

Bad Medicine Lake

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE BAD MEDICINE LAKE AREA

SPRING 2012

ANNUAL MEETING

June 23, 2012

9:00 -11:00 AM

*Come at 8:30 for coffee and fellowship with neighbors.

*CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK! See page 8

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From the President

We have much to be thankful for as residents of Bad Medicine Lake. This past winter was one of the mildest on record with an early uneventful ice melt. Water levels have continued to recede and hopefully this trend will continue.

Much of the Board's activity the past year was directed towards AIS prevention and monitoring. Despite being denied grant money by the state of Minnesota for public access inspectors, many of you have been trained and volunteered for weekend duty. Paul Lundquist has volunteered to supervise volunteers for AIS inspections this year so please offer a few hours this summer to be trained and monitor the public access for AIS.

Bad Medicine is one of three lakes in Becker County slated to undergo mandatory septic compliance checks this summer. If you do not have a filed compliance report with Becker County less than 10 years old, then a new compliance check will be needed. At the annual meeting on Saturday, June 23rd we plan to have COLA representative John Postovit and possibly a county representative to give an overview of the program and answer any questions.

The BML Foundation has completed acquisition of several parcels on the east side of the lake for permanent conservation. A celebration is planned for June 30th, 2012 at Forest Inn at Itasca State Park to commemorate this event. In addition, a \$373,000 grant was awarded to the foundation to work on acquisition of a large parcel on the west side of the lake. The diligent efforts of Tim Holzkamm and Ray Vlasak need to be recognized for their tremendous work in obtaining this grant. Additional donations will be needed to complete the project.

As stated earlier, our annual meeting will be Saturday June 23, 2012 at 8:30 AM at the Forest Township Hall. Three Board members (myself, Chuck Church, and Carole Olsen) will be completing their terms. We encourage anyone who desires to run for the Board to speak to one of the present board members. Meetings are the third Saturday from April to September and everyone is invited to attend and give input.

The beautiful pristine resource we all enjoy here at Bad Medicine Lake will only remain so if each one of us individually and corporately takes responsibility for good stewardship. By working in cooperation, much can be accomplished.

Be diligent on following AIS guidelines and make sure all guests/visitors are aware of the same. I wish everyone a safe and wonderful 2012 lake season. It has been an honor serving as the BMLAA President this past year and to have been working with the excellent people on this Board.

Dave Wiest, President BMLAA

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**Bad Medicine Lake Area Association
Annual Meeting Agenda
June 23, 2012
9:00 AM Forest Township Hall**

1. Review and approval of minutes of 2011 Annual Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report and Membership Update
3. Election of new board members
 - a. Presentation of nominees
 - b. Nominees from the floor
 - c. Recognition of retiring board members
4. Election of nominating committee for 2013 Annual Meeting
5. BML Septic Compliance Program discussion and presentation by Becker County COLA representative John Postovit
6. Aquatic invasive Species Update
 - a. Volunteer inspection program at the public access
 - b. Resort AIS compliance and education of guests
7. BMLAA Newsletter update/recruitment

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8. Bad Medicine Lake Area Foundation report
 - a. Celebration set for June 30 at 4 PM Forest Inn Itasca State Park
9. North Country National Scenic Trail report
10. Fishing and lake quality report
 - a. Discussion of winter trout fishing proposal by the DNR
11. ATV Issue Update
12. Forest Township Update
13. New Business
14. Adjourn

From the BMLAA Bylaws:

The purpose of the Bad Medicine Lake Association is to bring together the residents of the Bad Medicine Lake Area to preserve and improve the quality of our water, land, air, aesthetics, wild life, and other natural resources of the Bad Medicine Lake Area; to provide educational and training resources for the healthy enjoyment of present and future generations; and to work in conjunction with federal, state, and local agencies, public and private, to further the purpose of the Association. The Association shall keep members informed of the status of the lake, the surrounding area, and the activities of the Association.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Steve Lindow

AIS are plants or animals that are non-native to an ecosystem whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm. In their natural environment, AIS populations are held in check and controlled by natural predators. However, when AIS species are transported to a new environment, the natural predators are usually left behind. This gives invasive plants and animals an advantage and they become difficult to control. The invasive species in our area include zebra mussels, Eurasian water milfoil, water fleas, and flowering rush.

Today, due to invasive species, enjoying our lakes and rivers is at great risk. These new invasive species have entered our water by "hitch hiking" rides on or in boats, motors, trailers, wave runners, docks, lifts, and rafts.

Invasive plants out-compete native species and grow in thick mats, which can impact boat and wave runner motors by plugging the water intake system responsible for cooling the motor. The thick mats changes the habitat of native fish, leading to changes in game fish population dynamics in the lake.

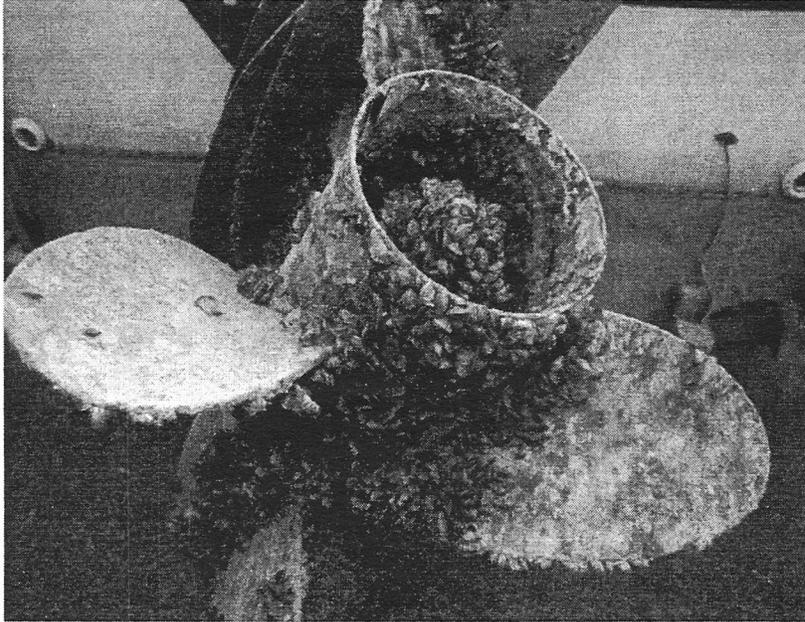
Controlling the movement of plants is easy. Simply look for and remove any plant material found on your water equipment when you leave a lake or river.

Controlling the movement of zebra mussels is difficult because the adults are small and attach to your equipment. The microscopic larval stage (veligers) of the mussels can survive in any small amount of water remaining in our water equipment or bait buckets.

The mussels cause damage by filter feeding on algae and microscopic animals in the water. This leaves no food available to native minnows, which then negatively impacts fish populations. Also, adult mussels attach and cover everything in the lake and will crawl up inside the water pumps of your boat motors. This causes the motor to

over heat and score pistons (big money).

Later, when adult mussels die, botulism bacteria begin to grow on the vast numbers.

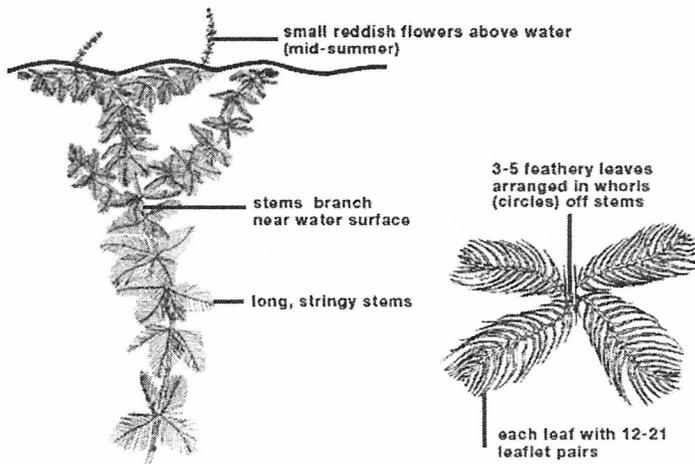


Zebra Mussels covering a boat motor

Small fish eat vegetation and microscopic organisms contaminated with the bacteria. Other animals or birds, such as a loon, may eventually eat the small fish and also die. In addition, the dead mussel shells are very sharp and can cut your feet when walking along the beach.

Removing the attached adult mussels requires difficult scraping and high pressure high temperature (120 degree) water treatment. Veligers can be killed by this method too but, the usual first step of

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL



treatment is to drain all water from the wave runner or boat. This includes live wells, bilge pumps, and bait buckets. If you bring well or tap water from home, you can drain your minnow and leech buckets at the lake access and replace it with the tap or fresh water. It is against the law to dump bait on the ground.

To enforce the draining of the boat, the Minnesota state legislature passed a law which requires all water craft owners to remove the "plug" immediately upon removing the boat from the water and leave it out until just before launching into another lake. If lake inspectors are present at the access,

make sure they see you do these requirements. Conservation officers, police officers, and highway patrol officers will be handing out tickets for people ignoring the new regulations.

Today, zebra mussels infest about 100 lakes and rivers in Minnesota. As a lake resident of Bad Medicine Lake, it is extremely important that all water equipment going into the lake through your lot be thoroughly inspected to remove all vegetation and drained and dried of all water.

Also, all docks, lifts, and rafts purchased from other lakes be cleaned and dried for 21 days before placement into new waters. If you are paying someone to move this equipment onto your lot make sure they have a certificate verifying they have completed the required training from the DNR.

Any questions concerning the new laws and requirements on AIS, please call the DNR at 651-296-2835. Also, a list of infested lakes can be found on page 16 of the fishing regulations booklet.

Aquatic Management Area Becomes a Reality

John Backes

On January 9, 2012, the members of the Bad Medicine Lake Area Foundation (BMLAF) Advisory Committee signed over to the



Minnesota DNR the final four parcels of acquired land, completing the aquatic management project that started in 2006. In total, the BMLAF Aquatic Management Area (AMA) project combines eight land parcels, representing about nine acres of land and 4700 feet of shoreline. The area includes portions of Christiansen point, several small peninsulas around it, and an island.

The BMLAF was formed in 2004 when Bad Medicine Lake experienced very high water levels, and cabins and homes were being flooded. High water levels persist today, with the current level over 5 feet above the Ordinary High Water Mark. The result of the high water levels has been the loss of properties and a realization that some parcels once deemed suitable for development are better preserved for wildlife and aquatic habitat. In order to make the project a reality, land owners whose property was threatened were willing to consider a buy-out if the foundation could raise the needed funding.

Bad Medicine Lake is a deep, ground water lake without inlets or outlets. The average depth is over 40 feet, the deepest point is over 90 feet, and it has a relatively small littoral area. The lake is long and narrow, with a high shore length-to-acreage ratio. Clarity is among the best in Minnesota lakes. The lake is managed as a two-story fishery, and shore fishing on the AMA will provide anglers with an unusual opportunity to catch a variety of species; including rainbow trout, walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, and panfish.

Conserving the flooded areas of Bad Medicine Lake for aquatic habitat enhances the lake value, avoids the destruction, and avoids continuing financial loss from flooded structures. The lake is a closed basin whose water level has risen a total of 13-14 feet since the 1930s. It could rise another eight feet before the natural basin overflow elevation is reached. The area of this AMA represents some of the best natural aquatic habitat on the lake. Prior to this

purchase, only a few hundred feet of shore were protected by public ownership.

Authorization for the establishment of Aquatic Management Areas was passed by the Minnesota Legislature in 1992. In part the legislation states "Aquatic Management Areas may be established to protect, develop and manage lakes, rivers, streams, and adjacent wetlands, and lands that are critical for fish and other aquatic life, for water quality, and for their intrinsic biological value, public fishing, or other compatible outdoor recreational uses."

The BMLAF, which is a component fund of West Central Initiative, is grateful to the many contributors who enabled this project to come together. Coordinating the project with multiple land owners led to a long and at times frustrating process. "There were times when we wondered what we had gotten ourselves into and doubted success. Our timing was problematic, with the economy down, people were, with good reason, hesitant to donate," said Foundation Chair Ray Vlasak.

The total appraised value and purchase price for the AMA was \$625,500. Owners of the parcels contributed \$112,000 in land value, which was matched by the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program. Other Bad Medicine Lake property owners and their family members (78) contributed an additional \$159,587 which was also matched by the RIM program. The DNR Fish and Wildlife Department, using Legacy Funds, contributed \$82,326 to complete the funding.

The goals of the BMLAF do not end with this project. There are more flood distressed parcels that will be better conserved than developed, and the foundation is working on new projects to protect these areas. In addition, some property owners are interested in preserving their land in a natural state by putting it into a perpetual conservation easement.

The foundation is especially grateful for the assistance of West Central Initiative's Kim Embretson for his consultation; MN DNR Fisheries Department Dave Barsness, who handled the project application and now manages the AMA; and the Leech Lake Watershed Foundation for their encouragement and from whom the idea to form the BMLAF was born.

The Bad Medicine Lake Area Association and Bad Medicine Lake Area Foundation, along with the Minnesota DNR, are planning a dedication ceremony and celebratory get together for the new AMA. It is planned for June 30, 2012 at the Forest Inn at Itasca State Park from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Get Involved!

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD CREATION

Everyone is invited to attend the Chapel of the Good Creation for summer non-denominational worship services at 11 AM on Sundays throughout the summer. Those who gather at Bad Medicine Resort will participate in fellowship and Christian worship led by a group of volunteers. There is no membership requirement, all are welcome. Services are held Memorial Day through Labor Day. Contact Don or Helen at Bad Medicine Resort: phone 218-573-3790 or e-mail Dtschudi@eot.com if you have questions The Chapel is also available for other events.

PONTOON SOCIAL - The fourth annual "floaters party" will be held July 7th.

Weather permitting, we'll plan to meet and tie together in a flotilla of boats somewhere on relatively calm water at the north end of the lake at 5 p.m., exactly where will depend on the wind and its direction. Bring your own beverages and hors d'oeuvres to share - last year's offerings were delicious! Please also bring boat fenders and an anchor. On July 7th, call Dennis & Ruby Anderson at 573-3502 or Don & Rose Andersen at 573-3690 between 11 AM and 1 PM for an update on where we will meet.

Book Club

The Bad Medicine Lake Book Club met at Lynn Lindow's in April. We discussed the book "The Long Shining Waters" by Danielle Sosin - a novel about Lake Superior - and its many ghosts! The discussion was led by Roger Geddes from Park Rapids. On May 22nd we met at Gloria Church's. We discussed the book "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay. Sue Sanger led the discussion. In June we meet at the Sanger's and Bill will lead the discussion of the book "Ghosts in the Fog" the untold story of Alaska's WWII Invasion. We always take July off to enjoy company and family. As of right now, August is unplanned. We invite anyone to join us - just give Sue Sanger a call at 573-3793 or e-mail her at sang@arvig.net.



Becker County Sewage Treatment System Compliance Program at Bad Medicine Lake 2012

Chuck Church

Bad Medicine Lake has been included in this program as of April of 2012. This program has been in effect for several years and has a goal of keeping septic systems on all lakes in Becker County compliant with standards set by the State of Minnesota.

Of the 234 properties on our lake, one is non-compliant, 123 are compliant, leaving 110 property owners who have received letters from the County Zoning Office asking them to obtain new Certificates of Compliance for their septic systems.

The County's Sewage Treatment System Compliance Program requires that any lake property which does not have a septic system Certificate of Compliance on file with the County and those septic systems that are greater than 10 years old, be inspected by a licensed inspector. Upon inspection the inspector will issue a current COC, or inform the County about those systems that are non-compliant.

Those 110 property owners who received letters in April from the County's Zoning Office have until 9-30-12 to have a current COC on file with the County. Septic systems which are found by an inspector to be non-compliant have until 9-30-13 to complete the upgrades necessary to bring them into compliance.

At our Bad Medicine Lake Area Association Annual Meeting on June 23rd, at the Forest Township Hall, at approximately 10:00 AM, a knowledgeable COLA representative, John Postovit, will present a short explanation of this Compliance Program and address any questions or concerns we may have about it. A representative from the Becker County Zoning Office has also been invited to attend this meeting.

Bad Medicine Lake Stewards

Paul Lundquist

Once again the time of year has come when our hearts and our minds turn to our lake home. We all hold special thoughts to this area and especially to our lake. There is a cost to have such a special lake that all of us must bear: we have to protect it. This spring/summer we will once again be

implementing the Aquatic Invasive Species Water Craft Program. This program needs volunteers who will conduct water craft inspections. We will be doing these inspections on weekends from 7 AM to 10 AM. We plan on starting May 12th and going through Labor Day. This inspection consists of reviewing each boat and trailer as it pulls up to the ramp to see if it has any vegetation or obvious signs of AIS. Inspection reports are filled out for each boat, which requires asking a few questions. People who visit our lake are very appreciative of our efforts and are very happy to comply to any request to remove vegetation. I believe last year we had 17 volunteers; half of those volunteers were trained by the DNR. If you wish to help, we will have a partner that will be trained to work alongside you. This is the cost that we all must bear. We need to continue our efforts to protect this lake. Call or Email me:

Paul Lundquist
218-573-3943

plundquist68@gmail.com

This opportunity is fun. You will meet your neighbors and will be doing a service that is valuable to you and this Lake.

BMLAA Annual Membership Form

Annual dues to join the Bad Medicine Lake Area Association are \$15 per person. The membership year is January 1 to December 31. Dues must be paid on or by the annual meeting in order to vote.

Member's Names _____

Lake Address _____

Home Address _____

Lake Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Email Address _____

Dues enclosed (\$15 per person). Send Membership Dues to BMLAA, 39124 Horseshoe Rd. Ponsford, MN 56575

Tick Awareness

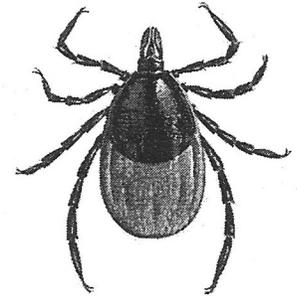
Eric Wiest

It's spring, and the ticks are back. Ticks are the leading cause of disease carried by an animal. Ticks in Northern Minnesota are known to carry several diseases, including Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, babesiosis, and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The same tick can even carry more than one disease.

Ticks wait in low-lying bushes and vegetation, waiting for a meal to brush by. A tick crawling on the skin carries no risk of infection. Once the tick bites and attaches itself, it begins a complex biologic process to allow itself to take a blood meal. Within this 48 hours after attachment, the risk of disease transmission is very low. The estimated risk of transmission from a known bite in an endemic area for Lyme disease (now including Northern Minnesota) is around 2%.

The best way to avoid contracting tick born disease is preventing ticks from attaching. The next best protection is prompt removal of attached ticks. Check the entire body after a walk in the woods. If you find a tick attached, grasp the head as close to the body as possible, and pull up with steady, even pressure. The head and mouth parts should remain intact. The infectious organisms are in the tick's body, so avoid pressing or squeezing the body. Do not apply a hot match to the tick or try to smother it with petroleum jelly, gasoline, nail polish, or other noxious substances. Doing so only prolongs exposure time and may cause the tick to eject infectious organisms into the body. Once the tick is removed, wash the bite area with soap and water or with an antiseptic to destroy any contaminating microorganisms. Observe the bite for signs of a surrounding rash, redness, or pain, which may indicate an infected bite.

If you develop a rash around the bite, have fevers, or feel like you are getting sick after finding an attached tick, see your doctor. Most infections respond well to antibiotic treatment, and initiating treatment early is best.



Spring/Summer Important Dates

June	July	August	September
23rd: 8:30 AM = Annual Meeting	7th Pontoon Social - 5 PM - north end of the lake.	7th - 6:30 PM Township Board Meeting	
23rd: National Trails Day Wildflower hike	21st- National Trails Day Raspberry Hike	8th- Primaries	
30th - BML Foundation celebration @ Forest Inn, Itasca State Park 4-6 PM			
7AM-10AM, weekends - Volunteer watercraft inspection	Book club @ Sangers - call 573-3793 or e-mail her at sang@arvig.net .		
11 AM Sundays - Chapel of the Good Creation worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day)			
2nd - Township Amnesty Days; 2nd - National Trails Day Lady slipper hike	10th - 6:30 PM - Township Board Meeting; 5:30 - public hearing	25th - Township Amnesty Days	

COLA Report

Dave Wiest

The Becker Country COLA (Coalition of the Lake Association) meets monthly on the second Thursday at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Detroit Lakes from April through October. Currently Chuck Church and Ed Klepperich are the BMLAA representatives, but meetings are open to the public.



COLA has been very active working with the DNR on AIS education, monitoring enforcement, and pushing for new legislation for sentencing of violators. With a strong push from Becker Country COLA, the county commissioners have set up an AIS task force.

COLA facilitates cooperation between more than 30 lake associations in Becker County as well as participating with the Minnesota COLA. Their goal is to protect and enhance the quality of lakes and shore areas. Advocacy for lake quality issues at the local and state level is also a priority.

If you have a desire to serve as the BML representative to COLA, feel free to speak to any BMLAA board member.

WATER QUALITY AND FISHING REPORT

Steve Lindow

The warm spring caused the early ice out on March 27th. Got my boat in on the 29th. Since that time, the weather has cooled, keeping the lake temperature and fish spawning similar to past years. As of May 14th, the water level is the same as it was when the ice went out and is about 10-12 inches lower than last summer. Secchi disk readings this spring ranged from 27-31.5 feet.

During late June or early July the DNR will conduct their fish net survey. Look for buoys marking the nets and stay away from them. Nets in a motor prop are not a good thing! The last survey done in 2006 had a walleye count of 21 per net with most around 12-13 inches. I expect it to be much lower this year because a lot of people kept those 12-inchers instead of releasing them to grow larger. It takes three to four 12-inchers to equal the weight in fillets of one 16-inch walleye. Stocking fingerlings continues every other year at the highest rate allowed by the DNR.

Smallmouth bass are numerous. Keep some of the smaller 1-2 pounders for meals and release the larger bass for reproducing. Bass are very good eating.

The DNR stocked 12,000 rainbow trout in April so they should be easy to catch through August. Bobber fishing with night crawlers 30 feet down over 50 feet or more of water works well. Trolling or down rigging with a small spala or spinner bait works too.

The DNR is also looking at the possibility of opening up Bad Medicine for winter ice fishing for trout sometime in the future.

North Country Trail Report

NCT Laurentian Lakes Chapter to have a busy trail-building season thanks to Legacy Trail grant

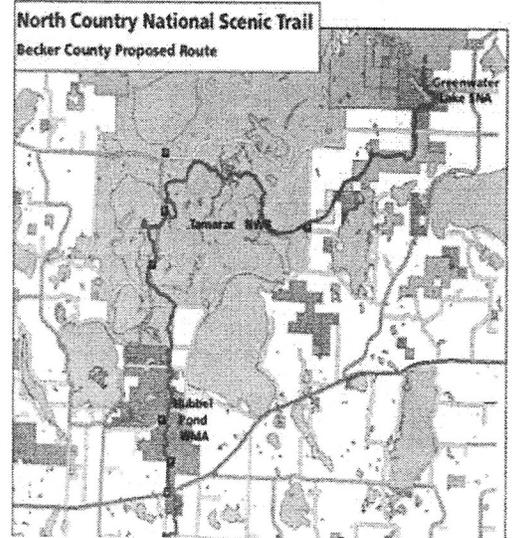
Ray Vlasak

After receiving an extension from the DNR, 2012 is the year that the LLC will finally spend the Legacy Trail grant that Becker County applied for and received on their behalf in 2009. Since the grant was funded, we have been working on obtaining all of the required project approvals, which has taken much longer than expected. This is the first NCT project in Minnesota to undergo a complete cultural resources (archaeological) review, which looks to make sure that no historic or cultural resources are negatively impacted.

Several cultural sites were found along the proposed route within Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge and mitigation measures were necessary. The Minnesota DNR is also developing a lease agreement for the three types of State properties the NCT will utilize.

This spring and summer, the Laurentian Lakes Chapter will be very busy hosting workdays to do trail clearing within Tamarac NWR and on County and private lands to the east of Tamarac. Typically, NCTA volunteers clear the trail corridor in advance of the Conservation Corps of Minnesota's work constructing the trail tread. If you would like to help out with construction, contact Ray Vlasak to be added to the Chapter's email list.

The chapter is also looking for additional trail adopters to help maintain all the new trail!



Hikes this summer are planned around themes to appeal to those new to the trail as well as to be informative to the "seasoned" hikers. Some of these are the National trails Day Lady Slipper hike on June 2nd, the Wildflower hike on June 23rd, and the Raspberry hike on July 21st.



News from Forest Township

Carol Peterson

No matter where you spent this winter it should have been exceptional!! But, as always, everyone returning to the Township is the signal that summer is just around the corner and we are glad to see everyone out and about. We lost several longtime residents over the winter and they will be greatly missed. Our condolences to Christiansens', Noonans', and the Larsons'.

Township business over the winter included:

Trash and Recycling: Becker County notified the Township that we don't qualify for the recycling annual payment because the dump is locked and only available to township residents. The payment is approximately \$1000.00 annually. The Board has decided to move the recycling sheds out of the locked area to meet the County's requirement and is in the process of finding a suitable location.

Amnesty Days for this year are June 2th and August 25th. PLEASE be respectful of this date and bring your items then. If the dumpsters are not onsite do not leave your items and please do not leave them after the weekend. There will be 3 dumpsters in June and 2 available in August.

Roads: Over the last year a lot of attention has been given to developing a better maintenance plan. Contracts for grading, maintenance, and plowing are reviewed and let annually. The township has no requirement to call for closed bids as the annual cost for each contract doesn't meet the State required threshold. After discussion, the Board decided it was in the Township's best interest to require that contracts be advertised for quotes every three years. Over the year all three contracts were published with requests for quotes and all three were signed with Dan Bergstrom.

It was necessary to request that the County survey the gravel in the pit on County Road 37 to get an accurate accounting of the gravel available to the township for road work and future planning. Becker County, after the survey, has decided to lock the road to the pit. Doug Trenda completed a three-year summary of road maintenance costs which he

presented at the 2012 Township Annual Meeting. This was used for projections for the continued work necessary to improve the township roads. The Town Board has scheduled an open meeting May 20th at 9 AM to begin at the Township Hall for the purpose of inspecting all township roads. The Board will reconvene at approximately 11 AM at the Town Hall for discussion and prioritizing. The public is welcome. East Bad Medicine Road continues to be a problem and a priority for improvement with gravel and grading. Red Top Road will begin the last part of the plan started last summer. The gravel will be pulled from the ditches, the road will be graded, and then a determination will be made about additional gravel. Sunset Road will be the next road that will be brushed in the ditches.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission members are Carol Peterson; Supervisor, Rolf Christiansen, Chair, Dennis Anderson, Mark Branstom and Craig Lindstrom. The Committee has met over the winter months reviewing the Township Zoning Ordinance for updates and revisions and conducted two open meetings for comment. At the May Township Meeting the Draft was given to the Board with a motion for consideration and Public Hearing. The Board accepted the draft and moved to conduct a public hearing July 10th at 5:30 prior to the monthly Board meeting at 6:30. A copy of the draft will be posted to the Township website and public comment will be limited to the proposed changes.

Annual March Township Meeting: The meeting was well attended with a lot of input from those in attendance. A resolution from the floor was proposed to oppose any Grant In Aid ATV/OHV trails in Forest Township. A vote of the residents to support that resolution was 17 in favor and 6 opposed. At the April meeting the Township Board passed a resolution that added: the Township request that Becker County and the DNR seek and receive the consent of the individual or several townships that may be affected before designating and /or posting any new trail or existing trail or roadway as "open" for any off-highway vehicle use. This would apply to all roadways, township, county, state, forest system and minimum maintenance roads, logging roads. If you are interested in the exact language of the resolution contact the Township Clerk, Helen Holmer. The Board also formed an Ad Hoc committee for further discussion and input. Paul Lindquist will chair the committee and vice chair is Dan Niemi.

2013 Annual meeting will be held March 12th with alternate date of March 19th, in case of bad weather. The Board's regular meeting will be held Monday, March 11, 2013.

The township budget and levy for 2013 was discussed, voted on and approved by the residents. The **total budget is \$83,500.00** (roads- \$43,634.00, fire- \$11,000.00 and general fund \$25,000.00) **the levy is \$79,634.00.** The consensus was to use some of the savings to make up the difference. Fire and Rescue will be provided through Carsonville Fire Department.

The Board of Equalization: Returned to Forest Township this year. 2 residents were in attendance.

This is election year so the August Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7th at 6:30 as Tuesday, August 8th is Primaries. The 2 Supervisor positions and Treasurer are up for election. Tim Holzkamm, Carol Peterson, and Donna Waliczek currently hold these positions. Supervisor Doug Trenda and Helen Holmer, Clerk, will continue to serve. The terms for these positions are 4 years. If you are interested in running for a township position contact Helen Holmer for the required documents.

Please continue to use the township website as your source for current Township news and contact information for the Supervisors, Clerk and Treasurer.
Foresttownmn.net

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**REGULATION REFRESHER
TOWNSHIP AMNESTY &
RECYCLING**

Tim Holzkamm

Township Amnesty Days in 2012 are scheduled for **June 2 & August 25**. Please follow the posted rules and do not bring amnesty trash ahead of the scheduled date.

If you cannot wait for Amnesty Days, two area transfer stations are available to you:

~Main location – 3 miles north of Detroit Lakes on Highway 59 and ½ mile west on CR#144. The hours are M & F, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; T – Th 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. 24413 County Rd. 144, phone 218-847-6382

New East location – ½ mile west of Osage on Highway #34 and ½ mile south on CR#47.

Hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., 23330 County Hwy 17, phone 218-573-3534.

As the summer season approaches and use of our township refuse collection site increases, it is important to remember only allowable trash may be left at our site.



All household trash is to be left in the large dumpsters. DO NOT use the household dumpsters for unwanted construction materials. DO NOT leave other refuse such as appliances, electronics, tires, etc. anywhere on the grounds. More information on Township Trash Rules are posted on the new township website http://www.foresttownshipmn.net/pdfs/Trash_Rules.pdf

With spring and summer come hungry, messy bears. Everyone must fasten the dumpster covers. If a chain or fastener breaks call Tim at 573-3442.

New recycling bins to replace the old recycling hedges have arrived. The new bins have a much larger capacity and some of the categories have been combined which should make sorting easier. We are looking to relocate the recycling bins outside the locked area around the town hall as the county will no longer pay us if recycling facilities are with a locked area.

Forest Township appreciates everyone recycling because it saves the township lots of money in trash removal costs. In the past, we have received money back depending on the volume recycled - this helps reduce your taxes. For example, when cardboard boxes are recycled it costs us - meaning you - about

\$10 per cubic yard (a dumpster holds about 6 cubic yards) to haul them away as trash, however, recycled cardboard earns money for Forest Township. We need to do it right - use the recycling bins only for the proper recyclable materials.

Please call Tim Holzkamm, Township Supervisor, at (218-573-3442) or email at chairperson@foresttownshipmn.net if there are any questions or to report problems at the refuse collection site.

KEYS

You may obtain a gate key from Helen Holmer, Township Clerk 573-3790 to gain access to the area. You are responsible for everyone who uses your key – be sure they know the rules. Lock the gate when leaving or close the gate if the lock is not present. Fee for the replacement of a lost key is \$25; each additional key is \$5.

BECKER COUNTY AMNESTY

We encourage you to take your appliances, tires, and batteries to the transfer station north of Detroit Lakes, phone 218-847-6382. Appliances include refrigerators, freezers, ranges, microwaves, washers, dryers, dish washers, and dehumidifiers. Take these items to the transfer station if you can't wait for Township Amnesty Days. Please do not leave amnesty materials at any other time. These items have to be transported separately at considerable cost to the township and ultimately to our taxpayers. For those who do it right and most of you do. Thank You.

FOREST TOWNSHIP TRASH RULES

1. Use the recycle bins – all clean cardboard must be recycled. Follow the posted recycle rules.
2. Recycling saves the township thousands of dollars every year and it is the environmentally sound thing to do.
3. Put only bagged household garbage in dumpsters. Close and secure the lids to keep bears out. Fill dumpsters completely (front and back lids) in order starting from the east.
4. Take all other trash to transfer stations – Detroit Lakes, the new east location in Osage, or to the Park Rapids or Elbow Lake stations.
5. Do not leave the following: appliances, TVs, microwaves, electronic equipment, furniture, building materials, steel, ashes, or charcoal.
6. Animal carcasses, dirt, gravel, leaves, grass clippings, brush, or logs should be put in the woods out of sight from roads and trails.
7. Take treated lumber to transfer station (do not burn).

9. Hire a commercial service if you are operating commercially from your home.

BURNING REGULATIONS, DID YOU KNOW???????

The leading cause of wildfires is burning barrels. Burning barrels are regulated by MN statute.

A burning permit is required for **ALL** open burning of brush/leaves/wood when there is less than three inches of snow on the ground.



You can obtain burning permits at Bad Medicine Resort or Veronen's Resort. A permit is not required when there is over 3 inches of snow on the ground.

NOTE: Several of your lake neighbors can testify to the cost of being cited by the DNR for burning without a permit.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR RESIDENTS OF FOREST TOWNSHIP

Building permit applications, as well as conditional use permit applications, for projects that are located 267' or more back from the high water mark must be reviewed and approved by the Township Board prior to submitting requests to Becker County. This process can take a couple of meetings so it is important to get applications in as quickly as possible. Contact Carol Peterson to get a permit application and a copy of zoning regulations. Applications are also available from Becker County Zoning.

THE BMLAA IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

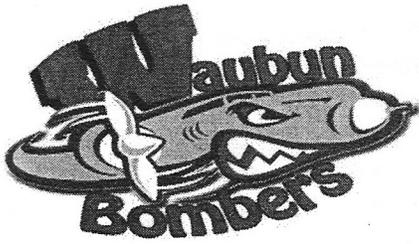


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SEARCH: BAD MEDICINE LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION

A group for residents and friends of Bad Medicine Lake to receive news and updates and share ideas instantly.



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"ALWAYS STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE"

May 7, 2012

RE: Department of Health and Human Services Grant/PreK Addition

Bad Medicine Lake Area Association Members;

At the January 2012 regular board meeting the school board granted the administration to apply for a dollar for dollar grant up to \$500,000 with the Minnesota Department of Health and Human Services Department. Minnesota Statutes 256E.37 provides authorization for grants to state agencies and political subdivisions to construct or rehabilitate facilities for early childhood programs with priority to programs in counties or municipalities with the highest percentage of children living in poverty.

At the regular February 2012 board meeting, the board reviewed a schematic design presentation from the firm of Michael J. Burns out of Moorhead, MN. The design includes a both rehabilitated and new construction for a total of 9,829 square feet for around \$1,300,000. The facility would consist of three ECFE classrooms, two ECFE offices, one ECFE conference room, and enclosed playground courtyard.

At the regular March 2012 board meeting the board approved the funding mechanism for the local share of the project should the Waubun-Ogema-White Earth School receive the grant. The school board voted to use both the lease-purchase and lease levy funding sources. The lease-purchase agreement does not result in additional revenue to the district. It allows us to spread the cost of this project over a period of years. Repayment via this funding method is generally between three to twenty years.

The lease levy is actually how the district would generate the revenue essential to repay the debt from this project. Minnesota Statute 126C.40, subdivision one allows the district to use this type of levy. This levy requires annual approval from the Commissioner of Education and we must submit financial justification, terms and conditions of the lease and description of the space and it's proposed use. The district's annual levy is limited to no more than \$150.00 per resident pupil unit and is only to be used for the capital portion of the lease costs. Based on the 2011 Payable 2012 levy, the district would be eligible for a maximum of \$119,000 per year to apply towards the lease-purchase.

The table below is taxable impact of this project:

Type of Property	Est. Market Value	Est. Inc. in Taxes (\$660,000)	Est. Inc. in Taxes (\$810,000)
Seasonal Recreational Residential	\$50,000.00	\$7.00	\$10.00
	\$100,000.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
	\$250,000.00	\$37.00	\$50.00
	\$500,000.00	\$74.00	\$101.00
	\$750,000.00	\$121.00	\$163.00

If you have any questions, please contact me at 473-6171. Thank you for your interest in our school district.

Sincerely,

Brandon Lunak

Brandon Lunak,
Superintendent

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<http://www.badmedicinelakeareaassociation.com/>

Why should I become a member of the BMLAA? The answer is simple: to be involved and have a voice in matters concerning Bad Medicine Lake and the surrounding area. Here are a few other reasons as well: to pay your share of what you receive such as the newsletter, the directory, invasive species matching grants, water testing and monitoring, COLA membership and newsletter, the North Country Trail, the website, periodic mailings concerning lake information and responsibilities, etc. Please become a member and become active in our Bad Medicine Lake Area Association.

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