



# Bone Lake Newsletter

Bone Lake — Once called Onondogacona which means lake of small pines

FALL 2022

## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION

### Keeping invasives out of Bone Lake

by Cary Olson



#### **Highbush Cranberry**

*Viburnum trilobum* forms tall dense clusters with maple-like lobed leaves. Broad clusters of white flowers in June followed by red berries in late summer that persist through winter for beauty and birds. Red foliage in fall. Height 10-12 ft. Moist to wet soils, full sun to light shade. Deer resistant.

It is now officially the time for all of us to get our boats and docks out of the water after another season of boating and recreation on Bone Lake. Fortunately, we have had another year without any known invasive species entering our lake. I can't state that categorically, but from our testing and observations by our lake volunteers and testing by Polk County, we have not found any evidence to that end.

Unfortunately, other nearby lakes can't say the same. We just heard that adult zebra mussels were found in Lake Wapogasset. Balsam Lake, also for the first time, found adult zebra mussels. Deer Lake's zebra mussel population continues and Half Moon Lake found Eurasian water milfoil. The good news is that all of the other lakes tested in Polk County came back negative for new invasive species.

It is the perfect time while you are in the shallow waters and taking equipment out of the lake to check for aquatic invasive species whether it be Eurasian water milfoil in the water, zebra mussels attached to boats, lifts and/or docks, or purple loosestrife growing along the shore. If you find something suspicious, contact any BLMD board member or Polk County LWRD at 715-485-8699.

BLMD received a grant for a boat cleaning/decontamination system this last year and our unit was installed and operational as of August 10th. —continued on page 3

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The CD3 Boat cleaning station now installed at Don Langel Memorial Park, north landing.

# Dear Bone Lakers,

Wow, my first year as the chairman of the Bone Lake Management District has flown by, but it was another good year to enjoy our wonderful lake. We had a lot of warm weather, but unfortunately a lack of moisture. We have ended the season with our last lake level reading showing a deficit of 8.8 inches from our first spring reading.

The lake turned over earlier than normal, and we encountered algae blooms that lasted into mid-October. We even had a lack of curly-leaf pondweed and native aquatic plants this summer. We are pretty sure that waterfront runoff from lakeshore properties and lawns

mowed to the lake edge, failing septic systems, and blowing leaves and grass clippings into the lake add to the phosphorous levels in the lake. We continue to encourage residents to do their part by offering monetary incentives for shoreline plantings, water runoff diversion projects, and septic system replacements, all of which can reduce phosphorus loading to the lake. We need to increase our efforts on what we can control and hope that nature gives us other help to continue our trend of increasing lake clarity.

**Election and District officers named.** Our annual meeting on August 13 was held online via Zoom and in person at Bone Lake Lutheran Church. At this meeting, commissioners Alex Chorewycz and Karen Engelbretson were re-elected for three-year terms. Alex and Karen were elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, at the commissioners meeting on August 23. Also at that meeting, Deb Dawson agreed to take over monitoring the Facebook BoneLakers group. We thank Karen for getting the group started and monitoring it for many years.

**Grant applications for 2023.** We will apply for a grant for our Clean Boats Clean Waters work. We generally receive \$8,000 which helps to defray the cost of hiring our youth boat inspectors at both the north and south landings.

After nine years of service and ending as the lead for the CBCW group, Ben Novotny graduated from college and retired from CBCW this year. Before leaving, Ben picked a new leader, Patrick Cunningham, and trained him in all aspects of the leadership position. We will miss Ben’s involvement but thank him for all his time and wish him the best as he starts his post-college career.

*All of our other grants run over multiple years so our volunteers will keep them going:*

**CLP control grant 2024 and AIS decontamination station 2026.** I just heard from the manufacturer of our CD3 Boat cleaning unit that Balsam Lake is planning to purchase five units this coming year for their watercraft landings.

**We submitted extensions for and received one-year extensions for:** Engaging Owners Natives for Restoration and Stabilization 2023; Design for Shoreline Stabilization and Runoff Control 2023; Bone Lake Aquatic Life Assessment and Mapping 2023; and Bone

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Lake Healthy Lakes Projects 2023. This will allow us another year to use up grant funds that we were awarded.

**Bone Lake website:** Our communications group will continue to strategize and work on a new website to replace our existing one. Many Bone Lakers completed a survey at the annual meeting and also online, offering their preferences. A preview of the site will be available for review over the winter.

**Thank You.** I am continually amazed at all the work and time and support that our volunteers contribute to improving Bone Lake, keeping it such a great place. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at caryolson@comcast.net or call 612-581-6626.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe fall and winter season and look forward to next spring on the water. ■

—Cary Olson, Chair

## Invasive species *continued from page 1*



### CD3 System Software Analytics Use Data Bone Lake North Landing

#### Tools

Location	Month Name	Air Uses	Brush Uses*	Light Uses	Plug Wrench Uses	Reach Grabber Uses	Vacuum Uses	Total
Bone Lake Management District	Aug	119	4	36	64	49	39	311
	Sep	146	5	24	62	48	66	351
	Oct	37	1	10	14	12	21	95
	<b>Total</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>757</b>
	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>40 %</b>	<b>1 %</b>	<b>9 %</b>	<b>18 %</b>	<b>14 %</b>	<b>17 %</b>	
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#### Sessions

Location	2022			Total	Percentage
	Aug	Sep	Oct		
Bone Lake Management District	103	105	38	246	100 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>246</b>	
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>42 %</b>	<b>43 %</b>	<b>15 %</b>		

\*Brush Uses is not accurate due to a malfunctioning sensor.

We had good usage of the CD3 unit with 246 sessions of use during the operational period this year. We did not require mandatory usage this year as we didn't have the Clean Boats Clean Waters members direct watercraft to the unit. Our signage will be complete and installed when the dock is put in next spring. The signs will highlight mandatory usage upon entering and leaving the lake according to Polk County Ordinance Chapter 24, Article III. The new invasives detected in nearby lakes certainly highlight why we need everyone to use this equipment at all times.

The CBCW crew will be trained in the use of the equipment to help those unfamiliar, but will not do the cleaning. As currently is the practice, the landing cameras will look for anything hanging from watercraft or trailers. Upon review, if something or someone doesn't have a clean watercraft or trailer or doesn't use the cleaning station, the information will be sent to the Polk County Sheriff's office for follow up on violations.

We spoke about the south landing at the annual meeting and are still planning to have a cleaning station in operation there at the start of 2023 boating season.

It is up to all Bone Lake users to participate in keeping Bone Lake free of invasive species. Please do your part and remind other users to do their part. If you see something that doesn't look right, please report it to any BLMD commissioner. ■

### invasives to watch for



DEANNA MEYER, LWRD INTERN

Adult zebra mussels attach to hard surfaces in the water.



More than 12 leaflet pairs

Eurasian water milfoil looks a lot like native Northern water milfoil but has more leaflets, red stems and is limp when out of the water.



5-6 petals per flower

Stiff upright stem

Grows 3-9 ft. tall

Purple loosestrife grows in wet soils. It looks like many other purple flowers.

## Do you smell something stinky?

A failing septic system can cause unpleasant odors, and even backed up sewage! Failing systems also contribute phosphorus and other nutrients into groundwater that enters Bone Lake.

Polk County defines a failing septic system as one that causes or results in any of the following:

- Discharge of sewage into surface water or groundwater.
- Introduction of sewage into zones of saturation.
- Discharge of sewage through a drain tile or into zones of bedrock.
- Discharge of sewage to the surface of the ground.
- Failure to accept sewage discharges and back up of sewage into the structure served by the private sewage system.

**Contact Richard Mackie soon! Inspections are free.**

Enclosed with this issue of the *Bone Lake Newsletter* is a Polk County brochure with best practices for using and maintaining your septic system.

# Great news for Bone Lake property owners!

by Alex Chorewycz

Runoff mitigation/diversion projects are a GREAT way to help maintain our lake's clarity and health. Installing a waterfront runoff mitigation/diversion project such as native plantings, rain gardens, rock-trench, and other runoff diversion projects will reduce runoff that would otherwise go into the lake and contribute to algae growth and the resulting bloom that turns the lake green. The good news is that you may be eligible for grant cost share dollars for your project!

If you would like to learn more, or are ready to take the next step, please contact Mary Chorewycz at 651-454-9456 or [amchorewycz@yahoo.com](mailto:amchorewycz@yahoo.com) to receive additional information and arrange for a no-cost, no-obligation site visit by our lake consultant, Cheryl Clemens, who will work with you and provide you with various ideas for runoff mitigation projects that are best suited for your location.



A 350 ft<sup>2</sup> native planting adds beauty to the shoreline of this Bone Lake property while helping to reduce runoff to the lake.



This rain garden captures rain water from the home's roof so it can soak into the ground.

PAUL SKAWINSKI

## More great news

**The Bone Lake Management District is offering a \$2,500 cost share incentive to lake property owners who wish to replace their non-compliant septic system.**

A non-compliant system is one that has effluent (sewage, wastewater) that flows from the system onto the ground surface or into surrounding groundwater. Of particular concern and an example of a non-compliant system, are those that have a tank or barrel with holes in the sides which allow sewage/wastewater to drain onto the ground surface or into surrounding groundwater.

If you have a non-compliant system that should be replaced, and you wish to take advantage of the cost share incentive, you must first call the District's representative, Dick Mackie who will provide a free, no-obligation evaluation of your current system to determine if you qualify for the septic incentive. Dick Mackie's number: 715-857-5205; email: [seesallyrun@lakeland.ws](mailto:seesallyrun@lakeland.ws).

Bone Lake Management District as well as Polk County, strongly suggest that any Bone Lake property owners with a system installed pre-1980 and/or one which may be nearing or has already reached the end of its working capacity, replace their non-conforming system. ■

# Trees vs. turf

## What's best on the lakeshore?

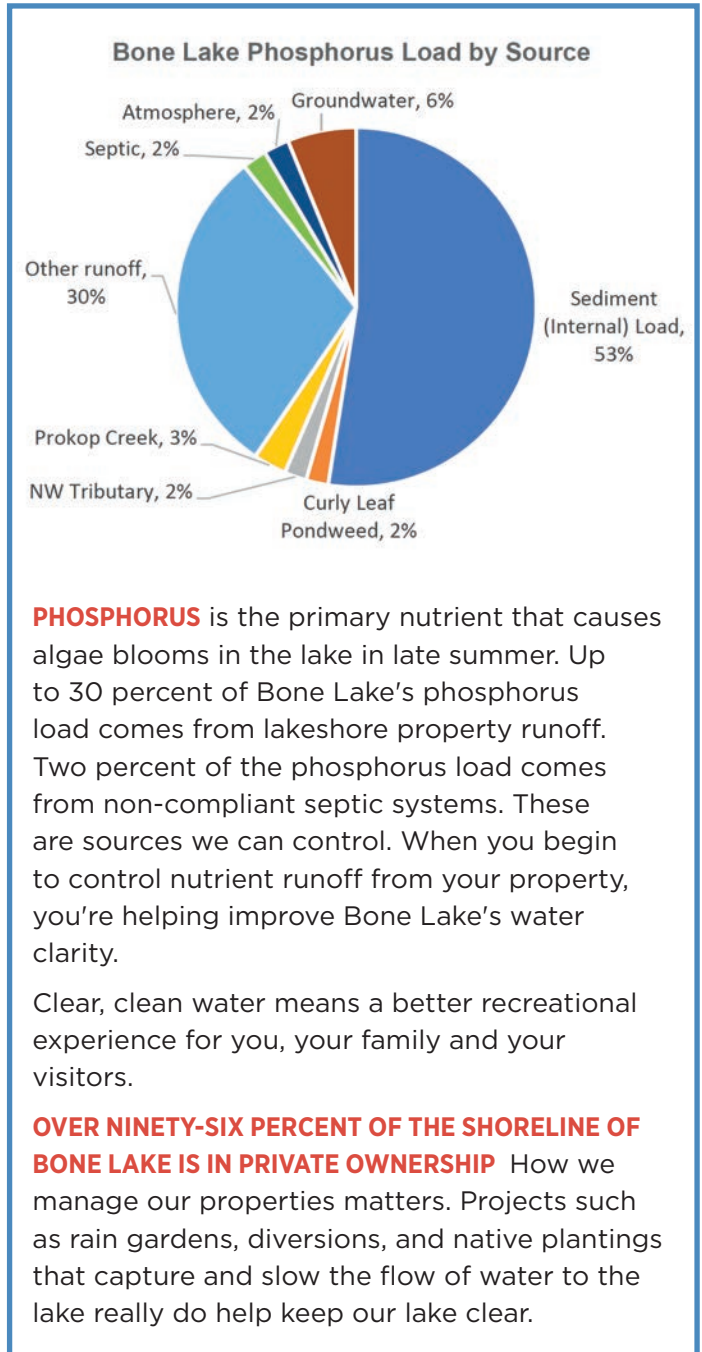
**USGS study finds nutrient loss from near shore areas in northern Wisconsin is eight times greater from turf than from trees.**

The study monitored adjacent lawns and wooded areas continuously for a 23-month period. Data was collected on precipitation, surface and ground-water flow, water quality, soil temperature and moisture. The lawn sites consisted mainly of turf grass. The wooded sites consisted of varying mixtures of mature and immature, deciduous and coniferous trees, plus a ground cover of leaf litter and other decaying organic matter.

Nutrient concentrations of the lawn runoff were compared to the adjacent woods runoff. In most cases, concentrations of nutrient runoff were not significantly different. Because of the greater *volume* of runoff from the lawn areas as compared to the wooded sites, the total amount (or mass) of nutrients lost from the lawn sites was much greater than from the wooded areas. In the case of phosphorus, the difference was approximately eight-fold. Less water is absorbed by the lawns therefore more water flows over the lawns than over the wooded areas.

**What you can do.** If you must have a turf grass lawn, resist the urge to grade to the lake, limit compacting the soil and use landscaping techniques such as swales and rain gardens that slow or stop water flow toward the lake. It will also help if you limit the existence of lawns that run to the water's edge. You can reduce the adverse effect of the lawn on lake-water quality by having natural vegetation buffering areas between any lawn and the lake. You can add and maintain trees and natural areas to help reduce the volume of runoff from your property. ■

\*Find the study at <https://pubs.usgs.gov/wri/wrir-03-4144/>  
Source: *Lake Tides* Vol. 29 No. 3 Summer 2004



## Clean water versus heavy algae blooms— which result do you want for Bone Lake?

Author Peter Drucker famously said, "The best way to predict your future is to create it." Bone Lakers are creating the future of Bone Lake's water clarity by how we manage our properties. Controlling runoff from your property today helps ensure Bone Lake waters have a clear future.



# Becoming a Lake Leader

by Shelley Rose

When I became a commissioner in 2021, one of the first things I learned was how much I needed to learn. My fellow commissioners pointed me to great resources: the Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Lakes, and University of Wisconsin Extension Lakes. The partnership between Wisconsin Lakes and Extension Lakes provides many learning opportunities for lake districts and associations including a very special program, the Lake Leaders Institute.

The Lake Leaders Institute develops leaders that can enrich their lake communities by developing and enhancing their technical and people skills. Significant time is devoted to aquatic ecology, water law, and lake management. I was thrilled to be accepted to the Lake Leaders Crew 14 made up of about 30 individuals concerned about the future of our lakes. The program consists of three two-day seminars.

In my first seminar, I got to know the people in my “crew” by participating in a variety of networking exercises. We identified personality temperaments which became an amusing foundation when interacting with each other. It was clear that a great benefit of being part of Lake Leaders Crew 14 would be the many personal connections to people with great experience and knowledge.

The second seminar was devoted to aquatic ecology and watershed management. This was my favorite seminar. We spent quality time on Tomahawk Lake taking measurements, identifying various shoreland practices—some great for the lake, some not so much, and getting up close and personal with a variety of aquatic species including plants, plankton, fish, and even the dreaded Eurasian water milfoil. The expertise shared by the scientists and speakers was amazing.

It was during this seminar that I became acutely aware of how proud and honored I am to be part of our Bone Lake community. Bone Lake was an example for other lakes. Our diverse group of dedicated lake volunteers deserves our deep gratitude.

The final seminar was all about developing partnerships with farmers, local and state agencies, land trusts, regional planning groups, and other lake associations and coalitions. Wisconsin has a deep commitment that navigable waters are for the benefit of the public whether that’s for boating, fishing, swimming, or natural beauty. This is our water.

Each Lake Leaders graduate is asked to provide a commitment statement upon leaving the program; some were specific, and some were broad. Here is mine, “As a community member, I will share my time and skills to support Wisconsin waters while I have the capacity to do so.” Specifically, I look forward to supporting Bone Lake as a commissioner and citizen volunteer!

Thanks to all of you who do your part to share the lake and make it a better place for us, our kids and grand kids. ■



BLMD Commissioner Shelley Rose receives her Lake Leaders graduation certificate from Carroll Schaal, Natural Resources Program Manager, Wisconsin DNR.



Lake Leaders Crew 14 graduation ceremony at Aldo Leopold’s shack near Baraboo, Wisc.

For more about Aldo Leopold go to [www.aldoleopold.org](http://www.aldoleopold.org). Find more info about Lake Leaders at [www3.uwsp.edu/](http://www3.uwsp.edu/).

# About lake districts and the Bone Lake Management District

by Karen Engelbretson

The Bone Lake Management District was formed in 1976 by petition of lake property owners. Unlike a lake association, a lake district is a governmental body, similar to a town or county, with the ability to tax property within the district. The boundaries of a lake district usually include the property of all riparian owners. (See the map below.)

Lake district formation and operations must comply with Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Lake districts have elected or appointed leaders (commissioners) and annual budgets funded from tax levies, special assessments, or grants. Within a lake district, all property owners share in the cost of management activities undertaken by the district.

Residents who live in the district are eligible voters and all property owners have a vote in the affairs of the district. This is accomplished at an annual meeting which must be held between May 22 and September 8 each year. Written notice of the meeting is mailed to members at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.

The BLMD board of commissioners has seven members: five elected from residents or property owners within the district, one appointed from Polk County, and one from the Town of Bone Lake or Town of Georgetown. The elected commissioners serve three-year terms. Officers are elected following each annual meeting. BLMD commissioners are not paid compensation, they are volunteers. The board meets at least quarterly, and the chairperson or any three commissioners can call meetings at any time. All meetings are public.

Lake districts can conduct a broad range of activities to manage and enhance the lake including understanding water quality and the lake's ecosystem, protecting lake habitat, enhancing recreational boating and boating safety, and providing public services. A district board of commissioners has the specific power to conduct research and surveys for the lake, plan lake protection and rehabilitation projects, and control fiscal matters of the district subject to the directives of the electors and property owners at the annual meeting.

The BLMD Comprehensive Lake Management Plan and the Aquatic Plant Management Plan were crafted by commissioners, property owners and consultants to protect and enhance Bone Lake. ■

Source: UW Extension Lakes.

## The BLMD Comprehensive Lake Management Plan

The Bone Lake Comprehensive Lake Management Plan directs District activities. It was first developed in 2008, then updated in 2014 with considerable input from lake volunteers. The current plan update is effective from 2015–2024.

### — Lake Management Plan Goals —

- Improve Bone Lake water clarity.
- Maintain safe navigation in Bone Lake.
- Protect and improve the Bone Lake fishery.
- Maintain and enhance natural beauty.
- Maintain and enhance wildlife and habitat.

### Aquatic Plant Management Plan

Created in 2008 and updated in 2013 and 2020, the APM directs management of curly-leaf pondweed and strategies for prevention of other aquatic invasive species. Its goals and activities are part of the overall Lake Management Plan.

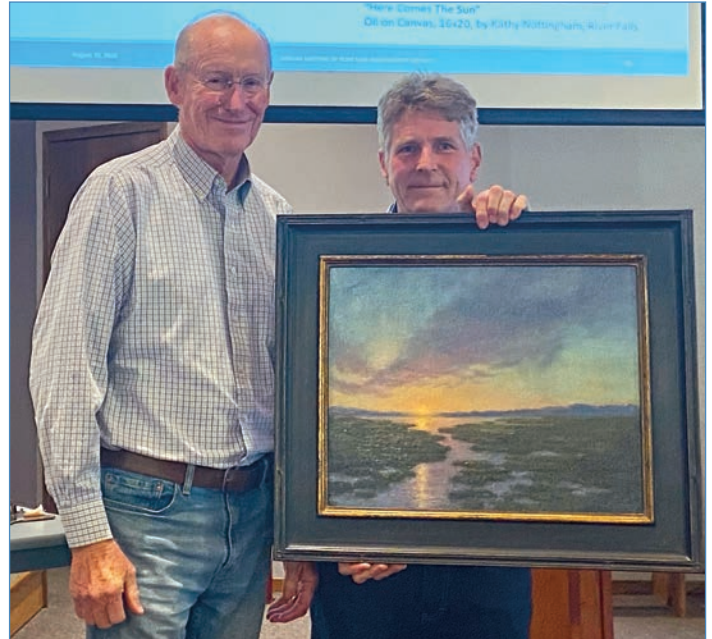
Plans can be found at [www.bonelakewi.com](http://www.bonelakewi.com).



\*A copy of Chapter 33 can be found on the Wisconsin legislature's website: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/statutes/Stat0033.pdf>.

## Thank you volunteers

These volunteers were recognized at the BLMD annual meeting on August 13, 2022, for their work in improving Bone Lake. Each received a hand crafted ceramic platter with an outline of Bone Lake created by artist Win Herberg of Osceola, presented by commissioner Shelley Rose. BLMD Chair Cary Olson presented special awards to long-time volunteers Phil Foster and Bob Boyd.



(ABOVE) **Phil Foster** The “King of Bone Lake” has been on the lake 43 years, full time 17 years (when not in Hawaii). Phil has been on nearly every District committee and has served as Vice Chair, and Chair of the District board and has recruited scores of volunteers to help improve Bone Lake. Phil retired from the Board last year. In recognition of all his contributions to Bone Lake, Cary Olson presented Phil with an oil painting by Kathy Nottingham of River Falls, whose father started the art college at River Falls.

**Gerry and Teri Albright** for their volunteer work maintaining the north landing and with the Luck Lions. Together they maintain Don Langel Park and the north landing boat launch. Teri is on the Wildlife and Natural Beauty Committee.

**Bruce Ahern** for his work on lagoon dredging. Bruce worked tirelessly to secure homeowner funding, project planning, permits with DNR, and managed the disposal site. He put in over 200 hours. Bruce thanks Mike and Bonnie Musial and Jason Elder for their contributions to the project.

**John Christenson** who has done whatever necessary to maintain the ponds at 250th Street, that keep runoff from reaching the lagoon. (Not pictured.)

(RIGHT) **Bob Boyd** — on the lake for 62 years, Bob purchased his family’s cabin in 1990. Bob has worked tirelessly to serve Bone Lake as a commissioner, board member and volunteer, guiding our aquatic plant management plan, fisheries management, CBCW, conducting the infamous ice out contest, and teaching anyone interested in learning. Bob’s always ready to help out. In appreciation of all Bob’s work for the District, he was awarded a cedar swing for his yard, purchased from PhyllBea’s in Amery.



# Bird chillin’

by Cris Dueholm

Like many of the lake’s residents, our summer birds have also left for the winter season. A few people have asked me “so what bird is left here during the winter?” I try to make the answer quick for the listener! It’s the woodpecker families and that includes the Pileated, Hairy, Downy, Red-bellied, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Yellow Shafted Northern Flicker and Red-headed (both questionable-because of food choices available during this time). The Red-headed is on the *Conservation Watch* list but it has found great habitats around our lake!\*

Each bird has its own habitat like open spaces, more dead trees, mixture of hardwood and evergreens and of course water!

On a winter’s night, they will find an empty hole of some kind, birdhouses, nesting boxes, or damaged trees to find safety and protection. They will come back each night unless threatened. Since these birds aren’t in nesting mode right now, I will see several different small species leave our birdhouses in the mornings. They look around, stretch, sometimes yawn and take off for the day eating voraciously!

In winter these birds will eat twice their body weight or more in food each day chowing down on grubs, seeds, nuts, and berries that they have either cached away during the summer or from plants that you have planted or are growing wild. Since I don’t cut back any of my plants the birds will gobble up those seeds and frozen bugs too. Feeding the birds consists of lard—not the seeded for us as our squirrels love it—black oiled sunflower seeds, which have a higher fat ratio, and dried ears of corn. I know people will feed the hearts of sunflowers and peanuts so they don’t have the shells to contend with in the spring. Extra fat in the winter will help the birds survive.

Our heated bird bath is an interesting gathering place as birds get a drink first thing in the morning and just before dark. They continue to take baths even on those cold days and I haven’t found any dead ones because of it over the many years of use. Remember to keep both the feeders and water bath clean as groups of birds can bring sickness to one another just like humans.

Have you put on your down jacket yet? Well, the birds will put theirs on when they puff up those layers of feathers that they have. When they groom, they need to make sure that those feathers are clean and their oil is evenly distributed to help them keep warm. They do shiver and that also creates heat. Now, what about those legs and feet? There is little fluid in those cells as they are mostly tendons and bones with little muscle or nerve tissue but I watch them scrunch down on those really cold days and tuck their legs and feet under their feathers!

Having different areas set up in the yard for the birds and squirrels seems to keep the peace! We feed them at about the same time every day and when we are late, they are waiting for us, saying “Hurry up and get out here!” ■

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\* The 2022 Bone Lake Bird Survey shows a significant increase in the Red-headed Woodpecker population around Bone Lake since the 2011 survey. Maintaining old stands of pine, cottonwood, oak, maple, and other large trees, including allowing dead snags to remain uncut and in place, benefits many forest bird species around the lake. Get the 2022 Bone Lake Bird Survey at our website, [bonelakewi.com](http://bonelakewi.com), and learn more about our birds.

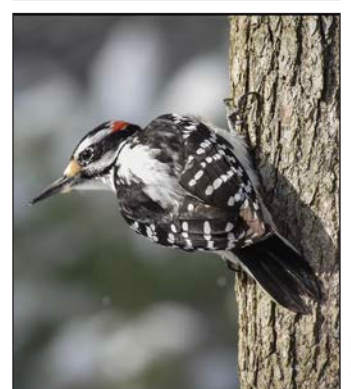
A sampling of Bone Lake woodpeckers, from the top down: Red-headed, Red-bellied, Hairy, Downy.



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## Thank you, Bone Lake boaters

by Mike Musial

We had a safe summer on the lake this year. Thank you to all who practiced courtesy and safety to help keep boating on Bone Lake enjoyable for everyone.

The buoys were taken out October 22. Hope you all enjoyed the warm weather and extended boating season this fall. ■

### STUDY OF WAVE HEIGHT, ENERGY AND POWER

At our annual meeting in August, a member asked for the link to a University of Minnesota study of the effects of wave height, energy and power produced by recreational boats on a freshwater lake. The study can be found here: <https://conservancy.umn.edu/handle/11299/226190>.

## New website underway

The BLMD communications committee is working to revise the District website.

The committee thanks all who completed our survey last August. Your input helps direct our priorities for the site. If you expressed interest in joining the communications committee, we'll be contacting you soon. Any interested Bone Lakers can contact Karen Engelbretson to join the committee. ■

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**Bone Lakers Facebook group page.** More than 2,000 members are sharing photos, events, recommendations, and news about life around the lake. To join, go to [facebook.com/groups/BoneLakers](https://facebook.com/groups/BoneLakers).

## Recycling around Bone Lake

**Georgetown Town Hall** Second and fourth Fridays and Saturdays of each month, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Questions? Call 715-483-1088.

**Luck** Next to the public ice rink, west of the Luck Library on 3rd Ave. 24/7.

**St. Croix Falls** Hwy. 8 across from Menards. Mon.-Thurs. 6:45-4:30 p.m.; Fridays: Memorial to Labor Day

**Balsam Lake** Hwy. 46 by the Government Center, 24/7.

[www.co.polk.wi.us/recycling](http://www.co.polk.wi.us/recycling)

## Renting your lake home

**Lake home rentals** in Polk County are permitted, managed and regulated by the Polk County Health Department, establishing fees, issuing permits, making inspections and enforcing regulations.

Pre-inspections and fees are required to obtain a permit. For copies of codes, applications or other materials, contact the Polk County Health Department at 715-485-8500.

**Allowed and permitted uses** are governed by the Polk County Shoreland Protection Ordinance.

A tourist rooming house means a single-family dwelling in which sleeping accommodations are offered for pay to a maximum of two tourists or transients per bedroom, based on the sanitary system serving the dwelling, up to a total of eight from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. A maximum of 12 occupants are allowed from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. regardless of the number of bedrooms.

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Polk County is currently rewriting these and other allowed and permitted uses so it is important to access them at the Polk County website [www.polkcountywi.gov](http://www.polkcountywi.gov), or contact the Polk County Zoning Department at 715-485-9279 for the most recent version.



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