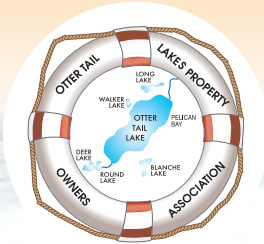


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## OTLPOA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS HAVE BEEN MAILED.

If you do not receive a renewal form you are encouraged to let us know immediately. Renewal forms can be found on page 3 please fill out and mail to: PO Box 21, Battle Lake, MN 56515 or you can visit

[www.OTLPOA.com](http://www.OTLPOA.com)

and under the membership section pay online.

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## OTTER TAIL LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (OTLPOA) MISSION STATEMENT

*The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to promote the community welfare and civic development of all areas of Otter Tail County bordering on or approximate to the shoreline of Otter Tail Lake and such other land areas further removed therefrom as its members shall from time to time determine, and to assist the property owners within said area in the preservation of their civic areas and those of Otter Tail Lake itself, including the planting and promulgation of fish therein and the protection and preservation of wildlife on the land areas adjacent to Otter Tail Lake as may be determined by the members, to promote and develop the horticultural development of the areas described, to promote the cultural and social lives of the inhabitants of said area and to provide a vehicle by which legal or political problems common to the areas and the inhabitants thereof, including tax problems, may be resolved in any manner provided by law for the common welfare of the members of this corporation; and to that and this corporation may acquire by purchase or other means such real or personal property as may be necessary in carrying out its stated objectives and to mortgage or sell or exchange the same and to do any and all other acts permitted by the laws of the State of Minnesota in furtherance of its stated purposes.*

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Hello everyone! I hope this letter finds you healthy, safe, and warm. This winter has been extremely cold and snowy. I'd like to think it's God's way of replenishing the water in the lakes after last summer's drought. Hopefully, you've found a way to enjoy this white winter by snowmobiling, snowshoeing,

ice fishing, cross country skiing, or just taking a quiet winter walk. Even when frozen over, our lakes offer an array of beauty and nature.

As you know, we formed a task force last summer to research walleye numbers in our lakes. DNR research showed that fish counts in smaller (8' to 13") fish is significantly lower than previous fish counts. The proposal to the OTLPOA board requested a change from six to four walleye in possession and a slot limit of 14" to 19." The board has endorsed this proposal, and, at this point, the limits are voluntary. It is our hope that the DNR will bring these limit proposals to the MN Legislature for approval and that these limits

will become mandatory. We are asking for all lakeshore members to voluntarily follow these guidelines in order to grow the fish population in our area lakes. For more information, please check out DNR website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us). Signs will be posted at all public access points to remind fishermen to follow these voluntary guidelines.

At this date, you should have received your membership letter and statement in the mail. We thank you for your support of our efforts to keep our lakes clean and clear. Enjoy the remaining winter on the lake, be safe and, as always, continue to be good stewards of your area lakes.

## president's corner

Roger Anderson | OTLPOA President

HELP US GROW OUR WALLEYE  
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14"-19" WALLEYES.

PLEASE RELEASE SMALLER/LARGER FISH.

ALSO, LIMIT YOUR BAG TO  
4 FISH RATHER THAN 6 FISH



Thank You  
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# MARK YOUR Calendars

April 28<sup>th</sup> | May 26<sup>th</sup> | June 23<sup>rd</sup> | July 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> | Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> | Oct 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Annual meeting June 25<sup>th</sup>**

2022  
Board  
Meeting  
Dates

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Inc.

2022 Membership

(Check one)

Property Owner Member:

(Owners Lake Property)

Associate Member:

(Does not own lake property or shares ownership)

Name of Property Owner living at lake property address:

Address of Property

House/Street #

City/State Zip

(this is the blue house number/street for your lake home)

Summer "mailing" address (5/15 – 8/30):

House/Street #

City/State Zip

(must be valid US Postal deliverable address)

Winter mailing address (9/1-5/15):

House/Street #

City/State Zip

Email: (please print legibly)

Notification of date for tent caterpillar/worm spraying, updates of possible lake changing issues, etc. (If you don't personally have an email address, you can substitute one for a family member who will let you know of these notifications).

Annual Dues (Jan.-Dec.)

- Membership \$35.00
- Foundation \$10.00
- Worm Payment \$30.00

Includes \$10 donation to OTLPOA Foundation

\$ 75.00

Additional support for the Foundation (tax deductible)

\$10.00

\$20.00

\$50.00

Other

\$

The OTLPOA Foundation was established to obtain financial resources to maintain water quality for recreation, fishing, and enjoyment when Government resources are not provided.

(Total enclosed)

\$

Make check payable to: OTLPOA and mail to: PO Box 21, Battle Lake, MN 56515

Or visit [www.OTLPOA.com](http://www.OTLPOA.com) to pay by credit card (under the membership section)

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What lake related topic or issue is most important to you? How do you think our Association can help?

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Lakeshore directory that is published every two years

Continental breakfast at the Annual Meetings

Representation at Minnesota Lakes & Rivers -&- Coalition of Lake Associations (which includes water testing of our lakes)

Establishment of AIS monitoring system (ILIDS)

# OTLPOA makes donations

to the Battle Lake Rescue Unit, Battle Lake Fire Department & Ottertail Fire Department

Pictured: Nick Drusch (R) receiving donation from OTLPOA Director, Scott Simdorn (L).

Pictured: Derek Tisdal (R) receiving donation from OTLPOA Director, Scott Simdorn (L).

Pictured: Stuart Fleischauer (L), fire chief of Ottertail fire department, receiving donation from OTLPOA President, Roger Anderson.



# Board Meeting Minutes

Ottertail Lake's Property Owner's Association, Inc.

October 28, 2021, 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Bope. Members present: Bope, Hunke, Long, Ness, Oxberry, Simdorn, and Snyder. Absent: Anderson, Gerken, Kemling, Mouritsen, Overturf, Rizk, Wentz

Bope reminded Board of his resignation and turned the meeting. Hunke nominates Simdorn to Vice President, Oxberry 2nd, MC.

Simdorn takes residence over meeting.

**Approval of Agenda** - unanimously approved as distributed.

**Approval of Minutes** - unanimously approved as distributed.

**Approval of Bills** - unanimously approved as distributed.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Nothing at this time.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership Committee** - Wentz, Snyder, Ness - The survey was discussed and decided not to send with mailing with the member letter. There was further discussion that all communication to the membership should be approved through the board prior to distribution.

**Audit/Finance/Budget** - Gerken, Hunke, Anderson - The audit will happen at the end of the year when bills have been paid.

**Water Testing** - Wentz, Rizk, Ness, Gerken - nothing to report

**COLA** - Overturf, Mouritsen - Minnesota Lakes & Rivers annual meeting December 1st

## Communications -

Lakeshore News: Rizk, Wentz - The board discussed the contract and recommends renewing the contract which begins in May

Website - Hope, Anderson, Gerken, Long, Simdorn - Bope presented the proposal for the new website. Bope made a motion that Amy Wilson of Neon Loon Communications be hired to rebuild the OTLPOA Website, total cost not to exceed \$5,500 plus \$300 for hosting. OTLPOA Foundation has agreed to pay half of the development costs. Hunke 2nd, MC

*REVISED: OTLPOA FOUNDATION BOARD DID NOT AGREE TO PAY 1/2 OF COSTS*

The website/communications committee also recommends that the website be up and running prior to the membership renewal letter. Further discussion about integration of membership and the website.

Directory - The Board recommends continuing the Lakeshore Directory until the website is up and useful.

Discussion on the membership letter and increasing dues. Ness made a motion to increase the annual membership dues to \$35 annually. 2nd by Oxberry, MC

**Worm Committee** - Wentz, Simdorn, Snyder - nothing at this time.

**Foundation** - Mouritsen nothing at this time.

**Social** - Ness, Kemling, Snyder - nothing at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Covered in committee reports.

## NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Long to allow treasurer to pay any bills under \$500 without entire board approval until next meeting in the spring. 2nd by Oxberry, MC.

**Review Donations** - Motion by Long to pay Ottertail Fire Dept \$1,000, Battle Lake Fire \$500, Battle Lake Rescue \$500 2nd by Oxberry, MC.

**Discussion on MAISR** - Motion by Ness to donate \$1,000 to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. 2nd by Long, MC.

**Discussion on signs to encourage lower limits and cost** - Bope made a motion to approve purchase and installation of signs for the OTPOA lakes up to \$400, Long 2nd, MC

**Motion to adjourn** - Hunke, 2nd Bope, MC.

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**Snowmobile riders revving their engines across MN**

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Snowmobile trail conditions vary throughout Minnesota but, in areas where there's good snow, riders have been getting out with gusto. Snowmobile tracks are common sights in road ditches, on trails and atop the ice. This year's busy start to the riding season continues a surge in recent years of people riding snowmobiles to enjoy Minnesota's outdoors.

Gov. Tim Walz has declared Jan. 15-23 to be Snowmobiling Safety Awareness Week, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officers remind all riders to brush up on safety and prioritize safe rides. So far this year, two snowmobile riders have lost their lives and there have been multiple close calls, including several snowmobile riders who have fallen through the ice. During the past eight snowmobile seasons, more than seven riders, on average, have lost their lives each year.

"We're continuing to see new people get into the sport of snowmobiling and discover the unique way riding the trails connects them with nature," said Bruce Lawrence, DNR Enforcement Division recreational vehicle coordinator. "With more than 22,000 miles of snowmobile trails in Minnesota, opportunities abound. As long as riders make good decisions when they're out riding, snowmobiling is something they can do the rest of their lives."

Lawrence offers the following tips to ensure a safe ride:

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- Stay on marked trails. Minnesota's snowmobile clubs work hard to maintain good riding condition on the state's trails. Riders who stay on groomed trails are less likely to strike an obstacle or trespass onto private property. In some parts of the state, wet conditions where trails go through low areas or across lakes mean trails aren't yet groomed. Riders should check trail conditions ([mndnr.gov/snow\\_depth](http://mndnr.gov/snow_depth)) before heading out.
- Leave the booze at home. Riding under the influence is one of two main factors in crashes and plays a role in about 60 percent of those that are fatal.
- Watch the speed. Going too fast is the other main factor in crashes. Many serious and fatal crashes happen when a speeding snowmobiler loses control or strikes an object.
- Be careful on the ice. In recent years, nearly every through-the-ice fatality has involved people who were riding a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle when they fell through. There must be at least 5 to 7 inches of new, clear ice to support the weight of a snowmobile and rider.
- Take a snowmobile safety course. It's required of anyone born after 1976 and recommended for everyone. People with snowmobile safety certification are less likely to be involved in serious or fatal crashes.



# Maintain indoor air quality all year long

Millions of people anxiously anticipate the arrival of spring. Months spent cooped up indoors as temperatures outside dip below freezing can take their toll, and those first warm, sunny days of spring can be just what people need to kick the winter blues.

Winter can be dreary for people confined to indoors as temperatures drop, and poor air quality in a home can add to that dreariness while adversely affecting individuals' health. Air quality tends to suffer most in winter, but there are ways to ensure the air inside a home stays healthy all year long.

- Inspect and address any sources of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide, or CO, is an invisible, odorless gas that can contribute to poor indoor air quality and a host of health problems if it goes undetected in a home. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, potential sources of CO in a home include improperly vented natural gas appliances, such as stoves and water heaters, gas-powered tools that are used indoors, clogged chimneys, or blocked heating exhaust vents. Men and women can periodically inspect potential sources of CO and address any issues they find while also making sure all CO detectors are properly

installed and functioning optimally.

- Inspect HVAC ducts. Ductwork is used to deliver warm or cool air in homes with heating and air conditioning systems. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that much of the dirt in air ducts



Ducts may need to be serviced by professionals in homes where indoor air quality is poor.

adheres to the duct surfaces without ever entering living spaces. However, the EPA notes that homeowners should consider having their ducts cleaned if an inspection uncovers

substantial visible mold growth. In addition, the EPA recommends homeowners consider cleaning if ducts are infested with vermin or clogged with excessive amounts of dust or debris.

- Avoid chemical cleaning products.

air quality. For example, chemicals such as bleach and ammonia, which are used in many commercial cleaning products, can linger in the air, irritating the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs. Homeowners concerned about the quality of air in their homes also can avoid scented products, such as air fresheners and scented detergents, which the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health notes may release volatile organic compounds into the air.

- Inspect bathrooms for mold growth. Mold can grow on surfaces that are routinely wet, and that makes poorly ventilated bathrooms common sources for home mold infestations. Mold can adversely affect indoor air quality when mold spores are released, potentially triggering allergic reactions, asthma attacks and respiratory conditions. After bathing in bathrooms without vents, men and women can open windows so the room dries before mold can grow. In bathrooms with vents, make sure vents are running during baths and showers and afterward until ceilings, walls and floors appear dry.

Poor indoor air quality can be easily addressed to ensure individuals stay healthy throughout the year.

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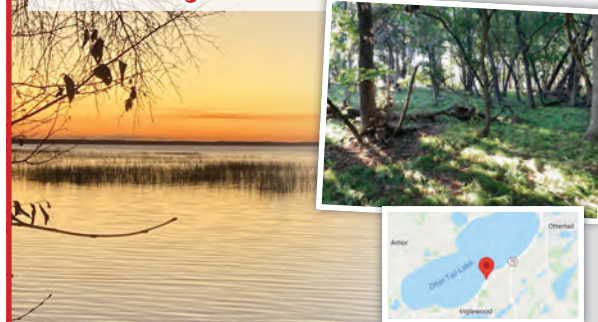
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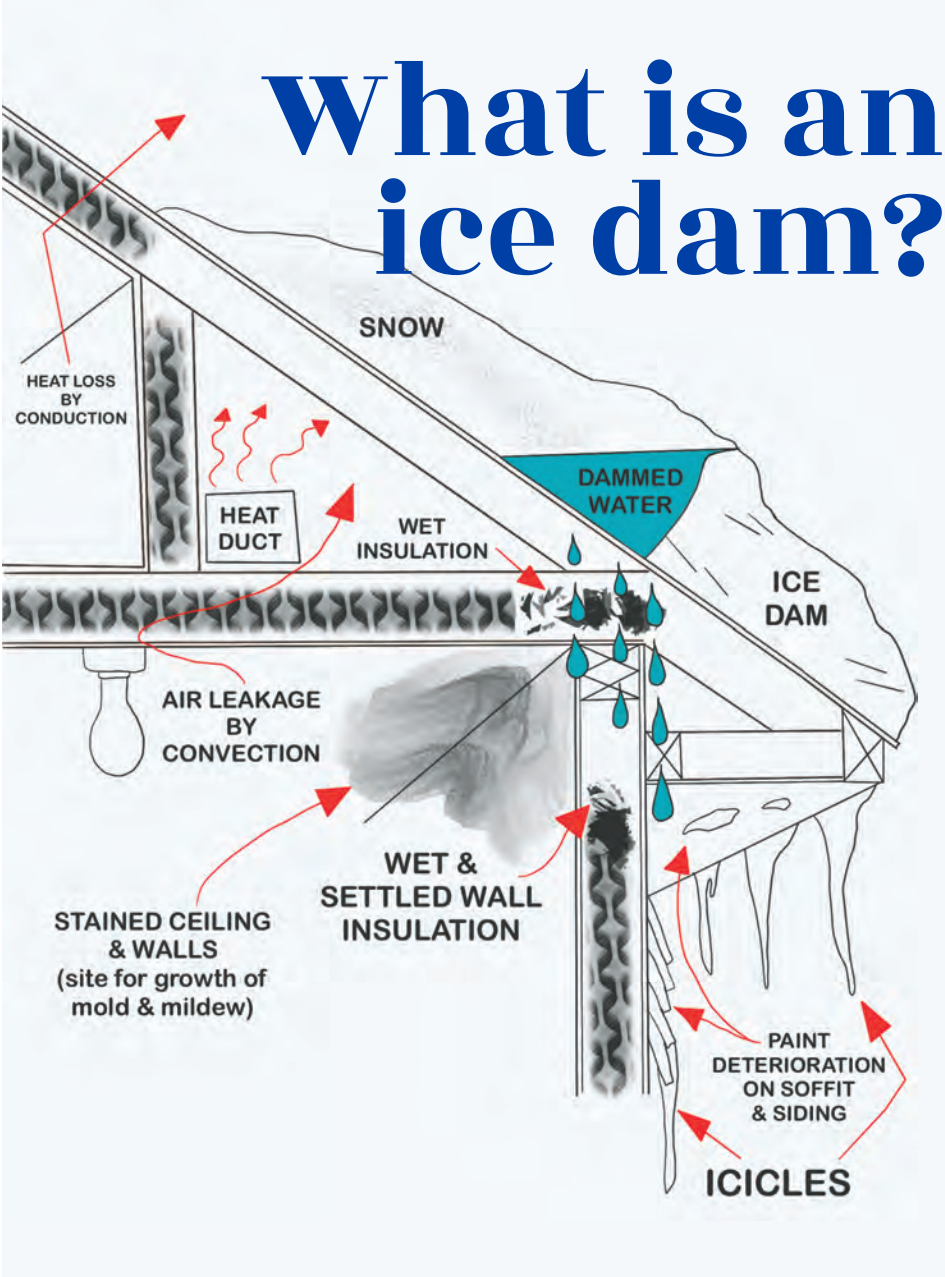
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## LAND TRANSFERS SEPTEMBER 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Township	Lake Name	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Sale Price	Property Type
Amor	Otter Tail	9/1/2021	Swans Point Resort Et Al	Kathy's License Service Inc	60000	Seasonal Rec
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Amor	Otter Tail	9/1/2021	Swans Point Resort Et Al	Kathy's License Service Inc	60000	Seasonal Rec
Amor	Otter Tail	9/1/2021	Swans Point Resort Et Al	Kathy's License Service Inc	60000	Seasonal Rec
Amor	Otter Tail	9/1/2021	Swans Point Resort Et Al	Kathy's License Service Inc	60000	Seasonal Rec
Girard	East Battle	9/1/2021	Susan K Goodrich Tst	Grace & Jason Sorenson	497000	Seasonal Rec
Girard	East Battle	9/3/2021	James D Thompson Tst	Timothy & Mary Thompson	282500	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Buchanan	9/3/2021	Richard & Karen Grant	Daniel & Stacie Onchuck	625000	Residential
Otter Tail	Long	9/9/2021	Michelle M Braaten	Austen & Kimberly Rife	249900	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Long	9/10/2021	Eric Redman	Brent Sjulstad	32500	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	9/10/2021	Robert Crawford Et Al	Raymond Barnett	330000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail		9/10/2021	Blake & Mariah Nelson	Austyn Kvamme	190000	Residential
Girard	Hanson	9/13/2021	Richard & Marie Spanswick	Robert Estes & Matthew James	85900	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Long	9/13/2021	Steve & Tanis Wichmann	David Schaaf	331333	Residential
Everts	Otter Tail	9/15/2021	Jason Scott Et Al	David & Sonia Bliek	575000	Seasonal Rec
Girard		9/15/2021	Komonko Tst	Micah & Ciara Hanson	157000	Residential
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	9/17/2021	Neal A Hoefflin	Bryan & Erin Peterson	212000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail		9/20/2021	Otter Tail Township	Daniel & Marnie Whitehead	35500	Commercial
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	9/21/2021	George & Victoria Lohmann	Lynn & Steven Fuchs	226000	Seasonal Rec
Girard	East Battle	9/23/2021	Daniel & Jenny Lahlum	David Jr & Carrie Fair	135400	Seasonal Rec
Girard		9/24/2021	Timothy J Lannon Et Al	Bakalars Inc	25000	Residential
Otter Tail		9/24/2021	Otter Tail Township	Gary & Jill Grindle	35000	Commercial
Everts	Round	9/27/2021	William K & Jody Augustadt	James & Patrice Wilson	785000	Residential
Everts		9/28/2021	Craig S & Kimberly K Stich	Garret & Jessica Noling	420000	Residential
Girard	East Battle	9/29/2021	John L & Vicky L Zdrazil	Robert & Kimberly Finke	525000	Residential
Girard		9/29/2021	Brian L & Erin L Anderson	Steven & Lola Dosch	43750	Seasonal Rec
Girard	East Battle	9/30/2021	Lisa Brendefur Rev Tst	Craig & Laura Werk	400000	Residential
Amor	Walker	10/1/2021	Linda A Jackson	Louis & Thomas Kuchera	182500	Seasonal Rec
Amor	Walker	10/1/2021	Wlp Development Llc	Jeremy & Vanessa Ellingson	55000	Seasonal Rec
Amor	Walker	10/1/2021	Wlp Development Llc	Joseph G Breidenbach	100000	Seasonal Rec
Amor		10/1/2021	Candace C Lachowitz	Chad & Patricia Weber	13000	Residential
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	10/1/2021	Thomas R Mcmorrow Rev Tst	K&A Holdings Llc	200000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	10/1/2021	Elizabeth Annette Nagle	Perry & Judy Olson	579000	Residential
Otter Tail		10/1/2021	Harms Farm Storage Llc	Curt & Kristi Johnson	78155	Residential
Everts	Silver	10/4/2021	Donald J & Joann Tobin	Fred li & Judith Revere	395000	Seasonal Rec
Girard	East Battle	10/5/2021	Mark D & Barbara Carlson	David & Natalie Fraedrich	835000	Residential
Everts	Molly Stark	10/8/2021	Roxanne Swisher	Dawn Swisher	235000	Residential
Girard		10/8/2021	Ricky Lee Peterson	Century Builders Llc	92500	Ag Land
Otter Tail	Unnamed	10/11/2021	Benjamin & Kristina Greene	Miriam Muscari	265000	Ag Land
Amor		10/13/2021	Donald E McMahon	Sheldon Hein	40000	Residential
Girard	East Battle	10/13/2021	Martin & Kimberly Anderson	Bradley & Nancy Meers	490000	Residential
Everts	Silver	10/14/2021	Myron C & Cynthia Krause	Katie & Michael Kapel	507500	Seasonal Rec
Everts		10/14/2021	Philip L & Brenda K Frederick	Jordan L Frederick	50000	Ag Land
Everts		10/14/2021	Gerald A & Karen M Frederick	Jordan L Frederick	111000	Ag Land
Girard		10/15/2021	Carol Zielinski	David Hash	148000	Residential
Everts	Deer	10/18/2021	Thomas F & Margith A Meis	Joel & Sharon Dotzenrod	152500	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail		10/18/2021	Terry & Karen Brasel	Briana & Gabriel Leonhard	95000	Ag Land
Everts	Round	10/22/2021	James A & Patrice A Wilson	Allan & Brenda Lineburg	420000	Residential
Girard	East Battle	10/22/2021	Wally Tst	Jon & Lisa Eckhoff	547500	Residential
Otter Tail	Buchanan	10/22/2021	Jeffery E Otto Et Al	Brain & Melissa Graff/John & Kelly Cooper/Dean Laager & Kathleen Murphy	400000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Otter Tail	10/27/2021	Lisa M Smith	Jason & Tamera Frankl	510000	Seasonal Rec
Girard	West Battle	10/28/2021	Carol & Laurel Malmstrom Tst	Scott & Roxanne Malmstrom	270000	Residential
Amor	Dead River	10/29/2021	Matthew C Koon	Andrew & Lisa Menschel	175000	Residential
Everts	Otter Tail	10/29/2021	Marlyn & Margaret Kruschke	Dewey & Crystal Stegmiller	889000	Residential
Everts	West Battle	10/29/2021	Taylor Tst	Elizabeth Krushinksie	560000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Long	10/29/2021	Terry L & Karen M Brasel	Paul & Jenny Deyoung	87000	Ag Land
Otter Tail	Long	10/29/2021	Jack D & Nancy C Reynolds Tst	Robert Hazen	235000	Residential
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	10/29/2021	Anna Ogara	Merle Jr & Jane Sill	225000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail		10/29/2021	Terry L & Karen M Brasel	Paul & Jenny Deyoung	87000	Ag Land
Otter Tail		10/29/2021	Terry & Karen Beasel	Paul & Jenny Deyoung	87000	Ag Land
Amor		11/1/2021	Michael G Schrempp	Jon Hill	105000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Molly Stark	11/1/2021	Linda K Poll & Donna M Mueller	Mueller Retreat Llc	420000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Molly Stark	11/1/2021	Linda K Poll & Donna M Mueller	Mueller Retreat Llc	420000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Otter Tail	11/1/2021	Vorderbruggen Tst	Andrew Oconnell	1300000	Ag W/ Building
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	11/5/2021	Michael T & Paula L Pasek	Patrick Mchenry & Pamela Hartley-Gunderson	720000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Silver	11/8/2021	Robert D & Sydney E Hanson	James & Faith Deviney	560000	Residential
Girard	Hanson	11/11/2021	Dennis J Poppenhagen	Timothy & Barbie Carr	525000	Residential
Everts		11/12/2021	Karla Larson	Steven & Kari Knutson	27000	Seasonal Rec
Girard		11/12/2021	Allen F Chase	Brian Silbernagel	75000	Ag Land
Otter Tail	Buchanan	11/15/2021	Stephanie J Jeziorski	Michelle & John Wangler	455000	Residential
Otter Tail		11/15/2021	Okle Krause	Eric & Jarounee Krause	195000	Residential
Everts	Deer	11/17/2021	Roger A & Debra K Cullen	Elisabet & Kraig Berger	325000	Seasonal Rec
Girard	Hanson	11/17/2021	Joan T Guindon	Michael & Heather Baril	77000	Seasonal Rec
Amor		11/18/2021	Jerry L & Christina A Holtz	Haley Heintzman & Jacob	38000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail		11/19/2021	Timothy R Currie	Century Holdings Llc	239000	Seasonal Rec





An ice dam is a ridge of ice that forms at the edge of a roof and prevents melting snow (water) from draining off the roof. The water that backs up behind the dam can leak into a home and cause damage to walls, ceilings, insulation and other areas.

EFFECTS OF ICE DAMS

Moisture entering the home from ice dams can lead to the growth of mold and mildew. These can cause respiratory problems.

Prevent the growth of mold and mildew by immediately drying out portions of the house that are wet or damp.

Take immediate action to get rid of the water source, clean the home environment and maintain its air quality.

WHAT CAUSES ICE DAMS?

Nonuniform roof surface temperatures lead to ice dams.

Heat loss from a house, snow cover and outside temperatures interact to form ice dams. For ice dams to form there must be snow on the roof and, at the same time, higher portions of the roof’s outside surface must be above 32 degrees F (freezing) while lower surfaces are below 32F. These are average temperatures over sustained periods of time. For a portion of the roof to be below freezing, outside temperatures must also be below freezing.

The snow on a roof surface that is above freezing will melt. As water flows down the roof it reaches the portion of the roof that is below 32F and freezes. This causes the ice dam.

The dam grows as it is fed by the melting snow above it, but it will limit itself to the portions of the roof that average below 32F. So the water above backs up behind the ice dam and remains a liquid. This water finds cracks and openings in the exterior roof covering and flows into the attic space. From the attic it could flow into exterior walls or through the ceiling insulation and stain the ceiling finish.

LAND TRANSFERS, continued

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Township	Lake Name	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Sale Price	Property Type
Everts	Otter Tail	11/22/2021	Andrew J Oconnell	Nordic Shores Llc	1103000	Ag W/ Building
Everts		11/22/2021	William H & Julie D Taylor Tst	Christopher & Roberta Mavis	479000	Residential
Girard		11/23/2021	Sara J Mcdowall	Wade Cooper	145000	Residential
Amor		11/30/2021	Hunter Oaks	Ryan Draeger	38000	Residential
Otter Tail	Long	11/30/2021	Michael T Kalinoski Et Al	James & Karla Mohagen	64000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	12/3/2021	Anthony & Rose Stoll	Patrick Hunke	605000	Seasonal Rec
Girard	West Battle	12/7/2021	Louvain Boettner Irrev Tst	Scott & Jodi Boettner	620000	Residential
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	12/10/2021	Thomas J & Brenda L Tamlyn	Brandon Maki	300000	Residential
Girard		12/14/2021	Carol & Laurel Malmstrom Tst	Weston & Shaina Malmstrom	200000	Residential
Girard	Blanche	12/15/2021	Theo & K Kessel Fam Tst Et Al	Kristina Tollefson	46000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	12/15/2021	Charles W & Sue E Gramith	A Ron & Katheryn Evangelista	935000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail		12/16/2021	Chad Jennings	Jon & Vanessa Neels	38000	Seasonal Rec
Amor		12/17/2021	Darryl & Carmen Trusty	Bruce & Connie Folkedahl	97000	Residential
Everts	Otter Tail	12/17/2021	Young Tst	Michael & Jacqueline Andrews	841300	Residential
Girard	Ethel	12/17/2021	Emil E Jr & Mary Lou Hamann	Susan Kinnunen & Steven Kern	350000	Residential
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	12/17/2021	Joel D Manske & Roanne E Malm	David & Jean Paquin	830000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Otter Tail	12/21/2021	Cecile Olson	Kirk & Susan Rovang	419000	Residential
Girard	West Battle	12/27/2021	Boettner Rev Living Tst	Scott & Jodi Boettner	150000	Residential
Everts	Deer	12/28/2021	Henry R Johnson	Gregory & Annete Link	508000	Residential
Amor	Otter Tail	12/29/2021	Vernon & Joan Simmer Fam Tst	Harriette Walvatne	125000	Seasonal Rec
Girard		12/29/2021	Rod Spidahl & Mary Ryan Et Al	Rodney & Alice Spidahl	20000	Ag Land
Otter Tail		12/29/2021	Darren Kern	Jordan Woessner	283000	Residential
Everts		12/30/2021	Kevin L & Jane E Koppang	Craig & Sarah Mayers	113000	Ag Land
Otter Tail		12/30/2021	Keith Fleischauer	Matt & Joanne Strommen	44000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Round	12/31/2021	Garberg Tst	Otter Barn Llc	200000	Seasonal Rec
Girard	Blanche	12/31/2021	W Fremont Frazee Tst	Rmn Llc	500000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail		1/4/2022	Keith Fleischauer	Lakes Pines Llc	79000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Long	1/10/2022	Nancy Dee Thompson	Otter Tail Cabin Llc	169000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Round	1/14/2022	James J & Mary Ann Loecken	Michael & Jill Carter	840000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Otter Tail	1/20/2022	Gary Isackson & J Haverland	Jlh Holdings Llc	100000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	West Battle	1/24/2022	Bonnie S Robertson	Allison Goddard	317000	Seasonal Rec
Girard		2/11/2022	Steven M & Jennifer L Kolstad	Kyle & Carly Jensen	320000	Residential
Otter Tail		2/11/2022	Kyle & Carly Jensen	Michael & Mary Jo Hill	236000	Residential

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Have you lost something? Have you found something in your yard or on your shoreline that wasn't yours? If you have been unable to locate your lost items, or are unable to return a found item to the rightful owner, email photo or description to [secretary@otlpoa.com](mailto:secretary@otlpoa.com)





## Current State Record Fish

Common name	Lbs.	Oz.	Length (in)	Girth (in)	Place	County	Date Caught
Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	1	5	10	12 $\frac{1}{8}$	Leech Lake	Cass	6/6/1999
Sunfish, Bluegill	2	13	Unknown	Unknown	Alice Lake	Hubbard	1948
Bass, Largemouth	8	15	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	Auburn Lake	Carver	10/3/2005
Bass, Rock Tie	2	0	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Lake Osakis	Todd	5/10/1998
Bass, Rock Tie	2	0	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{3}{8}$	Lake Winnibigoshish	Cass	8/30/2004
Bass, Smallmouth	8	0	Unknown	Unknown	West Battle Lake	Otter Tail	1948
Crappie, Black	5	0	21	Unknown	Vermillion River	Dakota	1940
Crappie, White	3	15	18	16	Lake Constance	Wright	7/28/2002
Muskellunge	55	14	57 $\frac{3}{4}$	29	Mille Lacs Lake	Mille Lacs	11/22/2021
Muskellunge, Tiger	34	12	51	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	Lake Elmo	Washington	7/7/1999
Perch, Yellow	3	4	Unknown	Unknown	Lake Plantagenet	Hubbard	1945
Pike, Northern	45	12	Unknown	Unknown	Basswood Lake	Lake	5/16/1929
Walleye	17	8	35 $\frac{3}{4}$	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	Seagull River at Saganaga Lake	Cook	5/13/1979

## Winter Wildlife

Photos submitted by Mary Jo Wentz





# Bass tapeworm

## WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

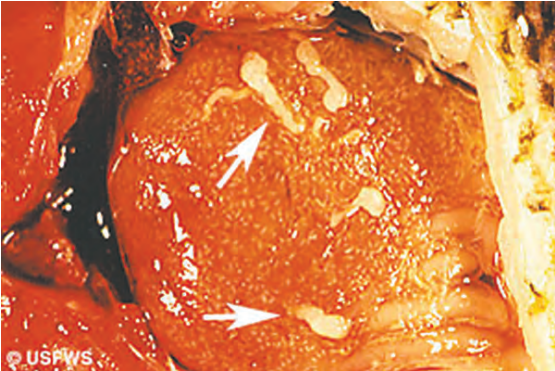
Coiled, long flat worms intertwined in the fish's digestive tract or abdomen. Sometimes found as a single worm, but often several are found coiled like a ball. This may occur with other parasitic worms as well, not only the bass tapeworms.

## FISH SPECIES AFFECTED:

Found in both largemouth and small mouth bass.

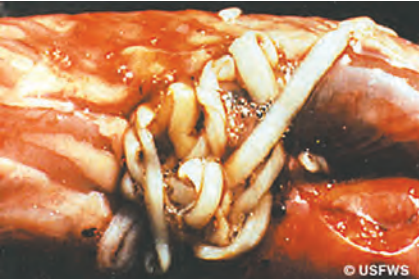
## LIFE CYCLE

The tapeworm matures in the bass. Segments of the worm and eggs are passed from the fish to the body of water. When they reach water, they swell, rupture, and release large numbers of eggs. Eggs are eaten by a variety of crustacean organisms or any fish. A larval stage is formed in the invertebrates or in a fish. Adult tapeworms develop if bass consumes either the invertebrate host or the fish with the intermediate stages.



## WHERE IS THE DISEASE IS FOUND?

Everywhere in Minnesota where largemouth or small-mouth bass are present.



## IS IT SAFE TO EAT?

Mature tapeworm makes the bass unappealing for food even though the eating quality of the fish is not affected and there is no human danger if the fillets are cooked thoroughly.

## HOW CAN I PREVENT THE

## SPREAD?

Don't transport bass from one body of water to another without a DNR permit. Don't release live baitfish into water.

## DISPOSAL OF UNUSED PORTIONS:

Unused or uneaten portions of fish should be buried or disposed of with household waste. Fish entrails should never be discarded back into the lake.

Source: dnr.state.mn.us



# 2022 Calendar of Events

Apr 16	Stream Trout Opener
Apr 28	OTLPOA Board Meeting
May 14	Walleye, Sauger & Northern Pike Opener
May 26	OTLPOA Board Meeting
Jun 4	Muskellunge Opener
Jun 4	Lake Region Run (Fergus Falls)
Jun 10	Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection (Ottertail City)
Jun 10-11	Summerfest (Fergus Falls)
Jun 11	Running Wild Trail Run, Maplewood State Park
Jun 15-19	Turtle Fest (Perham)
Jun 23	OTLPOA Board Meeting
Jun 25	OTLPOA Annual Meeting
Jul 7-9	Pelican Fest (Pelican Rapids)
Jul 8	Relay for Life of East Otter Tail County (Perham)
Jul 9-10	Phelps Mill Arts Festival
Jul 20-23	West Otter Tail County Fair (Fergus Falls)
Jul 14	Shop Move 'n Groove (Downtown Fergus Falls)
Jul 16	Ottertail Business & Community Association Annual Auction
Jul 28	OTLPOA Board Meeting
Jul 21-24	East Otter Tail County Fair (Perham)
Jul 22-24	Wenonga Days (Battle Lake)
Jul 24	Wenonga Days 5K/10K Run & Walk (Battle Lake)
Aug 4-6	WE Fest (Detroit Lakes)
Aug 5-7	Parkers Prairie Fall Festival and Bull Ride
Aug 6	Rail Trails 100 Bike Tour (Fergus Falls)
Aug 12-14	Vergas Looney Days
Aug 12	Demo Derby (Ottertail City)
Aug 13	Art & Craft Affair (Battle Lake)
Aug 13	Otter Fest (Ottertail City)
Aug 13-14	Perham Pioneer Days
Aug 25	OTLPOA Board Meeting
Aug 26-27	Barnsville Potato Days Festival
Sep 22	OTLPOA Board Meeting
Oct 27	OTLPOA Board Meeting

Events subject to change.

To submit an event, please contact us at:  
**results@themidweek.com**

## Musings At The Bird feeder

Submitted by Kathy Sporre

There was a time I used to think winter was cold, white, dead. That not a pulse ran through her veins, nor a breath passed through her lips.

The sun stayed hidden behind a veil of clouds most of the time. When it was coaxed to show its face I knew it was going to be bitterly cold.

There seemed to be only two colors in the world during the dark days of winter: white and brown - not to forget the occasional stark blue sky that I was afraid would crack if it got any colder.

Fortunately, I came to a point in my life where I realized if I was not making any deposits into an area of my life that I would have nothing to withdraw. Not only that, but my perception would be completely different or wrong, just as it was about winter.

When I started feeding the birds after I retired, the world in my yard came to life during winter. With every deposit of bird seed, peanuts and especially the time I spent to slow down and observe, that white, cold, dead world came to life in living color.

Not only did hundreds of birds visit my yard every day, but I lost count of the number of squirrels, rabbits and deer who also came to visit. They were the cherry on top.



With the snowfall being 1-6 inches, he can handle it. Otherwise, bring out the big plows!

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MARY JO WENTZ

# Maplewood State Park



## PARK HIGHLIGHTS

- Camping
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Horseback Trails

## HORSE CAMPING:

Campsites in the equestrian campgrounds can be reserved by phone or online. Some sites are able to accommodate additional campers (up to three). Please contact the park for approval. To reserve by phone, call 866-85PARKS.

### **FIREWOOD RESTRICTIONS**

#### **INFORMATION:**

Minnesota has enacted legislation that restricts firewood being brought to or used on DNR lands. Complete information and lists of vendors and locations where approved firewood is available are posted on the DNR Web site.

**BIRDERS:**

Bird Checklist available on our website for Maplewood State Park.



- The maple forest turns brilliant shades of orange, gold, and red in the fall.
- Eight major lakes and many ponds offer water lovers places to swim, fish, boat, and simply relax.
- Lake Lida has a sandy beach and large picnic areas for visitors.
- Drive along the scenic route to observe the wildlife: the park is host to 150 bird species and 50 species of mammals.
- The extensive trail system attracts hikers, horseback riders, and cross-country skiers.
- The only entrance to the park is located off highway 108 east of Pelican Rapids.

## Lodging

- Camper Cabins, 5 cabins. Three year-round cabins with electricity; one of these is wheelchair accessible. Also one seasonal cabin with electricity and one seasonal cabin without electricity. The accessible cabin sleeps 5; the other four cabins sleep 6. Pets not allowed. More information on camper cabins.

## Recreation Facilities

- Picnic Area with picnic shelter
- Picnic Shelter Open Shelter Available for rent.
- Golf Course 3 within 10 miles

## Camping

- Drive-in Sites, 71 sites
- Electric Sites, 32 sites
- RV Length Limit 50' Length is measured from front of tow vehicle to rear of vehicle being towed.
- Backpack Sites, 3 sites
- Horse Camp, 24 sites, 200 Maximum Capacity. For reservations, contact the state park reservation service by phone or online. Some sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Group Camp, 1 Site - Accommodates up to 30 people. Site located in a remote, semi-wooded area between Bass and Beers Lakes. Vault toilets available. Water is approximately ½ mile away. Drive-in site that will accommodate tents, small trailers, or campers.

**When staff are present, the Ranger Station will be open intermittently open for window service. No official office hours currently available. Use the self-registration kiosk at the park office. Leave a message if you get our voicemail, and we'll call you back.**

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The park entrance is located 7 mi. east of Pelican Rapids on State Hwy 108.

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Groups over 20 please call church office  
for reservations: 218-495-2563

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**WATER & DRINKING WATER:** Off in the campground for the season until May 13, 2022. Water is available year-round at the park office.

**BATHROOM FACILITIES:** Trail center restrooms are open year-round! Modern restroom facilities in the campground are closed for season until May 13, 2022. Vault toilets in the park are open year-round. Facilities are wheelchair accessible.

**SHOWERS:** Closed for season until May 13, 2022. Showers are wheelchair accessible.

**DUMP STATION:** None.

**CAMPGROUNDS:** Cart-in campground is open year-round. Camper Cabins and Yurts are open year-round, but just weekends between November 1 and March 31. The group camp is closed until May 13, 2022. Canoe sites are closed for season until April 29, 2022.

**ELECTRIC SITES:** One RV electric site is available after October 4 by calling the park. All camper cabins have electricity. *Special Notes for RV Campers: There is no RV camping in park in summer.*

**TRAIL NOTES:** The park has 11 miles of hiking trail, 5.2 miles of surfaced bike trail and 3.2 miles of mountain bike trails. In winter, park maintains 8 miles of groomed, easy to intermediate level cross-country ski trails. Snowshoeing is allowed alongside but not on groomed ski trails.

**SEASON RENTALS:** Bicycle, rowboat, canoe, kayak, paddleboat, and stand up paddleboard rental is open until October 25, 2021. Winter rentals (cross-country skis and snowshoes) are not available.

Nestled in the transition zone between prairie and hardwood forest, Glendalough offers a true respite from civilization. Crystal clear Annie Battle Lake is a 335-acre, non-motorized "Heritage Fishery" that provides a tranquil fishing experience second to none. Special regulations sustain a steady supply of large sunfish, crappie, and the occasional walleye for the frying pan, and large bass for the camera. Near the pristine shores of this lake are a cart-in campground and canoe-in campsites, all free from the traffic and noise of traditional drive-in camping.

Annie can also be the starting point for an exploration of the park by canoe or kayak on the connecting creeks. The restored historic Glendalough lodge on the north side of the lake details the park's history as a private retreat and game farm for the Minneapolis Tribune.

A paved bike trail loop and numerous hiking trails, including two interpretive trails, meander along five lakes, through rich woods and blooming prairies. Wildlife abounds year-round, and there are many observation decks along the trails. Trails are groomed in winter for skiing and snowshoeing. Picnicking and swimming is available on two sandy lakes.

**NATURALIST PROGRAMS & PARK TOURS:** Park shares a naturalist with Lake Carlos State Park. Call park office for more information.

**BUILDINGS & ATTRACTIONS:** Molly outdoor Picnic Shelter, historic Lodge, and Dining Hall are now available to rent and can be reserved by calling the park.

## PARK HIGHLIGHTS

Cart-in Tent Camping • Wildlife Observation  
Heritage Fishing/Large Panfish • Hiking  
Sandy Swimming Beach • Equipment Rentals  
Canoeing on Chain of Lakes

**Hours: Best time to contact the park is:**  
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*From the town of Battle Lake, go 1.5 miles north on  
 State Hwy. #78 and 1.8 miles east on Otter Tail Co. Hwy  
 #16 to the park entrance.*



# 5 reasons to get an air fryer

Air fryers have emerged as must-have items in recent years. Air fryers flew off the shelves during the 2020 holiday season, and that popularity hasn't waned.

Air fryers are touted as handy tools for a variety of reasons, including that they can cook foods quickly and with relatively little to no use of oil. Those who have yet to join the legions of air fryer fans may wonder if one is worthy of a spot in their kitchen, or if reviews of these appliances are just a bunch of hot air?



While there are scores of air fryers on the market offering various features, each utilizes a similar technology. Air fryers work by circulating very hot air around foods coated with just a small amount of oil (and some recipes add no oil at all) to crisp them. Air fryers can be used to prepare both fresh and frozen foods. Some also have features that go beyond air frying, serving as souped-up toaster ovens and broilers.

For those who still need more convincing, the following are five reasons why you may want to purchase an air fryer in the near future.

1. **Affordability:** Air fryers are very affordable, especially when considering their versatility. Many air fryers can be had for around \$100 or less.
2. **Create healthier foods:** Since air fryers rely on little or no oil, fat content in the cooking process drops considerably. That makes air frying a heart-healthy option, particularly for people who appreciate fried foods but not all of the negatives associated with such dishes.
3. **Cook foods faster:** Air fryers reach high cooking temperatures in just minutes, compared to 10 to 15 minutes for traditional ovens. Air fryers can shave several minutes off of cooking times, which appeals to busy home cooks.
4. **Good for tight kitchens:** Those who have small kitchens may benefit from air fryers that boast combination cooking features. That means they can use one appliance for all of their meals, saving them from the nuisance of overcrowded counter space.
5. **Great for small meals:** Air fryers cannot cook large batches, which makes them ideal for singletons or empty nesters who do not want to make large quantities of food.

Air fryers can be a lifestyle choice and an investment in faster, healthier cooking. Cooks who are still on the fence can borrow a friend's air fryer to see if it might be something worth adding to their own kitchens.



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## Reasons to shop at small businesses

The numbers don't lie. Locally owned businesses may be classified as "small," but they have a big impact on the national economy.

Supporting locally owned businesses is a great way to support a neighbor, but that's not the only attraction. Here are several reasons to shop small.

### THE FEEL-GOOD FACTOR

Doing for others certainly has an impact on the person on the receiving end, but also benefits the do-gooders. A November 2020 survey by Union Bank found that 72 percent of Americans said supporting small businesses was more important than getting the best deals. That may be due to the feeling of helping out a fellow neighbor.

### CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Shopping at small businesses keeps those establishments afloat, and it also keeps their employees afloat. Small businesses are the largest employers in the United States. That's also true in Canada, where 68.8 percent of the total labor force works for a small business. A person may never know when he or she — or a relative — will need a job. Keeping small businesses viable provides a strong job market for locals.

### KEEP MORE MONEY IN THE COMMUNITY

The Small Business Administration says \$48 out of every \$100 spent at a small business stays in the community. Spend the same \$100 at a national retailer and only \$14 stays.

### ENJOY A MORE LOCAL FLAVOR

National retailers and other businesses follow a global business model that may not allow for much customization, but small businesses can provide products or services that relate directly to the needs of the communities they serve. These same small businesses also may be more inclined to work with local vendors and start-ups than national companies that have global supply chains.

These are just a few of the many reasons to seek out small businesses when in need of products or services.





When considering purchasing and installing CO alarms there are a few things you should know beforehand:

## WHAT DOES A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR DO?

Carbon monoxide alarms detect the poisonous gas and provide early warning. In the event of a carbon monoxide leak, it is critical that you get to fresh air as soon as possible. Every second counts, and First Alert CO detectors can provide you and your family the advanced warning necessary to escape your home during an emergency.

## WHAT ARE THE MAIN SOURCES OF CARBON MONOXIDE LEAKS?

Carbon monoxide can be produced by any fuel-burning device. Three main sources are your home's furnace, dryer vent in a drying machine, and fireplace or chimney. It is important to have these sources regularly serviced and cleaned by a professional to help prevent a CO leak that could lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

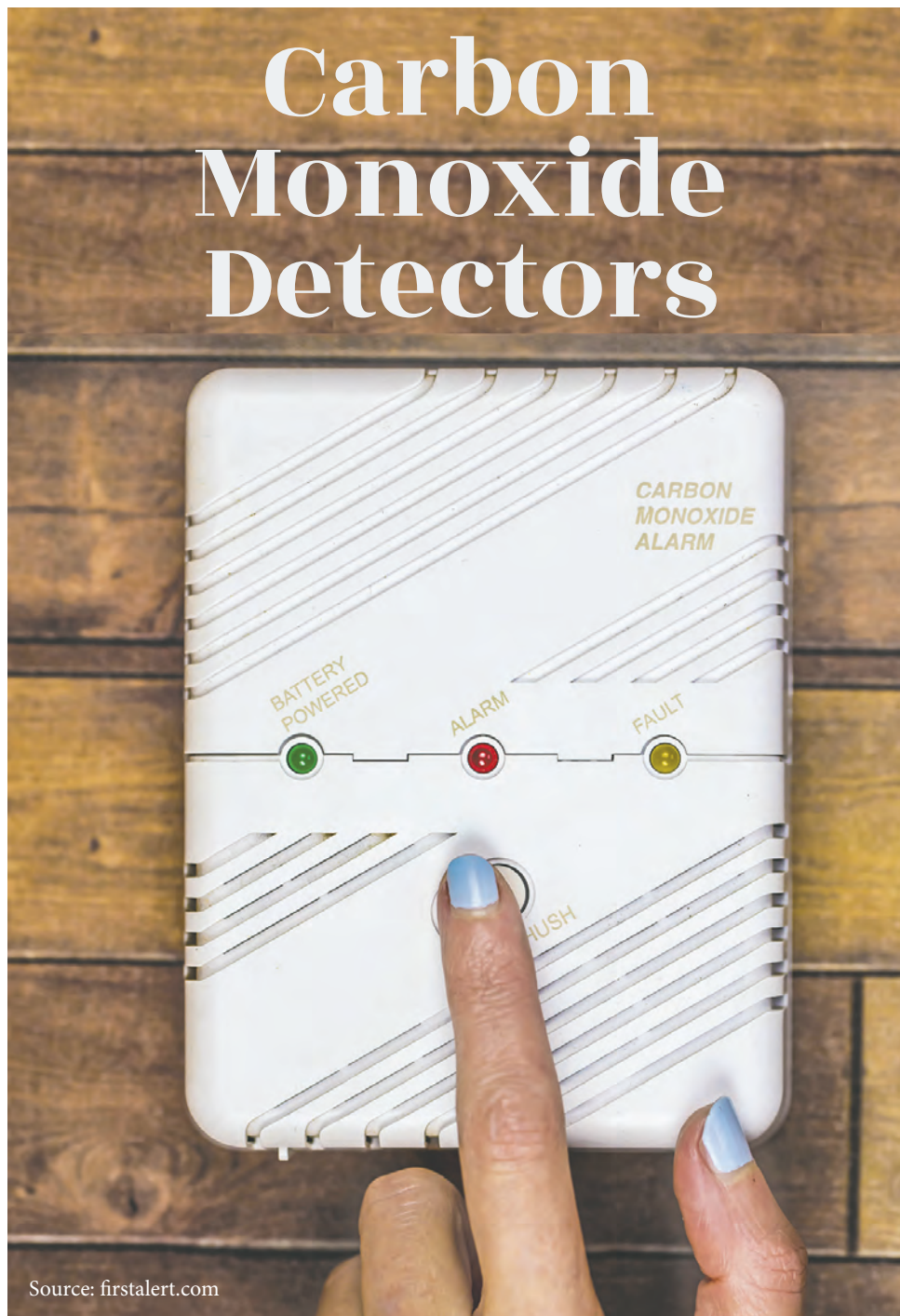
## WHERE DO YOU INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS?

It is important to have CO alarms on every level of your house so all family members can hear the detectors and be alerted to the emergency. You should also have carbon monoxide detectors in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and common rooms for extra safety while you and your family are sleeping.

## WHERE SHOULD CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS BE PLACED IN EACH ROOM?

Carbon monoxide detectors can be placed anywhere in the room. Contrary to popular belief that CO is heavier than air, CO alarms can be

# Carbon Monoxide Detectors



placed on the wall or the ceiling and will be just as effective.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF MY CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM IS BEEPING?

The alarm has different beep patterns to communicate whether there is an emergency or simply a need to replace. It is important to know the difference between the beeps. Refer to your

alarm's user manual for your specific model.

- 4 beeps and a pause: This means that there is carbon monoxide in the air and you should seek fresh air immediately and call 9-1-1.
- 1 beep every minute: This means that the detector has low batteries and you should replace them.
- 5 beeps every minute: This means your alarm has reached the end of its life and needs to be replaced with a new carbon monoxide alarm.

## HOW TO TEST TO ENSURE YOUR CO ALARMS ARE WORKING PROPERLY?

It is important to test your detectors monthly to ensure they are working properly. To test your CO alarms, press and hold the test button on the alarm. The alarm will sound 4 beeps, a pause, then 4 beeps for 5-6 seconds. Refer to the user manual for your specific model. If the alarm does not test properly, install fresh batteries, make sure the batteries are installed correctly, be sure the alarm is clean and dust-free, and then test the detector again. If it still does not test properly, replace the CO alarm immediately.

## HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU REPLACE YOUR CO DETECTORS?

If your carbon monoxide detector has replaceable batteries, they should be changed at least every 6 months. Although you replace the batteries, carbon monoxide alarms don't last forever. They have a lifetime of 5 to 7 years, but it is important to refer to your user manual. After 5 to 7 years, replace the CO alarm completely.



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# Swimming Lessons Taught by YMCA Instructors

Swimming lessons are provided by OTLPOA foundation and Association and are taught by staff from Fergus Falls Area YMCA instructors. Kids or adults successfully completing a class are reimbursed for cost of lessons. The goal of the OTLPOA foundation and association is to prevent any tragic incidents on our lakes.

Swimming lessons will meet five times for 45 minutes each time. (Preschool lessons are 30 minutes each.) Instructors will not have much time between lessons, so swimmers are asked to be ready to begin their lesson immediately at their start time. Parents are encouraged to stay and watch lessons. If parents leave the swimming area during lessons, they are asked to be back promptly at the end of the lesson. Instructors will not be able to supervise swimmers in the water who are not in a lesson. Swimming lessons meet regardless of weather. If it is unsafe to swim due to weather, safety skills will be taught in the shelter located near each beach.

**Locations:** Ottertail Lake at Amor Park Beach and West Battle Lake across from Lions Park in Battle Lake

**Advance registrations only. No registrations at the beach.**

**Preschool** (approximate ages 2 1/2 to 5 years): Learn water adjustment skills, front and back float. Learn to move in the water on front and back. Learn to be comfortable in the water. Lessons meet Monday through Friday, five lessons of 30 minutes each. Limited enrollment; register early.

**Level 1:** Introduction to Water Skills (approximate ages 5-7): This level is ideal for the child who has not had previous swim instruction or is unable or uncomfortable

with putting their entire face in the water. The purpose of this level is for students to become more comfortable in the water. Students will become proficient in skills such as entering and exiting the water safely, submerging entire face, using a life jacket, and beginning front and back float.

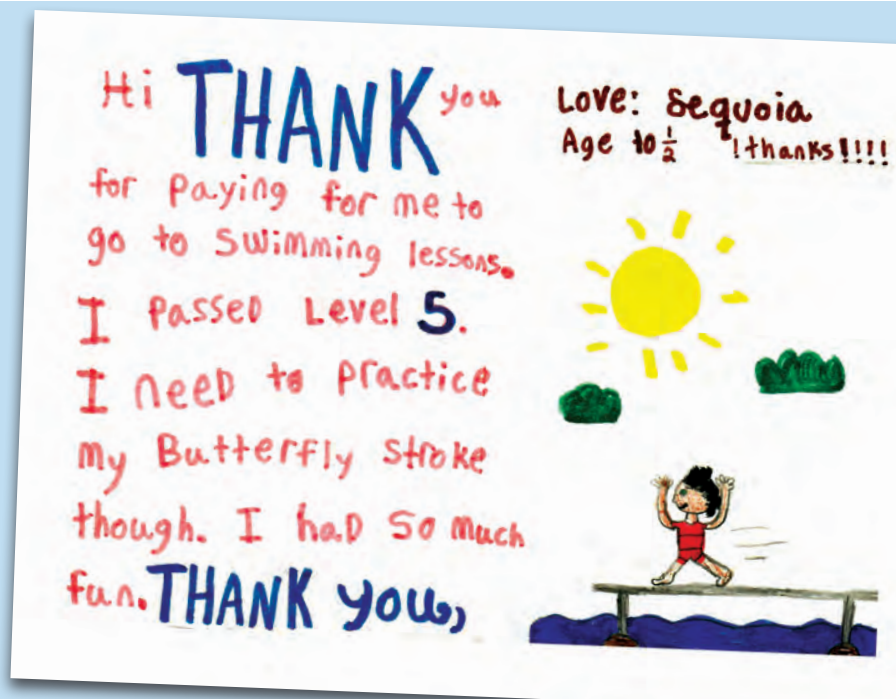
**Level 2:** Fundamental Aquatic Skills (approximate ages 7 & 8): This level is ideal for the child who is able to put their face in the water but is unable to independently float on their front and back. The purpose of this level is for students to begin to develop fundamental water skills. In this level, students will learn to swim unaided 15 feet on either their front or back as well as entering the water by jumping or stepping from the side, treading water, roll over from back to front and front to back.

**Level 3:** Stroke Development (approximate ages 8 & 9): In this level, students will continue to build on the fundamentals learned in the previous levels. The skills mastered in this level include rotary breathing, front and back crawl, butterfly kick and body motion, standing or kneeling dive, survival float, tread water for 30 seconds, as well as emergency situation Check Call Care.

**Level 4:** Stroke Improvement (approximate ages 9 & 10): In this level, students develop confidence in the skills learned in previous levels as well as improve other aquatic skills. The skills mastered in this level include swimming 25 yards of front and back crawl as well as 15 yards of butterfly, breaststroke, and elementary backstroke. In addition to these skills, water safety will also be implemented through the learning of a throwing assist, safe diving rules, and how to care for a choking victim.

**Level 5:** Stroke Refinement (approximate ages 9-12): In this level, students will further coordinate and refine skills they have learned in past levels. Students will master the following skills: front and back crawl, sidestroke, breaststroke, front flip turn, and elementary backstroke.

**Level 6:** Swimming and Skill Proficiency (approximate ages 11-13): In this level, students will focus on endurance and stroke technique. The purpose of this level is for students to refine strokes and be able to swim with ease, efficiency, power and effectiveness over great distances. Some skills for lifeguarding and fitness will be taught.



## Let's Recycle Right

January 6th, 2022 –Otter Tail County, MN– If you're looking to make some positive changes in the New Year, reducing waste is a good one to put on your list. From reducing your food waste, to making sure you donate usable items and clothing, there are opportunities every day to live lighter on the planet. And although finding ways to reduce waste is better than recycling – such as refilling a water bottle instead of buying bottled water – recycling remains an easy way to keep useful materials out of landfills and Waste-to-Energy facilities. Knowing how to recycle right makes our recycling programs more efficient and cost-effective. Why some items are or are not accepted can get confusing, so here are some items we see regularly in the recycling that don't belong and why:

- **K-cups/coffee pods:** items smaller than your fist are generally not recyclable. When these items get sent on to larger automated facilities they are not recognized by sorting equipment. Just because a product claims it is recyclable

does not mean it is accepted for recycling in your local program. Almost anything is technically recyclable, but for it to actually get recycled it needs to work within recycling systems that currently exist. (Keurig is currently reaching settlement on a class-action lawsuit for claiming their pods are recyclable.)

- **Flimsy wrappers:** candy wrappers and other metallic plastic wrappers are not recyclable. Stick to plastic containers for recycling. The plastic recycling company we sell our material to determines what items are worth collecting, and wrappers aren't on the list!
- **Bagged recycling:** Please just keep it loose! Bagged recycling takes extra staff time to rip open, and at larger facilities gets tangled in equipment. Save the bags for your garbage, and put loose recycling right into drop-off or curbside bins.

- **Plastic bags and case overwrap:** film plastic items like these don't get recycled in curbside or drop-off recycling programs. They can go in film plastic recycling programs such as at grocery stores or Walmart, or through your local Lions club participating in the Film Plastic Recycling Challenge with Trex.
- **Bird food/pet food bags:** these bags are often woven or combine layers of different materials. There isn't a market for the materials that make up these bags, so try to reuse them if you can before disposing of them.
- **Large amounts of books:** we cannot accept large loads of books. Books need additional processing to remove covers, and we do not always have enough staff time to handle large amounts. Please call ahead if you have large amounts of books you need to get rid of.
- **Expanded polystyrene:** although this has a chasing arrows symbol and a #6

on the bottom, there are very limited markets for expanded polystyrene foam, often known by the trademarked brand name Styrofoam. The material is more than 90% air and is hard to clean, so it's best to avoid it altogether if you want to reduce waste.

On behalf of everyone in the Recycling Department, we want to thank those folks that recycled right in 2021. Let's see if we can do even better in 2022 by taking a step beyond recycling right and thinking more about how you can reuse and, even more important, reduce waste in the first place! We challenge everyone to make at least one sustainably-minded change this year: check secondhand before buying new, swap one disposable product for a reusable or refillable one, make meal plans to reduce food waste, or start backyard composting. For more information on recycling, reducing waste, composting and other related topics visit <https://ottertailcountymn.us/departments/recycling/>

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