



Bay Lake Breezes

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Spring 2008

Finally! A break in the weather may help slow EWM growth; we will continue to do our part

We continue to control Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) in Bay Lake — this will be our 17th season doing so. After two very tough years with perfect conditions for explosive EWM growth, I am optimistic that we may have gotten the break we so badly needed from the weather this year. It's May 1, and the ice is not out yet. We had good snow cover this past winter, and it is looking like a cooler, wetter spring than we've had the past several years.

We all know how bad the EWM was the last two seasons, and we did treat it very aggressively. We will be surveying the lake as we have all these years starting around Memorial Day. We will treat in late June, then repeat the process in late summer and follow up with a fall treatment late in September.

We did go over our budget the last two years. And I can't thank all of you enough that we had the funds and the plan to

carry us through. Considering the past growth and expansion of the EWM, this year will be no time to rest on our laurels. If the EWM was knocked down by our treatments and this year's weather/growing conditions, we still plan on hitting it hard again this season to try to regain lost ground and give native vegetation a chance to come back.

We have talked about these swings in conditions in the past, and we have to expect and be
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Annual BLIA Tree/Plant Giveaway has new place, time

Bay Lakers can again enhance their yards and shorelines with free plants by attending the annual BLIA Tree and Plant Giveaway, 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 24, at the Lonesome Pine.

Trees available will include 500 white spruce and 500 white pine 4-year-old transplants — a great addition to the Bay lake Area.

The Shoreline Protection Committee will give

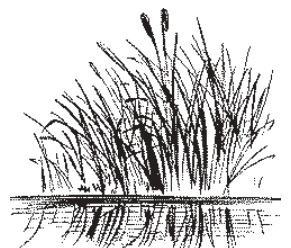
away native perennial flowers and grasses. Committee members will be available to answer questions and provide consultation regarding where and how to plant the plants. The committee encourages Bay Lakers to maintain a buffer strip between the lake and their shorelines to improve water quality and provide habitat for birds, fish and other animals.

Want to learn more about environmental issues and conservation?

Tori Peterson, co-chair of the

Shoreline Protection Committee, recommends reading the magazine "The Minnesota Conservation Volunteer."

The publication is available by calling the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) at 888-646-6367 or visiting www.mndr.gov/magazine.



BLIA online donations option up and running!

by Rick Bale

Environmental Protection Fund

The online payment option on the BLIA portion of the baylake.org website is now available for paying BLIA membership dues, and making

contributions to the Environmental Protection Fund and donations towards the Fourth of July fireworks. The online payment option also can be used

by anyone to make a memorial donation to the Environmental Fund and to indicate who should be notified of the memorial donation.

Members can still renew their membership and send their donations by U.S. mail, but for anyone with a credit card and a computer, the online payment option is fast and easy, and allows members to immediately print a confirmation and acknowledgment of their donations for their tax records (thus saving the association postage for mailed acknowledgment letters).

The online payment option is handled through the secure bank card system of Vanco, an established company that also handles transactions for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and many churches and other nonprofits. We're sure you're going to like this convenient and timesaving improvement to the BLIA website.

BLIA membership dues help us communicate

Once again spring has arrived, although somewhat reluctantly and belatedly. However, we are anticipating another wonderful summer and fall on Bay Lake.

To help this happen, we need your 2008 membership dues to defray the ongoing costs of communicating with all of you, whether by letters, e-mail, "snail mail" or social gatherings. This year we have added a new feature to make it easier for you to join — by going on the Bay Lake website and contributing online.

Whatever works best for you, we appreciate your contribution. Thanks for your continued support of the Bay Lake Improvement Association.

Betty Marquardt
Membership chair

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Our actions important in keeping water quality high...

by Mark Roloff
Water quality

This past February, the Bay Lake Improvement Association commissioned a winter sampling of the water quality of Bay Lake. The sampling analysis measures numerous chemicals in the lake and helps give us a point of reference on the health of the lake. We then compare this analysis with previous samplings to look for trends or changes in water quality.

There are several key indicators that we use when looking at water quality. One is the secchi disk reading, and the other is the Carlson Trophic State Index (TSI).

The secchi disk reading is a measurement of water clarity and is done by visual sighting of a white disk at first noticed

depth. Clarity depends on many factors including algae concentrations, suspended soils, snow depth and color due to dissolved organic matter.

Our most current reading is at 15 feet. This reading is the fourth best since we first began secchi disk readings in 1985. The bigger the number, the clearer the water, the better for the lake. We have to go back to 1989 to find better readings.

The TSI is a value that measures water quality based upon a total phosphorous, chlorophyll and a secchi disk reading. The TSI indicates the lake's potential to produce algae and measures the trophic state or geological age of the lake. Our recent sampling gives us a TSI

that continues to place Bay Lake on the border between a clean lake and a lake with temporary algae and aquatic plant problems.

The good news is that the lake is stable. The bad news is that there has been a 9 percent increase in phosphorus since 2004. Among the sources of phosphorus are fertilizer runoff from our yards, and blowing leaves into the lake with spring and fall cleanups.

As we all know, a lake is a dynamic ecosystem affected by many variables, most important our own interaction and activities.

We have met the enemy and the solution — we are both.

...you can begin by helping to monitor the public landing for zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil

by Sylvia Graff

After last year's success with 1,278 monitored crafts, coming from 98 Minnesota lakes and six other states, we are looking to intensify the monitoring program for 2008. We need as many Bay Lake persons as possible to be volunteer monitors. I'm asking you to get involved, to protect our lake and save your Bay Lake Improvement Association (BLIA) money.

Besides the area's 71 persons trained in the previous two years, I have already signed up 32

additional persons for the upcoming DNR (Department of Natural Resources) monitoring classes. I invite you to ask your BLIA friends, as well as other area lake persons, to be educated and join us in saving all our area lakes.

The next DNR one-hour class, located at and complements of Ruttger's Lodge, will be on Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m. Room location will be posted inside Ruttger's lobby.

Please contact me about your attendance, as I need a count for materials and seating space.

Thank You,

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graffbay@mlecmn.net



Looking ahead to a fun summer!

Time to grab your fishing pole!

by Joel Kraft
BLIA Fishing Contest

The 2008 Bay Lake Improvement Association Fishing Contest began Saturday, May 10, and will run through Monday, Sept. 1. Awards will be given for the largest Walleye, Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass, Crappie and Sunfish in each of two age groups. Those 15 years of age and younger will compete in the kids' contest, and licensed anglers 16 years of

age and older will compete in the adult contest.



Fish will be measured by length (down to the quarter inch) and may be registered at Hansen's Store. The signature of a witness in the registration book or a photo of the fish is all that is needed to

enter. The actual fish need not be provided.

We will also have a drawing that includes the names of all who enter for two \$15 gift certificates to Tutt's Bait and Tackle in Garrison. Even if your fish isn't the biggest, please stop in at Hansen's and take part in the contest. Maybe we'll help take a bite out of your bait bill next summer.

Names of contest and gift certificate winners will appear in the Fall issue of the Bay Lake Breezes.

This is going to be a great summer on Bay Lake, and I look forward to many of you participating in this year's contest.

Join in the fun at Minnow Camp

by Minna Gallagher

The Bay Lake Improvement Association will again sponsor the annual children's party at Church Island on Saturday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Minnow Camp is a rain-or-shine event with crafts, games and music appropriate for preschool to elementary aged children accompanied by an adult. Siblings and weekend guests are welcome. A picnic-style lunch will be served, complete with beverage and dessert.

All participants should meet at the east end of Church Island

at the flag pole at 10 a.m. We will have a welcome area there. Come and see the beautiful new buildings of the Bay Lake Camp!

Please contact Minna Gallagher at 952-474-0329 or minpat@skypoint.com if you, older children (11 years and older) or grandparents would like to help with this event. Planning will be done for you...we just need extra hands and extra smiles to help at craft tables, serve food and provide crowd control. It's a great children's tradition on Bay Lake!

**Become a member
of the Bay Lake
Improvement
Association.**

**Contribute to the
Environmental
Fund. Donate
towards the
fireworks.**

**Do it all online at
www.baylake.org
See article on Page 2
for more
information.**

24th annual Runtilla to be July 26

Whether you're a runner, walker, biker or skater — or one who just likes to cheer — you are invited to join in the 24th annual Runtilla on Saturday, July 26.

Check-in for the 5K (3.1 mile) event will begin at 8:15 a.m. in the Hawk on Bay parking lot; the starting gun will sound at 9.

If you're 20 years old or younger, or 70 or over, you can add color to the event by submitting original artwork for the front of the Runtilla t-shirt. Last year's contest drew 11 entrants. Winning designers have included Missy Rose in 2007; Emily Rose, 2006; and Allison Bye, 2005.

The shirt also lists names of individuals and companies donating \$50, \$200, \$300 or more as financial sponsors. This year the new category of \$200 earns the sponsor two Runtilla t-shirts and two Runtilla hats as well as a special place on the

back of the shirt. Names of \$300 donors appear on a sleeve, and \$50 donors, on the back.

All proceeds go directly to the BLIA Environmental Protection Fund.

"Every year Bay Lakers set a new milestone in annual giving to the Environmental Fund through the Runtilla," says Jim Bye, Runtilla coordinator. "Last year giving totaled more than \$16,000. Many thanks to all contributors, no matter the size of the gift."

Deadline for submitting shirt designs and sponsorship donations is July 10. Please send them to:

Jim Bye
2482 Lafayette Road
Wayzata, MN 55391

If you plan to enter the Runtilla, please complete an application and return it to Hansen's Store by July 13. Applications will be available at www.baylake.org or at Hansen's beginning Memorial Day Weekend.

"Many thanks to the businesses that support this event — Hansen's, Ruttger's, Lonesome Pine and Hawk on Bay — and to our many sponsors and volunteers," says Bye. "The event wouldn't happen without you. Participation grows every year, and many families come in multiple generations. It's fun to see Bay Lakers enjoying each other's company and the spirit of this special annual event."



Bay Lake Calendar

May 24	Tree/Plant Giveaway — 10 a.m. to noon, Lonesome Pine
June 7	DNR Public Access Monitoring Class — 10 a.m., Ruttger's
June 21	BLIA Board Meeting — 9 a.m., Ruttger's
July 5	BLIA Annual Meeting — 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Meeting, Ruttger's
	Fireworks — East end of Ruttger's
July 19	BLIA Board Meeting — 9 a.m., Ruttger's
July 26	Runtilla — 9 a.m., near Hawk on Bay
Aug. 9	BLIA Golf Tournament and Picnic — Ruttger's
Aug. 16	BLIA Board Meeting — 9 a.m., Ruttger's
Sept. 13	BLIA Board Meeting — 9 a.m., Woodland Beach
Dec. 13	BLIA Holiday Party — 4 p.m. Social Hour, 5:30 p.m. Dinner, Ruttger's

Thanks to many, the “new” Bay Lake Camp is here!

A dream has come true!!! With the support of our Bay Lake neighbors, Nor Son, the Minnesota DNR (Department of Natural Resources), the Minnesota Land Trust, and members and supporters of First Lutheran Church (and so many others), Bay Lake Camp has a new year-round lodge, dining hall and state-of-the-art kitchen! Come on over and see what went on this fall, winter and spring on the island. We can now offer camping experiences year round. Come and see how our facility may fit into your lives — for a family reunion, as a place for overflow guests to stay or for a special gathering.

Fifty years ago, a dream was born to build a retreat center at Bay Lake Camp and now, in large part because you believed in us and this dream, it has become a reality! Thanks be to God!

Now we will be able to better serve the mission and vision of Bay Lake Camp — a place where all are welcome. A place where we celebrate urban camping ministry with all its rich diversity, in a unique island wilderness that emphasizes the stewardship of all creation.

Bay Lake Camp is a place where we value the rich gifts of urban congregations and stay grounded in ministry to urban youth and their families. We encourage spiritual leadership that fosters multicultural relationship building, and we seek to encounter God through rest and play.

With added winterized facilities, we will be able to extend our camping ministries far into the shoulder months of fall and spring, and even provide some winter camping opportunities. As we look to reach out to

low-income populations and the homeless, we will be able to provide a safe and beautiful place for people to come and be transformed in God’s amazing creation!

Join us for these special happenings at church Island this summer:

Saturday May 25, 9 a.m.

Come help with docks and spring cleanup of the outdoor chapel for the summer season. If you'd also like to help us "gift" the new kitchen and retreat center with some much needed items, we will be having a "shower" for the buildings that morning. Simply go to Target.com, click on target lists and type in Bay Lake Camp. There will be a list of items you can choose from to bring to the island that day. There will also be a noon lunch provided.

Memorial Day Sunday, May 25 through Labor Day Sunday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m.

Worship Service. Come by boat or catch the pontoon shuttle from Brighton Point beginning at 9:30 a.m. Stay for coffee and fellowship.

June 23 — 29

Young Artists' Initiative Theater Week. Register through <http://www.youngartistsmn.org> or www.youngartistsmn.org. This year's production is "Seussical...The Musical." Performances are open to the public on Friday.

Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m. — noon

Minnow Camp. Lunch provided.

Sunday, July 6

Our Grand opening! Come celebrate with us. Worship at 10 a.m. with Robert Robinson and the Twin City Gospel Ensemble. Stay for fellowship, tour the new buildings and enjoy a picnic lunch. Come walk the trails, play at the children's playground, walk the labyrinth and just enjoy our island.

July 20, 10 a.m.

A Blue Grass worship service with Churchyard Grass from Crosby.

Aug. 31

Labor Day Sunday worship and first annual Bay Lake Camp Raffle and Arts Jam, complete with music and food. Watch for more information about a number of fantastic items up for raffle as we seek scholarship dollars for low-income youth, adults and families. Raffle tickets will be available at all your favorite Bay Lake locations.

Sponsor a camper with a gift of

Camping sessions open to your camper:

6th grade - 9th graders,
July 14-18
3rd grade - 5th graders,
Aug. 11-15
High School Week,
July 28 - Aug. 1
Women's Island Getaway,
Aug. 1, 2, 3

To register:

Contact First Lutheran Church, 651-776-7210 before June 15 or Bay Lake Camp, 218-678-2271 after June 15

\$200. Help us provide a camping experience to inner city youth or family. Send your check to BLC, 16257 Brighton Point Road, Deerwood, MN 56444 and specify Campership.

Again, we thank you for your ongoing support of our mission to preserve Church Island. Now, come and see what vision, prayers and your support can do!

Have a great summer and God Bless,

Brenda Olson, BLC Director
Carol and Gary Malek

Lonesome Pine to host 'Wild and Free' fund-raiser

It has been a long cold winter. We want to extend a special thanks to all of you who kept us busy this winter. It was great to see you snowmobilers, ice fisher-people and winter lovers. Truth be told, with the snow at the end of April and the late ice-out, we thought summer would never come, but it's here and we are ready! Just like all of you, we are geared up for the summer, mosquitoes and all! Welcome back to the lake from the Lonesome Pine.

We have a great season ahead of us; we are revising our menu both in the bar and the restaurant. The wines have been aging and are perfectly paired with our menu updates. We are planting flowers and dusting off the playground for the kids. It should be a great season.

Upcoming events

We have also been busy this spring working to plan a summer of events. The JR Spencer Band is playing twice this summer — on Memorial Day Weekend and Runtilla Weekend. French Lick will be playing at the customer appreciation party, 4th of July, and Labor Day Weekend. This year's customer appreciation day, our fourth annual, will be on Saturday, June 14, on the lawn of the Lonesome Pine from 1-4 p.m. There will be complementary food and beverages, as well as plenty of fun with games for kids and adults alike as we say "Thanks!" to you all for your patronage and support over the years.

Focusing charitable efforts

When our family took over the Pine five years ago, we were faced with the task of how to respond to the overwhelming request for cash donations from various organizations. Instead of donating to all with smaller, less impacting donations, we decided to choose two nonprofit organizations that would receive our focused support. By choosing only two we are able to concentrate our efforts and make more of an impact on these two organizations.

Obviously, because Bay Lake is such a special place for our family and the restaurant, we chose the Bay Lake Improvement Association Environmental Protection Fund. The second is the Wild and Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison.

While most of you (we hope) have knowledge of the Environmental Fund, we would like to tell you about Wild and Free.

Special care for animals

Our family first met Dr. Debbie Eskedahl of the Garrison Animal Hospital through our many visits with our many pets. As we got to know what an incredible vet and wildlife-loving person she is, we found

out about her organization Wild and Free.

Wild and Free, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to the education of the public regarding wildlife and their habitat, and relieving the pain and suffering of wild animals. Professional and humane care is provided in efforts to preserve our local wildlife. Wild and Free is the result of Dr. Debbie Eskedahl's great concern for and love of wild animals. Wild and Free is supported entirely by grants and donations and the many hours donated by a talented group of volunteers.

Wild and Free receives no federal or state funding for any portion of its program. It



provides food, shelter, medical and surgical care to orphaned or injured wildlife under permits from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The organization's primary facility is located in Garrison, where it receives animals from all communities in the North Central Minnesota area.

Animals of all sizes are welcome. Some recent animals
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that were taken to Wild and Free have been baby raccoons, a turkey vulture, timber wolves, otters, trumpeter swans, hawks, owls, and even a young bald eagle that Josh was able to release in 2005 after it had been rehabilitated by Dr. Deb. Dr. Deb is the founder of Wild and Free and is the only person in the state licensed by the DNR to rehabilitate Black Bears.

In addition to annual spring and fall winetastings, the Lonesome Pine will be hosting the 5th annual Wild and Free Gala Dinner. This is a six-course, white-linen wine dinner with silent auction and entertainment on Wednesday, June 11. Tickets are \$60 each, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to Wild and Free. If you are able to come, or want to buy a ticket anyway if you can't come, or would like to donate to the silent auction, please call Josh at 218-678-2874.

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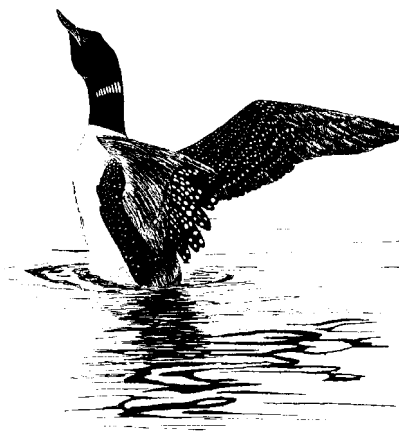
“It’s quick and easy to become a member of the Bay Lake Improvement Association or donate to the Environmental Protection Fund with the new online payment option at www.baylake.org. With a click of the mouse, you can print an immediate confirmation of your

Ruttger’s is also helping out Wild & Free. On July 20 – 22, if you bring in a Wild and Free golf flyer, you will be charged \$40 for 18 holes, cart, range balls and a bottle of water. \$10 of each green fee will be given to Wild and Free. A huge thanks to Ruttger’s! For more information on Wild and Free, please visit www.wildandfree.org.

Come check out the specifics on all our upcoming events on the web via www.lonesomepineonline.com or call 218.678.2874.

We hope to have another wonderful summer with you and your families on the lake. Remember you’re never lonely at the Lonesome Pine...we look forward to seeing you soon for dinner.

Josh, Amy and The Goolsbee Family



donation for your tax records. It’s simple. Try it!”

Invasive species conference

The first annual statewide conference on invasive species will be held at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center and the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites from Sunday, Oct. 26, to Wednesday, Oct. 29. The purpose of the conference is to strengthen awareness of invasive species issues across Minnesota and to exchange information on aquatic and terrestrial invasive species.

The Minnesota Invasive Species Conference 2008 is being organized under the banner “Acting Locally to Protect Our Legendary Lands and Waters.” An estimated 250 researchers, students, business and industry professionals, land and water managers, and representatives of conservation organizations, lake associations and environmental organizations are expected to attend. Pre-conference workshops and training sessions are scheduled on Sunday, Oct. 26. Plenary and technical breakout sessions are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 27 and 28. On Wednesday, Oct. 29, there will be educational tours of local research facilities and attractions. A trade show of educational exhibits and posters will be held throughout the conference.

The conference is being hosted by the Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council and co-chaired by The Minnesota Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and the University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program. Conference organizers are inviting proposals for oral presentations. More information can found at www.minnesotaswcs.org.

Create a treasure for future generations

by Paul Erickson
History Committee

The Bay Lake History Initiative has really taken off. We now have nine shoreline history coordinators (or coordinator teams) actively working with their neighbors on 60-70 percent of our shoreline.

The Hunter's Bay Point project was completed last summer. Immediately afterwards, the Woodland Beach Association got started, and they are now more than 90 percent complete! By winter the folks on Brighton Point and White Hawk got into the act and they, too, are progressing rapidly. This summer Eaglewood, Bay Lake Shores and Echo Bay (NE) will get started. And these shorelines are in addition to the projects on Battle Point, Echo Bay (SW), Pleasant Shores, Doty's Addition and the North Shore (east of Ruttger's) that have been previously announced.

A complete listing of our projects and coordinators can be viewed on the Bay Lake website.

Folks, this is an extremely rewarding initiative. If you aren't involved, you should be.

Whether you document your own history or you coordinate a shoreline, I guarantee you'll be glad you did.

If you're not sure what a history initiative is, contact me at efiman@aol.com or 218-678-3400. I'll show you the Hunter's Bay Point book and, if you want to take the next step, I'll provide you with a guide that clearly shows what to do.

Yes, this takes some effort.....but it's worth it. What you create will be a treasure that's handed down for generations to come. *Don't let your property or your shoreline be left out!* If your shoreline is listed as having a coordinator, but you haven't been contacted,

Hansen's & Hunter's Bay Store

by Curt Hansen

The Hunter's Bay Store was built in 1933 by Chester LaSalle. He also built some of the cabins on Bay Lake for Bronson-Erickson, who owned the building next to the store and used it for a real estate office.

LaSalle built our cabin on Woodland Beach in 1936. That year my mother and I would row over to the store to shop. Dad had bought a 3 H.P. Champion motor from LaSalle for \$39.50 to put on a 16-foot flat bottom row boat he bought in town, but Mother would not let me run the motor that first summer. LaSalle sold the store in 1938-39 and moved to the city.

There were four or five owners over the next few years. One tried a toboggan slide behind the store, next a bar and dance hall upstairs, but none of these were successful. In March of 1944, Happy Trotzic came into Dad's radiator shop in Minneapolis and said, "Art, I'm going to sell the store." Dad said, "I want to buy it." We came up to look it over, and things were

give the coordinator a call (or let me know).

Here's a wonderful submission about a wonderful story. Our own stories may not go back quite as far as Curt's, but they are just as important.....and if they aren't documented, they will be lost.

very run down. Dad made sure that he could buy the building next door from Bronson-Erickson and bought both.

I was still in high school in Minneapolis so Mother opened the store. It was very cold in early May, so she built a fire in the furnace and the smoke came up through the grate in the store floor. The water pump quit working so we went to Brainerd to buy a pump. There was only one pump available in town at Wards, but they would not sell it without an order from the War Production Board. Luckily, we still had a pump in our boathouse at the cabin, and that worked out for many years.

In 1949, Ralph Hunt came into the store and asked Dad if he would be interested in buying the Katrine schoolhouse. The township had no use for it and it was originally part of the Hunter's Bay plot. Dad said yes he would buy it.

On a fall evening in 1951, my friends Gene Anderson, Bob Paulson and I went into Club La **Hunter's Bay Store**, cont. on Page 11

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Gauyle in Brainerd for a cheeseburger. There Bob saw a girl he had met earlier in the summer. She was with two girlfriends – one of them was Ruth Carlson. The four of us started going to Tuesday night wrestling matches because Ruth wouldn't stay awake when we went to the movies.

Most of you know the rest of the story – we were married on June 6, 1953. Ruth's dad and Elmer Anderson remodeled the schoolhouse into a summer home, and we lived there for many years.

In 1975, we tore the old store down in late September and had Thanksgiving in the basement of the new store, moving up as the store floor and living quarters were completed.

In 1977, we sold the shop in Minneapolis and also our home. My commuting twice a week

was over. The new store is getting old, along with some of us who are still working. It's been very interesting – many

friends – fun to watch many of the kids who grew up around the store now coming in with their grandchildren.



Curt and Ruth Hansen relax in front of the original Hunter's Bay Store, built in 1933. They rebuilt the old store in 1975.

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prepared for them in the future. To that end, we have to be prepared financially. To give you an idea of the expense and how it relates to the last two seasons: We spent \$106,000 in 2006 (which was not too bad), \$143,000 in 2007 (very bad) and \$172,000 in 2008 (the worse yet). It became very clear the last couple of years just how important it is that we aggressively fight EWM. We have spent down our reserve the last two seasons, but that is why we have it. I know that everyone has been incredible in their giving to BLIA and the Environmental Protection Fund, but I have to remind you that

there really is no one to help us with these problems but us. I intend to give more this year than I did last year and would hope others would consider doing the same.

Authorization signatures are required for all onshore treatments. We did get most last year, but still need some. Either I or your beach captain will be working over the next six weeks to collect signatures we don't have. If you have not authorized treatment along your shore, we will not be able to chemically treat it. There is a copy of the signature form with mailing or faxing instructions on the BLIA website for those who have not signed it.

We will be sending a EWM ID card and a return postcard later this summer asking for your help in inspecting your shoreline for signs of EWM. This has been a very big help in years past, and I would ask for your support again.

We can and will continue to control EWM in Bay Lake. Our program does work. Your support and involvement is very much appreciated, and what our community has done in supporting these efforts is amazing. Please continue to give to the Environmental Protection Fund so we all can continue to use and enjoy Bay Lake as we have.

Thank you.
David Devins
Aquatic plant management

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Bay Lake Bulletin Board

*BLIA Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 5
Ruttger's
Light Breakfast 9 a.m.
(NEW)
Meeting 9:30 a.m.*

*Volunteer to help
monitor public access
Call Sylvia Graff*

*Fireworks
Saturday, July 5
East end of
Ruttger's*

*Help with
Minnow Camp
June 28
Call Minna
Gallagher*

*Runtilla
July 26*