

STARLIGHTS

Highlights from Star Lake for Members of the SLP0A

Fall 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dick Fultz, President

Of all the seasons, Fall is my favorite. The cool nights, changing colors of the leaves, and as a hunter – the start of fall hunting. But it is also somewhat melancholy – pulling the docks, putting boats away, and for me getting the cabin ready to close for the winter and make my way south for the winter.

Kansas is only 700 miles south, but 50 degrees warmer. Last February I talked, via phone, to Past President Gary Miller and it was -14 at Star Lake, and I was at 47 degrees in Kansas. Sorry, but it made me feel glad I was in Kansas.

But Fall is also the end of summer and a great summer it was on Star Lake. Our Annual Meeting at Camp Joy saw over 100 members enjoy a great breakfast and over 80 stayed for the annual meeting. Your Association Officers – Gail, Linda and JoLene – worked hard to make the meeting a FUN event. We re-elected JoLene to the Board, who serves as treasurer, but we are still one Board member short! Interested?

Next came the real fun event – the Third Annual Swamp Shark Tournament. Thirty-four boats chased the not so elusive Northerns, and all entries came away with prizes and helped re-balance the population of Northerns in the lake. Maybe its working as a member volunteered he had caught the largest Perch in years. My thanks to JoLene, Gail, Linda and Steve – they did the leg work to make the tournament a success. By the way – over 1,000 pounds of under 20" Northerns were removed from the lake – and most were pickled!

Ongoing were the water testing, numerous Board projects, and planning for the annual picnic. Ahh – the Picnic!

Once again the picnic was hosted by JoLene and Mark Kerr at their beautiful home. This year, we had the meal catered by Betty's Pantry of Ottertail. Good Food, Fun and Family all came together on the last Saturday in August. Over 150 of the Star Lake family came out and we had beautiful weather. Gail Hagen's daughter, Ricki Martin, took lots of pictures (now on Facebook and our website). Gail and Mike Hagen served up 10 gallons of ice cream and Root Beer, and our newest board member, Yvette Lewis (of duCharme's Corner Store) provided lots of giveaways for all.

Linda Dimitrijevic and her AIS committee had a booth and prize drawing, extending your association's commitment to a healthy, happy lake. And I noticed a lot more kids this year!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (Continued)

So now winter works include finalizing the details of installing the Dynamic Speed Indicator signs on Minnesota Highway 108 – finally happening! Yay! Work has also started on producing the three-year membership directory, which is gathering sponsor ads now and will be ready by the 2023 Annual Meeting. We are also already starting to plan the 2023 Annual Meeting and the Fourth Annual Swamp Shark Tournament.

The replacement bridge on County Highway 41 is in the final stage (and probably open by the time you read this), returning access to the West Arm and cutting a 24 mile trip from 380th Street to duCharme's Corner Store to 4 miles—and allowing access between the main lake and the West arm. Hopefully the courts have made the miscreant who burned the old bridge pay the cost of the new one.

Of all benefits, the Annual Meeting, Picnic and Swamp Shark Tournament events bring our Star Lake Family together. Too often in today's hectic society we fail to connect with each other and these events bring us closer and emphasize the importance of our great asset – Star Lake. Even mother nature smiled on us – the rain and heavy snow since last fall put the lake level back where it was three years ago.

I hope you have a great winter – I plan to! And I hope we can get together again next summer for another great year on Star Lake!

See you in the Spring!

Dick

BOD Spotlight

Yvette Lewis, Director

Yvette Lewis joined the Board of Directors of the Star Lake Property Association this past summer, and looks forward to making a positive impact for SLPOA. Yvette has a background in marketing, sales and management, and is a business owner on Star Lake. Yvette grew up in the Midwest, daughter to Pierre and Mary duCharme. She spent her summers enjoying Star Lake, working for her Grandparent's, John and Lucille Frank, located in the West arm at Frank's Lodge. You may also recognize her from her younger years working at The School House (now the Blackboard), Dunvilla and the Pelican Rapids nursing home. She and her husband, Dale, own duCharme's Corner Store.



Yvette moved back to Star Lake over 4 years ago to prepare for retirement and be closer to family after living in Sherman, TX and Rochester, MN. She is currently working for Toshiba Business Solutions as a Regional Sales Manager. She loves to support the community she lives in having chaired committees for her Church, Coaches VS Cancer, and is currently an active member of Lasagnalove.org, a non-profit organization that makes and delivers lasagna in the area to those in need.

Yvette is married to Dale Lewis, who also has a love for Star Lake. Dale currently serves as a Supervisor on the Star Lake Township board and is active in the community. Dale and Yvette have 6 grown children, and 6 grandchildren. You have probably met their kids as all of them have worked at duCharme's Corner Store during the summers. The family doesn't miss a chance to get together to celebrate the 4th of July and enjoy fireworks!

Welcome to the SLPOA Board, Yvette!

Camp Joy

By Gail Hagen, Secretary



There are quite a few landmarks around Star Lake. When you meet someone that is on Star and you're talking about where they are on the lake, or you're getting the latest fish story, the response is usually in relationship to one of the following: the duCharme's corner, the bridge, the Boy's Camp, the old Rocky's, the public access, and of course – Camp Joy.

Camp Joy is one of those spots on the lake that we all admire and enjoy a slow boat or pontoon ride past the camp. Their swimming beach is beautiful, the water is usually calm in the summer, the white cabins are nestled in along the shoreline, the peaceful chapel with amazing views of sunsets, and the sound of kids having fun with lots of laughter in the air.

Camp Joy celebrated its 80th Anniversary on Star Lake in 2021. The Camp had originally started in 1939 on Lake Lida, then moved to a small strip of land along the south shore of Star Lake. The land was so small that each end of the main building (now the Dining Hall) touched the border of the property. Over the years, Camp Joy has expanded to include the Chapel (built in 1955), cabins, a craft hall, a Staff House and Guest Lodge, and 16 wide open acres that includes a basketball court, playground and ball field.

Matt Larson is the Camp Director, and 2023 will be his 6th summer as the Director at Camp Joy. Matt and his wife Krista have been married for 22 years and have four children ages 19, 18, 15 and 13. The entire family works at the camp each year – Krista is the Assistant Director and the kids also work at the camp. When he's not at the Camp, Matt is a Bible, Math and History teacher at Park Christian School in Moorhead, MN, and they live in Fargo, ND.



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The Mission of Camp Joy is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through exciting camping experiences, teaching campers that true **JOY** comes from serving **J**esus first, **O**thers second, and **Y**ourself last. Matt and the Camp Joy staff strive for this mission every day. Matt believes that God uses camps to give kids a moment where they can feel his tangible love. Most of the staff came as campers and now continue to come as staff, giving up an opportunity to make money with a summer job, so they can come alongside kids and help them have a camp experience they will remember as the time they met Jesus.

The typical camper is one that does not have a lake place to go to. Most of the kids attending Camp Joy are from the surrounding area, some from the Minneapolis area. One family is from Florida and has been attending every summer and now work at Camp Joy. Camp Joy believes in operating at a price point affordable to all people, and offers assistance and scholarships so that everyone can experience all that Camp Joy has to offer. They haven't had to turn anyone away.

Camp Joy is continually upgrading the Camp's infrastructure and ground, while operating debt free. Their most recent upgrades included the kitchen and installation of a new septic system. The next big project is a new girls bathroom!

Matt and the camp have been faithful stewards of Camp Joy and Star Lake, and good partners of the Star Lake Property Owners' Association. They host the Annual Meeting for SLPOA and serve us a delicious breakfast every year!

As neighbors with Camp Joy, the ways that Star Lake residents can partner with Camp Joy is by partnering in prayer, or by partnering financially. Some of the things listed on their website for which you can pray:

- ◆ Campers and Staff will experience Jesus in a very real and tangible way
- ◆ Safety and protection for all staff and campers
- ◆ Good Conversations
- ◆ A desire in staff and campers to read God's word, and let it change them
- ◆ New friendships
- ◆ Words of encouragement
- ◆ God would bring people alongside of Camp to partner financially
- ◆ Anything else that God puts in your heart!



To partner financially, donations can be made through their website or mailed. For more information, please refer to their website: www.campjoyminnesota.org/partner.

Thank you, Matt and Camp Joy, for your faithful presence on Star Lake, your spiritual impact on the younger generation going out into our world today, and your testament to living with **JOY**.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

Adopt-A-Highway

By Dick Fultz, President

The fall Adopt-A-Highway event was held Saturday, September 17th. There hasn't been much traffic along County Highway 41 because of the bridge construction - but all was cleaned up! A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that help keep roadways around Star Lake free of trash!

The next clean-up will occur next Spring. Watch for the date announcement on Facebook and email.

Fisheries Improvement

By Steve Roth, Vice President



Writing the Fall newsletter is always bittersweet. As Summer comes turns into Fall, lots of changes happen. Docks get pulled out, kids go to school, weather cools and then turns cold, and before you know it the snow is flying and winter is here.

It was good to see the lake levels rebound this year after last year's low levels. Hopefully we can see some consistency in the years to come. It was good to see lots of boats on the lake this summer. There were always mixed reviews as far as how fishing is - I guess that is why they call it fishing and not catching!

There are a few things that have our attention lately on the fisheries side. There is interest in changing bluegill limits. I have been in contact with MN Fisheries on the steps to accomplish this. The state knows the Association has interest in reviewing limits and a possible change. Initial discussions on this gives us a couple options, including lowering the limit or possibly limiting the size of fish being kept, and possibly a mixture of both. MN DNR has a lot of history with limit changes and effects on other lakes that have enacted changes.

Another item is the parking congestion and where the ice fishermen are accessing the lake on Beaver Dam Road. Anyone that is around after the ice forms knows how busy that area can get. There are no parking signs that are not being adhered to. Also the lake shore takes a beating from vehicles passing onto the ice to fish. We have asked both Star Lake and Dead Lake Township for their support with the no parking signs, and Otter Tail County Sheriff for enforcement. If you see violations, please report it to the appropriate authorities. The numbers are provided on the back page of this newsletter.

There has been a number of individuals interested in being part of the fisheries group that works on one or both of those items. Please watch your emails for upcoming news and discussion. If you would like to join in, please reach out to me.

Have a great end of year!

Minnesota Fishing Facts (source MN DNR)

- ◆ Licensed Anglers: About 1.4 million
- ◆ Fishable Lakes: 5,400
- ◆ Miles of Fishable Rivers & Streams: over 18,000
- ◆ Species of Fish: 162
- ◆ Males account for 65% of fishing license holders
- ◆ Average MN angler spends 15 days fishing each year
- ◆ Walleye are the most sought-after fish

Membership

By Gail Hagen, Secretary

The membership year for the Star Lake Property Owners' Association begins at the Annual Meeting, which is early June, through the following May. Your memberships dollars and donations help us to buy and maintain buoys; train volunteers in identifying and preventing Aquatic Invasive Species; publish two newsletters to share information and education for all members; hold social events such as the Annual Meeting, Annual Picnic and the Swamp Shark Tournament; and many other projects to benefit the residents of Star Lake.

Not all residents are property owners, and we have a membership level for them - Associate Member. The Associate Members support the objectives of the Association, and enjoy all of the benefits of membership, but they are a non-voting member.

There are many seasonal residents on Star Lake, and they may not even be aware that we exist. If you have an opportunity, please invite others to join. If they love Star Lake, they most likely share our passion and share our objectives, and would probably welcome an invitation to join our Association.

We have a lot of opportunity to grow our membership and support of the SLPOA objectives. Help us spread the word!

Thank you for your ongoing support of Star Lake Property Owners' Association!

SLPOA Memberships	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
Property Owners	204	233	211
Associate Memberships	12	9	2
Total	216	242	213

Communications - 2023 Membership Directory

By Gail Hagen, Secretary

Every three years, SLPOA publishes a Membership Directory. Work has already started on the 2023 Membership Directory and we are planning on making some changes that will keep your directory on the coffee table - not in the drawer!

- ◆ Photos - share your photos of Star Lake memories: family, sunrises, sunsets, wildlife, fishing, wintery landscapes, etc. Add a brief description of your photo and send it to us by mail or email: secretary@starlakeassociation.com. We have lots of great pictures out there - I've seen many on Facebook!
- ◆ Services Directory - do you have a go-to person that you've hired for various projects at the lake? Yard work, carpentry, electrical, plumber, windows, cleaning, boat repair, welding, etc. We plan to add a very inexpensive option for these service providers to advertise in our directory, making the directory a great resource for our members. Information on placing ads will be on the Home Page of our website at www.starlakeassociation.com.
- ◆ Full Color Print - all of the pages with photos and advertising will be full color making it enjoyable to browse through and earning a spot on your coffee table!

Thanks to Sue Nyhus for helping us with this project! If you would like to volunteer to help us with the 2023 Membership Directory, please contact me at 218-329-2729, or email: secretary@starlakeassociation.com.

Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring

The Star Lake AIS Committee is celebrating one year of working together to learn and share about Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in order to help all property owners preserve Star Lake's excellent water quality, bountiful fishery, natural wildlife haven, and its ordinary and proper development. Committee members include Bob Gettel, Bonnie Graham, Kristin Daniels, Lee Mindemann, and Linda Dimitrijevič (SLPOA Board Member and AIS Committee Liaison). You may have met some of the committee members at the Star Lake AIS education tables at the Annual Meeting and the Star Lake Picnic this summer!



Over the last year, the committee's main goal was to become more familiar to AIS in and around Star Lake. This was primarily done through the AIS Detectors and AIS 101 courses from the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC), associated with the University of Minnesota. Committee members also took a bus trip to Lake Koronis on July 11th to witness the damage done by Starry Stonewort and participated in Starry Trek on August 20th, an annual statewide event focused on searching for one of Minnesota's newest aquatic invasive species, starry stonewort, an invasive algae that was first found in Lake Koronis in 2015.

Star Lake AIS Status

At this time, Star Lake still only has one identified AIS; Zebra Mussels. Unfortunately, there is no feasible treatment for Zebra Mussels except to prevent the spread to other lakes. In August, the two Star Lake Public Accesses were assessed for AIS with a sampling rake but neither Curly-leaf Pondweed nor Starry Stonewort were found. The AIS Committee will continue to monitor our lake for additional AIS.

Did You Know...

Some of you may have seen Wake Boats on Star Lake this past summer. "Wake boats are powerboats specially designed to increase wave height for watersports. The hull is shaped to achieve maximum wake and many have a hydrofoil device that lowers the stern when the boat is under power. Most wake boats also have built-in ballast tanks that can be filled with lake water to increase the weight in the stern of the boat and create larger waves." Recently, the AIS committee has learned that Wake Boats can be harmful to the environment by "increasing shoreline erosion, decreasing water clarity and plant abundance (Asplund and Cook 1997), and increasing phosphorus in the water column (Yousef et al. 1980)". Wake boats can also increase the chances of spreading AIS from one lake to another "due to the presence of large ballast tanks that can be filled from or emptied directly into the water body they are operating on". The AIS Committee encourages all boat owners to take action to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, including draining all water from your wake boat ballast before transporting your boat over land. Information taken from <https://mymlsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DNR-Wake-Boat-Report.pdf>.

Coffee and Connect

The AIS Committee will be hosting a zoom/webinar series over the winter months. This will be an opportunity to connect with Star Lake friends from our winter homes while learning a little bit about AIS. Our first session will be on Saturday, November 5th at 10am. The topic will be the AIS Status of Star Lake and will include information about zebra mussels, as well as curly-leaf pondweed and other AIS that are found in neighboring lakes. Follow the link and fill out the form if you are interested!

<https://bit.ly/starlakeaisnov>

Treasurer's Report by JoLene Jean Kerr

The account balances for SLPOA (as of October 1st, 2022):

Regular Checking Account \$ 2,7621.42
Money Market: \$ 24,208.25*
GRAND TOTAL \$ 26,970.97

Deposits from AmazonSmile since June 2022: \$53.27

Reminder: Amazon orders can be placed through the AmazonSmile program. This does not change the price that you pay for your items purchased through this program. Designate "Star Lake Property Owners' Association" as the charity that you want to support. Christmas is right around the corner and every purchase under AmazonSmile adds to SLPOA funds. Let us know if you have any questions about how to set this up within your Amazon Shopping account.



* The Lake Protection Fund is included in this amount and totals \$18,117.95.

Water Safety - HELP!

By Gail Hagen, Secretary

The installation, maintenance, repair and removal of the buoys located around Star Lake is taken care of by volunteer property owners of Star Lake, and we need your help!

If you are available in the late spring and fall, have access to a boat, and have a willing friend or family member - we really need your help to place and remove buoys located east of Peterson Point. We were able to get them removed this fall, but cannot commit to being able to place them in the Spring.

Please contact Gail Hagen (218-329-2729) or Steve Roth (218-779-7648) if you are able to help us out.

A HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers that take care of this for all of us on Star Lake. Your efforts help us to enjoy the lake with confidence that the major hazards within our lake have been identified and marked for safe boating and fishing.

Have a great winter!

Ice is Never 100% Safe!

4" 5-7" 8-12" 12-15"

Minimum Ice Thickness Guidelines
for New Clear Ice Only

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NATURAL RESOURCES

mndnr.gov/icesafety

The infographic features a blue background with a white horizontal line representing the ground. Below the line, four ice thickness levels are shown as steps: 4", 5-7", 8-12", and 12-15". Above each step, a vehicle is shown: a person walking on 4" ice, a snowmobile on 5-7" ice, a red car on 8-12" ice, and a green pickup truck on 12-15" ice.

The DNR does not measure ice thickness on Minnesota lakes. Your safety is your responsibility, check ice thickness at least every 150 feet.

Test the thickness yourself using an ice chisel, ice auger or even a cordless 1/4 inch drill with a long bit.

STAY SAFE!



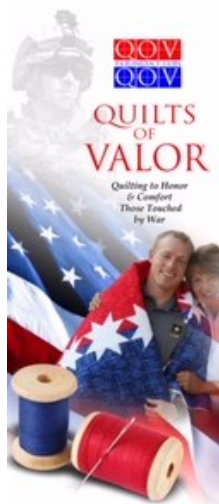


Writing about Camp Joy and their message of true **JOY** has inspired us to add a new feature to our newsletter. There are many ways that we can serve others - whether it is sharing our time, talents, passions or financial resources. There are numerous groups and associations near Star Lake that you may not know about. Our plan is to share information about some of these organizations within our newsletter with the hope of offering you opportunities to serve others. The first organization in our **JOY** Spotlight is **Quilts of Valor®**. We hope you enjoy the read.

One of my hobbies that I have been able to spend more time with since retiring is sewing quilts. Recently, I needed to find someone with a longarm for a special quilt project I had been working on. Not quite knowing where to begin looking, my husband (Mike) mentioned that he had happened to see a room at the Dent Community Center that had some Longarm machines set up (pretty impressive that he even knew what a longarm is – let alone remember to tell me about them). And that is how I met Jenny Caughey and was introduced to Quilts of Valor®.

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. The founder, Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine,

"The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: Quilts = Healing."



Quilts of Valor® was born. Their mission: To cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor®. Their focus is on those most in need of comfort and healing first; those who need to know their sacrifice is acknowledged, those who need the affirmation of a hug, and those who never heard the words "Welcome Home". Wow – that is powerful.

A Quilt of Valor® (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation." It must be a specific size, it must have a label with required information, it must be awarded, and it must be recorded.

Jenny became involved with Quilts of Valor® in 2005 when she and a friend organized the Perham chapter of QOV, starting with just 8 quilters. The chapter has flourished, growing to more than 40 members, added two additional groups (St. James and Fergus Falls) with memberships now totaling over 100 quilters. As the State Coordinator for QOV, Jenny's priorities are to expand the state's network of quilters; encourage and enable a younger generation of volunteers to make Quilts of Valor®, and bring more public awareness to the work of QOV volunteers and QOV Foundation. Jenny's dedication and commitment to the group, volunteers, foundation and mission is very evident – she lights up just talking about them and has volunteered countless hours to grow not only this chapter, but others within Minnesota and other states as well.

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Quilts of Valor (Continued from Page 9)

The group has been meeting in Dent at Community Center twice a month, with two of the former classrooms dedicated to Quilts of Valor®. The process is just like a well-oiled machine. Volunteers cut fabric to make quilt top kits (each kit includes all of the pieces needed for the quilt top, binding, and a label); the kits go out to sewers (who sign their names as the stitcher); the finished tops come back to be matched to a fabric backing; the top and backing is quilted by a longarm or machine (quilter adds their name to the label); the quilt is trimmed up and a binding is sewn on; and the binding is finished by hand-stitching it to the back of the quilt (with the finisher's name added to the label). This group is extremely productive – in addition to supplying quilts for presentation in this area, they support other chapters with finished quilts to be presented to recipients in Louisiana, Texas and many other states.

If you are interested, support for the local QOV group can be provided in several ways: Eat at The Perham Pizza Ranch on the 2nd Monday of the month (the next date is November 14th) and a portion of the dine-in receipts will be shared with QOV; volunteer your time at meetings; cut quilt pieces for kits; sew a quilt top; hand-stitch a binding; nominate a recipient; donate fabric and other supplies, or donate financially.

The local QOV group meets at the Dent Community Center on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, starting in the morning through the afternoon. The time literally flies by, with a short break for a shared lunch. I've only volunteered 3 times, but have met so many wonderful women, have shared much laughter, listened to heartwarming stories of veterans' responses from being wrapped up in their quilts, and found another great purpose for my time in retirement.



"Quilts = Healing"



Turn in Poachers (TIP)* in Minnesota

Report a violation in progress

- ◆ **To report a violation, call 800-652-9093** 24 hours a day, or key in #TIP on your cell phone.
- ◆ **Download the MNTip app** on your mobile device on the App Store or Google Play. Use the form to submit your anonymous tip online. After submitting, you will receive a 6 digit code, which is your anonymous ID to log back into the system. Check back within 24 hours to see if the officer has any follow-up questions.

Report a violation that isn't time sensitive: use this online form:

https://www.tip411.com/tips/new?alert_group_id=22714

*Turn In Poachers(TIP), Inc. is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to curbing the Illegal taking of Minnesota's wildlife and natural resources. TIP works directly with the MN DNR as a public/private partnership.



Dynamic Speed Signs

By Dick Fultz, President



A recent headline in the Minneapolis Tribune read “Minnesotans are ‘driving like crazy’ and its killing people” (September 6, 2022). Speed is the leading cause of increased fatalities in Minnesota this year. As if we had not noticed. Those of us on Star Lake have experienced this speeding for several years along Minnesota Highway 108 and have been working to try and find a solution.

As an Association, we requested a change in the speed limit on the highway along the north shore from 40 mph to 35 mph, as well as expanding the length of the speed zone. We were not successful. MnDOT officials nixed both ideas. Their own speed study, done in August of 2021, proved that 83% of the vehicles traveling along this section of MN Hwy 108 were speeding, some as fast as 73 mph. So we moved on to Plan B – reinforcing the posted speed limit with Dynamic Speed Signs.

After an 18-month effort and numerous obstacles, we have finally accomplished our goal. We have ordered two Dynamic Speed Signs for installation on the 40 mph speed zone and they are solar powered. We have acquired the necessary permit (with the help of the Star Lake Township Board), ordered the signs and MnDOT will install them when they arrive. This is not an inexpensive attempt to slow the traffic down but we feel strongly that it is going to help. Those who travel Highway 108 thru the Lida area have seen these signs in the 30 MPH zone on the lake’s South side. Hopefully by next spring these signs will be flashing to advise drivers of the speed limit (40 MPH) and slowing traffic down to the posted limit along Highway 108 along Star Lake.

The Association is investing in your safety. Purchasing these signs would be impossible for an individual to fund and install but with the membership of the Association we can do this type of activity. To that end, watch for fund raising events and activities to help fund these signs, starting with your purchases at the Star Lake Online Store opening up October 30th.

So, look for the flashing signs, slow down, and know that you are part of the solution to the speeding issue. My Thanks to Star Lake Township, to the district traffic engineer for MnDOT, and to our membership for supporting this endeavor.



We Are Water Calendar - 2023

Every summer at Star Lake means water fun! This past July, Kristin Nielsen Daniels captured her niece and nephews jumping off of a towable tube. Her goal was to get a fun picture that she could use to update the photos that fill the family cabin walls. Kristin saw the post on Facebook about the We are Water photo contest. With her brother’s approval (Todd Nielsen) she submitted the photo. Out of 170 photos submitted and weeks of public voting at the Fergus Falls Library, Kristin learned that the picture will be one of twelve to be used in the Otter Tail County 2023 We Are Water Calendar! So here’s to Star Lake, our clean water and beautiful lake! So fun for many activities, include jumping and splashing! Pictured left to right: Audrey (12), Henry (10), and George (7) Nielsen.



STAR LAKE GEAR

By Gail Hagen, Secretary

The Star Lake gear online store is open for a limited time just in time for your fall/winter and holiday shopping! LongWeek-end Sportswear in Perham is hosting our store once again and has clothing items as well as gift items available for purchase. The store will be open starting October 30th and will close at midnight, November 13th. Orders will be shipped directly to you approximately 2-3 weeks later, arriving at your homes in early December.

A small portion of your purchases will be donated back to Star Lake Property Owners' Association, helping us to defray the cost of the Dynamic Speed Signs we are purchasing to help make it more safe for all around Star Lake.

Don't miss out on this opportunity! Please share this with your family and friends. Thank you for your support!

<https://starlakewinter22.itemorder.com/>

November 5th - Coffee and Connect



Connect with Star Lake friends and the AIS Committee by ZOOM to catch up while learning more about Aquatic Invasive Species and how we can protect Star Lake.

- ◆ When: Saturday, November 5th
- ◆ Time: 10:00 AM
- ◆ Topic: Status of AIS on Star Lake, Zebra Mussels, Curly-Leaf Pondweed
- ◆ Sign Up at <https://bit.ly/starlakeaisnov>



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REMINDERS

- October 30th:** Star Lake Online Store Opens
- November 5th:** Coffee and Connect ZOOM
- November 8th:** Election Day
- November 13th:** Star Lake Online Store Closes
- Early December:** Star Lake Orders Delivered

**Report Parking Violations to OTC Sherriff's Office
218-998-8555**

MN TIP (Turn In Poachers): 800-652-9093