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AREA NEWS

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Happy Summer Members, Lake Friends and Visitors,

What an unusual spring and summer so far.....quite the opposite of last year when lake levels were low and everyone's yard was dry. This year it seemed like winter was never going to end and it took forever for summer to get here. Lake levels have been high all summer and we've had plenty of rain and wind. Already, we find ourselves on the back end of summer and looking forward to the fall and winter fishing season. We hope you've had a chance to get out there and do some exploring of the area and have had time to get out fishing. Word is that fishing has been great and you still have lots of time to get the boat in the water.

"The Upper Red Lake Area Association was formed years ago to promote and enhance the Upper Red Lake Area, and the economic, commercial, and social interests of its inhabitants." The Upper Red Lake Area Association (URLAA) is a long established, non-profit, volunteer group who plays and has played a very important role in protecting and maintaining one of the greatest places on earth and we THANK YOU for helping in these efforts. **We invite you attend meetings that are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. (New Time) at West Wind Resort. We want to hear your suggestions and ideas and appreciate your willingness to help with projects and activities.**

Please know that we are working on getting the newsletter back on track and hopefully on a regular schedule in the upcoming year. If you have stories, photos, events, or suggestions of what you would like to see included in future issues, please email items to jdnoyer918@gmail.com.



"The Keep It Clean message is simple: Human waste does not belong on the ice, under the ice or along our shorelines."

Upper/Lower Red Lake Keep It Clean Project

In the Fall of 2021 we welcomed interest in the problem of human waste disposal and removal during the Ice Fishing Season. We started a dialogue with the Beltrami county Soil and Water Conservation District about our shared concerns and efforts to mitigate. A committee was formed to do the hard work of promoting and implementing a sustainable approach to a complex problem.

This committee is made up of stakeholders from the grassroots to the state level who share a common concern—the safe removal of human waste from the frozen lake and the surrounding area.

A healthy lake with clean water, pristine ice and a litter-free shoreline helps create the ideal environment for sustainable fishing.

Our Spring Shoreline Clean Up Event was impacted by high water levels this year but we want to **THANK** everyone who did their part in helping to Keep It Clean!

PLEASE do your part to protect and preserve this valuable resource now, and for generations to come.

List of Grant Recipients

- Beltrami County 4-H Horse Drill Team
- Kooch County Ag Association Bear Country Shoot
- Friends Up North/Big Bog Festival
- Kelliher School/boys' Basketball
- Blackduck HS Trap Club/National Competition
- Beltrami County SWCD/Keep it Clean Committee
- Kelliher School Athletics
- Kelliher Legion Auxiliary Post #470
- Kelliher School/Girls' Basketball
- Needs Grant
- City of Mizpah
- Friends Up North/City of Kelliher
- Kelliher Public Schools/Robotics Team
- Kelliher Junior Class
- North Beltrami Heritage Center/City of Kelliher
- Kelliher Public School Grant
- Friends Up North Grant
- Beltrami SWCD: Zachrie Gutkrecht spoke to this grant in regards to Human Waste Prevention on Upper Red Lake. Grant dollars would be used for banners, posters, social media, decals, survey development and other materials to inform the community of this problem.
- Plus Many More...This is a list of some of the most recent grants.

Wondering How We Spend Our Money?

Money obtained through Pull-Tab gambling can be used for grant requests **only**. These grants not only go towards lake and area health, they also enable many of our community members and students to participate in sports-musical-class camps, trips and publications, FCCLA state and National events, community scholarship awards, sport uniforms, Firefighter and Ambulance upgrades and needs, community celebrations, school sponsored events, dances and other celebrations, and many more activities.

Without members the URLAA would cease to exist and so would the thou-

sands of dollars in grants given out annually. Thank you to ALL our existing members and future members for continuing to aid and support our community. ***A heartfelt Thank You to past directors and members for building this organization and working tirelessly on our behalf.***

Pull Tabs can be found at these locations:

- West Wind Resort
- Mort's on Upper Red Lake
- Kelliher Liquor Store
- Road Runner Drive In

Conditions of Grant Requests

1. Applications must be printed off the URLAA website and filled out or submitted via the online form. www.upperredlakeassn.com
2. Applications that are sent in blank and say "See Attached" will not be accepted.
3. Grants from Schools must also be signed by the Superintendent.
4. Representatives must be present to speak to the grant request. If no one is present, the grant will be automatically denied.
5. Grants received less than 7 days before the meeting (3rd Tuesday of each month) will be automatically held until the next meeting a month later.
6. Attach a copy of your IRS Tax Exempt Non-Profit 501C3 number if applicable
7. All grants must have a LG555 form on file with the URLAA or submit a LG555 during the grant presentation. Go to: <http://mn.gov/gcb/assets/lg555-gov-approval-for-use-of-gambling-funds.pdf> for this form.



Boat Cleaning Station installed at West Wind Resort

New Boat Cleaning Station at West Wind

A boat-cleaning station was installed at West Wind Resort with the purpose of helping boaters prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Funded by the 2021 House and Senate Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates installed the boat cleaning stations at lakes in the state that are affected by starry stonewort.

Each station includes a couple of tools to help people clean off their boats, including a vacuum and air hose.

Free Little Library in Waskish

When Julie DeNoyer retired from the PBS station in Duluth MN after 40 years, she was gifted a Free Little Library.

When Julie and her husband Dave moved permanently to their lake home on Upper Red Lake, they brought the little library with them.

They placed it at the Waskish Park and Museum across from Sandy's Gift Shop.

The Free Little Library is a place where people of all ages can take books, exchange books or leave books.



“You can vacuum up any excess water because you don’t want water being transported, “With the air hose, you can blow out any residual water.”

The stations are also equipped with lights, so late-night anglers will be able to clean off their boats with ease.

For anglers, starry stonewort is bad news because the invasive algae negatively affects the ecosystem of a lake. An infestation of starry stonewort effectively “removes all the habitat for any fish bigger than your pinkie finger,”

Please do your part to help stop the spread!!



What's Cooking — Grilled Walleye Tacos

Ingredients:

3 walleye fillets	3 T. Extra Virgin Olive Oil	2 T. fresh lime juice
1 T. chili-lime seasoning	1 tsp. garlic salt	1/8 tsp. cracked black pepper
Toppings of choice	flour tortilla	

Directions:

1. Mix the olive oil with fresh lime juice, chili-lime seasoning, garlic salt, and pepper. Pat the walleye fillets dry on both sides and brush generously with the mixture.
2. Preheat grill to medium-high and cook 6-7 minutes per side. Or cook walleye in a preheated 400 degree oven for 15 minutes.
3. Topping suggestions: Diced tomatillo, sliced red onion, diced avocado, chopped cilantro, spicy garlic dill grape tomatoes, chopped cilantro, serve on a scorched flour tortilla with a squeeze of lime juice over the taco. Enjoy!