



Jim Hausauer has stepped down as president of the FILIA association.

Jim will continue to serve on the board and offer his valuable experience and service to the association. We want to thank Jim for his 7 years serving as the president.

The Board of Directors elected Cindy Chuhanic as the new president.

Cindy has served on the board for 16 years. Her years of service as a board member indicate her interest in the stewardship of Farm Island Lake. Welcome, Cindy, to your new position!

Cheryl McDonough will take on the secretary responsibilities since Cindy had been the secretary. Cheryl will also continue as the treasurer.

See list of board members on the website and below.

Zebra Mussels found in Bay Lake

A single adult zebra mussel (ZM) was found in Bay Lake on June 23rd near Ruttger’s Resort. Several ZM veligers (microscopic pre-shell growth) have been found by the DNR water samples as well. With this evidence the DNR has designated Bay Lake as ZM infested. With this email we are asking you on Farm Island Lake to be diligent – inspect dock posts, lifts and boats. Let the DNR know or contact us if dock poles or lift legs feel like light sandpaper or ZMs are visible. **Contact DNR Invasive Species Specialist at Brainerd Tim Plude at 218-203-4354.** [Click here](#) for more information on zebra mussels and how to identify.



[Click here](#) to read the Aitkin Age article published July 27, 2018 – “Zebra mussels confirmed in Bay Lake”

“Most of the new zebra mussel reports are brought to our attention by people who are out using Minnesota’s public waters in the summer months,” said DNR invasive species specialist Tim Plude. “We appreciate the vigilance of folks reporting them to the DNR, as well as the partnerships we have with lakeshore owners.”

Minnesota law requires water recreationists to:

- **Clean** watercraft of all aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.
- **Drain** all water by removing drain plugs and keeping them out during transport.
- **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash and dispose of bait water.
- **Dry** docks, lifts, swim rafts and other equipment for at least 21 days before placing equipment into another water body.
- [Click here](#) for more information on the Minnesota law, which holds true whether or not a lake is listed as infested.

See article below for more detailed instructions - Clean In Clean Out.

Be sure to inform your visitors and neighbors of this important Minnesota regulation.

Note: When government, local agency and county information is included we are serving as the messenger to keep you informed of their activities on Farm Island Lake.

Published in Aitkin Independent Age Wed Aug 22, 2018

By Bob Mlynar, Conservation Officer

Checking boats for 'hitchhikers'



Nice to know

A recent DNR invasive species road check of southbound traffic on Hwy. 169 included 41 checks of water-related equipment. Four of those contacts resulted in violations. With aquatic vegetation at peak growth, August might be the most important month of the year to be vigilant.

Board Member Pat Holder talked with DNR Invasive species specialist at Brainerd Tim Plude about the Zebra Mussels in Bay Lake and Tim "confirmed that they were there and they would be monitoring them. He is going to do a survey of Tame Fish and would let us know if that becomes infested. He thinks the river from Tame Fish could also serve as a filter, but if they get into Tame Fish, he would recommend that we test at the mouth of the Ripple River. He thinks it could be 3 to 5 years before that would happen."

There were no zebra mussels found in Farm Island Lake in 2017

- Check your newsletters and website for more detailed information.





Lake Level Sign by entrance to Little Pine Lake.

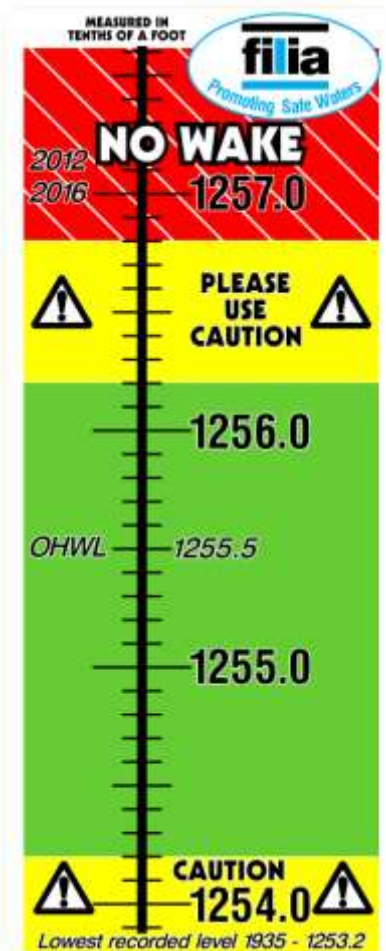
Bill Haroldson and Dennis Kraimer (Board members) installed the Lake Level Indicator Saturday morning July 21.

It is located to the north/left side of the Little Pine access.

The post was driven in well over two feet, but wave action may loosen it up a bit?

If anyone notices if it looks loose or needs attention please let us know. You can email us at FILIALake@gmail.com.

Thank you, Bill, for taking the initiative to design the sign! And thank you Bill and Denny for installing it!



SCUBA Warning Flag

A diver down flag, or scuba flag, is a flag used on the water to indicate that there is a diver below. This flag will also be displayed on the diver's boat.

All vessels, boats, jet skis, etc. should stay at least 200 feet away when they see a SCUBA flag.



Clean In Clean Out

When boating or fishing in Minnesota, protect your waters by following state aquatic invasive species laws.

1. **CLEAN** all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.
2. **DRAIN** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) *and* drain bilge, live well and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property. **Keep drain plugs out** and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

[Q&A – Boat draining, drain plugs, and bait container draining](#) PDF

3. **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, and worms, in the trash. It is illegal to release bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another. If you want to keep your bait, you must refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

KNOW THE LAW: You may not...

- Transport watercraft without removing the drain plug.
- Arrive at lake access with drain plug in place.
- Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on any roadway.
- Launch a watercraft with prohibited species attached.
- Transport water from Minnesota lakes or rivers.
- Release bait into the water.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Spray, rinse, dry — Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving zebra mussel and spiny waterflea infested waters:

- **Spray** with high-pressure water
- **Rinse** with very hot water*
- **Dry** for at least 5 days

Run motor and personal watercraft for a few seconds to discharge water before leaving a water access.

Transport fish on ice — be prepared, bring a cooler.

* These water temperatures will kill zebra mussels and some other AIS: 120°F for at least 2 minutes; or 140°F for at least 10 seconds

Report suspicious infestations

If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, take a photo and note the location, or save a specimen and report it to a local [DNR invasive species contact](#).

More information at https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread_watercraft.html

AIS INSPECTORS – HELP WANTED

YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER MAY WANT TO CONSIDER BECOMING AN AIS INSPECTOR NEXT YEAR. IT IS A GREAT SUMMER JOB THAT PAYS UP TO \$14 AN HOUR. CONTACT AIS COORDINATOR STEVE HUGHES FOR MORE INFORMATION AT HUGHES.AITKINSWCD@GMAIL.COM OR CALL: 218-927-6565.

A few facts about working as an AIS Inspector:

1. Hourly wage is \$12 - \$14, depending on training level and experience. Volunteers are also welcome.
2. Part-time, seasonal work from the Friday before fishing opener (mid-May) through Labor Day
3. Schedules cover Friday afternoons, Saturday, Sunday, and the summer holidays
4. Training cost is paid by Aitkin County
5. Work schedule can be early morning to mid-afternoon, or noon to 8:00. Usually it is afternoon and evening to catch the most boaters. It varies according to the lake and the inspector's schedule.
6. What you will do: AIS Inspectors meet with boat owners at the public boat launches to inspect their water craft and speak with them about laws and rules regarding AIS.
7. The Minnesota Legislature has appropriated money for AIS control statewide. Aitkin County has a 2018 budget of \$275,000, \$165,000 of which is for inspector wages.
8. Three decontamination units that heat water to 150 degrees F have been purchased by Aitkin County for \$15,000 each.
9. Equipment for inspectors has also been purchased, such as tablets used to track boat count, etc.



WE HAD 10 LOON CHICKS HATCH ON THE LAKE THIS YEAR

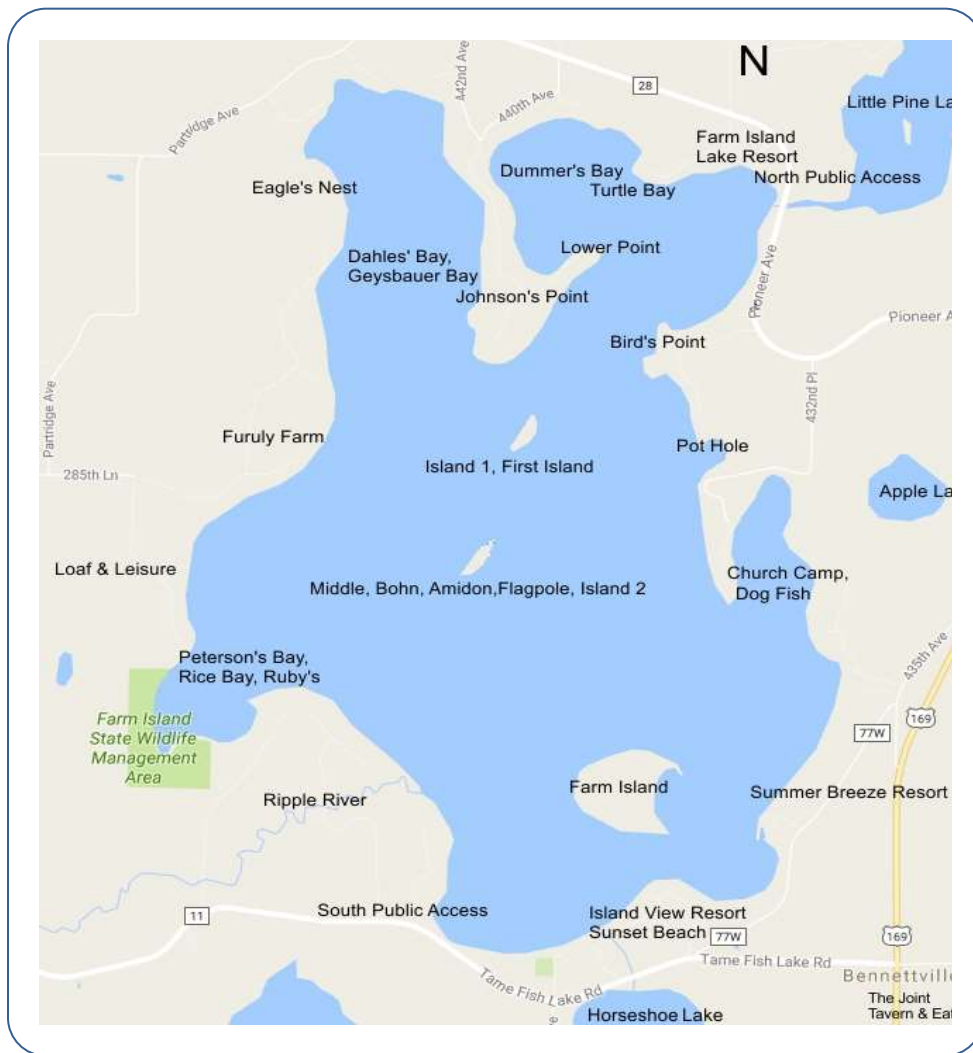
THAT IS ALMOST DOUBLE THE USUAL NUMBER

CHASING WILDLIFE AND WATERFOWL IS ILLEGAL

Not sure what else needs to be said about harassment of loons and other lake animals or wildlife.

DO NOT bully animals, or people. It's not nice - and harassing wildlife is illegal.

2017 Year-End Financial Report can be found on your [website](#), along with past reports.



This map is on your [FILIA website](#) in a more printable format, with the most up-to-date information.

Blue Fire Number



The **Blue Fire Number**, which is your address number, is used by **emergency responders** to locate your property. This could save your life or property. If you are in an association you need your own number, placed by your individual house, so you can quickly be located. To order, contact the Aitkin County Highway Department 218-927-3741.

GPS doesn't work well in our area. In an emergency, be able to give detailed directions on how to reach you. Write it down, and post it so everyone at your house can see it.

Important Phone Numbers

Aitkin County Sheriff
218-927-7435 Or 911

DNR Information Center
651-296-6157



From: Bruesewitz, Rick (DNR)

GILLNET CATCH RATES IN 2016 AND 2018

Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 1:13 PM

To: Cheryl McDonough

Subject: RE: Gillnet Catch Rates - Farm Island Lake assessment Week of July 30

Hi Cheryl,

Here is a chart that compares this year's assessment with that of 2018, and normal ranges for this type of lake.

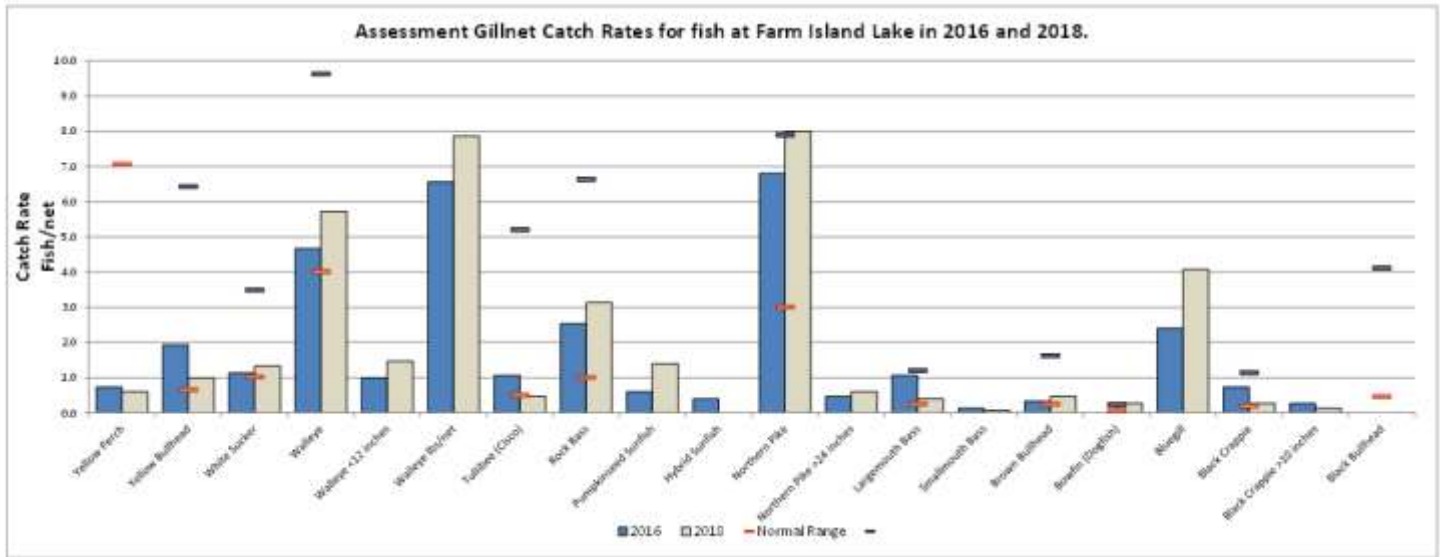
Overall the things that we are watching closely are going in the right direction, namely walleye. This is especially true for the number of smaller walleye.

They jumped up a fair amount from last survey and are very near the long-term average. While perch are very low, we recognize that perch growth rates in

Farm Island are very slow and so we do not sample them well with these nets.

I won't have much more until our staff complete the analysis over winter.

Rick



Note: [Click here](#) for a better view of the Gillnet Catch Rate chart on the FILIA website, located at bottom right on the Newsletters/Lake Info page, under Reports.

** Thank You ***** Thank You ***** Thank You ***** Thanks *****

Appreciative association member Steve Wilson asked that his "Thank you email" be included in the next newsletter - for return of their floating raft that went missing early July. Here is his thank you email:

From: Steve Wilson
Sent: Saturday, July 7, 2018 7:06 PM
To: Farm Island Lake Improvement Association <filialake@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Farm Island Lake Improvement Association 2018 Summer Newsletter

Hello!

Last week we had a Maui Mat floating raft disappear from our dock. We thought there was a good chance that somebody stole it and we were very disappointed by that. Julie sent an email to the lake association and the Munzels replied their neighbors the Ronhovdes had found it and retrieved it. We are very thankful to live on Farm Island Lake and are grateful for our neighbors and the FILIA. Have a safe summer,

the Wilson's (Ruby's old resort)

** Thank You ***** Thank You ***** Thank You ***** Thanks *****

210 Members!



Paid association members, in recognition of their support, are posted on the [FILIA website](#) and periodically are listed in this newsletter.

210 people have paid their dues. Yearly membership dues are accepted through end of each year.

A membership application form can be found on our [website](#), and is also included with this mailing. Voluntary dues are \$25 a year and are welcome any time. The FILIA mailing address is at the end of this newsletter.

In an effort to keep you updated with Farm Island Lake Improvement Association (FILIA) happenings, association members will periodically receive emails with pertinent information.

Please be sure we have your email address so you can receive FILIA newsletters and updates.

Water Clarity reported by Russ Hoppe

May	11 feet – this is within limits
June 22	11 feet
July 29	9.5 feet
Aug 7	8.5 feet
Sept 1	5.5 feet – algae bloom can affect water clarity

[Click here](#) for ICE OUT DATES on FILIA website.

Click for:
[DNR Boating Guide](#)
[2018](#)

Curly-Leaf Update

The DNR reported that they did not do a Curly Leaf survey this year, but it was diminished on many lakes and they would expect the same on Farm Island.



Walleye Population

The DNR will continue to monitor walleye population using electroshock (this fall) and gillnetting, and stocking walleye fries in Farm Island Lake every year. See Gillnet Catch Rates report above.

Personal Watercraft Laws – Updated

In summary, the law requires that:

- Anyone operating or riding on a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket that is compatible with that activity (check the label).
 - Personal watercraft must travel at slow no-wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of nonmotorized boats, shore (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water), docks, swim rafts, swimmers, or any moored or anchored boat.
 - Operation of personal watercraft is allowed only from 9:30 a.m. to 1 hour before sunset
 - If you tow a person on water skis, or any other device, there must be an additional person on board the personal watercraft to act as an observer. (The observer does not have to be facing backward.)
- New.....*
- You can tow them without a spotter if you have factory installed mirrors.

FILIA Mission Statement

The mission of the Farm Island Lake Improvement Association is to:

- 1) Promote the safety and common good of the Farm Island Lake (FIL) community.
- 2) Improve and preserve the quality of the land and water in the FIL area for its members, the community and future generations.

Some examples of how we strive to meet our mission are:

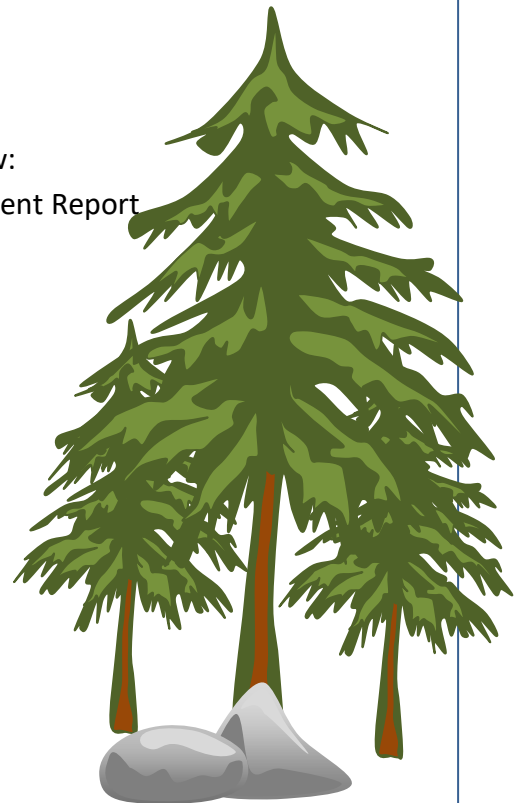
- Work with DNR, ACLARA and Aitkin Soil and Water Department on Invasive Species Prevention, includes efforts to monitor public accesses
- Provide opportunities (Farm Island Lake Boat Parade, annual meeting, AIS updates, etc.) for members to get to know each other. This will foster a safer community setting.
- Improve boating safety via the lake buoys
- Provide an opportunity for members to give feedback to the DNR on issues such as walleye slot limits, invasive species, and boat access
- Provide members feedback on safety issues from the Aitkin Sheriff Department
- Loon nesting program
- Water quality monitoring
- Lake weed control
- Improve walleye spawning area

The FILIA [website](#) contains useful information – to name just a few:

- * 2015 Aitkin County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Risk Assessment Report
- * [FILIA Membership Application Form](#)
- * Contact information - Board of Directors and Shore Captains
- * Financial Reports
- * Previous Newsletters and other reports
- * Map of Farm Island Lake
- * Lake information, i.e. Lake clarity, ice out dates
- * Contact information for
 - Aitkin County Government
 - MN DNR
 - Aitkin County Sheriff
 - Minnesota Waters home page

Check it out at <https://filialake.wixsite.com/filia>

Among other activities, we have been working closely with the DNR, ACLARA, Aitkin County Soil & Water, etc. to help prevent Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) infestation



FILIA Board Members

All board members can be emailed using the FILIA email address:

FILIALake@gmail.com

Cindy Chuhanic President

Bill Haroldson V.P.

Cheryl McDonough ... Secretary

Cheryl McDonough ... Treasurer

Jim Hausauer

Dennis Kraimer

Gordon Vetsch

Patrick Holder

Greg Anderson

Julie Anderson

New President:

Cindy Chuhanic

2019 Calendar of Events

*Spring Board Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 9:00am

The Joint Tavern & Eatery

Annual Association Meeting

Saturday, June 15, 9:00am

Hazelton Town Hall

4th of July Boat Parade

Saturday, July 6, Noon

FIL South Public Access

*Fall Board Meeting

Monday, Sept 2, 9:00am

The Joint Tavern & Eatery

Hazelton Town Hall is located on east side of US Hwy 169, a few miles south of Tame Fish Lake Rd.

**Only board members attend the Board Meetings.*

Have fun, be safe!

Sincerely,

Cheryl McDonough

Treasurer/Secretary

Your questions and comments are welcome.

FiliaLake@gmail.com

FILIA website link.

1,000 website visitors this year!

**FILIA
PO Box 135
Aitkin, MN 56431**

<https://filialake.wixsite.com/filia>

Members can email the board at any time and we will try to address your questions in a timely matter. The best way to contact us is with the FiliaLake@gmail.com email address.

Farm Island Lake Improvement Association Membership 2018

[Click here](#) for the most current list of paid members on our website. Voluntary dues are accepted through end-of-year.

210 members as of September 13, 2018

Accola, Michael and Melanie
Althoff, Chad & Tresa
Amrhein, Terry & Dorla
Anderson, Greg & Diane
Anderson, Julie
Anderson, Pete & Mary and Krueger Arden & Cathy
Arndt, Dave & Jennifer
Arndt, Joseph - Farm Island Lake Partnership
Balko, Tim & Tracy
Ball, Dennis and Sharon
Barnes, Stan & Karla
Bencini, Lon
Betzler, Ronald & Julie; Don & Anita Hime; Jane & Tony Sparrow
Billman, Brandon & Amy
Blumke, James & Sandra, Steven, Davis, Paula &, Kitts, Lisa
Bohn, James Kelsey
Boudreau, David & Laura
Brandt, Robert & Dorothy
Brewster, Linda & David
Brown, David & Renea
Buechele, Don and Doreen
Burnison, Russ & Trish
Cannady, Douglas & Judith
Carroll, Wade and Linda
Chmelik, Marvin & Joanne
Christy, Judy
Chuhanic, Ed & Cindy
Cowan, Rob & Pam
Dahle, John
Danielson, Stephen & Roxanne
Diedrich, Bill & Karen
Diehl, John & Karyn
Ditty, Dave & Angie
Dosser, Carolyn
Dosser, Paul & Linda
Doty, Jody & Gary
Doty, Thomas and Jeanette
Dumonceaux, Brad & Jodi
Elkin, William & Alice
Engh, Jim & Julie
Erickson, Ronald & Helen
Fahey, Mike & Linda
Fawley, Craig & Sharon

Feldstein, Thomas & Mary Ellen
Feltmann, Douglas & Sandra
Feltmann, Randy & Faye
FIRM, Scott Boyd
Fjerstad, Mark & Kim Curless
Foley, John & Shari
Fragodt, Brian & Joy
Frederick, Todd & Keri
Freeman, Maurice and Arlene
Fritz, Robert & Susan
Furth, John & Allison
Furuly, Sotnaks & Anne Utschig
Futhey, Lee & Kathy
Geist, Gary & Mary Joan
GH Grove Cabin, Thraen
Gilson, Pamela & Scott
Gracek, Raymond & Alice
Grailer, Tom & Traci
Green, Mark & Julie
Griesel, Wayne
Ham, Darrell & Carol
Hanna, Connie; Nordquist, Scott & Jen; Klepinger, Brian & Laurie
Haroldson, Bill
Haroldson, Debbie
Harrington, Michael & Wendy
Hausauer, Jim & Nancy
Hay, Clifford & Sylvia
Hesse, Steve & Sally
Hoelzer, Greg & Marybeth
Hoffman, Michael & Denise
Holder, Patrick & Maryann
Holst, Brad & Vickie
Holter, Steve and Lynn
House, Nate & Sharon
Hreha, Blake and Amanda
Hutterer, Vincent & Doreen
Iverson, Dave & Lisa
Jaeger, Douglas & Laura
Jamar, Jeff & Laura
Johnson, Larry & Janet
Johnson, Richard & Phyllis
Johnson, Rick & Babs
Johnson, Thomas & Mary
Juntti, Glen & Barbara
Keatts, Andy & Deb
Keisling, Stephen
Kise, Kayla & John
Klein, Doug & Stacey
Knotek, Mikal, Kelle, Bob & Jan
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Knott, Randy & Jan
Knutson, Brian & Debbie
Kraimer, Dennis & Chris
Landgren, Ted & Natalie Madgy
Larson, Lowell & Carole
Larson, Sean & Linda and Mike Lund
Larson, Tom & Rachel
Lavigne, Larry & Jule
Leckscheid, Joanne
Lensegrav, John & Lisa
Leonard, Gary & Rea
Letich, Mark or Brian Burke
Loew, Patrick & Nancy Jo
Long, Gerry & Judy
Long, Lisa or Lori
Lund, James
Lux, Carol & Ron
Maciej, Scott & Lexi
MacMillan, Mike & Carol
Maksymkiw, Lisa & Mike
Martinson, John & Sara Fisher
Matthias, Don & Judy
Mattison, Robert & Sharon and Ulstad, Karen
McDonough, Kevin & Cheryl
McLain, Janis
McPheeters, Dick & Mavis and Jeff & Tammy
Meehan, Claudia Trustee and Harriet Anderson
Merriman, Dale & Suzanne
Meyer, Tim & Deb
Mikkonen, John & Carolyn
Moey, Lee
Moormeier, Reed & Jayne
Morris, Fay Closuit
Muelhbauer, Pam & Gerald
Mueller, Bob & Terri
Munzel, Jeffrey & Victoria
Murray, Barry & Joyce
Nardini, Eugene & Donna
Nelson, Reed & Joan
Ness, Wayne & Mary
Netz, David & Barbara
Noling, Dennis & Denise
Norberg, Richard & Nathaly
Norgren, Jim & Judy
Oare, Les & Susan
Oare, Scott & Robin
O'Brien, John & Karin
Olson, Ross
Opsal, Don
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Pearson, Bob & Bonnie
Perrine , Pat & Judy, Aaron, Stephanie
Peters, Gordon & Muriel
Peterson, Don and Michelle - Farm Island Store FIS
Peterson, Rozanne
Peterson, Steve & Pat
Pierson, John
Poser, Richard & Sue
Rachey, Loren & Diane
Rasmussen, Jim & Roma Lee
Rebecca Luker & Ed Stabno
Reinhard, Arnie & Connie
Reisetter, Tom, Doreen, Dan & Ann
Remme, Doug & Sue
Rezac, Terry & Janet
Roiger, Lavonne
Rolley, Jeremy & Leah
Romenesko, Stuart & Sherry
Rose, Mike
Ryan, Tim & Sue
Scharmann, Philip & Lori
Scheele, Cheryl & Scott
Schiffler, Roger & Sharon
Schifsky, Mark & Peg
Schifsky, Steve & Dawn
Schlichte, Robert & Kathy
Schrupp, Alan & Lori
Schultz, Robert
Scott, Thomas & Diana
Scott, Tom & Cindy
Seiger, Gary & Cheryl
Seltun, Jay & Kelly
Sherburne, James and Jeanne
Sherf, Dale & Barbara
Shikowsky, Steven & Pamela
Smalley, Matt & Angela
Sowles, Jim & Lois
Spargo, Scott & Anne
Steffl, Neil & Nancy
Stevenson, Gary & Mary
Stippel, Roger and Lucy
Stovern, Bryan & Lauren
Strohmayr, Tim & Chris
Sullivan, Tom & Nancy
Summer Breeze Resort - Cathyann LaPlante Family
Swenson, Barb
Sylvester, Kathy
Thomas, Ward & Joyce

Thorson, Doug & Cris
Trick, Carol & John
Tyson, David & Jane and Daleiden, Doug & Antoinette
Utterberg, Thomas & Carol
Vander Vorste, Merlin & Jean
Vetsch, Gordon & Laurie
Vetsch, Thomas & Connie
Vollmer, Steve & Cindy
Von Bargaen, Dennis & Annette
Walter, William & Karen
Weslander, Dennis & Eunice
Westendorf, Dean & Mary
Wilmes, Dave & Connie
Wilmo, Wesley & Sylvia
Wilson, Steve & Julie
Wisnewski, Paul & Lori
Young, Keath & Lesley
Zeien, Debra
Zeilinger, Ken & Deb
Zelixon, Lily & Alex
Zumwinkle, David & Family