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# Lakeside

NEWSLETTER / JULY 2022



A publication for those who love a lake.



## Letter from the LPA President

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margret Mead*

### Lake Park District Ordinance Review

On June 15, 2020, I discussed with Todd Kayz, CEO of First District, Watertown about lake-specific governing opportunities the lake community could participate in. Todd pointed out the Lake Park District zoning ordinances were due to be revised. This fit the objective and became a lake project for the next two years.

A Focus Group was needed. To recruit willing participants, I sent out three requests, one as a video on Vic Erlacher's Facebook blog and the others through LPA's e-mail and Facebook page. The volunteers came from Lake Poinsett and Lake Albert (predominantly LPA members). We met seven times via zoom calls - each lasting about 2 hours. Despite our group's fluctuating attendance with each call, we updated many ordinances. Todd Kayz led our meetings and guided the discussions. Payton Carda, the Zoning Officer attended and provided information, as well as some zoning board members.

Once the ordinance revisions were finalized the public hearing date was set for 11AM on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hamlin County Courthouse, Hayti. Through LPA emails, Facebook, and a newsletter we urged the community to attend, write, or email their support for or against the 18-page ordinance revisions. One specific ordinance on Private Campgrounds was singled out as a primary concern for the community to respond to.

At the public hearing supporters spoke out to ban future campgrounds around the lake giving many valid reasons: such as the protection of the lake and rural landscape, preventing more overcrowded areas, more traffic, uncontrolled drainage issues, and undue pressure on infrastructure. The County Commissioners listened and made the amended changes to prohibit new campgrounds in the future.

*Note: this ban does not affect the current campgrounds or their ability to expand. This does not affect land in Brookings and Kingsbury Counties.*

The ordinance revisions and campground ban resulted from a collective effort. One group could not succeed without the other thus we extend our appreciation to the work of Todd Kayz and Payton Carda of First District, our commissioners, focus group volunteers, the supporters who effectively commented at the public hearing and the supportive letter writers. Thank you for the difference you made.

There's lots going on in our lives so it's hard to pay attention to building applications coming through the zoning board. Some of these can impact us all. The cost of inaction or complacency can break our lake. On the other hand, when being vigilant and proactive can protect our lake we must be ready to help. There is still much to do, stay informed and involved with your LPA.

Sincerely, Deb Eisenbeisz

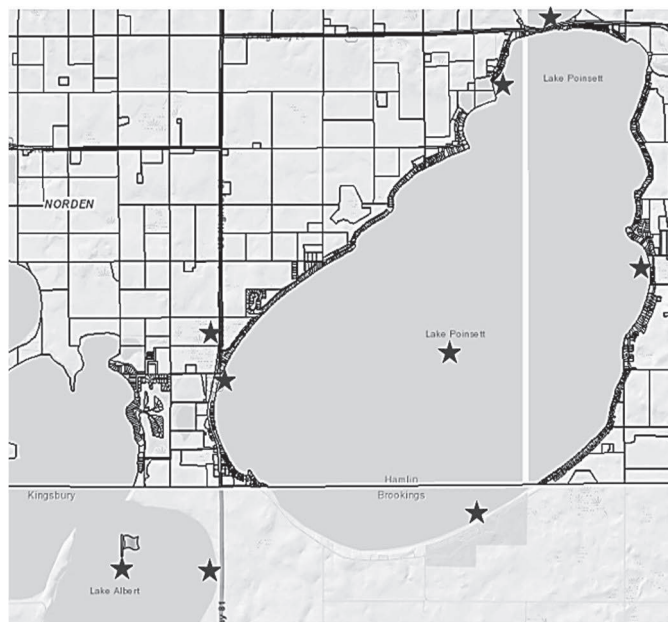
## Data is an important snapshot of a lake's water quality.

Our water quality program is growing. More volunteers and more sampling mean more comprehensive lake data. Thank you to those volunteers on Monday mornings, once a month June – September who take samples around the lakes or boat to its center. You are making a difference!

*Volunteers: Gary Hoff, Kim Ward, Tammie Jorgensen, Scott Stroman, Tonya and Shannon Grismer, Mark Kelsey, and Deb Eisenbeisz.*

2021	2022
3 volunteers	8 volunteers
38 samples	74 samples
5 locations	9 locations

The 2022 shipping and lab fees are \$2500. With funding provided by an EPA Grant, East Dakota Water District (Jay Gilbertson), and our four local Business Sponsors we can provide the state with consistent lake data.



Nine Water Quality Sampling Sites

### Lake Poinsett Association's



**Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 9AM - 10AM**  
**at ABR's Boathouse**

Prize drawings for ABR's Boathouse gift cards.

We look forward to your support and engagement!

# Lakeside

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## LPA MAILBOX

Is there a lake-related question you'd like an answer to? Email your question to [directors@lakepoinsett.org](mailto:directors@lakepoinsett.org) and we'll investigate it.

## Where are the storm sirens located?

Lake Poinsett has four storm sirens stationed on GF&P owned land: Sorenson's Beach Lake Access, Saraanen's Access, Prestrude's Access, and the Lake Poinsett Recreation Area.



In 2016 this outdoor warning system became a cooperative project funded between the Lake Poinsett Association, SDGF&P, and Hamlin County, along with a Homeland Security Grant. Each siren was approximately \$20,000. The LPA budgets \$1000 per year to maintain the sirens' batteries and mechanical parts. The batteries are replaced every 4 years. Your membership dues help fund this safety program.

Lake Poinsett Association is proud to help the community stay safer with early storm warnings. The worst thing one can do is not take tornado warnings seriously. We've all been under warnings when nothing happened. However, on hearing those sirens go off, the time to act is now! Hop in your storm shelter, or get home immediately if you are out and about. This advanced warning is key to your survival. There are dead zones in some areas around the lake where the siren cannot be heard, please rely on NOAA Weather Radios and weather alerts on your phones.

## *Local Business*

## Those Fabulous Lucky Day Sales

By Deb Eisenbeisz

With shopping online, I miss the presence of a human salesperson and seeing like-minded shoppers around. So when my friends said "Let's go to the Lucky Day Sale." I was eager to go. We drove to Lake Norden, turned by the Hamlin Building Center onto a dirt road and parked in a grassy lot.

There was a large vintage barn, identified with the outdoor sign- Lucky Day Sale. Once inside we saw beautifully displayed merchandise. Shoppers of all ages were moving through the aisles and investigating items of interest: women and children's clothing, furniture, décor,

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## Be Lake Smart - JULY TIPS

*There are preventable actions lake homeowners and visitors can do. Be in the know, read below.*

### Protect Shorelines from Erosion

The impact and corrosion by wind and water, and other forces, natural or unnatural create landward movement of the shoreline into the lake. As soil and sand tumble into the lake, phosphorous moves with it which can add to algae growth. Stabilize shoreline with riprap and fabric or a vegetation buffer.

### Don't rake leaves into the lake.

Leaves raked into the lake decay and act like a brewing cup of phosphorous tea. Those leaves carry algae fueling phosphorous directly into the lake. Bag the leaves and take them to the dump or mulch leaving them as natural lawn fertilizer.



### Septic Systems Can Pollute the Lake.

Lake Poinsett still has many lake homes relying on a septic system, some are old and failing. Proper maintenance is vital to keep the system working properly. Have the septic tank checked every other year and pumped at least every three years.

Do not use a garbage disposal, and keep solvents, plastics, paper, wipes, and other similar products out of your septic system. These may harm the septic system or plug the drain field.

Use only minimal amounts of mild drain cleaners and cleansers. Don't use septic system additives. They are not needed and may do more harm than good.

### **A Call for LPA Director Nominations.**

Go the Extra Mile! Help shape the future of your lake! Work on projects and events. Sign up yourself (*absolutely go for it*) or nominate another by the end of July. Email your interest: [directors@lakepoinsett.org](mailto:directors@lakepoinsett.org)

### **Lake Trivia Challenge**

Which famous performers used to frequent North Lake Drive's early 1900's resorts? (*Answer on Back Cover*)



### **Fabulous Lucky Day Sales – cont'd from page 3.**

jewelry, accessories, books, antiques and more. When I needed a break from the flow of excited shoppers there was a food vendor selling sloppy joes and other good things to eat and drink. Food, shopping, and friends this Lucky Day Sale brings it all together.

Sabrina Knudsen owns and manages this one-of-a-kind boutique, a local gal, with a vibrant glow of ideas and energy.



### **Tell us about yourself, Sabrina.**

I grew up RIGHT HERE! - just outside of Lake Norden and attended Hamlin School. I graduated from Northwestern University in St. Paul, MN with a double major in Graphic Design and Biblical Studies.

### **What do you enjoy most about your business?**

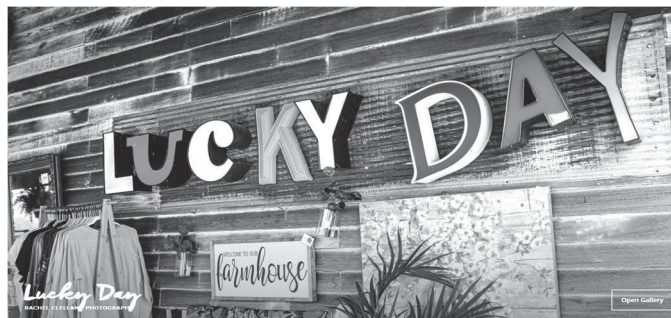
If I find something I love - I'll bring it to the Lucky Day Barn. It is a little bit of everything - truly a "favorite things" boutique.

I think people crave change naturally, so this business allows me to mix things up. Staging and creating spaces/décor that make people feel happy is my jam.



Typically, shoppers are putting our Lucky Day Sales event on their calendars, inviting friends, and making a day out of it. I LOVE THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC MEMORIES BEING MADE OVER AT OUR BARN.

Sabrina & Boyd Knudson



### **You also own a cabin on Lake Poinsett?**

We co-own a cabin on West Lake Drive and rent it out on Airbnb. Our cabin has already made so many memories for guests.

*We are happy to have Sabrina's Lucky Day Sale so close. Please support our local businesses. We recommend them.*

To receive email notices for the next Lucky Day Sale:

Contact: [sabrinalknudsen@gmail.com](mailto:sabrinalknudsen@gmail.com)

Or check Sabrina's other social media:

Instagram: [@lucky\\_day\\_sodak](https://www.instagram.com/lucky_day_sodak)

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## July is Lakes Appreciation Month!!

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LAKE AWARENESS

**5K LAKE  
WALK**

**Sat. July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 9am**  
**Park at Prestrude's Lake Access**

*Join us on the east side of Poinsett. Walk in support of a clean, healthy lake and enjoy its beautiful views. What a great way to spend a summer morning!*

Sponsored by Lake Poinsett Association  
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Or email: [directors@lakepoinsett.org](mailto:directors@lakepoinsett.org)



## Rick's Regatta

Regattas are a great way for new and experienced sailors to challenge themselves! The mood of the lake does not distinguish between pro or novice. The boat/crew that make the least mistakes is usually the winning team. So, on race day we're looking for a good breeze and full sails!

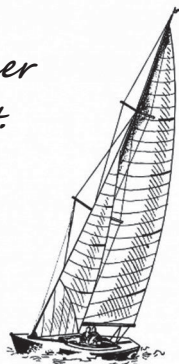
*Spectators, come and cheer  
on your favorite sailboat.*

**Bring Binoculars!**

**Saturday, Aug. 13th**

**10 AM - Skipper's Meeting**

**11 AM - Red Flag Start**



**Race starts and ends at Sorenson's Beach.**

*If the wind is greater than 25 mph or less than 4 mph, or a threat of lightning the regatta may be postponed.*

For Racing Registration, contact Clark Perkins  
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A social gathering will be at ABR after the race.

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## Our COVID Blessing – Lake Style

By Mark and Lesa Lee

*"Gama, Papa, it's morning. It's time to wake-up."* This was our wake-up call at 6:15 each morning as grandson Walt pitter-pattered across the floor of our Lake Poinsett home starting our new daily routine as we adjusted to our COVID reality in the spring of 2020.

My daughter Meg and her husband Bryan live in Sioux Falls with their two sons, Hank, 4 and Walt, 2. On Easter weekend, they asked if Meg and the boys could live with us at Lake Poinsett to escape the COVID hotbed in Sioux Falls. Meg could work from the lake, but Bryan needed to be on-site at his job in a Sioux Falls hospital. We readily agreed.

The first week was our wayfinding time as we wanted to structure each day. By the second week, we had a good system. Breakfast, brief iPad or TV watching, puzzles, games, books and then lunch. Fortunately, we had great lake amenities to help us occupy time including State Rec Area playground and hiking, Lake Region Golf Club, lakeside fun, kayaks, fishing, beaches and more. Almost every day included a 19-mile car ride around the lake - our cleverly disguised ruse to get the boys to rest since they were highly resistant to naps in principle.

When Meg's workday ended, "happy hour" and dinner prep would begin leading to a sit-down dinner that was the family highlight of the day filled with love and laughter.

On Memorial Day, Bryan joined us at the lake as it was time for them to reunite as a family. And as quickly as it began, suddenly, it was over as they loaded-up and headed home. We knew they belonged together, but we also knew an unforgettable and precious time was ending.

Many of our friends and family were impacted by the pain, death, and disruption caused by the COVID pandemic. We do not want to minimize this suffering at all. We pray for you, and hope that your pain has eased, and life is now closer to normal.

*"Gama, Papa, it's morning. It's time to wake up"* is from a bright-eyed child who sees joy, hope, love and what's right there in front of him. Our family time together under the cloud of a pandemic became a blessing with Lake Poinsett as the beautiful and bountiful backdrop for our experience.


## Trophic Status of Your Lake

Three basic lake monitoring measurements are recognized as significant indicators of lake health. They are Total Phosphorus, Chlorophyll-a, and Water Clarity (secchi depth). These together determine a Trophic State Index (TSI). Trophic (pronounced TROH-fik).

TSI is a score that places a lake into a classification system. Using this method, waterbodies can be grouped into one of four trophic states. All lakes can change their trophic status over time.

Our state environmental scientist took Lake Poinsett data from the past five years (2016-2021) to calculate the Trophic State Index (TSI) of our lake. This data includes the water quality testing our volunteers gathered last summer. The results of the calculations revealed our lake to be EUTROPHIC.

It seems essential for us to tackle ways to

<b>Eutrophication:</b> Natural process over time  	Lake Classification or Trophic State	Nutrients	Characteristics
	Oligotrophic	Limited Supply	Low Productivity; Good Water Clarity; Low Sediment Volume
	Mesotrophic	Increased Inputs	Increased productivity; Higher sediment accumulation and decaying matter
	Eutrophic	Surplus Available	High productivity; Reduced Water Clarity; High buildup of sediment and decaying matter; May become oxygen deficient
	Hypereutrophic	Excessive Amounts	Nuisance algal blooms; abundance of aquatic plants; water clarity and quality is reduced

Nutrients in Lakes Chart – dem.ri.gov.

control any lake progression towards **Hyper-eutrophic** levels (HI-per-you-TROH-fik). This lake classification has exceptionally high nutrients causing dense algae and aquatic plants. Rough fish (bullhead, carp) dominate, blue-green algae most likely, fish kills possible during algae blooms. Episodes of severe taste and odor.

## Lake Poinsett's Geographic Distinction

1 Lake  
2 Counties  
3 Townships  
4 Towns

*The lake's unusual feature has nothing to do with nature. It has everything to do with how mankind draws out boundaries.*

**Portions of Lake Poinsett lay within two counties:**  
*Brookings and Hamlin Counties*

**It's shared by three townships:**  
*Norden, Estelline, and Laketon.*

**Subdivided by four towns and their postal zip code boundaries:** *Arlington, Lake Norden, Castlewood, and Estelline.*

**Lake Poinsett is located 25 miles south of Watertown, and 35 miles northwest of Brookings.**

*The closest towns to Lake Poinsett are the rural communities of Estelline – 7 miles east, and Lake Norden – 7 miles west.*

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## LPA EVENTS 2022

July 16<sup>th</sup> **Healthy Lake 5K Walk,**  
Meet at Prestrude's Public Lake Access - 9AM  
*July is Lakes Appreciation Month*

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> **Annual Meeting @ ABR's Boathouse 9AM - 10AM**

**Support your lake association  
events, bring friends and family!**

### Paw-fect Lake Pets

#### Brothers "Teagan & Simon"

Owners Kim and Kevin Johnson, North Lake Drive. Both corgis' love to be outside and on the boat. Teagan also competes in Ability Trials. Woof!



Lake Trivia Answer: Stone Bridge Resort opened in 1906, and the Lakeview Casino Dance Hall moved to the site later. Visitors danced to the music of Big Tiny Little, Lawrence Welk, and other big bands.

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