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message from the President – *Jean Chadwick*

Bruce Bjerke told me they heard loons on April 2nd and saw one in the channel in front of their home. If the loons are returning, we must all be thinking it's time for us to do the same.

Your board has had a very busy winter! We partnered with the Beltrami County Environmental Services, Soil and Water Conservation District to apply for an Enbridge® Ecofootprint Grant. Beltrami County Soil and Water will be working with Clearwater County Soil and Water District and the Red Lake Watershed District as needed. The grant was written for Shoreline Stabilization which is one of our Lake Management's priorities. We were notified on March 22, 2017 that we will be recipients of an **Enbridge® \$75,000 Ecofootprint Grant**. We want to be sure you, as well as your neighbors that are not members of the lake association, are well informed on how this project will be implemented. Your attendance at our meeting on May 28th is important to the success of this project. Invite your neighbors to join you and tell them all about the pot luck, you can also tell them where to find information about our association on our web site.

Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator, with the Red Lake Watershed District will be at our meeting on May 28th. He will be telling us about the upcoming Clearwater River Watershed Restoration & Protection Strategy Project. This project has the potential to open new opportunities for projects on our lake. Let's come out in numbers to show Corey our support for this upcoming project.

I registered to take classes to become an AIS Detector and am excited to expand my knowledge of AIS in addition to supporting the DNR and the University of Minnesota with volunteer hours detecting newly infested waters. I have been in contact with Bruce Anspach and Mike Bolinski regarding Ambassador Training for AIS volunteer inspection training. I've not heard of a class yet but am hoping several lake residents would be available to take the training to supplement the paid inspectors at our public access. Watch our web site for potential updates on classes.

I contacted Eli Gindele, U of M Polk & Clearwater County Extension Educator about lakescaping and rain gardens. Roz participated in a teleconference and we plan to set up an onsite workshop for those interested. Be sure to come to our meeting to hear more!

We will have sign-up sheets for two potential workshops to be held this summer. One is the Lakescaping workshop. The second would be with Nicole Kovar, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Specialist for Minnesota's Northwest-North District. She would talk about AIS and what we as a Lake Association can do in the fight to prevent their spread.

Be sure to keep an eye on our website for updates on our projects.

Memorial Weekend Meeting and Pot Luck Meal

Sunday May 28, 2017 – Moore's Garage
(8 houses east of the public access)

Board Meeting: 3:00 p.m.

Pot Luck Meal: 5:00 p.m.

General Meeting Follows the Meal

**Bring your favorite dish to pass along
with plates, utensils, and lawn chair
(coffee and lemonade provided)**

Members and All
Non-Members
Are Welcome!



OPERATION ROUND UP *Grant Program*

Happy Memorial Day!
TO THOSE WHO
COURAGEOUSLY
GAVE THEIR LIVES...
AND THOSE WHO
BRAVELY FIGHT
TODAY... THANK
YOU

CLAA Awarded \$500 for the Clearwater Lake Shoreline Restoration and Protection Project.



Presentation of Checks to Organizations Was Held On Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at Beltrami Electric Cooperative

photo courtesy of Beltrami Electric Cooperative

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Front Row: Morgan Gibbs, North Country First Responders; Angie Theis, Project Linus, Misty Littlewolf and Joseph Malmo, Jr., Laporte School & Community Garden; Kristin Faris, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Philip's Conf.; Mary Knox-Johnson, Northern Artist Association; Kristine Cannon, Bemidji Community Theater; Shirley Gilmore, Cynthia Hansen, Lady Slipper Scenic Byway.
Back Row: Tricia Andrews; Headwaters School of Music & the Arts; Sharon Lembke, ORU Trust Board; Mark Bovee; Northstar Sportsmens Club; Andrea Ohnstad, Boys & Girls Club of Bemidji; Caroline Larson, Support Within Reach; Alan Colliander, Northstar Sportsmens Club; Cori Rude, Concordia Language Villages; Barry Karpinski, All Pro Dads; Denise Johnson, Bemidji Area Senior Class Party; Jordan May, Red Lake Homeless Shelter; Denae Alamano, United Way of Bemidji Area; Skip Anderson, Stephen Chadwick, Clearwater Lake Area Association; Tanya Hasbargen, Bemidji Rotary Foundation; Mike Supan, Lady Slipper Scenic Byway, Seth Tramm, Solway Volunteer Fire Department; Steve Ross, Lady Slipper Scenic Byway, Randy Frisk, ORU Trust Board; Marilyn Miller, Lorie Yourd, Watermark Art Center.

More than \$26,000 was awarded in various community projects

The Operation Round Up Trust Board met April 12 to review all grant applications. This year was extremely difficult as the amount of dollars requested was almost triple the amount of available Operation Round Up funds.

CLAA received notification April 13 that we would be award **\$500 toward the Shoreline Restoration and Protection Project** which is an initiative for our Association in 2017.

We are thankful for the generosity of Beltrami Electric's members that the **Operation Round Up Program** is providing great opportunities for organizations and groups in our communities.

Please share information about this wonderful program with your family and friends.

**CLAA is now a
501 (c) (3) non-profit
organization.
Membership dues
and all donations
are fully tax deductible.**

GUEST SPEAKER

Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator with the Red Lake Watershed District will be speaking at the Memorial Weekend meeting about the upcoming Clearwater River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy Project. Join you fellow members and bring along your neighbor for a informative Spring CLAA meeting!



LOON *Update*

by JoLynn Chadwick

Each new year as we turn the page of our calendars, or for some of us...as we flip each page on our smart phones, we anticipate the arrival of spring and the sweet sound of our friend, the loon.

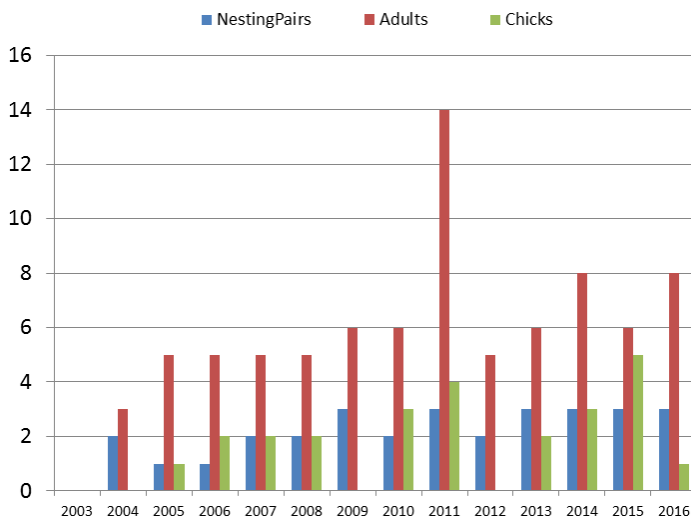
This year, April 2 was the first sign of our ol' friend, spotted by Bruce Bjerke in the channel by this residence. Even though ice was still on the lake, they somehow can spot the little piece of open water and in they come to claim a spot or at least to see if it meets their hotel criteria.

Bruce Bjerke and Skip Anderson both managed to get their rafts placed around the 9th. Bruce's raft had been watched and it didn't take her long to check it out. She claimed her seat around the 23rd. Skip managed to get his second raft placed around the 28th. I'm sensing a bit of loon competition here.

It was brought to my attention last fall about a concern regarding the loon count dropping. People thought in years past they noticed more loons on the lake.

I've been a volunteer loon watcher for the DNR since 2003. This last winter, during those long winter months, I delved into my filing system and filtered through the documentation I receive from the State each spring. Below is a chart with data brought together from loon survey information I receive. Things are looking O.K. so far. It was a major concern after the Gulf Oil spill of a potential problem for a drop in loon mortality. Let's all continue to hope the numbers remain strong. Happy loon watching everyone!

Loon Survey Data for Clearwater Lake



"ICE-OUT- DATE" *Winner!*

Bruce Bjerke takes home the winnings AGAIN this year from a friendly betting/guessing game for the "ice-out date" on Clearwater Lake for 2017.

His date selection of April 9 was the closest selection to the actual date of April 5. Congratulations Bruce!

We had a record number of participants this year. Five individuals tried their luck with this mother nature guessing game. The stakes were high...\$2 was the betting limit.

I'm not quite sure what strategy Bruce uses, but he's been lucky for two straight years!!!

Here are some of the other dates that ended up on the losing side: April 13, April 12, April 17, and April 18.

This mini event is open to any one who feels like they can out-smart mother nature.

In early 2018, you can email JoLynn Chadwick or Skip Anderson with your date and you'll be put on the list. All debts are settled at the Memorial Weekend Lake Association picnic.

The official rules of ice-out-date is when 90% of the lake is declared free of ice.

AIS *update*

(aquatic invasive species)

Lake Associations members have been concerned these past few years with the chosen time slot of service hours for the AIS Inspectors.

Contact was made with Nate Nordlund (Clearwater County) with our concerns. Nate's response to the Association was that the hours for 2017 have been set for our lake. Inspections will begin May 12th and continue through September 10th. We will have an inspector on our lake one evening per week (the night can vary from Monday-Friday) from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. We will have an inspector on the lake every Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. These hours had been set prior to our contact.

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AIS Update continued...

Inspector services are handled through an outside staffing source. It was also stated there was difficulty finding inspectors willing to be on the lake earlier than 8:00 a.m.

Thanks to Jean Chadwick for following up with our member concerns in regard to the inspector times working the lake.

AIS Specialist for our region:

Nicole Kovar
*Invasive Species Specialist
Ecological & Water Resources
218-732-8960*

If anything is looking suspicious...
take note of the exact location; take a
photo or keep a specimen;
then call the specialist.



“Having
land and
not ruining
it is the
most
beautiful art
that anybody
could ever
want to own.”

- Andy Warhol

Photo courtesy of Roz Johnson

**HELP
WANTED**

Someone to mow our
Clearwater Lake
yard on a weekly or every
other week basis.

Call Roz Johnson at
952-847-0967 if you are
interested. Decent pay.

GIVE AWAY

Four (4) wheels and
brackets
for a boat lift.
Contact Steve Chadwick
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or 507-451-0965.

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