

# Buffalo Lake Summer Newsletter

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**Buffalo Lake  
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## Summary of the Buffalo Lake Fair

by Wendy Cordes

It was a cold and rainy day in May, when a group of volunteers got together to set up the gym at Montello High School. They had contacted a variety of groups to participate in the event that had been in the making for close to a year.

At noon, the participants started to set up their exhibits for viewing. The volunteers manned their assigned spots. It was time for the Lake Fair to begin.

Close to 200 Buffalo Lake District members and non-members checked in and put on

their name tags. They mingled with their neighbors and checked out the exhibits. They asked questions of the participants and were anxious to learn more about their lake and ways they can improve it.

At 2:00, the Keynote speaker, Tim Hoyman the Aquatic Ecologist from Onterra, took the stand and presented information about the Lake and possible solutions. He talked about the process and Plan that needs to be in place in order for the District members to

make improvements to their lake. Many questions were asked and much information was shared.

The Lake fair was a great success for those who attended. The volunteers will continue with their work until the Comprehensive Plan has been completed and shared with the district members. Thanks to all who participated and attended. It would not have been a success without all of you.

The slideshow is available for viewing at our Website

## Buffalo Lake Logo Contest Winner

by Colleen Huber

Did you notice our new logo in the upper left hand corner of this page? It was designed by the winner of the Buffalo Lake P & R District Logo Contest, Chris

Doudna. Chris, a Junior in High School, likes to design logos, create and maintain web pages, and participates in wrestling, and swimming. His favorite classes include art

and any computers class. He is honored that his entry was chosen as the one we will use on all items relating to the Buffalo Lake P & R District. Congratulations Chris!!!

## Annual Meeting Notice by Dennis Schroeder

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

**The Buffalo Lake P & R Districts Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 13th at the Packwaukee Town Hall.**

#### The Agenda to date is:

- Call meeting to order
- Pledge of allegiance
- Introduction of Commissioners
- Read minutes from 2004 Annual meeting
- Budget hearing

- Steering Committee progress report
- Distribution of Preliminary Goals for the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan
- 2006 vote for Amendments and Proposals
- Election of a new Commissioner
- Adjournment

We anticipate a large crowd for this meeting due to the fact that the

Preliminary Goals for the Lake Management Plan are being distributed. Roger Naniot and Colleen Huber will step through each Goal and your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

If we do not have enough room in the Town Hall, we will move the meeting outside. Please bring lawn chairs as the probability of this happening is high.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

## Time Table for Completion of the Lake Management Plan

Below is a list of the target dates for completion of the Lake Management Plan. NOTE: Date format is MM/YY Any changes to these dates will be posted on the Website.

Planning Grants Submittal (02/05)

Planning Grants Notification (2/05)

Spring Newsletter Ad for Fair (3/05)

Mail Lake Fair Reminder (4/05)

Buffalo Lake Fair (5/05)

Comment Cards Mailed (05/05)

Comments Compiled (06/05)

Goals Creation Meeting (6/05) Changed to 07/19

Goals published in Newsletter (N/A)

Goals at Annual Meeting (08/05)

Draft of Lake Mgmt Plan (10/05)

Implementation Plan Meeting (11/05)

Report & Lake Mgmt Plan (12/05)

Impl. Plan in Newsletter (01/06)

Board of Directors Vote (02/06)

District Board Votes on Plan (02/06)

Plan available to all (04/06)

District Vote on Plan Impl. (05/06)

## We Now Have Launch Boxes

In a continuing effort to obtain funds to be used for improvements to Buffalo Lake, four (4) launch boxes were installed by Dale Walters and his helper Gene Tonn. The launch boxes are located at the following sites: County C, Montello, Freedom Road and Lake Shore Drive. The suggested donation amount is \$3.00. We hope to

have City and County approval on the wording used on the launch boxes by July 7th. Once this occurs, the County sign shop will assist us in making the new signs to place on each Launch Box. Remember, this is a donation. No one is required to place money in the box. All monies collected are turned over to the District Treas-

urer, Al Rosenthal. Thanks Dale and Gene for your hard work in making and installing each of the four launch boxes. This could not have been an easy task in the hot and humid weather we have been having. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

## Volunteer Steering Committee News

by Colleen Huber

Following the completion of the Lake Fair, Comment forms were mailed to all Buffalo Lake District Members. The forms were to be returned by June 20th. As of the writing of this Newsletter, approximately 150 Comment forms have been returned.

As you know, this is the second time your opinions have been solicited via mailings. We will be using the first Survey and the Lake Fair Comment results in the next step to-

ward the completion of a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan.

The next step is to define a preliminary set of Goals. Your feedback will be instrumental in creating those Goals. The Volunteer Steering Committee will be meeting with Tim Hoyman, from Onterra, on Tuesday, July 19th to define the Goals, then will present the preliminary set of Goals at the Annual meeting in August.

This past month has been a busy

one. We have been recruiting volunteers to write articles for the Newsletter. As you can see, a few new writers have sent in articles of interest.

I strongly encourage district members to become involved with the Newsletter. Sharing stories of interest and assisting with the assembly and mailing of the Newsletter is a rewarding experience.

## Fishing News by Glen Putnam

Hello everyone! Writing a short article for this Newsletter is a new experience for me.

Though I haven't been able to spend a lot of time fishing, I have gotten out a few times. Good size male Bluegill have been hitting very good on worms. The females are just starting to move on the

beds.

The Northern are slow at this time and I haven't had any luck so far. But, that doesn't mean they won't start hitting in the near future.

I have seen several nice Bass caught on spinner baits. They have been caught by anglers on the

Causeway. A nice 14" was caught 2 weeks ago.

The Perch being caught are pretty small. I haven't seen any large ones lately.

Well, keep your eyes open and good luck! It is still early in the season and the fishing should pick up soon.

## New Website Administrator by Colleen Huber

Chris McCullough, a student at Montello High School, has volunteered to be the Buffalo Lake Website Administrator.

Chris walked in to the position and quickly brought our Website up to date. If you

haven't had an opportunity to visit the Website, please do so as you will find valuable information pertaining to the Lake Fair, meeting minutes, upcoming events, etc.

Chris Doudna and Chris

McCullough are friends and work together on this effort.

Welcome to the world of volunteering! We consider ourselves luck to have you both on our team!

## From the Desk of the Buffalo Lake Historian

### by Roger Naniot

As part of overall education of the District members on the history of Buffalo Lake, I thought I would describe some of the first known facts of the Lake. This information is taken from a book written by Juliette M. Kinzie entitled Wau-Bun The "Early Day" in the Northwest. The book is part an autobiography describing the years 1830 to 1833 Mrs. Kinzie spent at Fort Winnebago and her journeys thither and thence up and down the Fox River and to Chicago. The book was originally published in 1856.

Mrs. Kinzie was a cultured, carefully-bred girl from Connecticut who was one of the first white women to see the area. Quoting from the book, "Mrs. Kinzie's account of the early days of Wisconsin is delightful; it sparkles with humor and with the pleasure of youth in new and strange adventures."

In the chapter entitled: Butte des Morts – Lake Puckaway, she describes her voyage up the Fox River. Again quoting several passages from the book "We reached Lake Puckaway late in the evening of our second day from Butte des Morts ... we found the shore so infested with mosquitoes that we were glad to choose a spot as far as possible from the bank, and made ourselves comfortable in our boat." Continuing, "Lac de Boef, or Buffalo Lake, into which our course next brought us, is a lovely sheet of water. In some places its banks are exceedingly picturesque, with beautiful headlands jutting out into the clear depths, where they, and the magnificent group of trees which crown them, lie reflected as in a mirror. Now and then we would catch a glimpse of deer darting across the glades which at intervals opened through the woodlands, or a pair of sand-hill cranes would rise, slowly flapping their wings, and seek a place of more undisturbed repose. The flocks of teal now skimming the surface of the water, now rising higher towards the shelter of the water, tempted our sportsman sorely; but as there was little prospect of finding his game when it was brought down, he did not give way to the wanton pleasure of shooting merely to destroy life.

If you would like to write a historical article for the November Newsletter, please send your article no later than September 10th to P.O. Box 82 Mtello, WI 53949

In quitting this charming lake, and again entering the narrow, tortuous course of the river, we bade adieu to everything like scenery, until we should reach our journey's end."

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## Dumping Garbage in the Lake is Prohibited!!!

By Judi Nigbor DNR Conservation Warden

Littering has been and continues to be an on-going problem, especially in areas of high use by the public. Here are a couple of suggestions about what the public can do regarding littering violations. When a person observes a vehicle hauling garbage to the dump and the garbage flies out the back, they should write down the license plate number and try to get a description of the driver. If the information is reported to me, I can follow up on it and issue a littering citation. The same criteria applies to people fishing from shore and leaving garbage behind. A vehicle license plate number and a description of the suspect is very important information. Another idea is to take a picture or video tape the litter bugs. When people are caught on film, it is very difficult to argue that you did not do it. Thank you, everyone, for working to keep Buffalo Lake clean!

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# Remembering “Heinie”

by Dottie Klawitter

Note from Colleen Huber: More than likely, many of us have had garages, floors, walkways, footings, etc., poured by Henry (Heinie) Klawitter and his crew. Or, many of us ran into him ice fishing. It was a sad day when we heard Heinie had passed away. I asked his wife, Dottie, to share some stories of her life with Henry. Dottie’s memories follow.

We had some really “fun times” like the time we went to California for vacation. We were watching the news on T.V. and when he actually saw how far Wisconsin was from California, he said that if we went any farther west we’d be in the ocean – the next day we headed back to Montello. Heinie like his history – I learned to like history. He liked football – I learned to like football. I truly think that ice fishing and regular fishing were what he looked forward to the most. Even before deer hunting started he’d bring out ice fishing equipment and get things “ready to go”. He liked to fish and give the fish to others. Then he’d go back out again. I think he understood that ice fishing and I just couldn’t get along – but I did help him clean them. So now you guys can’t ask in church anymore “Heinie, were the fish biting?” He got a kick out of that! He never went for the big ones but he sure liked his little blue gills.

Now, I can’t remember a time when Heinie didn’t chew tobacco – except in church. He smuggled some into Portage Hospital! He thought he was “fooling” the nurses until one came in and asked him how his chew was! He said fine and smiled that beautiful smile.

I remember when Heinie got his false teeth. He came home from the dentist’s office and I asked him how they looked. He said fine and took them out of his pocket to show me! Only person I know of that took his teeth out when he ate. He hated false teeth but never went to church without them and almost missed church one time because he left them home.

Heinie had a Beagle he called “Snoopy”. He said Snoopy was a good rabbit dog. They went hunting and Heinie found out that Snoopy was a deer hunting dog instead. Heinie came home without him and asked if I had seen Snoopy. I told him that he was the “hunter hunting his hunting dog”. We laughed about this every time we thought about it.

The past couple of weeks have been most heartbreaking because for the past 29 years he was my life. I could go on and on because now that is all I have left – my memories. He touched the lives of so many people. Just about everyone that came to us as a customer became our friends. He was a “people” person. Heinie hired young fellows from the Montello area and taught them well so that they could progress in concrete work to find better paying jobs. Many have come back through the years to thank Heinie. Their admiration and respect for this man was so very evident the day we said our final good byes to Heinie. He will be missed.

*One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints. Other times there were one set of footprints. This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow, or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints. So I said to the Lord, "You promised me, Lord, that if I followed You, you would walk with me always. But I noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of prints in the sand. Why, when I have needed You most, You have not been there for me?" The Lord replied,*

*"The times when you have seen only one set of footprints is when I carried you."*

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**Annual Meeting Reminder:**  
**When: Saturday, August 13th**  
**Where: Packwaukee Town Hall**  
**Start time: 9:00 p.m.**  
**End Time: ???**

**Remember we are on  
the Web:**

[www.buffalolakedistrict.org](http://www.buffalolakedistrict.org)

**District Commissioners**

Neil Johnson, Chair  
Dennis Schroeder, Secretary  
Al Rosenthal, Treasurer  
Dale Walters, Town of Packwaukee Rep.  
Frank Breitenbach, Marquette County Rep.

**Volunteer Steering Committee Members**

John Bluemke  
Wendy Cordes  
Gary Doudna  
Walter Driedzic  
Colleen Huber - 2005 Steering Committee Chairperson  
Roger Naniot - 2004 Steering Committee Chairperson

**Aquatic Ecologist**

Tim Hoyman (Onterra)

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