

TOMAHAWK LAKE

Association, Inc.

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Newsletter

The Year in Review

Letter from Executive Director

To all of you who aren't able to be here right now, soooooo sorry! Indian Summer has finally arrived in the North Woods, and although the nights are frosty, the days have been heating up into the mid 50's (or higher) for several days in a row. Coupled with a good deal of sunshine, and what were perhaps the countries very best fall color display, this October was one of the best on record—if enjoying the great northern outdoors is the goal. And it definitely is the goal of yours truly.

Early in the morning I get up, plod to the kitchen to start the coffee, and then light the fire that I set the night before. Within twenty minutes, the cabin is warm, and I can just look out the picture window at the sunrise without having to accomplish any more “waking up” tasks. This is the best time of the day for me because it allows me to quietly sit and reflect on how really blessed I am to be able to enjoy this place every day of the year. I know some of you are saying “I’ll bet he doesn’t sing this tune in mid-February”, but you would be wrong. There is great beauty in the earliest rays of light as they stream across a snow drift, and even when it’s 30° below outside, inside it is warm and toasty, and the light coming through that same picture window is warm on my face.

These early morning moments have also allowed me to think about where we are at as a Lake Association, and to evaluate our successful progress on the many initiatives we’ve set for the organization.

Our efforts to control Eurasian Water Milfoil

*Lately, I’ve been trying to wrap my mind around all of the data that I collected in doing the fall **Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) survey**. This survey is used to determine the number, size and shape of the “polygons” where EWM will be chemically treated next spring. As I’ve started to analyze all of the data collected, I’ve begun to understand just how subjective the final survey results can be. Our chemical treatments from last spring were very successful in removing EWM from the polygons that had been identified in the fall of 2009. But when I’ve added in the locations of new infestations that the Sentinels (Tomahawk Lake Association’s lake volunteer lake monitoring organization) have found, and the areas of new infestation that I found in my fall survey, I’ve realized that we are fighting an incredibly tenacious foe. The good news is that while there are quite a few new locations to treat next summer, we are better prepared to fight the battle than ever before. This past summer season we treated 82 acres with one form or another of 2, 4D aquatic herbicide. We will chemically treat less acreage in the*

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TLA Exceeds Goals in 2010 Thanks to Members, Donors & Volunteers

TLA set aggressive benchmarks for the organization:

- Reduce EWM
- Increase membership
- Raising funds
- Educate the community.

The organization, its volunteers and donors improved results across all measures over 2009.

TLA Reduces Eurasian Water Milfoil Infestation by 78 percent in 2010

New EWM infestations identified by TLA Sentinels

The Tomahawk Lake Association (TLA) reported that the total acreage of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) treated in the spring of 2010 was reduced by 78 percent, or roughly 62 acres.

While a successful result, a number of new EWM infestation sites were discovered by the Sentinel Lake Monitoring Group in June and July. Eurasian Water Milfoil is an aquatic plant native to Europe and Asia that reproduces rapidly and has the potential to choke much of the shallow areas of a lake and adversely affect wildlife. It was first discovered on Tomahawk Lake in the fall of 2004 and, at the beginning of 2010, covered nearly 82 acres within the lake.



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Fundraising Changes for 2011: Lake Property Owners Asked to Contribute “Fair Share”

By Paul Shain, TLA President

Every year, the TLA works hard to keep EWM under control—and this year’s results are a tremendous success. However, EWM will never be completely eradicated from our lake, given the nature of its reproductive qualities. We must remain vigilant in treating it annually.

But controlling aquatic invasive species can’t be accomplished without the funds to support chemical treatments, the Hydraulic Conveyor System (HCS) and educational campaigns such as Clean Boats Clean Waters.

In the past, our funding strategy has included pursuing grants and donations

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upcoming spring as, in some of the areas that we treated, EWM has completely gone away and not returned. Also, in most areas where we treated, the size of the infested area and just as importantly the EWM plant density level has been reduced as well. The final verdict is that we did reasonably well with our chemical treatment.

Our unique and innovative **Hydraulic Conveyor System (HCS)** underwent some substantial changes this past spring, with the upgrading of our work barge's undercarriage. This commitment to our HCS program, and to aggressively go after the new stands of EWM in our lake system, have paid real dividends: we increased the number of sites where EWM was removed by 31 percent. This technology continues to allow us to remove EWM in its earliest stages, before it mushrooms into large and dense beds that require chemical removal. With the upgrading of our system, and the continued dedication of our team, HCS results will only get better over time.

We also had significant success with our **Angel Donation** fundraising campaign and membership drive this year. Be sure to read more about the results in this newsletter.



The Hydraulic Conveyor System operates 5 days a week, rain or shine.



Angel Donation Fundraising – Thank you for your contributions of time and money!

Without funds from our donors and members we wouldn't be able to accomplish any of these great results. We are all truly thankful for your contributions of time and money.

Our efforts to educate our members & friends

The Tomahawk Lake Association is committed to educate all those who use our watershed—shoreline owners and visitors alike—on the absolute need to be good stewards of our lake. We are always looking for new and better ways to communicate our message that every person who enjoys the lake has the responsibility to do all that they can to protect this valuable resource.

In past years, we have participated in the UW-Extension **Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW)** program, to bring that responsibility to the attention of lake users.

By connecting with lake users at our boat ramps, ramp attendants educate them on two fronts: with information on the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) that can potentially enter our lake by riding on or in boats using the ramp; and by giving free boat and trailer inspections, looking for plants and other aquatic critters that could be coming into or leaving the lake. The Clean Boats Clean Waters effort is the most direct means of education we have found to date, to get the attention of the public about the need to be good stewards.

In 2010, the TLA committed to hiring two ramp attendants to provide full coverage on weekends at two of our three ramps. They met and educated over 4,000 boats and 10,000 people over the course of the summer. In addition, **one of our attendants stopped a Zebra Mussel from entering our lake while on duty.** They worked at the thoroughfare landing and at the Lake Tomahawk landing from Memorial Day through the Labor Day, Friday afternoon to Sunday evening. This ensured that boaters using the lake during all of our peak times were inspected and made aware of their responsibility to protect our watershed. Our commitment to this program has and will continue to be our most effective means of passing good stewardship information to those who use our lake. And to stop aquatic hitchhikers from entering our watershed.

The **First Annual Tomahawk Lake Fair** was another major effort to educate the public about the enjoyment and responsibilities of the lake. Held in the town of Lake Tomahawk in early August, 60 plus volunteers and a host of presenters and exhibitors introduced hundreds of fair goers to fun ways to enjoy a day



Tomahawk Lake Fair activities included naturalist John Bates, biologist John Kubisiak, air boat rides, kayaking, face painting and more!

at the lake. Speakers included noted naturalist John Bates, and WDNR fisheries biologist John Kubisiak, who gave their take on the state of the Lakeland Region's natural health. Folks had great opportunities to "see and do" many activities, from paddling a Kayak around town bay to riding on the Oneida County Fire and Rescue Teams air boat. There was plenty of



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time spent trying to "stump Susan Knight", the renowned aquatic scientist from the UW Research Station at Trout Lake, and many a young fair goer had their face painted by local artists, while also learning about native plants and animals. All in all, the Tomahawk Lake Fair did more than acquaint lake area kids with what good stewardship is all

about. It also provided them and their families with a day of fun and sun with a few memories thrown in along the way.

People always want to know what's going on around them, and because of this, the Board of Directors of TLA held a **Town Hall Meeting** at the end of June at Indian Shores. While the number in attendance wasn't overwhelming, the questions and resulting discussions that took place were outstanding. The folks in attendance came away with a better understanding of what we have done, and why we have done them. The board learned first hand about the concerns of our members and friends, and all who were at the "Town Hall Meeting" came away better informed and feeling good about the future direction of our organization.



The Hydraulic Conveyor System dressed-up for the 4th of July Parade. Treats and Lake Fair flyers were handed out.

And of course, everyone loves the **July 4th Parade**. Again this year, the TLA had a presence at the parades in Minocqua and Lake Tomahawk. Volunteers distributed frozen treats (the hit of the parade) and information about the Lake Fair.

As I'm sitting here writing this note to you, my "morning time" is quickly coming to an end. I have however one other thing to pass along to you. Our organization is blessed with many people who work to ensure the good health of the Tomahawk Lake Watershed. From the many volunteers at our Lake Fair, to the 17 teams of Sentinels who monitor our lake for EWM, to the volunteers and staff who meet the public on the boat ramps, and the 15 or so volunteer Board Members who work tirelessly year around, I would like to say, from The Tomahawk Lake Association, and from my own heart, THANK YOU! You are the reason that this summer was a great summer on Tomahawk Lake!

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Ned Greedy
Executive Director
Tomahawk Lake Association, Inc.

TLA Goals *(Continued from page 1)*

"We are encouraged by the significant reduction of acreage of EWM in 2010," said Paul Shain, President, TLA, Inc. "However, we need to continue the fight every year—it will never be completely eradicated from our lake. As a community, we need to continue executing our strategy to maintain and increase the health and beauty of Tomahawk Lake. Without our network of generous donors, volunteers and members, results like this will be impossible to achieve."

According to a survey taken in August, of the 260 sites chemically treated in May, only 57 sites contained EWM. Additionally, within the survey samples that did contain EWM, the **EWM density—the number of plants per square foot of bottom area—fell dramatically.**

The 61 treated areas ranged in size from 0.23 acres to 12.45 acres, and included a range of water depths from a few inches out to approximately 17 feet. This year, 45 new sites were added to the treatment plan compared to 2009—a 21% increase in sites treated. "The results are quite favorable, especially when one considers that the number of sites in the survey increased by 21% over 2009," said Ned Greedy, TLA Executive Director.

Other data to note:

- In 2010, 57 of 260 points contained some EWM present in the samples taken. This represents a 78 percent reduction in EWM. In 2009, 140 of 215 points contained EWM in samples taken, which represented a 35 percent reduction in EWM.
- Within the 57 samples that contained EWM, the density of EWM plants were substantially reduced compared to 2009.
- Of the three areas targeted for treatment utilizing liquid 2,4-D, the numbers of infested sites were greatly reduced. Within the sites that retained EWM, the density was greatly reduced as well. These areas have been historically heavily infested locations. (Echo Bay, Kemps Bay & bays on south side of Windy Point.)

"While progress has been made during the summer of 2010, EWM is alive and well in Tomahawk Lake," said Greedy. "Two new major areas of infestation have been noted by our Sentinels and HCS divers and—as always is the case with this type of weed—many smaller areas have popped up."

In the early weeks of September, **Greedy and team completed the post treatment survey** to establish the treatment plan for 2011. The complete post treatment survey indicated there was minimal effect on the native species of the lake. "While we should all be proud of the progress we made this year, achieving success with EWM is a new battle every year," said Greedy. "In 2009, our treatments were not as successful. Variables such as water temperature were not on our side. To be sure, we will be faced with EWM next year and together as a community we must remain vigilant and disciplined about our efforts to fight this weed."

Angel Giving Drive Exceeds Fundraising Goal

The great results in eradicating EWM were accomplished because donors helped TLA meet its 2010 fundraising challenge. As of October 20, the Angel Giving campaign raised a total of \$105,350, exceeding our goal of \$100,000! "Without funds, we can't accomplish our core objectives of eradicating EWM," said Paul Shain. "We are thrilled with this year's success, and grateful to our donors." "For 2011, we plan to take a different approach with fundraising that will focus on getting all households in our lake community to contribute," said Shain.

Membership Drive Exceeds '09 Numbers; Falls Short of Goal

The TLA membership drive registered 235 members as of October 31, exceeding last year's roster of 230 members, but falling short of the 300 member goal. "The power of the TLA is made by its members," said Shain. "We look forward to working on another great campaign next year and will need everyone's help recruiting new members."

WANTED

The TLA is looking for local year round residents to participate on the board of directors. Please call Margo at 715-356-3722 if interested.

TLA Gear

Think Tomahawk Lake Association for the Holidays!

Order TLA gear for your loved ones this holiday from Lands End.

Go to their website ces.landsend.com/TomahawkLake to see the embroidered merchandise available. Though not a fundraiser, wearing TLA merchandise is a great way to spread the word about our association—particularly while you're boating and socializing on the lake!

Lake Property Owners Asked to Contribute “Fair Share”

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from State and local governments as well as turning to you, our membership base for monetary support. Going forward, we need to enhance this strategy.

Here are the obstacles: With the economic times what they are, it is clear we can no longer count on the same dollar amounts we have received from government agencies. In addition, the bulk of our private donations have come from very few people on the lake. What's more, a large number of lake residents have not contributed anything to the TLA. Long term, this is not a sustainable formula for protecting Tomahawk Lake and it puts our community at tremendous risk.

Since all of us share a love for our beautiful lake, the time has come for all of us to share in the expense of keeping it beautiful. The

value, both in economic and personal terms, of all our homes depend on a healthy and vibrant Tomahawk Lake regardless of whether or not we have EWM in front of our home today.

For 2011, the TLA will pursue a “Fair Share” fundraising campaign that will encourage every household around the lake to give a mini-

mum donation. To arrive at our suggested “Fair Share” number, we will take our 2011 budget, less what we expect from other sources (including DNR grants and local government), divided by the number of home owners on the Lake.

This fall, we will finalize our grant and town funding requests and budget for 2011. Early next year, we will communicate our “Fair Share” request and pledge

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forms to our membership base. It is reasonable to expect the “Fair Share” amount will be in the range of \$400–\$600 per household—which equates to approximately \$35–\$50 a month...much less than many of us pay for any number of modern conveniences each month. While this may seem like an uncomfortable change, please keep an open mind to the concept. We are asking everyone to contribute at an equal level.

In addition, for those interested in helping, we will be organizing neighborhood meetings across our lake community in the early summer months to educate everyone on TLA's goals, answer questions and obtain participation in the “Fair Share” program. There are many lake residents that are not familiar with TLA, so we hope this will be a perfect opportunity to introduce your neighbors to our initiatives.

Feel free to email Paul Shain (paul@badgernorth.com) or Kris Hunt (KrisHunt52@gmail.com) to indicate your interest in volunteering, or with any questions or concerns on this topic.

TLA Wins Two Oneida County Land and Waters Conservation Committee Awards



In August, the Oneida County Land and Waters Conservation Committee honored the Tomahawk Lake Association (TLA) with two awards created to recognize individuals and organizations who have contributed to the success of the conservation effort in Oneida County.

The TLA was awarded the:

Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Vision, Dedication, and Commitment in Protecting the Health and Quality of Oneida County Lakes and Rivers

Additionally, Ned Greedy, TLA Executive Director, received:

Oneida County Distinguished Service Award

Representatives of the WDNR, UW-Extension, and the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, as well as most Oneida County lake associations were in attendance.

2011 Calendar of Events

In 2011, the Tomahawk Lake Fair, Picnic, and Town Hall Meeting will take place on the same day.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 23** to join in the Town Hall Meeting, Picnic, and Lake Fair at **Indian Shores**. The Lake Fair is a great chance for members and non-members, young and old, to learn about our lake and socialize.

BOARD MEETINGS

November 6, 2010

January 8, 2011

March 5, 2011

May 7, 2011

June 11, 2011

July 9, 2011

August 6, 2011

Sept. 17, 2011 *Election of Officers & Board Appointments*

Board meetings are open to all TLA Members. Meeting locations are to be determined. Email Margo at mmoppy@frontiernet.net for details.



Margo's Minocqua Minute

- **Bosacki's Boathouse** has been sold to Matt Cullen of Madison, Wisconsin. Matt hopes to open November 15th under a new name, *Matt Morgan's*.
- **Debby's Farm Market, formerly Altenburg's Farm Market**, in Woodruff suffered severe fire damage on October 6th. A girl was rescued from the upstairs apartment by bystanders. No injuries were reported.
- **El Mez Cal, the Mexican restaurant replacing the Country Kitchen** at the corner of Hwy. 51 N. & Hwy. 70 W., has finally started construction on their new building. They hope to be open for the Christmas holidays.
- **Minocqua Area Chamber of Commerce** will be adding more space to their existing building to provide better services for out-of-town visitors.
- Greg Schoone of Tomahawk has remodeled the old art gallery south of town on Hwy. 51 across from Northern Road and the bowling alley. He has opened a **new Wausau Home design center** and office there.
- **High Voltage Food Gallery**, an organic food café with outdoor seating and retail store, will open in the Boardwalk Shops.
- The Town of Minocqua has upgraded their **welcome sign at the Minocqua Ball Park** on Hwy. 51 S. to include a reader board making it easier to advertise the area happenings.
- Make sure to check out the **new downtown Christmas decorations** that will go up shortly before Thanksgiving.

Meet the 2010 Tomahawk Lake Association Board of Directors

Two new directors join the board for 2011: Noah & Sunday



Paul Shain, President

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Paul and his wife Suzy have had a home on Tomahawk Lake for six years and he has been involved with the Association since 2007. When not up north, they live in Madison where Paul is the CEO of Singlewire Software and is involved in many activities associated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



**Margo Oppenheim
Secretary**

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Margo has lived on Tomahawk Lake for 58 years. Her parents, Ruth and Harrison Klippel, established Klippel's Landing (currently Lakeside Landing) in 1946. Prior to her role as secretary, Margo held the position of TLA Treasurer for five years. Margo also has served on the Minocqua Town Planning Commission for the past three years. She and her husband Alan own and operate Deer Run Stone on Hwy 51 S, a wholesale distributorship and retail sale of natural and man-made stone products

used for building materials, (fireplaces interior& exterior walls) landscape and flooring products. They have one daughter Lindsey, who is finishing her degree in early childhood and works at the preschool at Nicolet College in Rhinelander. Margo's love and passion for Tomahawk Lake has rubbed off on her family and they all enjoy year round living on the "Jewel of the North." Want to know when the ice goes out, the loons come back and the first boat or water skier appear each year? Ask Margo!



Scott Harmsen, Treasurer

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Scott and his wife Tammy, along with their three teenage children Jenna, Alyssa and Jacob, and two Labradors, have been summer residents of the Pottawatotomie Colony on Tomahawk Lake since 2004. Prior to that, they enjoyed fifteen wonderful summers on Kawaguesaga Lake with Scott's parents and sister. Tammy was born and raised in Minocqua which permits him to say "I married a Krolczyk". When not enjoying the lake, they live in Pewaukee, Wisconsin where Scott is a partner in a global public accounting firm.



**Jim Andersen, Vice President,
Membership Chair**

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Jim has owned a home on Tomahawk Lake with his parents and brother for the past 13 years. It is a favorite destination in both summer and winter months and a great escape from Madison, where he works as a radiologist with Madison Radiologists, S.C.



Tom Anderson

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Tom and his wife Pamela, along with their two sons', Matt and Fitz, all live in the Chicago area. In the early 1960's, Tom's mother and father, Tom and Elaine Anderson, bought a home on Tomahawk Lake next door to Camp Clearwater. It remains in the family today. Tom is President and Chief Executive Officer of Digital Check Corp in Northfield, IL.



**Rebecca Bortner, Marketing &
Public Relations Chair**

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Rebecca's home-away-from-home is her family cabin on Tomahawk

Lake. Rebecca's parents, Dave and Jane Bortner, built their cabin south east of Daniel's Point in the 70s. Along with her siblings Dave and Barb, she continues the lake traditions with her family. Rebecca and her husband Chris have one toddler son who likes to head to various sand bars on the lake to swim. When not in the north woods, they live in Milwaukee where Rebecca is a Director of Marketing for Harley-Davidson Motor Company.



David Brock

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David and his wife Noelle have been part time area residents since 1992. They moved from their Lake Katherine home to Tomahawk Lake in 2009. David recently joined the TLA Board of Directors. When not up north, they live in Chicago. David & Noelle have two adult children and five grand children.



**Ned Greedy
Executive Director**

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Ned and his family have enjoyed summers on

Tomahawk Lake since 1962, when his sister Karen became the head of riding at Clearwater Camp. In 1966, they purchased their family home on the point of Blueberry Bay and Tomahawk Lake. It has been an important part of Ned's life ever since. After a 35 year career in business, Ned and his wife Pam moved to the shores of Tomahawk Lake in 2004. Ned joined the Tomahawk Lake Association shortly afterward, and served two years as Vice President before becoming the association's first Executive Director. Ned and Pam have four adult children and one grandson.



Sunday Hoppe

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Sunday and her husband Lee have vacationed in the north woods area for many years and currently own a campsite at Indian Shores. They reside in Baraboo where Sunday is an office manager for a local hospital. Lee owned a Ford dealership in Baraboo, WI for more than twenty five years which his son now carries on. Combined they have nine children and twelve grandchildren, many of whom also enjoy coming north to enjoy the camping experience. Sunday's perfect day is waking up to the laughter of the grandkids and watching them enjoy all that nature has to offer.

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The Tomahawk Lake Association Thanks Our Generous 2010 Donors

We applaud your thoughtful donations, volunteerism and accomplishments in helping to keep Tomahawk Lake healthy for generations to come. Thank you!

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 Martin, Don & Sarah
 McEachron, Scott & Debbie
 McNamar, Pat & Marlys
 Michels, James & Jeanne
 Moews, Douglas & Thelma
 Nisk, Ronald & Alice
 Nygren, Keith & Marge
 Parker, Susan & Pete Bodma
 Petersen, Kent
 Rheinschmidt, Dave & Judie
 Ridders, Fred & Linda
 Romanski, David & Vicki
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 Schwantes, William & Nanette
 Stengl, Jim & Chris
 Stone, John & Debra
 Thompson, Jim & DeeDee
 Van Ells, Chris & Doreen
 Vande Walle, Mark & Lynn
 Vintika, Raymond & Jori

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Baines, Jim & Cathy
 Boles, Sarah
 Daniels, Thomas
 Faulks, Robert & Christine
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 Hoppe, Lee & Sunday
 Janssen, Donald & Greta
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 Solem, Gerald & Jane
 Teerlink, Ann
 Verfuether, Neal
 Westgate family, Burtness,
 Gordon, Engler
 Yost, John & Gay

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Beech, Tom & Carol
 Buchheit, Charles & Susan
 Ferguson, Jim & Sue
 Fisher, Russell & Chris
 Frost, Jack & Delores
 Gauerke, Scott & Pam
 Kavemeier, Jim & Kathy
 Kirschner, Dean & Barb
 LaMar, Mary Mead
 Lasier, David & Clare
 Melius, Dr. Fred & Connie
 Oppenheim, Alan & Margo
 Priebe, John & Becky
 Vance, Hobey & Carol
 Warmka, Richard & Shirley

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Combs III, Earle & Virginia
 Daly, Pat & Kathy
 Dodge, Mary
 Foster, Race & Lynne
 Francois, Joseph & Penny
 Guenther, Lee & Janet
 Harmsen, Scott & Tammy
 Harrold, Greg & Shirley
 Harry, David
 Hoerr, Edward & Judy
 Hunt, Jon & Kris
 Mallery, Tuck & Peg
 McEachron, Andy & Barbara
 Nicholson, Jim & Bow
 Rich, Mark & Devra
 Roberson, Roger & Ramona
 Roehl, Richard & Tamie
 Shaffer, Richard & Patricia
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 Orr Jr., San & Joanne
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Kris Hunt, Fundraising Chr.

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 Kris and her husband Jon, along with their children Patrick, Charlie and Abby, have been coming to Tomahawk Lake for ten years. After renting for several weeks each year, they decided that they wanted something more permanent and six years ago purchased their home on Tomahawk Trail, overlooking the lake. Kris brings years of fundraising expertise to the Association. She served as chair of the fundraising committee at her children's high school and President of the parent organization. Kris and Jon live in the suburbs of Chicago.



Noah Lottig

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 Noah and his wife Bryn recently moved to the area. Noah is a research scientist and site manager at the UW Trout Lake Research Station. His research focuses on understanding the importance of lakes and streams in regional and global chemical cycles. Noah completed his Ph.D. at UW-Madison in aquatic sciences in 2009. Bryn's family has had a place on Tomahawk Lake for 15 years and they are excited at the opportunity to live on the lake year around. Noah is an active outdoor enthusiast and Ironman triathlete.



Louis Molepske, Jr.

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 Louis' family has lived in the Minocqua area for over a generation. As a teenager, Louis spent summers on Tomahawk Lake, commuting to town and work via an old Alumacraft fishing boat—well before he could drive a car legally. Today, he spends his vacation waterskiing behind a 1985 Ski Nautique. Louis is a State Representative for the 71st Assembly District and Chair of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, the Economy and Small Business. He also sits on the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board.



Sue Parker, Social Chair

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 Sue has lived on the lake since 1983. Her parents bought Watkins Island in 1947 and prior to that her family vacationed at Dolhun's. Sue has been on the TLA board for five years and has also served as President and Vice President of the Pottawat-tomie Colony. In the early years, her family drove 12 hours from Chicago, spending the night along the way. At the cabin, they used a hole in the ground for ice, a kerosene stove and lamps, a pump, and an outhouse. All phone calls came via Klippel's (Bonneau's, Lakeside), until she and her siblings were in high school and refused to come up unless they got a telephone. Sue's Dad commuted to Lake Tomahawk on the Northwestern railroad and her family picked him up by boat.

If we missed your contribution, we apologize. Please contact Margo Oppenheim at mmoppy@frontiernet.net to make a correction.

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Don't Move a Mussel...and Don't Pick Those Flowers!

Early identification of any aquatic invasive species is critical to control efforts on our water body, as well as prevention efforts to protect the surrounding area.

Zebra Mussel Update

Zebra mussels have been detected on Keyes Lake in Florence County, WI. Currently, no waters in Oneida County are known to contain the invasive zebra mussels; **however**, established populations are not



Zebra mussels are a great nuisance to people. Since colonization of the Great Lakes, they have covered the undersides of docks, boats, and anchors. They have spread into streams and rivers. In some areas they completely cover the substrate, sometimes covering other freshwater mussels. They can grow so densely that they block pipelines, clogging water intakes of municipal water supplies and hydroelectric companies.

far away. *In fact, one of our CBCW (Clean Boats Clean Waters) volunteers stopped a Zebra Mussel from entering our lake while on duty.* Early identification of any aquatic invasive species is critical to control efforts on our water body, as well as prevention efforts to protect the surrounding area. Please check your docks and lift stations this fall after removal. Mature Zebra mussels look like small

D-shaped clams. Their yellowish-brown shells have alternating light and dark stripes. Zebra mussels can reach a maximum of 2 inches in length, though most are smaller than an inch. They are typically found attached to solid objects, often

growing in large clusters. If you find something that you suspect may be a zebra mussel, contact TLA Executive Director, Ned Greedy at 715-358-7896 or edgreedy@gmail.com or Lawrence Eslinger at 715-365-2750 or leslinger@co.oneida.wi.us.

Purple Loosestrife Update

Pretty purple flower found in wetlands? NO! Those purple flowers are just another invasive



Purple Loosestrife grows in all kinds of wetlands, from marshes to the ditch along the road.

species we need to keep under control. Currently, the **Minocqua and Tomahawk Thoroughfare areas have severe problems with Purple Loosestrife.** Brock Woods, WDNR Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol Program Coordinator, is looking for residents living on the water's edge close to Purple Loosestrife populations on the Minocqua-Tomahawk chain of lakes. **Brock is looking for suitable waterfront properties to place cages of biocontrol beetles.** The beetles are monophagous, which means that they feed on only one type of food, and in this case that food is Purple Loosestrife. If you have property near problematic areas of Purple Loosestrife, and you are possibly willing to allow placement of a beetle cage during a certain time period, please contact Lawrence Eslinger at 715-365-2750 or leslinger@co.oneida.wi.us.