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President's Message | Round Lake



Round Lake Association

| Mark Parrish | President

There is often confusion regarding the purpose and objectives of the Round Lake Improvement Association (RLIA) vs the Round Lake

Improvement District (RLID).

The RLID was established to deal with lake water quality issues such as invasive species. The funding comes from a special property tax assessment that lakeshore property owners voted into place. The total of the assessment is approximately \$36,000 per year. The county holds the funds for the lake improvement district in a special account and releases them when a bill is presented for payment. These funds can only be used for lake/water quality issues. They can't be used, for example to dredge out Bishops Creek in order to improve navigation. Examples of past and current uses of the funds have been for Curly Leaf Pond Weed control, Clemson Leveler and beaver dam maintenance in Sugar Bush Creek (creek between North Long Lake and Round Lake), annual water quality testing, etc.

An update on the issues that the RLID deals with is:

- Plans are underway to control curly leaf pond weed again in the spring of 2016. A permit and an application for a grant to help cover the cost have been applied for to the DNR.
- The Clemson Levelers were inspected and found to be in operating condition last fall. There was a problem of flooding in the area of the beaver dams due to excessive amounts of beaver activity. The number of beaver has been reduced and the problem solved.

 There has been discussion regarding the proliferation of native weeds due to the zebra mussel infestation. Plans are to meet with the DNR to see if there is anything that can be done to reduce some of the native weed growth.

The RLIA was established as a lake community association for social purposes as well as to deal with lake issues that the RLID cannot fund. Membership is open to all that choose to pay annual dues. Members do not need to be Round Lake property owners to be members. A few years ago the association became a 501(c)3 entity, which is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization. The nonprofit status allows for the possibility of dues being tax deductible. Since the reorganization, there has been a noticeable improvement in the amount of dues that the association collects. The financial statement is located in this issue of the newsletter. We are fortunate that we have been able to grow the association's cash balances for future needs.

An update on the issues that the RLIA deals with:

- There has been recent discussion about the possible need to dredge Bishops Creek to improve navigation between Round and Gull Lake. The process is both costly and time consuming. Permits have to be obtained, permission from adjacent property owners has to be acquired and a company hired to do the work. Fortunately funds have been set aside to cover cost, which can be quite considerable. The plan is to assess the need once the ice is out.
- The only other item currently on the agenda for the RLIA is to prepare and pay for the annual picnic the last Saturday of June.

If you have any further questions please contact a board member or bring your questions to the annual picnic in June.



President's Message | North Long Lake



North Long Lake Association

| Bill Schmidt | President

Greetings to North Long Lake Association Members, Property Owners and Friends.

As I write this I think about how blessed we are to have all the beauty this lake gives us, our neighbors, friends, the trees, the loons, the wild life, the fish, the sunsets and the sun rises, the clear sky at nights with the stars out, and the occasional full moon over the lake at night. I could go on and on but I also know that we cannot take all this beauty for granted as we have seen in the recent past, things can change in a very short period of time.

Some of these things are controllable and some are not. There is not much we can do about the non-controllable other than to be prepared to deal with them; however we can have an impact on the controllable things. This is what your Association Board will focus on in 2016.

Our focus will be on six major objectives:

- 1. Keep all our members well informed on all major issues and a better communications plan if a disaster occurs.
- 2. Continue to grow our membership for total lake unity by learning the needs of all property owners and providing for those needs.
- 3. Sponsor more family fun events at our annual meeting and picnic.
- 4. Continue to educate the public on keeping our lake from further AIS contamination.
- 5. Improve the quality and quantity of fish in our lake by researching all alternatives including additional stocking.
- 6. Pursue all avenues to reduce the presence of cormorants on our lake.

With your help we can accomplish all of these. Together lets continue to make this a great lake to live on and enjoy.

I also want to thank the Board for their dedication and hard work. Let's have a wonderful summer and enjoy our beauty. Thank you for your continued support and friendship.



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It's not too late to draw hummingbirds to your garden.

| By Rhonda Fleming Hayes

If you're slow to get the hummingbird feeder refilled, you might just catch an earful. Hummingbirds aren't shy; they'll fly up to an empty feeder and let out a string of short, sharp chirps that seem to scold you for your laziness.

It's not surprising, since the sky-high metabolism of these tiny birds means they live in an almost constant low-blood-sugar crisis. You'd be cranky, too. Sheri Williamson, co-director of the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory, jokes that a hummingbird's vocabulary is 100 percent swearwords.

The best way to avoid a telling-off is to plant plenty of nectar-rich flowers that cater to hummingbirds' particular taste and foraging style. Although hummingbirds drink heavily from them, feeders remain only a supplement to the flowers that are their primary nectar source.

Be aware, though, that hummers don't live on sweets alone; in fact, most folks are surprised to learn that insects and spiders are a big part of their diet. All that sugar is just fuel; they may visit as many as 1,000 flowers per day, consuming the sweet nectar that powers their bug-seeking activities. At the end of the day, this little bird that weighs only one-tenth of an ounce will have consumed half its body weight in sugar.

Hummingbirds start to arrive in Minnesota the first week in May, on average. Having preferred flowers starting early in the season helps to guarantee that they'll stick around your garden, since they'll find it suitable for nesting as well as food. But it's not too late to pop in some hummingbird-preferred plants to lure them in for summer's duration.

The petite birds are adapted to funnel-shaped or tubular flowers that can be accessed only by a narrow proboscis like theirs. Without a sense of smell, hummingbirds use further visual cues to find food sources, the color red acting as an "Eat Here" sign. However hummers can be found on certain white or blue flowers, too.

A male ruby-throated hummingbird.



Planting salvia is your best chance at drawing in hummingbirds.

I make sure they visit my garden by placing lots of their favorite flowers right by my feeders. To provide a season-long buffet of nectar sources, I position annuals I know are surefire hummingbird magnets, along with proven perennials. It's not unusual to see them flitting back and forth between the flowers and the feeders.

Bug snacks

Hummingbirds frequently pause to rest while they peruse the garden for bug snacks. They'll appreciate it if you have handy plant stakes or perching spots situated through the garden for this purpose.



Hummingbirds can be considered another tool in your pest-fighting arsenal, so try to avoid or limit pesticide use to encourage their presence. They are known to consume gnats, mosquitoes, aphids and mites, among other pesky bugs.

If you're lucky enough that your garden draws them in large numbers, bird fights can break out. It's fun to watch them engage in kamikaze-like aerial maneuvers as they defend their territory against other hummers. However, you may want to locate feeders and flowers in several places to spread the spoils and contain the bickering, as well as to gain more hummer-watching vantage points.

As the season progresses, hummingbird sightings increase as adults, as well as newly fledged young, are all feeding and stocking up for their impending migration. Fortunately, that's the time lots of these time-tested hummingbird flowers are in bloom.

Contrary to popular thought, leaving feeders up into the fall doesn't delay the hummingbirds' migration. In fact, according to University of Minnesota hummingbird expert Donald Mitchell, leaving feeders up will help any stragglers rather than



Bee Balm

delay them, since decreasing day length is what triggers migration, not scarcity of food. He reiterates that maintaining clean feeders is the most important thing you can do besides planting good quantities of hummer-friendly flowers.

Rhonda Fleming Hayes is a Minneapolis-based garden writer who blogs at www.thegardenbuzz.com. She is the author of "Pollinator-Friendly Gardening: Gardening for Bees, Butterflies and Other Pollinators," available on Amazon.

Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District Plant Sale

The Crow Wing SWCD is conducting their annual tree and plant sale. This is a great opportunity to improve your property with native trees, shrubs, plants, and grasses. It will be too late by the time you receive this newsletter to preorder. However, they are accepting tree and shrub orders on an "as available" basis". Tree and plant pick-up will be at the Northland Arboretum in Baxter May 5-7. Plant plugs, seeds and 2015 Plat books will be available for sale at the pickup. Plant plugs can be ordered until April 15th.

Information is available at www. crowwingswcd.org or by calling 218-828-6197.

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Protect your boat and engine from zebra mussels

| Courtesy of Amy Bellows, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Tim Campbell, UW-Extension Environmental Resources Center

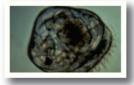
Unfortunately, some boat owners are seeing and feeling the damage caused by zebra mussels first hand. Their boat hullsare being damaged and their motors are overheating because they do not know how to minimize the impacts zebra mussels can cause. These small invasive mussels attach to hard surfaces including boats and motors! There are simple and proactive steps owners may implement to protect their investment and prevent the spread of invasive species into more of Wisconsin's waters.

Is your boat protected against zebra

mussels? Do you know what to do?

Proper boat hull, engine maintenance and cleaning are key to saving thousands of dollars in repair costs resulting from damage caused by zebra mussels. Juvenile and adult zebra mussels have the ability to attach to many different types of substrate including fiberglass, aluminum, wood, and steel. This ability to attach decreases fuel efficiency and damages the boat's finish. Their larvae (called veligers) are extremely small – too small to see without a microscope. When veligers are present in the water they can be drawn into engine passages or can move into

them on their own. Once they settle out in the engine cooling system, they can grow into adults and may block intake screens, internal passages, hoses, seacocks, and strainers. The best ways in which boat owners may avoid this type of damage are:



Zebra mussel veliger

Use a boatlift to completely remove the watercraft from the water. Boatlifts prevent the attachment of zebra mussels by lifting the boat out of the water when it is not being used. This helps reduce the need to scrape mussels off of the boat at the end of the season and allows the boat to be inspected, washed, or completelydried between uses.

Use your boat. If boats are left moored in zebra mussel infested waters run the engine at least twice a week at slow speeds (about 4-½ mph) for 10 to 15 minutes. The hot water will kill the zebra mussels in your engine's cooling systems. Keep an eye on your engine temperatures – if you notice an increase, it may mean that zebra mussels are clogging your cooling system. Immediately inspect the system inside and out, and remove any zebra mussels disposing of them in the trash.

<u>Lift the motor out of the water between uses if mooring</u>. By lifting the motor out of the water you will reduce the chances of zebra mussels colonizing the intake grate. Fully discharge any

water that may still remain in the lower portion of the cooling system as this water may contain veligers.

<u>Tip down the motor and discharge the water when leaving a waterbody.</u> This will reduce the chances of zebra mussels being carried to a new location in the trapped water. Don't forget to remove all aquatic plants and animals from the boat, motor, trailer, and equipment. Aquatic plants and animals will often have zebra mussel veligers or juvenile mussels attached that will hitch a ride to a new location. Also remember that the plant itself could be an invasive species such as Eurasian Water Milfoil.

Motor "muffs", also known as motor flushers, are another tool designed to remove zebra mussels and other materials from your boat engine or personal watercraft. Motor "muffs" flush away soil

particles and other foreign materials, preventing clogging, corrosion and helping to extend the life of your engine. They are important for boat maintenance and are simple to use. Clamp the motor flusher onto the lower unit over the cooling inlets on either



side of the motor, and screw the nozzle of your garden hose into it. This allows you to run the motor on land without worrying about heat buildup. Run the boat engine for approximately 10 minutes or as suggested by the manufacturer (Remember to turn the water on before running the engine!). Foreign materials, including zebra mussels, will be "flushed" out of the engine. To prevent veligers from reentering the engine when the boat is placed back in the water and docked, tip the engine up, keeping it out of the water when not in use. Motor flushers may be purchased for around \$4.00 at area marinas, boat retail outlets, hardware stores and local sporting goods stores. They may also be purchased online.

Rinse boat and equipment. Adult zebra mussels should be removed from your boat, trailer, and equipment by hand (whenever possible) and discarded in the trash before rinsing the boat. Boats and equipment may be pressure washed to remove veligers and juvenile zebra mussels. Biologists who have studied zebra mussels recommend using high-pressure hot water to remove and kill zebra mussels that are attached to your boat hull (use water >104 degrees F if possible). It is okay to use high-pressure cold water if hot water is not available. Avoid pressure washing classic and wooden boats that are not made of metal. For these boats, manually remove plant and animal materials, drain all water, and dry in the sun for 5 days.

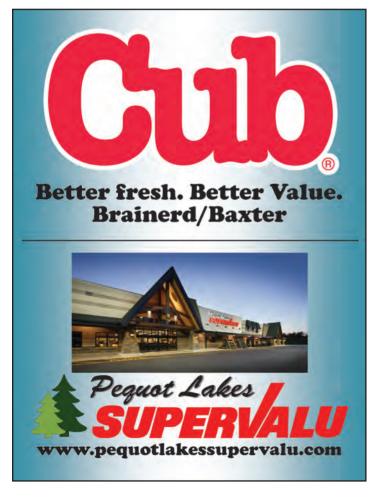
Apply antifouling paints to the hull and the engine's cooling system. In-line strainers can also be installed in the engines cooling system. Anti-fouling paints are routinely applied to boat hulls to prevent zebra mussel attachment, algae growth and other marine organisms from attaching to the hulls of watercraft. An evaluation of hull paints by Ohio Sea Grant Extension in 1990 demonstrated that commercially available antifouling coatings could provide season long protection from zebra mussels in the Great Lakes region. Periodic inspections should be done throughout the year to check for and repair cracks or chips in the paint. Reapplication of the anti-fouling paint should be done according to the manufactures' recommendations every couple of years to provide the maximum level of protection possible. Alternatively, protective coatings that contain an epoxy or silicon type material are effective in preventing zebra mussel attachment, and have the added benefit of deterring plants and algae from attaching to the boat hull. Anti-fouling paints that are copper based are okay to use in Wisconsin. It is best to purchase anti-fouling paints or protective coatings from an area boat dealer or your local marina.

Please follow all labeled directions when applying these materials to protect our surface waters. Adult zebra mussels can be carried to new water bodies when attached to boats and plant fragments. Veligers can be transported in water.

Please take the following steps to prevent the transport of zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species to new waters:

- Inspect and remove aquatic plants, animals, and mud from your boat, trailer, and equipment.
- Drain all water from your motor, livewell, bilge, transom, etc.
- Dispose of unused bait in the trash.
- Wash your boat and equipment with hot and/or high pressure water, particularly if moored for more than one day, OR
- Dry your boat and equipment thoroughly (in the sun) for five days.

Special thanks to Doug Jensen MN Sea Grant and Chuck O'Neill NY Sea Grant for reviewing and providing technical information for this article.





2016 Legislative Update MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates

Our Mission: To protect Minnesota's lake & river heritage for current & future generations by forging powerful links among lakes, lake advocates, and policy makers.



The Minnesota 2016 Legislative Session has begun and will run for just 9 short weeks, with breaks for both Easter and Passover. The short session will be further complicated by the renovation of the Capitol building, which is closed to the public this session, and the looming election next Fall.

We wanted to get you up to speed with a number of legislative issues that may emerge. Please make use of the links provided in blue text which will take you to more information, or the MLR Citizens Action Network, (CAN) where you can take action on these issues. Non-resident members will find links to local media outlets where you can draft a letter to the editor on these issues.

Property Taxes: It is time to reform the State Business Property Tax, on cabins and Commercial/Industrial property. Reform of this state property tax will certainly be brought up for reform in 2016.

Various bills were put forth last session to reform this special, additional property tax with both Democrats and Republicans in both the House and Senate as authors. These bills are still viable and will serve as the starting point for discussions in 2016.

Some background: In 2001 Gov. Jesse Venture and the Minnesota Legislature created the Statewide Business Property Tax, on cabins and businesses. There was no policy driving the creation of the Statewide Business Property tax, no connection between a user group and a tax to fund that activity, no behavioral change being sought. The money raised does not go to local communities. This isn't Democrat versus Republican, this isn't rich against poor. Late at night in the final hours of the the 2001 Legislative Session, policy makers discovered a \$500 million budget hole in Gov. Ventura's "tax reform program." The State Business Property tax was created to "backfill" this budget hole.

Unfortunately, in the years of perpetual state government red ink, there was no way to reform this additional tax on cabins and businesses. Last legislative session both Republican and Democratic legislators, in both the House and the Senate came forth with a variety of bills seeking to adjust or even eliminate the State Business Property Tax.

Sustainable Shoreline Incentive Act:

Water Issues - At a Forum News Service Debate, held at the State Capitol, Legislative leadership and Gov. Mark Dayton outlined their priorities for the session. The discussion focused on the needs of Greater Minnesota, and included some lake issues. With the Governor's Water Summit, it is clear that the agenda will include lakes and water.

Aquatic Invasive Species: MLR will focus on a number of AIS related items this session.

- Restoring the MN DNR Grant programs for invasive plant management and inspectors. Last Fall the MN DNR announced that they were cutting all public AIS education grants, all AIS inspection grants, and reducing Invasive Plant Management grants to \$200,000 from \$675,000 last year. Lake Associations spend millions annually out of their own pockets to fund lake protection and improvement for a range of activities including fish stocking, aquatic invasive weed management, putting out navigational buoys, inspection programs to help contain AIS spread and education programs for everything from shoreline management to storm water runoff management. They do this in support of a public asset, Minnesota's lakes and rivers. It is short sighted that the MN DNR, instead of truly partnering and applauding these efforts that benefit so many, and partnering to enhance and encourage local efforts, chooses instead to abuse this generosity and push ever more of the cost for lake management to these civic minded volunteers.
- Remove the Sales Tax for Lake Treatments of Aquatic Invasive Species Every summer lakeshore residents and cabin owners put out the call for donations to treat their area lakes for Eurasian Water-milfoil, curly leaf pond weed and other invasive non-native aquatic plants. This work, and expense, helps keep the lakes open for use by every one in the state, improves aquatic habitats by increasing native plant growth, and lowers the risk that these noxious plants will be carried to another lake on a boat or trailer. MLR will push to remove the sales tax for these ef forts, allowing tens of thousands more dollars to go towards this work statewide.

Other Bills

There are a number of other bills that may emerge.

Boat Ramp Closing: Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk signaled at the Forum News Service Debate that he may take action to close some boat landings in response to Aquatic Invasive Species. Said Senator Bakk, "Getting our arms around these invasive species and how they're getting into more and more lakes - one of the contributing factors is that we have too many boat landings..., We can start to get our arms around how we're going to deal with this problem or this problem is only going to get worse," Bakk said. "We do not need six, eight, 10 boat landings like many lakes have." Muskie Stocking: It also appears likely that the MN DNR's muskie stocking program will come under scrutiny. Early this Fall, the MN DNR proposed stocking muskies into five new lake systems in the State where muskie are non-native. Local communities complained that these lakes were chosen without a meaningful and transparent local public input process, and they worry about the potential for aquatic

invasive species spread, impacts to waterfowl reproduction, and a decline in the populations of walleye and panfish.

Muskie fishing guides, resorts and others support muskie stocking programs, pointing to the embattled Knapp Study for support. They also point out that muskie fishermen supply a revenue stream to local resorts and businesses late into the Fall, after walleye fishing slows.

Unfortunately, the MN DNR does not have an adequate process in place to bring stakeholders together in a meaningful discussion where all stakeholders can work together towards the common good - healthy lakes and the local economies dependent upon those waters. Instead the current DNR process of "public hearings" quickly devolved into bitter argument and finger-pointing. It seems clear that this heated debate will boil up at the Minnesota Legislature.

Lake Associations make a good point when claiming that they have been largely excluded from the process. Research by Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates suggests that lake home and cabin owners are the largest angling constituency in the state. Lake Associations collectively spend more than any other group for fish stocking and aquatic habitat improvement projects. About 63% of lake home and cabin owners bought a fishing license last year. In addition, Lake Home and Cabins drive the sale of fishing licenses to visitors who come up "to the lake" on vacation. 75% reported that 2 or more licenses were purchased by visitors to their lake place, with 32% selling 4 or more licenses.

74% of lake home and cabin owners list walleye as the primary species for which they fish. In a ranking of the various fish species in Minnesota by preference, 71% listed muskie as their least favorite species that they pursue when fishing. Only 6% of respondents listed Muskie as their preferred species when fishing.

Watercraft Operator's License - Gabriel Jabbour, a marina owner on Lake Minnetonka and a member of the MN DNR Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee, put forth the idea of creating a water craft operator's license for Minnesota, much as is required for snow mobile operators or gun safety training for hunters. There would need to be accommodation for non-resident boaters, but training for Minnesota's youth would increase safety, and allow for training on how to avoid spreading aquatic invasive species, disturbing waterfowl nesting, reduce shoreline erosion and begin to establish some basic ethics and common sense for boaters in Minnesota. MLR will support this proposal.

Increasing fines and penalties for Aquatic Invasive Species violations - Currently the fine for violating Minnesota's AIS laws is \$500. In Idaho the fine is \$10,000 and possible quarantine of the watercraft. Minnesota's AIS program, including fines and necessary control of infested watercraft, needs to reflect the seriousness of the crime.

- Jeff Forester, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR)



Tree Planting at the Round Lake Boat Access

In Spring of 2014, volunteers from the Round Lake Improvement District (RLID) planted 50 White Pine seedlings. The seedlings , approximately 8" tall, were planted to enhance the public access and as a memorial to Alan Cibuzar who was a proponent for planting the trees, especially white pine.

Now, 24 months later, they're doing well. Almost all survived the first winter with relatively minor amounts of snow damage and minimal signs of deer browse.

Given the success of the this effort, the RLID plans to plant 250 Black Spruce in the area between Hwy 371 and Round Lake. Over the last several years there have been approximately 500 trees planted near Hwy 371. The purpose is for esthetics

in screening the lake from the highway as well as to provide a living barrier between the lake and the highway for runoff from rain and melting snow.



MAISRC graduate student thesis examines effect of herbicides on curlyleaf pondweed and native plants

| Courtesy of University of Minnesota, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center

A thriving native aquatic plant community made up of diverse and abundant plants is essential to maintaining a stable aquatic ecosystem. Native plants stabilize shorelines, reduce sediment resuspension, and balance the water chemistry by taking in phosphorus and releasing oxygen.

However, these delicate systems can be disrupted by the introduction of invasive aquatic plants such Eurasian watermilfoil and curlyleaf pondweed, both of which are becoming increasingly common in Minnesota lakes. (For reference, in 2004 Eurasian watermilfoil was found in 160 lakes in Minnesota; today, that number is over 300.) Curlyleaf pondweed presents issues in Minnesota lakes because it grows very dense stands that displace native species and produces hardy turions (a plant bud that allows the plant to survive in winter without setting seeds) for reproduction that are viable for two or more years.

How these aquatic invaders can be stopped without harming native plants became the focus of Dr. Ray Newman's advisee, John Jaka, who recently earned his master's degree and wrote his thesis on this issue. Jaka's research worked to address three specific objectives:

- The magnitude of the effect of herbicide treatments on curlyleaf pondweed;
- How native plants respond to curlyleaf pondweed herbicide treatments; and
- If reductions of curlyleaf pondweed abundance, biomass, and turion densities in the sediment will allow the native plant community to expand.

Jaka selected two lakes in the Twin Cities metro area – Lake Riley and Lake Susan – as well as one control – Mitchell Lake – on which to conduct his research. The lakes were treated with Endothall, an herbicide commonly used to control aquatic plants, for two consecutive years. Data were compared to several years' worth of pre-treatment data, including biomass (weight) and turion densities of both native and invasive species.

After observation and data analysis, Jaka found that low-dose, early-season endothall herbicide treatments successfully controlled curlyleaf pondweed within treatment years while having no measurable negative effects – judging by the frequency of plant occurrence, turion density, and overall biomass— on the native plant community. Curlyleaf pondweed frequency of occurrence, biomass, and turion production all declined by 90% or more in both treatment lakes. However, as in previous studies, native plants did not show big increases.

While this research did shine light on the effectiveness of this particular herbicide, what remains unknown is how to best enhance the response of native plants, particularly in lakes with poor water clarity.

Additional MAISRC research is working to address this through post-treatment monitoring and transplanting native plants to treated areas. The ultimate goal of this work is to reduce invasive aquatic vegetation and encourage a diverse aquatic plant community that provides forage and shelter for waterfowl, fish, invertebrates, and algae-consuming zooplankton; improves recreational opportunities for swimmers and boaters; and results in the most resilient overall system.

Thank you to the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District for their funding and support of this work.



John Dillinger Sat Here?

| Courtesy of Ren Holland, The Early Resorts of Minnesota: Tourism in the Land of 10,000 Lakes

Sebago Camp didn't match the style and size of some of the other early Brainerd area resorts. Located on the north side of Round Lake near Nisswa, it was quite small and isolated. But due to an incident in 1933 it found a big place in Brainerd's history when some late summer travelers wandered in. They told owner Clarence Penney that they were land speculators and needed a place to stay. The mysterious guests stayed for several days in Cabin 2.

Penny would soon learn that the First National Bank of Brainerd had been robbed by a five-member gang that fired shots into buildings in downtown Brainerd, narrowly missing several citizens. Penney recognized two of the five when the ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS published photos of the suspected robbers. One was the notorious Baby Face Nelson, another was his red-haired girlfriend. Sebago's Cabin 2 had been their base for planning the October 23, 1933 robbery.

Donald E. Fish. Sebago caretaker at Resort, wrote a short book titled, Sebago Resort: A History 1926-1986. He believed that John Dillinger may have been one of the gangsters who planned the robbery. His opinion was based on finding"Dillinger and Pals" written beneath the seat of a cabin chair. Dillinger had escaped from an Ohio prison on October 12,



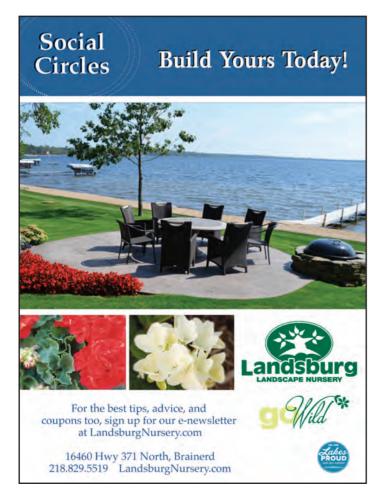
1934 FBI Wanted Poster

1933, eleven days before the robbery, thus may not have wanted to attract attention by physically participating in the actual robbery.

In April of 1934, Dillinger and Baby Face Nelson escaped from federal agents in a shoot-out at Little Bohemia Lodge in Wisconsin. A short time later, in July of 1934, Dillinger was killed in Chicago. Nelson was killed in November. Their deaths marked a turning point in the FBI's war on gangsters.

Many resorts have tales about gangsters, especially from the days of Prohibition when gangsters frequented Minnesota. Dozens of books have been written about John Dillinger, including Paul MacCabee's John Dillinger Slept Here, a detailed history of Dillinger in St. Paul.

John Dillinger, whether sleeping, sitting, or running from the law, was considered an extremely dangerous bank robber who caused fear, injury, and death to many innocent people. It would be interesting to know if he really sat in the chair at Sebago Resort, or why his name was signed like a celebrity. He certainly wouldn't have written his name to achieve identity, since he already had plenty of that. Maybe he felt"left out" of the action, or maybe just bored. Had somebody who later rented the cabin "signed" the chair to fuel one of the many Dillinger stories? We may never know for certain, but we do know that Sebago Resort has a story that will never die.





Erickson Cabin on Paradise Drive

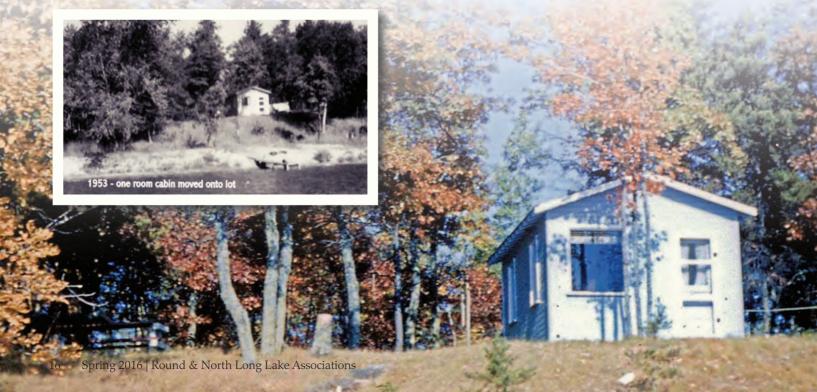
| Told by Linda Erickson Jensen



My parents, Herb and Marion Erickson, bought this lot in 1952 for \$8.00 a foot from Lee Monasmith. My mother thought the price was a bit extravagant. With the help of friends, herb logged the lot with handsaws. A well was drilled by hand in 1953. The first 'cabin' was a one-room building moved onto the lot that served as living room, dining room, kitchen, and bedroom. My parents purchased a wooden boat and 5hp Scott-Atwater motor for \$100. We pumped water by hand and used an outhouse until the early 60s.

Herb loved and respected nature. He planted most of the pine trees that are on the lot and was adamant that we leave as much natural vegetation as possible. My mother, Marion, was very good at keeping a journal / scrapbook, which she added to on a regular basis. Her efforts have helped us keep the history of our cabin alive.





Construction on the 24′x24′ block cabin began in 1962. Several weekends of rain slowed the project but the walls went up. By the time the roof was put on the weather was getting cool so the tar needed to be heated – a very time consuming job. Windows and doors were installed in 1963 as well as power being hooked up. 1964 was the summer to work on the interior of the cabin. By 1965 the kitchen and bathroom were completed.

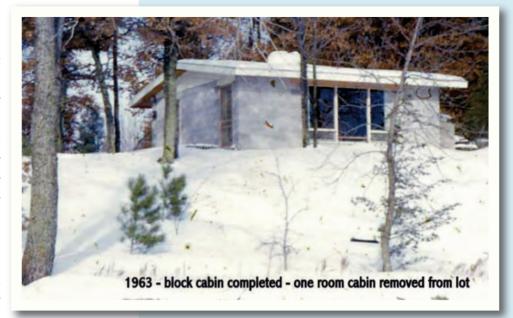
The cabin was deeded to Herb and Marion's children, John and Linda. My father was able to celebrated his 90th

birthday at the lake (which was his absolute favorite place to be) with family and friends. He died in 2000 and my mother is 2004. Bob and I bought my brother John's share of the cabin in 2005 and began the additions on both ends of the original cabin. Our goal was to keep the integrity of the old while adding the new.

Our children have fond memories of summers at the lake – spending time with grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. Having friends spend weekends, fishing, boating, tubing, skiing, playing in the sand, fresh air, playing cards, playing games, swimmers itch, snipe hunts, stories around the camp fire...

Our hope is that their children will have the opportunity to experience a similar quality of like at the lake.







Light Pollution Solutions

| Courtesy of Joanna Eckles, Bird-Friendly Communities Manager, Audubon Minnesota

In "The End of Night," Paul Bogard discusses the quest to find true darkness and learn about the hazards associated with our increasing use of artificial light, including the dangers to birds and ourselves. Audubon Minnesota has been working to reduce light pollution through our Lights Out program since 2007.

A Conversation with author Paul Bogard

How did you get interested in light pollution? I've always loved nighttime and was lucky to have firsthand experience with natural night as a child. We have a cabin in northern MN where the Milky Way spread from one horizon to another and the full moon was beautifully bright. When I began to learn the constellations, I found that I couldn't see many of them because of light pollution. That realization led me to research and write The End of Night.

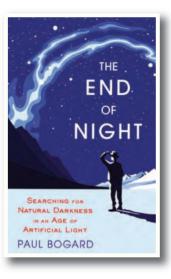
How does light pollution affect birds? Most songbirds migrate at night. There are instances of large numbers of birds being drawn toward very bright lights and either crashing into buildings or circling until they die of exhaustion. Many of the birds that hit windows during the day were actually drawn into the city by the lights the night before. Once there it can be hard for them to find their way out.

Is the problem getting better or worse? Everywhere is getting brighter, and nowhere is getting darker so it's fair to say that the challenge facing migrating birds is getting worse.

What difference does a program like Audubon's "Lights Out" make? It can make a big difference. That's one thing about light pollution--it is readily within our ability to control. By definition light pollution is the overuse and misuse of artificial light at night. We could help birds tremendously simply by making sure our lights are aimed down where we need the light, rather than up into the sky where it does no one any good, or horizontally into our eyes where it causes glare. Once people realize how much light we waste (at least 30%) they usually understand how stupid it is. We can have thoughtful, intelligent lighting at night and help birds, other wildlife and people too.

Is light pollution only a "big city" problem? No, it's everyone's problem. Virtually every city or town of any size has the same recipe for light pollution - inefficient fixtures that send light where we don't need it (into the sky, into our neighbor's homes). The only difference is that big cities have more lights. But lights in the countryside have the potential to have greater ecological damage because there is more wildlife nearby. Also, artificial light affects humans wherever they live. Our bodies have not evolved to be exposed to artificial light at night, and that's true whether you live in a city or a small town.

Does "lights out" at home make a difference for birds? Absolutely. Every light contributes to the problem, and "lights out" decision contributes to the solution. We also need to think about insects. More than 60% of invertebrate species need darkness to live and breed. Without it, they suffer and so, in turn do many birds (and bats) that rely on these species for food. So even a "yard light" or "security light" that attracts insects can be impacting the health of bird populations.



What actions can people take to help reduce light pollution? First of all, become informed. There are so many reasons that our overuse and misuse of light is dangerous and costly. Once you learn these reasons, the way we use light seems ridiculous. Second, take control of your own lights at home by installing shielded fixtures, turning unnecessary lights off at night, or using motion sensors. Third, become active in your community by helping to create or enforce a lighting ordinance that creates the kind and level of lighting you want in your community. We're going to have light at night – we love it, we want it – so the question is, what kind of lighting? Will it be wasteful, irresponsible, un-neighborly light? Or will it be thoughtful and intelligent, even beautiful light?

Are LEDs going to help or hurt? LEDs will soon be everywhere, so this is a vitally important question. LEDs hold both promise and peril. Promise because they are so much more efficient than electric lights and can be controlled far more easily--we can raise and lower their level of light through the night, for example. But peril because 1) they could simply mean more light everywhere, and 2) the type of LEDs most communities are installing are heavy in "blue-rich white light," which is the worst kind of light for us (and other forms of life) to be exposed to at night. If we must use light at night, it's best to use lights made from the warmer end of the spectrum, the reds and oranges, rather than blue light. I fear that because we are not changing our thinking about lighting – essentially that more light is better – that the coming of LEDs will only make the problem of light pollution worse.

Audubon Minnesota's Lights Out program has been ongoing since 2007. Many of Minnesota's most iconic buildings participate in our program during spring and fall migration every year. Visit mn.audubon.org/lights-out-program to learn more.

The Path to the Lake

Theodore Roosevelt once said: "To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people...we must have trees".

With the storm of July 12, 2015, I know many property owners on North Long and Round Lakes felt the devastating pang of the loss of many trees. How hard this was on all of us! The landscape has completely changed and many of us are still cleaning up and rebuilding. My hope and prayer for everyone is that the light at the end of the tunnel is bigger and brighter now as another spring approaches. We all know we need to think about how to adjust to what was lost.

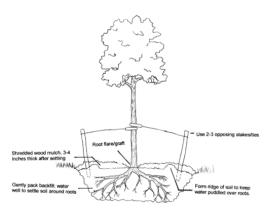


Diagram 1

Trees are wonderful gifts that just keep on giving to us -- as well as future generations. They enrich our lives with beauty and shade on a hot on a hot summer day. They give us cleaner air to breath, provide habitat for wildlife and help to keep the water in our lakes clean by holding soil in place with their roots. With some knowledge and care we can all develop a sense of stewardship for these gifts. My quess is -- if I asked for a show of hands -- almost everyone reading this would agree that they are considering replacing a tree or two this year. I know we are taking a good look around our property.

Tree seedlings or saplings come either bare rooted, containerized, or balled and burlapped. When looking for a replacement tree remember to take into consideration its adult size. The white pine can grow to a height of almost 100 feet with all the right conditions while a paper birch may only grow to 60 feet; an aspen or a willow less than 50 feet. Also consider the width or possible circumference of your choice's canopy.

With the loss of trees on your property...have you considered how your outdoor lighting might be affecting your neighbor's space? | by Judy DuBois

Evaluate how much sunlight your planting site is getting in making your choice and whether you may need to amend your soil for moisture retention for your new little tree to thrive. And...then... before you dig... go to www.gopherstateonecall.org (available 24 hrs.) or dial 811 (available 6 AM to 6 PM).

Once you have made your purchase, keep the roots moist but not sitting in water. Measure the root ball and dig your hole two to three times as wide and as deep as the ball. Separate the roots so that they are loose and aren't "circling" the root ball. Now, in nature, tree roots begin at or just beneath the soil surface and so should your new planting. Carefully remove any excess soil until you find the first main root. This should go at or slightly below soil surface. Remove any synthetic wrappings or fastenings and pull away any burlap. Place your tree making sure the main taproot is straight (it should not form a "J") and refill the hole with soil pressing firmly to remove any air pockets. Newly planted trees don't need fertilizer as much as a good addition of organic matter to the planting hole. Leave a little mound of soil at the end of the root circumference so the watering just puddles. Mulch with three to four inches of wood chips but leave a gap between the chips and the trunk. I shudder every time I see a newly planted tree with mulch piled up on its trunk! It can lead to disease and fungus.

Water you newly planted tree deeply once a week. Deeply means 1 inch of water. You can measure this by placing something the size of an empty tuna can within the zone where your sprinkler water falls. When the water reaches an inch you can turn the sprinkler off.

If you have any questions, talk with the people from whom you are purchasing you seedlings or saplings, or, call the local Master Gardener Helpline @ 218-454-GROW (4769). Leave a concise question and a Crow Wing County Master Gardener will get back to you with an answer within a couple of days. For information you can print out go to www.umn.extension.edu. This is a great resource for information!

One more thing -- Crow Wing County Master Gardeners together with the Brainerd Garden Club will be having a plant sale Saturday, May 28th from 8AM until 12PM at the Northland Arboretum. Last I heard we might have some fruit trees there! HAPPY PLANTING!



Lake Clothing & Memorabilia Sale

BRATS, HOT DOGS, POTATO SALAD, FIXIN'S

LEGIONVILLE ON MERRIFIELD BAY (indoors, handicap accessible)

BUSINESS MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS BY BALLOT: 10:30 A.M. (Board elections will also be announced by mail) Eats: 12:00 noon

COME

Family Fun This year we will have kid's games and activities

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This year the most popular North Long Lake logo clothing and other items will again be available. All proceeds support AIS funding at our lake. We will have caps and T shirts for sale, as well as Can Koozies. And we have many items available by special order. If you would like to preorder any items to wear at the picnic please contact Fran Cronin at (763) 427-5636.

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help with manning our booths. If you are interested in helping us at this year's picnic, we need volunteers for the prizes, the silent auction and the clothing booth. We welcome anyone who is interested.

Finally, we are looking for new or handcrafted items and services for the silent auction. The silent auction is always a popular part of the picnic and proceeds support our AIS control efforts. If you have an item or service to donate for the silent auction, please contact SANDY LONEY at (218) 820-4635 or a board member.



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North Long Lake Association Financial Report



2015 was a high water mark for revenue.

A total of 358 property owners joined or renewed their membership, generating \$12,920 in income. Members also contributed \$10,776 to fight aquatic invasive species (AIS). Combined with AIS grants from Crow Wing County, the State of

Minnesota and Thirty Lakes Watershed Disrtict, revenue was at record levels.

The \$20,578 spent on the fight against AIS on top of the regular ongoing costs of the association also drove expenses to record levels.

Your association opened 2016 in a solid financial position with just under \$48,000 in cash. With funding from government entities reduced in 2016, the association's solid financial position combined with the ongoing financial support of its members will enable the association to continue pursuing its mission.

- Jim Voiss, Treasurer

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2016 Spring NLLA Membership Report

By Kay Hondo, Membership Chair

Our membership numbers are close to where we were at this time last year. Earlier in 2016, a letter and a membership invoice/ renewal form were mailed to all property owners and friends of the lake. As of March 28, 2016, we have 307 members who have returned their invoice and paid their 2016 dues.

However, we have not yet heard from 102 members who paid dues in 2015. If you misplaced your form, please use the membership dues statement within this newsletter or print one from: www.northlong.com. If you aren't sure if you paid this year, your address label (on this newsletter) shows the calendar year in which you last paid dues in the upper right-hand corner.

Annual dues are applied to the current calendar year regardless of when they are received throughout the year. We do not use a "rolling year" so if you paid at the picnic last summer it does not mean you are considered a "paid" member until this summer's

picnic. While we are happy to accept membership dues at the picnic, we encourage you to renew membership earlier in the calendar year. This reduces the time standing in line when you check in.

We want to give a special welcome to the 29 new and 22 "returning" members (those who paid previously but not in 2015). And, a big "thank you" goes to those of you who consistently pay your dues every year. You are the backbone of our membership and we are very grateful for your continued participation.

If you know your neighbor is not a member, please encourage them to join. We believe all of our property owners should be supporting their lake association!

Have a great spring and summer!





North Long Lake Residents and Friends: This is a final reminder for 2016 dues. NORTH LONG LAKE 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENT

The NLLA Board of Directors trust that you find your contribution to the association a worthy investment. Our organization leads the effort to control and limit non-native species, we monitor lake water quality, and we represent you – the North Long Lake resident – with regulatory bodies that impact our lake. The more members we enroll, the better we can continue these efforts. NO OTHER ORGANIZATION IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE OF NORTH LONG LAKE.

Please join us so the Association represents everyone on the lake. Dues are on a calendar year basis – January through December. And please be as generous as you can with contributions to the Invasive Species Fund. This is the only resource we have for "in kind" support for boat inspections and invasive species treatment. Remember that we are a 501(3)c organization; your invasive species donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE (however dues are not)! *Thank you!!*

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Mailing address:	Lake address:
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+ Invasive Species Fund	North Long Lake Association P.O. Box 54
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June 25, 2016 - Starting at 12:00 Noon

Bring the family - Bring your grandchildren. Meet Your Neighbors? Great Bar-B-Que! Please bring a dish to pass around! Don't forget to bring your lawn chair!

At the home of Berniece Slupe, 5446 Ojibwa Road



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ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	CHECK#	<u>DATE</u>
CASH BALANCE AS OF 1/1/2015	\$59,143.91				
REVENUES:	399.19 20,554.42 15,226.96 216.00	Jan 23 2015 Settlement July 3 2015 Settlement Dec 2 2015 Settlement MCIT Dividend	MCIT		1/31/2015 7/31/2015 10/23/2015 11/30/205
TOTAL REVENUES:\$	\$45,796.57				
EXPENDITURES:	250.00 1,000.00 210.00 23,922.22 2,500.00 2,035.00	2015 LID ANNUAL ADMIN FEE Rd Lk contrib to 371 runoff Rd Lk '15 TSI analysis Rd Lk Treatment Rd Lk Stormwater Rd Lk District PC Renewal	CWC Crow Wing SWCD A W Research Laboratories Inc Lake Restoration Inc Crow Wing SWCD MN Counties Intergovernmenral Trust	0 358186 258448 358487 1007 312	1/31/2015 4/14/2015 6/2/2015 6/2/2015 7/1/2015 12/22/2015
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: CASH BALANCE AS OF	\$29,917.22 \$75,023.26				

2015 TAX & SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENT DATES: JANUARY 23, 2015 (THE BALANCE OF PRIORYEAR COLLECTIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY PAID) JULY 2, 2015 (1ST HALF TAXES) DECEMBER 2, 2015 (2ND HALF TAXES)

Auditor-Treasurer's Office 1/5/2016

ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NET WORTH | As of 2/24/2016

ASSETS	Balance as of 6/30/15	Balance as of 2/24/16
Cash and Bank Accounts		
CD BlackRidge	15,135.13	15,180.94
CD Designated Funds Dredging	29,627.13	29,716.81
Checking	4,920.56	5,946.20
Savings	17,005.46	22,020.31
Svngs Dredging Funds	100.52	100.52
TOTAL ASSETS	66,788.80	72,964.78
LIABILITIES		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	0
OVERALL TOTAL	66,788.80	72,964.78

ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BANKING SUMMARY | 7/1/2015 through 2/24/2016

INCOME	
Interest Inc	62.57
Dredging Funds	89.68
TOTAL Interest Inc	152.25
Food From Picnic	_
2015	1.00
Membership Dues	6,370.00
Other Inc	45.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,568.25
EXPENSES	
Mailbox fee	50.00
Misc	25.00
Picnic:	
2015	90.00
Professional Fees	200.00
Stamps	27.27
TOTÂL EXPENSES	\$392.27
OVERALL TOTAL	\$6,175.98

ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

| Contributions Received 10/21/2015 thru 2/23/2016

OWL (\$25.00 - \$49.99)

Tim & Nancy Baxter Dan & Mary Benson Rodney & Janice Brouwers Steve & Kristi Colby Dick & Gayle Cooney Keith & Karen Danielson Aaron & Janet Eckroad Ben & Bette Ellingson Vern Fargo Bruce & Carol Friesen Bill & Vicky Goers Marian Graphenteen Jason & Deb Gruber Tim & Darlene Hastings Ray & Karen Klenk Nan Liudahl Mona Lofgren Janice Malmin Tom & Joanne McGuire Richard McKelvey Suzette Olson Gary & Becky Pappenfus Kathy Paulson Al & Laura Paycer Brigid/Mary Randall/Kemen John & Denise Retka Michael Sauro Dennis & Jayne Sparks Bill & Jo Svendsen Don & Mary Kay Woessner Bob & Anne Wrede

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Harvey & Cathy Allen Bill & Jean Arndt Bud & Cindy Bell Mahlon & Judith Christensen Robert & Blanca Christensen Jack & Suzi Devlin Richard Eckroad Dan & Sarah Keller Randall & Karen Kirt Andy and Rebecca Lahl Jim & Anita Langham Iames & Diane Maki Bob & Pam Musielewicz Greg & Bonnie Nygren Kathie Phillips Russell & Muriel Pritchett Bob & Beth Quist Paul & Diane Radintz Butch & Janet Rhoades Bob Rusnacko Ron & Carol Smith Larry & Cece Stark Dave & Kim Sykes Richard Yoder

OSPREY (\$75.00 - \$99.99)

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Craig & Lanette Johnson
Marilyn Kjorlien
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Allen & Alycia Skogquist
Berniece Slupe

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Round Lake

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION - 2016/2017

It is that time of the year to renew your membership in our association. Since our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, membership will be for the same time period. In the past, some members have renewed on a calendar year basis. For the sake of simplifying our recordkeeping, we are asking all members to renew at this time of the year. We will no longer have a membership renewal article in our fall newsletter.

Our membership categories are as follows: Owl \$25 - \$49.99 Hawk \$50 - 74.99 Osprey \$75 - 99.99 Eagle \$100 or more

All contributions will be acknowledged in our newsletter.

If you have a question regarding your membership payment, please contact Linda Esser, 963-2752 or essersplace@charter.net

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Dr. Michael Thurmes,
 Interventional Cardiologist

When Mary Jo Warren started noticing pain in the back of her shoulders, she figured it was stress or maybe she was spending too much time hunched over her new e-reader. Then she realized she felt the same pain when she worked out on a treadmill.

Following a stress test at the
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Center at Essentia Health in Brainerd,
interventional cardiologist Michael
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