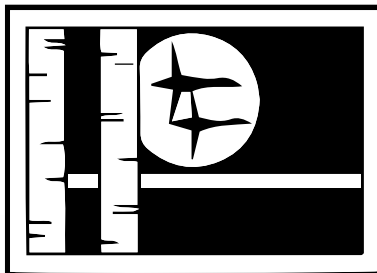


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

*by Erin Adams, TMLA President*

One of my favorite seasons on Ten Mile Lake is the autumn. It's a little cooler, a little quieter, and the colors are glorious. While it is wonderful to share this place with friends and family who don't live nearby, the slower season of fall gives me and my husband Steve a chance to deepen friendships with our lake neighbors.

And what remarkable neighbors all of us have on Ten Mile! The Ten Mile Lake Association is extremely fortunate to have over fourteen very active committees made up of people just like you and your neighbors. These volunteers give so generously of their time and talents. And all of their efforts - whether it is through the editing and publication of this newsletter, pursuing and protecting conservation easements, or sinking Secchi disks to document water clarity - help

our association live up to our mission to preserve and improve Ten Mile, not just for ourselves, but also for the benefit of future generations.

This year we have added another, albeit temporary, committee - namely, the 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Dave and Cindy Kaldor are the chairs of this committee and they are fantastic organizers. I have attended several of their meetings this summer and I am deeply impressed by both the breadth of ideas and the enthusiasm for executing them that they and their team are developing.

You can read more about their specific plans elsewhere in this newsletter and we will continue to use TMLA emails, the website, and social media posts to make sure you are fully informed and able to participate in all of the events

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

planned for the summer of 2027. But I want to use this column to reflect a little bit on the reasons why we are having a 75th Anniversary Celebration in the first place.

There doesn't seem to be a consensus on which Minnesota lake association is the oldest, but the TMLA is surely one of the top contenders to claim that title. Through the work of hundreds of volunteers and decades of generous donations by our members, we have been able to successfully improve our water quality, protect our shorelines, and preserve over 75% of our watershed so that future generations may enjoy the same remarkable public resource that we and our predecessors have enjoyed.

This remarkable longevity and a record of measurable accomplishments is no small thing. Your TMLA Board of Directors believes that 75 years of steadfast dedication to preserving and improving

the lake we all love is worthy of both recognition and celebration. Will we have fun next summer? Absolutely! But the events of next summer are more than a party. Rather, your TMLA Board of Directors recognizes that it is not enough to simply celebrate the past. If we are to remain a viable organization, we must also plan for the future and anticipate both environmental challenges and changing generational attitudes toward volunteerism. If the Ten Mile Lake Association is to continue to serve our mission for another 25, 50, or 100 years, we must have members who know and care about the lake. We must educate and attract a new generation of volunteers and donors who will continue the good work of those who came before us. Simply put, we build the future by telling the present about our past. And having a little fun along the way helps us create a community of which we can all be a part.

Enjoy the fall and we will see you next summer!

## VINTAGE HOME TOUR NEXT SUMMER!

Do you and your family own one of Ten Mile's vintage cabins or other buildings of historical significance? Would you be interested in having your property be part of a Vintage Home Tour in the summer of 2027? If so, please contact Steve Adams at 952-201-2408 or email him at: sadams62@gmail.com.



We'd love for you to be part of the fun as our Ten Mile Lake Association celebrates 75 years of working to preserve and improve this wonderful place.



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## SUBMERGED BUOYS ON TEN MILE LAKE?

While there are many types of buoys used on Ten Mile Lake - safety buoys marking hazards, swim buoys delineating swimming areas, loon-nesting buoys urging caution around nesting loons and newborn chicks - there are also submerged buoys tied to various apparatus used by the MN DNR and other researchers to measure many aspects of our water.

If you come across an unfamiliar buoy or one that seems damaged or partially submerged, please check with either Lee Sand, chair of our Lake Safety Committee, or Bruce Carlson, chair of our Environment and Ecology Committee, before cutting the line or removing the buoy. We appreciate all reports of potential boating hazards and will act quickly to remove them. Calling before cutting the line, however, may avoid loss of or damage to equipment costing a significant amount of money.

Thanks to all Ten Milers for their vigilance on and off the water!

*Lee Sand: 952-239-4545*

*Bruce Carlson: 218-675-5580*



## WATER LEVEL COMMITTEE

As of August 1, the lake level was lower than the first reading in May as well as on the same date last year. We have a small sand beach, no water in the bottom of our boat house and less erosion along the shoreline of Sunset Beach this summer. Final summer lake level readings will be in the Winter Newsletter.

| DATE    | READING | CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO | CHANGE FROM 11/1/25 | CHANGE FROM FIRST READING |
|---------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 5/29/26 | 1379.71 | +0.24"                   | +1.20"              | -1.68"                    |
| 6/7/26  | 1379.73 | +0.72"                   | +1.44"              | -1.44"                    |
| 6/19/25 | 1379.73 | -0.72"                   | +1.44"              | -1.44"                    |
| 6/23/25 | 1379.69 | -2.4"                    | +0.96"              | -1.92"                    |
| 7/7/25  | 1379.85 | -3.36"                   | +2.88"              | same                      |
| 7/11/25 | 1379.87 | -3.60"                   | +3.12"              | +0.24"                    |
| 7/14/25 | 1379.85 | -3.36"                   | +2.88"              | same                      |
| 7/28/25 | 1379.63 | -6.72"                   | +0.24"              | -2.64"                    |

# WATER LEVEL COMMITTEE

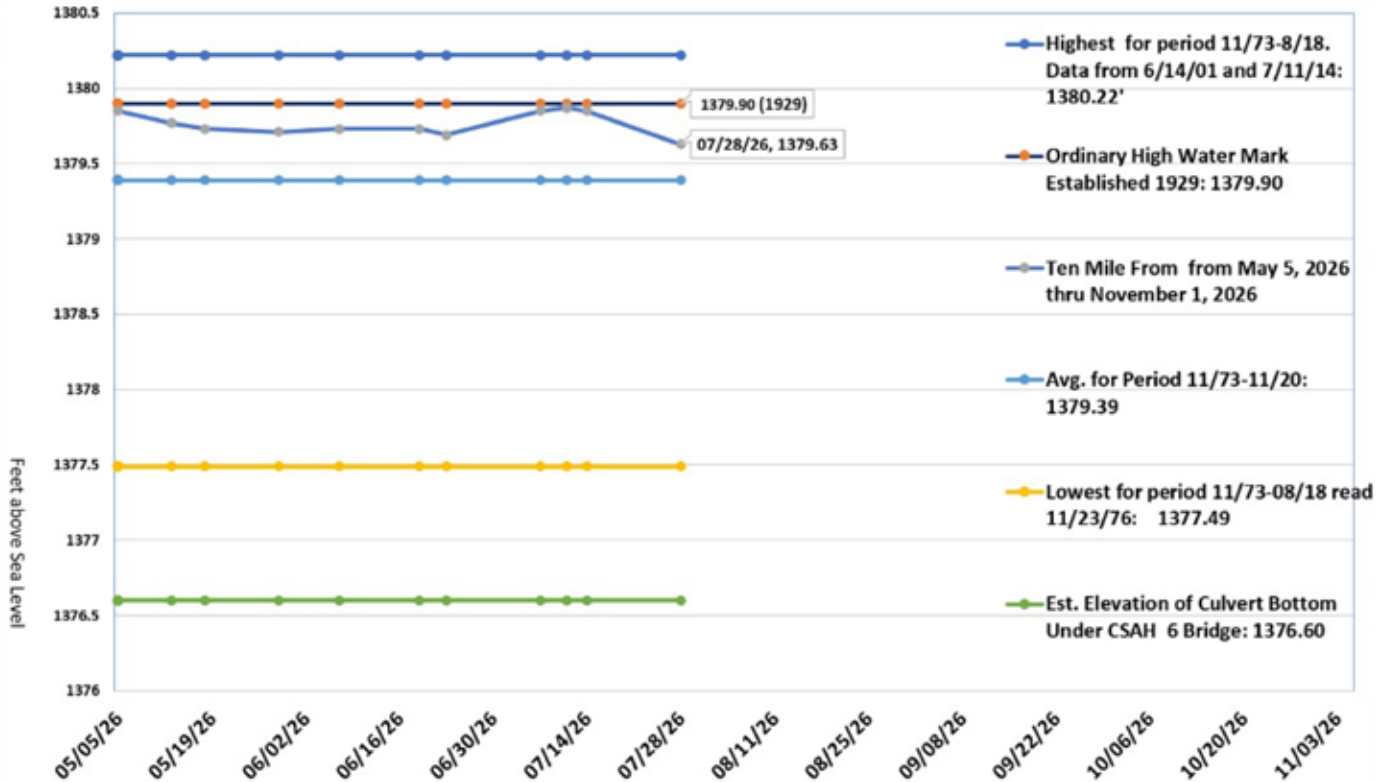
## Ten Mile Lake Water Levels Summer 2026

Data Collection: Jay Cline Chart: Tom Cox

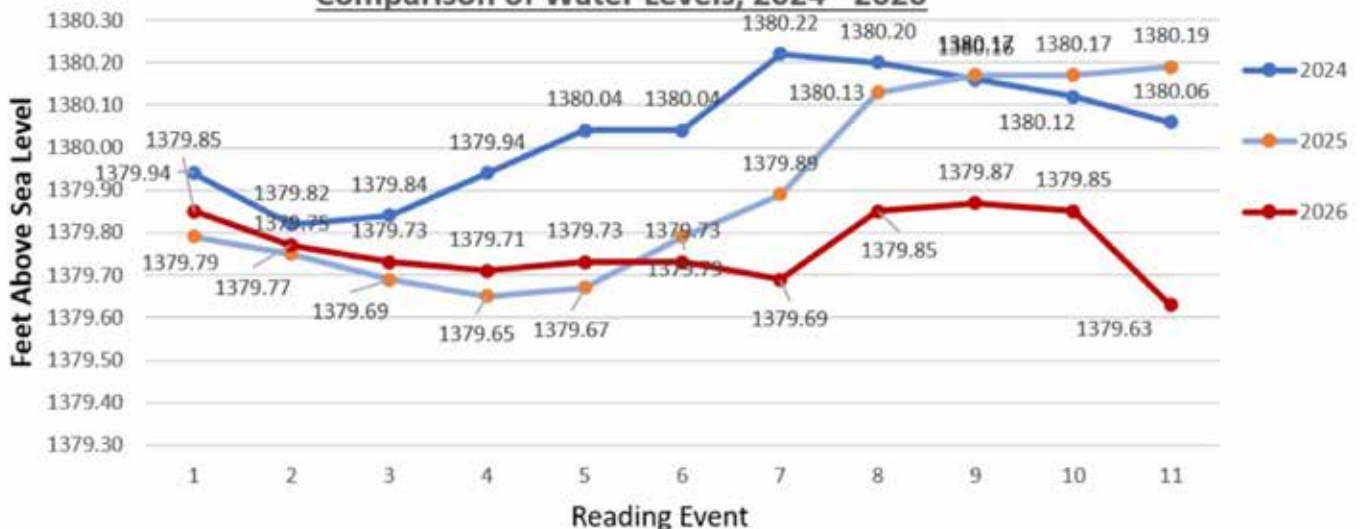
Chair, Water Level Committee: Mimi Garbisch Carlson

In May, 2026, Ten Mile was .72" higher than at the beginning of the season last year (2025).

It was 2.88" higher than on November 1, 2025. It is now (7/28/26) 6.72" lower than last year at this time! (See the Comparison Chart) and 3.24" below the Ordinary High Water Mark (1929).



## Comparison of Water Levels, 2024 - 2026



As of Late-July, 2026, the Water Level is a little over half a foot (6.72") lower than at the same time last year (2025).

# TMLA 75TH Anniversary Celebration 2027

Do you know how much a gallon of gas cost in 1952? (Answer: 27 cents). Who was the president in 1952? (Answer: Harry S. Truman). Who won the NBA Championship that year? (Answer: Minneapolis Lakers). What else happened in 1952? (Answer: The Ten Mile Lake Association was established)!

In 2027, the TMLA will be 75 years old. Whether an anniversary, birthday or a historical event, 75 years is an accomplishment worth celebrating. **So that is what we are going to do!!**

Why are we celebrating... With the goal of preserving and improving Ten Mile Lake and its environment, the TMLA works very hard to ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy our beautiful lake. We want to honor the association and all its accomplishments over the last 75 years.

A dedicated committee has been working to make the celebration a great one with activities being held throughout the summer of 2027 including but not limited to:

- Social gatherings with Trivia Contests at Barrel and Vine (May and June) and Rendezvous Brewery (July and August)
- Vintage Boat Parade including the Steamboat Amy
- Athletic Events
- Kid's Ice Cream Social and other fun play activities
- Vintage Cabin Tour
- An Evening Celebration for families August 7th at 5:30 pm at the Sands' Red Barn
- The logo below has been developed to be used on swag and will be for sale to the general membership in the spring.



Watch the newsletter as well as the TMLA website for dates and further details.

**Would you like to be involved...we need more volunteers as well as donations to help defray some of our expenses. Please contact us if you can help in these areas.**

Lastly, we want to share with you the words to the TMLA 75th Celebration song that was created and sung by Cindy and Beth Knuths at the 2026 Annual Meeting in August. Lyrics were written by Beth Knuths, and it was sung to the tune of "My Favorite Things" by Rodgers and Hammerstein from the Sound of Music.





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## **TMLA 75TH CELEBRATION KICK-OFF SONG**

Saluting the Founders for their dedication  
Preserving our lake for each new generation  
Making a difference for seventy-five years  
Making our list for the party next year...

Coffees and socials, and friendly newsletters  
All help us know our lake/friends a bit better  
Our deep lake's fed by cold underground springs  
Cool water's one of our signature things!

Youth boating safety and well-water testing  
Platforms and Loon Cams  
that help our loon nesting  
Enjoying, protecting the lake we hold dear  
Lake neighbors work to keep Ten Mile clear

### **CHORUS 1**

When the loons call...  
As the sun sets...  
We will celebrate—  
—seventy-five years of preserving our lake  
Our Associa—tion's great!

You are invited to the Celebration  
75 years of the Association  
We've got your attention.  
There's no more suspense.  
These are a few of next summer's events:

Ten Mile socials with trivia questions  
Vintage boats on parade, a grand procession!  
Kids will meet up for some ice cream and fun  
Something for everyone—and we're not done!

Tours of lake cabins and places significant  
And August 7th is REALLY magnificent—  
—Come to the party—the Red Barn at Sands'  
Dinner, live music—an evening so grand!

### **CHORUS 2**

When the loons call...  
As the sun sets...  
We will celebrate—  
—seventy-five years of preserving our lake  
Please join us! Please save— the date!

*Cindy and Dave Kaldor*

Co-Chairs: TMLA 75th Anniversary Celebration

## **CALLING ALL BOAT-ERS**

As part of the events for the TMLA 75th Anniversary Celebration, we are planning a special boat parade to honor, acknowledge, and enjoy the many special boats we have on the lake. So, if you have a wooden boat, an old speed or ski boat, an old pontoon or if you think your boat has a special place in Ten Mile folklore, contact John Power at [jpower60@gmail.com](mailto:jpower60@gmail.com) and/or Rob Rydell at [robrydell@gmail.com](mailto:robrydell@gmail.com) and tell us about your boat and the life it has had on the lake. Date and location of the parade TBD.



# ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

On Saturday, May 30, the temperature was in the high 60's, an ideal morning for the highway cleanup.

A big thank you to our 42 neighbors who volunteered for the Ten Mile Lake cleanup. Next year's date will be May 22, 2027 so watch for updates and reminders!

Andy Biebl treated the volunteers to a beer at Rendezvous Brewery where the vests were returned after the cleanup.

*Tom Meyers*

Chair: Adopt-A-Highway



## TEN MILE LAKE PHOTOS BY STEVE MASIMORE



# A Sphagnum Bog

## NATURE'S TINY TREASURE



(Fig. 1)

A classic sphagnum bog.

- often difficult to access, but one of the most interesting ecological communities in the north woods. As the name implies, their dominant feature is a thick blanket of sphagnum moss, typically punctuated by stunted black spruce trees (Figure 1).

(Fig. 2)

Club moss protruding above the sphagnum moss.



I use it to store nightcrawlers, but it is often used by florists to pack plants and as a substrate for orchids. For centuries in Europe, it was used to pack open wounds.

Getting to a sphagnum bog usually takes you through some shallow water, and in bad years, the air is loaded with mosquitoes. Nevertheless, once you access the bog, you find yourself in an enchanting new world that is inhabited mostly by miniatures. Because of the overall acidity, low amounts of nutrients and wetness of the bog, most

trees growing in it are much smaller than normal. Other trees, such as white pines or oaks, which like drier sandy soil, grow beautifully in a bog during the first year or two of their life, but then fail to thrive.

Once in a sphagnum bog, you should look down and concentrate on details. Embedded among the moss are a number of exotic plants. Although some larger plants, such as club moss (Fig. 2), stand out, other inhabitants of the bog are often much smaller. Even frogs (Fig. 3) in bogs tend to be tiny. Many varieties of small mushrooms (Fig. 4) stand out among the green of the moss.

Among the most interesting denizens of sphagnum bogs are insect-eating plants. Larger among them are pitcher plants, whose leaves are shaped like pitchers and which contain an enzyme-rich watery fluid (Fig. 5). Insects are attracted to the leaves and begin to crawl down the inside of the leaf. Downward-oriented hairs prevent the insect from crawling out, and when the unfortunate insect reaches the liquid, it is often exhausted from



(Fig. 3)

A tiny tree frog resting on the moss.

(Fig. 4)

An assortment of mushrooms growing over the moss.





(Fig. 5)

Looking down on pitcher plants. Water can be seen at the base of the top three plants.

trying to escape. While the insect is spending its dying hours in the liquid, enzymes digest the insect, providing important nutrients for the plant. Another much tinier carnivorous plant is the sundew (Fig. 6), which attracts insects to a sticky sweet substance on its leaves. When the plant detects the insect, its frondlike leaves quickly curl over the insect, and enzymes that it produces quickly begin to digest the struggling insect.



(Fig. 6)

A group of sundew plants. Courtesy of Linnea Dietrich.

If you are really lucky and can find an isolated sphagnum bog at the right time, you might find a stand of showy lady slippers, one of our native orchids (Fig. 7). I remember from the late 1950s, a beautiful stand of these flowers, as well as a few yellow moccasin flowers, in a bog about a 45-minute canoe paddle up the Shingobee River from the old road to Walker.

(Fig. 7)

A showy lady slipper plant. Courtesy of Wikipedia.



Unfortunately, after a few years, plants began to disappear after someone else had found out about them. Finally, all had been dug up and the bog was no longer the thing of beauty that it once was.

Sphagnum bogs are very fragile, and it takes them many years to recover from disturbances. Because of that, I have stopped harvesting the moss for my worm farm. Because of their inaccessibility, many of these bogs are relatively protected. Walking through one results in little permanent damage. If you are adventuresome and are interested in experiencing something almost unworldly, I would strongly recommend trying to locate a sphagnum bog and spending a bit of time quietly looking around in it.

*Bruce Carlson*

Chair: E & E Committee



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## COFFEE CONNECTIONS



It is hard to believe that fall is upon us! Where did the summer go? The women of Ten Mile have enjoyed the coffees that were held throughout the summer, and we will continue to have these coffees into the fall on the dates listed below.

It is also time to think about lining up hosts for the summer and fall of 2027. Please let me know if you might be interested in hosting during this time.

Have a great fall and enjoy the beauty that it brings.

*Cindy Kaldor*  
Coffee Connection Coordinator

September 2nd- Patty Brandt  
(co-hosted with Judy Brown)  
4547 Alder Lane  
630-988-3308

September 30th-Diane Power  
816-305-3369  
4417 Herg Trail NW

October 28th- Cindy Kaldor  
5165 Chokecherry Trail NW  
612-801-9297

September 16th- Mary Gormley  
5195 Chokecherry Trail NW  
651-492-5676

October 14th- Wendy Voigt  
5161 Pinnacle Point Trail  
512-662-5804



We still have several coffees lined up for this summer, but it's also time to begin thinking about next year. If we could arrange in advance most of the hosts (especially for May and June) before we all return next summer for the 75th anniversary of the Ten Mile Lake Association, it would be wonderful! Let me know if you are willing

to host a Tuesday coffee next May or June. My email is Paul.c.seel@gmail.com.

*Paul Seel*  
Men's Coffee Coordinator

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## BE A PART OF TMLA'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

The summer of 2027 will hold many opportunities to celebrate the remarkable longevity of our lake association and its success in support of our mission to "preserve and improve Ten Mile Lake and its environs."

If you would like to make a contribution to the 75th Anniversary Celebration Fund, here are two easy ways for you to do so:

1. Send a check payable to TMLA to:  
Ten Mile Lake Association  
P.O. Box 412  
Hackensack, MN 56452  
*\*Please mark "75th Anniversary" in the memo line or include a note with your check.*
2. Contribute online by going to: [tenmile-lake.org](http://tenmile-lake.org) and follow the tabs for "Donate".  
*\*Please indicate that your contribution is intended for the 75th Anniversary Celebration Fund when prompted to do so.*

Your contribution will help support the educational, historical, and community-building activities associated with this milestone anniversary. Every gift, regardless of size, will help us honor our past while strengthening our commitment to the future of our lake and our mission.

*\*The Ten Mile Lake Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317A of Minnesota Statutes. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.*

*Erin Adams*  
TMLA President



## TMLA'S NEW DIRECTORS



### JON KNUTHS/DIRECTOR

Jon Knuths grew up visiting his family's seasonal cabin, purchased in 1972, on the north shore of Ten Mile Lake. His family traveled from the Twin Cities to Ten Mile for weekends and long summer stays. In 1991, the Knuths family moved from the north shore to the east shore of

Ten Mile, on Agate Beach. Jon, his wife Beth and their children, Elliot and Emily, visited frequently, to spend time with family, friends and enjoy the beautiful lake. As retirees, Jon and Beth are grateful to spend their summers at the cabin and be a part of the Ten Mile Lake community.

Jon's 40 years of professional experience in Manufacturing and Banking included serving on Boards of more than 20 non-profits, industry associations and community projects. He looks forward to serving on the TMLA Board.

### DAVE KALDOR/DIRECTOR

Dave Kaldor is a retired financial leader and former CFO with 40 years of executive experience driving fiscal strategy at Deere & Company, Cargill, and Driasi. Raised in Ames, IA, Dave holds an accounting degree from Iowa State University and a Master's in Accounting/Tax from UMKC. He has actively contributed to community governance by serving primarily as Treasurer in addition to other Officer positions on two separate HOA Boards in Minnesota and Florida. After enjoying a family lake home on Shingobee Bay of Leech Lake for 49 years, Dave and his wife of 43 years, Cindy, relocated to Ten Mile Lake (TML) in 2015. They are the proud parents of two adult children and have three grandchildren.



# What's for Supper?

What makes fishing so special to you? In *Darwin's Bass*, Paul Quinnett observed, "Indoors is pretty much the same anywhere you go; it's outdoors where we find things like fishing and quality of life. Take this little experiment to your most-cherished home waters." It's a great time of the year to do a little exploring of the outdoors, cruising TML, and catching a few fish. Catching your dinner might be your biggest challenge, but if successful, you're set for preparing a great meal.

Everyone has a favorite fish recipe. This offering is likely to please your household members and guests. The reason I like this recipe is that the results are as close to a New England crab cake that I can find in the Midwest and appreciably cheaper.

If your guests care for a change of pace taste, the BBQ sauce might be of interest. In general, we're less inclined to use BBQ sauce and some family members prefer a Louisiana or tabasco hot sauce. The BBQ sauce recipe works well with other dishes too.

Serve your bass patties hot. An air-fryer can revive them if needed to get that crispy texture. The patties are great as an entrée or appetizer. Or place in a bun for a bass burger. Yummy! Good fishing and good eating. Bon appetit.

## ROCK BASS PATTIES

### Ingredients

- 1 rock bass (> 8") fillet makes one patty. Two fillets per person depending on appetites
- Panko breadcrumbs, enough to bind, or other dried white breadcrumbs or cracker crumbs
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 4 T Booker's Bourbon BBQ Sauce (See recipe below)
- 2 T bourbon
- Cajun seasoning to taste or salt and pepper
- Cracker crumbs or Panko; seasoned with Cajun seasoning for coating patties
- 2 T minced parsley
- Oil to fry (peanut, canola, or another favorite)

### Directions

1. Poach or microwave fillets for 1-2 minutes until they start to crumble with a fork, then crumble them.
2. Combine egg, parsley, bourbon and Booker's Bourbon Sauce. Add this to crumbled bass and mix.
3. Then add enough dried Panko or cracker crumbs to bind mixture so it will be firm enough to shape into patties. More bourbon may be needed for getting the consistency right to form the patties.
4. After forming patties, dust both sides with the seasoned cracker crumbs or Panko.
5. Fry both sides in hot oil so the patties have a golden hue. You may need to add more oil if preparing many patties.
6. Place patties briefly on absorbent paper then serve.
7. Serve with a squeeze of lemon or lime or your favorite topping sauce (e.g., Booker's Bourbon BBQ Sauce, tartar sauce, cocktail sauce).



## BOOKER'S BOURBON BBQ SAUCE

### Ingredients

- ¼ cup Booker's Single Barrel Bourbon or your favorite bourbon
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- ¼ cup Dijon mustard
- 2 T your favorite Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ cup green onions, chopped
- ¼ cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 tsp salt
- Dash pepper, to taste

### Directions

In a small saucepan combine ingredients and bring to slow boil. Lower heat to medium setting, continually stirring mixture until liquid is thickened and caramelized. Remove from heat until ready for use.

Just remember what Mark Twain said:  
"A little too much bourbon is just enough."

*Daryl Mellard with Ron Baker*



Enjoy the crystal clear waters of Ten Mile lake today!

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# One Thing and My Favorite Things

Ten Milers packed the UCC Fellowship Hall Saturday morning, August 1st, for the 74th Annual Meeting of the Association. More than 170 members attended, most arriving early to enjoy coffee, donuts, and conversation among lake friends. Board President Erin Adams welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The meeting began with association business, including the approval of the 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes, approval of the Treasurer's Report, and ratification of the board's recent action to amend its articles of incorporation regarding the Association's corporate status filed with the MN Secretary of State.

Nominating Committee chair Gary Anderson made motions to renew terms for current directors Erin Adams and Sally Nordlund, and to elect two new directors, Dave Kaldor and Jon Knuths, and both motions were approved. Gary also acknowledged outgoing directors Bruce Carlson, Anne McGill, and Dave Rasmussen for their years of commitment and contributions to the board, and Erin Adams presented each with certificates of appreciation.

Additional TMLA Reports included highlights from Environment & Ecology, Water Level, Adopt-A-Highway, and Loon Committees. John Ducharme shared footage from the Loon Cam installed in Robinson's Bay early this spring, and Paul Odens detailed how he designed the solar-powered, Starlink-connected camera and microphone that attracted thousands of views from all over the world. Though the Loon Cam's featured loon family had a tragic ending, the project was a successful learning tool for Ten Milers, and the Loon Committee will reinstall it next spring.

Featured guest speaker, conservationist Ryan Carlson from the Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District, shared insights and best practices for "*Living Lake Friendly*" to preserve our beautiful lakeshore and pristine water. He provided a Property Owner Checklist and key recommendations individuals can follow for TML's water quality. Ryan invited everyone to choose to do **One Thing**, such as adding native plants to protect shorelines, planting trees, establishing rain gardens, inspecting septic systems every three years, and many more. His excellent *Living Lake Friendly* handout with the checklist and individual steps is available on the TMLA website or by contacting [association@tenmilelake.org](mailto:association@tenmilelake.org). Ryan's engaging talk emphasized the critical importance of protecting Ten Mile Lake and its watershed due to its potential impact on downstream lakes, and Ryan's office has grant funding available to help owners with certain shoreline improvement initiatives. You may contact his office for more information, [www.casscountymn.gov](http://www.casscountymn.gov).

Ryan praised the TMLA for its 75% watershed protection, outstanding member participation, and conservation achievements. His compliments really highlighted how *Living Lake Friendly* around Ten Mile honors the stewardship legacy established 75 years ago by the Ten Mile Lake Association.

The meeting continued the long tradition of remembering Ten Milers who had passed away over the previous year by viewing their names and photos and observing a moment of silence.

To conclude the meeting, Erin introduced Cindy and Dave Kaldor as Co-Chairs of the TMLA 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee. They announced exciting plans to celebrate the Association, established in 1952, for its remarkable 75-year history of preserving and protecting the lake. They encouraged members to watch the TMLA Newsletter, Instagram, Facebook, website, and email updates to learn about various events

being planned, culminating on August 7, 2027, with the 75th Annual Meeting of the TMLA in the morning, and a lake-wide Barn Party that evening at the Sands' red barn. To cap off all the festive announcements, Cindy Kaldor and Beth Knuths performed a lively Ten Mile Lake tribute song to the tune of the Sound of Music's ***My Favorite Things***. Their creative rendition was so delightful that they had everyone in the room singing along on the chorus.

On that note, there was really nothing more to report! Erin thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and expressed appreciation for all the volunteers who make this organization 75 years strong. We look forward to all the festivities next summer to honor the diamond anniversary!

*Diane Power*  
TMLA Vice-President

## TEN MILE LAKE WOMEN'S MAHJONG

This is the second year that the ladies of Ten Mile Lake have played Mahjong together. We play on Thursday mornings from 9-11 am at Blue Ox Coffee House in Hackensack. The owners at Blue Ox have been so gracious and even purchased a few new card tables when our numbers grew.

We started last summer with a weekly email to 20 people. That list has grown to over 50 and many weeks we have 20+ players. Summers at the lake are busy, and people come when they can. We play late May to the end of September and the group is open to both new and experienced players. It is great to meet new lake friends, have fun and learn a new skill which experts say improves cognitive function as we age.

Because our numbers have grown, we have had to limit this group to Ten Mile women. Every week we get requests from other lakes and other towns, but we only have room for so many at the coffee shop.

If you have any questions or would like to join us, contact [maryleschgormley@gmail.com](mailto:maryleschgormley@gmail.com).

*Mary Gormley*  
TML Women's Mahjong Coordinator

# The Loon Column

## A SEASON OF LESSONS FROM THE LOONS

As another loon season draws to a close, we have much to celebrate—and, as always, much to learn. We documented six nesting loons around Ten Mile Lake this year. Five chicks hatched that we know of, and three survived through the summer. Every surviving chick is worth celebrating. The first weeks of a loon's life are filled with hazards, from cold weather and rough water to predators, boat traffic and competition for food. Watching three young loons grow stronger and more independent has been a welcome sight.

Our artificial nesting platforms were not as popular with the loons this year as we might have hoped. Members of the Loon Committee placed five platforms in the water, but only one was selected for nesting. The other loons chose natural nesting sites. Loons, of course, have their own opinions about real estate, and they do not always agree with ours. Research shows that it can take several seasons before a pair accepts a new platform, so we will continue evaluating locations, maintaining the platforms and giving the loons choices.



A loon settles on the artificial nesting platform while its mate swims nearby.

Ten Mile Loon Cam. What began as an ambitious idea became a fully functioning, solar-powered camera system capable of operating around the clock in a remote location. Paul Odens designed and built the system, combining four solar panels, rechargeable batteries, a 4K pan-and-zoom camera, Starlink satellite internet connectivity and

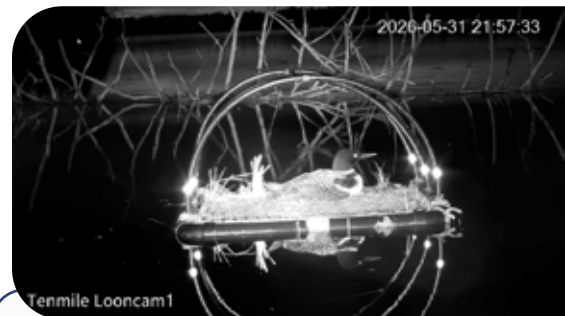
recording equipment. It was no small undertaking. The system had to withstand rain, wind, changing water levels and long stretches without anyone nearby to make an adjustment.

The camera gave us a remarkable view of loon life that most people never have an opportunity to see. Viewers watched the pair return to the platform, mate, arrange the nesting material, lay their eggs and share incubation duties. We saw the adults carefully turn the eggs and settle back

onto the nest. The infrared camera even allowed us to watch them through the night. After weeks of anticipation, the camera captured the chicks soon after they hatched and their first uncertain hours on the platform.

The story was not always an easy one to watch. One chick died shortly after hatching, and the second was later lost to an eagle. Nature can be beautiful, but it is not sentimental. Although the outcome was disappointing, the camera helped us understand just how vulnerable loon chicks are and how quickly circumstances can change. It also provided information that would have been nearly impossible to gather through occasional observations from shore or a boat.

Four solar panels supplied power for the autonomous Loon Cam system.



The infrared camera allowed viewers to watch a loon incubating its eggs through the night.

The Loon Cam attracted attention well beyond Ten Mile Lake. Both local Fox and WCCO television news featured the project, introducing viewers throughout Minnesota to our loons and to the work being done by the Ten Mile Lake community. With the Web Cam being live-streamed 24/7, we had viewers from throughout the country and even Europe. We hope the camera did more than provide interesting viewing. We hope it encouraged people to give nesting loons, adults with chicks and young loons plenty of room to thrive.

This first season was also a learning experience for the equipment and the platform. Before next spring, we plan to repair and improve the platform and freshen the nesting material. We will experiment with some overhead covering that can provide shade while also making it more difficult for eagles to see directly onto the nest. Any covering must be designed carefully so that it does not interfere with the adults' ability to enter and leave the platform. We also plan to put a windsock on the microphone. On windy days, the microphone captured considerably more wind than loon conversation, and a windsock should help mute that noise and make the natural sounds easier to hear.



Steve Adams with the 4K pan-and-zoom camera and wildlife microphone assembly.

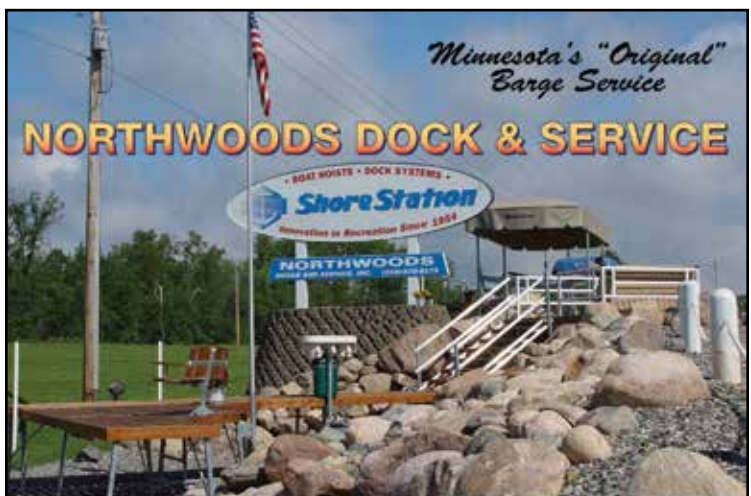
We are enormously grateful to everyone who made this season possible, through donations and labor. Our monthly MN DNR Loon Watcher Survey volunteers' time on the water gives us a much clearer picture of

where our loons are nesting and how their chicks are progressing. Their reporting also helps the DNR track statewide loon population trends.

We also thank everyone who watched the Loon Cam, shared the link, reported observations, purchased loon greeting cards, donated to the project or simply slowed down when passing a loon family. The technology may be impressive, but it is the interest and involvement of the Ten Mile community that gives the project its value.

Next spring we will again place platforms, launch the camera and hope that the loons approve of our improvements. There are no guarantees in loon watching. We cannot control the weather, predators or where a pair decides to nest. What we can do is continue learning, remain watchful and reduce the human pressures that are within our control. This year, five chicks hatched and three survived. With continued care from all of us, we hope to give next year's chicks the best possible chance to make it through their first Ten Mile Lake summer. Our loons depend on all of us!

*Erin Adams and Sheryl Ducharme*  
Co-Chairs: Loon Committee



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# Minimal Space, Maximum Sleepers

## WHERE DID EVERYONE SLEEP?

*Every summer around July 4th most of us wonder where everyone will sleep, how much food do we need, do we have enough paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues)? All of this pondering leads one to wonder how other cabins handle all of their guests. Therefore, three members of the TML History Committee will discuss how their families handle this busiest time of the summer.*

Our family cabin is in the middle of Crescent Beach on the north shore of Ten Mile. It was built in 1938. Originally, my parents bought a very small, two bedroom cabin (approximately 24' x 36'). We had no inside bathroom (outhouses were very common around the lake), an oil burner that did not work very well and frequently smoked us out of the place, and a galley kitchen. However, we thought it was lovely because we were situated right on the lake. There were five members in our family. My sister and I shared one bedroom, my parents had another bedroom, but we do not remember where my brother slept - neither does he. We also had many families who visited us all summer long!

Back then, many families were large. So, how did my parents, primarily my mother, handle the cooking, sleeping areas, etc.? All I can remember is that we never went hungry and there was always space for everyone. Extra people were put in tents placed on the lawn around our cabin. If it stormed, people moved inside and slept on the floor in sleeping bags. No one complained. Those were the "good ol' days"!

*Candace Strawn*

History Committee member

My grandparents' cabin in Bachelor Bay had only two very small bedrooms. When my family visited, my grandparents were in one bedroom and my parents in the other. My oldest brother slept on an old brass bed in the boathouse with our dog, King, where he could hear the loud sound of the well pump going all night. My other brother and I must have slept on the couch in the living room. If my aunt, uncle and cousins were there at the same time, my brothers and I were farmed out to various neighbors' guest houses in the bay. I remember, when I was quite young, making my way down the path after dark with King and a flashlight to sleep in the guesthouse at my great uncle's cabin.

The guesthouse was very small. It had a double bed with a horsehair mattress, which I shared with my cousin. There was a small wooden dresser and a built-in counter with a wash basin and ewer on it and a little curtain underneath that hid the chamber pot. If you did not want to use the chamber pot, you had to use the outhouse. I always took King with me to go to the outhouse because I was afraid a bear would get me and I knew that he would protect me! At some point, my grandfather converted the boathouse to a bunkhouse and then all of us slept in the bunkhouse.

*Sally Nordlund*

History Committee member

Our family first came to Ten Mile in 1936. My grandparents and four of their five children rented a cabin at Camp Iowa on Ten Mile's north shore. In the early years with comparatively low numbers, space was not an issue. In the fifties the baby boom hit our family. Luckily Camp Iowa had a good number of cabins with vacancies, and as marriages and six new babies expanded our numbers, each sibling was able to rent a cabin for their family. Two of the original five remained unmarried and shared a cabin with their parents. For around fifteen years we came to occupy half of the resort for two weeks to a month. In 1965, the resort owner decided to sell Camp Iowa and our family bought the half we had been renting. The only space issues arose when my brother was the first of the third generation to marry. He, his wife, and two young daughters brought their tent and camped outside. Another family story that highlighted the space issue occurred when my uncle, the youngest of the original siblings, married and brought his new bride to Ten Mile for the first time. He had evidently not fully explained the rustic nature of the accommodations nor the sleeping arrangements. To this day she describes her shock and dismay upon learning that his lake cabin was essentially one large open room and she was expected to sleep in a double bed just feet from the bed occupied by her new in-laws.

Space issues and other inadequacies combined to encourage the siblings to think about changes in housing. In 1974 four of the five siblings agreed to begin planning a new structure. By 1975 construction began on the fourplex we now occupy. That summer was our first real housing emergency - we had only one cabin standing as the others had been demolished. We were able to turn to our kind and generous neighbors on each side, and they each provided us with an entire guest cabin for the whole summer. This has continued - we are often able to use a cabin that our neighbors have available to tide us over at least during the busy Fourth of July period.

The new cabin, first occupied in 1976 had a unit for each of the four participating siblings and a large screened porch spanning the building. It sleeps a total of 24 and we also have a guest cabin that sleeps 8 and a small bunkhouse that sleeps 2 for a total of 34 spots available. There is always a complex planning process to match the family units that need space with the arrangement of the space available—children in the same space as their parents, top bunks to children old enough to cope, etc. For several years we have rented a small RV and parked it in our driveway. This is a relatively inexpensive and convenient way to house a young family with electricity, a refrigerator, and easy access to bathrooms not provided by tents.

Despite all the effort it takes to determine sleeping arrangements each year, it remains a top priority for the whole family to gather for the Fourth. As we worry about space allocation for all 36 family members, it is never a suggested solution that someone can just wait until another time when there is with less demand for space. Being at the lake is a priority for all of us but being at the lake with the whole family is of primary importance. My grandparents had no idea what they were starting in that summer ninety years ago. We now have the fifth generation learning to love coming to the lake. And, despite tight space, we celebrate all who want to gather and enjoy each other as well as Ten Mile.

*Christie Dailey*  
History Committee member

## REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS



**Duane W. Sandage**  
(1925-2026)

Des Moines.

Duane was born on November 16, 1925, in Kellerton, IA to Neil Roger Sandage and Veva Ferne (Curtis) Sandage. He was the 4th boy in the family of 6 kids who grew up on a farm. He graduated from Lamoni High School in 1943 where he was active in FFA, earned the nickname of "Dynamite" as the runt of the football team, and served as Senior Class President.

He immediately went to Iowa State University for 2 quarters before enlisting in the US Army Air Force where he served as a 2nd Lieutenant and was double rated as both a Navigator and Bombardier in World War II.

After the war, Duane returned to Iowa State, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education in 1948 and later completed some graduate classes in Swine Nutrition. While at ISU, Duane was a member of Farm House Fraternity where he made lifelong friends.

Duane's first teaching position was as the Voc-Ag teacher at Belmond, IA where he met a young Junior High teacher who would become his wife for the next 64 years. Duane and Alpha were married on June 19, 1949, in Forest City. They lived in Belmond, Iowa Falls, Clarion, Ames, and West Des Moines. They also enjoyed summers at their cabin on Ten Mile Lake in northern Minnesota and winter trips to Sanibel Island, Florida.

In 1955, Duane started what would become The Sandage Companies in Clarion. He loved selling, managing, and appraising farmland primarily in the Midwest, but he also loved any entrepreneurial venture. The Sandage Companies grew to have offices in Iowa, Illinois, and Florida and his participation in businesses included apartments, shopping centers, insurance companies, radio stations, commodity trading, nursing homes, Green Hills Retirement Community, and University Bank in Ames. He was named "Boss of the Year" in Clarion in 1974 and Ames in 1981.

Duane was an Accredited Farm & Land Member of the Farm & Land Institute, and named Outstanding Farm & Land Broker of America in 1966. He also taught numerous seminars throughout the country for FLI on Farm Brokerage...always a teacher!

In 1974 he served as the President of the Iowa Association of REALTORS and was named "REALTOR of the Year" in 1975. He also served on numerous local, state and national boards and committees and was a member of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

That same year, Duane also served as the President of the Iowa State Alumni Association and was named "Outstanding Alumni" in 1977. At ISU he was also a Member of the Board of Governors of the ISU Foundation, a Member of the Order of the Knoll, and remained a strong Cyclone fan!

Duane was very civic-minded serving in leadership roles in various communities where he resided in organizations including United Way, Boy Scouts of America, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary International, Methodist Church, E-Free Church, and many more. He served many years as the Trustee for his uncle's educational trust resulting in the Charles H. Sandage School of Business at Graceland College in Lamoni and went on two different mission trips to West African countries with the Methodist Church and Food for the Hungry. He got caught in a coup in Ghana, and visited his "adopted daughter" Kwiakeh in Liberia. Duane and Alpha influenced and generously supported many young people in their educational endeavors and missions throughout the world that were dear to their hearts...always the teachers!

Duane considered one of his greatest accomplishments to be celebrating 64 years of marriage, being the proud father of three children and grandfather to three special granddaughters. The legacy he leaves them is the strength of his faith and character, his grit, tenacity, and resilience during tough times, his never-ending sense of humor and storytelling, his ability to choose joy over and over again, and his tremendous love of family and friends.

Survivors include daughter, Suanne M. Sandage of Des Moines, son and daughter-in-law, Steven J. and Danielle Sandage of Boston, MA; granddaughters,

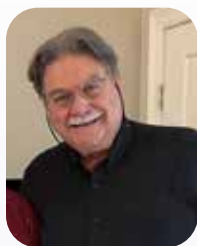
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Natasha C. Sandage of New York, Kate E. Sandage of Ann Arbor, MI and Camille C. Sandage of Boston, MA; sister, Almata Silver of Lamon, IA, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sylvia and James Kleen of Mankato, MN, many dear nieces and nephews and wonderful, wonderful friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, brothers, Curtis, Roger and Stan, sister, Ruth Ferne, and son, Scott J. Sandage.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Friday, June 19th, (which would have been Duane & Alpha's 77th wedding anniversary)!

Memorial contributions may be made to whatever cause you shared in common with Duane: Edgewater Good Samaritan Fund at Edgewater Retirement Community in West Des Moines, Rotary International, Bright Focus Foundation (Macular Degeneration Research), ISU Foundation, Farm House Fraternity, Future Farmers of America, Food for the Hungry, Heifer International or Ten Mile Lake Association.

Online condolences are welcome at [www.llesCares.com](http://www.llesCares.com). Arrangements by Iles Jordan Creek Chapel.



**Scott Sandage**  
(1952-2025)

Dr. Scott James Sandage was a caring and spirited father, son, brother, and friend. He passed from this life quite suddenly on Wednesday, July 9 while working at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) where he served as a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Associate Professor. He leaves behind a daughter (Natasha Sandage), his father (Duane Sandage), two siblings (Suanne Sandage and Steven Sandage), and many extended family members, friends, and colleagues. His legacy also includes four decades of providing care to children, adolescents, and families, leading and training medical professionals, and consulting on complex cases on the front-lines of human suffering and healing.

Scott was born in Iowa Falls, IA and grew up in Clarion, IA. He did his undergraduate studies at Iowa State University and received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, IA. After completing further training at the MCW, he joined the staff in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Children's Hospital in Chicago prior to becoming Division Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Lutheran General Hospital in the Chicago area. He served as a consultant to over 30 schools and 3 residential treatment programs during many years of independent practice. In 2015, he returned to MCW where he provided consultation liaison psychiatry to the inpatient units and pediatric specialty care clinics at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and to primary

care providers across the state of Wisconsin through the Wisconsin Child Psychiatry Consultation Program. He was an active member of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and was recognized as a Distinguished Life Fellow among other leadership positions in his field at state and national levels. Scott had many areas of professional expertise, but he particularly loved the teaching and practice of cross-cultural psychiatry informed by his research in the South Pacific and South America, as well as consultation work with refugee mental health clinics in the US. His approach to psychiatry was informed by rigorous science but also anthropology, philosophy, literature, and a strong commitment to social justice. He often helped lead the vanguard of new developments in his field and pressed for systemic changes in medicine to better serve children and their families. When he wasn't working at MCW, Scott resided in Evanston, IL for the last 31 years, where he surrounded himself with books, artifacts from his travels, and mementos of the tropics. We will miss his deep compassion, lively humor, probing mind, experimental cooking, encyclopedic knowledge of music, and penchant for wearing Hawaiian shirts. And we will try to practice the wisdom of Scott's favorite author, Carl Jung, who said, "Embrace your grief. For there your soul will grow."

In lieu of flowers, to honor Scott's memory, the family invites you to plant a tree in his honor through the Arbor Day Foundation. Memorial donations may also be made to AACAP or to support Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Attn: Office of Institutional Advancement, P.O. Box 26509, Milwaukee, WI 53226-0509. Memorials may also be sent to the TMLA. Gifts may also be made online at [www.mcw.edu/giving/ways-to-give/donate-now](http://www.mcw.edu/giving/ways-to-give/donate-now).

## REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS



### *Kay Kolderie White* (1934 - 2026)

Kay K. White, 91, of Portland, Maine, died peacefully on February 2, 2026, with her two daughters by her side.

She was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on July 26, 1934, to Ted and Helen Kolderie. Though Omaha was her home base, her family spent summers in northern Minnesota at their cabin on Ten Mile Lake, a place she remained profoundly attached to until the end of her life. There she developed a lasting love for the natural world, shared adventures with her many beloved dogs, and became part of the close, multi-generational community of family friends who have gathered on Bachelor's Bay since the early 1900s.

Kay graduated from Carleton College in 1956, where she forged the enduring friendships that would mark her life. It was there, too, that she met Dr. Richard L. White, also a Carleton graduate, whom she later married. She supported him steadfastly through medical school and his general and surgical residencies. In 1970, they settled in Portland, Maine, where they raised their two daughters.

Kay moved through the world with a quiet steadiness that put others at ease. Deeply kind, attentively present, and generous by nature, she expressed her care in personal and unassuming ways - delivering gorgeous bouquets of peonies from her garden to neighbors each spring, sending thoughtful notes, and sharing personal writings with friends and family at just the right moment. Her generosity extended far beyond these intimate gestures however. With little desire for recognition, for decades she quietly and often anonymously provided financial support for projects reflecting her values, supporting women and girls in need, local health initiatives, education, and the music and arts community throughout Maine, and beyond. She also gave generously of her time, volunteering with organizations that mattered deeply to her and to those she served.

A careful listener and thoughtful observer, Kay noticed what truly mattered and responded with warmth, insight, and grace. People sought her counsel not because she put herself forward, but because her perspective, which was rooted in intellectual acuity, empathy, and fairness, offered genuine wisdom and sound advice. She was, without ever intending it, a guide - someone whose quiet example shaped the course of others' lives simply by the way she lived her own. Many found their compass subtly redirected just by knowing her, though Kay herself would have been the last to acknowledge any such influence.

Her life was shaped by enduring connections - to family, to friends, and to place. Friendship was central to who she was, particularly the deep and lasting relationships she formed in college, which served as a model for her daughters. She and her college roommates traveled widely together, indulging a shared curiosity for art and history. Her longtime tennis league friends were a source of laughter, joy, and steadfast support. In her later years, her grandsons Jack and Theo were a source of particular delight, and time with them brought her a happiness she carried close.

Kay approached life with balance and intention. She cared diligently for her health, remaining active into her late 80s, and took tremendous pride in her independence. In conversation, friendship, and daily life, she embodied decency, poise, and quiet strength.

She is survived by her daughter, Alyssa White, and son-in-law David Ricci and their two sons Jack and Theo Ricci; daughter Molly White and her partner, Dr. Tom Judd, DVM; brother Ted Kolderie, and sister-in-law Midge, of St. Paul, Minnesota; and two nephews, Paul and Alan Kolderie. Kay will be remembered not for titles or accomplishments, but for the way she made those around her feel - seen, heard, and valued. Her presence was a gift, and her absence will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her.

## REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS



**Vicki Elsenpeter**  
(1943-2026)

Vicki Elsenpeter, age 83, of the Walker and Hackensack, Minnesota area passed away peacefully at home on June 12, 2026. Vicki Jane LaFontaine was born on April 3, 1943 in Walker, Minnesota to Victor & Betty (Andrews) LaFontaine.

Vicki's father served in the military, which provided her with the opportunity to attend school first in Bradenton, FL, and later in Walker, MN until she reached the 9th grade. At age 15, her family moved to California where she attended school in Hawthorne. She was united in marriage to her school sweetheart, John Elsenpeter, on June 24, 1961 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hawthorne, CA.

Vicki and John built the early years of their life together in Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Torrance, CA, where their first two children, Sue and Mike, were born. In 1963, they decided to return to their Minnesota roots. They purchased Our Own Hardware in Fergus Falls, MN, where they settled for the next four years. During their time in Fergus Falls, their family grew with the births of Dave and Karen. Eventually, they moved back home to Walker, MN, where they became active members of the community and involved themselves in the work of the First National Bank.

Vicki devoted herself to raising her growing family, creating a home filled with faith and generosity. In 1976, she and John welcomed their fifth child, John Paul, completing the lively household she nurtured with such care. In 1989, she welcomed her first grandchild into the world. That moment sparked a lifelong passion to create a special haven where all her grandchildren could build memories, share adventures, and always feel at home.

Her commitment to service extended far beyond her home. Vicki was deeply involved at St. Agnes Catholic Church, where her faith guided nearly every aspect of her life. She volunteered at the school, supported community organizations, and was known for stepping in whenever someone was in need. Whether gathering clothing, preparing food, or offering comfort, she shared what she had with a full and willing heart. Vicki's Catholic faith was not simply a belief—it was a daily practice. She taught religious education, participated

in service opportunities and parish events, and lived her values with sincerity and conviction. Her devotion ultimately inspired her to design and guide the construction and furnishing of the St. Agnes Adoration Chapel, a lasting expression of her love for God and her parish community.

Vicki poured herself into the things she loved - her faith, family, cooking, gardening and art. When she was in the kitchen, she wasn't just making meals; she was creating moments. She loved to cook and entertain, and her home near the school became a natural gathering place. Kids, teammates, and friends knew they were always welcome, and she delighted in feeding every one of them. Her garden was another expression of her care and creativity. She found joy in the rhythm of planting, tending, and preserving. Her artistic spirit ran deep. Her natural eye for beauty and detail eventually led her into the design world, where her creativity found yet another place to flourish.

As the children grew older, Vicki started her decorating business, Je Suis Designs. This entailed decorating homes and businesses in Minnesota and Florida. She also worked with her husband, John, at First National Bank in the insurance department and, eventually, as the Marketing Director.

Having lived in Florida and California as a girl gave her the desire to be near the ocean beaches. Eventually, she and John spent their winters on Marco Island, FL.

Vicki is survived by her husband, John Elsenpeter; daughters Sue (Paul) and Karen; sons Mike (Karla), Dave (Terri) and JP (Jo-C); Grandchildren Liz (Ryan), Jesse (Hannah), Salina, Brigitte (Cole), Olivia (Djurre), Nick (Payton), Preston (Emily), Luke (Heather), Sebastian (Mariah), Tristan (Ashley), Anthony, Anne (Holden), and John Paul; along with Great-Grandchildren Harvey, Henrik, Everett, Hugo, Poppy, Rosalie, Michael, Vincent, Damian, Eris, Lena, Isla; sister Toni (Morrison) Helm.

She was preceded in death by Victor & Betty LaFontaine, Guy LaFontaine, Jim Morrison, Clarence & Sadie Elsenpeter, Mariana & Ned Goodwin, Lily Elsenpeter and angel babies.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Agnes Catholic Church, TMLA or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements provided by Whispering Pines Funeral & Cremation Service, serving Northern Minnesota.

## HACKENSACK HAPPENINGS

*There is a wonderful energy in Hackensack these days. New businesses are taking root, community projects are moving forward, and positive changes continue to unfold throughout town. Much of this momentum comes from improved infrastructure and thoughtful city leadership—but just as important are the countless civic-minded volunteers, nonprofit organizations, residents and business owners who continue to invest their time, energy and heart into making Hackensack a special place to live, visit and enjoy.*

### **BRINGING THE ARTS TO LIFE**

The Northwoods Arts Council continues its mission of “Bringing the Arts to Life in the North Woods” with its popular Lakeside Concert Series. Every Friday evening from 5–7 pm, music fills the Hackensack City Park Pavilion, creating the perfect beginning to a summer weekend. These concerts continue right into Labor Day Weekend, so don’t miss any of the fun!

These free outdoor concerts have become much more than an evening of music. They are a gathering place where neighbors meet, old friends reconnect and new friendships begin. Families enjoy the playground, children splash at the beach, friends gather for picnics, and people dance, sing or simply sit back and enjoy the beautiful lakeside setting.

### **SNOWFLAKES, BANNERS AND A LITTLE LUCETTE HUMOR**

The Hackensack Game Changers Snowflake and Banners Committee is making one final push toward its goal of placing LED snowflakes on all 21 of the new decorative light poles installed along the side streets east of Highway 371. The committee is also raising funds for additional winter banners.

Have you noticed the new and wonderfully humorous **Lucette summer banners** around town? They add a bit of personality, color and fun to Hackensack—and now the hope is to continue that cheerful spirit throughout the winter months with new winter activity banners. What will Lucette be up to when the snow flies?

Anyone interested in learning more about the snowflake and banner project can contact Lynn VanAllen at 952-292-0198.

### **CHAINSAWS, CREATIVITY AND A WEEKEND OF FUN**

Mark your calendars for Hackensack Chainsaw Event Weekend, September 25–27!

It’s fascinating to watch a talented carver take an ordinary log and transform it into an incredible work of art. Add booths filled with handmade creations, great food, friends and plenty of activity, and you have a weekend that Hackensack residents and visitors look forward to every year.

### **A COMMUNITY WORTH CELEBRATING**

Hackensack truly is a special place. Our community continues to grow and change, but the heart of Hackensack remains the same: people who care. To our volunteers, nonprofit organizations, city leaders, business owners, residents and also our friends from Ten Mile Lake - business owners, residents and TML friends - thank you for your support, energy, friendship and willingness to pitch in.

Together, you are helping make Hackensack a better, brighter and more welcoming place.

**Thank you for believing in Hackensack. And to all of you who continue to lend a hand—you rock!**

*Lynn VanAllen*

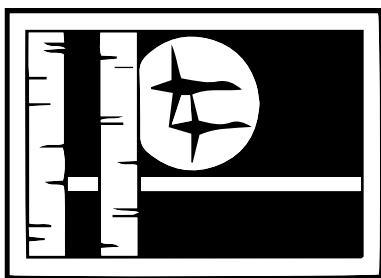


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