



LAKE VIEWS

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IT'S ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT THE BOATS

Since long ago, even as far back as when Lake Beulah was called Crooked Lake, there's been great disagreement about 'motor' boats. First came efforts by boaters to raise the water level so as to allow for larger, steam-powered boats known as 'launches'. To accomplish that, the lake was dammed. But not everyone was in agreement. History tells us that farmers were so upset with the dams that they used dynamite to blow them up. It was in this era that your LBPIA first came into being as an advocate for a definite water level. The case went to the WI Supreme Court which decided in favor of the LBPIA.

Eventually outboard motors came to the lake, and with that came the story of Mr. Krupps. (Editor's Note: I don't know if that's how his name was spelled. This is being reported from an old timer's oral history.)

Apparently, Mr. Krupps didn't like the sound of the motors. Back in those early days, outboards let out their exhaust above the water line, so the sound

Steam Launch on Lake Beulah, circa 1910.



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Established 1894

The Lake Beulah Protective and Improvement Association (LBPIA) is a member-based organization dedicated to preserving the quality of Lake Beulah's natural resources and sustaining its inviting environment. LBPIA is dependent on annual dues from its members for its funding. All who use and enjoy the lake are welcome as members.

Begun in 1894 as a collective effort of lake residents to address island dam issues, the LBPIA has a long history as an effective organization seeking to assure that the pristine quality of the lake remains for future generations.



Presidential Perspectives

By Tom VanDenBogart



MISSION STATEMENT

The Lake Beulah Protective and Improvement Association is dedicated to preserving the natural resources of Lake Beulah and to maintaining an inviting environment for all who use the lake.

Spring is upon us and the temperature is warming up! I look forward to a more “normal” season on the lake this year, hoping that Covid-19 is behind us. We already have an exciting and busy year planned. We finally are hosting those pontoon tours we’ve been talking about! Mark your calendars for August 13th (Rain date is August 14th). The tours will be approximately 90 minutes and will focus on the rich history and environmental treasures of Lake Beulah. These guided tours will be entertaining and educational. This event will be open to the public and will depart from Divine Word Seminary.

Our website is getting some new features. Please take a look at and see what is new at www.ProtectLakeBeulah.org. Check out the active forum where our fisheries biologist Travis Motl is answering questions about the Walleye program on our lake. He also will be the guest presenter at our spring membership meeting being held May 14th at the East Troy Town Hall. Travis will update us on the current lake fisheries condition and plans.

Also under development for our website is a dashboard highlighting water quality data and relevant aquatic information for our lake. We are excited to have this initiative being lead by one of our newest board members, Jennifer Thorsch.

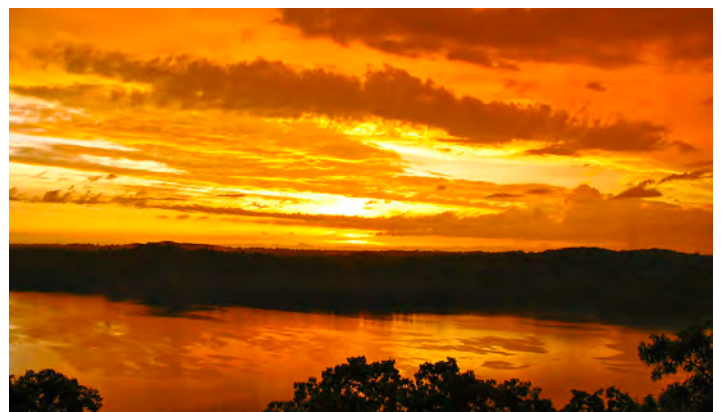
Our other new board member, Debra Dunn, is taking on the lead of marketing. She is working with our Area Chairs to campaign for new members, and get the word out to lake residents about what we are up to as an organization.

She is off to an awesome start, and I join her in challenging each of you to get involved and encourage your neighbors and friends to join us as stewards of the lake. LBPIA membership is open to all friends of the Lake.

I also would like to welcome Brian Bellew into his new role as Vice President. Brian’s leadership continues to be a huge asset to the organization. The entire board continues to represent our organization so well. These are volunteer positions and each board members’ love for the lake comes through in all they do! Thank them when you see them.

We will hold two membership meetings in 2022 as we do every year. The dates this year are May 14th and September 24th from 8:30 – 11:00 AM at the East Troy Town Hall. I hope we see you there.

Tom VanDenBogart
LBPIA President



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of escaping exhaust gases was not muffled as they are today when discharged into the water. Mr. Krupps registered his displeasure with the noise by shooting his shotgun at a passing boater. This did not go over well with the boater, and a justice of the peace paid Mr. Krupps a visit saying, *"Now Mr. Krupps, you have to understand that this man has a right to use his motorized boat. You should not shoot at him."*

Over the ensuing years, being close to both Milwaukee and Chicago, Lake Beulah became increasingly popular to power boating enthusiasts. The public launch at Wilmers Landing had no parking to speak of, and most visitors to the lake put in at either Beulah Vista (Double D's), or Beulah Beach.

Understandably, parking was at a premium. The owners of Beulah Beach ran a shuttle service from a parking lot on a farm in East Troy. As for boaters putting in at Beulah Vista, once the rear parking lot was filled, they started parking their trailer rigs on the sides of Hwy. J.

Parking on Hwy J was illegal but that didn't stop some. This reporter recalls a conversation with the chief of police who'd stopped his squad alongside a boater who'd just parked his vehicle and trailer along the roadside. Told by the chief that parking there was prohibited, the boater asked, *'How much is the ticket?'*

When the chief told him \$\$\$, the boater replied, 'OK', and walked away from his car.

There were so many boats on the lake on weekends that it was getting dangerous. Concerned lake residents worked to address the situation, and eventually Beulah Vista was sold with a stipulation to the property deed which prohibited boat launching there.

Some time later, with weekend boating still an issue, an ordinance was enacted that restricts boats to slow-no-wake speeds after 6PM Saturdays and Sundays. While most lake property owners seem to like this arrangement, there remains a subset that does not.

Nowadays, Lake Beulah continues to attract power boaters, and while fewer in number, the boats on the lake today are themselves controversial in the minds of some. Did you know there was once a 25mph speed limit on Lake Beulah?

Jet skis, and ballast boats both have their detractors. Then there's the SIZE and power of today's boats, to which there seems to be no limit.

While boating has always been a quintessential part of lake living, from the very beginning it has stirred controversy. Through the years, your LBPIA has always been about protecting and preserving the quality of the lake environment. It ain't easy.

DID YOU KNOW THE LAW?

- Did you know?... Your boat, and your wake are your responsibility. Even if your boat doesn't cause damage, you can be held legally responsible if your wake does. The waves created by your wake could potentially knock a person overboard.
- Wisconsin law requires those born on, or after January 1, 1989, to pass a Boater/PWC safety course and to carry a boater education card while operating watercraft.
- Did you know?... Noise levels on Lake Beulah are regulated under both Town of East Troy Ordinances, and WI State Statutes.
 - ET Ordinance #9.15.020 "Loud and unnecessary noise prohibited." (E.g. Music)
 - ET Ordinance #9.15.010 "Disorderly conduct prohibited" (Cause or provoke disturbance)
- Wisconsin Statutes § 30.62 (2019) "Maximum noise levels for operation. No person may operate a motorboat powered by an engine on the waters of this state in such a manner as to exceed a noise level of 86" decibels. No transom mufflers or muffler cutouts allowed.

THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHY, AND WHERE OF WATER QUALITY MONITORING

by LBPIA Board Member Jennifer Thorsch

Since 1991, a dedicated group of volunteers, Citizen Scientists, have been monitoring the water quality of Lake Beulah. In recent years, Keith Beren has led the monitoring effort. This year, he is passing the torch to Kim Rosenmayer. The historical data collected is available on the LBPIA website.

In an effort to make Lake Beulah water quality data more accessible and relevant to all who care about the lake, the LBPIA is developing an easy to interpret and up to date “dashboard.” The dashboard will provide information on trophic state index (TSI), which includes the data collected for phosphorus, chlorophyll levels and lake clarity. In addition, information will be provided on actionable steps we can take to be good stewards and enhance the health of Lake Beulah.

Once launched, users will be able to access the dashboard from the LBPIA homepage protectlakebeulah.org. The TSI data will be displayed as a graphic image, much like an analog gas gauge in a car. The dates of collection and sites collected will also be included.

The data collected is valuable for understanding the past, current, and future health of Lake Beulah.

The LBPIA Board will announce when the dashboard is ready for viewing, and invite residents to visit the website protectlakebeulah.org.

SWIMMERS ITCH AND LAKE BEULAH

One spring, my daughter Amy was helping put in the pier, and within a few hours afterwards, she broke out with a case of ‘swimmer’s itch’. Being very uncomfortable, we took her to the dermatologist who remarked it was the worst case he’d ever seen.

Swimmer’s itch appears as red itching, bite-like welts, and is caused by a blood fluke common in waterfowl. The itching is caused when the fluke, while in the immature stage of its life cycle, mistakes you for its primary host -- waterfowl -- and burrows into your skin. Snails are also involved in the lifecycle of the swimmer’s itch parasite.

Aside from the annoying itching, swimmer’s itch is harmless to humans. The degree of discomfort varies with a person’s sensitivity and the degree of infestation. In some people, the reaction may be hardly noticeable. Others have considerable pain, fever, severe itching, and swelling. The irritation can last from two days to several weeks.

Anecdotally, Lake Beulah has only occasional outbreaks of swimmer’s itch. Oftentimes, these last for only a few days. The larval ‘worms’ are most common during the summer when water is warm.

Sometimes, word spreads that swimmer’s itch is present and active. That’s a good time to avoid swimming, especially if winds are likely to be carrying the organisms into your preferred swimming area. If you decide to go in the water when and where swimmer’s itch larvae may be present, stay clear of areas with lots of aquatic plants growing up into the lake.

Once the organism has penetrated your skin, it’s too late to take preventative measures. Soothing lotions containing antihistamines can be helpful.

The best thing to do to prevent the itch is to rub down very briskly right after leaving the water. This can crush the organisms before they can penetrate the skin. Showering shortly after leaving the water also should help.

FISHERY RESEARCH, A SOMETIMES SHOCKING TALE

According to the DNR, Lake Beulah's fishery is in good shape. Did you ever wonder how they determine that? The short answer is 'sampling,' but there are various methods used. I've been fortunate to observe and even sometimes participate. Here's the scoop.



Fyke Netting: Large nets like the one shown above on Upper Beulah are sunk into the lake. The fish can get in, but not out, making them easy to count. Fish from these nets are released live after the DNR gets their data.

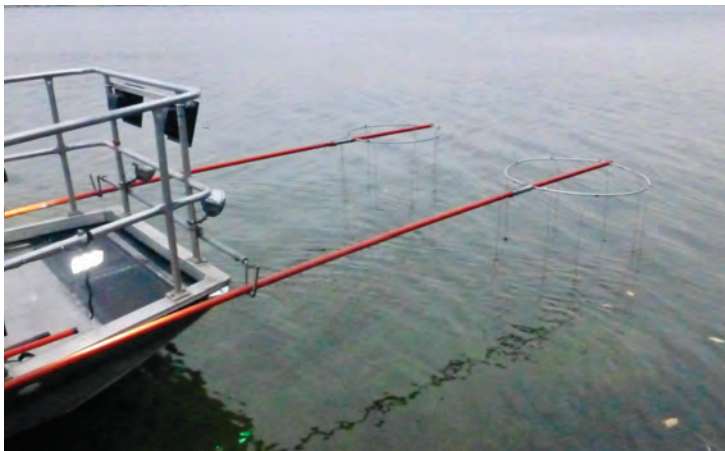


Gill Netting: Large spools of net are dropped from the water's surface down close to the bottom. Fish get tangled in the net. I've watched nets being pulled up with large numbers of fish of various species, from bluegills to big northern pike. The target species for gill netting in Wisconsin are usually cisco or yellow perch. These fish die and are tossed back into the water. I guess that's the rules. I'd want to eat them.

Electrofishing: A few years ago, after dark, I went along as a helper, standing in the bow of a boat from which two long rods extended with wires hanging into the water. A DC electric current was sent from a generator in the boat, through the rods, and into the water as we patrolled the shoreline all around the lake. Many fish were stunned (not killed) and floated to the surface. My job was to net those fish and put them in a live tank in the boat for data collection, after which they were returned to the water.

It was really cool to see big fish dance across the water on their tails ahead of the boat.

The big ones were too strong to be shocked. I saw some beauties.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON OTHER LAKES?

LAUDERDALE LAKE: Fish were stocked last fall; 3000 5"-7" Smallmouth bass, 1,500 6"-8" perch, 15,500 fingerling walleyes. This winter they again held the annual Fishapalooza on ice.

LAKE GENEVA: The Water Alliance, a new lake preservation group, has been formed to address sources of pollution and invasive species, with the objective of bringing together many stakeholders and resources to benefit water quality.

▶ BITS AND PIECES

- Word has it that Double D's is going to be torn down and rebuilt on the same general footprint. The new building will feature a first floor tavern/restaurant, and a 2nd floor party room with a deck overlooking the lake.
- Despite serious safety concerns, and numerous threats to tear it down, the historic Cobblestone building on the square in East Troy is still standing! Word has it a 501(c)3 foundation has been established to protect and renovate this iconic structure.
- There has been a ruling by the State of Wisconsin Circuit Court on an appeal by the owner of the Lindey's property, regarding a decision by the Walworth County Zoning Agency to disallow development of the property into a hotel, and associated amenities. The decision was reversed and remanded back to the Zoning Agency for consideration of additional evidence.



PONTOON BOAT TOURS ARE BACK!

After a two-year Covid delay, the LBPIA is pleased to announce that the long-awaited environmental/history tours of Lake Beulah will happen this summer, August 13th (rain day 8/14). Tours will depart from the Divine Word Seminary dock.

Watch for more information about a fun way to learn more about Lake Beulah's fragile but unspoiled environment, and interesting history.

WELCOME BACK PURPLE MARTINS

Another in a series on the 'Birds of Beulah'...

Lake Beulah has long had several colonies of these largest of North American swallows. Purple Martins typically show up at the lake around April 15th, and leave around July 15th. They are extremely fun to watch. They put on a real show, since the adult birds will only eat and drink while in flight. The shoreline is the ideal Purple Martin watching spot.

In Wisconsin, Purple Martins are dependent on human-supplied housing. In fact, they prefer to reside close to people!. Riding around the lake, you can easily spot a many-holed Purple Martin house, perched on a tall pole near the water. Some Lake Beulah Purple Martins live in hollowed out gourds. The birds return to the same nesting area every year. Experienced Purple Martin birders on Lake Beulah have noticed the birds waiting in nearby trees if their house isn't up by April 15th.



During the spring breeding period, the female lays and incubates 3-8 eggs. After hatching, the baby birds are tended to by both sexes. And then, just like that, once the chicks leave the nest, they flock together with other colonies, and are gone. Where? The flight to South America takes 4-6 weeks and covers about 5,000 miles one way.

During the birds' short stay around Lake Beulah, they raise their young and eat a whole bunch of insects. Unfortunately, contrary to common belief, Purple Martins do not eat a large number of mosquitoes. They feed high in the sky, during daylight hours, so they simply don't come in contact with mosquitoes very often.

Purple Martins were once so common that back in the mid 1800s, James Audubon remarked, '*almost every country tavern has a martin box*'. But especially in recent years, there's been a noticeable decline in the Purple Martin population. This is consistent with the birds now being classed by the DNR as a "*special concern species*" throughout Wisconsin.

Editor's Note: Our article last spring on the Great Blue Heron Rookery sparked interest. Longtime LBPIA member Clara Berger reports the birds have been back on their nests since March 23. Before the trees leaf out, you can easily see them on Hwy J, across from the Salvation Army Camp.

MEMORIES OF MY GOLDEN POND

Editor's Note: Sometimes it's impossible to simply file something away without first sharing with others. What follows are excerpts from a heartfelt letter of reminiscence by a now-former Lake Beulah property owner. If it strikes a chord with you, how about sending your thoughts to us at Info@ProtectLakeBeulah.org

Dear LBPIA ...

In 1986 my family moved into the old Till place of Lake Beulah's north shore across from Wilmer's Landing. It was just a summer cottage. We installed a furnace and insulated the walls. For the following many years, on Friday nights my young daughters would climb into the car in Chicago only to fall immediately to sleep and wake up to a weekend amid the trees and sunshine and clear lake water.

In summers the lake blessed us with swimming, boating and fishing. We took hikes to the Beulah bog and bicycle trips along the area back roads. Winter brought sledding and ski touring. In those early days, before the lake stopped reliably freezing, we shoveled off a skating rink in front of the house.

The lake has filled me with memories. I think of peaceful evenings in our 12' rowboat casting for bass in reeds near the seminary, until the sun turned golden. I remember our first week on the lake when a neighbor came by our rickety pier to invite me with my six year old daughter for a ride on his boat to introduce us to the 4th of July fireworks.

I remember windsurfing and skiing, but most of all, countless kayak expeditions around Goat Island, or paddling through reed-beds and backwaters.

I remember Fred's Tap next to Stringers Bridge where one could stop for an almost-free glass of beer and be regaled with fish legends of giant pike and bass catches on the lake. Alas, old Fred and his rental rowboats are gone and his humble property has taken to calling itself a Marina.

I remember the yearly enjoyment of watching the sailboats swarm and flit about. A good neighbor occasionally invites his yacht club members to sail on our end of the lake. For a few hours while they race, our lake becomes a living Monet painting.

I remember accidentally hearing about a group called the Lake Beulah Protective & Improvement Association. I attended a meeting and found a group of generous civic-minded volunteers whose only agenda was making the lake's beauty accessible to us and the generations to come. And they served great donuts too. At one of those early meetings the group successfully resisted a development plan on southern long lake that threatened to ignore zoning requirements and place countless boat piers on the water. Ironically, as I attended my very last meeting this September, yet another developer's zoning problem was again on the table.

This month I will leave the lake and carry with me the fond memories. The haunting beauty of the lake and the warm people I have known along its shores will always remain in the hearts of my family and me.

I wish to thank the LBPIA for its part in my fond memories of our beautiful lake. I take those memories with me and hope the new owners of our land find many of their own.

Patrick Reardon

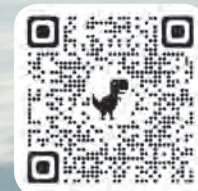
Take a Flight Over the Lake

Your [Lake Views](#) newsletter continues to evolve. Here, we're trying something new... Have you noticed funny looking little squares (called *Quick Response* or 'QR codes') popping up all over the place? There are two of them here...

QR codes give you quick access to websites, without having to type or remember a web address. Try it... Point your smart phone camera at one, and click/tap on the YouTube icon, to take a quick spin over the waters of our beautiful Lake Beulah. Further info about each video can be seen on the link by tapping its title.

Drone footage is courtesy of Henry Evans.
What would you like to see? Contact the Editor.

This one starts at the public launch.



This one starts at Divine Word.





HOW DO YOU BENEFIT FROM LBPIA MEMBERSHIP?

Since the founding of the LBPIA in 1894, some have asked this great question, and the answer is pretty easy. In light of the lake's proximity to major metropolitan areas, and being in a part of the United States recognized as under the tremendous stress of development, it's amazing how **Lake Beulah has been able to retain its character**. It is no accident Lake Beulah is recognized today as being particularly special.

With that in mind, perhaps the best answer to the question is that, over all those years, the biggest benefit to everyone around the lake, be they dues paying members or not, has been **an absence of negative events** that could have destroyed the unique, unspoiled nature of Lake Beulah.

The LBPIA is your voice, and a key guardian of your investment. Dedicated volunteers, people who care about the Lake, put in the time and effort to **'protect Lake Beulah'**. Then, both members and non-members alike can enjoy its clean, clear water and pastoral beauty.

We hope you'll agree, as one who is well-served by having a strong LBPIA, that making a small annual contribution is well-worth it.



By your LBPIA membership, you support...

- Lake issue advocacy
- Fish stocking
- Water quality testing/monitoring
- Representing the general good of the entire lake community
- Subscription to Informative *Lake Views* newsletters
- Regularly updated, ever-evolving website ProtectLakeBeulah.org
- Educational opportunities for local school children
- Connections to DNR experts and scientists
- Protection of the natural beauty of the lake and surrounding lands
- Keeping everyone informed on important issues
- Addressing new issues as they arise
- Volunteer opportunities
- Spring and Fall informational meetings to stay connected to your Lake Beulah community, meet board members, and hear from experts on issues important to the lake.

* New members receive a 16"x20" colorful historical map of the lake as well as a LBPIA address pier plaque.



SEASONAL REMINDER

We all know that a long cold winter makes that first boat ride extra special!

As we look forward to a long summer of boating, please remember that the East Troy police are willing and able to help keep Lake Beulah safe for everyone, so please make sure to report any of the following:

- Excessive speed
- Excessive noise
- Failure to maintain safe distances

Also, as we try to maintain the health and safety of the lake, it is useful to note if and when the number of boats on the lake seems excessive.

Together, we can make sure Lake Beulah remains a safe and enjoyable place!

FISH

- Due to budgetary constraints, the Wisconsin DNR will not be stocking trout in Lake Beulah.
- The thirty-year difference of opinion on the suitability of stocking walleye in the lake continues. In the works is a 'discussion forum' specifically dedicated to expression of views on the subject. DNR Fisheries Biologist Travis Motl will also be answering your questions. Watch for it at www.ProtectLakeBeulah.org.

FIRES IN BEULAH BOG

Editor's Note: Last fall, we reported here on the formation of Goat Island, a little understood, historic landmark of Lake Beulah. Here's another interesting tidbit.

Goat Island, like Beulah Bog and Lake Beulah itself, is the result of receding glaciers that left huge blocks of ice which melted over many years, leaving large basins in the earth's surface. Evidence from radiocarbon dating indicates the bog that became Goat Island was formed around 12,000 years ago. Over the millennia, the Goat Island basin filled up with peat. Today's core samples show peat there starting at a depth of 7' to a depth of 15'-20'.

Initially, Goat Island was called Cranberry March. After its perimeter was dredged in 1914, its peat dried out. Since then, there have been at least two peat fires. Old timers recall a peat fire which began in Beulah

Bog and burned there for almost two years, even during the winter. In her research, Dr. Renee Prell-Mitchell reported that a 118-year-old oak tree on Austin Road showed burn scars from a fire in 1932 which was hot enough to scorch the tree to its center, but not kill it.

In 1949, *The Milwaukee Journal* reported that a crew of conservation wardens and firemen from East Troy met with frustration trying to extinguish a large peat fire on the island. An old-timer recalled fire trucks in their vacation home driveway, spraying the roof and waiting to tackle the fire if it jumped the channel.

Had the channel around the island not been dug, it seems the implication is the peat would not have dried out, an unintended consequence for sure. With all the development around Goat Island today, let's hope the fires never return.

MARKING WINTER'S END ON OTHER LAKES

The Fall 2020 issue of *Lake Views* had an article with a 50-year historical record of when Lake Beulah is free of ice, marking the end of winter, and the start of the boating season. (If you missed the article, you can find it at www.ProtectLakeBeulah.org.) The data came from Ann Alger, whose method of establishing the date is to look out the window, but there are other methods of gauging ice-out, and celebrating winter's end.

- It's believed the oldest ice data is from Lake Suwa in Japan where they've been recording ice-outs since at least 1443. Religious ceremonies are held to mark the event.
- Ice-outs on Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota have been tracked since 1855. Over the years, they've used a number of methods to set the date, including when a car placed on the ice fell through, or when a boat could travel from one part of the lake to another.
- Spofford Lake in New Hampshire has an annual 'Ice Out Lottery' with half going to the winner, and the other half being split between the Spofford Lake Association and the local school district.
- Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire uses an airplane observer to make the call.
- At the Annapolis Maritime Museum on Chesapeake Bay, hundreds of people come together to burn a pair of smelly, old winter socks on the spring equinox.
- On Lake Iroquois in Vermont, they hold a 'Ice-Out Challenge' with the date being determined when a weighted wood pallet breaks through the ice.
- Another Vermont lake, Memphremagog, holds an 'Ice-Out Contest' using a 'mascot' placed on the ice and attached to a time clock that can be seen from shore. When the mascot drops, the clock stops, thus recording the precise, official moment. The prediction (without going past) closest to the actual Ice Out date/time wins 50% of the contest pool, totaling around \$2,000-\$3,000. The other half goes to a local charity.
- A webcam on Webster lake in Webster Massachusetts is aimed at an Ice-Out mannequin named Einstein holding a timer and seated on a chair with a 40 pound weight attached. When Einstein goes down, that trips the timer. First place is \$2,000, with prizes for 2nd-5th place. Additional revenue goes to the Lake Association and the local fire/rescue department.

COLLABORATION OF LAKE BEULAH STEWARDSHIP STAKEHOLDERS

by Timothy Ehlinger, Institute for Systems Change & Peacebuilding, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

The natural resources and beauty of Lake Beulah contribute in so many ways to the social and economic well-being of the people of the East Troy – Lake Beulah region. Likewise, activities on the surrounding landscape directly affect the ecological health of Lake Beulah. Over time, especially during the last the century, these relationships between the Lake and its neighboring communities have continually adapted to the changing times and new realities of growing populations and development. It's an understatement to say recent times show us that our world is getting more complex and less predictable.

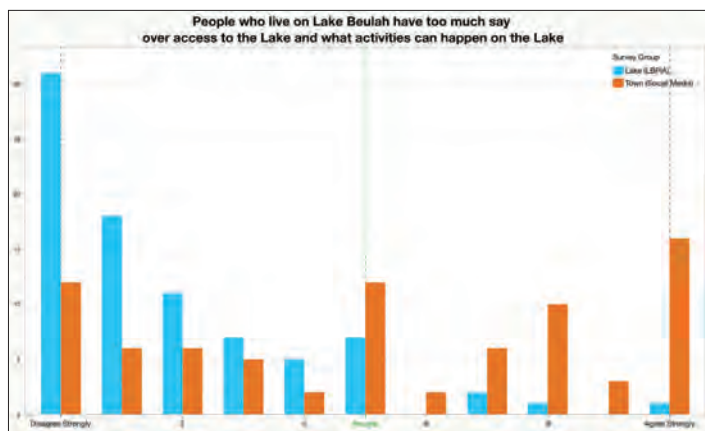
All-too-often we must make critical decisions to manage risks to the lake in the face of uncertainty, armed with incomplete or imperfect information. When managing risk, it's critically important to seek out, consider, and weigh varied perspectives. In this regard, the robust and sustainable stewardship of Lake Beulah depends on developing a collaborative and cooperative process for decision-making among the diverse interests of stakeholders who value and recreate on and around Lake Beulah.

Last December, many of you were invited to participate in a collaborative 3-phase process to develop a strategic vision and action plan for Lake Beulah. In phase 1, individuals were invited to take an anonymous survey about their interests, activities, connections, and perceptions about Lake Beulah. An identical survey was distributed to two groups: (1) Members of the Lake Beulah Protection & Improvement Association, and (2) Members of two Social Media Facebook Groups; Lake Beulah Lake Life, and Informed Citizens for the Town of East Troy. Over 250 people participated in the survey from across the 2 groups. A summary report is being prepared and will be shared in an upcoming communication.

For example, one area to examine are the differing perceptions between members of the LBPIA and Social Media groups on issues of control and decision making. When asked if they agree with the statement "People who live on Lake Beulah have too much say over access to the Lake and what activities can happen on the Lake", responses from the Social Media groups ranged across the spectrum from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree, whereas the majority of LBPIA members Disagreed Strongly.

In Phase 2 this summer, The UW-Milwaukee Institute for Systems Change and Peacebuilding (www.uwm.edu/ispcp) will facilitate a series of participatory, in-person and on-line workshops to examine ways to address the issues identified in the surveys. The anticipated outcome from Phase 2 is formation of stakeholder workgroups and action teams for Phase 3 that will work to develop an integrated, collaborative strategy for stewardship of Lake Beulah.

Please watch for the announcement and opportunity to register for Phase 2 workshops.



Emergencies

Please use courtesy and common sense in operating your watercraft, ATV's, snowmobiles. Avoid creating a hazard, threat, stress, or irritant to others and yourself, to wildlife and to the lake environment. Respect others by turning down the volume of music or other amplification.

You can report situations to the Town of East Troy Police on the lake or call their non-emergency number: **(262) 642-3700**.



For all EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911
Identify LAKE BEULAH and ACCESS POINT (see map)

Try to provide the police with as much information as possible such as boat type, color, number of occupants, location where observed, and registration number. Note: when on the lake the Police also monitor the emergency Marine Channel **VHF CH72**.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

At the fall Annual Meeting of the LBPIA, members present elected two new board members.

- Debra Dunn is a resident area realtor with children also owning property on or near the lake. She has been an Area Chair for five years and well understands how important the quality of the lake is to homeowners for their enjoyment & their investment.
- Jennifer Thorsch traces her passion for stewardship of Lake Beulah through family connections since 1936. The pinnacle of her professional career came as founding and now emeritus director of a prestigious environmental center at University of California-Santa Barbara.

Area Chair Network

Area Chairpersons are committed Lake Beulah residents who serve as the primary contacts to the Association. They are your friends and neighbors, familiar faces who understand the issues surrounding your community. Should you have an interest or concern regarding the lake, please reach out to your area chair or a member of the board through ProtectLakeBeulah.org.

Check (✓) YOUR Area Chairperson:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Road - David Scheel | <input type="checkbox"/> East Shore Road, Thistle Lane, Marsh Road, Millsite Road & Hwy J - Wendy Bitter |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> West Bay Road - Jessica Dunn Jones |
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PLEASE JOIN US AT THE SPRING ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022 @ 9:00 AM, EAST TROY TOWN HALL

GUEST SPEAKER: Travis Motl, WI DNR Fisheries Biologist

Come with your questions and to find out more about:

- Pontoon boat environmental and historical tours of the lake
- The new water quality website ‘dashboard’
- Update on the hotel issue

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