERSON AGAIN!

Saturday: August 7, 2021 Meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Coffee and treats starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Union Congregational United Church of Christ, 401 Lake Avenue East, Hackensack



On our long drive from Florida to Ten Mile Lake, I gave little thought to the Ten Mile Lake Association annual meeting but spent many miles planning and scheduling visits with friends, relatives, children, and grandchildren. They all have complicated lives and yet they want to spend time every year at THE LAKE! This place is full of wonderful memories. A few lines from <u>Up To The Lake</u> written by Tom Hegg keep running through my head:

"A sense of the purest pleasure fills the cabin through and through...
A bit of life to treasure...moments perfect, moments few."

Then I arrived at our cabin and had to deal with boats, docks, a mess of a yard, pesky beavers cutting down trees, and a porcupine living in our garage. Welcome to the lake!

Now as I plan our annual meeting, I see big opportunities. We can attend the meeting and see old and new friends, get advice on ways to cope with some issues (like beavers and swimmers itch), and stay informed about what your lake association is doing for the lake and its environs.

Dana Guntzman, Cass County Environmental Services Aquatic Invasive Species technician, is our guest speaker. Her ten-minute power point presentation will give us valuable information on zebra mussels and other invasive species.

Bruce Carlson, head of the Ecology and Environment Committee, has studied Ten Mile extensively and will address our water quality. He has unsurpassed technical expertise for which we are very grateful.

We also might get a tutorial on fending off the beavers and porcupines along with lake safety and lake etiquette.

Sue Eikenberry often has some fun lake history to share and Annie Swanstrom will talk a bit about membership.

After a brief business meeting, we will end at about 11:30. Then we return to our cabins and make more wonderful memories at THE LAKE!

Hope to see you there! Linda Schwartz, Vice-president

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SAILING SEASON BEGINS JUNE 26

The Ten Mile Lake Sailing Club begins its series of five weekend races on Saturday, June 26, at 11:30 a.m.

The 11:30 a.m. start time is a little earlier than the afternoon starts of the recent past so a "go, no-go" race call can be made earlier in the day, which will allow everyone to get on with their day if the wind looks sketchy.



Dick Garbisch & George Brandt

Last summer that wasn't a problem as we had stiff breezes every sailing weekend. You can read a recap of the season here (see p. 22). We hope to have more good winds this summer, but perhaps not quite as strong.

We also hope to set the racecourses – depending on the wind – in as many different lake locations as possible to give more people a chance to watch. Last summer, we staged two races in Batcheller Bay so Byron Hoffman could watch and another along the North Shore. Several skippers are looking for crew this season. Please contact Commodore Pete Roberts (prpfilms@seanet.com) if you're interested in joining the fun. See you on the water!

2021 RACING SCHEDULE

June 26 Tune-up race

July 3 Fourth of July Regatta

July 17 Memorial Cup Regatta

July 31* Moxness Cup Regatta
Aug. 7* End of Summer Regatta

* The race time could shift to 2:30 p.m. depending upon Ten Mile Lake Association meeting day.



Pirates Ahoy!

WELL WATER TESTING

Ten Mile Lake residents are once again able to have their well water tested for nitrates and bacteria on Saturday July 10. The sterile bottles for collecting the samples will be available for the north shore at 5457 County Rd. 50, and at Cass Co. 6 and Rockrose Trail for the south shore. There will be 100 bottles available on a first come, first served basis from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The cost will be \$30, and checks should be made out to TMLA. Results are generally sent back within a week. If anyone would be interested in helping at either of the collection sites, feel free to contact John Hallberg at 218-675-6030.

TEN MILE LAKE HISTORY BOOK

Thirteen years ago, the TML History Committee published the Ten Mile Lake History: 200 Hundred Years which included the background and history of the area as well as articles and family histories which are organized by shoreline and neighborhoods. Since then, many Ten Milers have indicated their regret in not submitting a history in time to be included.

Our committee is now proposing a Volume 2 to hopefully be completed in 2-3 years. It would include history articles submitted for the newsletter since 2007 as well as family memories on the lake from both long time and recent summer residents. If you are interested in being included in the new book, please submit your story including such information as location, beach, property history, anecdotes, favorite memories, and photographs. Deadline for articles is September 30, 2021. Should there not be enough interest for a book, any articles submitted may be used in the TML Newsletter.

For submission of an article or answers to questions please contact:

Lynn Schall 5160 Lower 10 Mile Lake Rd. NW Hackensack, MN 56452 john50588@yahoo.com or 515-298-3073

If you are interested in purchasing the first book, Ten Mile Lake History 200 Years for \$25, please contact me at the above email or Sue Eikenberry at 218-675-6183 or berrybox.se@gmail.com.

THE TEN MILE LAKE FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADE

The Ten Mile Lake Fourth of July Boat Parade Sunday July 4th at 10:00 AM





Boats should gather before 10 AM near the Headwaters dock area or by the Public Access, whichever works for you.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!

AQUATIC PLANTS OF TEN MILE LAKE - EMERGENT AND FLOATING PLANTS

In this second article of the aquatic plant series, we will move into the larger, more readily identifiable plants, called macrophytes by botanists. The word macrophyte is nothing more than a combination of a couple of Greek words, meaning "big plant." These are more complex plants that are characterized by possessing a vascular system - tiny tubes that carry substances from one part of the plant to another. It is the presence of such vascular systems that allows plants, including trees, to be able to grow to a large size.

In this and the next article, I am going to focus on some of the most common larger plants in Ten Mile and will emphasize, in particular, how they fit into the overall ecology of their niches within the lake. This article will focus on those plants that either emerge from the water or have leaves that rest on the surface of the water. The next article will focus on aquatic plants that are completely submerged.

Emergent and floating plants are found around the edges of the lake, almost always in water less than six feet deep, and they have some interesting adaptations that allow them to flourish in this ecological niche. One of the major forces that plants (and animals) must deal with is gravity. On land, plants do not topple over because the walls of their cells are strengthened by cellulose or, in the case of trees, lignin that gives them the mechanical strength to resist gravity. The buoyancy of water counteracts gravity so that there is no need for strengthened cell walls in submerged plants. This is why aquatic plants are so floppy when removed from the water.



typical floating plant

Emergent and floating plants are structural and physiological hybrids that share some characteristics both terrestrial aquatic plants. Emergent plants, such as cattails and bulrushes, must have strong cell walls in order to support Figure 1 Aerenchyma in a the parts of the plant that are above water, but their roots

are completely submerged. Having submerged roots would kill most plants from lack of oxygen, but emergent and floating plants have solved this problem by possessing a meshwork of air-filled

channels, called aerenchyma (Fig. 1), that funnel atmospheric oxygen down to the roots. Similar channels in floating plants act like the air-filled spaces in life preservers and allow the leaves to rest on the surface of the water. Floating leafed plants have another adaptation that allows them to get oxygen. The under surfaces of leaves of terrestrial plants have small pores, called stomata, through which air can enter the inner tissues of the plant. The leaves of floating plants also have stomata, which serve the same purpose, but in this case the stomata are located on the upper side of the leaf, the only part of the plant that is exposed to air.

Emergent Plants



Figure 2 Bulrush

The most prominent emergent plant in Ten Mile is the bulrush (Fig. which is especially prominent as dense stands in our bays. One interesting exception is a large

stand of bulrushes in the southeastern corner of the lake. Why it is there had been a mystery to me until I learned from an old timer that these bulrushes are located in the area where the effluent from an old dairy farm emptied into the lake. I am sure that the enriched lake bottom provided a good environment for the establishment of a new colony of these plants.

Cattails are almost non-existent in Ten Mile because they like shallow muddy bottoms, especially in marshy areas. Nevertheless, they are important plants because of their ability to absorb nutrients and pollutants. In more urban environments, cattails are often intentionally seeded around drainage ponds. In almost any setting, cattails are favored nesting sites for redwing blackbirds.



Figure 3 Wild Rice

One of the most important emergent plants in Minnesota is wild rice (Fig. 3), which is actually a grass, rather than a member of the rice family. Wild rice thrives on soft bottoms in still or very slow-moving water, and it serves as a major source of food for ducks and some

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other birds. Most of the wild rice in Ten Mile is found in the outlet area from Long Bay and in the Boy River. In early springtime, the grass-like leaves of newly emerging wild rice lie flat on the surface of the water.

Other emergent plants are most commonly found at water's edge in the bays. One invasive emergent that should be removed, if found, is purple loosestrife (Fig. 4). Although it has pretty flowers, it can spread rapidly and choke out many native plants. Purple loosestrife has been found along our shores, but it is not common. Younger loosestrife plants can be easily pulled by hand or with a fork, but root fragments left behind can sprout new plants.

Floating-Leaf Plants





Figure 5 White and Yellow Water Lilies

By far, the most prominent floating leaf plants in a lake are the water lilies – both white and yellow (Fig. 5). They are found in shallow water with very soft bottoms and are anchored by massive root systems,



Figure 6 Rhizome

called rhizomes (Fig. 6). Rhizomes sometimes are found floating on the surface, and boaters many don't know what they are. The dark triangular spots on the

rhizomes are scars from stems from previous years. A common reason for their being found on the surface is that they are a favorite food of beavers, which dig them up, but do not consume all of what they have unearthed. Water lily leaves provide a great deal of shade, which makes them excellent cover for fish, especially largemouth bass and sunfish. In addition, many species of insects and snails make their homes in or on water lilies. In some lakes it is common to see small shore birds hopping from one water lily leaf to another in search of insect food.



Figure 7 Water Shield

One of the interesting floating leaf plants in many northern Minnesota lakes and in several of our bays is the water shield (Fig. 7). They look like miniature oval water lily leaves, but with the

stem attached to the middle of the leaf. What makes them distinctive, however, is a thick layer of a clear jellylike material that covers the underside of the leaf and the stem. The function of this jelly has not been clearly determined, but it has been claimed to have antibacterial and anti-algae properties, as well as serving as a deterrent to snails.

Another less prominent plant with floating leaves is pondweed, of which there are many species, but only a few with floating leaves. Pondweeds thrive in waters between three and ten feet deep, but only a few species have floating leaves. What makes these species unusual is that the floating leaves, which are oval and commonly 3-4 inches long, are

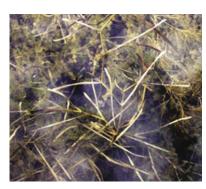


Figure 8 Floating-leaf Pondweed



Figure 9

very different from the leaves that are found on the submerged part of the plant. Ten Mile has two main types of pondweeds with floating leaves. is called the floatingleaf pondweed (Fig. The submerged leaves of this plant look like very narrow blades of grass, more like stems than leaves. The other is the largeleaf pondweed, (Fig. 9) commonly called cabbage by anglers. More about cabbage in the next article on submerged plants.

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Floating Plants

The last category consists of truly floating plants. In Minnesota, their main representative is the



Figure 10 Duckweed with frog.

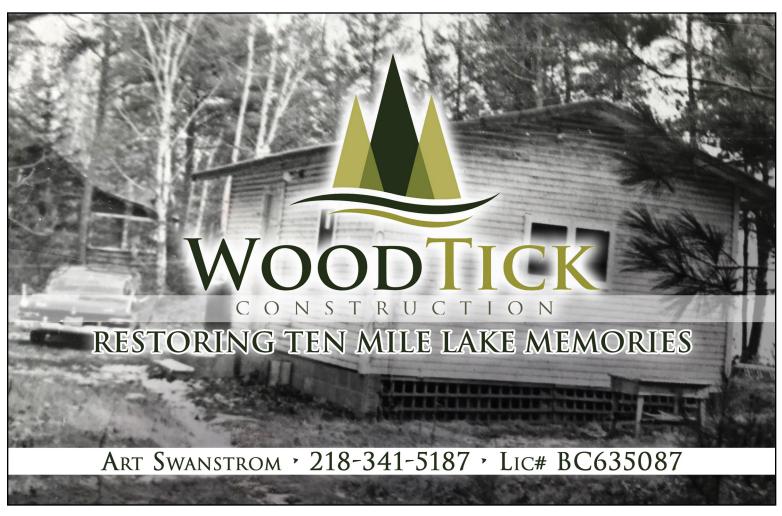
duckweed (Fig. 10). The leaves are tiny (around ¼ to 3/8 inches), and some species have tiny white roots hanging down from the leaves. Ten Mile has only a small number of duckweed plants in protected bay

areas, but in some lakes duckweed plants can cover large areas and provide shade to the water beneath. This provides cover for bluegills and some frogs. As their name implies, duckweed is an important food source for many ducks, and they can be spread from one lake to another from the feet of ducks.

Note on figures: Figs. 2, 5 and 8 came from a special DNR report on the plants of Ten Mile Lake by Donna Perleberg (2006) – "Aquatic Vegetation of Ten Mile Lake (DOW 11-0413-00) Cass County, Minnesota." The report is available online at: http://www/dnr.state.mn.us/ecological_services/pubs_aquatics/veg_reports.html

This very informative report covers an extensive quantitative survey of the plants in Ten Mile. I understand that a new survey will be conducted in a few years.

Bruce Carlson



"CATCHING" UP

Greetings to all our members and friends of Ten Mile Lake. It has been a while since my last article. I guess the adage "no news is good news" applies here.

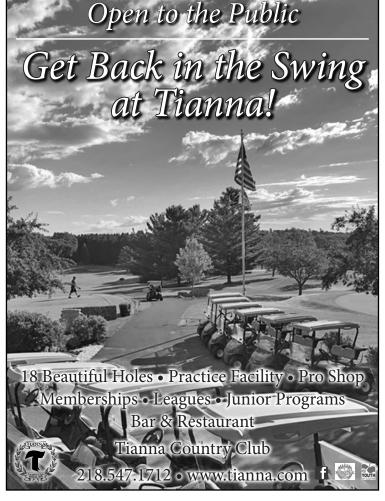
The DNR was able to conduct their normal duties the past year despite the pandemic.

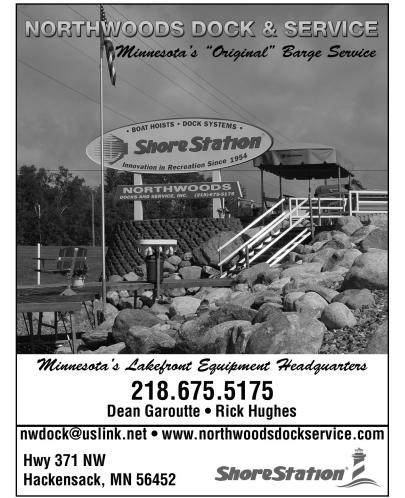
There are no new bag limits of possession on Ten Mile. If you remember, there was a slot limit specific to TML for possession of Northern Pike. That was rescinded last year, and Ten Mile now falls under the more general North-Central possession limit of 10, with no more than 2 being over 26". All northern pike between 22 and 26 inches must be immediately released.

The DNR has initiated a new program to help rebuild the Sunfish/Bluegill and Crappie populations in some Minnesota lakes. A stricter bag limit was placed on 90 or so lakes in the state. Ten Mile is not included this bag limit. As you continue to enjoy pan fishing, please remember to practice selective harvest of this wonderful table fare. The bigger fish have the genes to continue the quality of fishing we enjoy. Please return them to the water so they can reproduce. It would be unfortunate to have a bag limit placed on our lake.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any news, ideas, or anything you feel is pertinent to fishing the lake. Have a safe and enjoyable time on beautiful Ten Mile Lake.







MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Dues are payable in advance for the 2022 membership year which runs from January 1 through Dec 31, 2022. You can still pay your dues at the Annual Meeting in August if you choose, or you can wait for an invoice in January.

Since January 1st we have had 22 new member sign-ups! Existing members are doing a great job of spreading the word among new residents - thank you! I have listed new members here by last name only. If you recognize a neighbor or friend, say "Hi!" and welcome them to Ten Mile Lake.

Barton	Peterson	Johnston	Skogquist
Lambertsen	Schipper (Quietwoods)	Heckmann	McMeekin
Manlove	Johnson	Trembley/Mahoney	Jackson
Lendon	Tonner	Åkre	Kane
Comstock	White	McManus/Plaunt	
Turnquist	Engbers	Schmitz	

HISTORY TIDBIT

Contributed by Phoebe Alden • "The Poet's Corner"

The following poem was written an August 2, 1996, for Norma Becher's 71st birthday anniversary and was read to her that evening when the Bechers and Aldens met on the lake to watch the sunset from their boats:

"Ten Mile Desiderata"

So be it hoped -

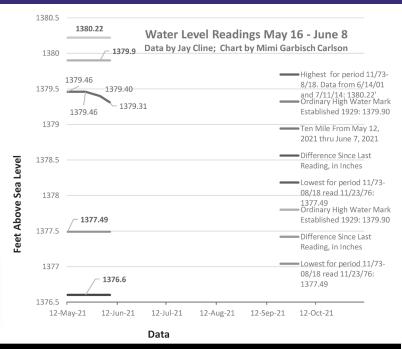
That the meaning of life will be as clear as the Waters of Ten Mile
That our life dreams will be as renewing as the Waters of Ten Mile
That our richness of life will be as deep as the Waters of Ten Mile
That our future accomplishments will be as satisfying as the Waters of Ten Mile
That our life's travails will pass as do the seasons of the Waters of Ten Mile
----- Author wishes to remain anonymous

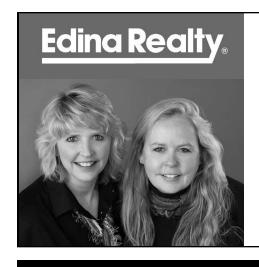
TEN MILE WATER LEVEL READINGS

4 readings for this year (2021) show water level dropping from 1379.46 to 1379.31. or .15 inches from May 12, 2021, to June 7, 2021, but still about 1.8 inches above the lowest water level for period 11/73 -8/18.

Mimi Carlson, Water Level Committee Chair







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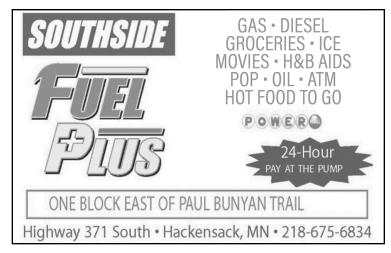




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WHEN AND HOW TO CONTACT CASS COUNTY REGARDING LAND USE OR SHORELAND VIOLATIONS

As Ten Mile Lakers, most of us cherish our lake and the land that surrounds it. We strive to be respectful stewards of the incredible gift we have in our TML environment. Occasionally, we are alerted to an activity that conflicts with the natural and pristine area of which we are privileged to be a part. This spring, when one such activity started, I reached out to contacts at Cass County. In my search, I learned valuable information that other homeowners might find helpful. When discussing this at our May TMLA board meeting, President Bob Iversen suggested I write up my findings for the newsletter.

In April I reached out to Sheriff Burch. One of his Cass County Lieutenants, Bryan Welk, responded and was extremely helpful. For the first time, I felt I had specific guidelines to follow. The following is a list of contact information and recommendations if a particular need or concern arises. Lieutenant Bryan Welk is open to your communication. He follows up on many of Sheriff Tom Burch's emails. He can be reached at 218-547-7330 or bryan.welk@ co.cass.mn.us

The issue from this Spring was an environmental concern. I have heard several times that the county does not often hear from residents about environmental matters. However, Bryan explained that by taking the following steps, the concern becomes recorded. As a result, when a specific property applies for a permit, Environmental Services is required to review and address any reported concerns on record.

Three recommended steps for Environmental Concerns: (actively damaging to the physical environment)

These are concerns related to violations of the Cass County Land Use Ordinance or Shoreland Violation issues.

1. File the Cass County Public Concern Form

To find the form, visit the Cass County Website: www.co.cass.mn.us

Click on "Directory"

Click on "Environmental Services"

Scroll to and click on: "Report a Concern Online". When completing the form, the Parcel ID # is easy to find on the Cass County website in the Mapping

section with the Cass County's Interactive Web Mapping link.

There are three ways to submit the Public Concern Form: Online, Print and Email, or Print and Mail by USPS.

- Online: At the bottom of form click the button: "Email Completed Form to co.cass. mn.us" (Clicking the submit button allows you to remain anonymous as the Citizen Contact Info is optional).
- Email: Email the form to: cass.esd@co.cass. mn.us (or email to the ESD contacts: john. ringle@co.cass.mn.us; jenny.blue@co.cass. mn.us; dawn.berg@co.cass.mn.us
- Mail by USPS: Mailing address: Cass County Environmental Services, 303 Minnesota Ave, PO Box 3000, Walker MN 56484-3000

If you have any questions, the phone number for Environmental Services Department is 218-547-7241. The Environmental Services Department Head is John Ringle. He can be reached at 218-547-7256 or john.ringle@co.cass.mn.us.

2. File the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Complaint Form Online

Some issues are not regulated by the County, but they are covered by State regulations. Steve Mikkelson from the Brainerd office of MPCA suggested the online Citizen Complaint form. The MPCA Brainerd office phone is 218-828-2492.

Visit: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/contact-us

Scroll to:

Click on: "Submit a citizen complaint".

Login in as a Guest – Click on "Citizen Complaints" – Click on "Enter Complaint" – Fill in the form and submit.

3. Defining Emergency and Non-Emergency Calls

Discovering that there are two options when calling Cass County Dispatch, led me to wonder if our lake residents had full understanding of the 9-1-1 and the non-emergency dispatch phone numbers.

Sometimes people call 911 when the situation is not an emergency. This action may slow down the dispatch team's ability to response to a serious emergency. Having communicated with the Cass County Chief Dispatcher, Shanna Conner, she shared the following:

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"Anyone is allowed to call 911 if they feel they have an emergency. If they are not really sure, it is best to call 911 anyway. I have had people call 911 for a mailbox damage (non-emergency). I have also had people call our non-emergency line stating they are having a heart attack. They were afraid to call 911."

Many 9-1-1 calls are for situations that are better handled by the Cass County Non-Emergency Dispatch line at 218-547-1424 (select #1 for Dispatch). 9-1-1 should be used only in emergency situations when you need police, fire, or medical help in which immediate action is required. For example, if someone's health, safety or property needs immediate attention or if a crime is in process.

When to Call 9-1-1:

- Events that pose an immediate threat to a person or property: attacks, gunshots, fires, car accidents with injuries or medical emergencies.
- During an in-progress crime, including a fight, breaking & entering, or impaired driver.
- Serious crime that just occurred, such as sexual assault or robbery.
- Suspicious circumstance that may indicate a criminal act, such as a vandal or prowler.
- A fire.

When you do call 9-1-1:

- Know your location and E-911 number (found on your blue sign at driveway)
- Know the phone number you are calling from.
- Explain the nature of the emergency medical, fire, crime.
- Give details about the emergency, such as a description of the injuries or symptoms of the person having a medical emergency, the description of the fire, or the physical description of person that may be committing a crime.

When to call Cass County Non-Emergency Dispatch 218-547-1424 – Select Option #1

- Storm related incidents that are non-life threatening.
- Noise complaints.
- If you need police assistance that is not of an emergency nature.
- Reporting Crime with no suspect.

- Reporting crime with a suspect, but the suspect is not on the scene.
- On-going crime issue that is not in-progress (example: ongoing drug dealing with no one scene).
- Suspicious circumstance that might indicate ongoing criminal activity (example: suspected drug lab).

Other Important Cass County Contact Information:

Boat and Water Recreation is supervised by the Cass County Sheriff Department. The Cass County Boat and Water Supervisor is Lieutenant Brad Rittgers. He can be reached at 218-547-1424 or brad.rittgers@co.cass.mn.us, or call the Sheriff Recreation Office 218-547-7329.

Cass County Highway Department: If a tree falls across a County Road blocking travel or there is another maintenance issue, notify the Cass County Highway Department by calling 218-547-1211. Note that the County does not maintain Township Roads or State Highways. Kristopher Lyytinen, Cass County Highway Department Maintenance Engineer, at 218-547-5205, is the direct contact who arranges maintenance dispatch.

If you need to replace the Blue E-911 signs posted at your driveway, complete an E-911 Sign Replacement Form online or print and drop off or mail to the Cass County Highway Department. There is a small fee to replace the signs. The form is found on the Permits & Forms link on the Highway Department page. The E-911 signs are important, especially for emergency calls.

In summary, there is a wealth of information and support available through Cass County and on the county website. The county motto of "Still More to Explore!" refers to Cass County, but it also reflects the website. Every county representative I communicated with genuinely wants to help and each of them takes pride in assisting the people that live and visit our beautiful county. We truly share the common goal of protecting the area we love.

Sue Jaeger, Resident Board Member, TMLA

THE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES OF TEN MILE LAKE

We have all heard of Laguna Beach, Miami Beach or Myrtle Beach. However, Ten Mile Lake has many beaches with fascinating or informative names along its 25 miles of shoreline.

Long's Bay has Thomas Bay, named after an early pioneering family, and several landmark points: Pencil Point, Bushes Point. Polly's Point, and Tearses Point. Along this east side is Happiness Resort. Around the corner, traveling clockwise on the main lake, we first have Agate Beach, and then Gitche Gumee Beach. This shoreline was purchased by Charles C. Ball, who platted it in 1915. "Gitche Gumee" is Ojibwe for the Shining Big or Blue Sea Water, which was the original name of Lake Superior before the French and then the English renamed it. You know of it in "The Song of Hiawatha" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "By the shores of Gitche Gumee, By the shining big sea water," or in the song by Gordon Lightfoot, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald": "The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down, Of the big lake they called Gitche Gumee." Chippewa is another name for Ojibwe.

Ball descendant Charlie Helscher recalls that Agate Beach was so named due to the prevalence of agates along the shore.

Next is Sandy Beach, a nice shallow area where countless lake kids learned to ski. People used to think of it as a common beach. But it is privately owned, and signs now prohibit public use.

After Sandy Beach, south is Loufek Point, now known as Pinnacle Point, followed by Elmhurst Shore.

Next comes White Pine Beach, also known as East Shore.

On the southeast curve of the lake is Long Beach, sometimes called Southeast Shore. Resthaven Resort was located on this shore. Rounding the curve, now on the south side of the lake, is Sunset Beach. Next is Shady Shores, which included Woock's Store and the Camp Hillaway cabins. On our Ten Mile maps, the beach is called Hillaway, but the entire neighborhood area is called Shady Shores.

Next along the South Shore comes Fernhurst Cove. It is believed that Fernhurst was named for an imposing stand of ferns at its west end. In the '30s the entire cove had one owner, who built a whole-log lodge and five primitive cabins, hoping to establish a children's camp. When that did not work out, the owner began renting the cabins as housekeeping cabins. During the '40s and early '50s those cabins, the lodge, and the remainder of the cove, which was platted in 100-foot lots, were sold.

Next is Pebble Beach, which is right before Foresman Point, followed by Peaceful Valley. Then comes Plainview Beach. Pinewood Resort is located here. It was originally the site of a logging camp ten miles from Akeley.

Rounding the curve up to the entrance of Kenfield Bay is Long Pine Beach. Kenfield Bay has two parts: the outer portion known as Cherokee Point, and the larger, inner area, well-hidden from the main lake by a peninsula. Kenfield Bay, by the way, took its name from the lodge started by two young men, Ken Wright and Field Eldridge. Their first names combine to form the name.

Next, going north, is Angel Island, also known as Brandt's Island, for the family that has owned it for many years. The unique native name for the island is: Ya-ma-na me-nis-ing, the site of a great beaver lodge. The great dam may still be seen according to legend, as part of it is used for a road leading to the island. Behind the island a long Robinson's Bay beach leads to Lundstrom's Bay, in the northwest corner of Ten Mile. This bay is 139 acres in size but only 10 to 14 feet deep at the deepest spot. It has great fishing and pristine beauty. It was named for the Swedish Oscar Lundstrom family, one of the first farm families to live in this area, in the late 1890's. Quietwoods Resort is located in this bay. Gainey Point is next. Often an eagle can be seen on a tall pine in that area. Next comes Northwest Shores, which runs for quite a distance along the western end of the northern shoreline.

Continuing east from Northwest Shores we come to Chariton Beach, a mile and a quarter of shoreline purchased in 1926 by Will and Marcia Eikenberry from the Red River Lumber Company. Five avid

THE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES OF TEN MILE LAKE

fishermen from Chariton, Iowa, divided the property into 150-foot lots, built cabins on five of them and sold off the rest. At the east end of Chariton Beach is Brandt's Point. A few hundred yards off Brandt's Point Ten Mile reaches its greatest depth, 208 feet! Next comes Batcheller Bay, which has 480 acres of back land purchased in 1919 for farming purposes. No farm or family members remain here today. But there are some foundations of a house back on a hill. We have Batcheller Field and Batcheller Road, also named after this original family.

Continuing northeast, we come to Flowerpot Bay. Who hasn't sheared a pin or broken a propeller blade zooming into Flowerpot Bay, unaware of the shallow entrance and the rocks just

below the surface, some reported to be as big as semis? It has happened. My

Crescent Beach then continues in a huge arc to the entrance of Long's Bay. Because of its wonderful sand beach and easy access from Hwy #371 and the Ten Mile Train Station, (near where The Headwaters Restaurant is today), many family compounds and resorts were located there: Crescent Beach Resort,

> Camp Iowa, DeLury's Resort, Camp Des Moines, Hamilton's North Short Beach Resort, Christy Farm and Resort, Ten Mile Store, Bock's Blue Haven, Kubo's Sand Beach and North Shore Lodge, to name a few from History.

GAINEY ELMHURS PLAINVIEW BEACH PEACEFU

kids loved snorkeling and diving around there. "Easy does it" if entering by boat - follow the markers. An eagle or two sometimes can be seen in the tops of tall pines on many evenings in summer at the left entrance. Troll by slowly for a great photo op.

Leaving Flowerpot, and continuing northeast, we come to Park Point. It did not come into existence until 1947. It is on land purchased by Charles A. Pillsbury from the U.S. Government in 1875. Between then and 1900 it was mostly logged off. Most of the 3500 feet of lakeshore has been built upon except for the point.

(Editor's Note: Because of the many lowa residents the area was known as Iowa Town). The area still is heavily populated and has a few private rentals.

So, grab this article, the map inside the Directory or on page 36 of the Ten Mile History Book, a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses, and have a nice tour around the lake to acquaint yourself with our gem!

History Matters!

Sue Eikenberry • Edited by Tom Cox

SAVING THE NIGHT

"For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream."

— Vincent van Gogh

I have summered on the south shore of Ten Mile Lake for 64 years and recall as a small child being awakened by my parents late at night to stand on the dock to look at the Milky Way and comets. Still one of my favorite things is looking straight north in the wee hours of the darkness in search of the Aurora Borealis. Most nights I am disappointed, but when the Northern Lights are there, I am thrilled and I stare at them as long as I can. Sadly, during the past 10-15 years it has become a struggle to tell if I am actually seeing them or not due to the white glow from Walker and the casino above the horizon. There has also been a dramatic increase in all-night flood lights and dock lighting reflecting on the water, further diminishing the view of the celestial show.

As disappointing as this is personally, my greater concern is for the effect of this light pollution on the wildlife and plants around and in our beloved lake, as well as humans. According to the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA), a recognized authority on light pollution and the leading organization combating light pollution worldwide, this is a serious issue. Their website states, "When used indiscriminately, outdoor lighting can disrupt wildlife, impact human health, waste money and energy, contribute to climate change, and block our view of the universe."

Obviously, we sometimes need to use lighting for activities and safety, and when used properly and short term, it may not be so bad. However, IDA estimates that about 30% of outdoor lighting is wasted, costing \$3.3 billion and pouring 21 million tons of carbon dioxide per year unnecessarily into the atmosphere! In addition, some studies even show that there is increased crime in well-lit areas. I believe it also has an economic effect for tourism, the lifeblood of this area, as families flock to the northwoods to escape the city lights.

Improper lighting can actually negatively affect our ability to see outside at night by keeping our eyes from adjusting, constricting our pupils, and creating areas of sharply contrasting shadows and glare, possibly causing hazardous situations. In addition,

lights shining in our windows during the night can interrupt our circadian rhythms (the day-night or wake-sleep cycles), which could affect our health, increasing risks for sleep disorders, depression, obesity, diabetes, breast cancer, and more.

Of huge concern is the effect of night lighting on wildlife and plants that rely on the dark-light cycle as signals for all their daily and seasonal activities. Photoperiod is the relative length or balance of darkness to daylight. It governs activities ranging from growth cycles in plants to mating rituals for birds, insects, and amphibians to protection from predators for all species. When this balance is changed, either locally in one yard, or widespread such as in city glow, it has a drastic effect on courtship, reproduction, sleep, and hibernation and migration timing, all resulting in reduced population numbers. For birds and insects, lit up buildings create hazards for night flight and migration as well (all those dead bugs on the ground below our lights, and multitudes of dead birds on sidewalks next to buildings).

Not only does yard lighting cause problems, so may dock lighting. There is an interesting PhD thesis study from The Free University of Berlin (an elite Berlin, Germany research university). "Aquatic ecosystems react very sensitively to light and are often severely affected by light at night... the productivity of freshwaters changes, as do predator-prey relationships...In fish, for example, most physiological and behavioural [sic]-biology processes are governed by daily or seasonal dynamics. Artificial light blurs the boundary between day and night, and therefore interferes with the physiological functions and behaviour [sic] of fish. It is already known that artificial light affects the growth and development of fish, and can even disrupt the spawning migration of diadromous (migratory) fish."

(https://www.igb-berlin.de/en/news/disruptive-light-when-night-becomes-day-fish)

Most plants and animals in our world are extremely resilient and adaptable and can survive some human impact. However, when they are confronted

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on all sides by habitat loss, over-harvesting, and water, land, air, noise, and light pollution, it will have devastating and irreversible effects. Our lives are directly or indirectly affected by all that happens in the natural world, by things we may not even be aware of--we are a part of the natural food web with all creatures and plants. Sometimes it seems implausible that any individual can play a part in fixing any local or world-wide problem, but reducing light pollution is something that anyone can do that has an *immediate* effect and is as easy as "flipping a switch!"

The IDA website muses, "Van Gogh painted his famous 'Starry Night' in Saint Rémy, France, in 1889. Now, the Milky Way can no longer be seen from there. If he were alive today, would he still be inspired to paint 'Starry Night'?"

I hope that by becoming aware of how what we do affects our surroundings and using responsible outdoor lighting fixtures and practices (a win-win solution), we can once again return to what drew, and kept, so many of us here: a clear view of the Northern Lights, the Milky Way, comets, and the stars reflecting on the cool, dark waters of Ten Mile Lake on a calm night.

Carol Brandt Howard Lower Ten Mile Lake Rd

For more information in general, short videos, brochures, and Dark Sky friendly lighting options, please visit https://www.darksky.org.

If anyone is interested in helping me pursue discussions for shielded lighting options with the casino, Walker, and Hackensack, please let me know via email: biz4cbh@gmail.com

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Hopefully most Ten Mile Lakers are aware that Kenfield Bay is a very important and fragile part of the lake. Not only does it consist of some of the most significant springs that feed the lake, but it teems with sensitive wildlife. While the bay is a loon nesting area, it is also frequented by other bird life such as the barred owl, ospreys, the blue and green herons, swans, pelicans and the king fisher. It is favorite fishing waters for the bald eagle and in the past, the golden eagle has visited the bay. Anyone who enters the bay may be treated with the sight of otters at play and if one were to go around the entire bay in a canoe, kayak or on a paddle board, the trip may resemble a mini "National Geographic" excursion.

To help preserve the tranquility that encourages and supports so much wildlife in the bay, a couple of "No-Wake" buoys are placed at the mouth of the bay under the authority of the Ten Mile Lake Association (TMLA). These buoys and others like them around the lake are to enhance safety, to protect spawning areas, and to reduce shoreline erosion as well as to preserve the pristine environment of the

lake and for maintaining the high quality of lake living experienced and enjoyed on Ten Mile which includes the care of nature. (See information in the loon committee article in this issue regarding the effect of large wakes on nesting loons).

Incredible as it may sound, by observation, boaters apparently believe that the no-wake zone indicated by a no-wake buoy is the width of a buoy. As they approach the buoys from either direction, they slow down, but then resume a wake creating speed immediately after passing the buoys. Some boaters ignore the buoys altogether! Please, everyone should be made aware that the intention of the no-wake buoys at the mouth of Kenfield Bay is to inform boaters that the entire bay is a no-wake zone. The best way to enforce the no wake buoy control is through education and the personal concern and conversation of TMLakers. If you see something, say something. Thank you!

Jim Brandt, Safety Committee Chair

JUNE 2021 LOON REPORT

Greetings Ten Milers! There is perhaps no more exciting time in the loon world than late May and early June. Lots is going on, so let's get right to it.



My fellow loon committee chair, Sheryl, is an intrepid loon watcher. Whether by jet ski, kayak, pontoon, speedboat, paddleboat, or car, Sheryl has been out and about the last few weeks, armed with her binoculars and a keen sense of where the loons usually try and build a nest. Since loons like to build upon success, returning each year to a place where they have had successful hatches in the past, it pays to know the lake. According to Sheryl, we have several active nesting pairs who have either built natural nests or used one of our platforms. Specifically, there is a nesting pair of loons with at least one egg along the north side of Long Bay; there are two nesting pairs on platforms on either side of the causeway to Angel Island; one nesting pair using the platform in Flowerpot Bay; and two loons swimming near and around an island near the headwaters to the Boy River that has historically sheltered a successful nest. When last we checked, the platform in Kenfield Bay was empty and there did not seem to be any loons courting or investigating in the area. There was a beautiful large loon egg on that nesting platform last year, but the parents appeared to have abandoned it. It may be time to consider moving that platform to another area.

While it is exciting to hear the loons and see the baby loons riding on their parents' backs, the next few weeks are very, very precarious in the lives of these creatures. Fierce storms with strong winds that produce big waves can easily wash the eggs away. Likewise, the wake from boats and jet skis can do the same thing. Please, if you are out and about and near to shore, please go slowly. If you are near one of the nesting platforms or a known nesting site, please bring your binoculars and keep



your distance. If you are near shore and it looks like an appealing site for a loon to build a nest, please back a little bit away or use a trolling motor. Think of it like this: how choppy would you want the water to be if you had your newborn, swaddled in a blanket and floating on a kickboard, out in that water? That's how vulnerable these loon eggs will be for the next few weeks.

If you would like another way to see nesting loons up close (or if you would like to share that sight with others), you might enjoy knowing that there is a Live Looncam link from Crosslake that anyone may access. In fact, the photos accompanying this column are screenshots from that video stream and the quality is fantastic. Check out the link at www. nationallooncenter.org for more information. The National Loon Center is currently raising funds and hopes to open in 2024. If successful, this center looks well-positioned to meet their goal to "protect loons for future generations by showing the world how to enhance our lakeshore habitats and freshwater quality, increase loon populations, and reduce unnecessary loon mortality." Likewise, there is a new program being administered by Minnesota's DNR called "Loon Friendly Lakes." Andy Biebl brought this opportunity to our attention based on his work with the Conservation Committee of the Northern Waters Land Trust. The program appears to be well-funded and wants to focus on improving loon nesting and developing lead-removal initiatives.

We will provide updates in future columns on the progress of both the National Loon Center and the DNR's "Loon Friendly Lakes" initiatives. In

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the meantime, there is one other opportunity this summer to help the loons that we wanted to tell you about. Sadly, we sometimes come across dead loons and no one is quite sure what to do with their bodies. Now there is a local way to be a part of research to learn why loons die and what can be done to improve their survival rates. The National Loon Center in Crosslake has obtained permits and is working with the University of Minnesota's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to perform loon necropsy studies. If you should find a dead loon this summer, please contact the National Loon Center

at (218) 692-LOON for further instructions. Please note that the loon should be placed in a plastic bag and frozen as soon as possible so that the analysis of cause of death can be successful. The date, lake, and county should also be clearly marked on the bag.

To end on a more hopeful note, we want to remind you that Minnesota is home to about 12,000 loons, more than in any of the other lower forty-eight states. Let's keep doing what we can to make Ten Mile Lake a place they can call home!









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Russell Carr Bremer (1931 – 2020)

Russell Carr Bremner, devoted husband, keen traveler; sweet, light tenor, master of dry humor and tireless volunteer, died Oct. 12, 2020 one day after his 89th birthday due to a stroke and Parkinson's Disease.

Preceded in death by his daughter, Celeste Bremner Garvey; stepson: Jeffrey Archer Peck. Survived by his wife, Carolyn "Boo" Crandall Bremner; daughter, Adrienne Haley (Jeff); stepsons: Steven Peck, Scott Peck (Lisa); grandchildren: William (Katie), Patrick, Jackson (Jason), Austin, Kevin (Ione), Sean and Bianca; siblings: Lucille Howton and William Bremner plus many nieces and nephews; sister and brother-in-law Sally and Ron Wenda; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ed and Mary Beth Crandall.

In high school he ran track and played basketball. He attended Ripon College thinking of becoming a doctor but after flunking Chemistry switched majors to philosophy. While at Ripon he developed a life-long love of choral singing and performance. He served in the army during the Korean war and became an entertainer of the troops playing guitar, bass and pretending to be a cowboy singer. He was stationed in Germany and quickly picked up German as well as French and as he put it "enough Spanish to fool a Norwegian".

After leaving the service he joined 3M as a salesman and lived in Houston and New Orleans before moving to Minneapolis. He married his first wife Gertrude Culpepper and had two daughters,

Celeste and Adrianne. That marriage ended in divorce. In 1973 Russ met Carolyn "Boo" Crandall a divorced mother of three boys. It was love at first sight. Russ visited the Crandall cabin on Boone Point the summer of 1973. He was made to sleep on the old living room sofa by the senior Crandall's. They played bridge which Boo hated, and she did some extremely poor bidding. She thought the lumpy couch and the bad bidding would be the end of it, but Russ just laughed about it for the next 47 years. Shortly after that visit he was transferred to Germany and while away wrote a letter and poem every day. They were married in Minneapolis in 1974 and returned to Belgium for two years. While in Europe they cultivated a love of travel which took them all over the world. After Russ retired, he started a marketing consulting business and volunteered mentoring small business owners through the organization SCORE. In his later years he worked with the Minnesota Literacy Project teaching English to immigrants. He belonged to the business networking group The Minneapolis Breakfast Club.

Russ was a good friend, a curious observer and listened more than he spoke. He was a lover of books and crossword puzzles. He read the Star Tribune and the New York Times front to back daily. He had a famously dry sense of humor and was always willing to help with any task at hand. He sang in the Minneapolis Chorale and The Apollo Male Chorus.

He loved sitting on the front porch at Ten Mile reading and listening to the loons. Parkinson's disease slowed him down, but he never lost his quiet sense of dignity, good humor, and spirit. He will be deeply missed. Memorial donations may be sent to the Ten Mile Lake Association.



John Bryngelson (1933-2021)

John grew up in Minneapolis where he excelled in track and cross country in high school. He graduated from Carleton College where he majored in Economics and played tennis on the college team. He served in the U S Army,

then worked for IDS in Minneapolis, while playing in local and state tennis competitions. After 30 years he retired and lived happily with his family in the Twin Cities, New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona, where golf became his favorite.

Starting in 1937, John spent as much time as he could with family and friends at our cabin on the south shore of Ten Mile Lake. In the early years he loved helping his dad, Larry, put up the dock each summer. He was an active racer with row boats, canoes, and sail boats. We made paths and forts in the woods. Once the Hillaway Camp season ended, he enjoyed riding and jumping lessons with Helen Dalton and her horses, with his friends, the Coxes and Phelps.

As a young adult, John played morning tennis at the Garbisches' court - a great daily event for family and friends for many decades. At their new cabin on the northwest shore, he enjoyed planting countless seedlings on the property and added a tennis court for his family and friends. He served on the Deep Portage Board for 9 years and donated the fireplace inside the gathering room of the main building. John was always delighted that his children loved being at Ten Mile. We know he will be with us there forever.

John is survived by his wife, Carlyn, his sister, Judy, and his children: Larry (Ashton), Susan (Tom), Dan, Marcy (John), Cindy (Bo) and Steve (Katy). He was preceded in death by his parents June and Larry Bryngelson.

Memorial contributions may be given to the James W Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund of the Ten Mile Lake Association.

Robert Crom (1926-2021)

Robert L. Crom of Geneva, Illinois passed away at the age of 95 on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Bob, as he was known to most, was born in Hampton, Iowa on February 15, 1926, to Lloyd and Alice (Fronning) Crom. He grew up on the family farm near Chapin, Iowa and after graduation from high school in 1943, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. After receiving an honorable discharge, Bob earned an undergraduate degree from Iowa State University. On graduation day, June 9, 1950, he married Lucille (Lucy) Ritter of Reasnor, Iowa.

Bob was a farm broadcaster for radio station KGLO in Mason City, Iowa and then worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC. He spent the next 40 years in various faculty and administrative roles within the land-grant university system. His last professional assignment took him back to Washington, DC, where he served as Director of Extension and Outreach for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

In 1993, Bob and Lucy retired and spent the next 19 years at Ten Mile Lake before moving to Greenfield's Retirement Community in Geneva, IL. Bob enjoyed family history and genealogy, was active in his church and many local organizations, often with a leadership role. He loved to meet people and always had a genuine interest in their life experiences and pursuits.

Bob is survived by three children; Penny Crom (Chris Mroz); Linda (William) Kearney; and Dr. Randall (Julie) Crom; five grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Lucy, a son, Richard (Rick) and his brother, H. David Crom.

A celebration of life to be held in Geneva, Illinois was planned, and interment at the Ames, Iowa Municipal Cemetery.

Memorials have been directed to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, designated for the Robert and Lucy Ritter Crom 4-H Volunteer Endowment fund, at the Extension 4-H Youth Bldg, 1259 Stange Road, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011-3630.



Chester "Chet" Leo Malek, Jr. (1938-2021)

Chester Malek of Baxter, Minnesota went to the Lord on February 1, 2021. He passed away at the Essentia Health Hospital in Brainerd, Minnesota at the age of 82.

Chet was born on February 25, 1938, on the way to the hospital, to Irene and Chester Malek, Sr., and grew up in Backus, Minnesota.

For 35 ½ years, he was a Millwright with Honeywell in Minneapolis. Chet met and married Luella Ellestad in 1958 and together they had two children, David and Dawn. Chet was an excellent basketball player in high school and was an ardent fisherman and hunter, things he passed on to his son. Chet was well known for his carved wood decoys and even has a write-up in the Smithsonian. His favorite saying was, "I'll be seeing you!"

In death Chet is reunited with his wife, Luella; parents, Irene and Chester Malek, Sr.; and siblings, Rosemond "Rosie" Woodruff and Herbie Freeburg. Now cherishing his memory are his children, David (Julie) Malek and Dawn (Bill) Nelson; his beloved partner, Rita Miller; two grandchildren, Cameron Malek and Ashley (Chris) Perez, numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.

A memorial service for Chet took place on Saturday, March 20 at Northern Peace Funeral Home in Walker, Minnesota. Honorary pallbearers were Cameron Malek, Chris Perez, Don Geiger, David Hite, Ken Regner, Jerry Demarre, Tim Woodruff and Jack Woodruff. Inurnment was planned for Evergreen Cemetery at Backus this Spring.



Kim Abraham Moe (1952-2021)

Kim Moe peacefully passed away in her home at Bonita Springs, Fla., with her husband at her side Saturday, May 29, 2021.

Please join us to celebrate Kim's life June 16 at 1

p.m. at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church Hackensack. Internment of ashes in the Memorial Garden and cake and coffee to follow.

Kim Abraham was born Feb 9, 1952, to Arlo and Ivis Abraham of Madelia, Minn. She graduated from Madelia in 1970 and went on to get her four-year RN degree at Augustana College, S.D.

After graduation she married Bob Moe and shortly thereafter, they moved back to Madelia where Kim maintained charge nurse at Truman Home and Luther Memorial Home till her retirement in 2000. Bob and Kim happily retired to Bonita Springs for winters and Ten Mile Lake near Hackensack for their summers.

Kim's real testament began at the age of 22 when she developed systemic lupus. Over the next 47 years Kim suffered numerous surgeries, hospitalizations and illness from the ravages of lupus.

But one would never have guessed, because Kim exuded a continual welcoming presence of a joyful spirit and tenacious strength. Her walk with Christ to light her path of love for her husband, family, friends, and others in need, became her mission. In the midst of her never-ending challenges, she was the one to reach out with words of comfort, love and hope. And she never complained!

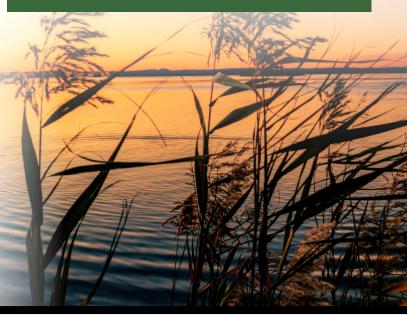
With the "gift of gab" from her dad, and persevering patience from her mother, she had a magnetic personality and a radiant presence that drew people to her and her to them.

She never forgot a face, name or minute detail about those she touched. To know Kim was to love Kim. For Kim it can be said "she was a good and faithful servant and she fought the good fight and won." Kim will be sorely missed in this world.

She is survived by husband Bob Moe; sister Karla (Craig) Seibert; brother Kraig Abraham; sister-in-law Kathy Moe; niece Anah (Patrick) Roark; nephew Noah (Maggie) Moe; aunts Jordy Jans and Pat Abraham; numerous cousins; and her beloved poodle, Mika, who never left her side.

The Fuller Funeral Home in Naples, Fla., is handling arrangements.

Obituaries may be sent to: membership@ tenmilelake.org. Preferred format is Word document, with picture, but I can usually work with almost anything. Please indicate memorials to TML if that is your desire. Thank you.



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