



ShoreLines

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A Closer Look at One of Our Fine Feathered Friends

by Gary Storandt, LLIA Secretary

In the 1800s, sandhill cranes were in trouble. Less than a century ago, it was rare to see one in Wisconsin. The land they lived on was destroyed by speculators and they were hunted to near extinction. Today, thanks to conservation efforts, the sandhill is abundant in our area. It's a tall grey stork-like bird with a huge wingspan of 6 to 7 feet and a loud, bugling call that is not easily ignored—even from long distances away. Though tall, they weigh only 8 to 11 pounds.

Sandhills are one of just two crane species found in North America. The other is the whooping crane, an endangered species which has recently been reintroduced to Wisconsin.

Not to be confused with the similarly-colored Great Blue Heron, you'll know a flying sandhill by its outstretched neck and the downward flap of the wings which is followed by a quick upstroke. Sandhill cranes are on the move in fall and spring when they migrate to and from Florida where they spend the winter months and return in March...just like a lot of Lauderdale folks.

The Cranes select a mate when they are about 4-years old and live as many as 25 to 30 years with the same partner.



The dance of the sandhill crane. Photo by Ken Klancnik

Young birds that have outgrown their parents, hang out together in groups of 20 or so, called a "bachelor flock." When sandhills are ready to mate, they have a unique courtship ritual, dancing and frolicking like puppets on strings. They alternately bow and leap into the air with wings outstretched as they circle each other. And they're not quiet about it. Sometimes they can be heard up to 2 miles away.

The cranes are still protected but have become so abundant that Wisconsin legislators are considering opening a hunting season. Though several states do allow hunting sandhills, the issue is highly controversial. However, as an aside, the Sandhill Crane is often called the "ribeye of the sky" by hunters and is considered a delicious game meat. But, for now, just enjoy watching these beautiful creatures.

At a glance...

- **The 2023 Hardwater Heroes Ice Fishing Event** will be held on January 28, 2023 to help support veterans and first responders.
- **The Annual Fishapalooza Ice Fishing Derby** will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Specifics will be posted on our website at LLIA.org.
- If you've never visited the **Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce**, give it a shot. You'll get helpful advice on the oodles of things to see and do throughout our area and region.
- Check out the winter schedule of the **Lakeland Players**, Walworth County's oldest community theater. Go to Lakeland-Players.org.

The LLIA is an All-Volunteer organization devoted to monitoring water quality, promoting water safety, preserving the lakes' natural habitat, creating a superbly stocked fishery, and keeping lake area homeowners up-to-the-minute on what's happening around the area. For more information, visit LLIA.org.

LLIA Special Reports

Deakin Island Bridge: An Engineering Feat

by Don Henderson, LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair



...and so it begins, replacement of the bridge that has served our community since 1915.

and new construction. This temporary roadway was built by driving sheet pile alongside the bridge and then filling with 250 cubic yards of crushed limestone. Once the new bridge is completed this temporary roadway will be completely removed.

A pedestrian/golf cart access walkway was also built on the Green lake side of the bridge



A view of the construction site from Middle Lake.

to allow those living on Deakin Isle to reach their homes during construction.

The 100-year-old bridge connecting Deakin Island to Lauderdale Drive is in the process of being completely replaced this fall. Construction began in early October and the new bridge will be in use in December this year. The new one lane bridge of reinforced concrete construction was designed by WisDOT and is being built under the management of Lynch & Associates - Engineering Consultants, a Wisconsin Company.

As this is a one lane bridge, a temporary gravel roadway was constructed on the Middle Lake side next to the existing bridge. This allowed the excavators and crane to move material during demolition



On the right is the pedestrian/golf cart access walkway for Island residents to use during construction.

The Lynch & Associates Managing Civil Engineer, Dave Vivian, has provided excellent communication with the affected residents by sending an email work schedule each week to Lauderdale Drive and Island homeowners. The new bridge will be available for use in December with gravel approaches on each side that will be paved with asphalt in late Spring 2023.



On the right is the temporary gravel roadway for construction equipment to use.



Construction of the new bridge structure underway. All photos this page by Patty Hargrave

Water and Ice Quality Update

by Mark Curcio, LLIA Water Quality Committee Chair

The water testing season was closed out in September. The water clarity for Middle and Mill Lakes was slightly higher than average. Green Lake had a robust algae bloom through much of late spring and early summer and the water clarity numbers were slightly lower than in prior years. Phosphorus levels were also average or slightly lower than average (lower phosphorus levels are good). All three lakes recovered very well from the heavy summer boat traffic.

The next phase of our water quality activities will be reporting the ICE-ON and ICE-OFF dates for the 2022-2023 winter. Typically, Middle and Mill Lakes fully freeze over on the same day with Green Lake freezing over 5-7 days later. ICE-ON is defined as continuous ice, shore to shore, across the deepest point in the lake.

With ice activities within sight, an ice safety refresher course is in order. With so many springs and an active current below the ice, it's easy to forget that not all areas of the ice are safe for foot traffic and winter activities. **REMEMBER - ICE IS NEVER 100% SAFE!!**



Always be cautious on the ice. For further important safety tips, see the Special Report in Fall/Winter 2019 ShoreLines which can be found on our web site, LLIA.org.

New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Four inches of clear, newly-formed ice may support one person on foot, while 6 to 8 inches of old, partially-thawed ice may not.

Ice seldom freezes uniformly. It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two thick just a few feet away.

Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous. This is especially true near springs, streams, bridges and culverts.

The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near

shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

Booming and cracking ice isn't necessarily dangerous. It only means that the ice is expanding and contracting as the temperature changes.

Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can also adversely affect the relative safety of ice.

In closing, on behalf of the LLIA, I wish to thank Dave DeAngelis for all of his hard work and dedication as Chairman of the Water Quality Committee. His knowledge and expertise of the lakes is truly amazing. We wish him continued success in his endeavors.

GREAT NEWS FROM THE HEALTHY LAKES COMMITTEE

By LLIA Healthy Lakes Committee

We are excited to announce that grant applications have been submitted on behalf of two Lauderdale Lakes shoreland property owners to the Wisconsin Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grant Program. Both projects are on Middle Lake: the common pier area for Cool Hill Park in Bubbling Springs is planning to put in two native shoreline planting areas and LL53 is planning a rain garden, water diversion, a rock infiltration area, and a native shoreline planting area.

These are pilot projects for the new LLIA Healthy Lakes Committee. Work is planned for 2023 with a full roll-out of the program to all shoreland property owners after that. Recall, this program provides grants to property owners up to \$1,000 for each of five simple and inexpensive best practices to improve habitats and water quality. Visit <https://healthylakeswi.com> for more information or email LLIAHealthyLakes@gmail.com with questions.

Corky's Corner

The Fish Program Is Jumpin'

By Jim "Corky" Corcoran, LLIA Fish Committee Chair

Here it is, the first accumulating snow of the year, and I am writing to you about the activities of the Fish Committee this past fall. I would rather be out in the boat right now than shoveling snow! We had a very productive year and were able to place

much lower had we not stocked a larger size. The larger fish are more costly but are a better bang for our buck. I caught several Smallies this past season that had to either be survivors of last year's stocking class or were naturally spawned

from Lauderdale based on their size. Either way, that is encouraging news. Our stocking efforts are paying off and I hope to see a flourishing Perch fishery, both open water and through the ice. I do believe we are beginning to see the fruits of our labor with the Small Mouth and imagine more people will see them in their catch next season. This past spring I saw several on the beds spawning and I caught several nice sized ones. They relate to specific rocky habitat, mostly in Green lake, so they are a bit more difficult to target, but if you know where to find them they are more than willing to bite usually. They are very competitive fish, both with their own and with Large Mouth Bass which are more abundant in our lakes. That makes them easier to catch if you can find them. And they fight really hard!

The early cold spell gives me hope that we will have an early ice lock-up and I am looking forward to this ice fishing season. It may be the last full winter I spend up



What happens after the cribs are built? Getting them in the water is also a big task! Special thanks to The Boat House!

three cribs in Green Lake, for a grand total of 40 cribs now in Lauderdale Lakes! I would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted in the building and placement of the cribs and ask that you please consider helping us with this endeavor next spring.

We were able to stock Small Mouth Bass and Perch again this fall, approximately 3500 and 1500 respectively. I would like to thank Deetz and JJ Jilek for helping on stocking day. The Smallies were approximately 7 inches and the Perch about the same, which is a big Perch to stock. The Perch survival rate would be



Fish Stocking day



"Lookin Good!" as the fish get a seal of approval from our local expert.

north so I will get in as much ice time as possible! With that said, I am beginning the planning of Fishapalooza 2023, which will be held Saturday, February 11th, at the Lauderdale Landing. We could use all the help we can get in terms of both volunteer efforts the day of the event and donations for gift baskets and gift cards/certificates for raffle prizes. Cash donations, gift cards/certificates, and themed baskets will be welcomed, please drop off all donations to the Lauderdale Landing care of Corky or the Fish Committee and they will be in good hands! We would not be able to host this event without the help of community donations, and all proceeds go to the LLIA Fish Committee for habitat restoration and fish stocking efforts.

We are also in need of volunteers on the day of the event in many capacities, please see me or email me via the LLIA website for more information regarding volunteer opportunities. More information regarding the event can be found on the LLIA website and/or flyers at various

businesses throughout the community. The ice fishing derby will be a 100% payout for two categories, kids 16 and under and adults. Registration will take place the evening before the event from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the Lauderdale Landing and again the morning of the event beginning at 5:30am. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest Bass, Pike, and Walleye in each division. There will be an after party including a meat raffle, basket raffles, and a grand prize raffle. Tickets

will be available throughout the day of the event. Please come out and enjoy a day of ice fishing or come to the party and support the efforts of the Fish Committee in making Lauderdale Lakes a great place to fish!

Thanks, and good luck with your ice fishing season!

And remember, don't forget to take a kid fishing!

HELP TRACK OUR FISHERY

The Fish Committee continues to invite all fishermen and fisherwomen to capture species, size, and location of fish caught on Lauderdale Lakes. This information will be invaluable for planning our fish-stocking activities. Please enter your catch on the simple form at <https://www.llia.org/fish-psd-survey>.



History Column

On the Scene: Dining Out Near Lauderdale in the Mid-Century

By Kathryn Ingle Calkins, LLIA History Chair

Lauderdale residents in the 20th Century could boat to a few destinations such as the Sterlingworth Hotel on Mill Lake or Riolo's (now Lauderdale Landing) on Middle for a drink and a meal. But by the middle of the century—and in some cases earlier—Lauderdale summer residents often took advantage of a burgeoning restaurant scene that sprang up along Highway 12 and the county trunks.

Among these were some supper clubs, the Crossroads, the White Horse and—farther afield—the Duck Inn. Other names included the Sugar Creek Inn and Salvo's along with the Frontier Dining Room at Delevan's Lake Lawn Lodge. Below are some snippets of history about some of these restaurants. Hopefully, readers will have more memories they can share, and we can dive into more particulars about certain establishments in future columns.

By the 1950s, the Sterlingworth and Crossroads Supper Club—at the intersection of Highway 12 with County trunk ES—were under the same ownership. The May 2007 *ShoreLines* column reports that Dan Seymour and Ed Barta had gone into partnership and bought both the restaurant and the hotel, which were popular dining destinations for lakes residents. Long time Lauderdale resident Carol

Petersen remembered the Crossroads as a very good steakhouse. Barta eventually took over the Crossroads, with Seymour managing the Sterlingworth, and Barta sold the Crossroads in 1979. Today, C&J's Crossroads Bar & Grill operates in the same location.

The White Horse Inn was a destination for anyone traveling between Chicago and Madison, remembered Carolyn Ingle Johnson, who has spent summers at Lauderdale her whole life, traveling up from Evansville, Indiana as a child and later from Chicago. She remembered the White Horse as a very elegant restaurant with stained glass windows, wonderful decor and the iconic white metal horse standing out front. The Walworth County

Historical Society in Elkhorn has a window from the White Horse in its collection. Johnson recalled that her parents-in-law, who had both attended the University of Wisconsin, would always stop at the White Horse when traveling up from Chicago to Madison for Badger football games.

Jerry Petersen, who is also a life-long summer and permanent resident, noted that the lower level of the White Horse was conceived as a German Rathskellar kept for private parties. In the 1940s and 50s Petersen's father would host his friends for several days of golfing in the area. He would reserve the Rathskellar for an evening celebration. Another longtime resident, Loretta Auchinleck, recalled that at one point the metal horse was



The Whitehorse Inn Supper Club

stolen from in front of the restaurant, and Carol Petersen agreed, adding that it was later found in a barn. The White Horse eventually burned down.

The Crossroads and White Horse were supper clubs, a Wisconsin tradition that grew out of Prohibition. The Duck Inn, Delavan, another destination near Lauderdale that remains an active supper club, has a good description on its website. A “speak easy” that served alcohol illicitly during Prohibition, the Duck Inn was allowed to continue operation with a liquor license after Prohibition ended mainly because it was outside the city limits, a desirable trait. However, such businesses were required to serve food under the post-prohibition rules. They began specializing in dinners, and the supper club was born. Supper clubs became known for specialty cocktails like the Old Fashioned, relish trays provided on the table and other traits. The Duck Inn is a classic example, and—as may be guessed—specializes in duck entrees to this day. Johnson recalled eating there with her grandparents, probably in the 1940s and 50s.

Johnson and another long-time Lauderdale resident, Iligene Anderson, recalled that Lauderdale folk sometimes visited other Delavan establishments, including Lake Lawn Lodge and the Roller Rink. The Roller Rink on Delavan Drive was built in 1931 and called the Pastime Roller Rink. It is a large building with an arched roof that looks a bit like a quonset hut. Johnson remembered her father telling her that he used to bring dates there in the early 30s. It remains in operation.

Anderson noted that the restaurant at Lake Lawn was called the Frontier Dining Room. Her husband, Stu Anderson and his sister, Polly, both worked at the Frontier in the summers, and Johnson remembered eating there and seeing them. Anderson said that Polly and Stu were required to dress as “Indians” for work, Stu wearing a full feathered headdress, since he was maitre’d. Lake Lawn Lodge, as its website attests, is situated on land formerly occupied both by Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi tribes. A number of effigy

work for a few hours for tips.” Lake Lawn rented out cottages at that time, often to college students, who frequented the dance hall. Carol Petersen said that Lake Lawn had its own band, led by the Petersens’ neighbor on Lauderdale, Bud Wilbur. This band played on several evenings during the week. On Saturdays, Lake Lawn hosted a guest band. Jerry Petersen remembered that single dance tickets paid for three dances. The girls would file into the U-shaped dance hall and sit on one side of the band, while



Carol and Jerry Petersen with their friend Georgie Ann Geyer at an anniversary party, the White Horse Inn, 1992.

mounds on Lake Lawn’s property are visible dating back to between 700 and 1100 A.D. The History Column is confident that the resort’s owners no longer consider the costumes appropriate.

Lake Lawn had another eatery on its grounds, a clubhouse and dance hall. Jerry Petersen worked as a waiter there with a friend when he was in high school. He liked the job, he said, because he “could be boating all day on Lauderdale, then go over there in the evenings and

the boys remained on the other. Then the boys would head over to see which girls they could ask to dance. “By the third set, everyone would have their dates for the evening.”

Thus, the mid-century summer social scene begins to take shape. More to come on this topic. Keep the remembrances rolling in.

Member's Post

A Big Welcome To New LLIA Members!

Welcome to all new members of the LLIA. We now have a record membership of 712. Plus, a special thanks to all of you who generously donated to our Fish Committee and Lake Preservation funds—over and above your annual dues. And a special, special thanks to all the volunteers who help keep the LLIA moving forward...and to the LLIA Directors who keep our district neighbors informed of just what's going on around Lauderdale Lakes.

Meanwhile, have a safe and healthy winter.

Rich Siok, LLIA President



"Who are you looking at?" Photo by Laure Beisswanger

All LLIA members are invited to contribute to the MEMBER'S POST. Maybe you have a favorite recipe to share...or a great photo capturing the alluring beauty of our lakes...or maybe you'd like to pass along a thought, suggestion or reflection about life on Lauderdale Lakes. If you have a message to share (in 75 words or less, please) email us at LakeViews@LLIA.org. And please specify if you would like to remain anonymous.



One last shot of July 4th, with a host of boats awaiting the fireworks on Don Jean Bay. Photo by Holden Bixler

A FEW MORE QUOTES COLLECTED BY THE SHORELINES STAFF

Please send your own favorites to LakeViews@LLIA.org

- Worrying won't stop the bad from happening, it just stops you from enjoying the good.
- A friend is someone who says nice things about you, even when you're not around.
- Don't believe everything you think.
- When in doubt, look intelligent.
- Live as if you are living a second time, and as though you had acted wrongly the first time.



Lauderdale Lakes and a wonderful sunset shared with friends. Photo by Holden Bixler



Sharing a snack.



Winter is coming, time to go!



Moon



Monarch Butterfly



Watchful eye of a hawk.



Buejay



Dew

Photos this page by Ken Klancnik

Lake House Fixin's

Lala's Delicious & Easy Apple Cake

Submitted by: Nila Siok

Total Time:

Prep: 25 min. Bake: 35 min. + cooling

Yield: 20 servings

Ingredients:

- 1-3/4 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose baking flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups finely chopped peeled tart apples
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- 1-1/4 cups whipped topping

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, beat the sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla until well blended. Combine the flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and baking soda; gradually beat into mixture until blended. Fold in apples and walnuts. Transfer to a greased 13x9 in. baking dish. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 35-45 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Serve with whipped topping.

Other Lake Organizations

Another Great Season for The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club

by JJ Jilek, LLYC Commodore

This season we increased membership to over 225. This was a 25% increase over 2021. This is fantastic! We are getting more members to join and get involved in our programs. Our theme was to “Bring the Lake Together” and we did it!

Everyone had a lot of fun last summer and we had opportunities to donate money to: Elkhorn Animal Shelter, LL Fire Department, and the LLIA Fish Committee.

We introduced a new event, our first Venetian Night, which turned out to be a great success. We had 25 boats in the parade and many people on the shore decorated their piers and cheered us on as we passed. We will do it again next year on August 5, 2023. Mark your

calendars and get ready to decorate a boat or your pier.

Our annual RibFest is part of an incredible day on the lake, starting with the LLIA Kids’ Fish Jamboree and Corky’s School of Fish in the morning followed by the RibFest in the afternoon and then a party at the Landing that evening where all are invited. It’s a great day for everyone on the lake. We are putting a new slant on the RibFest for 2023. It will be a BBQ Fest to be held on Saturday, July 15th, 2023. The docks will be permitted to cook the BBQ meat of their choice. This will give your palette a little variety. If you are interested in cooking, contact JJ Jilek at jjileksr@gmail.com.

We will be working on our barge this winter, which will be used for the 4th of July fireworks, and special events, i.e., movie night on the lake, concerts on the lake, etc. We will keep you posted on our progress and any events which will use this barge.

The fireworks have been ordered for next year, which will be on Saturday July 1st. We will be counting on your generous support to keep this great tradition going. Without you, we cannot host this incredible event.

Our complete list of events are on our web site, llyclub.com. Look for your Flag Hoist letter and application in your mail this spring.

We wish you all a safe and happy winter, and we’ll see you in the spring.

Season’s Best Wishes From The Lauderdale Lakes Sailing Club

by Ben Johnson, LLSC Commodore

We had a terrific season, highlighted by truly spectacular weather. Meanwhile, the Sailing Club wishes all a wonderful holiday and winter season! We look forward to next spring and the launch of our 56th season.

Why not consider joining us? You’ll learn to sail...and race. Sailing is the perfect sport for young and not-as-young!

Feel free to contact me at 22.johnson.22@gmail.com.



Bits & Pieces From The Town of LaGrange

By Don Henderson, LLIA Planning & Zoning Chair

Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Department

The Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department members extend their appreciation for your support of their fund-raising activities this year. Through your financial support they are keeping their equipment and training facilities in good condition. This allows the fire fighters and EMS to safely support our community emergency needs.

As you decorate your home, be careful to keep decorations well away from

hot lights, stoves, fireplaces, and candles. Also, be sure you extinguish candles when you are not in the same room, as you may forget they are lit and as they burn down cause a fire to be started.

Town Board Election

The Town of LaGrange 2023 spring election will elect the second, third and fourth side supervisors. Candidates for these offices must file nomination papers with the Town Clerk by January 4, 2023.

Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District: Keeping You In-The-Know

by Dean Bostrom, LLLMD Chairman

Golf course clubhouse proposed new construction update

At the September 4, 2022 Lake District annual meeting, Municipal Land Planning Committee chairman Jack Sorenson presented an overview of the new proposed clubhouse concept plan and responded to a number of questions from lake residents in attendance at the meeting.

The tentative schedule of key dates below has been established to help ensure that the proposed new clubhouse project stays on schedule to open in late spring of 2025:

Early winter of 2022/2023 - Committee interviews qualified architecture firms to prepare recommendations to present to the Lake District Board.

January/February 2023 - Lake District Board approves contract to retain the services of an architect firm to design a new clubhouse and establish a project construction budget.

Spring 2023 - Architect designs preliminary building specifications and construction budget estimates.

Spring 2023 - Committee starts fund raising activities.

Summer 2023 - Lake District Board approves building design specifications and construction budget estimate.

Late summer 2023 - District Dialogue sent to all lake district residents with proposed new clubhouse design and financial/tax impact of new clubhouse.

September 2, 2023 - Lake District annual meeting - Present new proposed building plan, budget and financial/tax impact to all lake district residents. Referendum vote held on approval of funding required to construct a new clubhouse.

Fall/Winter 2023/2024 - If referendum is approved, the architect proceeds with designing a new clubhouse.

Spring/Summer 2024 - Lake District Board awards bids for construction of new clubhouse.

Late Spring 2025 - Soft opening of new clubhouse followed by grand opening of new clubhouse in early summer of 2025.

Golf Course Update

Lauderdale Lakes Country Club had another successful year as the total number of rounds were up 662 rounds from 2021. Financially, the golf course operations were once again self-sustaining. Two 2017 used pieces of equipment were purchased to enable course Superintendent Mark "Sparky" Lockhart to continue to maintain and improve the playing conditions of the golf course.

Water Safety Patrol

Water Safety Patrol encounters in 2022 were very similar to previous years. Below is a breakdown of activity as of October 31, 2022.

- 411 contacts
- 80 citations
- 18 written warnings
- 130 safety checks
- 1 search and rescue
- 30 persons assisted
- 19 vessels assisted
- 6 OWI arrests

The number one violation type that we saw on the water is breaking the navigation rules. This includes being too close to shore, too close to another boat, or generally not following traffic rules.

Please review the safe boating rules prior to heading out on the water next spring.

Body cameras for the officers were approved by the Lake District Board in spring 2022 to allow all encounters with the Water Safety Patrol to be recorded. We feel that this will reduce discrepancies or concerns about how a situation was handled. We trust that this will help in keeping our lakes safe. The Body Camera Policy is available on the website.

Watershed Plan

In an effort to begin implementation of the watershed plan recommendations, we have had preliminary conversations with the Towns of Sugar Creek and LaGrange. We have expressed our interest in working with them on any road projects around the lakes where we could include water quality practices. We will also continue to review areas for potential improvements as they become available. Fortunately, we do not have any areas of significant concern. We will continue to look at the recommendations for improvements to see how items can be implemented. Please review the plan on the website (under the "Documents" section) and feel free to contact Jim Kroeplin with any questions.

Don Jean Bay Shoreline Restoration

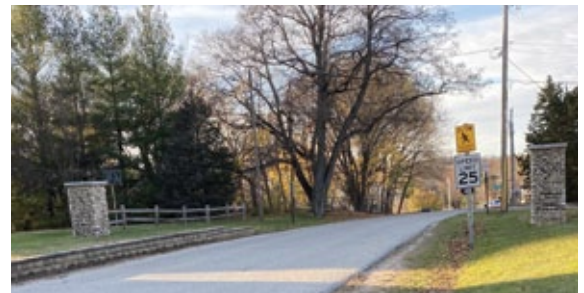
The two shoreline restoration projects are complete. Final documentation and grant reimbursement forms have been submitted to the DNR for their review and closure of the grants. We will continue to monitor the growth of the vegetation and control any invasive plants in that area.

Dam

The dam continues to operate as designed. The new improvements are functioning well and provide a much safer structure. Our water levels continue to be a little lower than previous years, due to a lack of rain, but are still controlled effectively by the dam. We continue to work with the DNR to maintain the dam and adhere to their requirements for inspections. A bi-annual inspection will be completed by our consultant sometime spring or early summer 2023. Feel free to stop by the dam to see how our lake levels are controlled.

Weed Harvesting

Both the new and old harvesters have been winterized and will be reactivated in May for June harvesting to begin. In 2022, 356 loads of plant material were removed, substantially more than previous years. Mike Bromeland has retired after 22 years in the harvesting program; many of those years he was the crew chief. Thank you, Mike, for your many years of dedicated service. We will be adding some new personnel to optimize the harvester time on the lake. In the future, we will be shopping for a quality used truck to replace our aging 2000 Dodge; a diesel engine is now recommended to handle our heavier loads.



Sterlingworth Drive Pillars

The two Wisconsin field stone pillars at the 12/67 and Sterlingworth Drive entrance adjoining the Community Center have existed for many decades and are quite stately in their flanking positions on one of the main entrances to our community. Amazingly, without concrete caps to prevent freeze thaw deterioration, they are in generally good condition. To preserve these pillars, concrete caps have been installed and repairs done to the field stone and mortar joints. To assist those who have lost their way, maybe in the future, plaques could be affixed that say "Lauderdale Lakes".



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Photo by Laura Allen