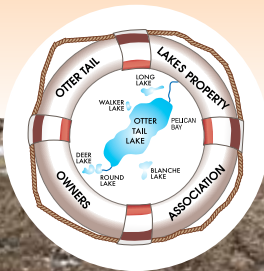


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## VISIT THE REARING POND TRAILS

Nestled between Otter Tail and Blanche lakes, the 58 acres of woods and paths has been an oasis for residents and visitors of the area.

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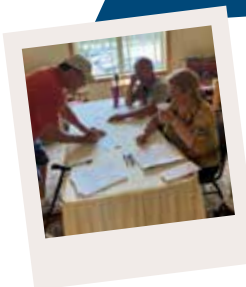
### WHY IS OTLPOA INVOLVED?

- We want to ensure this beautiful property is not developed & is left in a state of conservancy for future generations to enjoy.
- It sits between two member lakes of OTLPOA. (Blanche Lake and Otter Tail.)
- This type of activity falls within the OTLPOA Mission Statement or "Purpose" as stated in our Article of Incorporation.
- It's the right thing to do!

*No OTLPOA membership dues or Foundation funds were used to purchase the Rearing Pond Property.*



•mark your calendars•



OTLPOA  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>

Details to follow.

### 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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## president's corner

Roger Anderson | OTLPOA President



Hello everyone!

This morning, as I sit on my deck enjoying a hot cup of coffee, the breeze is cool coming off the lake, but the sunshine is warm on my back. A male wood duck is sitting by the water's edge, loons are sounding off over the lake, and geese are flying overhead. To me, there couldn't be a better setting. As the last of the ice comes off

the lake, we remember the winter past. Some of us "snowbirds" have just come back to Minnesota, while others stayed to enjoy all that Minnesota winters offer. Now that spring has sprung on beautiful Ottertail County lakes, let's remember that we are truly blessed to live in this part of the world with all its abundant beauty. For this reason, and for so many others, we all need to continue to be good stewards of Ottertail Lakes. If we take the time to care for our lakes and keep them clean, we ensure that generations to come can enjoy this area. One way that you can be involved is to become a member of OTLPOA. Many of our members have generously paid their dues to support the efforts of OTLPOA and we are truly appreciative of your support. We encourage those of you who have not yet joined our association, please consider doing so.

As activity on the lakes ramps up with fishing opener only days away, please continue to follow the guidelines for invasive species prevention. Always clean, drain and dry your boats as you move from lake to lake. These practices are critical as we continue to fight invasive species in our lakes. For more information on these guidelines and information about your local lakes, please visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us).

We would also hope that you would voluntarily lower your bag limit to four walleyes between 14-19 inches. This will help maintain and increase the walleye population so that we can continue to fish these beautiful lakes.

Enjoy this wonderful springtime weather and continue to enjoy this beautiful area.

**HELP US GROW OUR WALLEYE POPULATION BY ONLY KEEPING 14"-19" WALLEYES.**

**PLEASE RELEASE SMALLER/LARGER FISH.**

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



*Thank You* **OTTER TAIL LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**



# MARK YOUR Calendars

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:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Associate Member:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Owners Lake Property) (Does not own lake property or shares ownership)

**Name of Property Owner living  
at lake property address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Property** \_\_\_\_\_ House/Street # \_\_\_\_\_  
(this is the blue house number/street for your lake home) City/State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer "mailing" address (5/15 – 8/30):** \_\_\_\_\_ House/Street # \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be valid US Postal deliverable address) City/State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**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)

**How can the association better serve you?** (On another sheet of paper)  
What lake related topic or issue is most important to you? How do you think our Association can help?

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## WHAT DOES A MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE?

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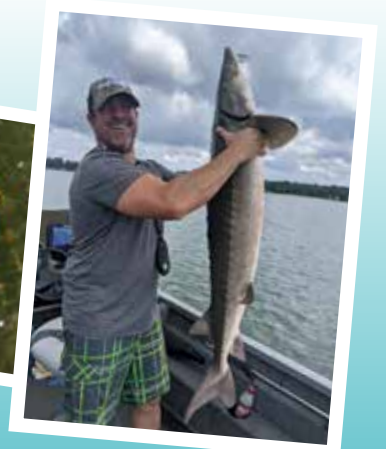
Lakeshore directory that is published every two years

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)

# Share Your Memories!



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# Weather Warnings Defined

[www.weather.gov/lwx/WarningsDefined](http://www.weather.gov/lwx/WarningsDefined)

## Severe Thunderstorm Watch

A Severe Thunderstorm Watch is issued when severe thunderstorms are possible in and near the watch area. It does not mean that they will occur. It only means they are possible.

Severe thunderstorms are defined as follows:

- 1) Winds of 58 mph or higher  
AND/OR
- 2) Hail 1 inch in diameter or larger.

## Severe Thunderstorm Warning

A Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued when severe thunderstorms are occurring or imminent in the warning area.

Severe thunderstorms are defined as follows:

- 1) Winds of 58 mph or higher  
AND/OR
- 2) Hail 1 inch in diameter or larger.

## Tornado Watch

A Tornado Watch is issued when severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. It does not mean that they will occur. It only means they are possible.

Severe thunderstorms are defined as follows:

- 1) Winds of 58 mph or higher  
AND/OR
- 2) Hail 1 inch in diameter or larger.

## Tornado Warning

A Tornado Warning is issued when a tornado is imminent. When a tornado warning is issued, seek safe shelter immediately.

## High Wind Watch

A High Wind Watch is issued when the following conditions are possible:

- 1) sustained winds of 40 mph or higher for one hour or more  
OR
- 2) wind gusts of 58 mph or higher for any duration.

## High Wind Warning

A High Wind Warning is issued when the following conditions are expected:

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These secure drop boxes are located at various law enforcement centers throughout the county. The boxes are accessible during regular business hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm, M-F, unless posted otherwise.

## Locations

Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office – 417 Court Street South – Fergus Falls  
 Government Building – 118 N. Main Street – New York Mills  
 Perham Police Department – 525 W. Main Street – Perham  
 Parkers Prairie Police Department – 102 N. Otter Avenue – Parkers Prairie  
 Ottertail Operations Center – 469 Main Street W. – Ottertail  
 Pelican Rapids Police Department – 315 N. Broadway – Pelican Rapids  
 Battle Lake Police Department – 108 E. Main – Battle Lake  
 Henning Police Department – 607 2nd Street – Henning

## Instructions

The program is 100% anonymous, no questions asked. Please follow these basic instructions:

- Leave medication in the original container
- Black out or remove your personal information from the label
- Leave the name of the medication on the container
- Drop the medication into the disposal box opening
- Absolutely no syringes, needles, or sharps accepted
- No mercury devices, household chemicals, or biohazardous waste



[ottertailcountymn.us/content-page/unwanted-medications/](http://ottertailcountymn.us/content-page/unwanted-medications/)

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# Raising a Gardener

by Bev Johnson, WOT Master Gardener

Did you garden as a kid? Did mom make you help weed when you would rather have been doing anything else? Were you the kid that had to pick raspberries? Bunkey did and he usually ended up looking like he had lost a fight with a wildcat, scratched, mosquito-bitten and sunburnt. It is no wonder he hated gardening for years.

Now that you are grown, you want your kids to learn the rewards of gardening. To do this properly, you must make it fun. Start by getting the children the proper tools. Not those kids-sized stuff but real tools. To start with all he will need is a good trowel and a small hand rake.

Give your child a part of the garden that is all his. One thing kids love is a “hideout”. Let him plant one. Draw a large circle in the soil and let him plant sunflowers about 2 feet apart. Between the sunny seeds, help him plant climbing beans. There is a variety with red flowers and purple beans that don’t look like the dreaded “food” beans. Mulch heavily inside and out so there is little weeding to do. By mid-summer he will have a green tepee to play in. Even if you don’t mulch your garden, mulch his, pulling weeds is no fun.

There are some fun vegetables to plant. Kids love bright colors so plant the Swiss chard with bright stems, purple cabbage or carrots. Yellow beets, - the leaves are really good slightly boiled. Milder tasting than their cousin’s spinach. There are all sorts of unusual vegetables. He may even eat veggies from his own garden.

There are seed packets especially for kids to plant. They have fast growing and interesting plants for the kids to grow. Encourage them to pull and eat carrots and onions from your garden with just a swipe along a pants leg to get the dirt chunks off. If they like tomatoes, let him plant a cherry tomato in his garden. A baby pumpkin plant will reward your child when he can take a bag of them for his classmates from ‘his” garden. Another fun thing to plant is an assortment of gourds. If you have lots of room, plant one of the odd pumpkins, pink or warty for Halloween. If he hates squash, plant Celebration. They are bright colored, kid-sized, and very sweet.

If you don’t have a vegetable garden, grow flowers. If your idea of flower gardening is how many flats of annuals you need this year, or what color geraniums for the pots you plant every spring, break the rules and buy a few easy-to-grow seeds and the two of you plant them together. Try marigold, zinnias, especially the candy-striped ones, cleome, nasturtiums, and calendula are all easy to grow and readily re-seed themselves giving you a jump start on flower gardening next spring.

Teach a child to love gardening and he will have a tool he will use all his life. All you need to do is make it fun, not work. Eat what he grows, even if it makes you gag.



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38188 340th St., Richville, MN 56576  
Bert Holmquist, Pastor—218-495-3800  
Church—218-495-3771  
Sunday School 9:30 am, refreshments following  
Worship Service 10:45 am  
Bible Study, Youth Group & Kids Club - Wednesday 7:00 pm  
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Potluck Dinner - 2nd Sunday

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### Our Lady of the Lake - Battle Lake

Sunday Mass 10:30 am

# LAKES AREA Church Directory 2022

 Indicates Barrier-Free Access

## LUTHERAN

### Bethel Lutheran Church

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112 West Main St., Battle Lake  
218-862-4903  
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### First Lutheran - ELCA

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blfirstlutheran.org  
Church—218-864-5686  
Coffee Fellowship: 9:00 am  
Worship: 10:00 am  
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays



### Sverdrup Lutheran Church

PO Box 70  
209 Southern Ave. E., Underwood  
Tammy Jacobson, Pastor  
Church—218-826-6919  
Worship 9:00 am

### Tingvold Lutheran Church

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Martha Halls, Pastor  
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June 1-August 31: Service 10:30 am  
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James Gronbeck, Pastor • Church - 218-495-2563  
Email: office@zionamor.org  
Website: www.zionamor.org  
Summer Services May 22 - September 4  
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Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Fellowship and refreshments between services.  
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## METHODIST

### Ottertail United Methodist Church

104 Shores Drive, Ottertail  
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Church—218-367-2270  
Worship 8:45 am  
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### Richville United Methodist Church

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## PRESBYTERIAN

### Maine Presbyterian

30761 Co. Hwy. 45, Maine Township  
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Bob Kersten, Pastor  
Website: mainepresbyterianchurch.org  
Church—218-495-2539  
Summer - Worship 9:30 am (Thru August)  
Coffee Following Worship Service  
Winter - Worship 10:00 am

## Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

### SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

### CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

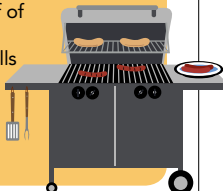
## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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# BURNING RESTRICTIONS

## DNR NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: May 10, 2022

**For more information:**  
**Contact the DNR Information Center by email or call 888-646-6367.**

Counties added to spring burn restrictions as wildfire risk increases in northwestern Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has further expanded the area subject to open burning restrictions as the wildfire season deepens and expands in northwestern Minnesota.

The DNR will not issue permits for open burning of brush or yard waste in these counties until restrictions are lifted.

“Warm and dry conditions elevate the risk of wildfires, and restricting open burning prevents a burn pile from escaping and becoming a wildfire during times of high risk,” said Allissa Reynolds, DNR wildfire prevention supervisor. “These restrictions really do work – they’ve helped reduce wildfires by more than 30 percent over the past decade.”

Reynolds encourages residents to use alternatives to burning to dispose of yard waste, such as composting, chipping, or taking brush to a collection site. For more information, visit the wildfire prevention page of the DNR website([mndnr.gov/Wildfire/Prevention](http://mndnr.gov/Wildfire/Prevention)).

People cause 90% of wildfires in Minnesota. If a debris fire rekindles or escapes, the person who set it is liable for any damage caused, as well as for wildfire suppression costs.

Burning restrictions will be adjusted as conditions change. For more information and daily updates on current fire risk and open burning restrictions, visit the statewide fire danger and burning restrictions page of the DNR website([mndnr.gov/BurnRestrictions](http://mndnr.gov/BurnRestrictions)).

**Additional counties in which burning restrictions apply are:**
**Restrictions remain in place in the following counties:**

Becker  
 Beltrami  
 Cass  
 Clearwater  
 Crow Wing  
 Hubbard  
 Kittson  
 Lake of the Woods  
 Mahnomen  
 Marshall  
 Otter Tail  
 Pennington  
 Polk  
 Red Lake  
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 Stevens  
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 Douglas  
 Hennepin  
 Isanti  
 Kanabec  
 Mille Lacs  
 Morrison  
 Pine  
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# Fergus Falls Area Fishing Outlook

## WONDERING WHAT THE FISH ARE DOING?

*Area fisheries managers for the Minnesota DNR have prepared a summary outlook report based on their observations and experience.*

Source: [dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/outlooks.html](http://dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/outlooks.html)

Generally speaking, anglers should expect good walleye fishing on area lakes during the 2022 season as several strong natural year classes and supplemental stockings have established abundant walleye populations. Small, shallow lakes are usually popular for the opener because the water temperatures will be warmer and the fish more active. Some traditional favorites for the opener include Walker, Anna, South Ten Mile, Orwell and Fish lakes. Some larger, deeper lakes that presently have strong year classes of harvestable walleyes include Star, Dead, Pelican, Sybil, Eagle and the Pine Lakes. Anglers should be aware that there is an 18- to 26-inch protected slot size limit for walleye on Big and Little Pine lakes.

Northern pike should be feeding actively as they spawn earlier than walleyes. Most of the large lakes in the area consistently produce above-average sized pike. Some smaller lakes that anglers may want to check-out for nice northern pike include Marion, Wall, Anna, Johnson and Jolly Ann lakes. Anglers are reminded of the northern pike slot length limit. The bag limit is 10 with

not more than two over 26 inches. All pike from 22 to 26 inches must be released. Anglers looking to take advantage of the 10-fish bag can look to lakes like Swan, Dead, East Battle, South Lida, Heilberger and Loon. These lakes have an abundance of small pike less than 22 inches in length.

Panfish opportunities may be a viable option if the walleye and northern pike are not cooperating. Many area lakes presently support abundant populations of sunfish and black crappie with good size structures. Several of these lakes include Big McDonald, Little Pelican, Adley, McDonald, Schwartz, Dead, Blanche and the Leaf lakes. Anglers targeting sunfish need to be aware of 19 lakes in the area with reduced daily bag limits. The intent of the reduced bag limits is to maintain or improve the size structures of sunfish in lakes that have historically produced quality populations. Lakes with a five-sunfish daily bag limit include West Silent, Franklin, Bass, Middle, Fish by Weetown, and Fish by Parkers Prairie. Lakes with a 10-sunfish daily bag limit include East Lost, West Lost, Crystal, Deer, Wall, Red River,

Prairie, Stuart, Star, Big Pine, South Lida, North Lida and Long by Vergas. The statewide possession limit for sunfish still applies for these lakes.

The largemouth and smallmouth bass angling seasons will also begin on the May 14 opener; however, it is catch and release only until May 28. Most area lakes consistently produce abundant largemouth bass populations. Anglers interested in smallmouth bass should look to Pickerel, South Ten Mile, North Lida and Lizzie lakes. Anglers interested in a float fishing trip should consider the Otter Tail River, as it has a renowned catch-and-release only smallmouth bass fishery.

For anglers wanting to try something unique in the area for the opener, Bass Lake in Maplewood State Park is an option for trout fishing. Bass Lake is stocked annually with rainbow trout. Anglers are reminded that a state park permit and a trout stamp are required to fish Bass Lake. The use of live minnows for bait is prohibited and the bag limit is five with not more than three over 16 inches in length.



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## 2022 Calendar of Events

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**



# Get Involved in *We Are Water* Otter Tail County

April 13, 2022 – Otter Tail County, MN– Otter Tail County is hosting a cool, new project called We Are Water MN. It's run by the Minnesota Humanities Center, and it's a traveling exhibit and community engagement initiative. The exhibit will be showcased at the Fergus Falls Public Library from August 18-October 10, 2022. There are spaces for people to talk with their neighbors, add their own stories and water actions, and learn from video and audio stories. There are also puzzles, puppets, and kids' books so the littlest learners can participate too!

## You're invited!

We invite students of all ages, members of social organizations and business partners to participate in the exhibit. Our goal in hosting the event for people in Otter Tail County to have an opportunity to share the important relationships they have with water, create an awareness about local water issues and increase education about water in Minnesota and particularly in Otter Tail County.

## What is in the exhibit?

The exhibit features statewide and local information about Minnesota's position as the headwaters of three major basins; the sacredness of water to Minnesota's first peoples, the Dakota and Ojibwe; land changes over time; the current stresses on water; steps needed to make progress; and stories about the meaning and use of water by local people. Local content is added through audio, maps, water quality information, and inspirational stories from people who live in Otter Tail County.

## How can you be involved?

- Attend the Water Is Life Event on April 22 at the Fergus Falls Public Library from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and share your story at the Water Bar.
- Make 2022 the year of water for your church, classroom, organization, club, writer's or book clubs, business and our community.
- Train to be a volunteer at the site to engage with participants as they interact in the exhibit.
- Arrange for students to attend the exhibit
- Host or attend local water events throughout the year
- Participate in the exhibit

Let's make 2022 the year of water in Otter Tail County and celebrate our relationship to water and our connections to each other! Look for upcoming We Are Water events such as a day on the water paddling, a booth at the county fairs, and an online photo contest. If you plan a water related event, please contact Shannon Terry at 218-671-3445 or [sterry@co.ottertail.mn.us](mailto:sterry@co.ottertail.mn.us) so your event can be shared on the We Are Water webpage [ottertailcountymn.us/we-are-water-mn](http://ottertailcountymn.us/we-are-water-mn)

## About We Are Water

We Are Water MN is led by the Minnesota Humanities Center in partnership with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; the Minnesota Historical Society; the Minnesota Departments of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources; and University of Minnesota Extension.

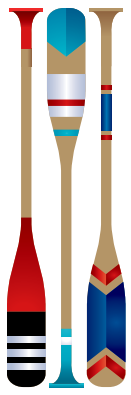
## LAND TRANSFERS FEB-APRIL 2022

Township	Lake Name	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Sale Price	Property Type
Amor	Otter Tail	4/15/22	Daniel A Johnson Et Al	Kari Eidsness & Siri Fiebiger	210000	Seasonal Rec
Amor	Otter Tail	4/21/22	John & Curtis Mcdougall Et Al	Edward & Sandra Olson	320000	Seasonal Rec
Amor		4/29/22	Riley Christensen	Tamara & Eric Roberts	330000	Ag Land
Amor		4/29/22	Janelle K Vanduin Mccann	Branden Burmeister	80000	Residential
Everts	West Battle	5/4/22	Melvin F & Diane M Kohorst	Keith & Michelle Pearson	654925	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Silver	4/1/22	Cynthia Skalsky	Amy & Christopher Toenjes	350000	Residential
Everts	Otter Tail	4/1/22	Norman & Donna Olthoff	Bradley & Lisa Bergstrom	120000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Otter Tail	4/14/22	John & Connie Wiese	Jay & Mary Miller	1200000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Otter Tail	4/15/22	Ronald & Colleen Macheledt Tst	Gregory & Mary Larsen	755000	Seasonal Rec
Everts	Deer	3/30/22	Daniel R & Amber J Bauer	James & Jean Nowak	250000	Seasonal Rec
Everts		4/8/22	J & S Dotzenrod Living Tst	Jared Purdy	38500	Residential
Everts		4/25/22	Kenneth W & Sandra L Enstrom	Thomas & Christine Petersen	27000	Seasonal Rec
Everts		2/28/22	Jerry A & Betty Nelson	Brian & Erin Anderson	135000	Ag Land
Girard	West Battle	2/11/22	G M Flying Tst	Nathan & Heidi Steinle	425000	Seasonal Rec
Girard	West Battle	2/24/22	Judy K Paulson Et Al	Judy & Jerome Paulson	316000	Seasonal Rec
Girard		4/29/22	Jhhi Rev Tst	Matthew & Melissa Daharsh	399000	Seasonal Rec
Girard		2/11/22	Steven M & Jennifer L Kolstad	Kyle & Carly Jensen	320000	Residential
Girard		3/18/22	Rodney J & Alice T Spidahl	Daniel & Lisa Malmstrom	45000	Ag Land
Otter Tail	Long	2/18/22	Kurt B Mauer	Matthew & Karen Reid	50000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail	Long	3/16/22	Elizabeth Husfeldt Et Al	Shawna Ehlers & Mark Wilbur	220000	Ag Land
Otter Tail	Long	4/22/22	Terry L & Karen M Brasel	Paul & Janny Deyonge	87000	Ag Land
Otter Tail	Long	3/4/22	Lutheran Island Camp Found Inc	Jack Johnson - Brandt Johnson - Emily Hopkins	49000	Seasonal Rec
Otter Tail		4/14/22	Harms Farm Storage Llc	Donald & Kay Lentz	106614	Residential
Otter Tail		3/8/22	Harms Farm Storage Llc	Alex & Geraldine Peterson	78500	Residential
Otter Tail		4/28/22	Harms Farm Storage Llc	George & Joan Grage	77900	Residential
Otter Tail		2/11/22	Kyle & Carly Jensen	Michael & Mary Jo Hill	236000	Residential
Otter Tail		4/15/22	Kyle & Carly Jensen	Donald & Ella Leapaldt	20000	Residential









# Paddling Safety Tips

## Before you go

- Let someone know where you are going, the route you are taking, and when you expect to return.
- Plan an alternative take-out point in case of emergency.
- Monitor the weather. Check the forecast before leaving, and prepare for rain even if you don't think it will. Bring a weather radio as an early warning system for inclement weather.
- Dress appropriately for the weather. Wear quick-drying clothing (not cotton!) made of material that retains heat even when wet, to help you stay warm and dry.
- Wear bright colors or a high-visibility life jacket. The law requires a boat to carry one life jacket per person aboard, but people die each year because they weren't wearing their life jacket. Buckle and zip up that life jacket! Learn more about life jackets.
- Carry a first aid kit and know how to use it.
- Carry a cell phone or radio for emergency communication, but keep in mind you may not have service in a river valley or remote area.
- Carry plenty of food and water. Drink fluids frequently to avoid dehydration, which can impair your judgment and damage your health. If you get a headache or haven't urinated in a few hours, drink a quart of water.

## On the water

- Don't paddle if you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Use extra caution when paddling in cold water. Boating accidents are five times more likely to be fatal if the water is colder than 60 degrees.
- Never strap a person or lifejacket to a canoe or kayak.
- Paddling in a group is safer than paddling alone. If you are in a group, stay within visual or verbal contact if possible.
- In areas of high motorboat traffic, stay near the shore, and approach waves head-on or at a slight angle to avoid capsizing.
- If you do fall out or capsize, keep your feet pointed downstream and keep them off the bottom to avoid getting snagged or stuck. Stay upstream of your boat to avoid getting pinned between it and a rock or log.

## Reading the water

- Scan ahead for hazards like overhanging trees, rocks, low bridges or rapids.
- If a section of river appears too challenging for your and your group, don't be afraid to portage around it. This is a much better option than paddling in rapids, or quick currents that you aren't used to. "When in doubt, get out and scout!"
- Ripples in the water mean that rocks are dangerously close to the surface. Follow the smooth water shaped like a "V" pointing downstream.



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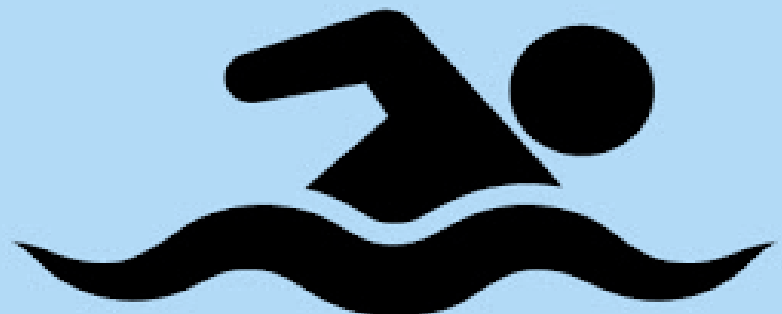
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## FOR BUTTERFLIES:

- Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)
- Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Narrow-leaved coneflower (*Echinacea angustifolia*)
- Rough blazing star (*Liatris aspera*)
- Meadow blazing star (*Liatris ligulistylis*)
- Black-eyed susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

## FOR RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS:

- Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)

## NOTES:

- The milkweeds and blazing stars may be available only from nurseries that specialize in native prairie plants.
- For further details, see the book *Landscaping for Wildlife*, published by the Nongame Wildlife Program, Minnesota DNR.

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## R E M E M B E R !

### clean

CLEAN all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.



### drain

DRAIN water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) and drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property. Keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.



### dispose

DISPOSE of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, and worms, in the trash. It is illegal to release bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another. If you want to keep your bait, you must refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

## K N O W   T H E   L A W

You may not...

- Transport watercraft without removing the drain plug.
- Arrive at lake access with drain plug in place.
- Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on any roadway.
- Launch a watercraft with prohibited species attached.
- Transport water from Minnesota lakes or rivers.
- Release bait into the water.

## A D D I T I O N A L   R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S



### rinse

Spray, rinse, dry — Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving zebra mussel and spiny waterflea infested waters:

- Spray with high-pressure water
- Rinse with very hot water\*
- Dry for at least 5 days

Run motor and personal watercraft for a few seconds to discharge water before leaving a water access.

Transport fish on ice — be prepared, bring a cooler.

\* These water temperatures will kill zebra mussels and some other AIS: 120°F for at least 2 minutes; or 140°F for at least 10 seconds.

### report

If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, take a photo and note the location, or save a specimen and report it to a local DNR invasive species contact.

[www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread\\_watercraft.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread_watercraft.html)

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