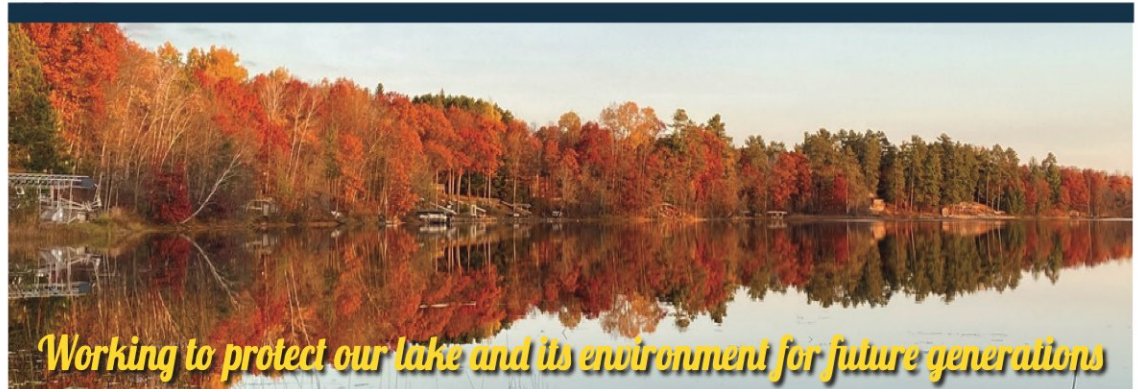




## President's Message

As the leaves fall and the colors change, I reflect on the terrific summer we had as a board. My focus this year has been on simplifying board processes with a priority on keeping our lake healthy – for our enjoyment and for the fish and wildlife that call this special place home. To this end, we as a board simplified the format for our annual meeting and our board meetings, grew our participation in the Lake Stewards program, and addressed new AIS locations found in the main lake.

I would like to say goodbye for now to our trusted Treasurer, John Clausen. John has been with us for the last three years and has done a wonderful job keeping the books together, with the audit recently reflecting his good stewardship. Thank you, John. Tony Patterson will be taking the reins from John.

We are also saying goodbye to a key volunteer for board communications. Glen Goodwin has been spearheading the board's communications for the last seven years, working hard to keep everyone informed. Glen will continue as our AIS committee Chair, Membership and on the Crooked Lake Township Lakes & Shores Committee. Glen, thank you for your ample time and tireless effort.

With that, we are going to take the off-season to evaluate our communications approach as a board, considering our strengths and capacity to create a sustainable strategy moving forward. I look forward to sharing more about this in the spring.

I would also like to thank the whole board for all your help, as well as the countless volunteers who have given their time because they love our little community and our lake. To our members: without you we wouldn't be able to do this work that matters, so thank you. Your support enables us to fight aquatic invasive species, host the popular youth fishing tournament, floating ice cream social, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade, manage water quality and lake health, and the list goes on.

If you ever have a concern or want to talk about something as it relates to the board or our lake, please email me at [lakewashburnmn@gmail.com](mailto:lakewashburnmn@gmail.com) or call me. We can't make change or help if we don't know. I look forward to a lot of snow this winter so we can have another great year on Lake Washburn!

Charlie McGlynn



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## LWA 2026 Officers, Directors, and Committee Members

**PRESIDENT** | Charlie McGlynn

**VICE PRESIDENT** | Scott Erickson

**SECRETARY** | Janis Judd

**TREASURER** | Tony Patterson

### DIRECTORS

Troy Barton | Jill Emanuel | Susan Mork

Brent Nordstrom | David Patterson

Teresa Reding | Ron Reich | Kimberly Zwart

**AIS** | Glen Goodwin | Vicki Lipstreuer

**AUDIT COMMITTEE** | Scott Erickson

**BUOYS** | Teresa and Barth Reding

**CLT ROAD AMBASSADORS** | Keith Ahlquist

### CLT-LAKES AND SHORES COMMITTEE

Glen Goodwin | Bob Holman | Vicki Lipstreuer

### COMMUNICATIONS

Charlie McGlynn (*website, newsletter/sponsor relations, social media*)

Rollie Hirman (*sponsor relations*)

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Highway 48 Clean-Up** | Mark Stange

**4th of July Boat Parade** | Vicki Lipstreuer

**Floating Ice Cream Social** | Vicki Lipstreuer

**Youth Fishing Challenge**

Lisa and Randy McCloud

Ross and Mary Lindmeyer

**FISHERIES** | Brent Nordstrom

**LAKE STEWARDSHIP** | Scott Erickson

**LOONS / WILDLIFE / FORESTRY** | Dan Laakso

**MEETINGS / RESERVATIONS** | Janis Judd

**MEMBERSHIP / DATABASE** | Glen Goodwin

**WATER SAFETY PATROL** | **OPEN POSITION**

**WATER LAKE LEVEL** | Rick Snyder

**WATER QUALITY TESTING** | Charlie McGlynn

If you would like to reach



LWA Website

any of the volunteers or send constructive comments and suggestions, please send an email, visit the LWA website or scan the QRC to go to the LWA website, lakewashburn.mn@gmail.com www.lakewashburnmn.org/

contactus

## 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LWA

**MAY 30** 9 am  
SPRING  
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY  
48 CLEAN-UP  
LAST SAT IN MAY

**JUNE 12** 12 pm  
LAKE STEWARD  
LUNCH-N-LEARN  
2ND FRI IN JUNE

**JUNE 18** 9 am  
YOUTH BOAT  
SAFETY CLASS  
3RD THUR IN JUNE

**JUNE 20** 1 pm  
JEFF MARANDA MEMORIAL  
YOUTH FISHING  
CHALLENGE  
4TH SAT IN JUNE

**JULY 4** 1 pm  
FOURTH OF JULY  
BOAT PARADE

**JULY 25** 10 am  
LWA MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING  
4TH SAT IN JULY

**SEPT 5** 9 am  
FALL  
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY  
48 CLEAN-UP

**SEPT 5** 2 pm  
FLOATING  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

### COMMUNITY

**MAY 16** All Day  
EMILY  
SPRING FLING  
3RD SAT IN MAY

**MAY 25** 9 am  
LIONS MEMORIAL  
DAY SERVICE

**JUNE 13** 8 am  
CLT WASTE  
CLEAN UP DAY  
2ND SAT IN JUNE

**JUNE 13** 10 am  
OTHG  
PORK -N- RIDE  
2ND SAT IN JUNE

**JULY 4** Dusk  
OUTING FIREWORKS  
LUSCHER PARK

**JULY 18** All Day  
EMILY DAY  
3RD SAT IN JULY

**AUG 5** 1 pm  
CLT HAZARDOUS  
WASTE  
DROP OFF

**AUG 15** 11 am  
LIONS CORN FEED  
3RD SAT IN AUG

# LWA Financial Report | John Clausen, Treasurer

We continue to feel very good about the state of our financials. However, we know from our own discoveries of Eurasian watermilfoil and from reports from our lake neighbors to the South and North, the costs of larger outbreaks can be substantial and would deplete our funds rather quickly.

Our financial strength would not be possible without your continued support, and for that support we are so grateful.

As I wrap up year two, I want to announce that I will be handing off the LWA Treasurer role to Tony Patterson, whom we know will do a great job. Being Treasurer for LWA has been a great experience and it has made me realize even more how important your contributions are to the success of LWA. I want to say a huge thank you to all the volunteers that strive to make Lake Washburn a special place and who are so vital to the current and future health of our lake so that we and future generations can continue to enjoy it.

## Lake Washburn Association Financial Report (August 2025)

### INCOME - August 1 - 31, 2025

|                           | August             | YTD                |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Membership Dues .....     | \$100.00           | \$7,800.90         |
| AIS .....                 | \$2,918.00         | \$9,350.31         |
| General Fund .....        | \$48,289.80        | \$53,755.79        |
| Fishery Fund .....        | \$5.00             | \$3,345.00         |
| Book Sale .....           | \$0.00             | \$60.00            |
| Newsletter Sponsors ..... | \$25.00            | \$800.90           |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$51,337.80</b> | <b>\$75,112.90</b> |

### DISBURSEMENTS - August 1- 31, 2025

|                                                                              | August             | YTD                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Office Supplies/Postage/Misc                                                 | \$1,089.71         | \$2,372.72         |
| RMB Environmental Laboratories ( <i>wtr survey</i> )                         | \$0.00             | \$1,644.00         |
| Lakes Printing ( <i>spring newsletter</i> )                                  | \$0.00             | \$1,888.53         |
| Donations/Memberships                                                        | \$0.00             | \$1,800.00         |
| CD purchase (#990 & #993)                                                    | \$40,000.00        | \$50,000.00        |
| Storage Unit yrly fee ( <i>Red's</i> )                                       | \$0.00             | \$806.40           |
| Youth Fishing Challenge                                                      | \$0.00             | \$989.00           |
| Youth Boat Training ( <i>shared w/Ralala</i> ) (voided check & stop payment) | \$322.60           | \$322.60           |
| Cass Soil & Water ( <i>July Inspector Hrs</i> )                              | \$256.50           | \$997.50           |
| Freshwater Scientific ( <i>AIS survey</i> )                                  | \$0.00             | \$5,500.00         |
| PLM Lakes Mgmt ( <i>AIS Treatment</i> )                                      | \$0.00             | \$4,679.00         |
| Ice Cream Social                                                             | \$300.16           | \$300.16           |
| Lake Steward                                                                 | \$62.43            | \$850.99           |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                 | <b>\$42,031.40</b> | <b>\$72,150.90</b> |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>                                                   |                    |                    |

### Account Balances

|                                                                                                                   |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Checking Account .....                                                                                            | \$13,021.31         |
| Savings Account .....                                                                                             | \$43,432.93         |
| Interest rate 3.90%/3.96%APY/19 Month Certificate of Deposit #318 - maturity 12/14/26 auto renewal 12/14/26 ..... | \$10,098.30         |
| Interest rate 4.00%/4.06%APY/13 Month Certificate of Deposit #318 - maturity 12/14/26 auto renewal 12/14/26 ..... | \$40,403.29         |
| Interest rate 4.00%/4.06%APY/13 Month Certificate of Deposit #318 - maturity 12/14/26 auto renewal 12/14/26 ..... | \$30,000.00         |
| Interest rate 3.90%/3.96%APY/19 Month Certificate of Deposit #318 - maturity 12/14/26 auto renewal 12/14/26 ..... | \$10,000.00         |
| <b>Total as of August 2025 .....</b>                                                                              | <b>\$146,955.83</b> |

### Fund Balances as of August 2025

|                                      |                            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| AIS (Restricted) .....               | \$71,586.25                |
| AIS (Unrestricted) .....             | \$20,000.00 Directed by GM |
| History Books (Restricted) .....     | -\$1,739.80                |
| General Fund .....                   | \$48,595.01                |
| Fishery Fund (Unrestricted) .....    | \$8,514.37                 |
| <b>Total as of August 2025 .....</b> | <b>\$146,955.83</b>        |

## LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION MISSION AND PURPOSE

### MISSION:

The Association will study, develop, and encourage practices which will protect and/or restore the beauty and ecology of the lake.

### PURPOSE:

The Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### The following methods will be employed to accomplish its mission:

- Protect and maintain the environmental, economic, aesthetic, and recreational value of Lake Washburn and its vicinity.
- Work in conjunction with federal, state and local agencies (public and private) to maintain the quality of Lake Washburn.
- Promote efforts to maintain the lake fishery.
- Work to prevent invasion of exotic aquatic plants and animals.
- Promote a spirit of community.
- Assist Cass County Sheriff in the management of navigational buoys.
- Provide educational resources relating to the protection and quality of Lake Washburn and its natural resources.

## Standing Committee Reports

### ■ LWA MEMBERSHIP | Glen Goodwin

In 2025, total membership in the Lake Washburn Association reached a record high of 318. Traction is growing among second and third-generation family members, which is very important to continue family legacies at Washburn. As of late September, there have been eight property sales and transfers. Of those eight, six have already joined the LWA. We really appreciate your commitment and continued support of the LWA.

Everyone's membership is critical. If you believe your membership has lapsed or you have never been a member, we invite you to become one. Consider asking your adult children, friends, and extended family who frequent Washburn to become members.

Also, please consider an additional donation to help keep Washburn a premier lake for all to enjoy. You can indicate on the membership form how you want your donation allocated.

The mailing label on the newsletter shows your membership status. If you are unsure of your membership or feel it is not correct, please contact Glen Goodwin and I will make certain everything is up to date.

Thank you, LWA members!

[lakewashburn.mn@gmail.com](mailto:lakewashburn.mn@gmail.com)

### ■ LWA 2025 VOTING SUMMARY | Glen Goodwin

The voting process this year was very successful. There was one nomination during the call for nominations, and the vote resulted in all officers and directors being approved for 2026. There were 62 validated votes and over 80 additional comments made.

We really appreciate everyone's participation, comments, and questions. The board has reviewed the full report, which is also on the LWA website, and will take action where needed.

Please reach out to the board at any time if you have questions or concerns. The board welcomes all feedback and continues to work for all lake residents!

### QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT:

#### 1. Do you approve of the Nominees?

|     |      |       |
|-----|------|-------|
| Yes | (61) | 98.5% |
| No  | (1)  | 1.5%  |

#### 2. What one thing does LWA do well? (44 responses)

|               |      |     |
|---------------|------|-----|
| Communication | (19) | 44% |
| AIS           | (16) | 37% |
| Newsletter    | (4)  | 9%  |
| Other         | (5)  | 10% |

#### 3. What one thing could LWA do better? (29 Responses)

|                         |      |     |
|-------------------------|------|-----|
| Doing Great             | (6)  | 21% |
| Variety of other topics | (23) | 79% |



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Tim Hooglund*



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Barth Reding*



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## ■ AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES | Glen Goodwin

Earlier this summer, we published the AIS survey results for Washburn, which revealed a small patch of Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) as well as a few single plants, in the far north end of the North Lake. One plot was treated in July, but in the second location, EWM was growing in a wild rice bed. Since wild rice is protected, action could not be taken until the rice had gone to seed, so treatment of this area took place in August. There was also a small patch found in the main lake near Iowa Camp. This location was added to the existing permit and treated as well.

It's very important to note that these EWM locations were identified by Lake Washburn property owners. *Tim and Gina Hooglund* found the apatch in the North Lake one week prior to the full lake survey, so Freshwater was able to concentrate their search in this area to determine the size and scope. Later in the summer, *Barth and Teresa Reding* found a single small branch and a 5' diameter patch of EWM in front of their property. They took excellent photos of the plants, logged the location with GPS, and emailed the information to the LWA.

It's so important for lake property owners to keep a watchful eye out for suspicious plants and other invasive species, including Zebra Mussel (ZMs). If anything seems suspicious, carefully gather a sample, take a clear photo with the location, and send it to the LWA at [lakewashburnmn@gmail.com](mailto:lakewashburnmn@gmail.com).

As many may have heard, ZMs were recently found in Lake Roosevelt. What started out as a very positive AIS report in the summer, turned out to be much worse than expected. The DNR estimates that ZMs have been in Roosevelt for a few years and have spread, making it nearly impossible to apply effective treatment.

What this means for Lake Washburn is that we must be extra careful when any watercraft is launched in our lake. There is a free decontamination station at the Roosevelt public launch on Highway 6, and the process only takes 15 minutes. Decontamination is an easy and effective way to make sure AIS stays out of Washburn.

It's up to all of us to help keep Washburn free of aquatic invasive species infestations, so again, keep AIS identification cards handy, check docks and lifts regularly, take note of weeds hanging off props and fishing lures, and report anything causing concern.

## Public Launch Inspection

The LWA increased supplemental inspector hours from 150 in 2024 to 230 for 2025. We requested the daily schedule be 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with an inspector present during the most active segments of the day.

WaterGuards manages the hiring and scheduling of all inspectors in Cass County, and the LWA is billed for our contracted hours by the Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Steve Henry, the Cass County AIS Lake Technician for our area, is a tremendous partner for Washburn. He met with the CLT Lakes & Shores Committee in late September and provided a detailed report on our launch activity for Roosevelt/Lawrence (RALALA), and Washburn (LWA). Below are LWA results from the summer season, through September 14.

- Number of inspections: **595**
- Number of decontaminations: **5**  
(the decon unit was at Washburn for 5 days)
- Inspection hours: **490**
- Days covered: **53**
- Inspections per hour: **1.02**

Average peak activity was between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The most active dates were May 25, July 4 and 6, and the week leading up to Labor Day, with over 35 inspections each day. Just under 60% of the watercraft were fishing boats, closely followed by pontoons, speedboats, and Personal Watercraft (PWC).

Our watercraft inspectors are the first line of defense to keep AIS from entering Lake Washburn. Case in point: a boater was turned away and not allowed to launch their boat when it was discovered it had come from a zebra mussel-infested lake. "I was on my way home and just wanted to do a quick run around the lake." This illustrates that there is still a need for education and recognition that AIS is a threat to lake health.

LWA will discuss inspector hours for 2026 in February, so we will be ready for the next boating season. Please contact the LWA ([lakewashburnmn@gmail.com](mailto:lakewashburnmn@gmail.com)) if you would like to become a trained inspector and we can put you in touch with WaterGuards.

## ■ BUOYS | Teresa and Barth Reding

A big thank you to Dave Braun who managed the buoys on Lake Washburn for many years! His efforts to ensure buoys were well maintained and properly placed kept many boaters safe.

We are taking over the role of managing the buoys. Please contact Teresa or Barth Reding (lakewashburnmn@gmail.com) with questions or comments. The Cass County Sheriff department has provided LWA with a few new buoys that will replace ones that are no longer functioning well. A map displaying buoy locations can be found on the LWA website under Resources.

Brian Olds and his team at Olds Lift and Dock Service will remove the buoys from the lake again this Fall. They have helped LWA for many years by placing and removing buoys. A great big thank you to this team for their help.



## ■ CLT Lakes & Shores | Bob Holman

We have an agreement with the Crooked Lake Township (CLT) and the two lake associations (LWA and RALALA) on the approved procedure for reimbursement of costs for AIS survey, treatment, and additional inspection hours. In the past, CLT was not allowed to directly reimburse an association, rather they would reimburse the company providing the AIS service. With this updated procedure, CLT is allowed to directly reimburse the lake associations.

For this 2025 season AIS survey and treatment, the total amount incurred for both LWA and RALALA was \$25,853. The LWA cost was \$11,690 (45.22% of the total) and the RALALA cost was \$14,163 (54.78%). Applying these percentages to the approved 2025 CLT AIS budget of \$15,000, the requests are \$6,782.58 for LWA and \$8,217.42 for RALALA. CLT L&S was presented to the CLT Board at the October 9 Board Meeting and was approved. Payments were distributed following the meeting.

For the 2026 season, the first CLT L&S meeting will be May 13 and then every other week for the summer boating season to the end of September. We invite LWA member participation on our committee.

## Outdoor Safety During Hunting Season

-  Avoid hiking or walking during prime hunting hours.
-  Make yourself (and your dogs) highly visible.
-  Know the hunting seasons in the area where you are walking or hiking.
-  Be aware of private or posted lands and whether or not hunting is allowed on them.
-  For a complete list of Minnesota hunting seasons and opening and closing dates visit:  
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/seasons.html>

## ■ LAKE STEWARDSHIP | Scott Erickson

What's new?

Our June 13, 2025, Lunch and Learn – free to LWA members – had 34 attendees. Together we enjoyed great food at Crooked Lake Cafe and heard from Steve Henry, a Cass County conservationist, who discussed how forested shorelines suppress aquatic invasive species. Lily Carr, the MLR Lake Steward Director, emphasized how our choices can strengthen lake health. Please mark your calendars for our next Lunch and Learn at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2026!

Our program has grown to 29 participants in our third year. A hearty welcome to our new Lake Steward participants: Ronda and Joel Jorgenson, Jon Reding, Sandy and Harry Schlieff, Diane Dubay.

If you're interested or curious, please go to [mnlakesandrivers.org/lake-steward](http://mnlakesandrivers.org/lake-steward) and take the "Are You a Lake Steward?" quiz. We'll gladly follow up with you!

### EDUCATING AND ENCOURAGING PROGRESS OVER PERFECTION: What do we think...

#### ...about riprap?

- In some environments, riprap is necessary to protect shorelines from erosion.
- It's the quickest but also the most expensive solution.
- On sun-facing shores, it heats up the water and can lead to dead aquatic zones without plants and fish.
- There are less expensive methods to consider such as installing deep-rooted native plants on shore and using coir logs of natural material to bolster shorelines.
- If riprap is the choice, please allow plants and grasses to grow within it and avoid using landscape fabric or chemicals to keep it "clean".

#### ...about propellor washes?

- Wake boats sure look like a lot of fun!
- Other boats running fast can generate strong washes as well.
- University of Minnesota Environmental Lxab wake boat recommendations: Please operate in depths of at least 26 feet and 500 feet from shore and drain and decontaminate ballast tanks when moving between lakes.
- Cass County Sheriff's Dept recommendations: When running boats fast, please be at least 300 feet from watercraft, including anglers and kayakers. Fast boaters can be held liable for injury caused by destabilizing propeller washes.
- Strong propellor washes close to shore suppress our fishery by stirring up the lake bottom in spawning areas.
- Let's be safe, courteous, and conscientious about the health of our lake!

#### ...about gas spillage?

- Simply put, it's not good for the lake.
- Funnel-filling of gas tanks, especially from the new safety cans which are heavy and flow slowly, can easily lead to spillage.
- Siphoning is a much better way! Inexpensive (\$10) hoses with brass fittings are very effective and can readily be used with no spillage. Please give siphoning a try.

## ■ WATER QUALITY | Charlie McGlynn

Our lake water quality continues to improve! We measure our lake quality by collecting water samples and Secchi Disk readings monthly and sending those findings to RMB Labs to analyze the data. We are very fortunate to have Dave Snedrud, along with his wife, Linda, help collect and deliver these samples. If you want to read the reports, visit [lakes.rmbel.com](http://lakes.rmbel.com).

### What is TSI?

Trophic State Index, a numerical scale (0-100) that measures a body of water's biological productivity, or "fertility". It is calculated using factors like total phosphorus, chlorophyll a, and Secchi depth (water clarity) to classify lakes as oligotrophic (nutrient-poor, clear water), mesotrophic (moderate nutrients), eutrophic (nutrient-rich, high productivity), or hypereutrophic (excessively nutrient-rich).

This is a number we really pay attention to. The graph below is from one of our sample sites on the lake (there are four total). You can see our lake has been trending downward, which means improving water quality!

These results change from year to year, with factors like temperature, rain, and snowmelt influencing our results. Therefore, we tend to focus on the trends. Thank you again to Dave and Linda for your tireless contributions to the health of our Lake!

## ■ LAKE LEVEL REPORT | Rick Snyder

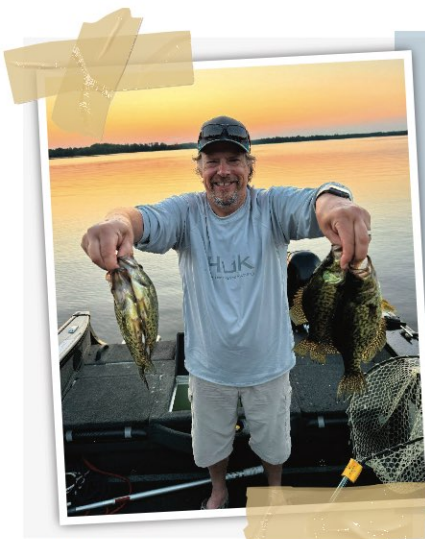
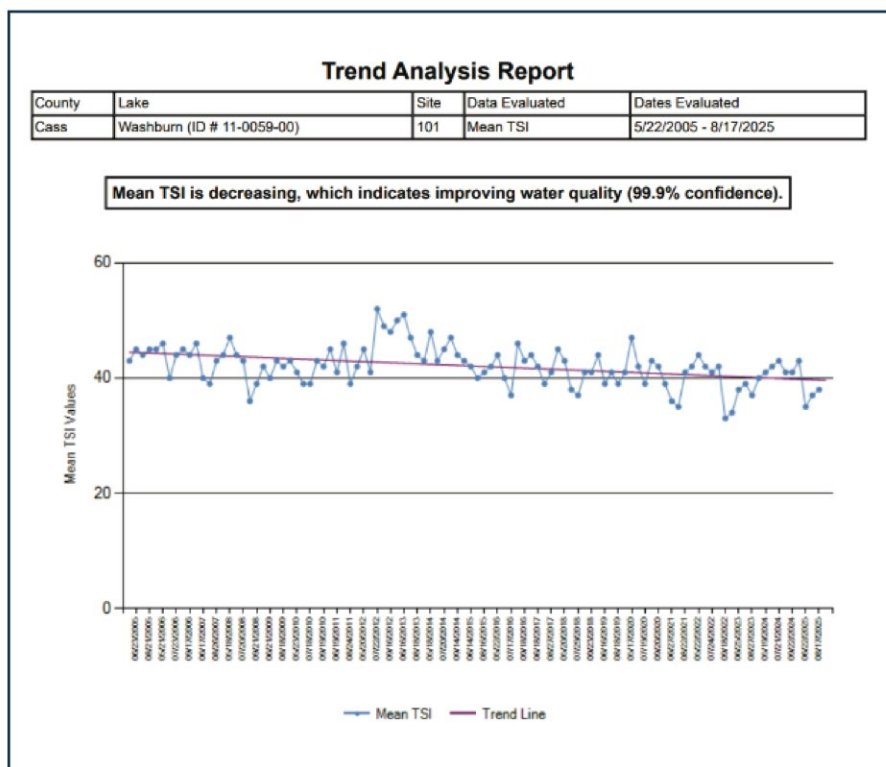
Lake Level Minnesota is a DNR program that oversees the collection and analysis of water level data from around the state. Each spring, the DNR Ecological and Water Resources staff travels throughout Minnesota to reset water gauges in many of our lakes. Individual lake volunteers then record and forward lake level data to the DNR on a weekly basis during the open water season. This information, collected over time, is useful in developing computer simulations of water level fluctuations and impacts. The data is also used to estimate potential flood levels, which helps in selecting safe construction sites, locations for sewage treatment plants, favorable road and bridge locations, and so on. Watershed managers also use historical lake level data to prepare local water management plans.

Recording the lake water levels at Washburn resumed in early June of this year, when the gauge was reset in West Basin by the DNR. As of this writing, the numbers show that 2025 water levels at Washburn declined 4.44 inches since the first reading in June.

Lake levels constantly vary, typically in response to precipitation and evaporation. Fluctuations in Minnesota lakes average one to two feet a year.

More information, including a historical water level graph for Lake Washburn, can be found using the link below:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showlevel.html?downum=11005900>



## GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

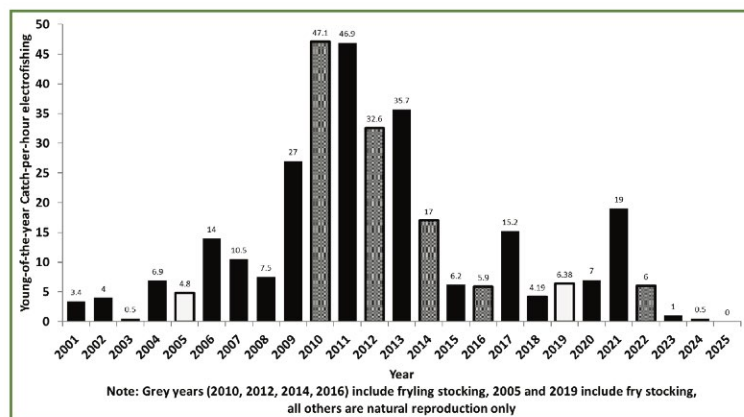
MY NAME IS BRENT NORDSTROM. I HAVE BEEN COMING TO LAKE WASHBURN FOR OVER 50 YEARS. MY FIRST VISIT WAS WHEN I WAS JUST SIX MONTHS OLD—WE CAMPED IN A TENT, AND I SUPPOSE THAT'S WHEN I WAS HOOKED FOR LIFE! MY PASSION FOR THE LAKE HAS ONLY GROWN THROUGH COUNTLESS FAMILY TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE CREATED LIFELONG MEMORIES.

BY SERVING AS AN LWA BOARD MEMBER, I HOPE TO COMPLEMENT MY ROLE AS FISHERIES ADVISOR AND FURTHER ADVANCE THE LWA MISSION: TO STUDY, DEVELOP, AND ENCOURAGE PRACTICES THAT PROTECT AND RESTORE THE BEAUTY AND ECOLOGY OF LAKE WASHBURN.

As we approach October, it's that time of year when the DNR does their electrofishing survey. This was completed on September 24, with the DNR sampling a total of 13 walleyes:

- Young-of-the-Year (YOY): 0
- Age structure:
  - 9 fish were Age-1 yearlings (7.4"–9.5"), likely some from the 2024 stockings.
  - 4 fish ranged up to 15.8", likely Age-2 or older.

This means the catch was dominated by the 2024 class (now 1-year-olds), with no evidence of a successful 2025 hatch.



### Interpretation of 2025 Results

1. No 2025 hatch detected:
  - Historically, fry/fingerling stockings (grey years in graph) greatly boosted YOY abundance. Without stocking, natural reproduction alone has been inconsistent.
  - The absence of YOY suggests poor spawning success/survival this spring/summer.
  - Environmental factors (temperature swings, poor spawning habitat, predation, or forage conditions) likely played a role.
2. Carryover of the 2024-year class:
  - The presence of many Age-1 yearlings (9 fish, 7–9.5") shows that the 2024 hatch did occur, even if weak (graph shows 0.5).
  - Survival into the 1-year class seems decent, despite a low YOY index last year.
3. Older age classes present:
  - A handful of fish up to ~16" confirms some multi-year survival.
  - However, overall abundance of older fish seems modest.

In June, the annual Jeff Maranda Memorial Youth Fishing Challenge brought in about 150 Northern Pike (*see separate article in this newsletter*). Shout out to all those who helped! This event is two-fold: getting youth out on the water to fish, along with reducing the Northern Pike population, which creates a better

opportunity for other species to flourish. Next time you are out on the lake fishing and catch a few of the smaller hammer handles, consider making it a practice to keep some (there are some great videos on ways to clean a bone-free Northern Pike).

How has fishing been on Washburn this year? Outside of doing the lake surveys, this is difficult to track. Fishing success does not necessarily mean a high volume of fish caught; rather, have various species been caught throughout the year for a cherished fish fry or pure enjoyment of catching and releasing fish? Feel free to update your success (or lack of success) by reaching out on the LakeWashburnMN.Org website, select "More", and then "Contact Us".

### Summary

- In 2025, Lake Washburn produced no detectable YOY walleyes, continuing a concerning trend from 2024. The sample was dominated by Age-1 yearlings (7–9.5") from the weak 2024 hatch, with only a handful of older fish. This suggests unstable natural reproduction and supports the need for supplemental stocking through our established Fund-A-Fish fisheries fund to maintain a sustainable walleye fishery.
  - As mentioned last fall, two fingerling stockings took place in 2024. We can expect the 2024 walleye class to reach about 11–12 inches by 2026. While tracking this class will be challenging, we may start to see results in 2026 electrofishing surveys, as walleyes typically begin spawning around four years of age.
  - Fishery outlook:
    - Anglers will likely catch mainly yearlings (small, sub-legal fish) and a few older walleyes.
    - The pipeline of future keeper-sized fish could be thin, unless strong year classes reappear soon.
- Fisheries fund:
- To date, we have about \$8,514.37 in the Fund-A-Fish fisheries fund. The goal is to continue to add to the fund through your donations until we can do another supplemental stocking in 2027.

## HELP KEEP LAKE WASHBURN FISHING SUSTAINABLE!

A message from the Lake Washburn Association

### SUSTAINABLE FISHING RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ **Release larger walleye (17 inches and over)**
- ✓ **Keep smaller northern pike, and release the big ones** (Large pike are the main predator keeping "hammer-handle" pike in check)
- ✓ **Keep fish caught in water deeper than 50 feet** (Due to barotrauma, they cannot survive release)

### SUPPORT THE FISHERIES FUND

Your donation helps maintain the health and sustainability of Lake Washburn's fish population.

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## Remembering Friends

### Diane Whiteley

Diane Mabel Whiteley, of Richfield, MN, passed away on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at the age of 75. Diane was born to Arden and Aladine Lodholz on Nov 21, 1949, in Wausau, WI. She was the oldest sibling to Larry and Linda (Johnson). Diane graduated from Wausau East High School and worked for Wausau Insurance where she met her husband, Terry. They relocated to Richfield, MN in 1982 and grew their family with daughters Sarah and Jenny. Diane was a stay-at-home mom until 1993 when she returned to work for Quello Clinic and Allina Health companies, until retiring in 2015.

Diane enjoyed working in her garden, spending time at the Lake Washburn cabin, seeing live music, and winter vacations on the beach in Puerto Vallarta. She loved going to exercise class and spending time with her many friends and loved ones.

Diane is survived by her father Arden, brother Larry, sister Linda, husband Terry, daughters Sarah and Jenny (Tim Oleson). She was preceded in death by her mother Aladine.

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## 2025 Youth Fishing Challenge | Mary Lindmeyer

Lake Washburn's Jeff Maranda Memorial Youth Fishing Challenge was held on June 28, 2025. The goal of the event is to promote youth interest in the sport of fishing, while reducing the Northern Pike population on our lake. Pat and Julie Maranda's lakefront hosted this year's event and, once again, it proved to be the perfect setting!

Over 20 Lake Washburn community volunteers assisted in setting up and working the fishing challenge. Participants enjoyed minnow races, casting lessons, and ice cream floats as their catches were weighed and entered into the challenge. Thirty-three anglers, ages 4-16 years old, caught 150 fish weighing in at over 238 pounds. That's a lot of PIKE!!

Of the 100+ crowd, 49 were kids who each received gift bags containing educational items courtesy of MN Pollution Control and MN Cass County. All were entered into the Fishing Challenge Raffle and went home with some exciting prizes, as well as memories of a fun afternoon.

Fishing poles and tackle boxes were just some of the prizes awarded to the heaviest catches to kids in five age categories. This year's Grand Prize Winners were 15-year old Ethan Hellerman and 11-year old Louella Gass. Each were awarded an insulated Clam Ice Tent.

The Jeff Maranda Memorial Youth Fishing Challenge would not be possible without the support of the following contributors:

- Event Hosts: Pat and Julie Maranda
- Reed's Family Outfitters - Walker MN
- Land O Lakes Marine - Outing MN
- Lake Country Food and Gas - Emily MN
- Reddings Sports and Spirits - Emily MN
- Holiday Stationstores
- MN Cass County
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- Hallie and Steve DeVries
- Brad Freisz
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- Lake Washburn Community Event Volunteers

Each year, we are blessed with good weather, growing crowds,

and endless enthusiasm as this event continues to exceed our expectations. Not only does it create excitement for the kids and promote their interest in fishing, but it also builds upon the strength of our lake community friendships. A win-win for all!

A letter from lake resident John Harris summing up the fishing challenge:

*How do you determine the success of the Lake Washburn Kids Fishing Challenge? Perhaps it is something measurable such as the number of "hammer handle" size northern caught and removed from the lake. Certainly, a lot of small northern were harvested this year. The number of participants could be the measure. Maybe it is the unmeasurable increase in the number of walleyes surviving to become breeding stock. While these are important, I think the contest success might be something else. I think the success of the Contest can be found in the absolute excitement shown by the participating young anglers.*

*For example, while eagerly waiting for his dad to get the car ready to come up to our cabin a day early, our grandson drew pictures of fish and listed the baits used to catch them. On the day of the contest, he and the friend he brought along were waking up his dad at 5am and they were on the water at 745am. About the same time, a boat with kids trolled by our dock and, the young boy next door and his two cousins were fishing off their dock waiting impatiently for a parent to run the boat so they could get to the other side of the lake where, "all the fish are." The kids were more excited about the contest than they are on Christmas morning!*

*Although unmeasurable, I'm pretty sure and hopeful that the Challenge has a positive impact on our fishery. I know the contest has a positive impact on our young kids and grandkids. The excitement is palatable in today's young participants who will ultimately become adult anglers. It is a joy for my wife and me to see how fired up the participants are... how eager they are to get out on the water fishing.*

*Thanks to each of you who make this event happen every year. You are creating excitement and making wonderful cabin memories. That is SUCCESS from my perspective!*



## Washburn Boat Parade Makes a Huge Splash! | Vicki Lipstreuer



The 32nd Annual Fourth of July Boat Parade set sail on Lake Washburn without a hitch. This year's event was dedicated to the memory of Grace Schuller, a co-founder of the parade, who passed away earlier this year. Grace and her husband, Jack,



organized the first event in 1993. Boats from all over Washburn traditionally gathered at the buoys near the Schuller's residence on the north end of Birch Bay and then headed out with a

blast from Jack's air horn to cruise by eager onshore parade watchers. The water battles between boats and those on the shoreline have increased to epic proportions over the decades, and this year was no exception. One pontoon, loaded with a crew of pirates and flying the Jolly Roger, was well equipped with a water cannon.

This summer, Jack served as the Honorary Grand Marshall, with John Harris as Captain of the lead boat, which was festooned in red, white, and blue bunting and garland placed by John's daughter-in-law, Leah. Peder Schuller, Jack's grandson, acted as First Mate and staff photographer on the Grand Marshall pontoon. Deputies Pat Maranda and Greg Hosch provided a Sheriff's escort. Despite the threat of rain, 58 patriotically adorned watercraft participated, with one beautiful sailboat bringing up the rear (the aqua version of a Blue Angels fly-over), and there was even a guest appearance by Lady Liberty.



## Get the Lead Out Competition Nets a New State Record! | Vicki Lipstreuer

The 2025 Get the Lead Out (GTLO) contest at Lakers Lions Annual Corn Feed nets 54 pounds, 6 ounces of LEAD - a new STATE RECORD!

The Crooked Lake Township Lakes and Shores (CLT L&S) Committee teamed up with Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Army Corps of Engineers to once again collect toxic lead fishing tackle during this August event.

This year's grand prize for the person collecting the most lead was a Minn Kota Endura Trolling Motor. Second prize was 18 holes of golf for four at Emily Greens Golf Course. Additionally, everyone who turned in a minimum of 1.0 ounces of lead qualified for raffle prizes of \$50.00 gift certificates donated by the following area restaurants: Crooked Lake Cafe, Pickled Loon Saloon, Red Pine Cookhouse, and the Village Inn.

At the CLT L&S booth, kids were able to color and create their own custom t-shirts and take home gift bags filled with an assortment of tattoos, stickers, whistles, magnets, frisbees, and gifts from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Volunteers from two Crooked Lake Township lake associations, RALALA (Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes) and LWA, along with support from Cass County AIS Technician, Steve Henry, provided information about the area lake associations, the GTLO campaign, and efforts to deter aquatic invasive species from our area lakes.

Thank you to everyone who visited the CLT L&S booth. Special thanks to the volunteers and sponsors and congratulations to the GTLO Winners!

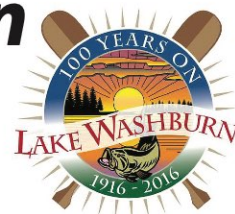


For over 40 years now, Iowa Camp on Lake Washburn has had a strong tradition of coming together as a community to celebrate the 4th of July with a potluck picnic. Iowa Camp was founded in 1916 and today there are several 3rd and 4th generation families enjoying lake ownership. Iowa families come from Des Moines, Ankeny, Ames, Bondurant, and beyond, and Minnesota families from Robbinsdale, New Ulm, Princeton, Marshall, the Twin Cities, and beyond. Each year we gather on Ivy Lane, where there is a brief "business" update of our Fire Safety Procedures/Fund, Road Fund, and time of reflection/remembrance of the past year. Our attendance numbers vary from year to year, with 90 being one of our highest, and 65 at our 2025 event. Before Covid, a spring potluck would be held in Ankeny, IA, as an opportunity to reconnect after the winter months and anticipate the upcoming summer months, where the simple joys of lake life with those who matter most are enjoyed and treasured!

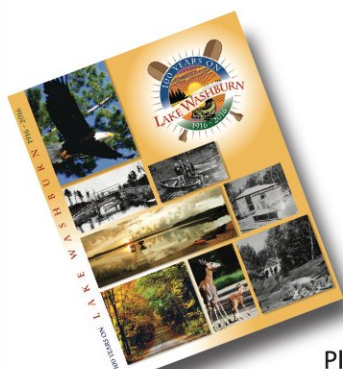


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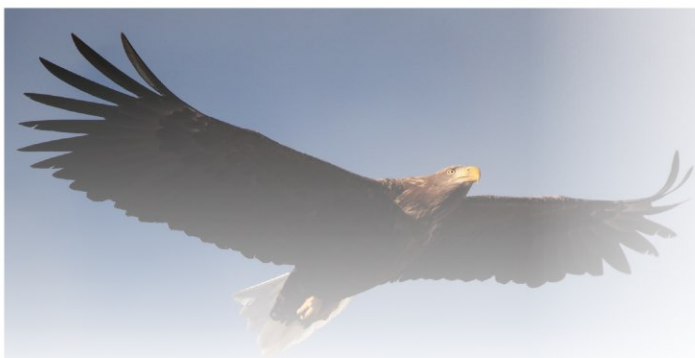
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# Eagles and Loons on Lake Washburn: 2025 Season Highlights | Kimberly Zwart



This year, Lake Washburn has been the site for a lot of eagle and loon activity. Dan Laakso, a Lake Washburn resident, has volunteered his time to monitor these avian neighbors, giving us some very valuable insights into their lives and the health of our lake environment.

We had three new eagles make their mark on the local landscape this year, with four nesting sites on the lake as follows:

**Nest 1:** The newest nest on the lake produced twins this spring, both of which have long since fledged and are now exploring their surroundings.

**Nest 2:** This nest is the remnant of a decades-old structure, unused for years and serving as a quiet reminder of past generations.

**Nest 3:** This is the oldest and largest nest on the lake and was reactivated this year after a decade of dormancy, successfully producing one eaglet.

**Nest 4:** A newer nest, estimated to be about five years old, showed no activity this season.

Lake Washburn's eagle population continues to evolve, with both new and old nests contributing to the story of these majestic birds. The return of activity to the oldest nest is especially noteworthy, signaling resilience and renewal in the local ecosystem.

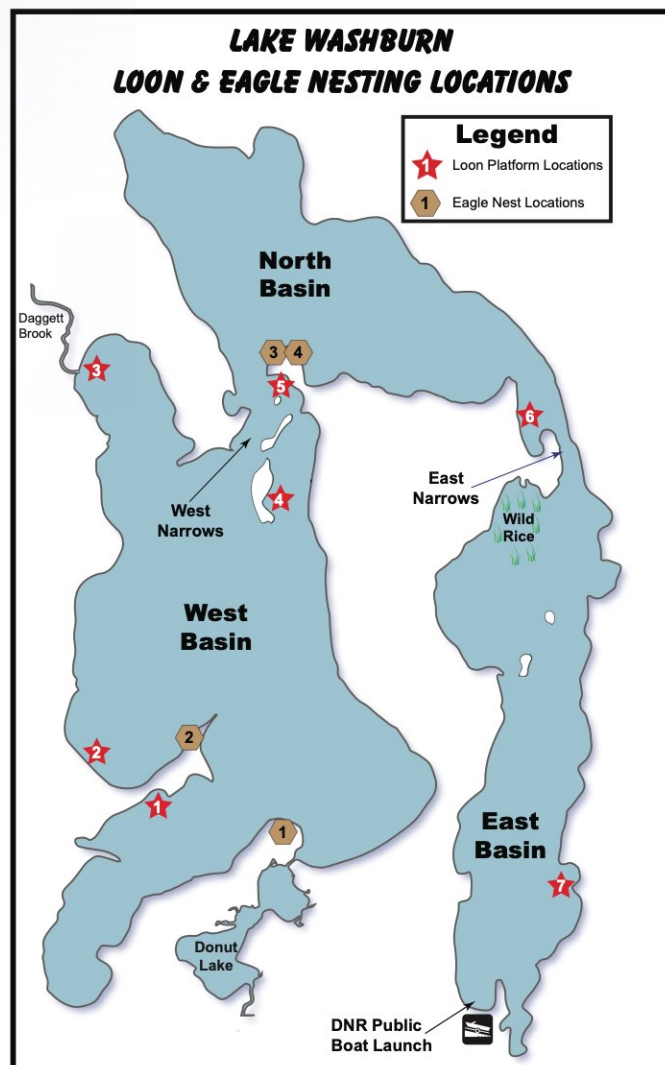
Our resident loons had both successes and challenges this year as follows:

**Platforms with success:** Platforms 1 and 6 each hosted two eggs, with one chick surviving and thriving in both cases. These platforms continue to be reliable sites for loon reproduction.

**Platforms with challenges:** Platforms 2 and 5 saw two eggs reach full term, but unfortunately, no chicks survived. Possible causes include predation (raccoons suspected at Platform 2) and unknown factors at Platform 5.

**Inactive sites:** Platforms 3 and 7, once productive, showed no activity this season, raising questions about changing habitat preferences or environmental pressures.

**Natural nesting:** Notably, Platform 4—a natural nest—produced one thriving chick, underscoring the importance of preserving natural nesting sites alongside artificial platforms.



While some platforms continue to support loon populations, others have experienced setbacks, emphasizing the need for optional nest site locations. The success of the natural nest site also suggests that loons benefit from a mix of nesting options. Suspected raccoon activity and unexplained chick losses highlight the challenges loons face from their natural predators.

Continued observation and stewardship of Lake Washburn's eagle and loon populations is essential to ensure their long-term survival. Community involvement and maintaining a healthy and natural lake landscape both help to address challenges and celebrate successes in the years to come.





## Beavers and Dams | *Charlie McGlynn*

One of my first memories on Lake Washburn was in the spring of 2020 (you know, that spring when we were all locked in). I was having a fire by the lake with my dog, Edmund, and all of a sudden...SPLASH! Then another SPLASH! A beaver was letting us know that this was his turf and we'd better watch out.

Five years later, I understand a lot more about our lake and these furry amphibious critters. Although we might find them to be a nuisance because their dams sometimes affect lake levels, these ecosystem engineers bring us a host of environmental benefits.

In a recent MPR news article, Emily Fairfax, an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota specializing in beaver research, points out how beavers can be our water allies because they "are absolutely determined to keep the water there. It is life or death for them. A beaver on land is extraordinarily vulnerable... so their whole life is about maintaining a wetland environment."

A beaver-created wetland provides habitat for the fish, birds, and other wildlife that characterize our surroundings, as well as extra water storage, making the land more resilient to flooding and drought. You may not know that when beavers build dams, they also dig little canals that help spread the water onto the landscape. This allows water to seep slowly into the soil, filtering nutrients and keeping plants lush and green. At a practical level, this means that beaver dams help filter the water that comes into Lake Washburn from Lake George and the surrounding watershed. It also means that if a wildfire were to come through, our beaver wetlands would likely slow the fire because they're too wet to burn.

My neighbor, Dan Laakso, told me about a sign reading "leave the beavers be" that Mr. Muchow posted between Lake George and Daggett Brook years ago. Now I understand why he did that. Although we may want a quick fix for water levels, letting the beavers be affords a long-term view on maintaining our overall water quality and local ecosystem. If we can wait it out, hopefully we will get ample snowpack and spring rain to help return our lake levels to normal. Visit the LWA website to read more about beavers.



## Woolly Bear Caterpillars

Who else has spotted one of these cuties scooting across the ground?

These fuzzy caterpillars are called banded woolly bear caterpillars. They are usually more visible in the early fall as they look for a spot under the leaves to curl up for the winter.

You might have heard that the width of a woolly bear's brown and black bands can predict how severe a winter might be. In reality, the width of the bands has to do with the caterpillar's age. The older the caterpillar, the wider the reddish-brown band around its midsection.

To survive the cold, they release a chemical called glycerol to act as antifreeze, protecting them from the chilly temperatures.

In the spring, they cocoon and transform into the Isabella tiger moth. They find a mate, lay some eggs and the cycle begins again!



Learn more about these fuzzy caterpillars:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/.../2024/sep-oct/profile.html>



## We're gonna need a bigger freezer! Floating Ice Cream Social Declared a Victory! | Vicki Lipstreuer

The Annual Lake Washburn Floating Ice Cream Social was a huge success with 82 boats, 3 jet skis, 80 kids, and 61 dogs! We served up 384 bars of ice cream, along with gift bags of AIS literature for the adults and water safety materials for the kids. As the crew weighed anchor, two additional boats arrived, but alas the cargo hold was empty. To borrow a line from "Jaws", we are going to need a bigger boat...or at the very least, a bigger freezer!

This year's crew consisted of Commodore David "how many ice creams" Patterson, Captain of Coordination Vicki Lipstreuer, Commander of the Net Glen Goodwin, Lieutenant of Literature Susan Tyra, and Lieutenant Junior Grade of Dairy Sam Patterson.



## GOAL ONE MILLION TREES

The Crow Wing SWCD annual tree sale has provided healthy trees, shrubs, and native plants to landowners for more than 25 years!

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We hope to reach the one million tree mark within this, or the next, annual sale.

Cheers to all those who have been reforestation with us!

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## Some Minnesota frogs can freeze in winter without dying

### ASK THE MASTER NATURALIST

Paul S. Jacobsen - University Of Minnesota Extension Service Master Naturalist

**Question:** Earlier this winter I found a frog in my garden that was frozen solid and appeared to be dead. I heard that some frogs can freeze without dying. Is that really true?

**Answer:** Yes, it is, and the frog may survive the winter.

Minnesota has 14 different types of frogs and toads, and four of these have the amazing ability to survive winter by letting most of their bodies freeze. These frogs are the wood frog, the spring peeper, the gray tree frog and the similar Copes gray tree frog.

This ability to freeze was first documented by University of Minnesota Professor William Schmid in the 1960s. Dr. Schmid noticed frogs in the Three Rivers Park District that survived freezing, and he wrote a scholarly article about it in 1982. Since then, there has been more research on how these frogs survive freezing, and the process is a remarkable adaptation to winter.

As you probably know, frogs are "cold-blooded," meaning their bodies' temperature and metabolism depends on the weather around them — unlike mammals who make their own heat. So, if they can't make their own heat, how do these frogs survive being frozen?

In short, antifreeze.

First, in the fall, these frogs go on an eating binge. But instead of turning this food into fat, the calories accumulate as glycogen. Then they burrow into soil or leaf litter or forest duff, preferably in a moist area. The aim is to avoid the worst of the winter cold and to allow the freezing to occur slowly, as a quick freeze will kill them.

As the colder weather sets in, the glycogen in their livers converts to glucose, a type of sugar. The frogs then distribute extreme levels of glucose through their bodies, with it concentrating in the heart, liver, skeletal muscles and blood. As a result, the cells in the frog's organs dehydrate and the water collects in the cavity around the organs. Up to 70% of the water in the frog freezes solid. But with high glucose levels, the key organs remain unfrozen in a sugary syrup. In addition to the glucose, their body also releases urea, and the combination of glucose and urea protects them from subfreezing temperatures. The cold temperature stops the heart and the blood stops flowing, making the frog appear all but dead.

When warmer weather arrives in the spring, the frog warms from the inside out and the heart spontaneously restarts, again pumping blood to the rest of the frog. Within a day or two, the frog is again "alive," and it lives off its high glucose levels until it can start feeding on insects and the like.

All in all, it's a remarkable adaptation to winter and allows wood frogs to live north of the Arctic circle.

**Question:** Can these frogs survive a winter with little snow, like this winter?

**Answer:** Some may freeze too much and may not survive. As we all know, snow insulates the ground and prevents it from getting too cold. Many animals, like voles and mice, spend the entire winter below the snow layer, where it stays much warmer than the air above. Research has shown that frogs that partially freeze can be cooled down to 19 degrees Fahrenheit for weeks at a time. But around 0 degrees Fahrenheit the glucose antifreeze isn't enough, and the frog's organs freeze solid, killing it. So, in a winter

like ours where we've had bare ground and subzero temperatures, unless that frog was burrowed deep, the cold may have been too much, and the frog may not reawaken in the spring.

**Question:** How do other frogs and toads survive the winter if they don't freeze?

**Answer:** Some frogs, like the leopard frog and the American bullfrog, swim to the bottom of a lake or pond and settle on the bottom to hibernate. The water must be oxygen-rich so they can absorb oxygen through their skin and survive our long winters.

Some toads, like the American toad, hibernate on land, but burrow into the soil with their strong back feet. They will keep digging as the frost deepens to avoid freezing to death. This means that these toads may burrow several feet deep to avoid the cold, only digging out as the frost leaves the ground.

**Question:** Could these discoveries help humans survive freezing?

**Answer:** This question is, of course, one of the reasons for research on freezing frogs, and it would be useful for space exploration to allow humans to hibernate during long voyages. Although humans have water and some sugar in our bodies, humans would die from the level of glucose necessary to allow frogs to survive freezing temperatures. Scientists will have to find some other way to let astronauts hibernate during a voyage to Mars or beyond.

Do you have any questions about the natural world, such as birds, bugs, critters or native plants? Are you a Master Naturalist or other naturalist expert and want to write an article? Email me at [BLAmaster-naturalist@gmail.com](mailto:BLAmaster-naturalist@gmail.com).

# Remember When?

# Take A Look Back

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## MEMBERS ASK

We would like to reply to some of our members questions and concerns stated on their returned membership forms:

1) We would like more specific information on how the association envisions the use of the funds being set aside for the ravine plant control?

In case of a fire or other serious plant should be found in Lake Washburn, we would use this money to hire a company that specializes in removal of such plants to clean up our lake. Bay Lake, for example, found a fire, hired a company immediately, and now has this problem under control.

2) What has happened to the land owned by the association?

The land was sold and has since been donated to the State of Minnesota. For further information, contact Jan Bron, 218-792-2587.

3) Aside from general activities to improve habitat, is the association currently involved in more specific activities, such as fish stocking?

The DNR stocks our lake yearly, as noted in the January newsletter. If we were to stock anything as an association, the amount we stock would be taken away from the amount the DNR stocks, making the result the same. This is an area we continue to pursue with the DNR.

4) If there is any change in Peninsula Road we would want to be notified.

The Association Board tries to keep in contact with the County and township offices so that we can let you know of any change being planned. With two new letters a year, a lot of information has to be passed "word of mouth". It is important that members let us know if they hear of anything they feel the association should be aware of.

5) Could you explain how to use (read) the buoys. Are you to go left, right, can you go in-between them?

The buoys on Lake Washburn are danger buoys only. They mark areas where boats should be very careful as rock exists very close to the water surface or the water is very shallow. You may go on either side of them but the preferred way is toward the lake, not the shore side. Buoys located close together or in a triangle mark an area where you should NOT go in-between them.

6) Due to snowmobiling, our private property has had destruction to new seedlings. We have planted over 5000 new seedlings the past 3 years. Snowmobilers ignore the no trespassing signs and kill the trees.

We don't like to think that Lake Washburn residents would purposely destroy private property. However, we know that snowmobilers come from all areas. It appears that education would be the key. In the meantime, anyone observing snowmobilers on posted property should try to obtain identification and/or contact the Sheriff's office.

7) The East Lake rice bed was noted in the last newsletter. Please explain the reasons for the buoys in that area.

The buoys south of the East narrows are to keep boats from cutting across and damaging the rice bed. The rice bed improved last year, but needs our awareness to continue improving.

8) I am so pleased to learn that the association is setting aside money to be used for ecological reasons and not using it in a frivolous manner.

We are pleased that you approve of our investing in the future of Lake Washburn by allotting money to combat erosion, noxious plants, etc. Please let us know of other projects you think may be of interest to the association.

9) What happened to the possibility of a directory of Lake Washburn property owners?

Of those who responded, there were fewer than 351 who were in favor of such a directory. In order for the directory to be cost efficient it would take at least 500 participation.

If you have questions or concerns you would like to see addressed in the newsletter, please let us know. We can't promise to answer all, but we will do our best to direct you to an answer if possible.

## FIRE NUMBERS

Be sure you know your fire number! It is most for emergency needs. The Association has purchased a fire number listing from the township with the current assigned numbers and owner names. Please check the book at one of our meetings or contact John Boushert if you wish to verify your number.



## NEWSLETTER

Lake Washburn Association  
Spring 1999

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## HARMFUL EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES

Zebra mussels, Eurasian water-milfoil, ruffe, and other harmful exotics pose a threat to Minnesota waters and native aquatic plants and animals. These non-indigenous invaders also pose a threat to water-based recreation, including fishing.

Currently, these harmful exotics are living in relatively few Minnesota lakes and rivers. But, they could easily spread—and new species could enter from other states—if citizens who use state waters don't take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of harmful exotic species.

Eurasian water-milfoil: In shallow waters, this aquatic plant can interfere with water recreation, and its floating surface mats can crowd out important native plants. Fragments clinging to boats and trailers can spread the prolific plant from one water body to another.

Round goby: This bottom-dwelling fish from Europe can displace native bottom-dwelling fish and is a nuisance for anglers. It poses a threat to fisheries in the Great Lakes, where it has already entered, and in inland fisheries.

Ruffe: This small, perch-like fish, native to Europe, is very abundant in the Duluth harbor. It displaces several native fish species and is a nuisance for anglers. Ruffe can be accidentally transported in bait buckets and live wells.

Zebra mussel: This small mussel from Asia displaces native mussels, disrupts lake ecosystems, and clogs industrial equipment. Zebra mussels attach to boats, aquatic plants, and objects placed in the water. The tiny larvae can be accidentally transported in live wells and bait buckets.

## EXOTIC SPECIES LAWS

Prohibition And Restrictions, Transportation, Launching, and Bait Harvest.

It is unlawful to:

Transport aquatic plants, ruffe, round goby, zebra mussels, or other prohibited exotic species on public roads.

Transport water (including in live wells and bait containers) from infested waters.

Launch a watercraft with aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or prohibited exotic species attached.

Harvest minnows, frogs, or any other wild animals from infested waters for bait.

## COMMERCIAL FISHING

Nets and other equipment used in infested waters for commercial fishing must be dried for 10 days before using in non-infested waters.

Water from infested waters may not be used to transport live fish.

## PROHIBITED EXOTIC SPECIES

Aquatic Plants in Minnesota Waters:

Curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian milfoil, flowering rush, and purple loosestrife.

Aquatic Plant Not Known to be in Minnesota Waters:

African oxygen weed, aquarium watermoss, giant salvinia, Australian stonecrop, European frog-bit, hydrilla, Indian swampweed, water hyacinth, or water soldiers, and water chestnut.

Fish in Minnesota Waters:

Grass carp, round goby, ruffe, sea lamprey, white perch, Fish Not Known to be in Minnesota Waters:

Bighead carp, black carp, mud, silver carp, or zander.

## LIMITED INFESTATION OF EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

Each year, lakes known to have less than 10 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil are designated as having "limited infestations". These lakes have signs posted at the public water access sites. The areas where control work is planned on these lakes are marked with yellow buoys. On these specific lakes, entry into the marked areas by boaters, anglers, or other water users is prohibited. (Exceptions: emergencies involving human life, milfoil control efforts, or by owners or lessees of land adjacent to the marked areas who do not have water access other than through the marked areas.)

## HOW YOU CAN STOP THE SPREAD OF EXOTICS

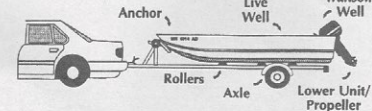
Remove any visible plants and animals from your boat, trailer, and other boating equipment before leaving any water body.

Drain water from the motor, livewell, bilge, and transom wells at the ramp or access before leaving any water body.

Dispose of unwanted live bait on land. Never release live bait into a water body, or release aquatic animals from one water body into another.

Wash/dry your boat and other boating equipment to kill harmful exotic animal species that were not visible at the boat launch. Before transporting to another water body either:

Rinse your boat and boating equipment that normally get wet with hot tap water; or



Spring 2003

## 10 BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR LAKE PROTECTION AND ENJOYMENT

1. Septic systems should be in code with local ordinances and properly operated and maintained.

- Do not put household cleaners, paint, solvents and pesticides down the drain.
- Practice water conservation at home.
- Limit the use of antibacterial products.
- Pump septic systems at least every three years, more often depending on use. Systems with garbage disposals should be pumped annually.

2. Practice good lawn maintenance.

- Limit fertilizing. Use zero-phosphorus fertilizer unless a soil test indicates the need for phosphorus. Do not fertilize with 50 feet of the lake.
- Keep grass clippings, leaves, and pet waste out of the lake.
- Reduce or eliminate pesticide use on the lawn and garden.

3. Maintain or establish a shoreline buffer zone of natural vegetation.

- Buffers prevent erosion and infiltration of nutrients into the lake.
- Buffers should be a minimum of 30 feet.
- Encourage woody vegetation and tall grasses to stabilize the shoreline.
- Minimize the disturbance of aquatic plants as they help to stabilize shorelines, and they are critical as habitat for fish and other wildlife.
- Slow shoreline runoff with gentle sloping and terraced landscaping.

4. Be a safe boater.

- Follow local boating regulations and safety rules and respect the rights of others.

(We will have copies of the 2003 Minnesota Boating Guide available at the general meeting. Look for it at our Resource Center.)

5. Practice catch-and-release fishing.

6. Prevent the spread of exotics, such as Eurasian watermilfoil and zebra mussels.

- Check your boat before and after launching in the water; encourage others at the public access to do the same.
- Participate in the Zebra Mussel Watch Program. Call the DNR at 651-296-2835 or Minnesota Sea Grant at 218-726-4106.

7. Work with local officials.

- Be part of the local water planning process; ensure that the county water plan contains protective and rehabilitative management efforts for lakes in your county.
- Attend planning and zoning meetings or board of adjustments to voice concerns about development activity that does not meet local ordinances.

8. Become a part of the local decision making process.

- Support your local lake association and county coalition of lake associations.

Become part of the decision-making process for local land use ordinances—serve on the township board, soil and water conservation district board, water planning board, or other local government committees and appointed commissions.

9. Make your concerns known to state and federal legislators. (A list of those will be available at the general meeting at the "Resource Center".)

10. Support the Minnesota Lakes Association. Go to [www.mnlakes.org](http://www.mnlakes.org) or check out the Resource Center at the June general meeting. M-LA is offering LWA members a one-time introductory membership for \$10—a 50% discount off their regular annual dues. You just need to cross out the \$20 on the form and enter "\$10 per Lake Washburn Association".

Working together at the local, county and state level—we can make a difference.

(Taken from the Minnesota Lakes Association website.)

## LEGISLATION (from page 9)

Keep clean water a budget priority. "We can't afford not to protect our water," said MEP policy director, Don Arnott. "Both House Speaker Steve Sviggum and Senate Majority Leader John Haringer have said that clean air and clean water will not be sacrificed during this critical budgeting session. We urge all lawmakers to join with their leadership to protect clean water funding this session."

Please contact your local representative and urge them to vote for these issues. More information on these issues and how to contact your legislators will be available at the Resource Center. You can also go to MEP's website:

[www.meppartnership.org/protectourwater](http://www.meppartnership.org/protectourwater)

To find out the status of these and other issues, you can go directly to the Minnesota Legislature's website:

[www.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.leg.state.mn.us)

(Source: Minnesota Environmental Partnership website)

## WHERE IS "UP NORTH"?

Doug Johnson sent us this writing by May Winch that came with a beautiful water color painting. While he cannot share the painting with us, he did want to share her writing: "There's a lot of talk about 'UP-NORTH'. It's the place everyone wants to escape the pressures and the frantic pace of life. But where is 'UP-NORTH'? For it is not so much a LOCATION as a state of mind. So how do you know when you've arrived 'UP-NORTH'? When you feel the cares of the world begin to slip away, when you begin to breathe a little easier because the air seems purer, when you notice the sky is blue and the pines are taller and the people smile a lot more, it's then you know you're 'UP-NORTH'."



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## EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL QUIZ

QUESTION 1: The sample on the:



A. Left is Eurasian Watermilfoil  
B. Right is Eurasian Watermilfoil.  
C. Neither is Eurasian Watermilfoil.  
D. One needs more of the plant to positively ID it.

QUESTION 2: EWM spreads and reproduces by:

A. Releasing seeds in the fall that take root over the winter and will become mature plants by the following August.  
B. Fish, loons, and water flow causing pollen from male and female plants to mix resulting in fertilized seeds that take root.  
C. Causing Northern Watermilfoil to mutate and a genetic level causing all future offspring to become Eurasian Watermilfoil.  
D. Plant fragments which break off and take root somewhere else.

QUESTION 3: The easiest way to make sure EWM is dead is:

A. Expose it to hot water.  
B. Dry it out completely.  
C. Spray it with Chlorox.  
D. All of the above.

QUESTION 4: Eurasian Watermilfoil generally has more than \_\_\_\_\_ leaflets than \_\_\_\_\_ leaflets.

A. 12 and 10.  
B. 15 and 16.  
C. 9 and 5.  
D. 12 and 12.

QUESTION 5: The most important thing when combating milfoil in a lake is:

A. Raising money sufficient to allow timely treatment.  
B. Having very accurate information of where the plants are located.  
C. Containing the plant as much as possible, by reducing boat traffic in infested areas.  
D. All of the above.

QUESTION 6: The Minnesota DNR serves two primary roles after the discovery of an infestation of EWM:

A. Advise and treat.  
B. Fund and treat.  
C. Monitor and treat.  
D. Monitor and permit treatment.

QUESTION 7: The number of lakes who have gotten rid of EWM in the United States is:

A. Zero  
B. Less than 10  
C. Less than 50  
D. Less than 100

QUESTION 8: Once a lake has EWM there is no point worrying about any other aquatic invasive species because it has the worst one.

True or False

QUESTION 9: Lakes with EWM and Rusty Crayfish provide better fish habitat.

True or False

QUESTION 10: Once a lake has EWM you might as well sell, because it will take over everything.

True or False

(See page 6 for Quiz answers.)

## OVERVIEW OF BUDGETED FUNDRAISING FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

### Two Year Capital Campaign

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Member Contributions                 | 45,000        |
| Includes Matching for first \$22,500 |               |
| Fundraising events/sales             | 13,000        |
| DNR Grants                           | 3,000         |
| Other Gifts                          | 4,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>65,000</b> |

FUNDRAISING continues on page 6

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## ICE SAFETY | Did you know?

**New ice is usually stronger than old ice.** Four inches of clear, newly-formed ice may support one person on foot, while a foot or more of old, partially-thawed ice may not.

**Ice seldom freezes uniformly.** It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two just a few feet away.

**Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous.** This is especially true near streams, bridges and culverts. Also, the ice on outside river bends is usually weaker due to the undermining effects of the faster current.

**The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process.** The extra weight also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

**Booming and cracking ice isn't necessarily dangerous.** It only means that the ice is expanding and contracting as the temperature changes.

**Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can also adversely affect the relative safety of ice.** The movement of fish can bring warm water up from the bottom of the lake. In the past, this has opened holes in the ice causing snowmobiles and cars to break through.

For more information on ice safety contact the MN DNR and ask for our free ice safety publications, which include the brochures, "Danger, Thin Ice" and "Cold Water Kills" and the wallet-sized reference card and 11X14 posters titled, "Minimum Recommended Ice Thicknesses." Metro (651) 296-6157 or toll free outside the metro area 1-888-646-6367 or email the Information Center at: [info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us)



## Lake Washburn Association Adopt-A-Highway 48 Clean-Up May 17, 2025



Coordinator: Mark Stange



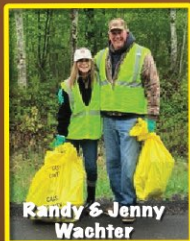
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## Lake Washburn Association Adopt-A-Highway 48 Clean-Up August 30, 2025



Coordinator: Mark Stange



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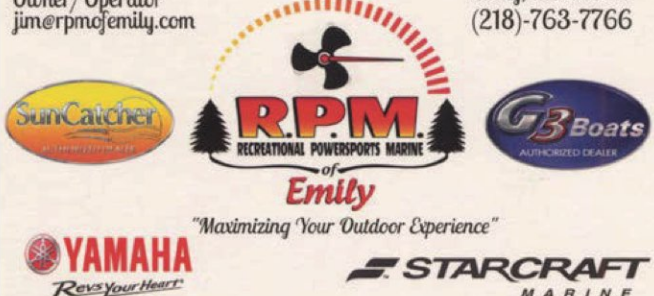
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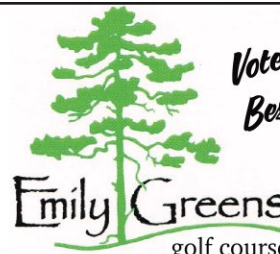
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# Lake Washburn Association Apparel Order Form



**Limited Quantities Available**

**In stock and ready for pick-up or shipping**

**Orders processed on a first come, first served basis**

| T-Shirt       |                |             |               |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Color<br>Size | Adult<br>Large | Adult<br>XL | Qty<br>Totals |
| <b>NAVY</b>   |                |             |               |
| Cost Each     | \$ 26.00       | \$ 26.00    | <b>Total</b>  |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | \$             | \$          | \$            |

| Long Sleeve Shirt |                |               |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Color<br>Size     | Adult<br>Large | Qty<br>Totals |
| <b>GRAY</b>       |                |               |
| Cost Each         | \$ 30.00       | <b>Total</b>  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | \$             | \$            |

| Hoodie Sweatshirt |                |               |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Color<br>Size     | Adult<br>Large | Qty<br>Totals |
| <b>NAVY</b>       |                |               |
| Cost Each         | \$ 42.00       | <b>Total</b>  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | \$             | \$            |

**All proceeds will  
be placed into the  
LWA AIS Fund**

## BILLING ADDRESS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## DELIVERY ADDRESS (If different than Billing Address)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## RECEIVING OPTIONS: Please check one

☐ **PICK-UP:** In Outing ☐ **SHIP:** Additional charges will apply

**GRAND TOTAL : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **CREDIT CARD \*** ☐ **CASH / CHECK**



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EXPIRATION DATE

CVV

BILLING ZIP CODE

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*3.8% will be added to the grand total  
to cover the credit card processing fees**

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Lake  
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Association

# Membership Form

## Annual Membership Dues and Donations

**Annual Membership Dues: \$25**

Please complete the entire form so we can keep our database current.

**Check your membership status on the mailing label BEFORE submitting this form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Year you purchased property on Lake Washburn: \_\_\_\_\_



### Sustaining Membership

Bill my credit card every January for the total listed until I notify LWA in writing of a change.

*General Fund (GF) donations are used for operational expenses such as producing the newsletter, ice cream social, fishing challenge supplies, plus donations to local organizations.*

*Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) donations are restricted for AIS efforts only.*

*Fisheries Fund donations are to be used for supplemental walleye stocking based upon DNR recommendations.*

### I am interested in participating or receiving information about:

- |                                                                          |                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buoy Markers                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board or Officer                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Challenge     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming Committee                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality Testing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Road 48 Clean-up                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries & Stocking  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff's Water Safety Patrol                   |                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention and Treatment |                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crooked Lake Township Lakes & Shores Committee  |                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                     |                                                |



I prefer to receive my newsletter electronically instead of US Mail.

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

**ALL contributions are tax-deductible**

Dues: \$ 25.00

General Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ted Johnson Memorial  
AIS Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fisheries Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### METHOD OF PAYMENT



CREDIT CARD



CASH / CHECK



ACCOUNT NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE

CVV

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**3.8% Will be added to the total to help pay for credit card processing fees.**

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OFF



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On foot

5-7"  
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7-8"  
Side-by-side  
ATV

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13-17"  
Truck

20+ "  
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