



Greetings from Lake Beauty!

I trust you all had a wonderful summer on Lake Beauty. It was so nice seeing new faces and continuous activity around the lake these past several months. Often laughter could be heard outside many homes as neighbors gathered with friends and family to enjoy the precious days of summer.

Now, it is much quieter since residents have taken out their docks and put away their lawn chairs, lifejackets and swimsuits for the season. Many homes are closed up for the cold winter months ahead. The summer has passed; however, fall is quite stunning on Lake Beauty as the colored leaves outline the lake and glow in the sunlight. Winter is also beautiful here as fresh snow falls on the pine trees. The eerie sound of the lake making new ice can be heard on cold winter nights. Soon, a new community of houses will congregate on the ice in hopes of catching fresh fish.

If you have left us for the season or are not around as often, please know that you are missed. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving wherever you are, and best wishes on a safe return to Lake Beauty next summer. If you are staying at the lake all winter, I hope to visit with you over a warm cup of cocoa!

Best Regards,

Kathy Beckman

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Best Practices for Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Todd County is diligent in trying to prevent the spread of invasive species through boater education, inspection, and watercraft decontamination at public accesses. Watercraft moving between lakes poses a high risk to Todd County lakes. There are an estimated 85,000 boat launches at Todd County public landings each year. Watercraft identified as unclean and not suitable for launching is included in a percentage of these launchings. An average of 523 watercraft being inspected each year have plant material, mud, zebra mussels, or water that need to be removed prior to launching or leaving an access. Unfortunately, inspectors only cover a small portion of the total launches. An estimated 5,230 unclean launches occur annually in Todd County and pose a real risk of transferring AIS from lake to lake. In a typical year, boats from more than 21 states come to launch in Todd County. Additional use occurs at private landings and resorts. Data indicate that nearly 85,000 watercraft launch at the 36 MN DNR public landings annually, which is how AIS have steadily moved from lake to lake.

Table 2. Todd County watercraft inspection program data from 2015 – 2018.

Year	Inspections for season	Drain Plug Found OUT %	Something Found # watercraft	Watercraft From MN %	Out-of State Watercraft #	States Represented #
2015	5087	98	471	97.6	68	15
2016	7848	99	97	97	244	24
2017	7407	99	819	97.1	212	25
2018	8711	98	705	97.6	212	20

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FEEDING AND ATTRACTANT BANS

Feeding and attractant bans are in place across the state to prevent concentrations of wild deer in areas with a higher risk for disease. These bans are precautionary steps the DNR took after deer that tested positive for chronic wasting disease were found both in the wild and on deer farms. Feeding bans encompass wider areas because food sources can concentrate deer and allow for close contact – one of the mechanisms for CWD spread.

Deer feeding includes: placement or distribution of salt, minerals, grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay and other food that is capable of attracting or enticing deer.

Deer attractants are: natural or manufactured products that are capable of attracting or enticing deer, including any product that contains or claims to contain cervid urine (example “doe in heat”), blood, gland oil, feces or other bodily fluid.

People who feed birds or small mammals must do so in a manner that prevents deer access. Place the food at least six feet above ground level. Food placed as a result of normal agricultural practices is generally exempt from the feeding ban.

Starting Sept. 1, 2019, due to further discoveries of CWD, these bans will expand to include additional counties in north central and southeast Minnesota. **Deer feeding and attractants ban affects** the following north central counties: Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Mille Lacs, Morrison, **Todd** and Wadena.

Keith Bertram, Division of Enforcement
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Lake Beauty

Area: 240.06 acres

Littoral Area: 137 acres

Shore Length: 3.5 miles

Mean Depth: 16 feet

Maximum Depth: 27 feet

Average Water Clarity: 9.8 feet

2019-2020 ASSOCIATION GOALS

- Increase Membership
- Develop a New Lake Beauty Directory
- Write the Amendments to our By-Laws that were Approved at the Annual Meeting
- Maintain our Website
- Help Maintain our Public Boat Landing
- Write 2 Newsletters Annually
- Blue Bird House Repair and Cleaning
- Continued Water Testing
- Hold Quarterly Board Meetings
- Offer On-Line Store Bi-annually
- Post our 3 New Association/AIS Signs
- Manage our Lake Beauty Book Club

2018-2019

ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased Membership:
 - 2017 – 19
 - 2018 – 20
 - 2019 – 26
- Blue Bird House Repair and Cleaning
- Continued Water Testing
- Updated Our Website
- Completed Bi-Annual Newsletter
- Developed New Association Logo
- Public Boat Landing:
 - Association Clean-Up Day
 - New DNR Signage
 - Increased Inspections
- Completed 4 Quarterly Board Meetings
- Developed New On-Line Store
- 3 New Association/AIS Signs
- Proposed Changes to Our By-Laws
 - Annual Meeting Date
 - Quarterly Board Meetings
 - 7 Total Board Members
4 Board Members, 3 Executive
 - Term Limits
- Manage our Lake Beauty Book Club



It's a Team Effort!

Have you noticed the new DNR signage at the Boat landing? Did you use the porto potty provided by the Lake Beauty Bible Camp this past summer? The Lake Beauty Association had a trash pick up day this past spring and the Bible Camp provided the manpower and equipment to maintain our landing all summer.



Pot Hole Reduction

Special thanks goes out to Tim Edgeton, Area Supervisor / Division of Parks and Trails, Minnesota DNR who approved, financed and delivered two truckloads of gravel to our boat landing. Thank you also to Brian Alnes and his family who graded the new gravel.



The Lake Beauty Association Annual Meeting

this past August was well attended. Lots of information was shared and prizes were given away. We also had two guest speakers (Keith Bertram, Division of Enforcement Minnesota DNR and Deja Anton, Todd County Water and Soil), who spoke about the ATV issues we've been having. The speakers helped clarify many lake rules and regulations and answered questions. Thank you to everyone who attended!



The Association designed, purchased and installed three new signs located by resident entrances to the lake. The signs display our new logo and AIS information for all lake users.

Thank You!

Brian Alnes for hosting our spring neighborhood get-together! Fun was had by all!

Our Online Lake Beauty Association Store will be open again in the spring. Details to follow.

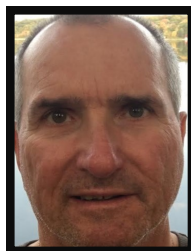
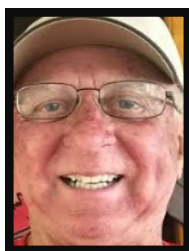


Kevin & Mary Stucco

for hosting our fall neighborhood get-together. It was a delightful time!

Thank You

Richard Sullivan and Rick Jones.
We appreciate all your years of service on the Lake Beauty Association Board!



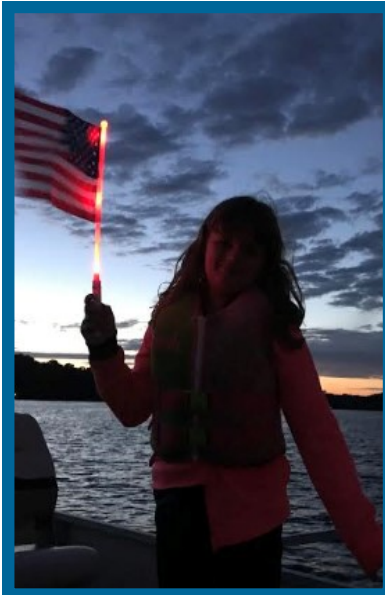
Meet Our Newest Board Member

Jim was elected to the board at our 2019 Annual Meeting. Thank you Jim!

JIM LUNDQUIST
BOARD MEMBER

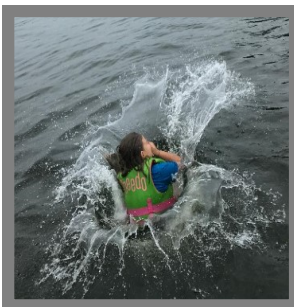
My wife Susan and I moved to lake Beauty 4 years ago, we have met many new families around the lake and made several new friendship. Our 2 children and there spouses and 4 grandchildren try to come up as often as possible.





Lake Beauty is the best place to be during the 4th of July!

Special thanks to the Lake Beauty Bible Camp who once again provided spectacular fireworks and a generous BBQ for all of us, our family and friends!



Hooked? What to do if you get "caught" up in all the fun

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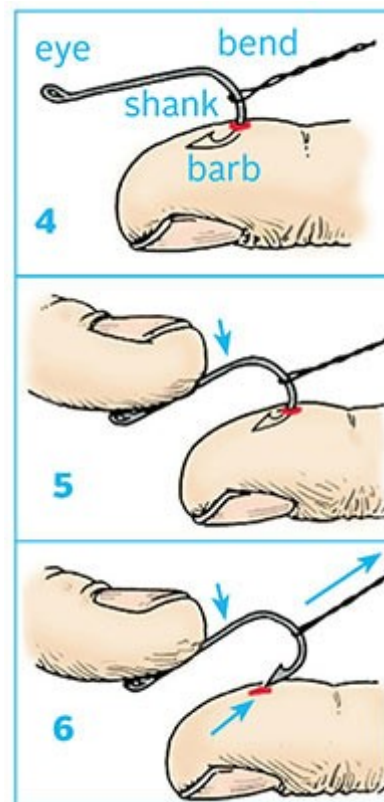
The lakes draw many to live and vacation in our beautiful area. However, a common injury for those who fish or just hang out near docks and boats is becoming "hooked" when the intended catch was a fish.

The medical team at Essentia Health recommends removing the fish hook from your finger using the **String Yank Technique**:

1. Remove hook from lure by cutting at attachment ring.
2. Tape any additional free hooks to prevent the hooks from also getting embedded.
3. First, wash your hands with soap and water, or disinfecting solution, and then wash the area surrounding the hook.
4. Tie off a loop with some fishing line. Place the loop over the hook's shank and lightly pull it against the bend of the hook.
5. With your other hand, press down and back on the hook's eye.
6. Continue pressing down on the hook's eye. Quickly and firmly jerk the fishing line backward, ensuring that the line is parallel to the shank. Don't worry; only a tiny bit of skin is behind the barb.
7. Wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and apply a bandage.

Watch the area for signs of infection such as redness, swelling, pain, or drainage. We do not recommend pushing the hook through your skin and cutting the barb as this introduces another potential wound for infection. Also, do not try to remove a fish hook that is deeply embedded in the skin, lodged within a joint or tendon, or located in or near an eye or artery. If you are at all unsure, it is best to seek medical attention immediately.

If fishing is a favorite past time, we recommend your tackle box contain an electrician's pliers with a wire-cutting blade and disinfecting solution. Additionally, don't forget to receive a Tetanus immunization every 10 years. If needed, it may be done any time in the 72 hours following the injury.



<https://www.essentiahealth.org/about/media-article-library/2018/hooked-what-to-do-if-you-get-caught-up-in-all-the-fun/>

Phosphorous– What’s Lurking in Our Soil?

Phosphorous is a naturally occurring element in our soils. Todd County soils, particularly in the NE and SE parts of the county, are naturally very high. What does this mean for water quality? Phosphorous can travel with organic particulates by wind or water. The faster water moves across a surface, the more likely phosphorous will reach surface waters such as lakes and streams. And then there are the geese- geese scat are total phosphorous bombs. Lakes turn green; wildlife is altered; organics sink; the fill process begins. Natural processes add phosphorous to water bodies - it’s called eutrophication in which, over thousands of years, lakes fill to transition to bogs, then forests. But let not our actions increase the rate of eutrophication. What to do? Allow ditch grasses to reach a height of 6-8 inches minimum to trap soil particulates before reaching the water body. Vegetation absorbs nutrients and slows runoff. Plant wide natural buffers and shrubs along shores. Appreciate wetlands as absorption sponges. Let nature run its course without expedition.

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Are You Going Away for an Extended Period of Time?

When you're leaving your house for an extended period or closing up your home for the summer, it's important to secure your property. Take precautions that will avoid using unnecessary utility expense, keep critters and insects out of your home and protect your possessions. The following are suggestions to help you:

- ◆ Turn down the thermostat. Set your thermostat to a level adequate to keep the inside temperature above freezing and to keep things dry.
- ◆ Open all faucets and drain all waterlines. If you live in an area where freezing pipes can be a problem, drain the toilets, the water heater (turn off the gas or electric supply first) and the expansion tank.
- ◆ Turn off your gas line.
- ◆ Bundle the house up tight. Be sure to store all outside décor or furniture indoors.
- ◆ Make sure all the windows are closed and locked.
- ◆ Unplug everything. Not only will this save you money, but it protects the house from an appliance shorting out and causing a fire or an energy surge.
- ◆ Check your sump pump. Make sure it functions properly.
- ◆ Close the damper or flue on your fireplace. This will prevent snow, rain or critters from finding a way into your home.
- ◆ Arrange for someone to remove snow to your door in case emergency access is needed.
- ◆ Have your heating system inspected and serviced before winter. Have your fuel tanks filled before you leave and ask someone to check on heat and fuel levels regularly while you are gone.
- ◆ Clean your gutters.
- ◆ Remove any dead trees or overhanging limbs that could damage your house
- ◆ Leave nothing outdoors that can be blown about by a strong wind.
- ◆ Close window shutters, drapes, blinds and curtains, keep carpeting and fabrics from fading.
- ◆ Clean out your fridge and pantry of all perishable items. Wipe your fridge down, unplug it and be sure to keep the door to your refrigerator and freezer open. Closing it up will lead to an unpleasant smelling fridge and promote mold and mildew growth from residual moisture.
- ◆ Wash kitchen trash containers and put away soap, sponges, candles and other possible sources of food for critters.
- ◆ Place a botanical rodent repellent under the sink and on kitchen counters and use rodent deterrents under the sink and in the garage, too.
- ◆ Stop your mail.
- ◆ Tell your neighbors and have someone regularly check on your property. Leave that person with a key to the house and your contact information.



The Lake Beauty Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting, preserving and enhancing the quality of the environment and life experiences in and around our area.

Be sure to visit our website at www.lakebeauty.org

Why Become a Lake Beauty Association Member?

You'll be part of a committed group of residents who value our lake and understand its fragile nature. We not only connect and socialize with our neighbors, but we also take action to protect our beautiful community.

Your membership will:

- Monitor the condition of the lake
- Develop lake management plans
- Work cooperatively for the purpose of improving and protecting the health of the lake and any impact on its users
- Provide opportunities to educate and inform property owners and the public about issues that may affect the quality of life on and surrounding the lake
- Work with the MN DNR to improve fish habitat
- Serve as an organized voice with township and county governments
- Proactively prevent future lake problems
- Connect and socialize with neighbors
- See all the accomplishments we made this past year alone!
- A membership is only \$35 annually per household
- Receive a membership sign to be posted at your driveway
- Why not become a member!

When on Lake Beauty, look both ways for deer crossing!



From our family to yours!

Lake Beauty Association Officers

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