



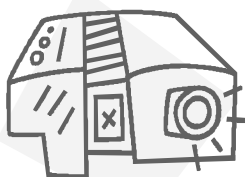
Lake Shamineau Association Newsletter

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Fall 2010

Fall meeting at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church again

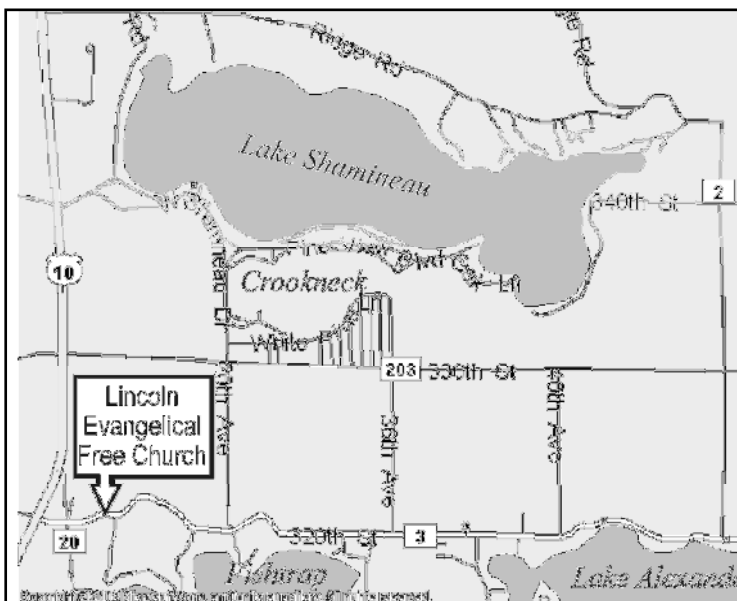
The fall membership meeting of the Lake Shamineau Association will be held **Saturday, September 4, 9:00 a.m.** **Lincoln Evangelical Free Church** located 1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443 (see map below). Thank you to the church for letting the Lake Association use their facility at no cost.



Part of the meeting will be devoted to gathering ideas to update our Lake Management Plan in the areas of land use and planning; fisheries and wildlife management; water quality; and aquatic habitat. We will also show a short video on shoreland restoration.

There will be time before the meeting for membership renewals and rolls, coffee and juice provided.

Door prizes will be drawn for throughout the meeting. ➤



The Lake Shamineau Association Spring Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, September 4, 9:00 AM at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church, 1354 320th St., Cushing, MN.

Lake Shamineau Association Membership Meeting Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010 Lincoln Evangelical Free Church Agenda

- 1) Call to Order 9:00am
- 2) Open Forum – 15 minute time limit
- 3) Secretary Report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) President's Report
- 6) Lake Management Plan update activity
- 7) Video
- 8) Committees
 - a) Fishing
 - b) Water Quality
 - c) Membership
 - d) Loons & Wildlife
 - e) Communications
- 9) Old Business
- 10) New Business
- 11) Adjourn



Shoreland restoration grant proposal accepted!

The Lake Shamineau Association has been awarded an Initiative Fund grant to be used for shoreland restoration or buffer zone improvement projects. This is a challenge grant, so there needs to be a contribution from our Association and recipients of grant funds. Initiative funds are \$5000, the Lake Shamineau Association will contribute \$5000 and project recipients will need to contribute \$5000 for a total \$1,500 for projects. The property owners' share can be in-kind labor, so there is the possibility of no out of pocket expenses for property owners.

Thanks to Pat Held for writing and submitting the grant application. We now have the task of determining how Lake Shamineau Association members can apply for and be awarded some of the grant money to use for their proposed shoreland restoration projects. Stay tuned for further information. ➤



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Mission Statement: The Lake Shamineau Association is an organization dedicated to lake conservation, to wildlife habitat, to building of community.

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Fishing: Rick Rosar
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Membership: Carolyn Held
Water Quality: Al Doree; Bob Koll

Membership

The membership year for the Lake Shamineau Association is June 1 to May 31. Annual dues are \$20.00. Three-year membership is \$55.00. Non-property owners can join for a \$10.00 associate membership.

Donations

The Lake Shamineau Association is a 501C3 non-profit institution. Donations and dues are tax deductible with your check as a receipt.

Meetings

Association meetings are held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published two times a year. Deadlines are July 15 & April 15. Submissions can be sent to Jacquie Rognli, editor at LakeNewsletter@msn.com



Notes from the president

By Jennifer Buckentine

What a beautiful summer! After a relatively cool summer in 2009, I was happy to see the warm sun (and even the humidity) back this year. Of course we've also had plenty of rain and a few severe storms as well. The water level seems to be up - at least it is near our shoreline.

As I reflect on this summer at the lake, a few things come to mind. The Fourth of July parade was very fun. We enjoyed sitting on our dock waving to the boaters and getting sprayed with water (but no water balloons!); Camp Shamineau once again invited lake residents to check out all their fun water toys and have a bowl of ice cream. Although we didn't make it this year, we sure had fun there last year. My kids would say that the most memorable moments for them this summer were tubing, bean bag tournaments, and making s'mores over the campfire; but perhaps the most memorable moment was the time the pontoon ran out of gas and we had to get pulled to shore by the Jet Ski. I'm sure we're not the first to experience that!

Regarding the business of the Association, thanks to Pat Held, we have submitted an application for a grant to implement several shoreline restoration projects. We will be asking for your help during the fall meeting in updating our Lake Management Plan. Additionally, we continue to explore opportunities for other projects. Feel free to share any ideas you may have. Enjoy the last couple months on the lake before the snow flies! 🐾

Governor rejects revised shoreland rules

The following article was in the August 2010 issue of The Confluence, monthly e-newsletter of Minnesota Waters.

Minnesota regulators spent years devising more protective shore land and dock rules to guide new development along state lakes.



But Gov. Tim Pawlenty sent them back to the drawing board, rejecting their revisions as "overreaching" and as undermining local control and property rights. He suggested the Legislature take up the matter next winter.

Pawlenty's decision means decades-old standards for lakeshore construction and docks that are commonly considered out of date will be around a good while longer. If the governor had accepted the draft changes, a public hearing process would have begun soon, and new standards could have been in place next year.

Minnesota Waters' Executive Director Marian Bender was interviewed by Minnesota Public radio on the issue and described the governor's decision as "heartbreaking."

Marian commented: "So many hours of time and so many tax payer dollars were spent on the very inclusive process to revise these rules - we feel it is irresponsible for the governor to just say "start over." The developers, the counties, the cities, shoreland owners, and industry had a very large role in drafting these rules - they were all represented on the stakeholder committee, which met every month for almost a year to go over the rules sentence by sentence. They had time to voice their opinion. Minnesota Waters was also on that committee, and I didn't hear that the other members felt that the DNR was overreaching."

Minnesota Waters and several coalitions of lake associations signed on to a commentary letter outlining concern over the governor's decision. Parts of this article are from the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. 🐾

Gulf oil spill effect on Minnesota loons unknown

Local experts are trying to learn the long-term effects of the Deep Water Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on Minnesota birds. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is tracking 10 loons to study the effect of the Gulf oil spill on the state's loon population.

The DNR and the U.S. Geological Survey are tagging the loons with GPS transmitters.

The researchers hope to learn whether the birds migrate to the Gulf Coast or the Atlantic Coast in the winter. They also want to know how many will survive.

Minnesota DNR Nongame Wildlife Program Supervisor Carrol Henderson says most loons go to the Gulf Coast -- many right to the area where the oil is coming ashore.

Henderson says loons migrate south in October and November. Adults return in April, but young loons stay for two years before heading back to Minnesota. Newborn loons that hatch this year will be subject to the pollution for a longer period of time and could not survive long enough to migrate back to Minnesota.

Programs like the DNR's Loon Monitoring Program, where volunteers count the number of loons in the same lakes each year to determine trends in population, are one way researchers will track the survival rate of the loons.

The risk to the Minnesota loon is great for a couple of reasons. The obvious is oil in the feathers but also the potential loss of habitat and damage to the loon's food chain.



Geolocator tag is shown attached to a common loon's leg band using marine epoxy and cable ties.




A loon receives oil clean up in the Gulf region.

Scientists needed to pick loons with young because the adults will otherwise not stay on top of the water. The GPS devices attached to the loons will allow scientists to monitor at anytime the location of the loons.

Minnesota has more loons (roughly 12,000) than any other state except Alaska. Some Minnesota loons winter off the Atlantic coast from North Carolina southward to Florida, but more winter along the Gulf coast from Alabama and the Florida panhandle southward along the western coast of Florida to the Florida Keys. They use near-shore areas that are generally less than 150 feet deep. Areas from Orange Beach Alabama through the Pensacola, Florida area are having severe problems with oil washing ashore. Those are the areas where loons will begin arriving in October and November. Younger loons follow a month or so later.

Unfortunately, there is no strategy that will prevent the loons from migrating or from choosing another wintering area. Their migratory routes are "hard-wired in their genes" and most will be heading for the Gulf.

Loons have no defenses against oil. They do not recognize a sheen of oil on the water as a hazard. For some loons, it will be a one-way trip to the oily offshore waters and soiled shorelines where they could perish when they become mired in oil or face a lack of natural foods that have been eliminated by the oil.

The oil in the Gulf is contaminating near-shore grasses and marsh areas where loons spend the winter. Loons need a clean, healthy and diverse marine environment. It may take years to restore such an environment in the Gulf. No one knows at this point how long that may take. 

Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2010 9 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free Church meeting room

Board members present: Pat Held, Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, Rick Rosar, Jacquie Rognli, Jennifer Buckentine, John Jacobson, Mike Fedde, Al Doree, Mike Willis, Randy Kevern.

Not present: Anne Hanson

Group Mixer

Members enjoyed coffee and donuts while playing a Lake Bingo encouraging them to find association members that matched items on the Bingo cards. Prizes were given to the first members to complete a Bingo on their card.

President's Welcome

President Jennifer Buckentine called the meeting to order and welcomed the members to the spring meeting. Board members present introduced themselves.

Thanks were extended to Carolyn Held for the large map she assembled showing where members are located on the lake. Thanks were also extended to Jacquie Rognli for another well done newsletter. Thanks were extended to the church for using their facility. Thanks were extended to Mike Fedde for his 4 years as president of the association.

Pat Held and Bob Koll sent in the 2010 federal and state renewals for our 501c3 tax status.

Announcement was made for a DNR public workshop in Brainerd at the college cafeteria regarding Parks and Trails Legacy Regional Workshop on June 2 from 7 – 9 pm. These meetings provide citizens with a chance to influence the Parks and Trails Legacy Plan that will guide funding decisions for regional and state parks and trails. Notice of these types of events can be found under the “events” section of the MN DNR website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/events/index.html>.

Guest Speaker

Eric Altena – the DNR Area Fisheries Manager from Little Falls spoke. He indicated that his responsibility is for the counties of Morrison, Todd, Bento and Mille Lacs which include 4 designated trout streams, 90 lakes and 5 rivers. In the spring and summer they sample lakes for fish population and conduct a vegetation survey for habitat. In the fall they do stocking of walleye fingerlings every other year and on the alternate years they stock walleye fry. This year Lake Shamineau was stoked with 30,000 walleye fingerlings. About 80% survive (of a million

fry that are stocked, 2-3% survive). He indicated that our lake has a healthy population of largemouth bass. The Dept of Health contaminant analysis indicates people should eat 1 meal of fish per week. Eric showed a video of the electro-fish sampling process.

Approval of Fall 2009 Membership Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September 2009 membership meeting were printed in the May 2010 newsletter. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following balances in the Association's bank account:

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| <i>Balance on Hand Checking 5/28/2010</i> | \$937.28 |
| <i>Balance in Savings 5/28/2010</i> | <u>\$13,914.33</u> |
| <i>Total Assets</i> | \$14,851.61 |

Income includes membership dues and ads for the newsletter. Expenses include postage, water quality testing, meeting expenses (coffee, donuts, prizes).

Committee Reports:

Fishing

Rick Rosar reported his experience catching fish this spring.

Water Quality

Water clarity continues to be very high, with a reading of 18 feet on the Secchi disk. See the website for measurements over the years. The RMB labs (water quality company) website was shown to the members.

Membership

Carolyn Held created a large map with members' names and locations on the lake. 276 newsletters were sent out with 10 returned. Emailing newsletters helps with the cost of printing and mailing. Currently there are 213 members and volunteers who contact lake residents are always looking for more helpers. It is helpful to this group if renewals are returned by mail to cut down on the personal contacts they otherwise make.

Loon Report

A few nests have been observed, one near the west public access. Concern was expressed as to our loons migrating to the oil spill in the gulf this fall.

Communications

Members are encouraged to sign up to receive the newsletter via email. Email lakenewsletter@msn.com

to get on the emailing list and to update any email address changes.

Board Elections

Nominations were made, a motion was made and seconded and the following members were elected to the board for a 3 year term: Randy Heltemes, Jacquie Rognli, Jennifer Buckentine and Mike Fedde.

Other Business

Citations will be issued by the sheriff's department for water balloons during the 4th of July boat parade. This is a result of injuries received in past years.

The Lakeshore Improvement Grant application is being completed and will be sent in soon.


The Lake Survey done by the county a few years ago had a summary (available on our website) but due to turnovers in personnel and difficulty with the photos and lot IDs – individual recommendations were not made.

There is a Lions Pancake Feed at the Scandia Valley fire hall Sunday from 9 – 11 am.

On June 13th a Celebrate the Flag gathering at the Scandia Valley picnic area will be held.

Camp Shamineau invites lake residents to their annual Beach Day open house.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 

Lake Shamineau Association Board Meeting May 29, 2010 9 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free Church meeting room

Board members present: Bob Koll, Sandy Williams, Mike Fedde, Al Doree, Jennifer Buckentine, Jacquie Rognli, Rick Rosar, John Jacobson, Pat Held, Randy Kevern

Absent: Anne Hanson

Election of Officers

For 2010-2011, President is Jennifer Buckentine, Vice President is Rick Rosar, Treasurer is Pat Held and Secretary is Sandy Williams.

Newly elected board member is Randy Heltemes. Re-elected members include Mike Fedde, Jennifer Buckentine, and Jacquie Rognli.

Treasurer's Report as of May 28, 2010

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| Checking Balance | \$937.28 |
| Savings Balance | \$13,914.33 |
| Total | \$14,851.61 |

At the prior board meeting, it was decided to require two signatures for each check. A motion was made at this meeting to rescind the prior motion and a motion was made for the Treasurer to PDF monthly

statement for audit instead. Motions were seconded and passed. The Board President is the alternate signee.

MN Waters renewal - \$200 approved.

Carolyn Held – map printing and poster board \$45 approved

Donation to Lincoln Free Evangelical Church for use of their meeting room for the member meeting \$50 approved.

Grant Application

The grant application to the Central MN Initiative Foundation is progressing for shoreline plantings. Requires funding of 1/3 from each: owner, association, and grant funds.


Invasive Species

Signs at landings – Rick will investigate.

Summer Board Meeting

July 24, 2010 9 AM at the Hitchin' Rail.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 

Lake Shamineau Association Summer Board Meeting July 24, 2010 9 a.m.

Hitchin' Rail Restaurant

Members Present: Anne Hanson, Bob Koll, Jennifer Buckentine, Randy Heltemes, Randy Kevern, Pat Held, Jacquie Rognli, Sandy Williams

Not Present: Al Doree, Rick Rosar, Mike Fedde, John Jacobson

Minutes from the May 29, 2010 board meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Held, Treasurer, provided the following balances in the Association's bank account:

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| <i>Balance on Hand Checking 7/24/2010</i> | \$352.25 |
| <i>Balance in Savings 7/24/2010</i> | <u>\$19,058.81</u> |
| <i>Total Assets</i> | \$14,851.61 |

Income includes membership dues (many 3 year memberships renewed). Expenses include postage, water quality testing, meeting expenses (coffee, donuts, prizes). Pat will email a monthly treasurer's report to board members for review and oversight.

Pat also provided announcements and posters for an outdoor concert to be held on their property with an invitation to all lake residents (bring a chair or listen from your boat). Jazz Music by George Mauer - 7 pm, July 31 @ Pat & Carolyn Held's 34738 Aztec Rd on Lake Shamineau.

Membership Report

Carolyn reported on a slower membership drive as it is hard to catch people at the lake and they are busy. Carolyn ordered 100 3 year stickers and had to order 50 more.

Fishing Report

Word is that fishing is relatively good this summer so far.

Water Quality

Water clarity is very good. Anne went to MPCA meeting in Baxter. There is concern about invasive species not spreading and education is important.

MPCA would like lake associations to work together.

Lakeshore Restoration Grant

The grant application is ready for the President's signature. It goes to the Initiative Foundation for approval. The board will need to develop an application process to award funds to residents who wish to do native plant landscaping and shoreline protection on their lakeshore property.

Lake Management Plan

Jacquie brought copies of the Lake Management Plan with updates. It needs new objectives written. Jacquie will organize a brainstorming session during the fall meeting.

Fall Meeting Plans

Movie clip, Lake Management Plan brainstorming, Door Prizes – Meeting is at Lincoln Free Evangelical Church. Anne will pick up rolls and church will provide coffee.

Newsletter articles due August 15.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Williams, Secretary 🐾

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Thanks also to Bob Koll who coordinates these ads. Be sure to contact him (218-575-2577) if you would like to submit an advertisement. 🐾

THANKS FOR NO WATER BALLOONS

Boaters and observers enjoyed a water balloon free boat parade on Fourth of July. The Morrison County Sheriff Department was there, too. 🐾

Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald ash borer (EAB is an exotic beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients.

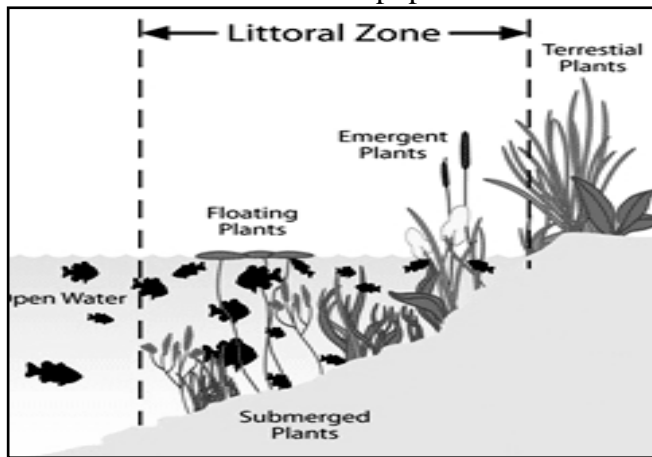
Emerald ash borer probably arrived in the United States on solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia. Emerald ash borer is also established in Ontario, was found in Ohio in 2003, northern Indiana in 2004, northern Illinois and Maryland in 2006, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia in 2007, Wisconsin, Missouri and Virginia in summer 2008, and Minnesota, New York, and Kentucky in the spring of 2009.

Since its discovery, EAB has killed tens of millions of ash trees. Do not transport firewood, even within Minnesota. 🐾



Minnesota's aquatic plants

Within a lake or pond, aquatic plants grow in an area known as the littoral zone--the shallow transition zone between dry land and the open water area of the lake. In Minnesota waters, the littoral zone extends from the shore to a depth of about 15 feet, depending on water clarity. About 46 percent (746 acres) of Lake Shramineau's surface area (1428 acres) is the littoral zone. The shallow water, abundant light, and nutrient-rich sediment provide ideal conditions for plant growth. Aquatic plants, in turn, provide food and habitat for many animals such as fish, frogs, birds, muskrats, turtles, insects, and snails. Protecting the littoral zone is important for the health of many of a lake's fish and other animal populations.



Aquatic plants are grouped into four major categories:

1. **Algae** have no true roots, stems, or leaves and range in size from tiny, one-celled organisms to large, multi-celled plant-like organisms.
2. **Submerged plants** have stems and leaves that grow entirely underwater, although some may also have floating leaves. Flowers and seeds on short stems that extend above the water may also be present.
3. **Floating-leaf plants** are rooted in the lake bottom, but their leaves and flowers float on the water surface. Water lilies are a well-known example. Floating leaf plants typically grow in protected areas where there is little wave action.
4. **Emergent plants** are rooted in the lake bottom, but their leaves and stems extend out of the water. Emergent plants such as cattails and bulrushes typically grow in wetlands and along the shore where the water is typically 4 or 5 feet deep. Bulrushes and cattails are common emergent plants in Minnesota lakes and wetlands.

Bulrushes (reeds, pencil reeds)

Location: Marshes, shorelines, sand and gravel bars, shallow waters up to 8 feet deep. Hardstem bulrush grows on firm bottoms; softstem bulrush grows on mud bottoms.

Description: Grow above water to a height of 5 to 10 feet tall; have triangular or round-shaped stems; slender green leaves appear to be a continuation of the stem; loose cluster of brownish flowers and seeds are located near the tip of the stem.

Hints to identify: A long, tubular stem without leaves, or a triangular stem that may have long leaves similar to those of tall grasses.

Importance of plant: Excellent fish habitat-provides spawning areas for northern pike and, in early spring, provide nesting cover for largemouth bass and bluegills. Bulrushes attract marsh birds and songbirds and provide food for ducks, geese, and swans.



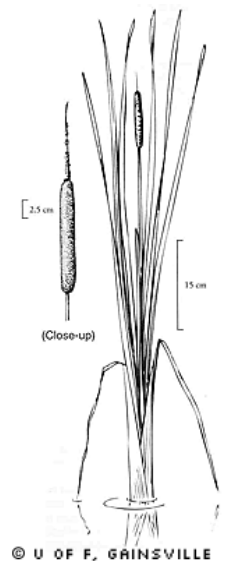
Cattails

Location: Marshes, ditches, shorelines; shallow areas of lakes, ponds, and slow streams; quiet water up to 4 feet deep.

Description: Grows above water surface; is thickly rooted; has long, slender stalks growing 3 to 10 feet high; flower consists of a cigar-shaped "cattail", which is green during early summer and turns brown and fuzzy in the fall and following spring.

Hints to identify: Look for the fuzzy brown "cattail" near the top of the stalk. Leaves are long, flat, and about 1-inch wide.

Importance of plant: Helps stabilize marshy borders of lakes and ponds; helps protect shorelines from wave erosion; northern pike may spawn along shore behind the cattail fringe; provides cover and nesting sites for waterfowl and marsh birds such as the red-winged blackbird; stalks and roots are eaten by muskrats and beavers; the starchy roots, young flowering spikes, and pollen can be eaten by humans, too. 🦉



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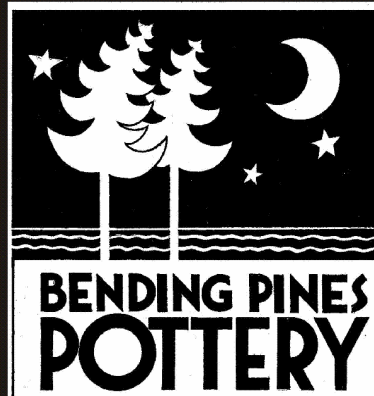
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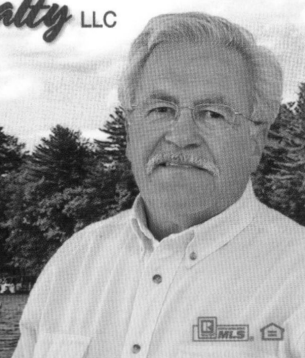
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