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Newsletter

LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2014 TLA Results Look Like a Race We are Winning

(As if you weren't already tired of election races and results)

by Ned Greedy

So here I am again, sitting at my desk, looking out my window at the last gasps of autumn color, and trying to figure out what to send along to you in my 2014 year-end TLA Newsletter letter. This task gets more and more difficult every time I do it. It's not because the subject matter is difficult, because it's been the same for many years. Really, it's because it's so similar year to year that coming up with new perspectives has just gotten harder and harder. There is one thing that is different this year than in the past few years. It's an election year! So with that in mind, I've decided to give you my report of our progress in the form of an election year ballot. (a completed ballot because it is almost a completed year) So here is the ballot: (Yea for true, or Nay for false)

CHEMICAL TREATMENT RACE:

QUESTION 1:

Within the 40.6 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) treated in the spring of 2014, 70% of the treated areas sample points were totally devoid of Eurasian Water Milfoil eight weeks following the treatment.

Yea Nay

QUESTION 2:

Within the remaining 30% of the treated area samples, the plant density of the Eurasian Water Milfoil plants was greatly reduced (like by 50%+).

Yea Nay

QUESTION 3:

This is the third straight year of really significant success in reducing both EWM geographic surface area and plant density in the treated areas.

Yea Nay

EWM



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Heavy Infestation Sites of Eurasian Water Milfoil Continue to Decrease

The results of our fall survey of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in the Tomahawk Lake Watershed indicate that our two-tiered approach—chemical and manual treatment—to controlling this aggressive aquatic invasive species seems to be working. After the survey work was completed in September, a total of 14 sites, composing a total of 9.39 acres were chosen to be included in the 2015 Spring Chemical Treatment of EWM. A comparison with recent treatment years is noted below:

	2012	2013	2014	2015
# of Polygons	57	20	43	14
Total Acres	124	41	40.6	9.4
Avg. Polygon Size	2.17/ac.	2.05/ac.	.94/ac.	.67/ac.

The most important elements which are considered in choosing a site for chemical treatment are the size of the site, and most importantly, the EWM plant density within the site. What this year's survey results show is that the number of locations that have EWM at sufficient plant density have been decreasing each year, and that those sites which qualify from a density standpoint are growing smaller each year.

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55% Fair Share Participation at 55% of Goal

Please reach out to your neighbors!

Thanks to all for your **Fair Share** contributions this year. We're making headway, but still have a ways to go. To date, the TLA has received more than \$60,000 from 155 lake residents who have donated an average of \$387.

Our goal is to encourage 280 lake property owners (80% of owners) to donate \$270. Please remember to mail in your **Fair Share** as soon as possible. Please talk to your friends, neighbors and family about doing the same. Donations can be made monthly, quarterly or all at once.

LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TLA BALLOT *(Continued from page 1)*

HYDRAULIC CONVEYOR RACE:

QUESTION 1:

In 2014, the Hydraulic Conveyor System (HCS) removed over 20,679 pounds of Eurasian Water Milfoil from a total of 149 sites in the Tomahawk Lake Watershed.

Yea Nay

QUESTION 2:

The size of the typical HCS harvesting sites continue to grow smaller and less dense, indicating that we are catching newly infested areas earlier in their development, before they have had the chance to grow into "problem areas."

Yea Nay

QUESTION 3:

Taken with the successes of our Chemical Treatments and our HCS Program, the future outlook for controlling and reducing EWM in the Tomahawk Lake Watershed appears to be bright indeed!

Yea Nay

SOUTHERN NAIAD RACE:

QUESTION 1:

The Southern Naiad infestation in Thoroughfare Bay did not develop as in the past three years. While still present throughout the bay, the plant's growth pattern exhibited virtually no growth upward in the water column, leaving the bay clear of floating Naiad.

Yea Nay



Southern Naiad

QUESTION 2:

Factors which may have affected the diminished growth pattern in the Southern Naiad this summer include:

1. Very late spring which reduced water temperatures at plant level.

Yea Nay

2. Record high water levels from spring and early summer rains.

Yea Nay

3. Lower light transmissions in shallow bays due to heavy runoff conditions.

Yea Nay

4. Unanticipated blind luck.

Yea Nay

QUESTION 3:

TLA & UW Trout Lake Research Station are participating in an ongoing study of our Naiad problem to discover the "triggers" to Southern Naiad's explosive growth.

Yea Nay

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MONITORING RACE:

QUESTION 1:

TLA's Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program worked to the end of September to protect our watershed from the entry of new and aggressive invasive species.

Yea Nay

QUESTION 2:

While as of this writing the final numbers are not in, it appears that this summer's CBCW effort was very similar to last years, with roughly 5,800 boats inspected and 8,000+/- lake visitors educated on the elements of good lake stewardship.

Yea Nay

QUESTION 3:

Again in 2014, the Sentinels Lake Monitoring group surveyed the entire watershed twice during the summer season, looking for both established and new areas of EWM infestation.

Yea Nay

QUESTION 4:

The Sentinels data collection was accomplished with the use of new Garmin GPS hand-held data collectors, purchased for each of the Sentinels 17 teams in the spring. The data collected was the most accurate data ever collected by the Sentinels and simplified the process significantly.

Yea Nay

FISHERY INITIATIVE RACE:

QUESTION 1:

Tomahawk's ongoing every other year Walleye and Musky stocking program continued to add significant numbers of both "extended growth" Walleyes (7-8") and muskys (9 inches +/-) to the Tomahawk Lake Watershed in 2014.

Yea Nay



QUESTION 2:

WDNR stocked 36,246 extended growth Walleyes and 3,755 Muskys into Tomahawk and Little Lake Tomahawk in early September.

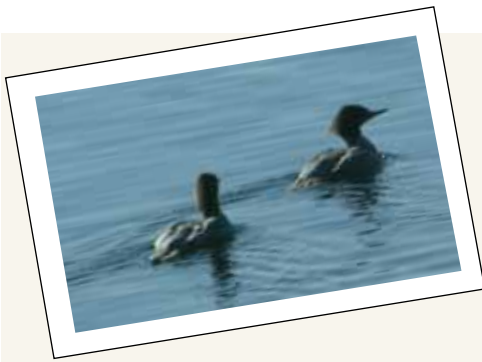
Yea Nay

QUESTION 3:

The Large and Small Mouth Bass fishing remained just unbelievable this past summer and because of their high population, every TLA member should commit to eating one Bass caught from our watershed at least once a week.

Yea Nay

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SUMMER 2014

QUESTION 1:

TLA's 2014 summer events were all great successes.

TLA /Lake Side Grill Fish Fry in May

Yea Nay

Wine & Cheese Tasting in June

Yea Nay

Clean Boats Clean Waters Rampathon

Yea Nay

Hermit Island Swim Challenge

Yea Nay

Fishing for Science – Fishery Program

Yea Nay

(All 8 people were really impressed)

Fishing for Science – Lyme disease Program

Yea Nay

(Wonderful program poorly attended)

"Why I Love Tomahawk Lake" Essay Contest

Yea Nay

(Cathartic, highly emotional moment)

So there are the TLA 2014 Summer Election Results! For all intents and purposes, it was a Straight Ticket Ballot! WE ALL WON!

2014 was another great summer in a string of great summers! I hope that you all had an opportunity to "Vote Early and Vote Often."

Ned

Ned Greedy

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Margo's Minocqua Minute by Margo Oppenheim

First, I would like to thank those of you who have let me know how much you enjoy this part of the Newsletter. It means a lot to me and I enjoy talking about our Lakeland area.

Since there's not a lot of news this fall, I would like to talk to you about the events TLA will be hosting this up-coming year. We have some new blood on the Board and some enthusiastic volunteers who promise to make our events even better than before. We are trying to put more of an emphasis on family and fun.

- Our winter event called **Skates, Snowshoes & Skiing** will be a new event to showcase what is available to do on Tomahawk Lake in the winter time. We will be providing an ice-skating rink with bonfire for hot chocolate or BYO hotdogs. Snowshoeing & skiing can be done just about anywhere on the lake from the site of the ice-skating rink.

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Eurasian Water Milfoil

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Why these trends are happening can be answered in several ways:

1. The monitoring organizations (Sentinels & the scientific surveys taken over the course of each summer) have become increasingly accurate in the data collection which identifies the locations of EWM infestation.
2. The continued refinement of pre-treatment data collection which identifies exactly when the chemical application should be made.
3. The efficiency of our Hydraulic Conveyor System (HCS) to remove early growth of EWM from sites in the lake bed before they become large and/or dense.
4. The effectiveness of the actual chemical treatment due to correct dosage which removes the EWM, but leaves the other native plants unaffected.



Other factors...

Other factors which also have affected these trends include the lateness of the

HYDRAULIC CONVEYOR SYSTEM AT WORK

spring, the water temperature at plant depth (8-10 feet down) when the chemical application is made, and the water levels in the lake throughout the summer. All of these elements affect just how well the EWM plants will take up the aquatic herbicide, and as a result, maximize the degree of control that the application will have. Taking all of these things into consideration, we have been "on a roll" these past four years.

A word of caution

However... virtually all of the factors noted above have gone our way. Many of them can go against us as well; particularly those that we don't control. We could have an early spring and as a result higher water temperatures throughout the summer. The lake levels could drop significantly and water clarity could be affected. All we can do as an organization is to focus on the things that we can control.

Thank you to all of the Sentinels and to those who keep us informed as to EWM locations that they see in the lake. You are our "eyes" in the lake!

Paul Shain, *President*

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Paul and his wife Suzy have had a home on Tomahawk Lake for nine 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. Paul and Suzy just recently returned from a trip to China. Ask Paul about it!



Margo Oppenheim

Vice President, Events Co-Chair

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Margo has lived on Tomahawk Lake for 62 years. Margo has lived in 3 different homes on this property and she and Al have recently moved into their new home (4th) on Klippel's Channel. Her parents, Ruth and Harrison Klippel, established Klippel's Landing (currently Lakeside Grill) in 1946.



Margo has served on the Minocqua Town Planning Commission for the past nine years, the Minocqua Christmas Decorating Committee for the past seven years and the TLA Board for the past ten years. She and her husband, Alan, own and operate Deer Run Stone on Hwy. 51 South, 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. Examples can be seen on their new home at 7848 Leary Road. They have one daughter, Lindsey, who recently joined the TLA Board and works in sales and marketing for Deer Run Stone.

Scott Harmsen, *Treasurer*

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Scott and his wife Tammy, along with their three adult children Jenna, Alyssa and Jacob, and two Labradors (Miley and Maizy), have been summer residents of the Pottawattomie 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. When not enjoying the lake, they live in Pewaukee, Wisconsin where Scott is a partner in a global public accounting firm.



Jim Andersen, *Secretary*

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Jim has been a property owner on Tomahawk Lake since 1997. His primary residence is in Madison where he works as a radiologist for Madison Radiologists, S.C. TLA has provided him a great way to get to know others on the lake and he encourages everyone to get involved!



Tom Anderson

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Tom and his wife, Pamela, have two sons and a new grandson. They split time living in Lake Forest, IL, Minocqua and Anguilla—an island in the British West Indies. Tom is President and Chief Executive Officer of Digital Check Corp. in Northfield, Illinois. "We love living near water—the lakes, rivers and oceans. So it is no surprise that our Minocqua life revolves around Tomahawk Lake and all that it gives back to us. The preservation and well-being of Tomahawk Lake is essential to all of us."



Rebecca Bortner

Marketing & Public Relations Chair

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Rebecca wishes she could live at their family cabin on Tomahawk Lake year round! Her parents, Dave and Jane Bortner, built their cabin southeast 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 two sons, Joe (6) and Will (3). When not in the northwoods, they live in Milwaukee where Rebecca is a Director of Marketing for Harley-Davidson Motor Company.



Ned Greedy, *Executive Director*

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Ned and his family have enjoyed summers on Tomahawk Lake since 1962. In 1966, they purchased their family home on the point of Blueberry Bay. 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 two grandsons. Ask Ned how you can volunteer in 2015.



Kris Hunt, *Director at Large & Fundraising Chair*

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Kris and her husband Jon have been coming up to the Minocqua area for the past 20 years. They first came up with their three children, Patrick, Abby and Charlie and vacationed at Coons for several years, then rented a home on Tomahawk Lake for three summers—and then in 2004 finally decided to buy a home on Tomahawk. They enjoy spending the entire summer up at the lake, boating, fishing and socializing with the many friends they have made, in large part due to TLA. Kris comes to TLA with many years of volunteer work—among them serving as President and other leadership positions at their children's High School Booster's Club for eight years and mentoring families in transitional housing. She has served as Fundraising Chair



for TLA for several years and hopes to encourage more lake owners to join TLA's efforts. But if you happen to run into Kris at a party, restaurant, etc., don't worry—she won't come up to you and ask for money!

Jim Kavemeier, CLMP
Chair

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Jim and his wife Kathy have a lake home located in Piene Bay. It is a source of year round enjoyment by their family and friends. Jim retired as manager of the Waukesha County Park System and presently assists Kathy in her silk plant business. Jim chairs the TLA Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (CLMP) Update Committee. If you have questions about the CLMP Update, ask Jim. For many years, Jim and Kathy owned English Springer Spaniels that did not like the water, but now have a Springer puppy, Marvin, who loves being in the water. Yeah!



Noah Lottig, Education and Environment Chair

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Noah and his wife, Bryn, live year around in Arbor Vitae. Noah is a research scientist and site manager at the UW Trout Lake Research Station. His research focuses on understanding long-term water quality patterns in lakes and streams. Noah completed his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in aquatic sciences in 2009. Bryn's family has had a place on Tomahawk Lake for 30+ years and they are excited at the opportunity to live on the lake year round. Noah and Bryn's free time is spent keeping up with their toddler son, Meyer, and baby, Corbin.



Bob McDonald

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Bob has been coming up to Lake Tomahawk for the past 20 years and owned on the lake the past eight. When the family of five, Bob, Jennifer, Audrey, Bryce and Cayden are not on the water or snowmobiles up North they call Gilberts, IL home (a NW suburb of Chicago). Tomahawk Lake is such an incredible setting to help raise the kids, from catching frogs to ice fishing there's something always happening and Bob is excited to give back as part of this incredible association. When not at the lake, Bob is National Director of Sales for 435 Digital which is a Tribune Publishing company focusing



on Digital Services.

Louis Molepske, Jr.

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Louis has called Tomahawk Lake his second home since he got his first job at Dan's Minocqua Fudge in grade school and went to work by boat. Louis waterskied with the Min-Aqua-Bats at night and wrote for the Lakeland Times while attending the University of Wisconsin–Madison where he earned a degree in Political Science and Journalism. Louis graduated from Marquette University Law School and served in the Wisconsin Legislature for ten years as ranking member of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. Louis is the Portage County District Attorney and resides in Stevens Point with his wife Raquel and their two dogs.



Lindsey Oppenheim

Events Co-Chair

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Lindsey has been on Tomahawk Lake for the past 30 years. Her Grandparents were the original owners of Lakeside Landing; at that point in time it was named Klippel's Landing. Her parents are Margo Klippel Oppenheim, who is also on the board, and Al Oppenheim. She has a teaching degree in Early Childhood Education and works at Deer Run Stone in Minocqua, WI with her father. Lindsey loves Tomahawk Lake during all four seasons and cannot wait to enjoy this lake and all of you at our new events this upcoming year!



Adam R. Redman

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Adam was born and raised in Minocqua and grew up on the Minocqua chain. Before receiving his BS in Kinesiology at Indiana University, Adam attended MHLT elementary



and Lakeland Union High School and was a member of the Min-Aqua-Bats Water Ski team. Adam is the Broker/Owner of Redman Realty Group, LLC in Minocqua. Adam is also on the board of directors at the Campanile Center of the Arts, Lakeland Area Scholarship Committee, Northwood's Association Board of Realtors, Lakeland Assembly of God and is an active member of the Lions Club of Minocqua. Adam and his wife Melissa moved onto the lake in 2012 and have 4 kids: Tyson (6), Blake (4), Kaden (2) and Layla (10 mos.). You will likely hear them from the lake...please file noise complaints with wife!

Lorri Wanserski

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Lorri has owned her cottage at 7816 Leary Road for the past four years. She lives in Wausau and is a part-time dental hygienist at her husband Dave's office. Lorri and Dave have four children, Matt 29, Mike 28, Michelle 23, and Mallory 18. Lorri has been involved in various community organizations including the Warming Center for the homeless, Resurrection Catholic Church, Wausau East Back UR Jaxs, Festival of Trees for Aspirus Health Foundation, Newman Catholic Schools. She loves to garden, play tennis, walk/jog, and take care of her chickens. Lorri and family love their cottage on Tomahawk Lake and want to get involved in keeping it a special place for the family to enjoy.



Meg Daly

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Meg Daly has been part of Tomahawk Lake since 1995. She loves life on Hermit Island and is grateful for the beauty of the northwoods and fun times shared with family and friends. Meg resides in Mequon, WI. She is a Culture Coach who works with individuals and small to mid-size companies inspired to upgrade their career and life experiences. Meg looks forward to serving her term on the TLA Board!



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Save for the refrigerator!

2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark your calendars for these fun events!

Skates, Snowshoes & Skis

Saturday, February 14

NOON-4:00 P.M., LAKESIDE GRILL
Come ice-skating and sit by the bonfire for hot chocolate or BYO hotdogs. Bring your snowshoes, skis or ice fishing bucket to head off from the site of the ice rink. This will be a great time to catch up with your summer neighbors, visit the beautiful snowy northwoods and enjoy some outdoor winter activities with your families. Hotel rooms are inexpensive this time of the year for those of you who don't winterize your lake homes.



Wine & Cheese Tasting and Silent Auction

Saturday, May 24 from 4-7 p.m.

ROSS & RUTH LYNCH
7397 RETREAT DRIVE
LAKE TOMAHAWK

We are fortunate once again to have a host family to welcome the lake community to their home for wine and cheese tasting, silent auction and revelry! Ross & Ruth Lynch will be our hosts this year. Tickets are \$35 per person prior to the event and \$40 per person at the door. Capacity is limited to 100 people. Contact Margo Oppenheim, mmoppy@deerrunstone.com for tickets and Kris Hunt, KrisHunt52@gmail.com to donate an auction item valued between \$25 and \$500.



Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (CLMP) Information Meeting

Saturday, June 13

DETAILS TO COME

Want to get a sneak peak at what the CLMP Committee has in store for TLA for the next 5 years? Join us for an informational meeting to voice your concerns and suggestions. A new CLMP is necessary to continue our quest for DNR Grants. Help us develop our plan to continue our pursuit of balancing and protecting our Tomahawk Lake System. This is a great time if you have questions or concerns. Come out and be heard.

3rd Annual Hermit Island Swim Challenge

Saturday, July 3 from 10-Noon

HERMIT ISLAND BEACH

Again this year, the Hermit has thrown down the gauntlet: he dares you to swim, paddle or walk around his island! The Hermit Island Swim Challenge is hosted by the Hermit and his island friends, the Mallery and Daly families, and is aimed at bringing the whole Tomahawk Lake community together for some fun and tradition building. More information to come.



Beef-A-Rama Blast

Saturday, September 26

MEET AT 9 A.M., REDMAN REALTY

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Come to Minocqua's biggest party of the year! Our TLA family along with your family will have the opportunity to roast a beef, build a float to carry the beef in the parade, and march down main street. This is another great event for the kids as who doesn't love a parade?



2015 TLA Board Meeting Dates



Meeting location to be determined.

January 10	9:00 am
March 7	9:00 am
May 2	8:30 am
June 13	8:30 am
July 11	8:30 am
August 8	8:30 am
September 12	9:00 am

Board meetings are open to all TLA Members.

The TLA Board meets regularly and anyone is welcome to sit in on a meeting. Please contact Paul Shain, paul@badgernorth.com, if you'd like to join a meeting.

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Margo's Minocqua Minute

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Ice fishing will also take place on one of the lake's premier winter spots and yes, quite near the bonfire. This will be a great time to catch up with your summer neighbors, visit the beautiful snowy Northwoods and enjoy some outdoor winter activities with your families.

- Summer will kick off with the **Annual Wine Tasting Party & Silent Auction**. This event, now in its 3rd year, promises to be filled with fine wine and tasty food as in the past... plus a larger more economic silent auction for you to outbid your fellow lake property owner. Let the party begin!
- A huge hit from the past two years, the **Hermit Island Swim Challenge**, is scheduled once again. Besides the challenge of swimming/walking/paddling around the island, you will be able to purchase a buoy marker outlining the course as a way of supporting TLA. Buoys can be purchased for one extra Fair Share (\$270) between now and the HISC. Just write a check for the amount, earmark it for HISC Buoy and mail to P.O. Box 535 Minocqua,



- Every five years the WDNR requires our lake to renew its **Comprehensive Lake Management Plan** in order to gain rights to the Grants they provide. It is time for us to do this again and we will host an informational meeting in June for all to see our plan for the next few years to keep the lake as pristine as possible. This is a great time if you have questions or concerns to come out and be heard.
- September, one of my favorite months on the lake, is quiet and sparkling with the fall color. What better time to take a lazy ride around the lake and take it all in. While you are here you must make it to **Beef-A-Rama**. This annual Minocqua event (*50 years this past fall*) is just an exciting time to walk down the main street to see and smell the roasting of the beef, meet & greet old and new friends, wander through Torpy Park's Craft Fair, hoot and holler for the parade of beefs & costumes and partake of a yummy beef sandwich! This is

the only time the main street through downtown is closed off to pedestrians and it's sure to be the event of the year. What does this have to do with TLA? Let's get our families together next fall, roast our own special seasoned TLA beef roast, build a float to march our beef down main street to Torpy Park, participate in the parade and let the



local municipality know that we support them... while they in turn support our monetary cause. This is another great event for the kids as who doesn't love a parade? Even us big kids!

Now mark your calendars and be sure to join us in the FUN activities we will offer next year. We think we have a little something for everyone and look forward to your attendance.