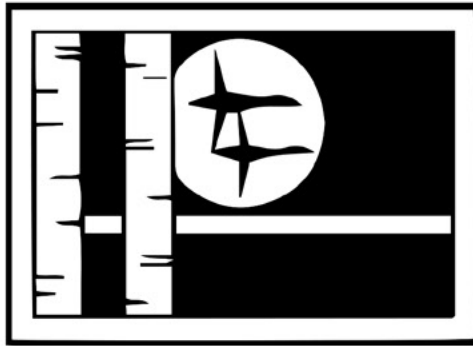


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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Linda Schwartz, TMLA President

As I write this, it's 85 degrees and five grandchildren are having fun in the water. This summer has been lovely in the "old-fashioned" ways—great sunny days with lots of lake friends, water sports, fishing, boating—just old-time fun!

I think we all needed some assurance that the world is coming back to normal. It certainly feels normal at the cabin!

Now my phone tells me that we are under a fire alert as we approach Fall.

The western wildfires, smoke-filled skies and prolonged drought have reminded us of the real danger posed by fire. Our best fire protection is more than NOT burning—it's also trimming our trees and cleaning out our lots. A big Ten Mile Lake clean-up might help fire prevention efforts. I've seen several lake associations that work with their county to implement such programs.

We are also in need of some friendly faces to reach out to our newest cabin owners on Ten Mile. We want them to feel a part of our community and will be looking for volunteers.

We had some unfortunate incidents on Ten Mile this summer: one boating accident, one near accident, and at least one serious harassment of wildlife under investigation by our county Boat and Water Supervisor. We will be working with Cass County to schedule water safety training next summer. Covid put those classes on hold for the past two years.

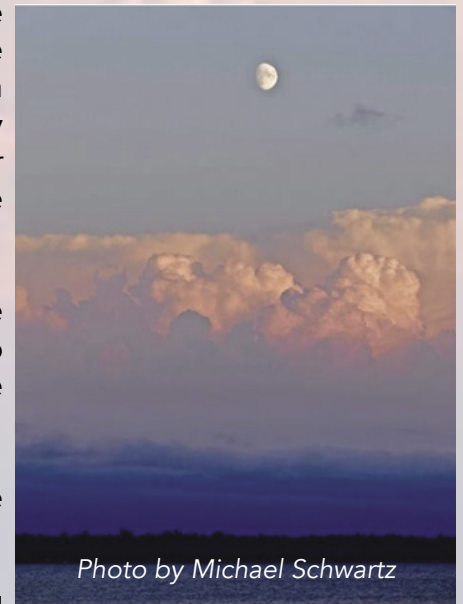


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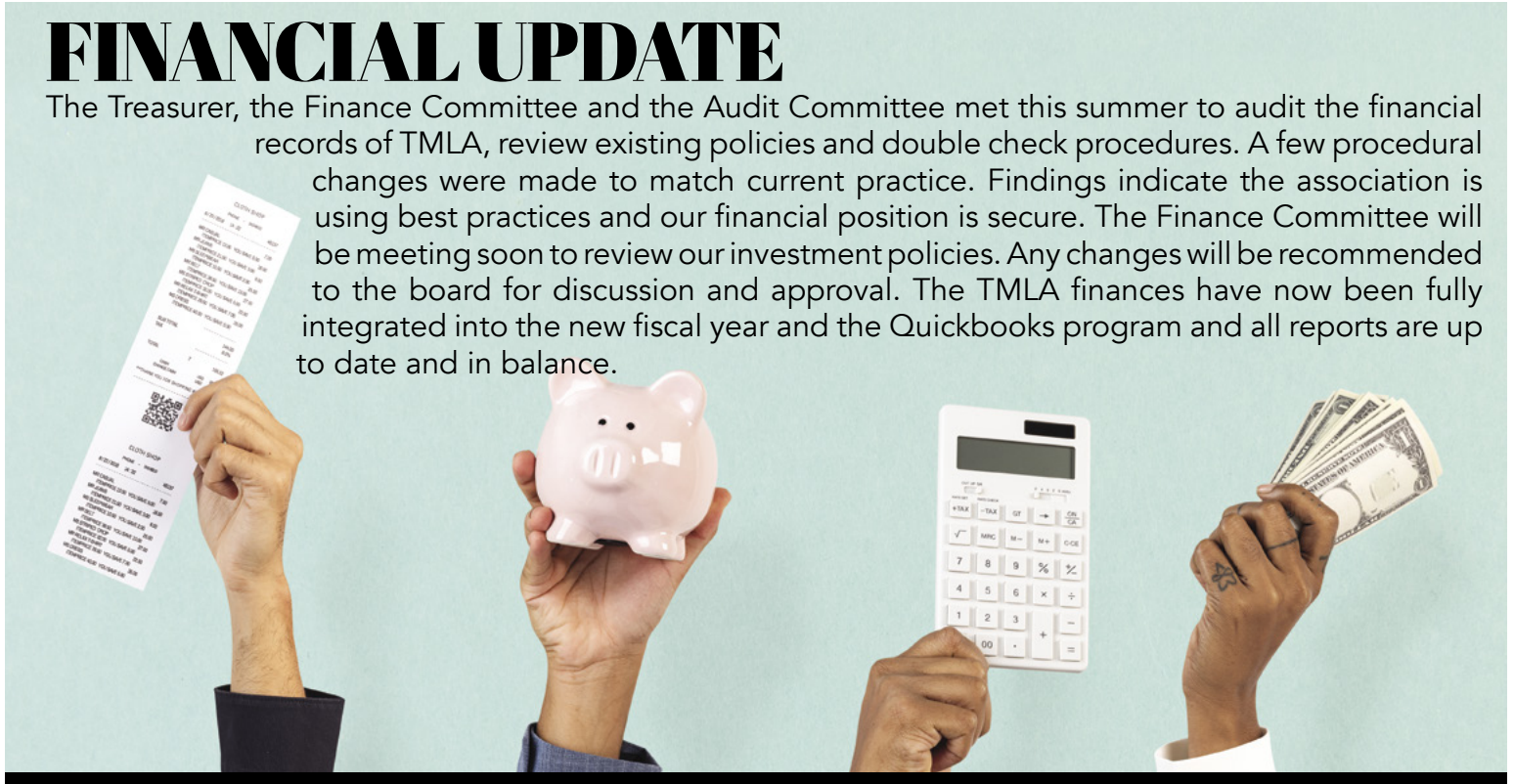
So, looking to fall, we're slowly packing away summer, putting away boats, all the lake toys and cabin games. Each year is a little different and a lot the same. Make sure you find the familiar spots for everything so that everyone can locate it all in the spring...And how many times will we say to each other "Next year I won't bring so much stuff."

This year I'll count my blessings - no one seriously hurt, lots of fun memories, and everyone wants to return next year! A successful summer! Hope you count many blessings as well! Enjoy our wonderful fall color if you're still around.

See you next summer—only with less stuff.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Treasurer, the Finance Committee and the Audit Committee met this summer to audit the financial records of TMLA, review existing policies and double check procedures. A few procedural changes were made to match current practice. Findings indicate the association is using best practices and our financial position is secure. The Finance Committee will be meeting soon to review our investment policies. Any changes will be recommended to the board for discussion and approval. The TMLA finances have now been fully integrated into the new fiscal year and the Quickbooks program and all reports are up to date and in balance.



The C and T Committee Needs You

We are seeking a webmaster to edit and update our website, as directed, on an ongoing basis. The site is hosted and maintained by GrowthZone (our cloud-based database membership system) so this position only requires content changes - very simple, no more than a few hours a month. Experience with Wordpress helpful but not required.

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ELECTED DIRECTORS OF TMLA



Bob Horn



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Gary Anderson



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Sheryl Ducharme



John Crabb



Allison Hackenmiller

Not pictured: Justin Krueger, Ann McGill, Susan Paulson, Steve Erickson, Bruce Carlson

Membership Committee

The Ten Mile Lake Association has created a new committee - Membership. This is a function that has been part of the Communication and Technology Committee but it was suggested that it should stand on its own and concentrate more fully on maintaining membership files, educating and helping existing members and recruiting new members when properties change hands on the lake. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact the Membership Chair at membership@tenmilelake.org. In addition to outreach to members, we can use computer expertise, proof-reading and various other tasks including, and especially, new ideas people!

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ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE NOTES

As summer comes to a close, the lake remains in pretty good shape. There have been no reports of adult zebra mussels yet, but it is highly likely that there are adults somewhere in the lake. I will be interesting to see if any are found on docks or boat lifts as they are pulled out for the fall. Overall, aside from having very low water, things look good around the lake. The water has been very clear - due partly to the lack of rain and the consequent inflow of nutrients into the lake. A few Secchi disk readings were close to all-time highs. We also don't expect any major problems with dissolved oxygen in the deepest waters this year.

Cases of swimmer's itch have declined greatly as summer has worn on, but one case was reported to me over the Labor Day weekend. Swimmer's itch remains the biggest environmental complaint on the lake.

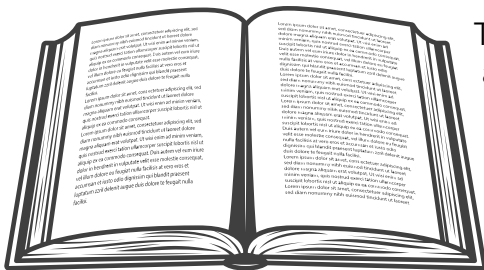
Lots of underwater video work has shown no signs yet of adult zebra mussels on deep rocks, but some highly unexpected sequences of fish in deep water have emerged. Because of the very low water in the Boy River, chances are very slim that any of our zebra mussel veligers will have made their way to Birch Lake this summer.

On the administrative front, four Ten Milers have signed up to become members of the E & E Committee over the past month. They are Dan Foss, Andy Nish, Angie Osatiuk and Nancy Seel. They will be welcome additions to the Committee.

By the time of the Winter Newsletter, we should have a better idea about the state of the zebra mussel infestation in the lake.

Bruce Carlson, Chair

TMLA History Book Update



The Ten Mile Lake History Committee plans to develop and publish an addendum to the Ten Mile Lake History: 200 Years book which was published in 2007. We invite new residents of TML, as well as those who missed submitting to the first edition, to send their family TML stories to Lynn Schall by June 1, 2022. Any family who was included in the first edition may also submit an update to that history as we realize many changes have taken place since the first printing.

Questions to consider when considering your family's Ten Mile Lake history:

When did your family first come to the lake?

How did you happen to come to TML?

Did you camp? Rent? Homestead? Purchase a cabin? Build?

Are you a summer resident, full time resident, weekender?

What is the history of your lot property?

Did WWI, WWII, Vietnam or other events impact your time here?

What significant relationships has your family had with other lake families?

What has your relationship been to the TMLA? Have you been involved in lake projects, concerns etc.?

Are there particular strong memories of the lake from you and other family members? Do you fish, sail, ski etc.? Has a bear slept in your cabin? Other wildlife stories?

What changes have you observed since first coming to TML?

Do you have photos or clippings the committee can copy and publish? If you need them returned let us know.

Obviously, there are many other angles you can use for your writing, these are meant to jog your memory and get you started. Please email your entry to Lynn Schall at: john50588@yahoo.com or mail it to: 5160 Lower Ten Mile Lake Rd. NW, Hackensack, MN 56452, phone: 515-298-3073.

Be sure to include your contact information in case we have questions.

INTERACT WITH TMLA

Are you aware of all the ways you can interact with our beloved TML and the Ten Mile Lake Association? In addition to receiving the newsletter and attending the annual meeting, check out some other ways to get involved (and to get your grandkids involved!) - or just experience our beautiful lake year-round!

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- Read the newsletter
- Check/post about missing items on the Lost & Found page
- Contact committee chairs with questions (or volunteer to be part of one!)
- Access the Anchor
- View the events calendar
- Pay your dues!
- Donate!!



Facebook - Ten Mile Lake Association private group

- Share updates, photos, celebrations, and concerns
- Ask questions!
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Instagram - @tenmilelakeassociation

- Photos can be viewed at <https://www.instagram.com/tenmilelakeassociation> without an account or sign up and join in!
- Send photos to tenmilelakephotos@gmail.com or by direct message
- Use hashtags #tmlake or #tenmilelakemn when sharing your own photos of the lake and be sure to follow those tags!
- And share with the newsletter editor as well - newsletter@tenmilelake.org

Be social!

- We are always looking for coffee hosts throughout the summer!
- Come to a TMLA event - happy hour, the spring fling, the fall fete!

VOLUNTEER!

- We are always looking for committee members, especially for our new Membership Committee!
- Most committees meet a handful of times over the year, mostly in the summer
- Meetings can be held over Zoom, making participation possible from anywhere

Allison Hackenmiller, C&T Chair



Because of the rash of email scammers this past year or so, we are publishing **names and positions only** on the roster on page 4. You can find detailed contact information

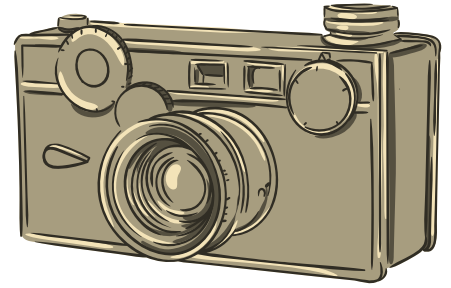
- in the TMLA Directory,
- online through the Anchor on the website www.tenmilelake.org, (directions for signing into the Anchor are on the bottom of the website's Home page) or
- contact our general email address (association@tenmilelake.org) to have your email forwarded to the appropriate person.

CALLING ALL CAMERA BUFFS!

Now that the TMLA Newsletter is printed in full color, **WE ARE INVITING MEMBERS TO SUBMIT PHOTOS** they have taken around the Ten Mile neighborhood. We will also be looking for a cover for the new Directory in the Fall of 2022 so send in a pic or two for us to show off for you. Thanks!



Taken by Bob Iversen, spring of 2021, from the north shore of Ten Mile Lake.



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Stumpf's Ten Mile Lake Inn

Edited by Sue Eikenberry with thanks to Otto Ringle, a retired Walker dentist and historian, who shared his memories of the earliest known establishment on the site of Headwaters.

The dance floor, I recall as the most colorful, graphic, intriguing, fascinating uninhibited and, yes, enchanting, belonged to a couple of young, single, cigar smoking Tennessee hillbilly gals. Everybody remembers Headwaters, just north of Hackensack, as the old Bromley's Supper Club. However, back in the middle forties, before Chuck and Deanna Bromley owned the very popular restaurant, these two young gals by the name of Dorothy and Theresa Stumpf, walked into the old Birch Lake Realty in Hackensack, showed them a Tennessee whiskey jug full of money, and told them they wanted to buy a piece of land high on a hill overlooking Ten Mile Lake. (Rumor has it there was much more money in that jug than the land was worth!)

Dorothy and Theresa bought the land and put up a little one room building with four walls and a roof. There was no floor, and the ceiling was made of ropes to hold up the walls! On one end of the room was a bar with a cooler and a grill behind the bar. On the other end of the room was a sand dance floor with a juke box sitting in the corner. The girls called their new enterprise "Stumpf's Ten Mile Lake Inn". This floorless little bar brought kids by the hundreds not only from Walker and Hackensack, but from all over the area to dance to Glenn Miller, the Dorsey brothers, and other big bands of the time. When dancing to the juke box on a hot summer night, the cool sand sifted through our toes as fans blew from the ends of the room. We danced to "Moonlight Serenade" and "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You" ... those were the days! When a song was over, we might have a coke or hot dog, but most importantly, we could always count on one of the Stumpf girls joining us with a pleasing smile, a cigar and "Thank you for coming"! Yes, those were the days!

A 106 YEAR PROJECT ON BOONE POINT

Bob Munneke

It was August of 1945, my dad (Lester Munneke) had returned from serving in the army in the South Pacific. All during the war years, the communications among the family had included, "I wonder how things are up at Ten Mile Lake?" It was decided that a "delegation" would go check out things and report back to the family. My dad, grandfather, grandmother, and I boarded the train at Keokuk, Iowa and journeyed to Ten Mile.

In those days, there was a small "station" at the end of Long's Bay, where we were met by a boat which took us to Boone Point. The boat took us right up to the front door of the cabin. A dam had been constructed on the Boy River which raised the water level on the lake, basically flooding Boone Point. The first order of business was to build a path to the outhouse and out to the dock. Trees were cut and placed to help fill in the yard. Albert Thomas said we could take all the sand we needed from his sand pit. (I received 5 cents for every wheelbarrow load!)

Over the next 50 years we kept hauling and filling in the yard. We started bringing in truckloads of sand which really sped up the process. Cabin improvements followed. In 2000 we put in indoor plumbing, followed by cabin remodeling and more yard work

It has been a 106-year project. Our family is so thankful for the blessing of being on Ten Mile. Our children and grandchildren always say, "It is our favorite place on Earth."

HISTORY PAGES

1946 -75 YEARS AGO

The new Custodian of the Hackensack School is returning soldier, Cliff Quick. They moved into the house by the school on Friday.

Note: Birchwood Gardens is now located on those grounds.

1971- 50 YEARS AGO

The black bear just became a big game animal under the protection of game laws. Bear may only be taken during the hunting season. So ends the indiscriminate slaughter at village dump sites and the shooting of females in the spring when they have cubs.

AUGUST 11, 1921 - 100 YEARS AGO

(A History repeat?) Lack of rain is causing raspberries to dry up and the blackberries will be about half a crop.

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This month we are encouraging our readers to share with their family, guests, friends and relatives some common sense and easy-to-understand “rules of the water” that will not only make their time enjoyable and legal but also respectful of the same rights other recreational users and people have while enjoying our waterways. In addition to this approach, the information that you could share with them could save them and others from serious injury or death.

We would like to share with you an excellent list that The Minnesota DNR has put together: a Top 10 rules to respectful boating – make the right kind of waves.

(<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/boatwater/boating-etiquette.html>)

Remember, these are guidelines and should not serve as a replacement for learning the rules, regulations and laws for your local body of water. Whether you’re a novice or veteran boater, you can learn more by taking a boating safety course.

1. Respect the ramp. Good boating etiquette starts before you enter the water - at the dock. Prepare your boat and equipment before getting into position to launch. Follow state and local Aquatic Invasive Species prevention guidelines.

2. Own your wake. The fastest way to make the wrong kinds of waves is to literally throw a big, obtrusive wave at another boat, swimmer, angler or shoreline owner. This is much more than being a nuisance or disrupting others’ experience on the water. It’s dangerous to those unable to tolerate a large wake. Respect others and stay at least 200 feet from the shoreline and other boaters.

3. Keep the tunes in check. Sound is amplified over the water, so keep the music at a decent level. Not only is it a disturbance to others but the operator may not hear the spotter.

4. Pack in. Pack out. Shorelines are still lined with trash being thrown overboard. Take care of the body of water you love and dispose of any trash you have. Do not throw it overboard!

5. Slow your roll. Does the body of water you’re on have a speed limit or slow-no-wake restriction? It’s your responsibility to know it and respect it. You are responsible for any damage you cause to other people’s property and actions that endanger wildlife.

6. Rules of the road. Become familiar with waterway markers and navigation rules, which dictate how you operate your vessel to prevent collisions, both with other watercraft and with rocks, reefs and other hazards.

7. Be prepared. If you are the captain, you need to be prepared with the safety rules for your craft and make your guests aware as well. Know state and local laws for the body of water you’re on. Set a good example by always wearing a life jacket and have a life jacket for each person onboard. Beyond that, make sure to have the appropriate fit.

8. Fuel and go. At the fuel dock, get fuel, pay your bill and move out of the way. If you need to buy additional supplies, relocate your boat. Don't forget to run your blower before starting.

9. Anchoring and mooring. Enter an anchorage or mooring area at a slow speed. Don't create a wake that will disrupt other anchored boats. The first boat sets the tone. Mimic how they tie off, how much line you use and how much distance you allow between you and other boats. The busier the boat, the more space you should give yourself.

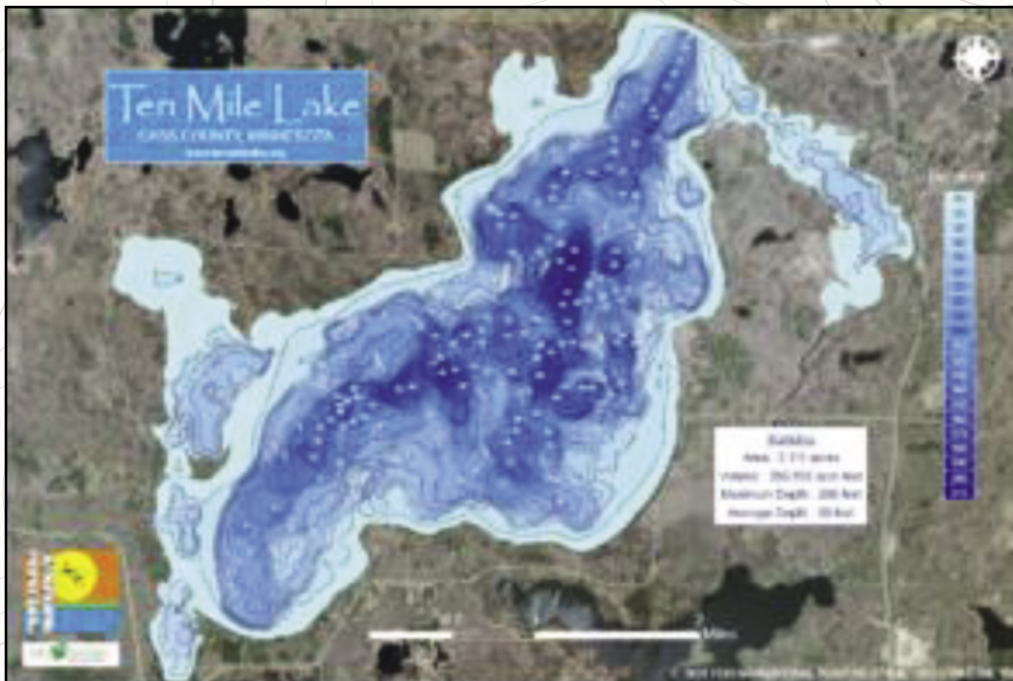
10. Be polite – give a wave. When passing another boat, give a little wave hello. Boating is all about having fun and being part of the boating community. Embrace it, enjoy it, and share it for generations to come.

These are very simple things that anyone any age can follow and can make your time and others time on and around the water much more enjoyable and safe.

If you have specific questions that you would like answered in this column or in person, please feel free to contact me anytime using one of the following methods:

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AQUATIC PLANTS OF TEN MILE LAKE

Submerged Plants

This last of the series of articles on Ten Mile Lake plants will focus on submerged plants, not including algae which were covered in the first article. These plants are commonly called weeds by anglers or folks who want clean beaches in front of their property. (A weed is any plant that is in a location where you don't want it to be. Even orchids are considered weeds in some places.)

Ten Mile has an abundance of types of submerged plants. The last major DNR plant survey recorded 37 kinds of aquatic plants in the lake. This places Ten Mile among the lakes in the state with the most diverse plant populations. Not surprisingly, most of the plants are found in our bays or in moderate depths in the main lake. Along windswept shores, wave action and scouring by ice greatly reduces the abundance of shallow plant life. In the main lake, submerged plants are most abundant starting at about eight feet. I have seen healthy plant growth as deep as 36 feet.

Interestingly, over 80% of submerged plants have evolved from terrestrial plants that have secondarily entered the water, much like whales and porpoises, which are descended from land mammals. Yet, despite having adapted to conditions of aquatic life, many of these species still retain evidence of a terrestrial ancestry, mainly when it comes to sexual reproduction (more on this below).

Common Submerged Plants of Ten Mile



Figure 1 Coontail

This section will focus on screen shots from some of my underwater videos that will illustrate some of the most common types of submerged plants in Ten Mile.

Figure 1 This shows a nice stand of coontail, a plant that grows in dense patches in 15-25 feet of water. These plants can reach at least four feet in height and have prominent branches, which provide shelter for many species of fish and invertebrates.



Figure 2 Northern milfoil – a native plant not to be confused with Eurasian milfoil, an invasive



Figure 3 Canadian waterweed (Elodea)



Figure 4 Two kinds of pondweeds

is another species of pondweed, probably Illinois pondweed.

Figure 2 This shallow water shot is dominated by northern milfoil plants, the ones with straight stems and steplike whorls of leaves. Milfoil is favored mainly by insects and less so by fish. The grass like plants, as well as the one plant with broader leaves are members of a large family of plants, called pondweeds.

Figure 3 The tall plants rising above the bottom carpet of algae are examples of Canadian waterweed, often sold in aquarium shops as Elodea. These plants can be found in both shallow and deep water.

Figure 4 Two different species of pondweeds are shown here. The ones in the background are Potamogeton amplifolius, commonly called "cabbage" by fishermen. Stands of cabbage are favored habitat for pike and muskies, which hide among the stems while waiting to ambush prey. The plant in the foreground

How Plants Adapt to Living in Water

Making the evolutionary transition from land to water has its pluses and minuses for a plant. On the plus side, it doesn't have to worry about drying out or resisting the pull of gravity because it is supported by the buoyancy of water. On the minus side, gas exchange is much more difficult in water; there is less light for photosynthesis; and there are many barriers to sexual reproduction.

Submerged plants have dealt with the freedom from the constraints of gravity by effectively ditching the adaptation (lignin in cell walls) that makes the stems

AQUATIC PLANTS OF TEN MILE LAKE

of terrestrial plants stiff. Their floppy stems and leaves are well supported by water, so they don't need anything more. Most aquatic plants also don't need a robust a root system unless they are in flowing water. The most important function of the roots is absorption of phosphorus and other minerals from the bottom sediments.

Major differences are seen in leaves. Because of the constraints on gas exchange, leaves of submerged plants are designed to maximize their surface area. This is done in two common ways. One is to have long, thin leaves. The other is to break up the leaves into many small parts. Good examples of the latter strategy are seen in the leaves of milfoil or coontail (Figs. 1 and 2). The leaves of submerged plants are also lacking in waxy cuticles, which in land plants prevent them from drying out.

Because reduced light is an issue with submerged plants, maintaining an adequate amount of photosynthesis is a major problem. One way of dealing with this is to have their chloroplasts (the photosynthetic organelles) distributed as widely as possible – to the point where even the stems contain chloroplasts. Some plants have also adapted to the use of different wavelengths of light for photosynthesis. Some are more efficient at using blue wavelengths, which allows them to live at greater depths than others.

Reproduction has provided one of the greatest challenges for submerged plants. Many submerged plants, especially the pondweeds and milfoil, betray their terrestrial ancestorship by growing toward the surface and then producing floating leaves, as well as small flowers. The floating leaves have a much different form from the submerged leaves, and the stems are reinforced so that they can withstand gravity, since they are above water. Flowers of such plants can be pollinated by either wind action or by insects, but in general, sexual reproduction is quite inefficient. Coontail has adopted a unique way of reproduction. These plants produce small male flowers, which break free and float to the surface, releasing pollen on the way. The pollen then sinks and fertilizes female flowers that remain on the stems. Nevertheless, its main mode of reproduction is a form of asexual budding.

The most common modes of reproduction are through fragmentation, where pieces of adult plants are carried through the water and take root after they fall to the



Figure 5 A small pondweed commonly seen in shallow sandy water

bottom. Other plants spread by extension through their roots (rhizomes). A common example in Ten Mile is a small pondweed (Fig. 5) that lives in shallow water in the main lake and produces small surface flowers in August. If you look carefully at these plants, you can often see them spread out in almost straight lines, which correspond to the extended rhizomes, which sprout new plants.

The Ecological Role of Submerged Plants

Submerged plants provide an excellent habitat for many small animals that constitute the bottom layers of the food pyramid in a lake. Biologists have actually counted such animals. Milfoil, for example, harbors over 1,400 invertebrates per 10 feet of stem, but some simple plants near shore may harbor less than 50 for the same length of stem.

Submerged plants provide habitat for small fish. These plants not only serve to concentrate the invertebrates that these fish eat, but they also serve to protect the small fish from predation by larger fish. Very few fish eat aquatic plants, but in shallow lakes, certain plants make up a significant part of the diet of several species of ducks.

At an unseen level, aquatic plants are major players in the overall chemistry of a lake. Like other plants, they take in CO₂ (or bicarbonate from the water) and ultimately release O₂. This depends upon photosynthesis. At night or on very cloudy days, aquatic plants use more oxygen than they produce. Like other forms of plant life, these plants take up nutrients from the lake bottom and then release them into the water when they die.

Overall, submerged plants play important roles in the health of any lake. Unfortunately, their most important roles remain unseen and are unappreciated by most residents who live by lakes. I am pleased that in Ten Mile there have been relatively few cases of wholesale aquatic plant removal to create beaches. This level of care by cabin owners has been instrumental in maintaining the overall health of our lake.

TEN MILE WATER LEVEL READINGS

Readings from May 12, 2021, to Sept 10, 2021 show water level dropping from 1379.46 feet to 1378.82 feet.

Change since the first reading in May is – 7.68 inches. We had a slight increase at the end of August

Change since last year same time is: - 7.56 inches

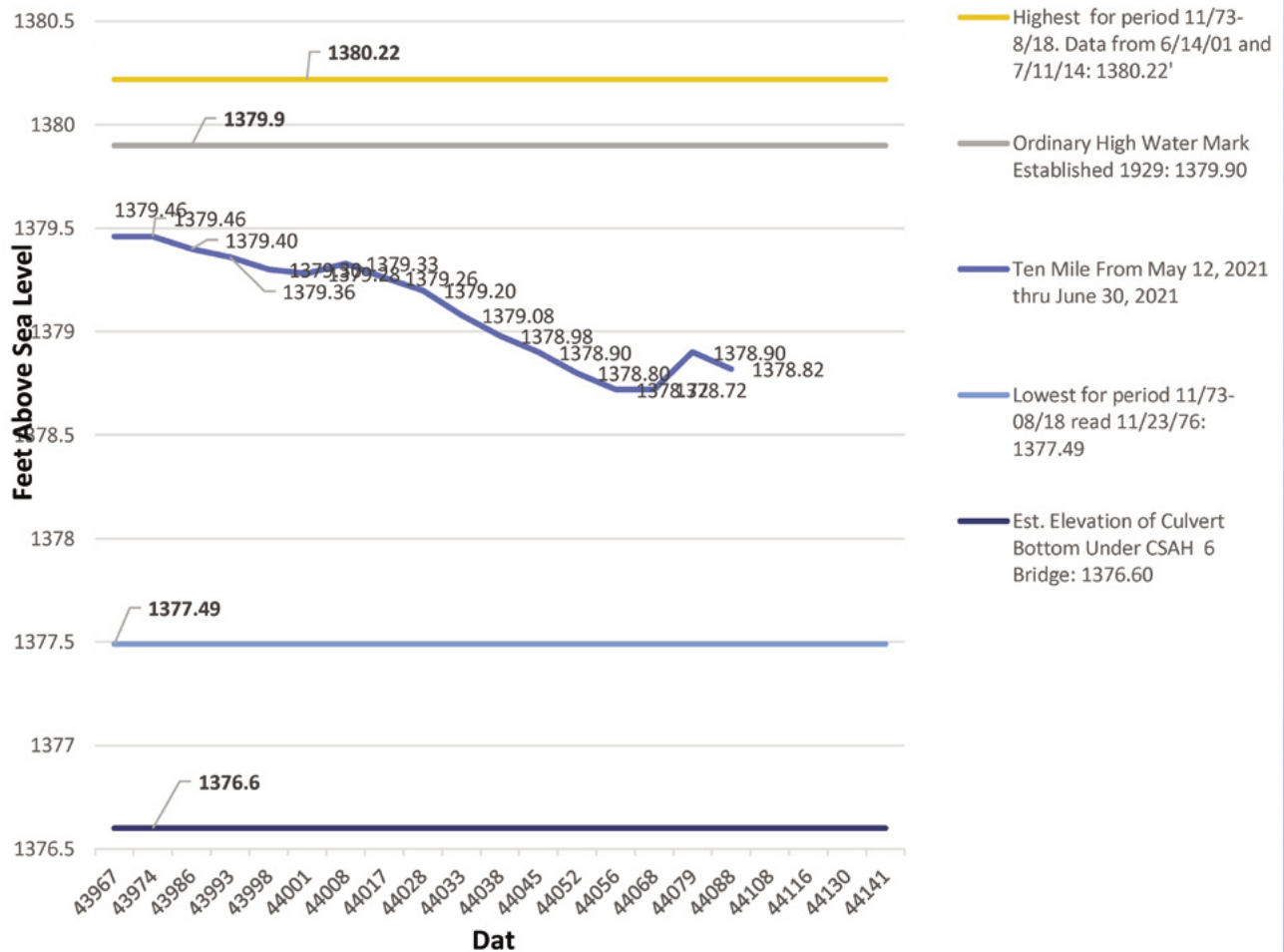
Compared to 11/76 low is: +15.72 inches

Compared to 6/01 and 11/14 high is: - 16.80 inches

Compared to 11/73-11/20 average is: - 6.84 inches

Water Level Readings May 16 - September 9, 2021

Data by Jay Cline; Chart by Mimi Garbisch Carlson



Coming in the Winter 2022 Newsletter

Ten Mile Lake Christmas photos (send 'em if you got 'em!), an article describing our three great family resorts on Ten Mile, information on shoreline restoration plantings to keep you gardening in the spring with suggestions to protect our beautiful lake, recipes and much more!

TEN MILE WATER LEVEL READINGS

| Date of Reading Zero Point Reading Available | Ten Mile From May 12, 2021 thru June 30, 2021 | Difference Since Previous Reading, in Inches | Ordinary High Water Mark Established 1929: 1379.90 | Highest for period 11/73- 8/18. Data from 6/14/01 and 7/11/14: 1380.22' | Lowest for period 11/73- 08/21 read 11/23/76: 1377.49 | Avg. for Period 11/73- 11/20: 1379.39 | Est. Elevation of Culvert Bottom Under CSAH 6 Bridge: 1376.60 |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5/12/2021 | 1379.46 | 3.24 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
| 5/23/2021 | 1379.46 | 0.00 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
| 6/1/2021 | 1379.40 | -0.72 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
| 6/7/2021 | 1379.36 | -0.48 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
| 6/17/2021 | 1379.30 | -0.72 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
| 6/27/2021 | 1379.28 | -0.24 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
| 6/30/2021 | 1379.33 | 0.60 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
| 7/8/2021 | 1379.26 | -0.84 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
| 7/13/2021 | 1379.20 | -0.72 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
| 7/26/2021 | 1379.08 | -1.44 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
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| 8/8/2021 | 1378.90 | -0.96 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
| 8/15/2021 | 1378.80 | -1.20 | 1379.9 | 1380.22 | 1377.49 | 1379.39 | 1376.6 |
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Headwaters Update



As many of you are by now aware, the Headwaters restaurant closed its doors for business in early August, and the present management does not intend to extend its lease. The managing partners for the investors' group would like to see the building re-open as a restaurant under new management, but the current environment for such enterprises is challenging. We are presently exploring several options, but given the abruptness of the restaurant's closing, such considerations are in the very early stages. In the meantime, we are taking steps to ensure that the property is well maintained. When more information is available, it will be posted on the TMLA website. We are all hoping that the building and land can be utilized in a manner that will best serve the Ten Mile community in future years.

Please contact me (brcarl@umich.edu) if you have questions/suggestions during this interim period.

Bruce Carlson
Manager, TMA, LLLP

Another summer on Ten Mile Lake is ending and, as you can see from two of the photos in this article, our loons have grown from fluffy chicks on their parents' backs to an adolescent state of semi-independence.

The third picture shows a typical late-summer to early-autumn phenomenon in the loon world, namely a gathering of several loons that is often called "rafting." When rafting, loons come together after the challenges of raising their young have been met and begin to socialize, relax, and exchange information as they prepare to leave our lake and head south for the winter. I like to think of rafting as sort of the loon equivalent to a Ten Mile Lake Men's or Women's Coffee. You can almost imagine the conversations: "How long have you been nesting on Ten Mile?" or "Which route do you take to get from here to Naples?" or "Do you know of any decent marshes to rest in between Nashville and Atlanta?"

But is that what is actually happening when loons gather after the reproductive season? Or are we just falling into the very understandable temptation to see loon behavior through the lens of our own human expectations and understandings of the world around us?

I didn't know a lot about loons before I joined Sheryl Ducharme on the Loon Committee. I certainly loved them, and my heart always lifted when I saw them return in the spring or I heard their iconic cries. But much of what I thought their behavior meant turns out to be either wrong or much more complicated than I first realized. Here are two examples to think about:

1. Who's Minding the Nest?

When we see a loon on the nest or swimming with a chick on the back, most of us say things like, "I went by Angel Island yesterday and that momma bird was sitting on the nest" or "We were in Long Bay the other night and we saw the cutest little baby chick on her momma's back." Sheryl and I love getting your messages about where you are spotting the loons, but that "momma bird" is just as likely to be a "poppa bird." Since birds lay their embryos externally in the form of eggs, it frees the females up to do other things during gestation and allows the male to do an equal, if not more, of the work of tending to the eggs and defending and feeding the young. In fact, 90% of all bird species are monogamous, while 95% of all mammals are polygamous. Since female



mammals develop their young internally, that reproductive reality leaves the male mammal with little to do during gestation except to breed with as many females as he possibly can. In short, we give female loons a lot of credit for raising their young because we are used to thinking of the habits and needs of mammals. The next time you see a loon on the nest or serving as

a life raft for a little chick, or feeding that growing baby, please remember that the adult loon is just as likely to be a father as it is to be a mother.

2. What is the Purpose of Rafting?

Social gatherings of loons in late summer are a distinctive, but poorly understood, feature of loon behavior. A thirty-year research project in Wisconsin in which loons are marked and tracked is beginning to shed some new light on this unique aspect of loons. These gatherings of loons are not random or without purpose. The group of loons in the photo in this article include two parents of loons on that home lake; a single female or "floater" loon looking to see if the lake is good for her own future breeding; and two parents from another, nearby



lake who have left their own chicks unattended for an hour or so of rafting. The research I have read suggests that all five of the loons in this picture have

divergent reasons for rafting that will hopefully serve their own reproductive interests. The two breeding loons on their home lake have hidden their chicks in the vegetation along the shore and are displaying their ownership of territory. The yet-to-breed female is basically looking for the equivalent of a good school district – she's looking for a lake that has been historically hospitable for raising chicks and will attempt to return and evict the resident pair in a future season. The two breeding loons from a nearby lake are the most fascinating to me. Researchers are suggesting that this breeding pair risks leaving their chicks, hidden and unattended on their home lake, so that their home lake will appear like it cannot support successful breeding, thereby amplifying the chance that their territory will not be challenged by other loons in the following spring. Who knew that there was such high drama in the loon world!

Sheryl and I thank you for all your interest and good will towards the loons on our beloved Ten Mile. We wish you safe travels and a healthy winter in the months ahead.

*Erin Adams and Sheryl Ducharme
TMLA Loon Committee Chairs*



REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS



**Muriel Ann Dickinson Towler
(1935-2021)**

Muriel Towler was born to Donald and Arloine (Beck) Dickinson on July 13, 1935, in Wadena, MN. She grew up in Verndale MN. "Murry" graduated from Verndale High School in 1953 as class valedictorian. Upon graduation, she attended the University of Minnesota, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in business education in 1957.

Murry met the love of her life, Ralph Towler, when she was a freshman at the University of Minnesota. They married in the Verndale Methodist Church on July 20, 1957, just one week after her 22nd birthday. Murry and Ralph celebrated 63 years of marriage in the summer of 2020, living in Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, and Edina MN. Their shared life held many fond memories of travels, and of family and friends.

Murry had many friends, and she loved to socialize. Birthday parties were her favorite, especially when they included her grandchildren, Daniel and Emily. She loved music and enjoyed playing the piano. Even though she had only taught for two years before becoming a mom, Murry loved those years and remembered them fondly with oft-told stories.

Murry and Ralph had two daughters, Ann (b.1959) and Carolyn (b.1961). Murry was so proud of her daughters and attended almost every event they were ever in, including many, many concerts. In 1973, she and Ralph bought a cabin on Ten Mile Lake, and it became one of Murry's favorite things to do..."go up to the Lake". Having played in the family cabin just down the road as a child, Murry truly felt that the cabin was home. It was a place and time of special joy for her.

Murry leaves behind her daughters, Ann (Gordon) Decker of Chaska, and Carolyn Towler (Darin Miller) of Bemidji; grandchildren, Daniel Decker of Edina, and Emily Decker of Madison WI; and brother, Don (Janet) Dickinson of Le Sueur MN. She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph on September 5, 2020, and her father and mother, Don and Arlie Dickinson.

Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.



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**Robert L. Crom
(1926-2021)**

Bob Crom, age 95, of Geneva, Illinois, passed away on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Bob, as he was known to most, was born February 15, 1926 in Hampton, Iowa, son of Lloyd M. and Alice (Froning) Crom. He grew up on the family farm near Chapin, Iowa and graduated from Hampton 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 as a second-class petty officer, Bob earned an undergraduate degree (B.S.) from Iowa State University. On graduation day, June 9, 1950, he married Lucille (Lucy) Ritter of Reasnor, Iowa.

Bob began his professional career as a farm broadcaster for radio station KGLO in Mason City, Iowa and then 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. Thirteen years were as Director of Communications at North Dakota State University (1953-66), the last seven of which he was also Assistant to the President. During this period, he earned advanced degrees from NDSU (M.S.) and Michigan State University (Ph.D.). He spent the next 22 years at Iowa State University where he served as Director of Alumni Affairs (1968-71) and Dean of Extension and Director of the Iowa Cooperative Extension Service (1981-88). 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 near Hackensack, Minnesota before moving to GreenFields Retirement Community in Geneva. Bob enjoyed family history and genealogy, was active in his church, and participated in 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.

Among his honors and distinctions were the Iowa State Cardinal Key Honor Society, North Dakota State University's Alumni Association Heritage Award, NDSU's Blue Key Doctor of Service Award, FarmHouse Fraternity's Master Builder of Men Award, and Iowa's State 4-H Alumni Recognition Award.

Bob is survived by three children—Penny Crom (Chris Mroz) of Grand Junction, Colorado; Linda (William) Kearney of St Charles, Illinois; and Dr. Randall (Randy) Crom (Julie) of Las Vegas, Nevada; five grandchildren — Alisa (Mike) Heitman of LaGrange, Illinois, Scott (Kaitlin) Kearney of Naperville, Illinois, Nick (Laura) Kearney of Chicago, Hilary (Quint) Shaw of Firestone, Colorado and Max Mroz of Salt Lake City, Utah; and five great-grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Lucy, a son, Richard (Rick), and his brother, H. David Crom.

A celebration of life will be held in Geneva at a date to be determined. Inurnment will be at the Ames (Iowa) Municipal Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be 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 Building, 1259 Stange Road, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011-3630.

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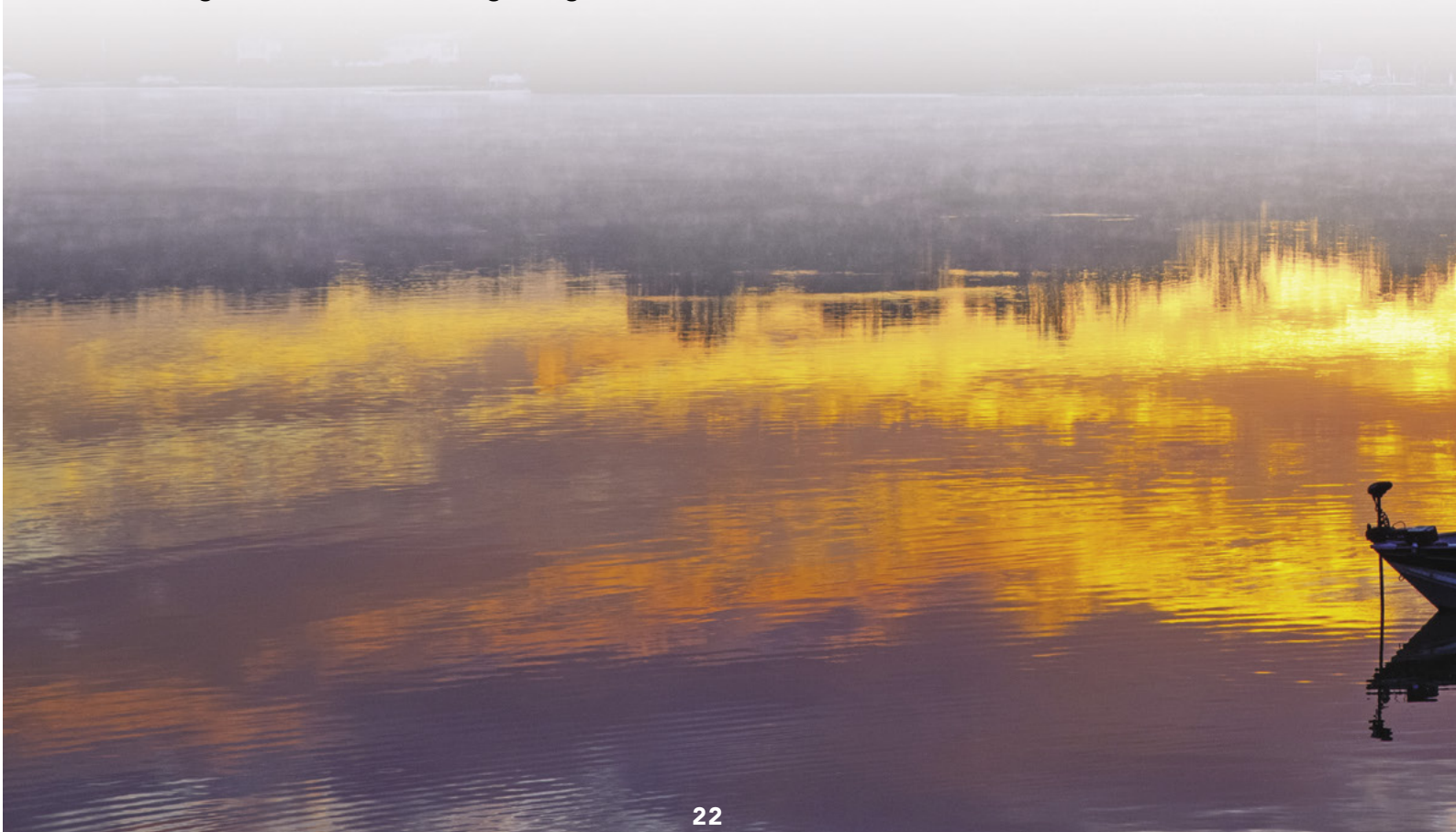
James Bertram (Jim) Hickman
(1939-2021)

Jim Hickman, age 81, passed away peacefully at his home on Ten Mile Lake, Hackensack, MN on Friday, July 23, 2021. Jim was born November 29, 1939, in Glasgow, Kentucky, the only child of A.C. (Jack) and Nova Hickman. He grew up in Albany, KY, and graduated from Berea College in Berea, KY. He got his master's degree from the U. of M. and received his CPA license in 1965. Jim worked in Minneapolis and St. Paul for both small and large accounting firms, including Price Waterhouse and Touche Ross. He also was controller for a few years for GMW, a trucking company in St. Paul, MN. The last 30 years he was self-employed doing tax returns for friends and family and did accounting work for a few companies. He retired in 2020. Jim is survived by his wife of 56 years, Leahnell (Leah), son Jeffrey Hickman of Phoenix, AZ, and daughter, Stephanie (Jason) Williams of Cottage Grove, MN; three grandchildren, Austin Williams, Ava Williams, and Jaya Hickman. Jim loved the outdoors, and his favorite pastime was fishing, but also enjoyed hunting in years past. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and family at the lake, loving the view and sunsets, and relaxing at his winter home in Peoria, AZ.

Memorials may be directed to the Ten Mile Lake Association; or plant a tree in Jim's memory.

Elizabeth Fahr

Elizabeth "Betsy" Fahr died on March 15, 2021, in her home in Iowa City, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel M. Fahr; and her son, Samuel S. Fahr. Survivors include her daughters, Nancy Fahr Fowler, Edith Fahr Davis and Elizabeth Fahr Bloomingdale as well as 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.



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Elinor Jensen Chase

Elinor Jensen Chase died in her apartment at Meadows on Fairview in Wyoming, Minn., April 28, 2021, surrounded by her family and caring staff.

A memorial service has taken place June 5 at 11 a.m. at the "Headquarters" (the family cabin) on Ten Mile Lake, 5449 CR 50 NW, Hackensack, with Pastor Torri Vande Zande of Union Congregational United Church of Christ presiding. Burial in Audubon has taken place late this summer. Memorials preferred to TMLA.



Forrest Jerome Watson (1932-2021)

Forrest Jerome Watson passed away July 13, 2021, at the age of 88 in Park Rapids, MN. Forrest was preceded in death by his son, Mark A. Watson. He is survived by his sister, Nancy Sutter, his wife Jane L. Watson, children Linda J. Grant, Bruce F. Watson, five grandchildren. Forrest was born July 27, 1932, and grew up on a farm. He graduated from Howard Lake High School in 1950, served in the Navy as a submariner, then attended Hamlin and the U of M. Forrest worked for 3M, National Micronetics, Spin Physics, and Kodak, traveling the world as an engineer and introducing clients to video technology. Forrest and Jane were Methodist Youth Fellowship leads for High School youth group, where they kindled their love of the outdoors. Forrest and Jane moved around the country, but eventually moved back to Northern Minnesota post-

retirement. Forrest enjoyed working at Deep Portage Learning Center, volunteering in Hackensack at the Countryside Co-op and the Kid's Fishing Contest, as well as driving for Faith in Action. Forrest was a member of the Hackensack Lion's Club and American Legion. He volunteered on many Ten Mile Lake Association committees. He was a role model and encourager to everyone who knew him.



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**Thomas Ransdell Moore II
(1939-2021)**

Thomas “Tom” Ransdell Moore II, amazing husband, father, and grandfather passed away peacefully at his home in Edina, MN on August 8, 2021, with his wife Inger B. Moore and sons Thomas R. Moore III and Marc Christophe Moore in his company.

Tom was born on July 10, 1939, in Omaha, Nebraska at Immanuel Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas R Moore I and Hazel V. Moore. Tom graduated from Rochester High School (MN) in 1957. He then went on to graduate from the University of Minnesota with a civil engineering degree and an MBA following a two-year Army tour in Java and Sumatra.

Tom met Inger Bonnes in 1966 in Minneapolis. They married in 1968 in Rochester, MN and together resided in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Paris while he worked for Graco, Inc. They moved back to Minnesota in 1975, residing in Edina where they raised their two boys. Tom went on to become President and CEO of Remmele Engineering retiring in 2002.

Tom delivered on his childhood dream of building a cabin on Ten Mile Lake near Hackensack, MN to enjoy during his retirement. He taught all his grandchildren to fish and how to appreciate cabin life. He also had a passion for hunting where he recruited and assembled his closest friends for annual treks through South Dakota, Montana, Texas, and Mexico.

He will be remembered by many as a devoted husband, dedicated father and grandfather, easy friend, strong leader, mentor, and caring neighbor. He had a passion to see the world and make a positive and lasting impact on the lives around him. He succeeded! Tom is survived by his wife of 53 years, Inger, sons Tom and Marc (Julie) & 7 grandchildren, Madeline, Mason, Bella, Bryce, Connor, Owen, and Parker. He is further survived by his sister Vicki Fagerlee. A celebration of life will occur on November 22 at Braemar Golf Course (club house) in Edina, MN from 12:00 - 3:00pm. Memorials preferred to TMLA.



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David P. Losby
(1934-2021)

David P. "Dave" Losby passed away peacefully at age 86 in the presence of loved ones on Aug. 11, 2021. He was born in Minneapolis, MN and attended The Blake School and Dartmouth College.

He was a pioneer working in the corporate computer industry, which led to interesting job locations and many new friends. Dave and Mary Lee Losby were longtime Ten Mile residents. Their homes were in the Hillaway area. He played an important role in many Ten Mile Lake activities.

Dave was preceded in death by his daughter Sheila, his brother Ted and Ted's wife Sandy. Survived by four nephews, Steve, Dan, Tom and Bob. He will be terribly missed by MaryLee, his wife of 57 years, and by daughter Parker (Clark Allen) and grandchildren Stephanie and Brett. Love you Bumpa!



Dennis Eugene Owings
(1949-2021)

Dennis Eugene Owings, age 72 of Ames, died August 21, 2021, in Kenosha, WI.

Dennis was born on June 12, 1949, in Ames Iowa the son of Roy and Mary (Eble) Owings. He graduated from Ames High School in 1967. He then served in the US Army during Vietnam. When he returned home, he received his degree in Business from Iowa State University.

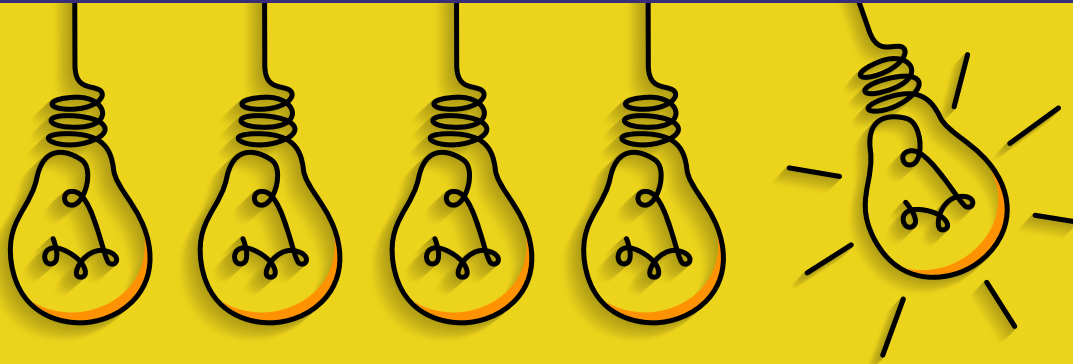
He married Ellen Newell on January 13, 1990. The couple had three children, Megan, Maura, and Brian. Dennis enjoyed time with his family, planning their travels all around the world, dogs of any kind and playing games. His favorite place was the family cabin at Ten Mile Lake in Minnesota. In 2017 the Owings

family appeared on Family Feud; this was one of his fondest memories. He enjoyed craft beers, fixing almost anything, smoking meat and drinking a little bourbon. His most cherished memories were with his family and his biggest accomplishments were being a great husband, father and papa.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Ellen Owings, his daughters, Megan Schici and her son Connor, Maura (Nate) Mendus, and their children, Eleanor and Graden, his son Brian Owings, sisters, Pam (David) Robison, Marilyn (Tom) Olson, brothers, Jerry Owings, Mike Owings, many nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, Dora.

Memorials may be directed to Ten Mile Lake Association in Hackensack, MN or the Ames Animal Shelter.

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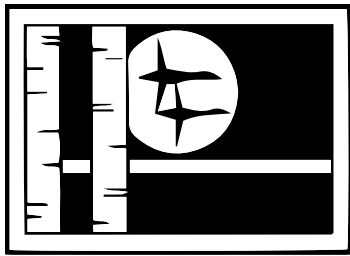
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