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RALALA LAKES ASSOCIATION

MESSAGE FROM LINDA VAN STRAATEN RALALA ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Greetings to our lake family,

This summer we have seen that lake activities can continue while we are being careful and considerate to stay safe in the time of Covid 19. More lake families are living here and working remotely; we have seen lots of traffic on the waters during the week and not just the weekends.

A responsibility of the board of RALALA is to hold an annual meeting each year. We usually do this and create a social event for our members. As a 501c3, the only business we are required to do is to elect board members for the next 3 year term. Thank you to the many who responded to our first ever electronic and mail vote for the nominated slate for board of directors. Your responses were so



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ROOSEVELT EWM (EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL) SURVEY RESULTS

RALALA hires Freshwater Scientific to do the milfoil survey of Roosevelt Lakes, which you will read about in the following report. Smokey Hollow, Leavitt and Lawrence lake are surveyed in Sept by PLM because they are smaller lakes and need the entire season for any milfoil to grow to a degree that they can be detected. In past surveys, no AIS plants have been found in these lakes.

The treatment for the identified sites on Roosevelt has been completed in August by PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. We are so fortunate that both the community leadership of Emily and Outing have funding available to help us pay PLM approximately \$20,000 for the treatment. The City of Emily has a program Emily

Waters which has granted us \$4700 towards this invoice; Crooked Lake Township has the AIS committee which has granted us \$5000. Your generous donations to RALALA pay for the remaining balance of the invoice from PLM and for the survey costs from Freshwater Scientific. Your continued donations are very necessary.

You will see that the identified locations on Roosevelt are seemingly clustered near the Hwy 6 bridge. This year, your RALALA board voted to use a more expensive product ProcellarCOR which will hopefully eradicate the plants. It has also been decided to stop hand pulling the milfoil plant by members; we are seeing no success stopping reoccurring growth with this time consuming manual effort.

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Photo by Janine Langermo

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SURVEY & ANALYSIS METHODS

EWM DELINEATION SURVEY

Freshwater Scientific Services, LLC completed a delineation survey for Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) in Roosevelt Lake (#11-0043) on July 15, 2020. For this survey, we navigated a meandering search path over the vegetated portion of the lake while using a combination of surface observations, sonar readings, and rake tosses to locate and delineate areas of EWM growth. Visual and sonar assessments were conducted continuously, with subsequent rake tosses to assess EWM presence/abundance at sites where plants were not identifiable from the surface. We

Surveyed: July 15, 2020



recorded any locations with EWM using a hand-held Garmin GPS unit (GPSMAP78) and then documented water depth and EWM abundance (density rating; 1 to 3 scale as described below).

Water clarity and overall visibility were excellent at the time of the survey, allowing us to conduct an intensive visual survey that was more likely to locate smaller patches of EWM growth than a rake survey alone.

Score	Visual	Rake
1	Light / Solitary plants	1-2 stems
2	Moderate / Dense patches	3 to 9 stems
3	Dense / Uniform matted EWM	10+ stems

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Photo by Ellen Frasen Thielen

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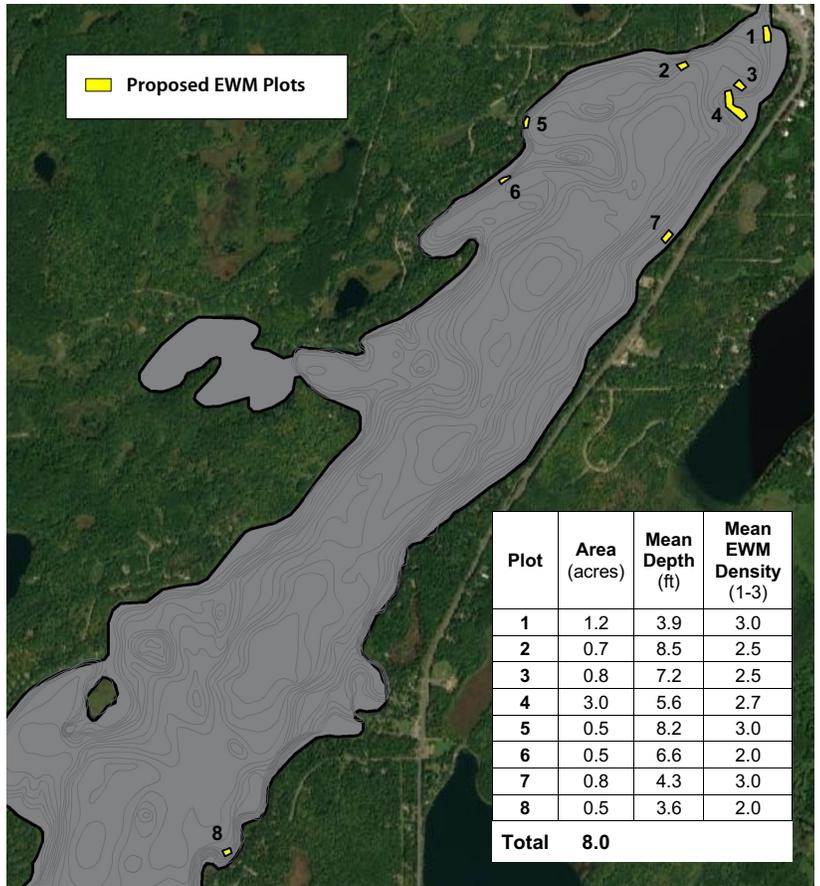
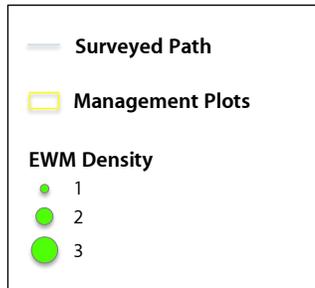
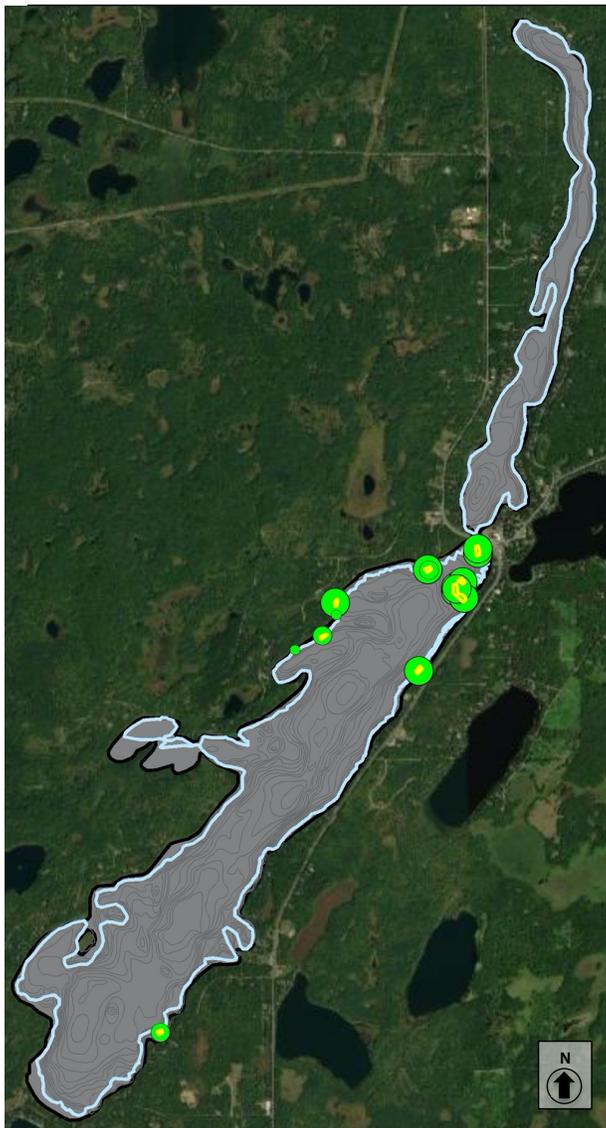
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Roosevelt Lake (#11-0043)
Eurasian Watermilfoil Delineation: July 15, 2020



Surveyed: July 15, 2020
 Methods: Visual, Sonar, Rake
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**Justin Burslie,
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Greetings RALALA Members,
This is a friendly reminder from the City of Emily that land use permits are required for most exterior projects within city limits. All new and replacement structures including dwellings and accessory structures, all expansions to existing structures, fabric structures (hoop buildings), stairways, and dirt

moving (grading)/shoreline alterations require a permit. Often times property owners (and sometimes contractors) assume Crow Wing County's land use ordinance applies to their property located in city limits which is not accurate. The city has it's own land use ordinance available online along with permit application forms at cityofemily.com. If you have any questions regarding ordinance provisions or permitting requirements for property

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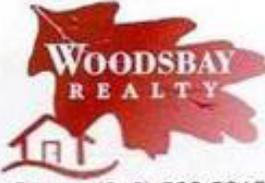
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"I am excited to be in such a beautiful area of the state here in the Remer/Outing Area. I am from Duluth and graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement. After interning with the MN DNR Conservation Officers in the Duluth area, I knew being a Conservation Officer was my ultimate goal. Two weeks after obtaining my Bachelor's degree, I was deployed to Qatar for six months. A few months after coming home, I was hired as a Conservation Officer. I grew up fishing and camping and have always loved the outdoors. I am currently serving in the Air National Guard at the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth, MN. In my free time I enjoy hopping from my work boat to my personal boat and fishing

with my fiancé and our chocolate lab puppy, Captain. Attached is a photo of the area I cover. It is approximately 1,000 square miles. The North boundary is HWY 2 and the South boundary is Outing. West boundary is the Boy River, East boundary is the Cass County line.



Responsibilities include enforcing all fish and game laws, all recreational vehicle laws to include ATVs, watercraft, snowmobiles, and off-highway motorcycles. I also assist with all safety classes such as firearm safety, ATV safety and boating safety."

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by Dave Hillstrom, Regional manager, PLM,
edited by Linda Van Straaten

PLM completed the AIS surveys (checking for EWM/milfoil) for the RALALA group on Leavitt and Smokey Hollow and Lawrence lakes. Similar to years past, Leavitt seems to have a very healthy and mostly diverse native population and should continued to be searched annually. As for Smokey Hollow, we observed very little for submerged vegetation but floating leaf species and a handful of favorable pondweeds were observed. As discussed in years past, I don't believe Smokey Hollow is a lake that will have a milfoil problem and could be searched every other year.

PLM navigated the shoreline of Lawrence Lake and the channel between north Roosevelt and Lawrence. While navigating, two separate locations were observed to have (suspected) milfoil within the channel.

One location West of the bridge near Roosevelt Lake and another East of the bridge, close to the opening to Lawrence Lake.

I believe it could be appropriate for MN DNR staff to hand pull the single plant for official identification. I also believe that MN DNR staff could search the general area closely for any additional EWM that could be covered by dense and abundant native milfoil.

From the local DNR Nicole Kova, AIS specialist:

No adult Zebra Muscles were found during three different search efforts last year on Lawrence Lake. All lakeshore property owners should be vigilant to check their equipment as it is removed from our shorelines this fall.

A GREAT PARTNERSHIP

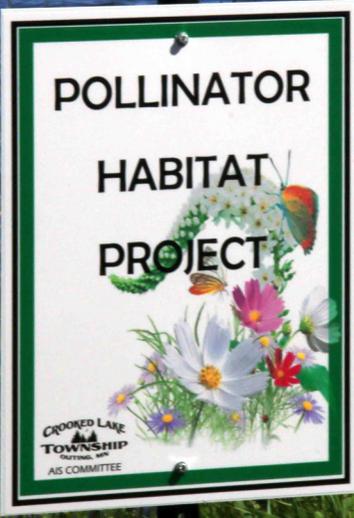
by Linda Van Straaten

Two years ago, Glen Goodwin, who sits on the board of our neighboring Lake Washburn Association, contacted me and suggested we have an exchange program to learn and share our board experiences. Each month, the RALALA board sits in on the LWA Zoom board meetings and the reverse is true while Glen sits in on our virtual meetings.

This collaboration has proven to be very beneficial in both directions. We are discovering similarities and yet differences which are helping each organization grow.

Our next step is to develop a project we can offer jointly for both memberships to enjoy and benefit from an educational and fun event.

Ralala was created in 1994 by a dedicated group of our lake lovers. It's great to have the enthusiasm of new residents, neighbors, community official leadership and our businesses all join in to strengthen our partnerships.



LUSCHER PARK SHORELINE/ POLLINATOR PROJECT

The Crooked Lake Township/ Aquatic Invasive Species Committee pollinator habitat & lakeshore restoration project was planted at Luscher Park in Outing. Along with improving the shoreline at the park, it is hoped residents in the area will want to learn more about establishing a "grow don't mow" shoreline at their individual residences. Special thanks to Prairie Restoration in Princeton, Mn.



Above: The soil was prepared, seeds were sown. Then a straw matt was laid down and wildflowers were planted in it. The matt keeps the plants and moist and controls the weeds



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appreciated. Our tech team did a great job organizing this for our membership.

Our newly elected board of directors who will serve until 2023 are Mikie Walker, David Lawson and Jeff Caza. Mikie Walker is our current secretary, we are so happy she is willing to serve again.

David Lawson lives on South Roosevelt and Jeff Caza lives on Leavitt Lake. Welcome to these new board members; new voices who will help us as we go

forward. Dave Johnson was appointed to the board this winter by the current directors to fill the remaining term of the late Mary Weihrauch.

We need to profusely thank our former board members who are ending their terms in 2020. Rollie Maki has served for many years on the RALALA board and will forever be known as one of the top raffle ticket sellers in our fundraising efforts. He is currently a member of the Crooked Lake Township AIS committee as well.

Roger Brekken has served on the board for many years and has been our DNR liaison writing updated reports in our newsletters. He's out on the lake monitoring, fixing and replacing buoys, serving on the finance committee and as a retired 3M employee, his volunteer hours equal a donation to RALALA from 3M.

Fall is upon us, yet uncertainties are still with us. I wish you well and my hope is for 2021 to be a year of health, safety and normalcy.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Roger Brekken



Rollie Maki



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Dave Johnson



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Mikie Walker

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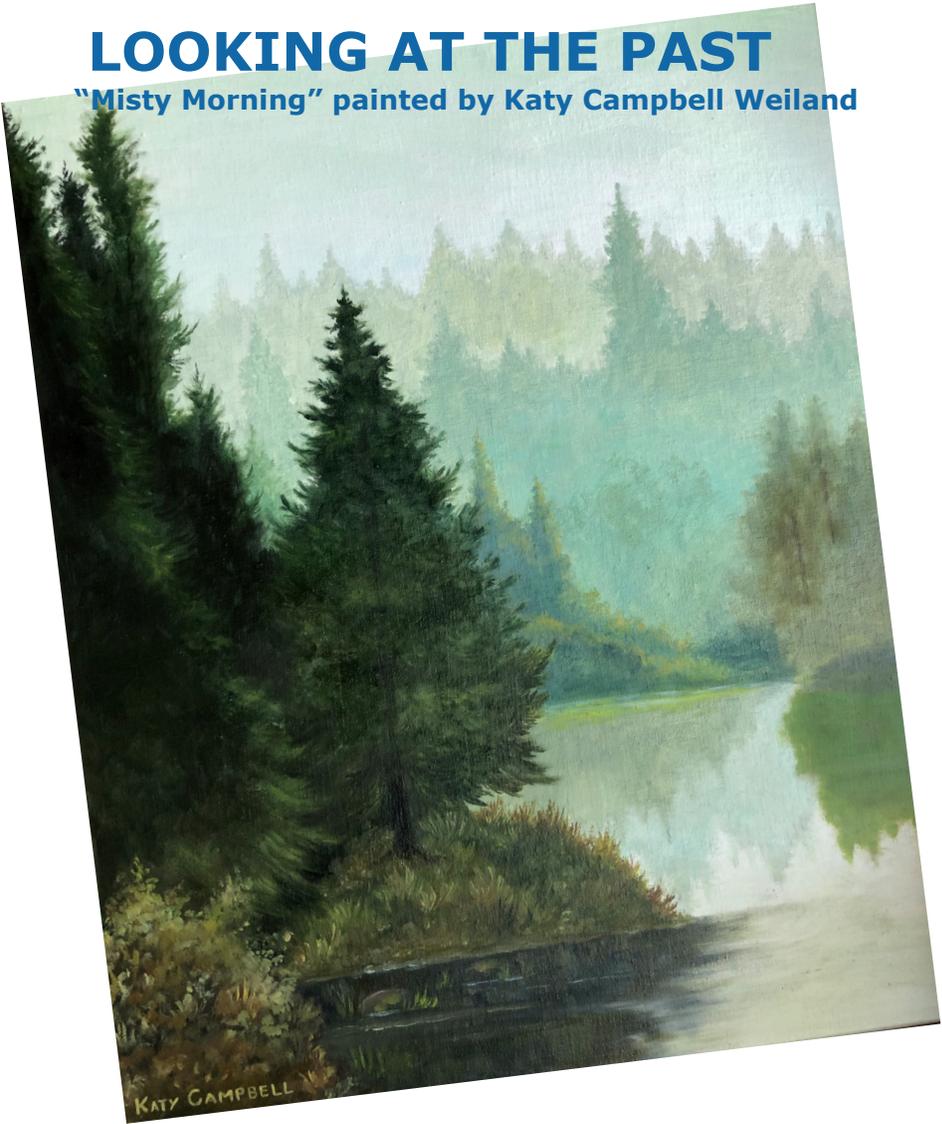
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Darril Wegscheid	CW county Lakes and Rivers Alliance (LARA) Pine River Watershed Association (PRWA) Whitefish Area Property Owners Assoc (WAPOA)

LOOKING AT THE PAST

"Misty Morning" painted by Katy Campbell Weiland



This painting represents the entrance to Woods Bay in 1975. Look how dense the entrance was; this is how we old-timers remember it.

Years ago, a big storm with straight line winds took down several trees on the point, forever changing the secret passage into a serene setting that was a quiet sanctuary for all to enjoy.

This land had been owned by Katy's father, Walt Gardner, since the 1930's. When Katy created the painting, the land was still in her family. My dad bought this portion of land from Katy in 1986 to prevent development of the bays. In 2017, this point and the land on the left in the painting, all part of Woods Bay, entered into the ownership of the MN DNR Aquatic Management Area.

Mary Jo and Don Dee, longtime RALALA members, bought this painting from Katy at the 1975 Emily Days art show. In 2017, because my family had owned the land, the Dees gave it to me when they permanently moved to Florida. This art has been well loved.

—Linda Van Straaten

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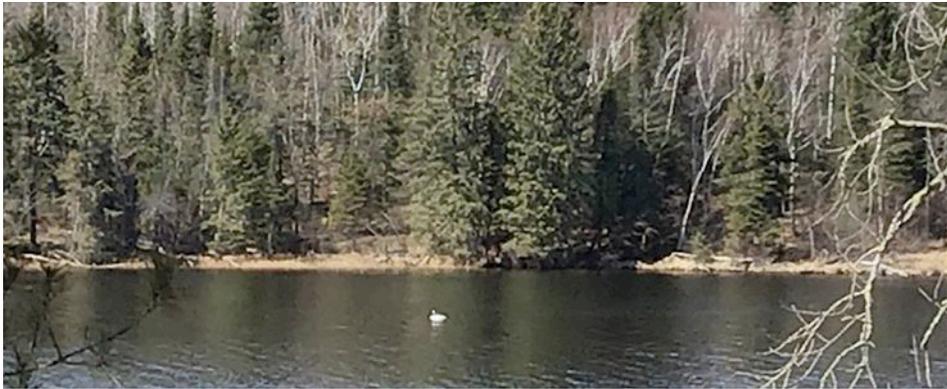


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BOOBIE BAY ON LEAVITT LAKE HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

"We have owned a cabin in Leavitt Lake for 6 years now and LOVE seeing this sign on the West side of Leavitt (from the water). It's funny and interesting at the same time. What is the story behind this? Does anyone know? People have said it's been named this since the 1940's." -Thanks to Melissa for sending this to us!

"So... who has the back story on this sign? Seems that someone keeps it in good condition and adorned as well."