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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Lauderdale Neighbors;

Hope you have been able to dig out from the snowy winter we have experienced so far. Do you want to bet we will have snow on the ground for Easter and the lake will lose its ice the earliest in years and we will be taking our first ice off water sample without coats on and wearing sunscreen? This is the type of winter we have had; 50's and 70's one minute and lots of snow and below zero the next.

This is our membership issue. Rick has written a wonderful article. Please take a look at it and clip out the membership form, fill it in, make out the check for \$35.00 and mail it in before you forget and miss the May Shorelines issue. Matter of fact, why don't you have your children as members. This way they will get the Shorelines and will be able to keep up with what is going on at your lake.

Talking about membership, please mark on your calendar the date of **June 14th**. This is when we will have our annual membership meeting at Lutherdale Bible Camp. We are planning to have a "Free Breakfast Social" before the meeting, followed by a very short meeting, then a wonderful program hosted by the Kettle Moraine Land Trust. For further details look at the article by Jerry Petersen on page 6.

I think this is the biggest Shorelines we have ever published thanks to the wonderful articles supplied by a great Shorelines Team.

This is an election year and there is an important election for our community representative to the Walworth County Board. Read the article on the three

candidates and please vote in the Primary on February 19th and General Election on April 1st.

A great deal of Lauderdale community topics are supplied by Don Henderson. Read the "Area Topics". We have two and one half pages of topics. Where else can you get so much concise information on what is happening on Lauderdale?

Yes, we are continuing to take readings of our lake water quality, thanks to the help of Pete Spaulding and his team. Take a

Key dates to remember:
JUNE 14TH MEMBERSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
and
JULY 19TH CHILDREN'S FISH JAMBOREE

look at Pete's report.

Hey, you avid skiers. Your time has come. There is a great article on the History of the Ski Team 1953- 1959 thanks to the efforts of Kathryn Calkins, who has a ski team family history, and to the memory of Justin Jankowski. Look at those ski bodies!

Take a look at the Fish Committee Report and see what our fish stocking plans are. Mark your calendars for the Children's Fish Jamboree, **July 19th**.

We have a great article on page 9, from Audrey Green on "Aquatic Invasive Species Control & Prevention". Our lake is part of our heritage and we do have a responsibility to protect it for future generations. Please see what we can do and must do.

The Lake Management District just received the engineering report on the status of the lake culverts. In March, a recommendation is anticipated.

The Lake Management District is planning

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on sending out a news letter in late February or early March. In the newsletter will be a survey form asking you for your opinion on having a couple of "Slow No Wake" days on Lauderdale. Please respond to the survey whether you are for or against the idea.

We have had a great response with the sale of Lauderdale Vintage Signs. Thanks to all who have purchased one for themselves or a gift for a friend or love one. Thanks also to Jane Larsen for all her help in administering this program. If you are interested in purchasing a sign, you can contact Jane at Lauderdale910@aol.com.

Also, please remember to refer to your Directory when you have a needed project or service and support our Directory advertisers.

Have a great spring. I am looking forward to meeting our members at the annual meeting and some nice warm boating weather.

Bud Vance

**WALWORTH COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTION**

The Walworth County Board of Supervisors will have eleven Supervisors after the April, 2008 election. An election referendum in 2007 mandated the number of Supervisory Districts be reduced from 25 to 11. The spring 2008 election will determine who will be the eleven supervisors to represent the newly established geographic districts.

The Town of LaGrange is now part of District 3. This District includes all of the Town of LaGrange, approximately 70 percent of The Town of Sugar Creek, about 55 percent of The Town of Whitewater and a small part of the City of Whitewater. The Redistricting Plan for Walworth County was prepared by SEWRPAC and approved by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors in the fall of 2007. Population density was a key factor in determining the new Districts. This creates significant geographic difference in area covered, but gives each District supervisor a similar number of constituents.

District 3 has three candidates for the Walworth County Board of Supervisors. This will require both a Primary Election on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 and a General Election on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Candidates are: Mark Bromley, W 5838 Greening Road, Whitewater, WI; Ann Lohrmann N7816 Westshore Drive, Elkhorn, WI; and Craig Stauffer, 437 S. Whiton Street, Whitewater, WI. See the adjacent articles about each candidate. The Primary Election will reduce the number of candidates from three to two for the General Election.

Town Residents are encouraged to mark the election on their calendars now, and be sure and visit the Town Hall to vote on Tuesday, February 19 in the Primary Election and Tuesday, April 1 in the General Election.

Voters registered in the Town of LaGrange may vote by absentee ballot if they are unable to vote at the Town Hall on Election Day. Write a letter of request to Town Clerk, Crystal Hoffmann, PO Box 359, Whitewater, WI 53190. Your written letter must have the name and address of voter, where the absentee ballot is to be sent, and the printed name and signature of voter. Your absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

Mark Bromley

The Walworth County Board needs new members to meet the challenges facing the County. The old conflicts dividing the present Board should be left in the past. I will work to end the anger and bitterness that now divides the supervisors.

I favor a balanced approach to development, respecting both property owners' rights and the need to preserve farms and open land. Walworth County's Prime Agricultural Land must be preserved. Development should be concentrated where municipal services are available.

I advocate adequate funding of the County's services to the elderly, poor and disabled, because I believe that our society should be judged by the way it treats its poorest citizens. Our county must honor our responsibility to our neediest citizens, while responsibly managing government business. I will help the county keep costs under control, while providing the services our local citizens need.

I oppose efforts to sell County assets at bargain prices as was supported by the incumbent District Supervisor in relation to selling land at less than half of real value to a private developer.

Growing up on the family dairy farm with in the Town of LaGrange, I learned the value of rural life. Following University of Wisconsin Law School, I have practiced law for 30 years in this State. My wife and I have three grown children. My past experience as Chair, Town of Ellenboro in Grant County, Supervisor, Town of LaGrange and Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission provide excellent background for County Supervisor. In addition I currently serve as a Member of the Walworth County Smart Growth Technical Advisory Committee.

I ask for your vote and look forward to serving you as District 3 Supervisor.

Ann Lohrmann

I am very happy to have been able to serve you the wonderful people of Walworth County. I would like to continue the work I have been doing to make county government user-friendly, with a structure that enables it to operate more efficiently and economically. I believe in maintaining the quality of life we enjoy through the careful preservation of our natural resources and rural charm.

During the years I served on the county board I was a proponent of a number of cost saving measures that included levy caps and departmental consolidations. As of 2006 the county board voted to forgo the levy cap and voted to increase the levy by 6.1% making Walworth County the 4th highest county in the state out of 72 counties with its tax levy increase. I was one of the few that voted against that increase. In November 2007 the county board again voted in a tax levy of over 4.8% that again made us a county with one of the highest tax levy increases in the state. I again voted against the levy. Over the past three years the county has raise its levy by 15%, which equates to 9 million dollars. This runaway spending is unacceptable.

Walworth County is experiencing a record number of foreclosures and a stagnant economy. As a resident on the lake my property tax increased by 18.3%. With homes not selling or holding their values how will people be able to bear those kinds of increases? Government needs to contain spending. Consequently I am not supportive of new programs that increase costs. I believe we need to maintain services as cost effectively as possible and we need to hold down the cost of health insurance. There are ways the county can achieve this with the right county board. I have the experience, knowledge and commitment to accomplish that. I will continue to vote against big spending. I thank you for all the support you have given me and I ask for your vote on February 19, 2008 and April 1, 2008.

Craig Stauffer

I will tell you a little about my background, and also some of the issues that face the county. First, I grew up in southeast Iowa, my family farmed, and my dad managed a small telephone company where my mom also was the bookkeeper. I moved to Wisconsin in 1999 and worked for an agricultural implement dealer before I took my current job at State Long Distance Telephone Company. I am married to Sharon, and we have two boys, one 15 and the other 2.

I am in my second term on the Whitewater City Council. I am involved with the youth football program, and I am on the Whitewater Fire Department. I don't have much time for hobbies but do enjoy antique tractors and being with my family.

I want to be a County Board Supervisor for many reasons. I feel that year after year government continues to grow. It could be compared to an organism as such. It is always trying to maintain itself and at times unknowingly trying to look for ways to expand. We face a lot of problems not only locally but as a state and nation. Logically the first place to try to make a difference is on the local level.

I am very proud of Walworth County and to have it as my home. We need to carefully look at the way we use our County resources and make sure they are being allocated, as the citizens wish. There have been some steps in the right direction. A smaller board makes the Supervisors more accountable to the people. It makes the debate among the board more manageable and concise. It also allows the elected officials to be not only better informed but also more accountable to the electorate.

My goal is to make sure that the county continues to provide the services the citizens need, but also do this at a rate of growth that the taxpayers can afford to pay. Walworth County is a great place to live, and I ask for your help to make it as affordable. I would appreciate your vote, and please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

LAUDERDALE LAKES AREA TOPICS

By Don Henderson

2008 Town Of LaGrange Election

The Town Board Chairman and First Side Supervisor are positions up for election in 2008. Elections will be held the first Tuesday in April, which is April 1, 2008. Candidates elected to the Town Board serve two year terms of office. Candidates must be Town of LaGrange residents, and they must file formal nomination papers to be on the election ballot. The closure date was January 2, 2008. Frank Taylor is the current Town Chairman and Mark Bromley is the current First Side Supervisor. Frank and Mark have both filed nomination papers to be reelected, and they are running unopposed.

Planning and Zoning

Each Town of LaGrange taxpayer has had the opportunity to complete a Town Survey on Town Trends and Values, Farmland Preservation, Residential Land Use, Commercial and Industrial Issues, and Town Ordinances and Regulatory Issues. Town Planning and Zoning Chairman, Mark Bromley, says the survey response has been phenomenal. Five people are collating the results for incorporation into an Excel spreadsheet. The results are expected to be ready for review at the March 2008 Planning and Zoning meeting. Members of the Town Plan and Zoning Committee thank all those who took time to complete the 33 question survey.

Smart Growth planning has moved out of the "inventory phase" and into the goal setting phase. This development is at a critical stage. As these goals are set, the Joint County and Town Smart Growth team will be establishing the outlines of the eventual Smart Growth Plan.

At the present time, members of the Smart Growth Technical Advisory Committee are reviewing a draft of Chapter VII, Population, Household and Employment Projections. This chapter will help set targets for growth in all those areas. This chapter is available at the SEWRPAC website. www.sewrpc.org/smartgrowth/walworthcounty/. Limited print copies may be available at

the county offices. Citizens should obtain copies of the report, review it, and plan on providing input at the public hearings that will be held and at the regular Smart Growth Technical Advisory Committee meetings. The next SGTAC meetings will be at 6 PM February 6, and 6 PM March 5, in the County Board Room in Elkhorn. Public comment is welcomed at these meetings.

The Smart Growth team believes that the process is on track for completion by the statutory deadline, January 1, 2010.

Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department

- Fire Department 2007 Activity:

The volunteers serving the Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department responded to **196 total calls for support during 2007**. Total calls were 43 higher in 2007 than in 2006, and the Department averaged **3.8 call responses per week during 2007**. Once again the Emergency Rescue Team had the most activity answering 161 calls for assistance, also higher than the 114 in 2006. Fire fighters responded to 35 calls in 2007. On average over the past **three years** the Department responded to **183 calls per year**. That is the equivalent of **3.5 RESPONSE CALLS EACH WEEK**.

"Volunteers continue to be the vital link making this department a success," related Fire Chief John "Curly" Duerst. The volunteer fire fighter staff level is 35 members, while the approved staff level is 40.

Please spread the word that The Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department is seeking new volunteers to become Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Technicians. For those of us living in the Town, this could be a life or death situation. Quick response time by both the EMT and Fire Fighters has helped many residents and property owners.

Men and women volunteers are needed now, and if you or someone you know is interested please call Chief Curly Duerst at 262-495-8610. Especially needed are those people that could be available during the weekdays.

The area property owners and residents are

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2008 EVENT</u>
3-8	Walworth Cty. Clean Boat, Clean Water Workshop
3-22	WCLA Mtg: Topic - Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop
4-1	LaGrange Town Board Supervisor Election & Walworth County Board Supervisor Election
4-12	Fire Dept Annual Dance
4-26 to 4-27	2008 Boat Safety Course
5-3	May Directors Meeting
6-7 to 6-8	2008 Boat Safety Course
6-14	June LLIA Annual Meeting
7-5	Independence Day Fireworks
7-19	Children's Fish Jamboree

true partners by supporting our Department through gifts and fund raisers. Our Department is classified as a 501c3 organization. Your gifts are generally eligible for tax deduction, and a confirmation letter will be provided for larger gifts. If your employer provides matching gifts, please notify them of your gift so that they may also make a matching contribution. "Your past support has been great, and I extend my personal thanks to all of you for making the Department very successful" said Chief Curly Duerst.

- Annual Firemen's Dance To Raise Money For New Emergency Rescue Truck/Ambulance

The Lauderdale-LaGrange Fire Department's annual dance will be held on **Saturday, April 12**. Tickets will be mailed to Town of La Grange property owners and residents about three weeks before the dance. The proceeds from the dance will be added to the fund to replace the current 1994 Ambulance.

- Emergency Rescue Squad

The rescue squad is facing a couple of challenges. First, although they are adequately staffed now, they can see a time in the not-too-distant future when they could be short of qualified emergency medical technicians, particularly during the week-day daytime hours when many of their members are at work outside the township. The addition of two or three EMT's frequently available during those hours would

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greatly ease the pressure. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Rescue Squad Captain Chuck Taylor at 262-495-8625, or write him at N7832 Jackson Road, Whitewater, WI 53190.

The rescue squad is also facing a fundraising challenge, but one that they are confident can be met. The current ambulance is a 1994 model, and, while it continues to serve their needs, it's beginning to show its age. Therefore, their plan is to replace it in 2009. Quality ambulances, built to last the next fifteen years, are not inexpensive. A new ambulance, equipped to Department specifications, will cost about \$130,000 in 2009. The 2007 Firemen's Dance raised \$7000 and this money will be put with previously raised funds, leaving approximately \$60,000 yet to be funded.

- New Equipment Truck

The Fire Department members continue their work to complete the New Equipment Truck. The truck is basically complete and is currently in the Paint Shop for exterior paint and signage. As soon as the truck is returned, the exterior lights will be installed and the truck will be ready to for use.

New Tanker Truck

A new 3000 gallon tanker truck is being built for The Department by US Tanker Company, Burlington, WI. This tanker truck is being purchased with funds provided by the Town of LaGrange. The International Cab and Tandem Axle chassis has been purchased and delivered to US Tanker. US Tanker will provide the 3000 gallon tank and pump assembly com-

ment. US Tanker is a Company specializing in Rural Fire Apparatus for Fire Departments though out the USA. The new tanker will replace the existing 1973 Model year tanker.

- Will A Fire Truck Get To Your Home?

Living in the Town of LaGrange close to The Lakes, State Forests, farms, and away from the city is both peaceful and relaxing. We have a truly beautiful area with many trees to enjoy. However, we also have many narrow roads and driveways that make it more challenging for Fire Trucks and Ambulances to reach you during an emergency. In addition our beautiful trees are close to the narrow roads, and often have low hanging branches. Fire Chief Curly Duerst asks all homeowners and residents to be sure and trim your tree branches. The emergency trucks are large, and they must have a **MINIMUM 12 FEET** of clearance above the road and driveway surfaces. Branches should not extend into the road or driveway below the 12 FOOT height. Look at your property now as winter is the best time for tree trimming. Having this work done in the winter will protect the many oaks and other trees that could be damaged by insects and other diseases if trimmed during spring and summer months. Trimming in the summer months may result in your trees dying from disease in subsequent years. Hopefully, you will not need the Fire Department, but if you do, be sure it arrives without trees damaging the truck.

boaters from all other areas.

An annual Boat Launch user pass may be purchased for a \$20.00 fee. The annual fee entitles the user to unlimited launches from January 1 to December 31 each year. These must be purchased from the LaGrange Town Clerk, Crystal Hoffman, as all Boat Launch ramps for Lauderdale and Pleasant Lake are in The Town of LaGrange. Purchase the annual pass at the Town Hall in person, or by mail by sending a check or money order to the Town of LaGrange Clerk, P.O. Box 359, Whitewater, WI 53190. Frequent users of the Public Boat Launch Ramps will find this annual fee much more cost effective.

The boat launch fees collected during the 2007 season totaled more than \$6000. This money will be used for the maintenance of the ramps and signage. One example will be the revised boating regulations that will be posted on new large permanent signs at each Boat Launch by the Town this spring. A second example is repairing and updating the piers that have been damaged at some launch locations.

Remember to pay your fee this spring as you launch your boat. A Fee Collection box is installed at each ramp, and payment envelopes are provided for you use. Place the receipt on your truck or car dash to show payment date and your name. The Lauderdale Law Enforcement Water Patrol officers and The Walworth County Sheriffs Department will monitor the payment and check vehicles for a receipt. They will issue citations. Citations will begin at \$25.00 per day, and each day a violation takes place will be a separate violation.

This ordinance also includes the statement regarding overnight tie up. No person, firm or association shall tie a watercraft to a launch ramp owned by the Town of LaGrange at any time from 11 PM to 5 AM the following day. This shall not apply to the Town of LaGrange, The Fire Department, or the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District.

Boating Ordinance Revisions

The Town of LaGrange Board will forward several changes in the Lauderdale

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Public Boat Launch Ramps

Public Boat Launch ramps on both Lauderdale and Pleasant Lakes will continue to have user fees. Each boat ramp user must pay a \$3.00 daily fee prior to launching a water craft per Town of LaGrange Ordinance. This includes all residents and property owners in the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District, The Town of LaGrange, and The Town of Sugar Creek as well as

pletely installed on the truck chassis. The above picture shows a similar Tanker built for another Depart-

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Lakes Boating Ordinance to the Wisconsin DNR for review. Assuming no changes are requested, the Town Board Chairman and Supervisors will sign and approve the Boating Ordinance and it will become effective for the 2008 Boating Season.

Changes proposed include the following:

1. The night time speed limit is set at 10 MPH effective SEVEN (7) days per week. Night time is defined as the period of time from sunset to sunrise.

2. A top speed limit of 50 MPH during daylight hours, from sunrise to sunset, on weekends and Holidays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

3. Limiting the hours for water skiing, aquaplaning, or similar activities during the week from sunrise to sunset except on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays when the hours for water skiing, aquaplaning or similar activities commence at 9:00 AM.

4. Establishes one way Counter-Clockwise traffic between the Bog on Don Jean Bay and the Shoreline on weekends and Holidays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

5. Increased fines for Town Ordinance violations, minimums and maximums, and extends the penalties for repeat offenders from one year to three years.

New signage will be placed at each of the three public boat launches on Lauderdale Lakes. The ordinance changes will also be available on the Town of LaGrange Web site (www.lagrangetalkofthetown.com).

John's Disposal Service

The covered garbage and recycling containers continue to be used, and John's Disposal Service will be making the collection on the regular assigned day which is Monday for most of the Lake properties. PLEASE ASK A NEIGHBOR THAT LIVES NEAR YOU YEAR AROUND TO MOVE YOUR CONTAINERS BACK TO YOUR HOUSE AFTER COLLECTION IF YOU ARE THERE ONLY ON WEEK-

ENDS. The containers may interfere with snow plowing and certainly they detract from the beauty of our property when left next to the road all week.

Go to John's web site, www.johnsdisposal.com and you may print out a calendar for 2008 that has dates for garbage, recycling and trash pickup. If you do not have computer on line access, you may telephone John's Disposal (1.888.473.4701), and they will mail you a copy of the pickup schedule.

WATER SAFETY REPORT By Nestor Dyhdalo

**2008 Boating Safety Class
8:30 AM – April 26 & 27
at
Lutherdale Bible Camp
N7891 U S Hwy 12
Elkhorn, WI 53121**

Before the start of National Safe Boating Week, the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District Water Patrol will present a 2-day Wisconsin DNR boating safety course. This course is open to adults and to children, 10 years and older. A parent must accompany their child to course registration which will precede the class on the first day, Saturday, April 26 from 8:30 to 9:00 AM. The course registration fee of \$10 will be collected at that time.

The formal class will start at 9:00 AM both days. Class will run until 4:00 pm on Saturday (**lunch will not be provided so be sure to bring a sack lunch; water and soda will be provided**) and until approximately 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 27. Successful completion of a DNR boating safety course is required for anyone age 12 to under the age of 16 who wishes to operate personal watercraft (jetskis, waverunners, etc.) or who wishes to operate conventional powerboats without an adult aboard. There is also a **NEW LAW** which is for anyone born on or after 01-01-89 and at least 16 years of age to operate a motorboat on Wisconsin's waterways he or she must have a boating safety certificate.

This will be one of two courses offered this year by the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District Water Patrol. Pre-registration or information can be obtained

by calling **262-882-2030**. Class size will be limited to approximately 40 students.

The second class will be held on June 7th and 8th at the LaGrange Town Hall located at N7899 County road H. Class size will be limited to approximately 25 students.

To reserve a seat for the April class, please call the above number by April 19th to pre-register. To reserve a seat for the June class, please call the above number by June 1st to pre-register. If leaving a message at the pre-registration number, **please provide the name(s) and correct spelling of the student(s) name, date of birth(s) and a telephone contact number.**

On the day of the class, wear comfortable clothes, bring paper and pencils, and don't forget that lunch.

Anyone interested in these workshops but unable to attend these sessions may call 1-800-336-BOAT or check the Wisconsin DNR web site at www.dnr.state.wi.us for the availability of other courses.

WATER QUALITY REPORT By Pete Spaulding

2008 should be a good year for water quality activity. In '07 we started more extensive testing of our lakes by adding quarterly testing for temperature and oxygen at various levels plus checking the levels of Chlorophyll and Phosphorus. In '08 we will now have something to compare against.

We start testing as soon as the ice goes out of the lakes. Last year it went out on March 25th. The earliest for the ice to go out since 1940 was February 26, 1998 and the latest was April 17, 1960. This year I predict we will be boating the last week of March.

Do not forget when buying your fertilizer for the spring feeding, that there is a ban on Phosphorous in LaGrange Township. Make sure the bag says "0" Phosphorous. Also, advise your lawn service if you have one, of this ban. Phosphorous is the number one cause of algae growth in our lakes. The State of WI is in the process of banning Phosphorous fertilizer in the

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whole state.

Another reason our water gets cloudy in the summer time is increased boat traffic. You may recall how clear the water was last summer when we were at “no wake” for several weeks due to high water. Props from our boats churn the water in shallow areas. Please observe the no wake zones on the lake by staying out of them. If you must go inside the buoys look behind you and if you see waves, you are not at no wake. No wake means “NO WAKE” not just going slow.

KETTLE MORAINÉ LAND TRUST By Jerry Petersen

Our Board decided over a year ago that to be sustainable, and an accredited public non-profit corporation, we had to build a stronger financial base and hire our first employee. Accordingly, last fall we launched our “Building a Legacy” fund raising campaign. Initially, we are looking for Lake Leaders willing to commit \$1,000 or more per year for three years. If you would consider becoming one of our Lake Leaders, please call me 262-742-2367, or any of our Board members, for the details. Later this spring we will be conducting a general appeal for support.

I’m pleased to report that we have made sufficient progress with our fund raising campaign to hire a half time General Manager. We had several qualified candidates to consider, but after Board member interviews of our finalists, we selected Lori Artiomow. Lori has a MS in Biological Sciences from UW-Milwaukee, and a BS in Industrial and Environmental Science from UW-Parkside. She has over 15 years of professional experience in applied environmental science in SE Wisconsin. This includes serving on the Board of the Kenosha-Racine Land Trust for four years. Initially, she will be working out of her home office, while spending time in our lakes area each week. She can be reached on 262-949-7211 (local call from Lauderdale) or by e-mail on lori@kmlandtrust.org. By the way, she has already started to upgrade our web-site whose address is now kmlandtrust.org. Take a look. Lori was a camper at our Girl Scout Camp Singing Hills years ago, and is actively mak-

ing inquiries through her contacts to help save the camp. The camp is now owned by the new Girl Scouts of SE Wisconsin which has 35,000 girls to serve. We are trying to discuss the future of the camp with their new council leader, Molly Fuller.

**Put June 14th on your calendar.
It is the date of the Association and Land Trust Annual Meetings.**

PUT JUNE 14TH ON YOUR CALENDAR. It is the date of the Association and Land Trust Annual Meetings. This year the Land Trust will be taking the lead at the meetings which will be held in the Lutherdale Chapel, starting with a breakfast social from 9:00 to 9:45 AM. After brief Association Directors and Membership meetings, the Land Trust will launch its meeting at 10:15 AM with two outstanding speakers.

We will be offering an Owen Gromme print of Sandhill Cranes as a door prize. Our Board felt this was appropriate since we have selected the Sandhill Crane as our logo; they nest in our Bubbling Springs. The Gromme print is very attractive and should be prized for its historical signifi-

cance, so be sure to come and get a drawing ticket. The drawing will be held at the end of the meeting, so you must be present to win. Owen Gromme is world famous for his wildlife paintings, and a native son of Wisconsin. His son Roy, will discuss the “Marsh Elegy,” a description of crane habitat.

Our other speaker will be Stanley Temple. He will explain “Why Aldo Leopold is Relevant in the 21st Century.” Temple is the Beers-Bascom Professor Emeritus in Conservation in the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Ecology at UW-Madison. This is,

in fact, the position which Aldo Leopold himself held for many years. Most of you know of Leopold’s pioneering efforts in conservation. For those of you who don’t, get a copy of his landmark book “A Sand County Almanac” and read it before our meeting (it is available in any library). One reviewer noted Leopold was both a better writer and a better naturalist than Thoreau or Muir. Many view “A Sand County Almanac” as the best environmental thesis ever written. We will have copies of it available at the meeting. Gromme and Leopold shared a vision of “The Land Ethic” which we all need to take seriously today.

Finally, please help us get a running start in 2008 by sending us your first 2008 do-

KETTLE MORAINÉ LAND TRUST (KMLT)

Yes, I’d like to contribute to the KMLT effort to protect our lakes. All contributions are tax deductible.

Name _____ (Permanent Phone) _____

Permanent Address Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Lake Address Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Pier # (e.g. LL#) _____ E-Mail _____

Matching funds requested _____

Amount of contribution \$ _____

Please make check payable to:

Kettle Moraine Land Trust

Mail with this form to:

KMLT

P.O. Box 176

Elkhorn WI, 53121

Contribution Category:

Environmental Leader (\$1000 and above) _____
Environmentalist (\$500 to \$999) _____
Guardian (\$250 to \$499) _____
Park Ranger (\$100 to \$249) _____
Naturalist (\$50 to \$99) _____
Conservationist (\$25 to \$49) _____

nation using the form. Do it while you are sending in your 2008 Association dues. Both organizations need your support.

LAUDERDALE LAKES HISTORY ARTICLE

By Kathryn Calkins

The Lauderdale Ski Team 1953-1959

The self-taught group of friends that performed the ski show in front of the Sterlingworth in the 1950s coalesced around a three-man pyramid. According to members of the team, three teenage summer residents – Al Klancnik, Justin Jankowski and Ken Ingle Jr. – were one day forming a pyramid at one of their lake cottages, when they decided to try it on skis. “That was the beginning,” said Robin Ingle Comer, who very soon tried pyramid-building on skis with the boys and her girlfriend Pat Keane Foresterling.

Waterskiing was not widespread, Comer said. Two professional shows were popular, Tommy Bartlett’s in Wisconsin and Cypress Gardens in Florida. And wooden skis were available, although they were little more than flat wooden boards with upturned tips, Klancnik said. Klancnik and other members who traveled to Florida in the winter, came back with ideas, but otherwise, the group simply thought up tricks and tried them, Comer said.

Jankowski noted that outboard boats of the day were not powerful enough to pull skiers. “They had 22 or 25 horsepower Johnson motors,” he said. Klancnik added that the wooden inboard boats called “woodies” were generally not fast enough, being quite heavy.

Klancnik, however, had a “Chris Craft Cavalier that had a 95 horsepower grey marine automobile engine in it and was made of plywood. So it was a bare bones boat, but it could pull five men.” Two or three other privately owned “woodies” made up the balance of the team’s fleet.

Other summer residents who joined the team included Joe Schlanser and Margo Schlanser Rhyan, Lloyd Kinzer, Gary and

Trish Meinert, Judy Schmidt and Jankowski’s sister Collette Anderson, Bob Wellman and Carol Weiser.

They began by trying to start a skier in the water with another already on his shoulders. They worked out the timing successfully but decided it was too difficult, Jankowski said. “That was when we decided to start from the piers,” he said. “There weren’t any slow-no-wake zones, then,” he noted. The skier could therefore sit on the end of the pier holding a girl in his arms and both be pulled up on his skis.

The wooden skis were very long and did not move through the water as easily as later fiberglass and laminate models, Jankowski said. The bindings were made of hard rubber that came up to the ankle. “They would leave red marks. They weren’t perfected,” he said. According to Klancnik, the skiers had no protective gear either. “So we had some nasty spills, and we would get racked up pretty good.”

Another challenge was the ropes. “We started out using 75-foot one half inch manila ropes, which got very heavy when they were wet. They would sag and almost touch the water in the middle,” in use, Jankowski said. “Then came polyethylene ropes. We would make our own ropes.” They bought lengths of polyethylene and cut them to size. Using 1 or 1 1/4-inch dowels as handles, Jankowski said he would bore holes in both ends and attach the polyethylene to make a yoke. The yoke he then knotted to the long pulling rope, adding a float at that point. The float allowed the skiers to adjust the length of the skiing rope on the fly by quickly knotting it around the float to take up slack. The catch, said Ken Ingle, was that if someone bought the wrong type of polyethylene, the rope would stretch terribly while they were skiing, dragging the skier farther and farther back from the boat.

Three skiers using three different ropes formed the three-man pyramid, but to make a five-person, Jankowski enlisted the help of a long oar with its end cut off so that it was six-seven feet long. He attached manila rope to each end. “I would hold on to the bar with a girl on either side of me, also holding the bar. Two guys using separate ropes were on either side,” he said. The boys would switch with the girls following startup, then crouch to make a platform with their knees. The girls would drop one ski at a time and climb from the boys’ thighs to their shoulders.

The atmosphere was one “a lot like sandlot ball,” Comer said. “We just did it, and we had a lot of fun.” There was no formalization, no auditions. “People just showed up and skied.” Klancnik estimated that at its height, the group had between 20 and 25 members. “We were ski bums. We skied all day every day,” he said.

The group performed its first show in front of a Sterlingworth audience in 1956. They skied off the hotel pier, doing doubles skiing tricks, pyramids and a clown act.



Robin Ingle Comer

Jankowski noted that they would sometimes hydroplane on their elbows and knees. They used “shoe skis” – 12-inch skis with a binding that had been available for years – to come close to barefooting. Klancnik is remembered to have been the first actual barefooter on Lauderdale, although he never performed barefoot because the water in front of the Ster-

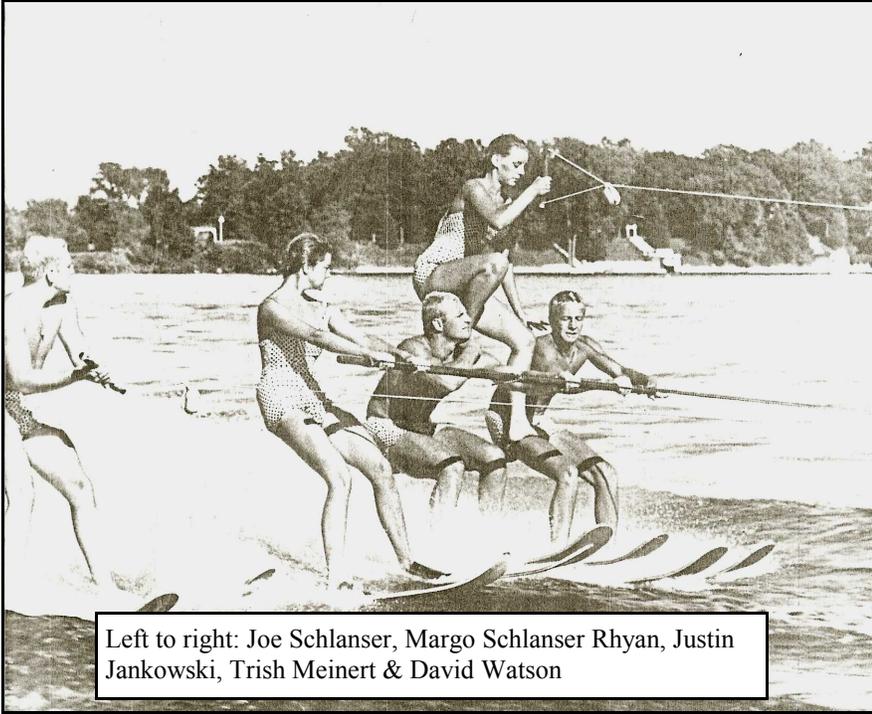
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lingworth was invariably too choppy, he said.

The group's achievements culminated in a show July 4, 1959 for the Goodwill-

FISH COMMITTEE REPORT By Greg Schindler & Jim Frenchy



Left to right: Joe Schlanser, Margo Schlanser Rhyan, Justin Jankowski, Trish Meinert & David Watson

sponsored festival in Racine, WI. The team was approached by the organizers of the show, who said that although they could not pay anything, they could provide matching swimsuits and equipment. "We said, 'Yeah, we can do that,'" Jankowski said. The team loaded their boats and chase boats on trailers and traveled (without parents, Jankowski and Comer recalled) to Racine, where they performed on the waterfront.

"Can you imagine your child coming to you and saying, 'Mom, can I load up the boat and take it to Lake Michigan and ski with the team?'" Comer said. "It was a different era."

Readers: The history column would like to compile a list of cottage names and how they came to be. If you have a story about your cottage's name, please email me at kathryn.calkins@gmail.com or call me at 847-728-0027.

The hard water fishermen have been out lately now that we have the good ice thickness. Several good early catches have been reported.

Bass seasons end on March 2 and catch and release is not permitted.

We continue to work closely with the DNR to improve our fish habitat. We have submitted our stocking permit to the DNR for our fall stocking and will stock either or both walleye and small mouth bass. Our supplier has agreed to supply us fish at last year's prices. Total quantity will depend on donations received.

The Children's Fish Jamboree is scheduled for July 19 with the Yacht Club. We are starting to accumulate gifts for all participants. We're hoping to have a larger turn out this year so mark your calendars. More in the May Shorelines.

LAUDERDALE LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION WEB SITE By John Antonic

As we all know it is unwise to open an email from someone we are unsure of. It is best just to delete these email messages without



This 17 inch bass was caught and released the first week of January by Matt Gregory on a tip up.

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opening them to keep our lives and computers secure. I usually do just that, however a couple of times, out of curiosity, I have opened one of these only to find it to be an advertisement for something I didn't want anyway.

On one occasion, I received an email from someone I did not recognize, and a subject matter that was questionable that turned out to be a legitimate question about our website that needed to be resolved. I was very close to deleting it without opening it

So if you are sending a message, be sure the subject matter is relevant to the people you are sending it to or there is a chance it will be missed.

As always I would like to ask anyone who has articles, pictures, questions or ideas to please submit them so that we can continue to build on this website.

Visit our website at WWW.LLIA.ORG.

I can be emailed at: jantonicic@hotmail.com or telephone 630-964-0393.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL & PREVENTION

By Audrey Greene

Aquatic invasive species (AIS), such as Eurasian water milfoil, Curly-leaf pondweed and Zebra mussels, are not new to Walworth County lakes. Eurasian water milfoil was first recorded in the County in 1982 and had infested Lauderdale Lakes by 1990. Curly-leaf pondweed has existed in Wisconsin for so long, many people do not realize that it is not native, however,

its invasive nature has never been in question. Zebra mussels, although not as wide spread as some other AIS, can now be found in 11 Walworth County Lakes, including Lauderdale.

Even though most people know about AIS, there are still some alarming misconceptions about them. For instance, many people believe that Walworth County lakes already have all the invasive species we could ever get. This is false. There are currently 185 AIS in the Great Lakes, with new exotic species being introduced at a rate of about 1 every 4-6 months. And many of these could easily be transported to our inland lakes. In fact Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) and Spiny Water flea were both recorded in the Great Lakes first. Both have recently been found in Wisconsin inland waters and both are transported mainly by people with boats, trailers, fishing tackle and bait.

VHS is a deadly fish virus that threatens 25 different species of fish, such as Muskellunge, Northern Pike, Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Bluegill and Pumpkinseed. VHS has such high mortality and sever economic and environmental consequences that special rules have been put into place to prevent its spread. Spiny water flea is a species of zooplankton, which would normally be a food source for juvenile fish. Unfortunately this exotic zooplankton has a huge appetite for our smaller, native zooplankton. Spiny water flea not only competes with juvenile fish for food, they are not, themselves, a replacement food for the juvenile fish themselves because of their spiny tails.

These are only 2 of the aquatic invasive species that could create huge problems if they were to reach any of our lakes or streams, there are others. Hydrilla, an exotic aquatic plant, is even more aggressive than Eurasian Water Milfoil. Hydrilla was introduced to Florida in 1960 as an aquarium plant that was discarded into a waterbody. Over the years, Hydrilla has been transported to several other states, costing millions of dollars in control measures. Last year it was documented in a private artificial pond in Marinette County, Wisconsin. It is believed that the plant was inadvertently carried in a shipment of native aquatic plants purchased by the pond owner. This infestation is believed to be

contained but it demonstrates the need for the public to be aware and take precautions to prevent the introduction and spread of all aquatic invasive species.

While aquatic invasive species could certainly degrade our lakes to the point that they are virtually unusable, there are proven methods to prevent the spread of AIS – to and from our lakes. The process of prevention is really quite simple:

- Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment and remove all aquatic plants, animals and mud
- Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells and bait containers
- Do not move live fish, including minnows, from one waterbody to another
- Dispose of leftover bait in the trash, not in the water or on land
- Buy your minnows from licensed Wisconsin bait dealers
- Wash your boat and equipment with high pressure or hot water, or let it dry for 5 days
- Get involved, Become a Clean Boats/Clean Waters Volunteer

The Walworth County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Control Program is a new two-year program with an overall goal of protecting our lakes from new infestations and preventing the spread of existing populations. The focus will be educating the people that live around, play in and care about our lakes about existing and new AIS and the methods that will help keep these insidious exotics from ruining our lakes.

Please feel free to contact Audrey Greene, Lake Specialist, Walworth County Land Use & Resource Management at (262) 741-7902 or agree@co.walworth.wi.us if you would like more information about aquatic invasive species, prevention methods, or that Clean Boats/Clean Waters program.

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MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION

By Rick Callaway

We are in an era of change for the Lauderdale Lakes, Town of LaGrange and Walworth County. Many of the articles in this issue of the SHORELINES discuss these impending changes. This is one good reason for becoming a member of the Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association.

Many members of the Association are active on the local and county level in providing input regarding change and would appreciate all of our support and contributions. This is our annual special issue that goes to all lake property owners and residents. Other issues go only to Association members.

“BECOME A MEMBER AND STAY INFORMED“.

We all received a green questionnaire with our tax bills last December from the Town of LaGrange. Response is above 40 percent, a truly remarkable number. Results will be available in a future issue of the SHORELINES.

“BECOME A MEMBER AND STAY INFORMED“.

Everyone is invited to our Directors meetings. The next one is Saturday, May 3, 2008, 10:00AM at the Lutherdale Bible Camp, N7891 US Hwy12. Our next Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, June 14, 2008, at Lutherdale. Normally, the meeting is only open to members, but this year we would like everyone to come and check us out. We are requesting that all current members make a special effort to invite your non-members.

Here are additional reasons to become a member:

- The Association publishes a quarterly news letter, “Shorelines”.
- Every other year, the Association publishes a “Community Directory” for all members who join. For all new members who join in 2008, you will get, as part of your membership, a NEW 2007 - 2009 Directory
- The Association performs water quality test of our lake and supplies the information to the Department of Natural Resources and various government environment agencies.
- The Association works closely with the DNR in stocking our lake and promoting DNR surveys of our lake to determine the health of our fish population.
- The Association sponsors an annual “Children’s Fish Jamboree” to encourage and educate our youth to the sport of fresh water fishing.
- The Association created and maintains a web site, www.llia.org, to communicate timely status of events and also supply a wealth of community information.

Thank you for being a member of our Improvement Association and for considering membership for yourself and others. The annual cost to be a member is \$35.00.

LAUDERDALE LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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(Please fill in complete form)

Check if information has changed from your current Directory listing.

PLEASE PRINT.

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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(Area code) - Phone number

OPTIONAL: E-mail address _____ Fax No. _____
(Area code) Phone no.

The LLIA needs your help and input! Your Association has a proud history of members who generously help protect our lakes and you are welcome to join this on-going effort by serving on a committee.

COMMITTEES – Check if interested in helping

Conservancy Fish Membership Property (environmental Water Quality
 Communication History Planning & Zoning issues) Web Site Water Safety

Please note: If you indicated an interest in the past, but have not been contacted, please be aware that committees have varying needs and assistance. As these needs change from time to time, committee chairs contact volunteers as necessary. If you check a committee, it indicates your willingness to serve beginning with this membership season.

If you have any questions about the activities of these committees, call Bud Vance (847) 459-8127

ANNUAL DUES.....	\$ <u>35.00</u>
Optional: (Fill in any appropriate blanks)	
LAKE PRESERVATION FUND:	\$ _____
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<small>Includes postage & handling</small>	
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What is phosphorus?

Phosphorus is an essential nutrient plants need to grow, and is a common ingredient in many fertilizers. Plants don't absorb more phosphorus than they can use. Extra phosphorus from lawns can wash into our lakes and streams, causing algae blooms, water quality decline, as well as negatively impact recreational use and lakeshore property values.

How can too much phosphorus negatively affect lakes?

Phosphorus provides the fuel algae need to transform lakes into a thick, smelly green soup. Where it takes 20 parts per **million** of soil phosphorus to grow healthy turf, 25 parts per **billion** (a quantity 1,000 times smaller) can promote excessive algae growth in lakes. One pound of phosphorus can support 500 pounds of algae. Algae clouds water and blocks sunlight from reaching aquatic plants potentially changing the lake's ecosystem; it also lowers the oxygen levels in the water, which can cause fish kills. Nutrient rich waters are preferred by invasive species such as Eurasian water milfoil, curly leaf pondweed, and carp.

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How much phosphorus do

healthy lawns need?

Although the amount of phosphorus in Wisconsin soils can vary, many residential lawns already have more than enough phosphorus to support a healthy lawn. Because plants do not absorb more fertilizer than they can use, your lawn does not benefit from phosphorus fertilizer if there is already a sufficient amount of phosphorus in the soil. Healthy lawns can be maintained with phosphorus free fertilizers.

A healthy lawn needs 20 parts per million (ppm) of phosphorus. The UW Soils lab data finds agricultural soils in every Wisconsin county are above 20 (average 53 ppm); some counties have significantly higher phosphorus levels in their soil. Recent data estimates phosphorus levels on residential Wisconsin lawns have, on average, twice the amount of phosphorus (105 ppm) than the average farm field; five times more than necessary for healthy lawns.

Quick points

- The vast majority of Wisconsin's lawns are saturated with too much phosphorus, a nutrient commonly found in fertilizer.
- Phosphorus runoff from lawns goes directly into surface waters, fueling

smelly algae blooms and nuisance plant growth, suffocating fish, and making summertime unpleasant for property owners and recreational users on some of Wisconsin's beautiful lakes.

- This bill enjoys broad support across the state from county and local governments, local lake groups, statewide conservation organizations, and others interested in cleaner, safer, healthier lakes for everyone.
- Using phosphorus free lawn fertilizer is one easy step everyone can take to improve water quality.
- This bill would make the right fertilizer choice for lakes—phosphorus free lawn fertilizer—the default choice for consumers.

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