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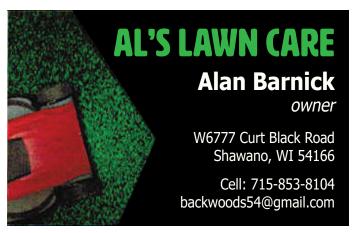
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER: WINTER 2024

As you receive this winter addition of our Smoke Signals our majestic lakes are likely frozen and hopefully snow covered. With another autumn behind us my presidents letter comes to you with both reflections and projections of major events within the Legend Lake Property Owners Associations and our community.

Looking back to June of 2024 we experienced an EF1 tornado that left an aftermath of extensive damage to individual home owner, association out lots and LL-POA beach clubs.

A response was effectively executed in collaboration with the Menominee County Highway Department, our compost site and LLPOA staff. In the following weeks, roadway cleanup and removal of hazardous trees was the top priority with a goal of safety first, then enabling accessibility and finally removal and clean-up of debris.

As the summer progressed an unimaginable amount of material was processed through our compost site, our roadways, most pathways and trails. This work enabled either full access or at least most areas were in a manageable state. Once done, we moved our focus to the very large task of beach club and out lot clean up. This involved a two-step process with an aggressive clean up through affected areas during phase 1 and a more refined clean-up for phase 2. This process was led by our outside property manager who worked with our employees and qualified contractors to enable this effort.

During this effort, a property line dispute occurred between an association mem-6 · Winter 2024 Smoke Signals ber and our contractor that resulted that resulted in an arrest of said property owner for assault and pending criminal charges. Following this event, the contractor's equipment at the location of the altercation was extensively damaged by a shot gun. Furthermore, an attempt was made to set fire to this equipment as well. All clean-up work was suspended based on these malicious and hostile events. The police have yet to identify the individual responsible for the costly vandalism to the contractor's equipment.

It is for these reasons the LLPOA remains in hold pattern regarding debris clean up from our out lots and beach clubs. This serious issue needs to be addressed as we look forward to finishing this work and putting the effects of the tornado behind us.

On a more positive note, this summer our board provided an unprecedented series of pre-annual meeting presentations for our entire membership to help everyone understand what needs to be done to address the issues in our county like over taxation. Several hundred members attended these meetings and the LLPOA Board received overwhelming support for the budget increases required for taking the necessary legal actions. Thank you to everyone who attended these meetings and to every member who voted to financially support this effort.

Thanks to a multi-year effort by the Menominee County Taxpayers Association leaders who spent literally thousands of hours at no charge, we have and continue to uncover the full extent of the issues occurring in our

county. As promised to our membership and based on their budget approvals, the LLPOA have engaged a property rights legal expert, Erik Olsen from Eminent Domain Service, to litigate our lawsuit. Based the information gathered through volunteers, Mr. Olsen prepared and filled a complaint in federal court at the end of October in 2024 to challenge the violation of taxpayer's rights in our county.

It is important to note that this lawsuit focuses on the underlying and systemic issues that enable what is occurring. This is different from the lawsuit filed in the District Court by the Menominee County Tax Association in 2023 and updated in 2024 to include 11 specific and documented activities taken by the county which enables inequities in the application of taxation.

It is vitally important that both lawsuits continue as planned and to this end I strongly encourage EVERY member of the LLPOA to continue their financial support of the MCTA in 2025. You should think of it this way, the MCTA lawsuit targets specific actions that impact the fair application of taxes in Menominee County, while the LLPOA lawsuit is challenging the underlying government structures that allow these inequities

to exist in the first place. These actions can NOT be allowed to continue and it will take time and ongoing financial support to address both legal initiatives.

Finally, while the storm damage challenges and the essential legal actions are key areas of focus, I would be remiss if I did not express my gratitude to the LLPOA board who has also worked diligently on other initiatives focused on improving our Leaend Lake community. For example, several members led a complete redesign of website so all LLPOA members have easy access to the information they need and implemented a process that enables ongoing improvements based on site utilization. Also, the board led multiple focus groups to engage membership input on what they consider the top priorities and input on what they would like to see going forward to improve the Legend Lake area. Stay tune in 2025 because we have an evolving vision of what the future can hold and your input is always welcome!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you throughout 2024!

Steve







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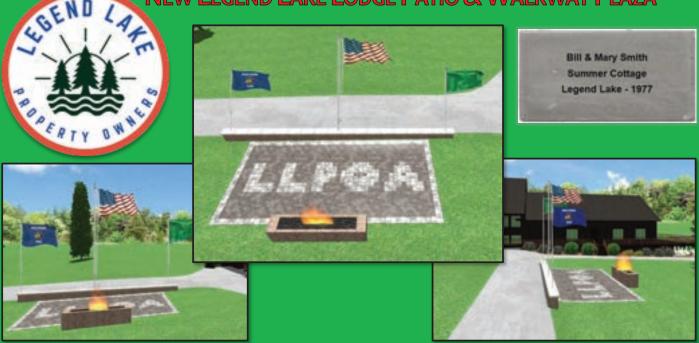
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Kristin Allen 414-477-9202

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Compost Site 2025 cont...

Dumping leaves and/or brush in the forested areas and outlots of Legend Lake is prohibited by both State and County laws. To avoid penalties of this kind, use the Compost Site operated by the Association for the convenience of its members.

Leaves must be emptied from plastic bags and the bags taken with you. The attendant on duty will determine the acceptance or rejection of any materials in question.

Brush brought to the site is chipped and is available to members in good standing. Since the chips and compost (black dirt) are quite popular, we request that you take only what you will use on your property at Legend Lake. Quantities may be limited, at discretion of the Compost manager.

Grass clippings must be spread out – not left in clumps or piles. Separate pine from hardwoods and place in appropriate piles. Brush over 4" is to be placed in the camp fire wood pile.

---PLEASE READ AS THE RULES HAVE CHANGED!!----

The LLPOA compost was originally established as a convenience and source of recycled materials to LLPOA members. Its use has grown over the years, and more and more members have been taking advantage of the site. Occasionally, we have to remind our members of simple guidelines:

- Materials must be divided into categories and separated into those categories in order to provide the most effective and efficient use of the site.
- Materials such as leaves, grass, sea weed and such are set aside so as to provide a source of recycled materials such as mulch, fertilizer and top soil.
- 3. Wet and rotted materials and tree stumps are not allowed
- 4. The chipper is limited as to the diameter of the wood/branches that can be chipped. The diameter cannot exceed 4 inches. Any branches, trunks or wood materials exceeding the 4 inch diameter need be cut into 24 inches (Max Length) before arriving at the site and upon arrival, deposited on the firewood pile.
- Finally, please remember that the area is a COMPOST SITE NOT A DUMP established for the recycling of recyclable materials, not a dumping area for unwanted goods such as construction materials and garbage.

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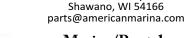
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Please remember to let the office know when you change your address either permanently or just for the winter. It costs the Association money to get the changes from the Post Office.

Christmas Holidays the office will be closed December 24, 25, 26, 31 2024 & January 1, 2025.

Have an enjoyable holiday season & Happy New Year!!!

Office Managers Thomas Strebel Lisa Wilson

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All lots will transfer with the "Right of First Refusal" for all future sales.

The Buyer assumes all responsibility of locating exact location of lot property lines. (Maps & metal detector available with certain restrictions).

Thank You Legend Lake Property Sales Committee

Very Important Reminder

It is that time of year again. The 2025 dues invoice will be going out at the end of November and the Association dues are payable in January. The yearly dues are due at the same time every year and if you do not get your statement, please call the Lodge office. (715-799-3317)

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: WINTER 2024

Hello Fellow Lake District Members,

As I sit down to write this update letter, we are experiencing cooler temperatures and soon our first accumulation of snow. Most of us have put away all of the boats, pontoon's, canoe's, paddle boards, kayak's, docks, shore station's, raft's and other stuff that was used throughout the year. Now we are in the process of rolling into the Winter season which means we will soon have ice on the water. This will allow everyone to enjoy many different activities on our Lake, some of these activities are, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, walking, ice skating and Kristin Allen's Walk the Lake to name a few which are enjoyable for all.

The Legend Lake waterways were unrestricted this year by the invasive Hybrid Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM/HYM). It was good to see the Native Plants continue to flourish in both the number of species and abundance of each species even though the herbicide treatment of EWM/HYM in May didn't happen. The mechanical harvesting from mid-July through mid-September kept the waterways open for all activities to take place. During the Summer the District Staff was busy harvesting EWM/HYM and Native Plants represented by over 90 loads of aquatic plants.

The District's Aquatic Ecologist's, Onterra LLC, completed a survey in late September which documented the EWM/HYM population that our lake system has going into the winter and will emerge in the spring of next year. The Board is using data from the survey for treatment possibilities of herbicide treatment in 2025. The preliminary purposed treatment area of four sites for 31.1 acres of invasive EWM/HYM rated as dense and most dense. The Board will decide in the next couple of months. Once the decision is made, we then must apply for permits.

The Board implemented a Stipend Pay Incentive Plan for Boat Patrol with the Menominee County Sheriff's Office for 2024. This was a program for incentives for deputies to put in additional hours on Boat Patrol. In 2024 the deputies put in a total of 177.5 hours

on the Lake System this year. This program cost LLPRD an additional \$4,150.00 which was within our annual budget figure. We are planning to continue the program for 2025. The program was very well received by the deputies, and they were all Thankful. This helps making Boating on our Lake System safer for all.

The Fish Committee has been working with the Menominee Indian Tribe-Environmental Services Dept., Fish Biologist, Ryan Wehse. This year we were able to stock both Walleye's and Muskie's. I've heard stories about Walleye's being caught from all over the lake system. I'm estimating with Ryan's help that these were probably some of the ones that were stocked in 2021 or2023. Our goal is to improve the fishery of our Lake System.

The Board is researching the best way to prevent shoreline erosion at horseshoe Island. This is considered as a sensitive area by the WDNR so there are limitations on what we can do. More to come about this in future updates.

Early in 2024 LLPRD received a grant from the WDNR of \$50,000.00 for developing a 2025 Comprehensive Management Plan for our Lake System. The grant is comprised of three phases: 1. Aquatic Plant Surveys, 2. Biological Studies, 3. Public Participation & Reporting. Onterra, LLC who is our sub-contractor as Aquatic Ecologist will be sending out a Survey in the next month to all of our Lake District members. This is a comprehensive survey, so please take the time to go through the survey. This will help the Board create a Comprehensive Management Plan for the next 5 to 10 years for our Lake System. Please HELP by filling out the survey and sending it back.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful Winter season and enjoy the activities of Winter. Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to all of our Lake District Members. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Have Fun and Be Safe!

Tom Ittner Chairman Lake District Looking for some part time work this summer, while getting some rays?





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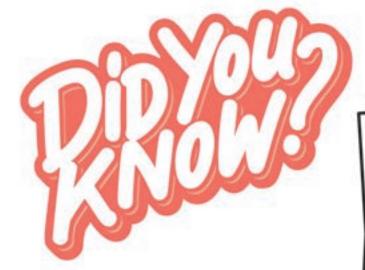


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Greetings Legend Lake Property Owners,

Winter 2024

With winter settling in, it's time to prepare for the cold months ahead. Snow, ice, and freezing temperatures can impact our homes, roads, and daily activities. To help you stay safe, here are some essential tips and resources.

Prepare Your Home and Property

- Heating and Ventilation: Ensure your heating system is serviced and in good working order. Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors regularly. If you use a fireplace, clean the chimney and follow all safety guidelines.
- Winter Supplies: Stock up on de-icing salts, shovels, and other winter tools to keep walkways and driveways clear. Keep extra blankets and warm clothing handy, and consider keeping an emergency supply of firewood or backup power sources.
- o **Insulation:** Prevent frozen pipes by insulating any exposed plumbing. Let faucets drip in extremely cold weather, especially in unheated areas.
- Pets: Bring your pets indoors. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they have access to unfrozen water.

Vehicle Preparedness

- Emergency Kit: Equip your vehicle with a winter emergency kit that includes blankets, a flashlight, a first aid kit, non-perishable snacks, and water.
- Winter Tires: Consider snow tires or chains if you often travel on icy roads.
 Regularly check tire pressure, windshield wipers, and antifreeze levels.
- Stay Informed on Road Conditions: Check road and weather updates before traveling, and keep your gas tank at least half full.
- O Destination: Let someone know where you are going and the route you will take.

Community Resources and Emergency Contacts

- o **Power Outage and Closing Information:** For Menominee County and Tribal closings or power outages, call our information hotline at 715-799-7000.
- Emergency Assistance: For life-threatening situations, call 911 and provide your location, nature of the emergency, and contact information. For non-emergencies, dial 715-799-3881.

To help us keep our community members informed, Menominee County utilizes a mass notification system called Nixle. If you have not signed up yet, we encourage you to do so. You can sign up using any one of the following ways:

o Go to the Menominee County website www.co.menominee.wi.us and click on the Nixle Logo on the lower part of the page.

Or

o Go to the LLPOA website www.LegendLake.Info under the Community Resources tile and click on: Sign up for Menominee County Emergency Alerts.

Or

o Text your zip code to 888777

Please use a Menominee County address when you sign up.

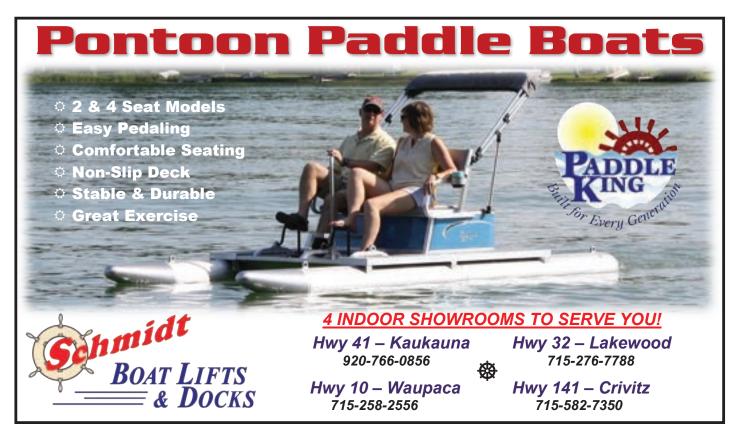


Hope you all have a happy and safe winter season!

Sincerely,

Alex Berkhahn

Menominee County Emergency Management Director





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Menominee County, Wisconsin

W3269 Courthouse Lane P.O. Box 190 Keshena, WI 54135-0190 Phone: 715-799-3357 Fax: 715-799-3595

Sheriff Rebecca Smith

Chief Deputy Justin Hoffman

Property Owners,

Winter 2024

Brrr, it's getting colder outside and soon we will see the ground filled in white snow. We hope everyone enjoyed their summer/fall and are preparing for the winter. With winter approaching, remember to fill out your security check forms if you are leaving for the winter and re-register your alarms for 2025. Remember to keep your driveway access clear for emergency personnel in the case of an emergency.

New Personnel/ Promotions-

Currently, the Dispatch Center is fully staffed and trained. The Sheriff's Office was fully staffed until November 15th with one deputy resigning.

Deputy Paul Lemke will be resigning from the Sheriff's Office. His last day with our agency will be November 15, 2024. Deputy Lemke will not be far and I am sure we will have contact with him as he furthers his career with Shawano County. Deputy Lemke served the Menominee community since May, 2022. Deputy Lemke was very proactive in his drug interdiction work in Menominee and we will certainly see a temporary void in our agency. We wish Deputy Lemke the best in his future endeavors.

We would like to welcome Deputy Cole Hoffman to our team. Deputy Hoffman started on 06/17/2024. Previous to the full-time position, Deputy Hoffman worked part-time on Boat Patrol for the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Hoffman graduated the police academy from North Central Techincal College in May, 2024. He also received his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Fox Valley Technical College in My, 2019. Deputy Hoffman has experience as a jailor from the Menominee Tribal Detention Facility also. He is a lifetime resident from the Shawano/Menominee area.

If you see any of the mentioned team members, feel free to congratulate them on their promotions!

MESO Stats (most common) from 08/01/2024-11/01/2024

Burglary/Larceny/Stolen Property-8 (2 property owners, 6 commercial establishments)

Property Damage-7 Traffic Stops-387

Motor Vehicle Accidents-20 Security Checks-180

Boat Patrol: This year, MESO Boat Patrol worked a total of 211.5 hours of boat patrol with 167 hours being on the Legend Lake on the water. During the course of the summer, 16 citations were issued, 27 warnings, and 36 compliance/safety checks performed on the water. There were zero boat accidents reported on Legend Lake.

Suspicious incidents- Please call Dispatch at **715-799-3881** to report suspicious incidents. This includes dog complaints. The Sheriff's Office number (715-799-3357) is only manned Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm and office staff will not be able to respond to your calls until business hours. The Dispatch Center is available 24 hours.

Security Checks- Security check forms are available at the Sheriff's Office and online on the Menominee County website under the Sheriff. Security check forms are for property owners who will be away from their property for a short period of time or over the winter. Deputies will check these properties when they are available.

Please remember my office doors are always open for question or comments regarding our agency. I may also be reached by email at rsmith1201@co.menominee.wi.us

Respectfully,

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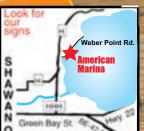


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Residential Alarm Registration Form

Please complete this information as accurately as possible so we can provide the best service possible for you and your property

Name:	Phone:
Home Address:	
Alarm Information (Property withi	n Menominee County)
Address:	
Alarm Monitoring Company:	Phone:
Seasonal Property? Yes □ No□	Property will be vacant from:/ to/ to
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Primary Key-holder Information (If possible please provide full name and DOB for Key-holders)
Name:	Phone:
Home Address:	

(Key holder #2)

Name:	Phone:
Home Address:	
	(Key holder #3)
Name:	Phone:
Home Address:	
have provided our agency the location of h	e to hide a door key on the property. In the past, property owners hidden keys and/or written instructions for disarming/resetting alarm a last resort in the event you or your key-holders were not available with us please provide it below.
Alarm disarming/resetting code or procedu	ıre:
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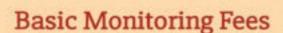


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Kristin Allen 414-477-9202





"To provide a safe trail for everyone from Legend Lake to the surrounding county trails"

Happy Winter Legend Lakers and LLCK members! The docks are put away, boats are winterized and the leaves are all cleaned up. You know what that means? It is time to put fresh gas in your sleds (especially Polaris owners like myself), check the carbides, fire them up and send in your LLCK dues and order your trail passes so you can hit the trails when they open. The Farmer's Almanac is predicting that "the residents of Wisconsin are in for a stormy winter season filled with abundant snowfall and colder temperatures. Brace yourselves, as the snowiest periods are expected to occur in late November to early December and again in early to mid January." This should set us up for an excellent snowmobile season, so get busy and get your snow machines ready!

The LLCK board and members have already been busy getting the season planned and the trails ready. We had a great turn out for our annual meeting in October with over 20 people attending and a few more coming after to help with trail brushing. Our next annual meeting is Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the Lodge at 10:00 AM. I want to give a big **THANK YOU** to all who attended and helped with trail work. It really only takes a few hours of your time, once a year to help support our club.

For those of you who were unable to attend the meeting, here are a few updates. Our dissolution article did pass and will be added to our bylaws. This does not mean that the club is being dissolved. What it does mean, is that your dues will only be used to support snowmobiling and no funds will go to an individual if our club is dissolved. The LLCK funds would go to our neighboring clubs that help us groom and maintain our trails. It was requested by the AWSC for all clubs to add a dissolution article to their bylaws this year. We look forward to providing a safe trail for everyone from Legend Lake to the surrounding county trails for years to come. With your continued support through participation and membership, we will make that happen. We also added our newest and perhaps, youngest board member, Logan McHugh at this year's meeting. Logan has offered to assist our Vice President Kristin Larsen "Sticks" with her duties this year. It is great to see new and younger club members participate as it helps ensure the future of the LLCK. Todd Leavy has also offered to step in as the Natural Resources/Government Relations officer. There are a couple other things in the works. We are looking into designing a club sticker that will be distributed to members. I want to thank Dan Hedrich for leading the charge on this and Sonia Teran for helping with her creativity for the design of the sticker and other creative projects throughout the year. Kristin Allen is also looking into a club bonfire/social this winter outside the Legend Lake Lodge. See our website and Facebook page for updates on both of these projects.

There were also some trail updates announced at our meeting. The landowner in Shawano County is currently not allowing the trail to go through their property. So the trail from Shawano to Keshena is not open. Hopefully, this can be resolved. Consequently, the Shawano groomer will not be able to reach the casino trail and that trail will most likely be ungroomed. If someone has a tracked UTV with a plow, the Club may be interested in hiring you to groom this trail section. Please contact Andy Burns (adburns67@gmail.com) or contact the Lodge and have them get in contact with the LLCK. The trail section we are talking about "the casino trail" is the one that goes from the Legend Lake Lodge Lodge to the Menominee Casino. It will also have a minor reroute as you will have to ride the edge

of the road around the fence around the old fuel depot. Finally, the trail along HH will run further along HH to the Cotton Patch and it will then turn to go behind the pond at the Cotton Patch.

Our trails are always open and we encourage early season riding to help pack the trail. There is a trail maintained by the War Bonnet off of the lake by the Lodge providing access to the War Bonnet. The trails off of the east end of the lake by the dam provide access to The Thunderbird, Harley's Den, Primal Eats and can be run down HH to Shawano Lake even when the Shawano trails are not open. Please stay off of the dam and exit the lake at the boat launch and be careful on the ice. No ice is ever safe, please be cautious on Legend Lake and be aware that areas of open water on Shawano Lake are present year round. They are where Washington Lake meets Shawano Lake (which is right by the trail access to Shawano Lake) and on the west end of Shawano Lake by the Lighthouse Bar and Grill at the mouth of the Wolf River. Please be safe and be respectful of the people fishing, walking and skiing on our lakes. See our Facebook page Legend Lake Channel Kruisers and website for trail updates http://www.legendlakesnowmobileclub.com. Shawano County will not be printing new maps this year as there were plenty left from last season. Our trails are shown on the Shawano maps. Shawano County also has a new snowmobile trail hotline number (715) 524-4349 that you can call to find out what Shawano trails are open.

Please remember to patronize our sponsors throughout the year. We truly appreciate their support! Classics Restaurant and Lounge, War Bonnet Bar and Grill, Harley's Den, Primal Eats, Thunderbird-Gas Casino/Restaurant C-Store, Shawano Lake Golf Course & Restaurant and Menominee Casino Resort. Thank you to Buck for mowing and grooming our trails. Finally, thank you to our board members for all of their hard work year round to keep the club rolling and the trails open. You are providing a great service to our community.

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Treasurer - Heather Dyer
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Social/Fund Raising/Map - Dan Hedrich
Community Relations - Mike Burns
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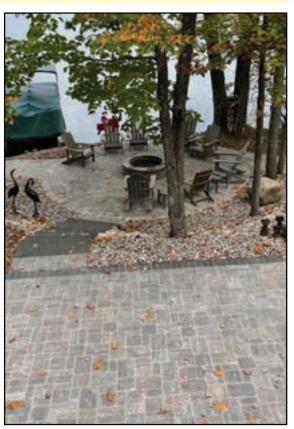




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For more information call or e-mail me at Jimskomski@gmail.com, 715-460-1651

Jim

CRAFT DAY

Are you interested in crafts? (Quilting, Knitting, Crocheting)
Join the group every Wednesday morning from 9:00 A.M. to Noon at the Legend Lake Lodge.

LADIES LUNCH

Ladies Lunch meet on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 am.

All women are invited. Please sign up at the Lodge Office each month if you plan to attend. The schedule is as follows:



DATE	HOSTESS	LOCATION
January 18	Gail Richter	El Tequila
February 20	TBD	TBD
March 20	TBD	TBD
April 17	TBD	TBD



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Night on the Town

December 10th Kassidy's Studio Lounge

Hosted by Jewell Ehlert

January TBD Dockers

Hosted by Deb Malmstrom

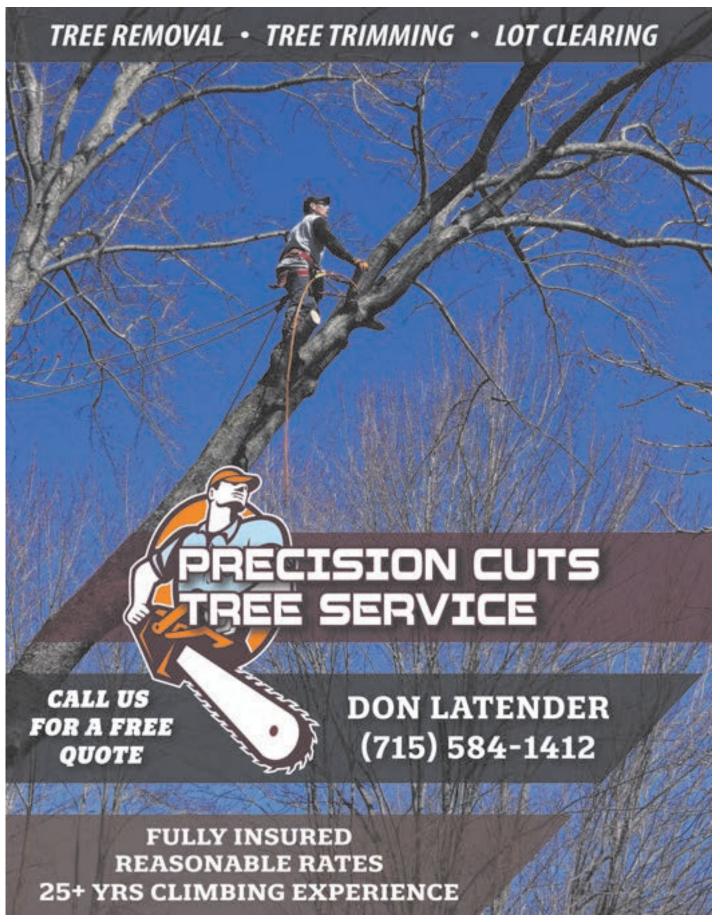
February 11th
Trivia Night & Pot Luck @ The Lodge

Hosted by Jewell Ehlert

We need hosts for future Nights on the Town. All you need to do is select the restaurant, work with the owner to create a menu and a price, make a sign up sheet at the lodge and make name tags.

Drinks usually start around 4:30 or 5 and dinner is usually served around 6.

Please help us so we can continue this very fun tradition.





GOLF

Attention Golfers (Guys and Gals): Join us in a great two person scrambler league. We play at Pine Hills on Thursday at 11:00 AM. Most of the golfers are from Legend Lake. The league has been in existence for over 30 years. If you need a partner, one will be provided. If you are interested, please call me at 715-799-3154.

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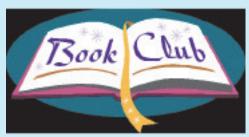


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<u>Date</u>	Host/Hostess	Book	Author
January 27	Marlene	The Wish	Nicholas Sparks
February 24	Kelly	The Last Thing He Told Me	Laura Davel
April 28	Mary	TBD	TBD



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22 Spirit Island Matt & Kelly Forster Appleton, WI

45 Spring Glen Robert & Kay Templin Appleton, WI

31, 32, & 33 Whispering Pines Carol Theine Twisp, WA 50 Bent Tree Brian & Annette Mindeman Weston, WI

75 Great Bear Ken & Kim Ehrensberger Hartford, WI

64 Spirit Island Alegra Fowler Keshena, WI

9 Straight Arrow Kristin Larsen Keshena, WI

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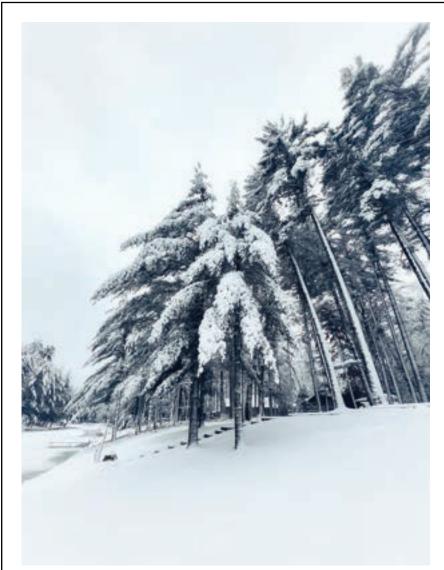
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Catherine Theine

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Thanksgiving at the Lodge Celebrating with Neighbors Near the Water

By Diane Daulton, independent author, naturalist/educator, and lake and stream advocate Reprinted with permission from The Water Column (November-December 2022)

Beaver ponds create wetland habitat, improve water quality, and slow the flow during storm runoff events. *In my Northwoods experience, Thanksgiving* is a busy time. Hunting season is in full swing and it's time to invite family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate the changing seasons. Meanwhile, some of our wetland neighbors would like to invite readers to consider Thanksgiving from a new perspective. This story revolves around another being who shares strong family values, is hard working, a brilliant engineer and team player, and provides many benefits to others in their community and ours. I hope you'll enjoy this fanciful look at a few water loving neighbors in the lake or pond nearest you. While the natural history facts are true, some liberties have been taken in crafting the story. The names of animal beings in this story are given in Ojibwemowin (the Ojibwe language) as found in the Ojihwe People's Dictionary, found at

https://ojibvec.lib.umn.edu/.

or Thanksgiving, the first question to be addressed was who would host the celebration in the neighborhood. My friend Amik and his family were the obvious choice simply because they have the biggest home - by far. As Amik contemplated who could, should, or should not be invited to partake, he reminisced about how far his beaver family had come...

First there was construction of the dam that created their pond. The family had learned much of their building craft while constructing the dam. It had been a massive job, but perhaps that's a story for another day. Recollecting, he could still see the open pond created by the dam, serene and welcoming to a myriad of wildlife, aquatic and otherwise. The site they chose to begin their new home's timber frame construction rested along a deeper pool near an aspen stand with a lovely view of the pond. Their home, now referred to by all the neighbors as "The Lodge" provided safety, insulation from winter, and a place to rest, preen, play, and feast.

It was quite spacious and strong enough to keep everyone safe and sound. During construction, his family of six had worked together to pile up branches, debris, and aquatic vegetation

forming a giant mound that rose five feet both above and below the water line. They coated the mound with tons of mud, leaving an area at the peak uncoated for chimney-like ventilation. This amalgamation had now dried and was frozen into cement-like walls some two to three feet thick at the base, virtually impenetrable to winter's cold temperatures and unwanted guests. In one study conducted in Ontario of a similar sized beaver lodge, researchers found that temperatures in January and February hovered around 32 degrees



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Fahrenheit inside, while outside temperatures averaged between minus 6 to 19 degrees above zero. Thirty-two degrees may sound cold to us, but not to Amik, whose lodge and double fur coat provided protection. Thinking back, Amik also remembered what a lot of work went into the excavation that perfected the interior design of the structure.

They had planned for a large loft along with a downstairs that included a generous mudroom along the water line to welcome family and friends. The mud room was a necessity for dripping and drying off, but also doubled as a lovely dining area. The loft was carefully lined with cushy wood fibers and grasses for sleeping. The home was extra secure, having aquatic front and rear doors. This feature insured that only semi-aquatic visitors could enter. The refrigerator and root cellar were in a submerged larder, handy – just a quick dash away from the dining room. Fortunately, their rest room facilities were established away from the home, alongside the dam, to keep things fresh_neat_and tidy.

Amik was thankful that his family got along so well. As with most families of his kind, he and his mate ruled the roost with love, earing for their yearling youngsters and smaller kits - two of each to complete the current family of six. In their family hierarchy, the adults oversaw the yearlings and the yearlings, in turn, looked after the kits, keeping them in line. Usually everyone got along wonderfully. Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute noted that among their kind, "Physical aggression is rare and vocalizations, gestures and postures are used within the lodge to communicate issues of dominance status within the group." Imagining the family Thanksgiving table, some readers may be able to relate to using "gestures and postures" to keep the peace.

So now the next question, who to invite? Wazhashk, the short and stout little next door neighbor, and his large family were definitely on the guest list, especially because they were good friends and got along. His family name translates directly to "muskrat" in English. To keep things simple the decision was made to have official invites

to the table for vegetarians only. Everyone would bring their favorite foods to share. Amik's family had been stocking the larder for many months now and a large cache of aspen, willow, alder, and red-osier dogwood sticks were anchored nearby in the mud on the bottom of the pond. The Wazhashk family would likely contribute underwater roots and tubers. Amik hoped they would bring enough food, as they were known to be very big eaters, on a normal day eating around a third of their own weight - not that he minded sharing. He also wondered if they would know when to go home. One year they had stuck around and just never left. On the other hand, to help out, they had brought little gifts like fresh reeds to compensate that provided fresh bedding for the lodge. Amik decided that arrangement might actually be mutually beneficial, in the spirit of the season of course, as the Wazhashks could also provide extra watchful eves to look out for predators.

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This drew a little crowd of minnows and attracted larger fish. Fish added protein to the banquet fare Amik could offer to neighbors like Zhongwyzk (mink) and Nigig (river otter). He hoped their carnivorous friends would stop by to enjoy the celebration.

No doubt the Amik neighborhood gathering went off swimmingly! As author of this somewhat fanciful article, I should note that beaver do indeed share their lodge space with other critters occasionally including muskrat, otter, and even mergansers! In fact, the gifts that beaver provide to other beings including people are impressive. Their ponds create wetland habitat, improve water quality, and

slow the flow during storm runoff events to name a few. For these gifts we can all be grateful to Amik! Miigwech.

In this season of Thanksgiving, let season how lucky we are to have ample provisions sharing spirits, and a beautiful landscape that offers rejuvenation, contemplation, and bright sunshine. Should readers find themselves paddling near a beaver lodge this fall look for their larder, submerged near one of the underwater entrances. Near dusk, you may be lucky enough to spot the family. Later, as snow softens the landscape, steam rising from the vents of their lodge betrays their presence.



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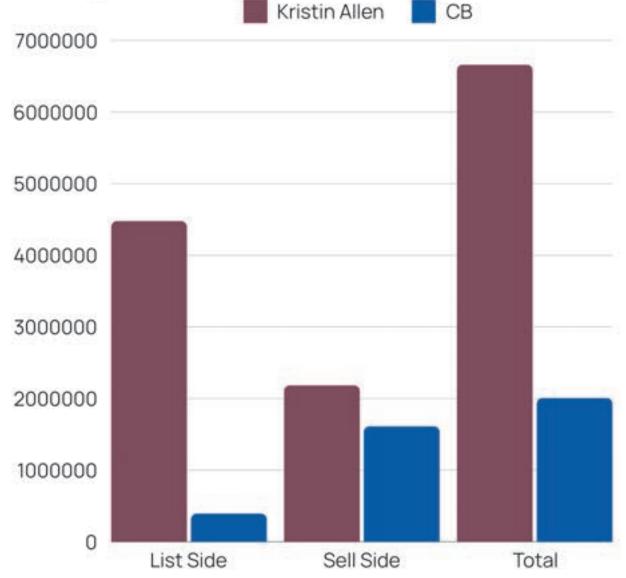




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Dear MCTA member or new Menominee County Lake Community resident,

As the 2024 calendar year draws to a close, The Menominee County Taxpayers Association (MCTA) would like to share some of the activities and progress made this past year and the ongoing efforts for continued progress for 2025. **Below** is a list with some of the most important accomplishments.

- 1) Growth of a Community Focused on Fair Taxation and Equitable Long-Term Treatment of Taxpayer Community
 - a) We conducted the Annual MCTA All-Member Meeting to provide status updates and to create a forum for open and direct dialogue.
 - b) Held 2024 Property Assessment MCTA Meeting to clarify the process and provided an estimate of the impact of this Assessment on the 2024 property tax bill for MCTA members
 - c) Continued development of the MCTA Member Facebook group to facilitate mass communication and promote community dialogue and involvement
 - d) Mark Schoen was elected MCTA President, Kathy Bahr Vice President, and Colleen Brown as Treasurer.
- 2) A formal working relationship established with Legend Lake Property Owners Association (LLPOA)
 - a) A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed between the LLPOA and the MCTA to work jointly on various issues and potential legal actions affecting our property values and tax increases.
 - b) Other lake communities outside the LLPOA have also agreed to contribute, knowing this is a county-wide initiative.
- 3) Engagement of Lobbyists and Public Relations Firms
- 4) The MCTA Strategy Team has conducted an extensive review and interviews with selected Lobbyist Firms to determine applicable skill sets and engagement opportunities for 2025 Wisconsin legislative communication efforts.
- 5) Engagement of State/Federal Representatives and Select State Departments
- 6) We connected with state and federal legislators and discussed numerous issues and concerns that the Menominee County taxpayers are facing including the following:
 - State support and funding for Menominee County.
 - Increasing county tax burden due to the increasing number of Tribal properties being moved into trust.
 - Opportunity for legislative action allowing non-resident taxpayers to vote on referendums.
 - Additional legislative, judicial, and constitutional inequities within the county.

The MCTA requests your continued financial support in 2025 by having you renew your MCTA annual membership. If you are a new resident, the MCTA invites you to join your neighbors in supporting this critical county-wide initiative. This movement has truly evolved into a county-wide taxpayer effort and has brought together the lakes and surrounding communities unprecedentedly.

As you may know, the issues we face as a community extend beyond the continued increase in taxation and the most recent 47% increase for a new high school and related infrastructure. The past two years of extensive research and analysis have uncovered many county governance and treasurer department irregularities. These irregularities and the resulting negative impact on the Menominee County taxpayers have been structured into two lawsuits that have been entered in the state and federal court. While they are not directed to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, they do affect Menominee County, the Town of Menominee, and The Menominee Indian School District. These lawsuits include multiple claims for these irregularities along with statute and regulation violations.

Your MCTA team has continued to make additional progress over the past year and has secured several vital accomplishments that will advance our efforts in achieving our collective goal.

The 2024 Menominee County property tax bill should arrive in the mail by mid-December. While the exact elements comprising this year's tax bill will only available after this letter's publication, we know that the school budget presented on October 2, 2024, at the annual school meeting indicated that the school levy is projected to decrease slightly. This is due to a fairly significant reduction in their operating budget; however, the amount due to the referendum will increase 17% from 2023. If this proves accurate, you should expect minimal if any changes in your property tax related to the school district operating budget and referendum debt service this year. This doesn't mean we won't see school tax levy increases in the future.

The MCTA is a volunteer organization that relies on support from Menominee County taxpayers, and we Menominee County Taxpayers need your continued support! The MCTA team continues to spend significant time managing all aspects of the various initiatives now underway, including most of the groundwork for the multiple legal actions and inquiries. This has significantly reduced expenses; however, we still need your continuous help and financial contributions to move forward!

Thank you for your 2024 membership in MCTA, participation, attendance at the all-member meetings, and overall support this past year! Also, please take a few minutes to complete the attached **2025 MCTA Membership Form** and mail it along with your annual dues payment to:

Menominee County Taxpayers Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 666

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We wish you and your family a happy Holiday Season and a safe & healthy New Year!

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2025 MCTA Annual Membership Dues Form

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Why We Should Recycle in Menominee

We should recycle because it helps keep the environment and our community clean. By recycling we can preserve our natural resources, such as our trees. When we recycle we can lessen waste materials being placed into landfills and get the most use out of these products. It is also important for the community to recycle because the Tribe and the County receive State grant funds for recycling. If we do not recycle more than we do now, we may lose the grand funding, and in tum could lose curbside pickup. Everyone

would have to transport their own garbage to the Keshena transfer site.

Many people believe that when they have their trash picked up by Hatters, the workers throw it in the same bin in the truck. This is not true; there are actually two compartments inside the truck, one for garbage and the other for recycling. The pictures on the next page show how the two compartments are separated in the garbage/recycling trucks.







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