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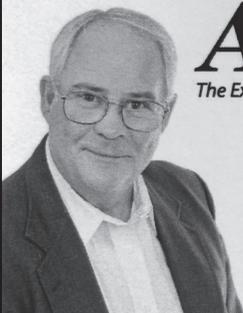
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- Upcoming Event Information
- Be Lake Smart
- SDDOT Seeks Input on Project



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Letter from the LPA President

Welcome Back to the Lake! Opening the cabin for the first time since last fall brings all sorts of anticipation. We're eager to walk along our private beach; wake up to a spectacular sunrise; catch a fish for supper. It's said the air is fresher and the food tastes better at the lake. And once the grill is unpacked it becomes the go-to-superstar. Anything right off the grill at the lake is marvelous.

Living by a lake is a valuable vacation package to protect. We can't pretend our lake will take care of itself. With increasing human activity around its shoreline and in its watershed, our lake needs us. We must do our part keeping the water clean and healthy for all to enjoy now and in the future. On our website and included in this newsletter you will find "Be Lake Smart" tips and our commitment to water quality testing. These are initial steps we as lake homeowners can do to protect the lake.

Though our popular pancake breakfast is postponed due to COVID-19, we have other events the lake community can enjoy. In May join us at the annual spring beach clean-up. In June visit an expert at the Saturday morning coffee chats. For more event information check our newsletter calendar and website event page.

In closing, I would like to thank our board of directors for your time over the winter months, working to improve living around the lake. A big thank you to all our members and business sponsors for your support of our programs and efforts to protect our natural resource. We take care of things we value, and the lake is something we value.

- Deb Eisenbeisz

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Updated Website

Lake Poinsett Association's updated website is now live and ready for you to visit. It is a great resource about our goals, programs and events and includes a video library, lake maps, water quality reports, county, township and lake information. It's like a good book, ready to read 24/7 whenever you want to. Enjoy browsing! ■

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- \$25 for 500 words or less
- \$50 for 500-1000 words

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Have questions?
Visit www.lakepoinsett.org for more information.

IDEAS, PHOTOS, AND FEEDBACK

Editorial/opinion submissions will not be accepted. There are no payments for content ideas or photo submissions.

CONTENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

May 21, 2021



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Our mission is to preserve the health and beauty of our lake for future generations.

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Seeking Members to Join LPA Director Team

If you care about our lake, want to help plan and organize lake events and inspire positive change, this may be the opportunity and special purpose you're looking for. Check out our website on our mission, goals, and committees. Email your interest to directors@lakepoinsett.org ■

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Annual Pancake Breakfast Postponed

The Memorial Day weekend pancake breakfast is being postponed due to persistent COVID-19 safety concerns. Please check our website for a rescheduled date. ■

Spring Beach Clean-up

**Saturday, May 15th at 10 a.m. –
Rain Date: Saturday, May 22nd**

We love clean shorelines and hope you do, too! Trash left on the beach is unattractive and can wash back into the water and create safety hazards for boaters, swimmers and aquatic life. Come and volunteer to clean up shoreline trash!

- Meet at either Sorenson or Prestrude's public access parking lots.
- Trash bags will be supplied.
- Bring your own gloves.
- Stay at Sorenson and Prestrude's or travel to Saarinen, Stone Bridge or Hammer's Pasture to cleanup.
- Foster the next generation of lake caretakers by bringing kids to join this fun, hands-on experience.

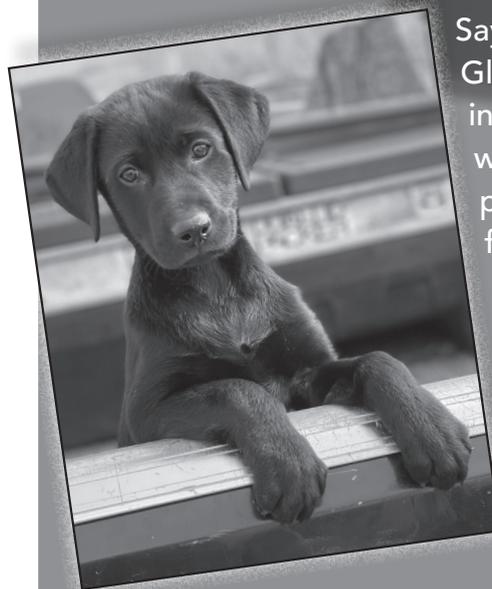
The Lake Poinsett Association and Walleye's Unlimited are proud sponsors of South Dakota Game, Fish & Park's Adopt-A-Lake program. Please contact Deb Eisenbeisz for questions 605-520-5505. ■

Welcome Packets

We will be delivering "Welcome to Lake Living" packets to new lake owners. It includes information about Lake Poinsett and ways to protect this beautiful natural resource. ■

Pet of the Month

Owners: Tammie and Jeff Jorgensen



Say hi to JJ, a lab from Glacial Lakes Kennels in Badger! He is 10 weeks old and loves playing with kids, fetching toys and chewing sticks. He dreams of flushing pheasants, retrieving ducks and jumping in the lake.



Be Lake Smart... Don't Feed the Algae

Phosphorous and nitrogen help algae grow. High levels of both lead to excessive blue-green algae growth which produces harmful toxins, foul odors and unappealing water. This becomes a harmful algae bloom that affects human and animal health and water recreation.

Below are ways to reduce algae growth.

- Keep leaves, branches, trees, and other plant materials out of the lake.
- Use no-phosphorus lawn fertilizers; lake weeds and algae grow with phosphorus runoff.
- Remove dog droppings from the lawn and shoreline. Never throw animal waste into the lake.
- Use barriers to prevent any soil loss into the lake from new lawns, gardens, and construction debris.
- Protect shoreline property from erosion by stabilizing it with riprap or a vegetation buffer.
- Pets, people, boats, lawn furniture, and anything you choose to wash should be cleaned where the water can't run into the lake.
- Have your septic tank pumped every 2 to 3 years for full-time residents and every 3 to 5 years for seasonal properties. ■

Coffee Chats - Ask An Expert

Saturday, June 12th 8:30 – 9:30 AM
Alsville Crossing on Hwy 81

Everyone is invited to ask questions and learn from an expert! Meet MARK ERMER, South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks (GF&P) NE Area Fisheries Supervisor.

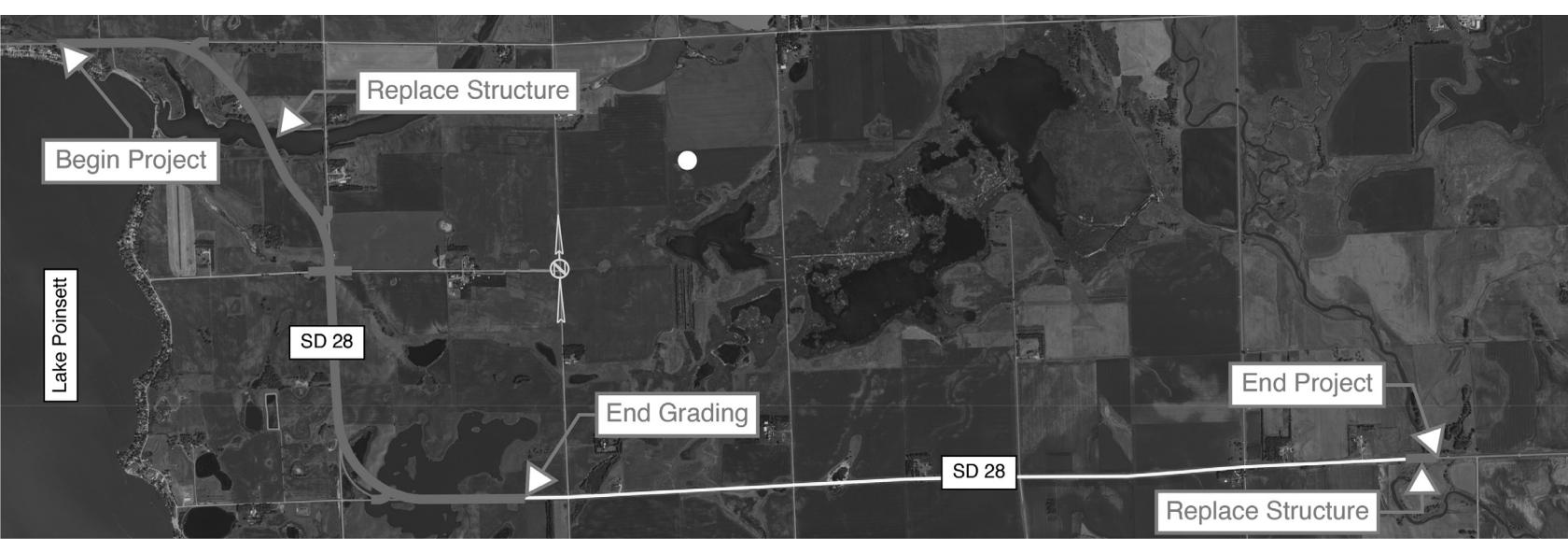
Mark is happy to answer questions related to Lake Poinsett fisheries, walleye health, zebra mussels, fish stocking, regulations, lakeshore improvement projects... or anything GF&P- related!

Mark Ermer works from the Webster district office, and for the GF&P since 2004. He received a master's degree from SDSU and a bachelor's degree from University of Wisconsin -Stevens Point. Prior to coming to South Dakota, Mark held fishery jobs in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois and Alaska.

He is an avid hunter, angler, and loves to travel the country in pursuit of various fish and game. Mark looks forward to visiting with you and sharing some fish tales!

Join the LPA for Coffee Chats! Meet up with friends and meet new ones. We're happy to meet you, happy to take the time.

*Alsville Crossing offers a great selection of morning breakfast options, including coffee drinks, breakfast sandwiches, hash browns, rolls, donuts, etc. ■



Handicap Dock Donation

Last November the Lake Poinsett Association Board of Directors was pleased to donate the handicap dock to the Lake Poinsett Camp & Living Waters Retreat Center. Christy Heflin, camp director, accepted the gift saying, "Thank you so much for the most generous gift of the handicap dock. What a blessing!"

Lake Poinsett Camp & Living Waters Retreat Center provides camping, family reunion, corporate and organizational retreats, chapel, and wedding events. They offer summer camps for kids of all ages.

As board members we want the dock to have maximum use while remaining at Lake Poinsett. We're confident it will get ample usage by campers for many years. ■

SDDOT Seeks Input for Proposed Project

The South Dakota Department of Transportation will hold a virtual public meeting until May 19, 2021 to inform and obtain comments from area residents on the proposed project to reconstruct SD Highway 28 from 192nd Street East of Lake Poinsett to 1.2 miles west of Estelline. Area residents (that's you!) are encouraged to participate in the virtual public meeting. Comments and questions on the public meeting will be accepted until May 19, 2021. Members of the public may submit questions or provide comments by completing an online form on the site or by calling Mark Maline at 605-773-5409.

SDDOT- NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

P 0028(48)346, Hamlin County, PCN 06NG
 SD28 - From 192nd St East of Lake Poinsett to 1.2 mi West of Estelline
 Grading, Interim Surfacing, Replace Structures, Approach Grading

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) is presenting on the above project and asking for public input.

Due to limitations on public gatherings recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, the department is posting project information on the department's website rather than presenting documents at an in person public meeting. Members of the public may submit questions or comments about the project by mail, completing an online form, or by calling (605) 773-5409 and providing verbal comments.

Questions or comments should be submitted by May 19th, 2021. This project is being developed in compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

Any individuals with disabilities who require a reasonable accommodation to access the information on the department's website may submit an accommodation request to the department's A.D.A. coordinator by calling 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunications Relay Services for the Deaf).

For further information regarding this project, contact Mark Malone, Road Design Engineering Supervisor at (605) 773-5409.

Public Meeting Information at <https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/projects/public-meetings> ■



Thank You!

A BIG thank you to LeeAnne Dufek, publisher of Hamlin County Publishing in Castlewood, for organizing content, advertisers, and printing the LPA lake directory! LeeAnne has been producing the directory for 21 years. Not only is it colorful and beautiful to view, it's a valuable resource for obtaining local business information and finding addresses of neighbors and friends.

Property owners and addresses are acquired from Brookings and Hamlin County equalization offices and published in the directory. ■

Thank You to our Business Sponsors

The LPA would like to thank these business sponsors whose contributions will help fund the water quality monitoring program.

- *Estelline Community Oil*
- *Loyal Messerschmitt-Ameri/Star Real Estate*
- *The Bug Guy*
- *Ward's Shopping Center*

A clean and healthy lake is valued by all of us, and water quality must be monitored to protect it. For the first time the LPA will monitor our lake water in partnership with the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Please support these fine businesses; we recommend them! ■

Congratulations to the Winners!

Lake owners who purchased LPA memberships were entered into a drawing for Lake Poinsett Association t-shirts. Congratulations to the following winners!

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2021 LPA CALENDAR

MAY

May Newsletter

15th Sorenson & Prestrudes --
Beach Clean-up 10AM

22nd Volunteer Water
Quality Monitor Training

30th Pancake Breakfast
POSTPONED

JUNE

June Newsletter

11th Lake Walk 9AM
West Lake Drive (Grapes Pt)

12th Coffee Chats with LPA
at Alsville 8:30-9:30AM

19th-20th Lake Wide
Rummage Sales Weekend

21st Lake Wide Clean-Up
Sponsored by Sanitary Dist.

25th Lake Walk 9AM
East Lake/Northeast Lake Dr.

JULY

July Newsletter

9th Lake Walk 9AM
Southeast Lake Drive

23rd Lake Walk 9AM
West Lake Drive (Hwy 81)

31st Happy Hour with LPA
4:30-5:30PM

AUGUST

7th Annual Meeting
Siouxland Bar & Grill 10AM

LAKE DIRECTORY DISTRIBUTION

This year's lake directory will be delivered in person by LPA directors starting Memorial Day weekend and continuing through the weekend of June 5-6. Directories will be mailed to members who were unavailable or request mail delivery. Please email directors@lakepoinsett.org if you have questions about delivery or did not receive your directory during the designated dates.