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Calendar

April 19

BBLA Board Meeting

May 3

Annual Spring Education Day

May 17

BBLA Board Meeting



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Association keeps focus on invasive species

President's Letter

The BBLA Board of Directors would like to wish you a Happy New Year. As we look ahead to another season on Big Birch Lake filled with all the wonderful things winter brings such as ice fishing, snowmobiling, skiing or just a peaceful walk outdoors. We hope everyone stays safe and healthy.

Mark your calendars to attend our 3rd Annual Spring Education day. Big Birch Lake and Little Birch Lake are collaborating once again this spring on May 3rd at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Grey Eagle. There will be a presentation on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and a couple of speakers from Stearns County regarding shoreline management. More details will be forthcoming in the April newsletter and you will also be able to find it on our Facebook page.

I have been working closely with the Little Birch Lake Improvement Association and also recently attended the Stearns County bimonthly AIS committee meeting. At both meetings the cost of treating invasive species was concerning. There are two invasive species that Big Birch Lake DOES NOT have, Starry Stone wart and Eurasian Milfoil. Our AIS volunteers continue to watch for any indication of these invasive species. At these meetings, the conversation graduated to the tremendous expense to control invasive species. They are sobering figures when you look at them. The Big Birch Lake Association is looking for a volunteer to lead a Grants committee.

For our association to move forward long term on invasive species, we need experienced volunteers to chair this committee. Please contact me directly if you are interested or want to learn more about this committee.

Lastly, the membership materials were mailed in November. Please renew your membership and if your neighbors are not members, encourage them to join as well.

Remember, to be a member of the BBLA you do not need to live on the lake. If you know family and friends that enjoy the lake as much as we do, they also can become members.

Enjoy the winter season and dream of your spring warm weather plans on Big Birch Lake.
Craig Tweedale, President BBLA

Johnson's volunteer work featured in UMN Extension story

By Michelle Isaacson, UMN Extension

Books can inspire, increase intelligence, document the past, and be an escape or a creative outlet in our lives. They have made a home with our highlighted volunteer Deb Johnson throughout her life. During her free time, Deb reads fiction books allowing her to escape the cold Minnesota weather for adventures in far off and mystical lands. She also enjoys studying plants, animals, and ecology, volunteering with her church, line dancing, making music and art, especially working with pastels. Books even provide an avenue for creativity as Deb illustrated the book The Littlest Loon. As a biology teacher for 32 years, Deb has seen her way through scientifically sound textbooks, and later in life, guides for continued learning.

After retiring, Deb and her husband moved to and refurbished his family cabin and now call it home on Big Birch Lake. In addition to making the inside a cozy space, they purposely designed their property to benefit lake ecology by planting rain gardens, utilizing rain barrels, and leaving a wooded buffer strip. Their contribution to conservation was noticed and Deb and her husband were presented the "Friends of the Lake" award for their impact. Deb has spent ten years on the Big Birch Lake Association board, six of which she has also been the AIS Chairperson. Adding to her repertoire of leadership, Deb is also involved in Todd County on their AIS committee, lending her services to make connections on a wider scale. On the lake association board, Deb writes articles for their quarterly news, leaning on topics she learned about during the AIS Detectors Webinar Series or the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center's Fall Showcase.

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BBLA Board of Directors

BBLA Financial Report

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Leo Clement Eveslage was born March 15, 1933, in St. Augusta, MN to Ferdinand and Loretta (Storkamp) Eveslage. Leo served in the U.S Army from 1956-1958. Leo was united in marriage to Gracie Herzog on October 21, 1958, at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in St. Rosa, MN. Leo and Gracie moved to the family farm in 1960 where they farmed for 22 years. Leo also worked for Joe's Trucking, Albany, MN from 1976-1990, he then worked for Kane Transport, Sauk Centre, MN from 1990-1992. Leo and Gracie retired from the farm in 1982 moving to Big Birch Lake. He enjoyed being around family and grandchildren. Leo enjoyed talking about his past experiences and life's adventures. He appreciated getting out in his van and seeing the

crops any chance he could get. Leo is survived by his children, Greg Eveslage (Karen) of Melrose, MN; Karen Harrison (Damon) of St. Martin, MN; daughter-in-law Brenda Eveslage of St. Joseph, MN; Pam Herdering (Steve) of Sauk Centre, MN; Peggy Marthaler (Joe) of Sartell, MN and his 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; siblings Carol (Tony) Niehaus, John Eveslage and Kathy Eveslage and many nieces and nephews.

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gracie of 28 years; son, Thomas; and grandson, Joshua and siblings, Bernadette, Elaine, Mary and Melvin and in-laws that passed before him

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Margaret Corinne Vener

Margaret Corinne Vener, age 86 of Grey Eagle, Minnesota (formerly of Arlington, Minnesota) passed away Thursday, December 19, 2024 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Margaret Corinne Pallansch was born on October 20, 1938 in Grey Eagle, Minnesota to Aloysius "Peanuts" and Rose (Kane) Pallansch. She was raised Obituaries continue on page 5

Trumpeter swan shows were daily joy

They danced, slid, skated to delight of observers

They danced on the water, They danced on the ice. Mesmerized by their antics We watched in anticipation For the next startling sight.

I have often written about trumpeter swans and their reemergence into our wildlife scene.

Their beautiful colors and shapes have always impressed but never have we experienced them like we did this past fall.

They were present on the north shore of BBL for several weeks. Not just a

few like in some seasons, but this year about 300 were present. Day in and day out they gathered near the shore just outside the homes along the North Shore of the upper bay of the lake.

They were accompanied by 200 Canada geese and maybe 50 mallards. If you think that number of geese and ducks can be noisy, you haven't heard trumpeters.

These were clearly not the species known as mute swans. They were the TRUMPET-ER swans. Oh, how they announced their arrival as the sun was setting. They would approach the water in

small flocks, and with each small flock, those already in the water had to greet the newcomers.

Then it was all-out boisterous conversation. We felt lucky if they were sleeping by 3 a.m.

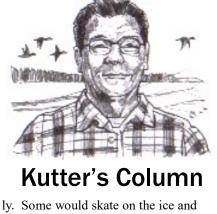
In the morning they could be asleep or standing and stretching getting ready to fly to nearby harvested cornfields where they are and slept until mid-afternoon before their return to the water.

Once back on the water, they reach to the bottom of the lake with their long necks and pull up vegetation which is often shared by mallards and Canada geese. It took about an hour for the swans to arrive back at the lake in small family groups of adults and adolescents.

Their landings on water were beautiful exercises in water ballet. Necks straight forward, legs extended in front as they put down the landing gear and glided gracefully into the water.

Even though the behavior had become routine for us, our Thanksgiving Day dinner guests couldn't stop looking out the windows to watch the swans, nor could they stop talking about the wild-life.

A cold snap that lasted a week after



ly. Some would skate on the ice and then fall into the water. Others would land on the thin ice and immediately sink into the water.

Who knew swans were efficiently ice breakers? Using their beaks and webbed feet, they chopped at the ice and broke their way to the open water where they joined the others. This went on for

hours: land on thin ice, drop in, break ice to open water.

One afternoon, about 10 swans gathered in a circle, and began bobbing their heads up and down while propelling themselves in a circle. It reminded me of a high school basketball team jumping up and down in anticipation of playing the rival team. Finally one adult swan broke away having had enough of the preliminary warmups.

As ice formed more solidly and was frozen over by December 10, the

swans kept coming. Finally by the end of December, most had moved on to more liquid pastures. However, I noticed them still lying in cornfields near the open water of the Sauk River.

I would like to meet a swan expert that could explain all of the mysterious behaviors we observed.

Until then we will be content knowing heaven seems closer in a house beside the water.



Thanksgiving brought ice forming around the edge of the lake. First, strong south winds blew what little ice cover was on the lake crashing to the North Shore.

On December 5, by late afternoon, the upper bay had a thin layer of skim ice. The swans began retiring to the lake from the fields looking for open water. There was a little where 200 Canada geese were gathered and a few swans make safe landings.

Of course, swans can land on ice too, but clearly it is not their preferred means. As more swans returned, they skated on the ice, sometime not graceful**Johnson** continued from page 1 Deb's work on the lake didn't start with becoming a lake association board member. She began doing line surveys of the plant life of the lake with her husband after becoming inspired by a neighbor who was also very interested in lake ecology. They worked with this task for a few years and then Deb was elected to the lake association board where they were very concerned with AIS impacts. They ran their own inspector program with DNR trained inspectors, but Deb said "Well, instead of just doing these line surveys around the lake, why not work on the accesses for AIS? So, I recruited about 20 volunteers to do the accesses, and I train them and coordinate them" to check the waters for AIS. The ten teams check every access twice a month and this group has been going strong for seven years!

Deb expresses that "You never know if you've stopped any kind of AIS with boat inspections or anything else...I'm hoping that all of us working together can make a difference." From her stories, we know she is making an impact. Thanks to her and others' efforts, people on their lake are paying attention, even if that does mean a little extra work for Deb. She told a story about the concern of finding starry stonewort in their lake and one year, the lake had an influx of whitewater crowfoot. This plant creates small white flowers which littered the shores of the lake. "People were convinced we had starry stonewort" as residents mistakenly believed the flowers to be starry stonewort bulbils. Deb was "called out all over the place to look for starry

stonewort," which thankfully always turned out to be whitewater crowfoot flowers. People had their eyes open and knew exactly who to call for identification help.

Part of why Deb is so effective is her drive to always learn more. Before finding the AIS Detectors program, she was pulling information from websites and purchasing the recommended aquatic books to quench her thirst for information and to prepare the local volunteers for effective monitoring. Deb final- Koch, Bob & Connie ly took the plunge and completed the core course because she "also realized that I know very little about animals that Kraemer Lumber Co Inc are invasive, and so I really needed to expand my knowledge and just make sure I was identifying plants correctly." Deb believes being part of the AIS Detectors crew has benefitted her journey as Loehr, Jim & Renee she found it to be "extremely worthwhile" and full of "so much practical information" with the variety of other events and educational opportunities provided. Deb is excited for the future and interested in expanding her monitor- McConnell, David & Ann ing efforts including working on projects McQueen, Kathy outside of Big Birch Lake. Thank you, Deb, for the leadership and ingenuity you bring to the program and the waters. Editor's Note: The above article was used by permission. You can find additional information about the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at this source: https://z.umn.edu/AISDsignup

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BBLA thanks all contributors for walleye stocking fundraiser

By Grant Niehaus

The BBLA thanks individuals and businesses who contributed to the stocking of walleyes in Big Birch Lake this past fall and winter. We were able to reach our fundraising goal to stock 650 lbs. of walleye fingerlings, but due to the unusual winter last year, we had to source fingerlings from three different vendors to reach our 650 lbs. quota.

Fall 2024 BBL Walleye Stocking Donors

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Obituaries continued from page 2 in Grey Eagle and graduated from Saint Francis High School in Little Falls, Minnesota. She graduated from The College of Saint Scholastica in Duluth with a degree in medical technology, then married John M. Vener on December 27, 1960 at St. Luke's Catholic Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

She worked as a laboratory technologist while John finished medical school and residency. They moved and raised their family in Arlington, Minnesota. Corinne was a voracious reader. She was a member of PEO Chapter EQ St. Cloud, Minnesota and the Arlington Garden Club.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening, bird watching, traveling, and spending time at the cabin on Big Birch Lake in Grey Eagle. In 2006, John and Corinne retired on Big Birch Lake.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, John Vener MD of Grey Eagle; her children, Michael (Kim) Vener MD of Watertown, South Dakota, James Vener of Grey Eagle, Anne Karl (Dan) of Belle Plaine, and Jack Vener of Saint Joseph; four grandchildren, Erin Burson MD (Luke), Vinzenz Karl, Michelle Vener, and Thomas Vener; brother, Robert Pallansch; and sister-in-law, Judy Pallansch.

Corinne was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Joseph Pallansch; and sister-in-law, Lenore "Norie" Pallansch. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls Sisters Retirement Care 116 8th Ave SE, Little Falls, MN 56345; Website: fslf.org

AED installed at Sandy Beach

Through a fundraiser done with the Associated Property Owners on Sandy Beach, an AED has been installed in a central location. All funds have been donated by this group of homeowners but of course use of AED is open to all.

An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is a portable medical device that analyzes a person's heart rhythm and delivers an electric shock to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, a condition where the heart stops beating unexpectedly.

DNR seeks lower walleye limit

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources wants to lower the daily walleye limit from six to four.

The change will take place in 2026 unless the agency changes plans after the comment period.

The current bag limit has been in place since 1956. The change is precipitated by loss of habitat, aquatic invasive species and climate change.

The new possession limit will also impact how many fish can be kept in storage.

While most "walleye lakes" already have their own limits, this limitation will be statewide.

Opponents argue there isn't evidence of the need to change. Although there is evidence throughout the Upper Midwest and in Ontario, Canada, that walleye numbers are down. It is an issue of sustainability. Bag limits in surrounding states and Ontario have been lowered.

Public input will be important for the DNR and there will be no rule change before March of 2026.

In general fishing guides are for the change due to year around pressure of fishing and the advancement of electronic fishing gear.

Sources: The Minnesota Star Tribune and The Minnesota Conservation Volunteer

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There was no ice-in in 2023. It did not occur until January 12, 2024

Spring education day, May 3, 2025

Presenters have been tentatively lined up for the third annual Spring Education Day on May 3, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grey Eagle.

The morning session will include Deja Anton on Aquatic Invasive Species, from Todd County.

Nick Neuman, senior environmental specialist, from Stearns County, will present about shoreline permitting and guidelines

Greg Berg, from Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation, will present about grants and funding sources.



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