



Summer Newsletter~August 2022

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Our thanks to Jeremy
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annual meeting meal.
Please support B&B
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thank him personally.

Our thanks to good
neighbors for the cre-
ative spectacular fire-
works display on July
1st, 2nd & 3rd.

A Message from the LJIA President

Happy Summer!

Hard to believe we are already heading into another fall season. It seems like just yesterday the lake was buzzing with the great 4th of July holiday weekend. It has been a fun summer with lake conditions remaining pretty good despite drier than average rainfall again this summer. Treating the invasive Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) was very effective this spring and hopefully we can get the same result for other areas of the lake next year. The board is researching the cost and effectiveness of treating CLP ourselves to reduce costs. We also continue to work on projects for direct runoff and should have action by this fall. The three areas of importance will yield immediate results to help control runoff and nutrient loading into the lake. Fishing has been a little quiet on the lake as of late with the hot conditions but look to fall for the action to heat up. It will be very interesting to monitor the results of the netting counts and walleye stocking from this summer (see From The Dock article). Hopefully we get some moisture and cooler weather this fall and get the lake back to normal levels. Either way it should be another good fall on the lake.

See you on the water!

Mitch

Lake Jennie Bullet Points

- LJIA Membership Reminder—We had a great turnout at the annual meeting with many residents renewing their memberships, enjoying the good meal and bidding up the silent auction items. If you would like to pay your membership for this year please send your membership card to John Curtiss.
- Fall Cleanup and Yard Work—We are approaching another fall yard work season. Remember not to blow your leaves and yard debris into the lake. When you apply your fall fertilizer be sure to use a phosphorous free lawn fertilizer.
- Septic System Check Ups—Fall is also a good time of year to do your septic system check up. Septic system maintenance also helps prevent costly repairs and keeps the system running properly.

Resources:

Mid MN Septic Services 320-234-7222

J&J Pumping 320-894-7608

Swartzer Sewer and Septic 320-327-2753

- Fall Dock and Lift Removal—if you are looking for help with your dock and boat lift removal.

Resources:

LandsKapings 320-587-0151

EZ Dock & Lift 320-296-2623

- Zebra Mussel “Hotels” - Thankfully we have found no zebra mussels on the four hotel “settlement plates” around the lake. Please watch for the 1/4 inch long invasives as you remove your dock and lifts this fall . Especially scan on the aluminum posts and rocks near shore. This procedure is the most common method of finding new infestations for area lakes.
- LJIA board members sprayed herbicide on the south side near the public access this summer to control the invasive Wild Parsnip. This plant has the ability to inflict severe burns on people from its sap. Watch for it near the road ditch on your property.

Lake Jennie Bullet Points Continued..



Thanks to the Hutch BASS league members who walked the road ditches and cleaned the public access on Lake Jennie earlier this summer. This group not only focuses on improving their fishing skills but sportsmanship and conservation are practiced throughout the season.



What a weekend of fireworks and great weather we all enjoyed. Tip of the hat to all who enabled great memories to be made.

From The Treasurer ...

For those of you who were at the annual meeting I'll recap what was presented there. Before diving into the numbers I want to remind you that our fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30. But we do lots of financial activities for the season starting in early spring and going well into the following year. From a financial aspect we track for a fiscal year but the fiscal year may represent several seasons of activities. We operate on a cash flow basis – unless the check or deposit has occurred its not represented here.

July 1, 2021 - June 22, 2022 cashflow

Category	Payment	Deposit	Total	Expected 2023 amount (2022*)
Beginning balance			\$1,352.51	
Dues	\$9.60	\$6,858.06	\$6,848.46	
(2021: \$5,798.06, 2022: \$1,060)				
Cans recycling	\$0.00	\$1,031.04	\$1,031.04	
Foundation	\$0.00	\$1,188.00	\$1,188.00	
Shirts	\$1,410.99	\$2,055.00	\$644.01	\$500 sweatshirts*
Raffle	\$0.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$3000
Grant	\$0.00	\$17,820.00	\$17,820.00	\$11950 AIS + \$8000 MCAL
Limnipro	\$11,418.90	\$0.00	(\$11,418.90)	\$0
Elect	\$137.88	\$0.00	(\$137.88)	
Misc	\$557.32	\$0.00	(\$557.32)	
CRP Seed costs-Farm	\$300.00	\$0.00	(\$300.00)	(\$2,000)
2022 CLP control				\$24,000 (Already incurred)
2023 Weed control				\$36,000
Fish stocking (\$950 set aside)				??
Totals	\$13,834.69	\$29,282.10		
Ending Balance			\$16,799.92	

FAQ's:

What is Limnipro? – Limnipro did the phosphate study. You can review it on LakeJennie.com

What is Foundation? – Several members direct their Thrivent Choice and 3M Cares monies to LJIA.

Why is there an expense listed for Dues? Paypal charges a fee when dues are paid via PayPal.

Miscellaneous? – Annual meeting expense, the light at the south landing, etc.

From the Treasurer continued...

Since this was presented six weeks ago, the actual 2022 dues as of this writing are \$6,640; the 2022 raffle netted \$2931; and the sweatshirt sales will net \$1,188. We have already paid the \$24,000 for 40 acres of CLP weed treatment and are waiting to receive the matching grant of \$11,950.

It looks like when all is said and done, we will go into the next season with about \$18,000 in the bank. This is \$3,500 higher than Spring, 2022. We can assume we will spend that down quickly for CLP (invasive curly leaf pondweed) control.

Membership:

Thank you for all who have paid your dues for the 2022 season. The list of paid membership is below. There are currently 55 paid members for a total of \$6,640. Our dues are set at \$50 but as you can see many members contribute significantly more than that.

If you have the opportunity to direct Thrivent Choice, 3M Cares or similar benefits from your employer or benevolent organization, please consider Lake Jennie Improvement Association. We are a 501C3 non-profit organization.

Please send in your dues!

2022 Membership List:

Noe & Julie Arteaga
David & Barbara Broesder
Gary & Kay DeSmith
Tom & Charlotte Gallett
Douglas Hage
Joe & Tammy Jorgensen
Michael & Brenda Kotila
Michel & Mary Jo Locquegnies
Kurt & Penny Markwardt
Jim & Rochelle Miller
Randy & Mary Nass
Mark & Carrie Senneseth Odegard
Peter & Liz Peterson
Scott Rosenau & Peg Traux
Cory & Jennifer Deuur Sheff
Gerald & Cynthia Tews
Stephen & Linda Tiebel
Travis Welle
Gerald & Susan Zirk

Eric & Kris Bateman
Dave & Connie Carlson
Mitch & Shelly Fabel
Gregory & Becky Gersscheid
Kevin & Gloriann Heikes
Pete & Irene Kerber
Joyce Kragenbring
Kenneth Lovald
John & Coleen McCormick
Alan & Karen Nagel
Richard & Nancy Nesvold
Stephen & Renee Pawlyshyn
Richard & Barb Peterson
Audrey Roskammer
Ian & Kim Sing
Mark Theis & Laura Osborne
Douglas & Kristen Urbanciz
Claire Woelfel
Brad and Kathleen Thompson

Nicholas Bauer & Adam Burgess
John & Vickie Curtiss
Daniel & Lisa Fischer
Nicola Giancola
Leland & Kerri Hoff
Gerry & Karen Kirby
Mark & Trudy Latt
Ryan Lovald
James & Karen Meyer
Craig and Dori Nass
Randy & Carolyn Newman
Robert & Nel Peterson
Ross & Alecia Portele
Heidi Shaw
Verdell Stengel
Kevin Thorud & Donna Cooper
Janet Valen & Bob Stanstede
Eric & Kelly Wurm

Membership Continued....

Membership Goal 90%

Lake Jennie Improvement Association

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LJIA Financial Director

Name _____
Lake Address _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone # _____
Email Address _____



The suggested donation for annual dues is \$50. Other suggested donation packages include:

- \$50
 - \$100
 - \$500
 - Authorize e-mail for LJIA purposes. E-mail will not be for other purposes.
- We are a 501c3, your contribution MAY be tax deductible.
You can pay online with PayPal at Lakejennie.com or Mail membership donation. Dues run from July 1st to June 30th.

Lake Directory Printing:

Its time to print (and email) a new directory of properties around the lake! Many properties have changed hands over the past few years so we need to make a new one. Adding an electronic version of the directory will enable the board to update property ownership changes as they happen.

Would you or do you know someone who would like to advertise in the directory? If possible we would like to have the directory be a net zero cost allowing us to print enough copies to last for several years for new future neighbors.

We will compile, print and hopefully have the directory ready for the 2023 boating season.

Are you getting this newsletter via email? Is this the email address you want to use for the newsletter and communications? If you need us to add or change an email address please send the correct email address to LakeJennieImprove-ment@gmail.com. This will save postage costs as we validate your information.

Sometime in September we will send an email to the emails on file with the owner and property information. Please review it and send it back – even if everything is correct.

We will send a letter to addresses not acknowledged via the email blitz. That's why its important to correct or acknowledge the information in the email blitz - It saves postage costs!

From The Dock...



Hutchinson DNR staff shown on Lake Jennie the last week of June. Here Chris Foster is shown aging a three pound walleye. Chris removes the otolith bone from the walleye head and counts the age rings similar to aging a tree.

Gill nets were installed and checked in June on Lake Jennie. A draft version of the results is posted below. .

The Hutch DNR also stocked 533,491 of the Spicer strain (local) walleye fry into Lake Jennie in late May. This September the DNR will be back to Lake Jennie in the evenings for their fall electro fishing surveys. They conduct these in shallow water along the shore. Long probes hanging into the water temporality shock the fish until they float to the surface. They are quickly netted, counted, measured and released. This will give them valuable data on the walleye fry survival rate.

From The Dock Continued..



LAKE SURVEY REPORT

DRAFT VERSION

PRELIMINARY DATA (AS OF 07/14/2022)

Lake Name: Jennie
DOW Number: 47-0015-00

Survey Type: Targeted Survey
Survey ID Date: 06/27/2022

TARGETED SURVEY Gill Netting Water Quality Measurement

Lake Identification

Alternate Lake Name: N/A
Primary Lake Class ID: 41
DNR Sounding Map Number: C0464
Alternate Lake Class ID: N/A

Lake Location

Primary County: Meeker
Nearest Town: Dassel

Legal Descriptions

Lake Center: Township - 118N Range - 29W Section - 28
PLS Section Lake Center: 11802928

All Legal Descriptions:

Meeker County: Township - 118N Range - 29W Sections - 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33

Area Office

Area Name: Hutchinson
Region Name: Southern
ORG Code: F411
Region Number: 4

Lake Access

(Information based on Special Assessment dated 09/08/2007)

Station ID	Ownership	Public Use	Type	Location / Comments
AC - 1	DNR	Open to Public use	Concrete	A paved access with two ramps in the southwest corner of the lake.
AC - 2	DNR	Open to Public use	Concrete	A small access; with limited parking; on the north side of the lake.

Lake Characteristics

Lake Area (planimetered acres): 1,056.00
GIS Lake Area (acres): 1,068.90
DOW Lake Area (acres): 1,089.00
Littoral Area (acres): 1,064.05
Area in MN (acres): 1,064.06
Maximum Depth (feet): 15.0
Mean Depth (feet): N/A
GIS Shoreline Length (miles): 5.84
Maximum Fetch (miles): 1.80
Fetch Orientation (degrees): 202
USGS Quad Map Number: R12d
USGS Quad 24K GIS Index: 3524

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LAKE SURVEY REPORT
TARGETED SURVEY DATED 06/27/2022 FOR DOW NUMBER 47-0015-00

Watershed Characteristics

<u>Major Watershed</u>	<u>Minor Watershed</u>
Name: North Fork Crow R	Name: From Maple L
Watershed Number: 18	Watershed Number: 46
Watershed size (acres): 944,854	Watershed size (acres): 16,620

Surveys and Investigations

Initial Survey: 09/26/1947.
Re-Survey: 06/21/2007, 06/24/1996, 07/09/1986, 06/19/1973, 08/06/1951.
Population Assessment: 06/23/2014, 06/18/2012, 06/28/1993, 07/01/1991, 09/06/1983, 06/22/1981, 07/20/1978.
Special Assessment: 09/12/2014, 06/30/2014, 09/10/2013, 09/12/2012, 09/19/2011, 09/13/2010, 09/15/2009, 09/04/2008, 09/08/2007, 09/24/2006, 09/18/2005, 10/05/2004, 09/03/2003, 06/29/2003, 05/07/2003, 09/18/2002, 09/27/2000, 06/26/2000, 10/05/1999, 10/22/1998, 10/30/1997, 05/03/1995, 10/20/1994, 04/21/1993, 05/14/1992.
Winter Kill Assessment: 05/06/1997.
Natural Reproduction Check: 08/23/1984, 08/29/1980, 08/24/1979, 08/13/1976, 07/31/1975, 08/10/1973, 08/11/1972, 08/03/1951, 08/18/1949.
External Management Survey: 09/24/2007.
Standard Survey: 06/25/2018, 06/27/2016.
Targeted Survey: 06/27/2022, 06/29/2020, 09/18/2018, 09/07/2017, 09/09/2016, 09/29/2015.

Water Level History - Readings

<u>Station ID</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Reading (feet)</u>	<u>Reading Type</u>
BM - 94	06/24/2014	High	-4.30	Above or below Benchmark
	06/18/2012	High	-4.35	Above or below Benchmark
	06/21/2007	Low	-6.10	Above or below Benchmark

Water Level History - Station Summary

<u>Station ID</u>	<u>Minimum Level</u>		<u>Maximum Level</u>		<u>Range (feet)</u>	<u>Average Level (feet)</u>	<u>Reading Type (and number of readings)</u>
	<u>Feet</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Feet</u>	<u>Date</u>			
BM - 94	-6.10	06/21/2007	-4.30	06/24/2014	1.80	-4.92	Above or below Benchmark (3)

Fish Diseases and Parasites

<u>Species Examined</u>	<u>Number of Fish Examined</u>			<u>Examination Results</u>	
	<u>Internally</u>	<u>Externally</u>	<u>In Lab</u>	<u>Condition Observed</u>	<u>Number of Fish</u>
northern pike	-	1	-	Neascus (Black Spot)	1

From The Dock Continued..

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LAKE SURVEY REPORT
TARGETED SURVEY DATED 06/27/2022 FOR DOW NUMBER 47-0015-00

Net Catch Summary by Numbers for GN

Standard gill net sets

Number of Sets: 12
 First Set Date: 06/27/2022
 Last Lift Date: 07/01/2022
 Target Species: N/A

Abbr	Species	Total Fish	Number Per Set	Quartiles for Lake Class 41 ¹		
				25%	50%	75%
BLB	Black Bullhead	1,421	118.42	4.56	23.42	83.00
BLC	Black Crappie	63	5.25	0.83	2.63	11.10
BLG	Bluegill	2	0.17	N/A	N/A	N/A
BRB	Brown Bullhead	29	2.42	0.60	1.80	7.67
CAP	Common Carp	1	0.08	0.52	1.80	9.13
HSF	Hybrid Sunfish	1	0.08	N/A	N/A	N/A
NOP	Northern Pike	60	5.00	1.20	3.50	7.79
WAE	Walleye	14	1.17	3.22	7.67	15.33
YEP	Yellow Perch	168	14.00	3.00	8.94	22.50
Total Fish/Set:			146.58	¹ Quartiles for Number Per Set		

Net Catch Summary by Weight for GN

Standard gill net sets

Abbr	Species	Total Weight (Pounds)	Pounds Per Set	Mean Weight ²	Quartiles for Lake Class 41 ¹		
					25%	50%	75%
BLB	Black Bullhead	484.11	40.34	0.35	0.21	0.38	0.60
BLC	Black Crappie	10.37	0.86	0.17	0.17	0.25	0.37
BLG	Bluegill	0.35	0.03	0.18	N/A	N/A	N/A
BRB	Brown Bullhead	35.05	2.92	1.21	0.38	0.63	1.07
CAP	Common Carp	12.79	1.07	12.79	1.00	2.39	4.88
HSF	Hybrid Sunfish	0.11	0.01	0.11	N/A	N/A	N/A
NOP	Northern Pike	202.85	16.90	3.38	1.53	2.12	2.95
WAE	Walleye	77.74	6.48	5.55	0.88	1.37	1.90
YEP	Yellow Perch	14.28	1.19	0.08	0.14	0.24	0.36
Total Pounds Fish/Set:			69.80	¹ Quartiles for Mean Weight			

² Mean Weights are based on measured fish counts only.

What does all this data show anecdotally ?

Pike and Walleye numbers are down from the previous surveys with 5 and 1 per netting respectively. Bullhead and Perch numbers are way up. These make good forage for larger predator fish. Hopefully with the more turbid water on Jennie this summer, (notice the loons have left us, which require clear water for feeding) the walleye fry stocking will be a success.

AIS Awareness:

By Paul Nass, AIS Watercraft Inspector Intern for MN DNR.

After spending the majority of my summer on Meeker County Area lakes, visiting with fishermen and recreational boaters, the one Aquatic Invasive Species we should dread the most is Starry Stonewort.

The first infestation in Minnesota was in nearby Lake Koronis in 2015. Now 18 more lakes have been added to the list. Once infested the thick mats of Starry Stonewort prevent both boat traffic and swimming. It is usually found in bays with 7 feet or less of water.

If found early, and infestations are small, hand removal can be effective in reducing the plant.

It is difficult to identify because it looks somewhat like the 3 native plants Chara, Nitella, or Water Stargrass. A simple test to identify Starry Stonewort is to find a long stem of it and pinch the weed with your thumb and forefinger. If it breaks off it's one of the aforementioned native plants. If after pinching, the stems fold over and turn a milky whiteish color, then there is a good chance it is Starry Stonewort. If found, please immediately notify the LJIA Board and the Hutchinson DNR Office.

For more information from the University of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MASRC)

<https://maisrc.umn.edu/starry-stonewort>



Small, white, star shaped bulbils are a distinguishing feature.

Lake Jennie Goes International by Karen Kirby:

Since 1967 our family has cherished memories on Lake Jennie. Teaching visitors to fish, waterski and sail, we've spent countless hours on the lake.

In 1978 our family hosted an exchange student from Guatemala, Beto Velasquez. Without social media it was more difficult to stay connected but my mother Ruth Westlund kept the handwritten letters going. Beto enjoyed his school year in Hutchinson so much he wanted his son to have a similar experience. So in 2009 my husband Gerry and I hosted Beto's son Diego for the school year. Lake Jennie brought many experiences to our international students, from painting the family cabin, cutting our own Christmas tree, and campfires by the lake.

Diego and Beto along with their spouses have been back twice recently; last year on Labor Day weekend for our daughter's wedding on Lake Jennie and this year for our nephew's wedding.

The pictures show Diego on the south shore catching his trophy fish and wedding photo with Beto and Diego. More memories made and now with Diego's two sons, possibly a 3rd generation coming to Lake Jennie from Guatemala.



Welcome To The Lake:



Please Welcome Jack & Mary Bakker

They purchased the Geirsdorf property on the southeast side. Both look forward to meeting their new neighbors and becoming active around the lake. Jack and Mary have 3 adult sons.



Please Welcome Randy and Nancy Jurgenson

Randy and Nancy from Hutchinson along with their 3 children recently purchased the Lindee property on the south side.

MCAL Updates

Meeker County Lakes had their quarterly meeting on July 21. The following were topics of discussion:

- New board members were elected.

President:	Steve Plaisance (Big Swam)
Vice President:	Randy Nass (Lake Jennie)
Treasurer:	Ron Graham (Clear Lake)
Secretary:	Kim Hempel (Lake Arvilla)
- Yearly dues of \$20 were collected from each lake.
- The four lakes (including Lake Jennie) gave a report on the use of the water quality testing kits made by HACH that the county had purchased. All four water quality reports stated that the kits were more difficult to use than hoped for because of variation in the interpretation of results..
- The AIS committee asked for opinions on when the area lakes would like the grant deadlines to be. They currently are November.
- Arianna Richardson (AIS Program Coordinator for Meeker County) asked for multiple changes in the receiving of grant payments, such as accountability, invoices, receipts and records of In-Kind hours.
- Belle Lake's carp contest was a success.
- Zebra mussels were found in Lake Koronis.
- Washington/Stella are getting a new culvert between the two lakes that is big enough for a large boat to pass through.
- Most lakes all reported water levels dropping rapidly in the warm windy summer.
- Clear Lake gave an update on their Eco-Harvester, a combine-type machine they purchased to remove weeds mechanically instead of with herbicide use like all the other lakes in the county are doing.

MLR (Minnesota Lakes and Rivers)

LAKE STEWARD PROGRAM



The **Lake Steward Program** with Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates works with lake associations to award property owners that protect lake health through land management. Improving water quality is a community goal that can be achieved when each individual recognizes the need to protect water quality and acts to align their property management with practices that sustain a healthy environment.

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates protects Minnesota's lake and river heritage for current and future generations by forging powerful links among lakes, lake advocates, and policy makers.



Allow Native Plants and Vegetation to Flourish - Provide a 25 Foot Buffer Zone

The "buffer zone" of a property, the area from the waterline up towards the home or cabin, is crucial to the health and protection of a lake. The more native plants, grasses, trees and shrubs that grow in the buffer zone, the greater the filtration of runoff pollution and the greater the stabilization of the shoreline. Mowed lawn from the upland zone to the waterline causes seven to nine times the amount of runoff to reach the lake. A shoreline buffer of 25 feet or more creates an effective natural barrier to pollution carried in rainwater runoff. Taller vegetation allows for a stronger root system to develop and creates a sustainable, natural filter for rainwater runoff. A great way to protect lake health is to simply stop mowing a lawn 25 feet or more up from the waterline. "Don't Mow, Let it Grow" is a great first step to protecting lake health and water quality in Minnesota.



Maintain Septic Systems According to Best Management Practices

It is recommended that septic system maintenance occurs every one to three years. If a septic system malfunctions and leaks, lakes and rivers can become severely contaminated by the waste. Be sure to inspect a septic system every one to three years and contact your local septic system professional immediately in the case of a septic emergency.



Reduce the Amount of Impervious Surfaces

Hard surfaces like concrete, roofs, patios, and walking paths prevent rainwater from soaking into the land before entering a lake or river. As rainwater flows over hard surfaces it can pick up a variety of harmful chemicals on its way to a lake. Reduce the amount of impervious surfaces on your property to allow rainwater to infiltrate into the earth and prevent harm to the lake. Consider installing pervious stones or pavers if planning a sidewalk, patio, driveway or walking path on a lakeshore property.



Pick Up Pet Waste, and Keep Fire Pits Away from the Waterline

Pet waste carries harmful nutrients and pathogens. Be sure to pick up pet waste and dispose of it in a trash container. The ash from fire pits contains a lot of phosphorus. Keep fire pits at least 25 feet from the shoreline.



Allow Fallen Trees and Branches to Remain in the Water

When trees fall into a lake they create a favored habitat for a variety of fish, birds, and aquatic animals. Turtles, frogs, and other animals and insects thrive in these natural environments. Allow fallen trees and branches to remain in the water so long as they do not interfere with navigation or recreation.



MLR (Minnesota Lakes and Rivers) Continued...



Store Docks and Other Equipment Away from the Shoreline

When removing your dock, swim rafts, boat lifts and other water related equipment for winter try to protect the shoreline vegetation. If possible, store equipment at least 25 feet from the waterline and minimize the amount of space it takes up by stacking equipment or elevating on blocks.



Avoid the Use of Riprap, and Allow Native Plants to Emerge

Some property owners choose to cover their shoreline in large rocks or boulders in an effort to prevent erosion. These rock installations are known as riprap, but often fail to prevent erosion and can be damaged by ice, wave or wake action. In addition, riprap does not provide a buffer for runoff pollution. Try to avoid the installation of new riprap on a shoreline.

If riprap is already present, plant native plants, shrubs and trees between the stones. This will strengthen the integrity of the riprap and the roots will filter and absorb excess nutrients, reducing the amount of phosphorus and other pollutants that reach the lake.



Allow Aquatic Plants to Flourish on the Shoreline

Aquatic and floating plants provide a critical habitat for fish and wildlife and oxygenate the water. Allow aquatic plants to grow where they are not impacting the use of your property, such as the sides of beaches or other unused spaces. Avoid pulling or smothering aquatic plants with barriers, or using mechanical devices or chemicals for removal. Aquatic plants benefit a lake and its inhabitants; allow aquatic plants to grow where they do not impact recreation or navigation.



Avoid the Use of Broadcast Fertilizers and Pesticides

Fertilizers and pesticides are a major pollutant of Minnesota's lakes and rivers. Near shore fertilizers and pesticides are easily washed into the lake by snowmelt or rain where they drive algae blooms and kill aquatic insects which small fish feed upon. To protect lake health and water quality avoid the use of fertilizers and pesticides on lakeshore properties.



Allow Natural Vegetation to Grow - Anywhere!

The Lake Steward Program challenges the common perception of beauty. Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates promotes seeing the beauty of the natural environment, in healthy aquatic habitats, tall grasses, native flowers, fallen trees and native trees and shrubs. After restoring a shoreline, many property owners enjoy the return of animals and wildlife. Beauty can be seen in the cooperation of people, plants, and animals to promote a healthy aquatic environment.



Lake Jennie July 4th Boat Parade...

Congratulations To The Winners:



Mark & Carrie Odegaard Family
Ted Lasso Theme



Dick & Nancy Nesvold Family
Patriotic Theme



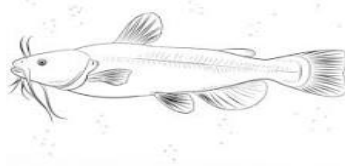
Jason & Gina Jennisen Family
Patriotic Theme

Remembering When....

Jim Miller built his “fish house” structure on the end of his dock. Jim owned what is currently the Stephen & Linda Tiebel residence on Eagle Point (northeast side). Jim’s 8’ x 10’ dock shanty was large enough for him and 2-3 buddies to spend several days in a row fishing walleyes with their long cane poles. The old fellas enjoyed having the neighbor kids stop by and visit. They ultimately would send us up the steep steps back to the cabin to fetch supplies like whiskey and bait.



Farmers and folks from as far away as Iowa would wet a line at the south access of Jennie. Each had a bucket (to sit on and store their catch), a can of worms, and a cane pole. The sought after prize was the many bullheads that swam the bottom shallows in the evening. The slimy glutenous bullheads were so common in Jennie back then that each young fisherman crafted and had in their possession a bullhead remover made from a coat hanger. The tasty whisker faced critters could be removed with a backflip and never worry about being stabbed by their sharp fins. Bullheads were either loved or hated by all.



Who doesn't remember seeing their first tornado develop out of the sky? We were standing on the dock one hot sultry afternoon in June of 1973 when a twister developed in the middle of Lake Jennie! It sat motionless out in the lake center, before finally deciding it's victim and started moving southeast towards Halvor Lovald's cabin. The trailer house cabin took a direct hit and deposited the thousand pieces of debris across CSAH 18 in Don Carlson's farm field. Thankfully no one was injured.



Remembering When....

The best honey hole for fishing Lake Jennie as a kid was “stump bay”. It is approximately a 1/4 mile east of Eagle Point. This little corner had it all—pin reeds, cattails, submerged trees and a small creek inlet. Sunfish and crappies would spawn there every spring/summer as well as many bass and pike. There would be days when so many boats were in stump bay a person could literally not find any open water to wet a line. Other times it would be hauntingly quiet. On one such peaceful morning, my twin brother and I were down snooping around the bay, looking at the many turtles, blackbirds and catching nothing. Suddenly he lets out a shout about having a BIG ONE. He couldn't budge the beast so I worked the 3hp Johnson closer. We both saw it at the same time ... and froze. My brother had hooked a coffin! Not sure if it was occupied or ??? We cut the line and sped home in the 3hp to tell our folks.. It turns out it was empty, so we pulled it home and made a swim raft out of it to play on and paddle about (our earliest version of a paddle board). My dad did some investigation and learned a new coffin factory had just opened in Hutchinson in the old roller rink building. This particular model was a factory reject and it mysteriously appeared in stump bay. After several summers we outgrew the coffin and asked our dad if we could give it a proper burial.... We took it to the Biscay garbage dump and said goodbye.

