

Lake Miltona



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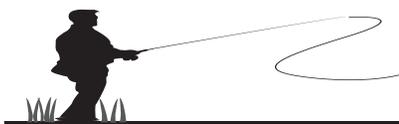
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A Message from the President

As Lake Miltona property owners we are getting ready for the upcoming winter season... Raking leaves, putting away hoses, taking docks out, and putting boats in storage.

As the LMA we are getting ready for the winter season in a different way.....Stocking fish, talking

with landowners about runoff projects and getting ready for next seasons events.

We are very excited to report that we have stocked fish this fall. We put in 1000 lbs of walleye fingerlings in October. Last spring we entered into an agreement with a fish grower to raise the fish for us specifically. We had been having such a hard time getting enough fish to stock and had not put in fingerlings for the past few years. So we came to an agreement with a local grower to give them a commitment and they would have fish for us. It is more expensive to do it this

way, so remember that as you receive your dues letters and hopefully contribute to the fish stocking fund.

We had the Parkers Prairie High school kids out this fall doing a lake study. They presented their findings and results at the October board meeting and were very professional and precise in their presentation. I hope you enjoy reading about their findings as much as we had taking them around the lake.

Keep warm this winter and see you on this ice.

Steve DeSutter

2018 Independence Day Parade Winners

Enthusiasm for this year's parade was high, so start planning for the parade next year. A plaque with the winner's names is located at LJ's Restaurant in downtown Miliona. The awards were as follows:

Pontoon

- 1st Place - Tate Family
2nd Place - Mckayla Brunner

Jet Ski

- 1st Place - JT Fier
2nd Place - Dustin Scheiber

Boats

- 1st Place - Josh Mellem
2nd Place - The Dutton Family



Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 8th, 2019
9:00am

Miliona Community Center

Our annual meeting will be held Saturday, June 8th, 2019 at the Miliona Community Center. We will update you in the Spring newsletter as to which topics and speakers that will be attending.

Fundraiser Results

FUNDRAISER RESULTS

	2018	2017	Variance
INCOME			
Dinner Tickets	7,905	7,770	135
Prize Tickets	4,492	5,044	(552)
Donations	160	442	(282)
Roll the Bones	230	244	(14)
Total income	12,787	13,500	(713)
EXPENSES			
Catering for dinner	4,500	4,300	(200)
Refreshments	615	718	103
Prizes	607	503	(104)
Hall rental		200	200
Miscellaneous	170	210	40
Total expenses	5,891	5,931	40
Net Earnings for Fundraiser	6,896	7,569	(673)

Paid Memberships

Membership trend over the past seven years:

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
413	408	437	421	458	465	456

Membership in the Lake Miliona Association is encouraged for those in the lake community as well as the general public.

A membership application is available on our website lake-miliona.org or contact us at 790 East Sandy Beach Drive NE Miliona, MN 56354

Lake Miliona Association is a volunteer not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to water quality and ecological balance. DONATIONS AND DUES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. See IRS Publication 526.

2018 Fundraiser Winners

The Association thanks all who attended the fundraiser. A great buffet was provided by RK's Prairie Catering. Refreshments were provided by the Leaf Valley Mercantile. Prizes were donated by 80 area merchants, worth over \$6,493.

Director volunteers and member volunteers worked diligently to provide another successful fundraiser.

2018 Dinner ticket drawing winners:

Bob Bezek - \$100, Kelli Posthumus - \$50 and Glade Nelson - \$50.

Parkers Prairie Lake Milтона Study

By: Marlene Schoeneck

Parkers Prairie High School

The Parkers Prairie High School "College in the Schools" Environmental Biology class collaborated with the Lake Milтона Association to do some "real-world" research on the cause of the increase in aquatic vegetation in some areas of the lake. Students used the Question Formulation Technique (see rightquestion.org) to come up with questions that might help them to find the cause (or causes) of the vegetation issue. Armed with those questions, students partnered with Lake Association members Paul Anderson, and Steve DeSutter to collect data on the lake on September 27th. Association member, Gene Rose, also helped with the planning of the event, and forwarded photos of possible sites of interest for study and evaluation.

Students were shepherded to various parts of the lake, depending on their research questions. Data collected at the various sites included, plant types, water clarity, bottom substrate, nitrates, phosphates, shoreline plant cover.. All of these were evaluated as possible contributors to an increase in plant growth.

Although there are no hard and fast conclusions to date, the students' data did give some strong indicators. Looking at historical DNR data, phosphate levels are fairly steady. Nutrient load does not appear to have change significantly. Neither have plant species in the lake changed from prior DNR surveys. Water clarity, however, has increased in recent years, due to filtering

by zebra mussels. This allows greater light penetration, resulting in increased photosynthesis, and therefore greater plant growth. As well, plant growth was greater in areas with "mucky" bottom substrate. This seemed to be more prevalent in areas with organic soil runoff. Where the shoreline was mainly sand there was less vegetation. There may also be a relationship with bulrushes holding that organic matter in shoreline areas, similar to how a snow fence traps snow.

The students' entire studies will soon be available on the Lake Milтона Association Website. Thank you to the Gene, Steve, and Paul for helping them to do authentic work in water quality, and to the board for allowing them to present their research.



Fundraiser Donor List 2018

Alexandria Country Club
 Alex Shooting Park
 Lake Miltona Golf
 Arrowwood golf club
 Fine Line Laser Design
 Mall of America
 Leaf Valley Sportsmen
 Hearth and Home
 D Michael B's
 Bug A Boo Bay Resort
 Casey's Amusement Park
 Hilltop Lumber
 Lakes Gas
 Elden's Food Fair
 Cashwise Liquor
 Stubs Marine
 Zorbaz
 Paul's small engine
 Henry's food's
 Wayne and Pat King
 Brothers Market
 Grant Betterman lawn care
 Corral supper Club
 Advanced Irrigation
 Chet's Lakeside Inn
 Miltona Blacksmith
 Spruce Center Bait
 Wade's Miltona Service
 LJ's
 Bullet Lawn Care
 Don Henning Excavating
 Jim and Judy's
 Gas Mart Miltona
 Alex Rubbish
 CJP Services

Kathy Mense
 Klimek Bros Well Drilling
 R&R Ready Mix
 Iverson Insurance
 Juettner
 Mn Lakes Realty/G. & D. Reiner
 Down On the Corner
 REA
 Aqua Marine
 Cullen's Home Center
 Sandra Keenan
 Alex Country store
 Viking Plaza
 Life Quest Chiropractic
 Focus Financial
 Dakota Magic Casino
 Grand Casino Mille Lacs
 Prairie Edge Casino: Granite Falls
 Pine Ridge Golf
 Shooting Star Casino
 Royal Tire
 Miltona Lions
 Jack Pot
 L&O plumbing and Heating
 Rusty Moose
 Viking Bay Resort
 Woodland Resort
 Bee Chama
 LMA
 Wendie Vankirk/Edina Realty
 Central Lakes Restaurant Supply
 Squeeky Clean
 Cub Foods
 Ron's Warehouse Sales
 Leaf Valley Mercantile

Black Ridge Bank Miltona
 Miltona meats
 Bettin Pest Control
 3M
 Geneva Golf Course
 Doolittles
 Tires Associates
 Ollies Service
 Border States
 The Old Mill
 Tastefully Simple
 Boomerang Sports
 American Heritage Hunting Club
 Rose City bar and grill
 Miltona Liquor
 Scherer Printing
 Miltona Bay Estates
 Central Marine & Sports
 Northland Dairy & Polaris
 Star Liquor
 Borch's
 Sammy's One Stop
 RK's Prairie Café
 Fortwengler Electric
 Trumm Drug
 Crossing Inn suites
 Gappa Oil
 Herbie's Bar and Grill
 Klinder
 Brenton Engineering

Thank You to these Merchants who provided over \$6,493 in prizes to our 2018 fundraiser.
Please support them!

Board Member Jerry Fulton has kept track of the ice-on, ice-off for the past 14 Years. Thanks to Jerry for his dedication to collect this information about our lake



ICE ON

DEC 8, 2017
 DEC 10, 2016
 DEC 19, 2015
 NOV 25, 2014
 NOV 26, 2013
 DEC 8, 2012
 DEC 5, 2011
 NOV 27, 2010
 DEC 5, 2009
 NOV 27, 2008
 NOV 29, 2007
 DEC 1, 2006
 NOV 30, 2005
 DEC 13, 2004

ICE OUT

MAY 6, 2018
 APR 3, 2017
 MAR 31, 2016
 APR 12, 2015
 APR 27, 2014
 MAY 14, 2013
 MAR 25, 2012
 APR 26, 2011
 APR 1, 2010
 APR 23, 2009
 MAY 4, 2008
 APR 20, 2007
 APR 10, 2006
 APR 14, 2005

Fish Stocking

Lake Miliona Assn Fish Stocking report:

We received a permit to stock 1000 pounds of walleye fingerlings from the Minnesota DNR in October.

We witnessed the weighing of the fish, and witnessed putting them into the lake this chilly October.

With the fish length of approximately 4-6 inch fingerlings, we put in around 24-35 fingerlings per pound.

So the total amount of fingerlings put in is about 30,000.

We made a commitment to the grower to continue this process for 3 years, permitting allowed, and will have fish available for us to put in.

The first year process went wonderfully and we look forward to continuing this process.



RAIN FALL AMOUNT

We got 20.7" of rain this year compared to 24" an average of the last 17 years.

Smoke Signals from the Camp

THANK YOU Lake Miliona Association and all the lake residents who continue being such a huge part in bringing about more and more exciting happenings at Smokey Timbers!

The 2018 Camping Season saw a number of expanded programming initiatives result in increased recreational/environmental activities for youth and adults. The Camp partnered with Community Education, and the YMCA to offer tailored activities in boating, fishing, aquatic species investigation, forestry, mapping, archery and sailing. District wide Jamborees were held by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. An area 4H group assisted in restoring a landscape area and followed up their project with a variety of water activities. The season concluded, once again, with the Parkers Prairie Advanced Biology students basing their lake study outing at Smokey Timbers. This year their focus was aquatic weed infestation. A more detailed report of their investigation can be found in this Newsletter.

2018 was also a year of continuing significant facility improvement activity at the Camp. Bunkhouse renovation has continued and reroofing of the Screen Shelter and Kitchen Building was completed. The major undertaking, however, was the clearing of a vast area adjacent to the major buildings in which upgraded septic systems were installed. The new systems are in anticipation of plumbing in the bunkhouse and a modern shower/restroom building. In October an ambitious logging project began in the Camp's forest, the objective of which is to restore its health and attractiveness.

The preservation, continuing improvement and future of Smokey Timbers, has been, and will forever be, a "Labor of Love" by caring, committed and dedicated people. Assistance of any sort – financial, goods, volunteer services – is always gratefully appreciated. Contributions are documented and qualify as tax deductible per IRS code, Section 170. Folks with questions or interest in how they can help are encouraged to call 320-766-5290. The Camp's mailing address is 15567 Smokey Timbers Rd. Miliona, MN 56354.



Natural Gas Coming to Lake Miliona in 2019

Let us know if you are interested!

Lake Region Energy Services (LRES), a local natural gas utility, is making plans to extend gas service to Lake Miliona beginning in the spring of 2019. LRES is a subsidiary of Lake Region Electric Cooperative located in Pelican Rapids, MN. We first brought natural gas service to Parkers Prairie in 2017 – then to Miliona and Lake Irene in 2018. Tentative plans call for extending service to the northeast corner of Lake Miliona in 2019 and then the southeast corner in 2020.

If there are enough committed sign-ups, natural gas lines will be run along N Lake Miliona Drive NE to Tamarac Circle NE in 2019. Service will be available by mid- to late summer. *Completion of the project is subject to issuance of all permits and granting of easements.*

Map of Tentative Plans



Natural Gas Interest Survey

We need your feedback! If you are interested in receiving gas service, please fill the form on our website at www.lakeregionenergy.com/lakemiliona or give us a call at (866) 367-5732.

Please visit the sign-up page on our website to provide us with your contact information. Even if you do not live in the expansion area planned for 2019, this will allow us to keep you informed as LRES expands into your area. We will provide an update and schedule a public meeting regarding the natural gas project in early spring, after we have completed our project feasibility study.

If you have any questions, call (866) 367-5732 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We look forward to speaking with you about the many benefits of natural gas.

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Call (866) 367-5732 for more information!



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- ✗ No more winter price shock
- ✗ No more pre-buy contracts
- ✗ No more unwanted spring fill

Natural Gas Service is Safe, Convenient, and Affordable

Affordability – Historically, natural gas prices have been more stable and lower priced than other home heating fuels. We like to say, “Choose natural gas and enjoy summer fill pricing all winter long.” Last winter, the all in cost of natural gas (including the \$10 Monthly Charge) was the equivalent of \$1.09 per gallon propane and customers saved 30% or more.

Convenience – Natural gas is always available. You are billed monthly, and only for the gas you actually used.

You’ll find that heating with natural gas and doing business with LRES is convenient and easy!

Safety is designed into the LRES system – Every residential service line on the LRES system has an Excess Flow Valve (EFV) installed underground where the gas service line joins the gas main. EFVs work like a circuit breaker and automatically shut off the gas when the flow to a residence exceeds design limits due to a dig in or other cause.



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Loon Nesting Platforms 2018

Six loon nesting platforms were deployed on the lake this year, which is an increase of four. Two platforms had nesting loons and each pair of loons successfully hatched two young. Last year we had one platform that had a loon nest. The 6 platforms were deployed as follows: 2 in Tamarac Bay, one on the point to the east of Tamarac Bay, one on the south side by Mork Pond, one on the west side (south of the landing), and one east of Smokey Timbers. This is the second year in a row that there has been a successful loon nesting in Tamarac Bay. The west side had the other successful loon nesting.

In Tamarac Bay from 2001-2016, there was only one natural loon nest and that was in 2014. We have had 2 consecutive years of successful loon nesting in Tamarac Bay with the platforms.

Our plans are to add several more loon nesting

platforms in 2019.

Depending on when there is ice out, we would like to have the platforms deployed by the end of April. This year given the late ice out, the platforms were not on the lake until May 8.

As a reminder, during nesting season, please stay about 100 yards away from a loon nesting platform.

Thank you to the volunteers that not only helped to build the platforms, but also placed and removed them. Special thanks to Marlene Schoeneck and her Environment Science class at Parkers Prairie High School for constructing 2 nesting platforms.



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2019 Calendar of Events

January 12	Directors Meeting	9:00 am
April 13	Directors Meeting	9:00 am
June 8	Annual Meeting	9:00 am
July 13	Directors Meeting	9:00 am
August 10	Annual Fundraiser	5-10:00 pm
October 13	Directors Meeting	9:00 am