

WHAT DO YOU GET FOR \$25?

2012 was a busy and expensive year for your lake association.

- ◆ We spent almost \$16,000 on **cleaning out the boat passes** between German and East Jefferson as well as the one between Middle and West Jefferson.
- ◆ We also committed \$5,000 to **control nutrient runoff** that flows into the north side of Middle Jefferson.
- ◆ \$8,000 was spent to send **newsletters** to residents on and near the lake to educate them on best practices to keep the lakes clean. (This is partially offset by \$2,000 of advertising revenue).
- ◆ \$4,000 was spent on the **storm sirens** to update frequencies, replace backup batteries, pay for electricity and liability insurance.
- ◆ We took public input on lake issues at our annual **Spring and Fall meetings**.
- ◆ We lobbied the county to move up the upgrade to **County 104**.
- ◆ A **homeowner survey** was completed and results published in the winter newsletter.
- ◆ Two seminars were conducted on the **care and maintenance of your septic system**.
- ◆ We publicized and reported on the **Septic Survey**. The results are expected to be presented to the County Commissioners in May.
- ◆ Our **summer fishing contest** yielded a record number of bass and provided additional revenue to the association.

Inside this issue:

<i>Opinions</i>	2-3
<i>Fishing Contest</i>	6
<i>Lauren's report</i>	9
<i>Boat passes</i>	10
<i>Board minutes</i>	13
<i>Sand Hill Cranes</i>	14
<i>Fall meeting</i>	17
<i>Commissioners</i>	18
<i>Lake Board</i>	19
<i>Mission</i>	20

If you do the math on the 2012 expenses, you will see expenses of \$33,000 above the normal operating expenses we have. Our primary source of revenue is annual dues. If all property owners on the lake paid dues of \$25 that would raise about \$21,000. 400 dues paying members generates \$10,000 of income. 300 generates \$7,500.

How active should the association be in the future? It takes money. That is up to you.

- Please be a member.
- Consider a membership above the minimum.
- Encourage others to join.
- Membership form is on page 19.

Send dues to:
Larry Wasmund (treasurer)
28275 464th St.
Cleveland MN 56017

Letters and Opinions

Letters and emails:

Dear Ted,

Over these last three years I have been serving as a Blue Earth County Commissioner, and always interested in learning more regarding best practices when it comes to our environment. I'm happy that you are concerned about your local environment, and that you encourage others to look at viable options for being good stewards of the land. I am reminded of an old saying when it comes to all of us working to preserve and improve where we live; "do unto the others as you would have them do unto you". What one person does or fails to do will impact others, and so you are correct to investigate and help develop the use of BMP's or best management practices. I would suggest inviting all those who wish to participate to a social hour and neighborly meeting to talk about some of the needs of your lake there.

Include local state DNR, and you may wish to request for an outside DNR Staff as well who may be able to help as a more disinterested opinion, or give more unbiased feedback. I would think having a local SWCD Staff there would also be helpful, as they have access to water conservation program dollars for implementing programs on the local level such as on Lake Jefferson, and surrounding watersheds. You may also wish to include a local drainage staff person who works primarily with agricultural drainage, as well as your local drainage authority who I see is Commissioner Rohlfing. The board of commissioners have the authority to organize and order drainage work when necessary. In our county here, I have been asking the ditch management staff to communicate with our SWCD staff and to be more open minded with possibly working together on water drainage, Ag - urban & natural watershed impacts.

Thank you for writing to me, and since I have known you now off and on for many years I know how sincere your concerns are regarding the gifts which God has bestowed upon us such as in the many lakes, streams and rivers which are to be respected, valued and enjoyed. I currently serve on several water related organization boards and would be happy to send your concerns on for further feedback and examination.

warmly,

Commissioner Drew Campbell

District #1, Mankato, MN

Drew.Campbell@blueearthcountymn.gov (work email) DRCSOUP@aol.com (home email)

507-382-1374 cell

its a new year.. and welcome to it...

a one year sabbatical from.. an operating swedes bay tile water pump.. and contract poisoning in big jeff lake

let her catch a breath..

green peace to you..

old ted

Letters and Opinions

Letters and emails:

Dear Buster,

At Conservation Minnesota, we ask Minnesotans what issues are most important to solve. Now that the state's legislative session is underway, we're at the Capitol turning your priorities into laws that will clean up our water and air, protect our families from harmful chemicals in products, and allow all of us to pass along the same outdoor quality of life we enjoy to our children and grandchildren.

You're busy, and we get that. Like most Minnesotans, you probably don't spend all day at the Capitol following bills and tracking how your elected officials are voting. That's why we've come up with some ways to keep you connected to the action. And we've designed our tools so you can choose to hear from us in the way you find most useful. Simply click on the links below if you'd like to receive these emails.

The Line - Each Monday our Government Affairs Director, Molly Pederson, gives a rundown of what's happening at the Capitol in the coming week. It's candid, entertaining, and downright plainspoken. In other words, it's 100% Minnesotan. [Get hooked today.](#)

Action Alerts – Your elected officials hear from a lot of lobbyists (including ours!) but the most important voice in any debate belongs to YOU. We'll let you know when a vote is expected on the issues that matter most to you. You can decide if you want to let your Senator or Representative know what you think. [Be part of the process.](#)

We'll never leave you in suspense. When important votes are taken, we'll let you know right away. And we'll update our new web tool [CheckMyLegislator.org](#) so you can see exactly how your legislators voted. This session, we will be adding a brand new feature: video clips from the House or Senate floor. Don't forget to share this tool with your friends!

Together, we can protect the Minnesota you love.

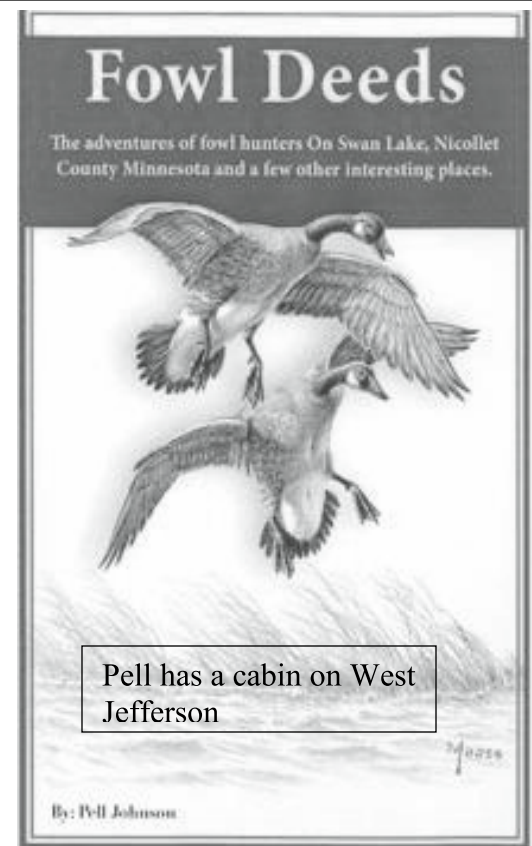
Sincerely,



Paul Austin
Executive Director

Thank you for all you do. I live in the State of Virginia and sometimes your news is my closest contact with the lake. I grew up in Le Sueur, my family has had a cabin since I was 5 and now I am 60.


Regards
Rich Evans



Available for purchase from
Pell Johnson, the author
709 N.9th Street
St. Peter, Mn. 56082:
1-507-934-1312
Pelljo@mchsi.com
Cost per copy \$16.00
+ postage if necessary

Or these places:
Brown County Historical Society
New Ulm, Mn. 55107
Nicollet County Historical Society
St. Peter, Mn. 56082
SHOPCO DRUGS
St. Peter, Mn.

Pell has a cabin on West Jefferson





507-267-4779

www.c21-lake.com

c21-lake@myclearwave.net



**Carolyn
Gunton-Lewis**



**Jackie
Derner**



**Susan
Anderson**



**Randy
Splett**

Located on East Hwy 60 in Elysian – between Lake Francis & Lake Elysian

Authorized Independent Agents for:



**BlueCross BlueShield
of Minnesota**
An independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

Call us to discuss individual plans.

507-934-6050 • 1-800-657-0146
315 S. Minnesota Ave. • St. Peter
www.MNBusinessCenter.Net
TTY/TDD 1-800-627-3529



Warren "Buster" West, CLU®, ChFC®
Carolyn Mager & Casey West
Financial Service Representatives
Financial Advisors, Princor Registered
Representatives

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
German Lake**

22693 German Lake Rd
PO Box 219
Cleveland MN 56017
www.stpaulslutherangermanlake.com

507-357-4462
Pastor: Van Miller
Secretary: Lynn Pohlman

**Specializing in
Lakeshore
Properties
since 2001.**



Jackie Johnson, Realtor 
507-327-1470

jackielakeshores@aol.com
www.jackiejohnsonrealestate.com

**Landscaping with
Native Plants**

- Raingardens
- Shoreline Restorations
- Prairies & Savannas



**Prairie
Restorations, Inc.** 

PO Box 305
Cannon Falls MN 55009
Phone: 507-663-1091

www.prairieresto.com

WHAT IS GOING ON WITH LE SUEUR COUNTY LOCAL WATER MANAGEMENT?

The year 2012 brought a busy year to Le Sueur County Local Water Management.

Current projects included

- Jefferson German Lakes Septic Inventory was completed.
- Extension of the project to include a feasibility study of addressing sewage was approved by the state. The final report will be presented in 2013.
- There were two maintenance projects on previously funded shoreline projects damaged by Mother Nature.
- A LCCMR application for shoreland projects was recommended by the LCCMR board for 2/3 funding.
- A Clean Water Fund application was submitted for the remainder of the shoreland projects that did not receive LCCMR funding. We also had a Community Partners component to give lake associations the opportunity to coordinate shoreland projects. This application was not funded (again). It had been mentioned to me that Ag projects are considered top priority. I still submitted the application to show that there is a need for shoreland projects.
- Throughout the year shoreland regulation was addressed,
- Septic inspections.
- Recommendations are made throughout the year for conditional use permits and variance requests.
- Community Partners project was completed on Gorman Lake.
- The county has three DNR Shoreland Habitat Restoration Projects that were worked on in 2012. (Sakatah Bay, Rays Lake, Gorman Lake).
- County ordinance was revised. Shoreland was strengthened. A land alteration plan is going to be required for shoreland work which includes impervious surface.
- State reporting on the projects was a big task.

2013

2013 brings us

- Grant application opportunities: Clean Water Partnership, A possible LCCMR application and Clean Water Fund application.
- Presentation of the final report of the Jefferson German Septic Inventory.
- Implementation of the LCCMR shoreland project.
- What next with the Sewer Board? What direction should they go?
- Completion of the Shoreland Habitat Restoration project.
- Create more thorough projects for a 2013 Community Partners application.
- Continue shoreland regulation and septic inspections and recommendations made throughout the year for conditional use permits and variance requests.

Questions? Contact Lauren at lklement@co.le-sueur.mn.us or by calling 507-357-8538. I will be out of the office on medical leave from March 11-May 10, 2013. You can contact the office at the number listed above if you have issues or concerns during this time.

German Jefferson Sportsmens Club Fishing Contest

Sunday February 10, 2013
West Lake Jefferson

This is the club's major fund raiser. Proceeds from the sale of contest tickets will help with future projects. Past and recent projects include:

- Maintenance of aeration system on Scotch Lake
- Winter food plots, feeders, nesting area, and tree planting for wildlife
- Help sponsor "Take a Kid Fishing"
- Gun and snowmobile training
- Maintaining northern pike rearing ponds for local lakes
- Handicapped fishing access and piers on West Jefferson and German Lake
- Provide hunting land for the public
- Lighting at public accesses on area lakes

Club meetings are 7:00 PM the first Monday of the month from September through May at the Sons of the American Legion in Cleveland.

Dues are \$5.00 per year.



"Lake Watch" alerts

So far we have 259 valid email addresses who have signed up for our "Lake Watch" email alerts. Thanks for your interest.

If you are not receiving alerts, please let me know.

Lake Watch" email list. Contact the Lake Association if you would like to be on the "Lake Watch" list.
lakeassociation@hickorytech.net or buster@hickorytech.net

SEPTIC TANK NEED PUMPING???

Southern Minnesota's

Most Complete Septic System Service

- Cleaning • Repair
- Site Evaluation
- Design • Installation
- Compliance Inspection
- Site Preparation • Sewer & Water
- Basements • Demolition
- Port-O-Stor Storage Units
- Port-O-John Toilets



Since 1965

Eagle Lake

507-257-3238

1-800-450-4161

www.jrbruender.com

NOBODY IN THE WORLD SELLS MORE REAL ESTATE THAN RE/MAX!*

*Based on publicly available information and on an audit by Arthur Anderson of 1997 RE/MAX residential real estate transactions sides in North America only.

Good Things Are Bound To Happen with
Your RE/MAX Man

Dan Christensen

Dynamic Associates
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

1720 Adams Street
Mankato / St. Peter & Lakes Area
Mankato, MN 56001
(507) 388-8484 • (507) 934-1510

Offices in Cleveland, Mankato & St. Peter
www.dans-homes.com

BEAVER DAM RESORT



Seasonal Campsites

Ed and Sandie Bisek
23889 Scotch Lake Road
Cleveland, MN 56017
www.beaverdamresort.com

507-931-7376

Donna Strand, CBR, GRI
REALTOR®

Action Realty

1028 N. Riverfront Dr.
Mankato, MN 56001
Bus 507 625-9375 800 289-2960
Fax 507 388-2422 Cell 507 380-6239



ActionRealtyMankato.com



HOME TOWN BANK

Douglas J. Schweim
Vice President

326 Broadway Street
P.O. Box 249
Cleveland, MN 56017
www.htbmn.com

Phone: 507-934-3174
Fax: 507-934-6655
Email: dschweim@htbmn.com

A SUBSIDIARY OF REDWOOD FINANCIAL, INC.

DOUGLAS J. SCHWEIM
Lic. #20263630



Community Insurance INC.

326 Broadway St., PO Box 327
Cleveland, Minnesota 56017-0327

Telephone 507-934-2894
Fax 507-934-6655

Are you looking for a truly exceptional landscape?

With over 21 years experience designing, building and maintaining landscapes—we can make your dream come true



Enhance your Lakeshore with Boulders!

Create a perfect retreat... add a Rain Garden,
Restore a Hillside & Enjoy your Spacious Decks!



Receive 5% off your
next project!
Estimates are Free!

Offering Complete Landscape & Irrigation Services!

Boulder & Block Retaining Walls

Paver Patios, Walkways & Driveways

Rain Gardens, Ponds & Waterfalls

Lakeshore Restoration—Erosion Control

Drainage Correction

Irrigation Installation & Maintenance

Fertilize & Weed Control Packages

Dethatch, Aerate & Over-Seeding Lawns

Holiday Lighting

Lawns Are Us

Call Morgan & Theresa Lloyd Today @

507-931-0901 or 952-492-3160

www.lawnsareus.com

The Lake Association thanks all of our advertisers for their support. We hope you will thank them as well.

Healthy Household Cleaners

- We come into contact with chemicals every day: at work and at home.
- According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), of the more than 75,000 registered chemicals, only a fraction have been tested for human health effects.
- Improper use and disposal of these chemicals can have a negative effect on our health and the water we rely upon for drinking, bathing, cleaning and recreation.
- In the United States, we generate 1.6 million tons of harmful household chemicals, known as household hazardous waste.
- The average home can accumulate as much as 300 pounds of household hazardous waste in the basement, garage, and in storage areas over time.

Here is a link to lots of information about healthy household cleaners:

<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/HazardousWaste/Residents/Documents/HealthyHouseholdGuide.pdf>

Questions? Contact Lauren at lklement@co.le-sueur.mn.us or by calling 507-357-8540.

To do list:

- Pay Lake Association dues.
- Clean up low water areas
- Check my boat and trailer for exotic species every time I launch.
- Encourage county commissioners to move up the County 104 project.
- Encourage the County to take over the storm siren maintenance and insurance as a matter of Public Safety.
- Check my own property for opportunities to prevent nutrient run-off into the lake.
- Send news and articles for future newsletters to Buster.

Boat Pass Cleanout

With cooperating weather, I am happy to report that the German/ East Jefferson and the West Jefferson/ Middle Jefferson boat pass channels were dredged out in December. Board member Steve Schulte worked with southern Minnesota DNR staff to procure the necessary permitting of the project.

An onsite inspection was first arranged to view the overall situation. This was held in November with DNR personnel and Steve, Arne Jensen and I representing the lake association board. At that time we deemed it not necessary to work on the East Jefferson/ Middle Jefferson boat pass since it appeared to be in good shape. All in attendance agreed that we should attempt to get the work done before freeze up and also to avoid potential high water issues in the Spring.

A normal DNR permit process takes approximately 30 days to get through the various channels. If the application would be accepted we anticipated dredging early to mid- December if the weather stayed mild. Upon receipt of the permit, Steve received proposals from local contractors to perform the work. At the December lakes association board meeting Hoehn Drainage and Excavating were selected to perform the necessary work.

The permit allowed removal of material approximately 2 feet below the lower part of each boat pass culvert and extended out into the main body of the lakes. During the dredging phase roughly 570 cubic yards of material was removed and transported off site from the 2 job locations. The inside of the German/ Jefferson culvert was fairly clean but the material inside the West Jeff/ Middle Jeff wood culvert was froze solid and could not be removed at this time. Upon ice out this coming Spring we will address removing the material from inside the culvert.

I hope everyone reading this report understands that this was not a small financial undertaking by the GJGLA. The work performed by Hoehn cost the association \$16,583.00. I would ask that if you are not a member of the GJGLA please join today. We need your support to continue with projects, such as this one, to improve our lakes. As always, I would like to thank members of the association for their continued support.

Scott Hass
GJGLA Chairman



Scheurer's Tree Service

- ~Tree Trimming
- ~Tree removal
- ~Stump grinding

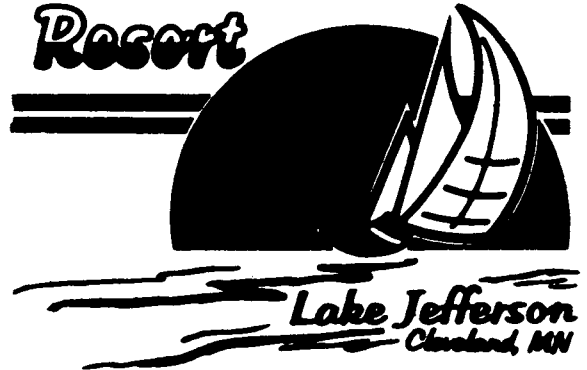
FREE ESTIMATES

Call Jeremy @
507-514-3710

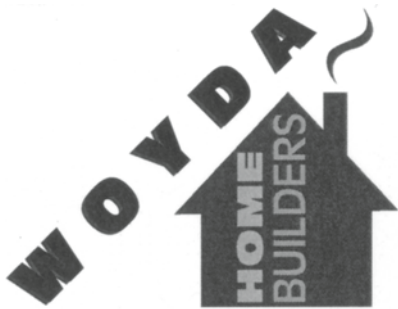
Commercial/Residential
Insured

Jeremy & Megan Scheurer

Summer Breeze Resort



**SEASONAL
CAMPSITES**
(507) 931-5992



Woyda hire anyone else?

Rick Woyda
Contractor

Custom Homes & Remodeling
Over 20 Years of Experience

(507) 381-9479

25067 French Drive
Cleveland, MN 56017

rick@woydahomebuilders.com

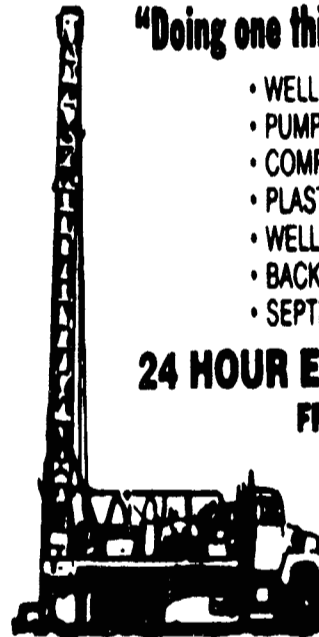
ST PETER WELL DRILLING

"Doing one thing well for over 60 years"

- WELL DRILLING
- PUMP REPAIRING
- COMPLETE WATER SYSTEMS
- PLASTIC OR STEEL CASING
- WELL ABANDONMENT
- BACKHOE SERVICE
- SEPTIC SYSTEMS



24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
FREE ESTIMATES



ST PETER 931-1340
MANKATO 388-8531
NEW ULM 354-8633

HWY 22 SOUTH · ST PETER

Weichert, Realtors®

Community Group

Dream Big. We Do.

www.WeichertCommunityGroup.com

507.345.1111

Meet Our Experienced Real Estate Team

Residential Agents



Christa Hartz



Dale Guggenberg



Chuck Jamerson



Marcel Black



Cynthia Hauptahl



Bob Hartley



Alicia Larson



Lynette Draheim



Nick Roman



Jackie Dawald



Gretchen Sadaka



Abbie Smith



Georgia Waska



Brittany Marder
Office Manager



Shawn H. Price



Jonathan Kietzer



Rich Draheim



Dan Hawkes

Commercial Agents



Please support our advertisers!

Want to let people on the Lakes know about your product or service?

Try an ad in this newsletter.

\$ 60.00 1/8 page \$100.00 1/4 page \$150.00 1/2 page \$250.00 full page
Yearly rates



Minnesota Business Center

Warren "Buster" West CLU® ChFC®

Carolyn Mager & Casey West

(800) 657-0146 (507)934-6050

www.MNBusinessCenter.net

Employee Benefits Financial Needs Analysis Retirement Planning

Insurance issued by Principal National Life Insurance Company (except in New York) Principal Life Insurance Company and other fine carriers. Securities and advisory products offered through Princor® Financial Services Corporation, 800/247-1737, member SIPC. Principal National, Principal Life, and Princor are members of the Principal Financial Group®, Des Moines IA 50392 Warren West and Casey West Principal National and Principal Life Financial Representatives, Princor Registered Representatives, Investment Adviser Representatives. Carolyn Mager, Princor Registered Representative, Investment Adviser Representative t11110203k3

Jefferson-German Lake Association Board Minutes

December 12, 2012

At the home of Buster West

Present: Scott Haas, Buster West, Arne Jessen, Larry Wasmund, Steve Schulte

Absent: Rick Conners, Bob Schuttloffel

The meeting was called to order by President Haas at 6:30 PM.

Minutes of the 11-5-2012 meeting were (copy attached) distributed by email, at the meeting, & **approved m/s/c.**

Treasurer's Report was distributed, (copy attached) discussed, and approved **m/s/c.**

Database – Copies of email with Wild Apricot re how to use the software more effectively were distributed and discussed. The Treasurer distributed a draft of a letter to the membership which was discussed and revised. It was **m/s/c** that the treasurer be authorized to send a Christmas Greeting letter to the membership reminding all to pay their 2012 and 2013 lake association dues.

Newsletter – The Newsletter is sent to 900 on the mailing list 4 times a year. Ways to cover the cost of the Newsletter were discussed in lieu of the fact that less than a third receiving the newsletter pay association dues. In addition to the Newsletter there are major costs i.e. sirens, website, and matching funds for grants to improve water management. Possible options discussed were: raising the cost of advertising in the Newsletter, reducing the number of persons receiving the Newsletter, raising dues for members.

Increase in Membership Dues – It was **m/s/c** to increase the basic annual membership dues from \$20 to \$25 beginning with the calendar year January – December, 2013.

COLA (Tri County Coalition of Lake Associations) - Copies of email correspondence and October minutes were distributed. There were no meetings in November or December. COLA normally meets 4 times a year. Scheduled meetings for 2013 are: February 7, April 11, June 13 and October 10.

Lake Water Management Plan – **m/s/c** that the January meeting be primarily devoted to a review, discussion and action needed to complete the plan, which will be presented by Arne and Scott.

Boat Passes - Steve Schulte distributed two bids from: 1. Thomas Hoehn, Drainage and Excavation, LLC; and 2. Holtmeier Construction, INC. These were discussed. It was **m/s/c** to accept the Holtmeyer proposal and authorized him to proceed as soon as possible.

Septic Survey - The results will be presented to the County Commissioners by Miller after January 1, 2013.

Zoning Meeting - The proposed zoning changes in Le Sueur County were not voted on at the County Commissioners' meeting, December 11, 2012. President Scott attended and spoke at the meeting.

Adjournment – **m/s/c** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Arne Jessen, Secretary

Big Birds - Sandhill Cranes

Sandie Gibbs

They're gone now. Headed south for the winter. I wonder, how many years Sandhill Cranes have included Lake Jefferson in their summer range? We first noticed them in 2008 and captured our first photos in 2009.

This summer, walking along County 105 that skirts the south edge of West Jeff, we spotted two large brown lumps in an adjacent bean field. Too big for rabbits. Not woodchucks. Maybe twin fawns? As we struggled to identify what we were seeing, we got close enough to recognize the stature of Sandhill Cranes. These are big birds – standing up to five feet tall.

Adults are dark gray with an unmistakable red crown and white cheek patch. Only later did I discover that the brown feathers indicated juveniles.

Adults are two to seven years old before breeding. Mated pairs nest in marshes or bogs, with the female usually laying two eggs. Both parents participate in the nest building, incubation, and care of their young.

We spot a pair consistently in late summer just before county 105 turns into 103 at Lake Washington. They are busy eating in an open field. We drive up as close as we can, parking on the road edge, rolling down the car windows to snap photos. They ignore traffic as it passes, not seeing it as a threat. This year the pair was joined by a large flock of geese almost every evening at dusk foraging on a newly mowed cover crop.

We've seen them along County 15 near Marysburg Church and one flew over the Sakatah Bike Trail while we biked near Elysian.

Cranes are among the oldest living birds and have left numerous fossil records according to Augubon.org. They have a very distinct call. Once you hear it, you'll easily recognize it again. To listen, go to

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Sandhill_Crane/sounds..

According to the DNR, there are two separate populations of the crane sub-species in Minnesota: The '*mid-content*' population winters along the coast of Texas and spends summers breeding in northern Minnesota. The '*eastern*' population winters in Florida and breeds in central and east-central Minnesota. You can draw a line separating the two populations starting at Red Wing, curving up through Hutchinson and Alexandria, ending at Fergus Falls.

Sandhill Crane Facts:

- Height 5 ft, weight 5-8 lbs.
- Wingspan nearly 7 feet
- Live to 20 years of age
- Adults mostly gray, red crown & white cheek
- Young mostly brown
- Mated pairs stay together year round
- Fly with legs and neck straight out
- Closely related to Whooping Cranes
- Eat frogs, snakes, small mammals & small grains
- Sharp beak used as weapon to spear food
- Common in Minn. in mid-1800s
- Only 10-25 nesting pair by 1940s
- Making a comeback since 1960s
- **Protected by Federal and State law**
- First legal hunt Sept 2012 in northern Minn.

Source: www.dnr.state.mn.us

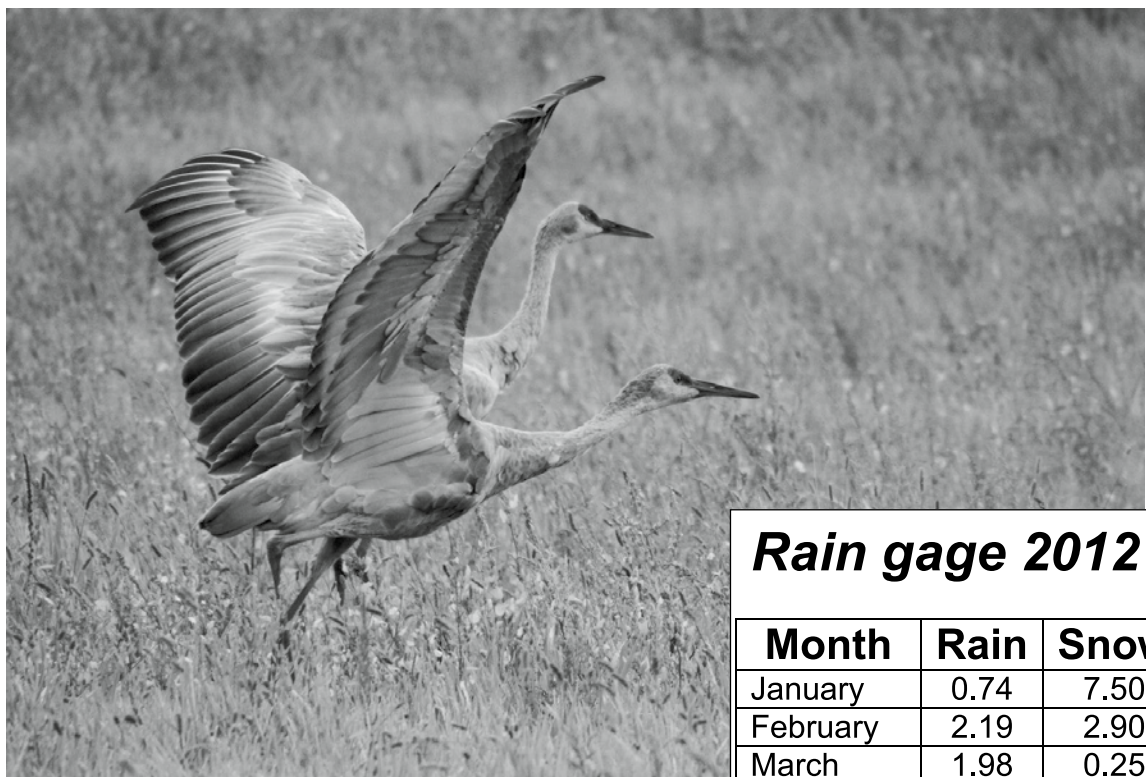
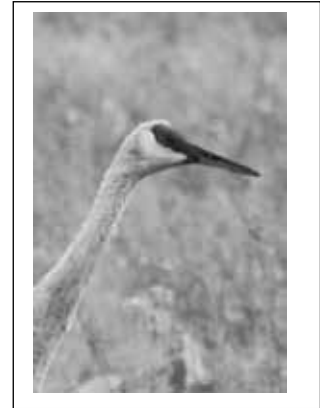


North of this line is wooded forest preferred by the mid-content cranes. South of the line is prairieland used by the eastern population.

Birds arrive late March to mid-April and leave between September and mid-November. They seek shallow wetland alongside open upland foraging areas. There is no firm count of the crane population in this state. The most we've seen together at one time is three along Lake Jefferson. We have never observed them in early spring. If they're along the lake, they are well hidden in marsh grass or cattails. All of our sightings have been in July to September.

The DNR announced the first legal crane hunt in September 2012, restricted to northern Minnesota where the crane population is more numerous.

It's on our bucket list to someday observe the annual spring migration in March, when approximately 500,000 birds stopover to fatten up along the Platte River in Nebraska before continuing as far north as Alaska and Siberia. Until then, we'll enjoy seeing the occasional Sandhill Crane right here in Le Sueur County.



Rain gage 2012

Month	Rain	Snow
January	0.74	7.50
February	2.19	2.90
March	1.98	0.25
April	3.06	0.00
May	7.90	0.00
June	2.04	0.00
July	1.52	0.00
August	1.33	0.00
September	0.60	0.00
October	1.22	0.00
November	0.69	0.25
December	1.64	11.95
Totals	24.91	22.85

This might be the best link to learning about lakes ever!

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?qid=6494>

STACKHOUSE
 QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP
REMODELING, LLC



Under Deck Ceiling—Enjoy every inch of space while staying dry!

Call Craig: 612-366-0136



SAFE STEPS TO YOUR LAKESHORE



Stonework, Tile & Cabinetry

Hiring a contractor is a huge decision—
 Hire one that you can trust!
 From start to finish I guarantee quality craftsmanship for every job I complete.



*This is my family!
 I look forward to meeting yours!*

Specializing In:
Lakeshore Steps & Decks
Under Deck Ceilings
Complete Remodels
Siding, Windows & Roofs
Kitchens—Bathrooms
Tile, Carpet & Wood Flooring
Wainscoting & Cabinets
New Construction Cabins

www.stackhouseremodeling.com

Annual Fall Meeting for Public Input on November 17, 2012

St. Paul's Lutheran Church on German Lake

County Elections:

President Hass introduced Commissioner Steve Rohlfling who now represents most of the lakes. He and former commissioner Cliff Wetzel had both represented the lakes, but were forced to run against each other due to re-districting.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance:

There was discussion concerning the upcoming meeting on the proposed zoning ordinance for the county. There was concern that the map was not yet available for the public to view. Much of the new ordinance is designed to clarify certain issues and to bring much of the language in line with state of Minnesota standards. Much of the controversy so far has concerned feedlot regulations. There are also proposed changes to the rules on building setback from bluffs.

One suggestion was to treat septic systems like a utility and make the location and status a matter of public record. Without that it would be difficult to determine where wells and other construction to be done.

Septic Survey:

The final report has not been received.

It was suggested that if you were found to be non-compliant (but not failing), you should wait to repair your system. We have five years to look at options for individual, group, or even sewer pipe solutions. See which turns out to be the most cost effective for your area.

Sirens:

Between electricity, new batteries, liability insurance, and the cost to convert to new frequencies, the Lake Association spent almost \$4,000 last year. Some members thought that since the system was built for visitors who were on the lake (it is not designed to be heard indoors), that the count and or townships should pay for this as "public safety". It would be for the same reason as the lights that the county is putting up at certain county road intersections (public safety).

Newsletters:

The cost of printing and mailing 1,000 newsletters now exceeds \$2,000 per issue. Advertisers now pay almost \$2,000 per year to advertise. The other \$6,000 must be covered by dues. So far we have about 200 paid members for 2012. 200 times \$20 comes to \$4,000. We can't keep paying for sirens and lose \$2,000 per year on the newsletter and do other projects (like cleaning boat passes). There were several suggestions for reducing the cost of the newsletters: Send postcards out and mail newsletters only to those who reply that they want a newsletter. Reduce the newsletters to 2 or 3 printed per year. Send newsletters only to paid members. Increase the price of advertising.

One issue is the purpose of the newsletter. Originally it was for information and education of all those who live in areas that affect the lake. Should we change it to be to inform only paid members? One person suggested that if non-members don't get the newsletter, it will be hard to convince them about the value of joining the association.

It was pointed out that there are a number of major issues coming up (Waste water board makeup, mandatory septic system testing, future wastewater solutions-individual, cluster, sewer pipe or a combination). Will we want to be informing all of the people in the watershed about the pros and cons of these issues?

Financial issues:

It was suggested that we bill for dues at least twice and not depend on people to send in because they saw the ad in the newsletter. We need to learn how to use the database on the website more effectively. Then we could mail to only those not getting the newsletter by email. We could bill only those who are unpaid. We could send newsletters to the correct address for snowbirds and not pay for so many returns. We could check into having advertisers pay for links from our website.

Volunteers:

We need to let people know which board members are in charge of which committees or issues. That will let people know who they should volunteer to.

Lake Management plan:

Scott and Arne are completing it. The plan not only provides a vision for the lake, but also is a requirement for many grants we might apply for in the future.

Le Sueur County Commissioners

District 1:

David Gliszinski
28481 141st Ave
New Prague, MN 56071
Phone: (952) 212-1953
Commissioner of: City of New Prague, City of Heidelberg, Lanesburgh Township

District 2:

Joe Connolly
36966 261st Ave.
Le Sueur, MN 56058
Phone: (507) 665-6150
Commissioner of: City of Montgomery, Montgomery Township, Sharon Township, Lexington Township, and Ottawa Township

District 3:

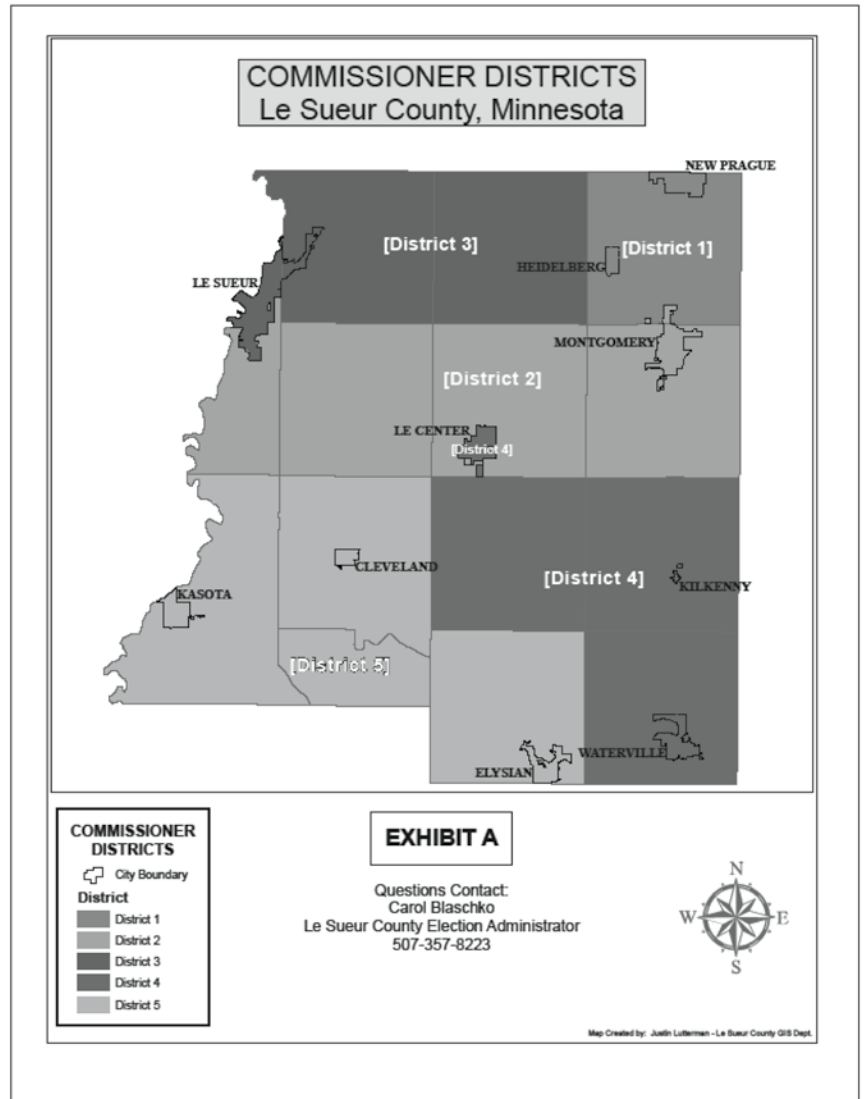
John King
403 Ferry St
Le Sueur, MN 56058
Phone: (507) 665-2256
Commissioner of: City of Le Sueur,
Derrynane Township and Tyrone
Township

District 4:

Lance Wetzel
295 Rolling Hills Drive South
Le Center, MN 56057
Phone: (507) 357-6621
Commissioner of: City of Le Center,
City of Waterville, City of Kilkenny,
Waterville Township, Kilkenny
Township and Cordova Township

District 5:

Steven J. Rohlfing
28020 Maple Lane
Madison Lake, MN 56063
Phone: (507) 317-5095
Commissioner of: City of Kasota, City
of Cleveland, City of Elysian, City of
Mankato, Elysian Township,
Washington Township, Kasota
Township and Cleveland Township



2013 Dues

Please join the other property owners who have committed to improving the lakes by joining the Lake Association.

Name _____

Address: _____

Email address _____

___ Annual Dues \$25

___ Guarantor \$50

___ Benefactor \$100

___ Corporate \$1,000

___ Extra for Siren Fund \$20

Total \$ _____

Please send this page and your check to:

Larry Wasmund (treasurer)
28275 464th St.
Cleveland MN 56017

Make checks payable to:

Greater Jefferson German Lakes Association

Or to:

GJGLA

You may also register online at:

<http://jgla.org>

You may use your credit card to pay online.

Board of Directors 2012-13

Term expires 2014

Scott Hass (President)

Storm Sirens, Lake Management Plan, Sportsmen Club
3565 E. 260th St
Webster MN 55088
952-461-6330
scott.hass@hickorytech.net

Buster West (Vice President)

Newsletter, Website content
46451 Evergreen Lane
Cleveland, MN 56017 507-934-4251
buster@hickorytech.net

Arne Jessen (Secretary)

COLA representative, Lake Management Plan
46256 Beaver Dam Road
Cleveland MN 56017 507-931-6408
arnemeryl@yahoo.com

Term expires 2013

Bud Warmka

28246 Cedar Trail
Cleveland MN 56017 507-931-0995
bwarmka@mediacombb.net

Steve Schulte

Summer Fishing Contest
47826 Outback Lane
Elysian, MN 56028 507-931-6306
scubaschulte@hotmail.com

Rick Connors

Nutrient runoff from farms, summer fishing contest
46463 Cape Horn Road
Cleveland MN 56017 507-380-9962

Larry Wasmund (Treasurer)

Sewer Board, Septic Inventory, Roads and bridges
28275 464th Street
Cleveland MN 56017 507-469-0205
imlakingit@myclearwave.net

Bob Schuttloffel

46942 Glens Beach Road
Waterville MN 56096 507-362-4917
bobandee@frontiernet.com

Greater Jefferson German Lakes Ass'n
315 South Minnesota Avenue
Attn: Buster West
St. Peter MN 56082

Return Service Requested

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage Paid
Mankato, MN
Permit no. 66



Website: <http://jgla.org>

email: lakeassociation@hickorytech.net

Mission Statement

The mission and purpose of the Association is to:

- Promote and coordinate water management, water quality, and water control in the Jefferson German lakes water basin.
- Further communication between members of the Association and other parties interested in the Jefferson German lakes water basin.
- And do all other things of common interest and benefit with regard to water management, water quality, and water control regarding the Jefferson German lakes water basin.