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## Ideal Township One of the Best

Officials from Ideal Township attended a ceremony in November, hosted by the Minnesota Association of Townships, and received the Minnesota Township of the Year Award. As one of 1,783 townships in the state, earning the award was a tremendous honor for Ideal supervisors.



Ideal Township was recently named Township of the Year by the Minnesota Association of Townships. Pictured from left is township clerk/treasurer John Plein and township supervisors Dave Peterson, Jim Brandt and Bill Wortham. All four, along with three community members, worked together to create a detailed application for the award. - photo by Kate Perkins

## Ideal named Minnesota Township of the Year

### 2013-14 Board of Directors

Bob Maas, President	480-388-5260
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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### OUR MISSION:

The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association is organized to encourage wise use and preservation of Kimble Lake to maintain the ecological balance that must exist between the lake and adjacent shore land. The association will work to keep this lake and its surrounding watershed in good condition. Further, the association will consider, recommend and endeavor, through responsible means, to bring about appropriate action by agencies of government and private individuals to realize effective management and preservation of the valuable resources of Kimble Lake and its adjacent shore land.

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## Goodbye to a Neighbor, Friend

We were saddened by the recent death of one of our Kimble Lake neighbors, Gary Morse. Many thanks to Roger Weber for sharing these memories of Gary:

"Gary Morse started visiting Kimble Lake in the summer of 1991, spending time with the Weber family on Keller Road. Gary instantly fell in love with the lake and all it had to offer, so much so that he bought a fishing boat in the summer of 1992 just so he could trailer it to fish on Kimble Lake. If the Webers weren't there on a weekend, it was okay because Gary had a key to the facilities! Gary and Gloria became regular Kimble visitors after that until July of 1995, when they bought their own place on Keller Road from Merle and Donna Sprague. After that, it was rare to not see a light at the Morse's.



**Gary Morse**  
5/22/1947 – 1/1/2015

Gary loved to spend time on the lake and he loved to help his Keller Road neighbors. His favorite lake activities included walleye fishing with grandkids and neighbors, pulling the grandkids

on a tube, going for a float in the middle of the lake and participating in the end of the day fogey ride.

While most Kimble residents will recall those things about Gary, many don't realize that he is most remembered as the "Supervisor of Keller Road". His experience with everything – from his military service to air traffic control, from database design to building experimental airplanes – made him the most qualified for the job.



**33 1/4-inch, 13 lb. walleye caught by Gary on Kimble Lake in 1997**

No project, regardless of how big or small, was performed without the knowledgeable supervision of Gary Morse. Be it building a garage or addition, repairing outboard motors, tying fishing lines, cutting down trees, fixing electrical or plumbing malfunctions, assembling boat lifts and docks, or any other weekend warrior project, Gary was the first volunteer to offer his help and expertise on the project. It often ended up that Gary would complete the project himself. For this and for so many other reasons, Gary will be missed.

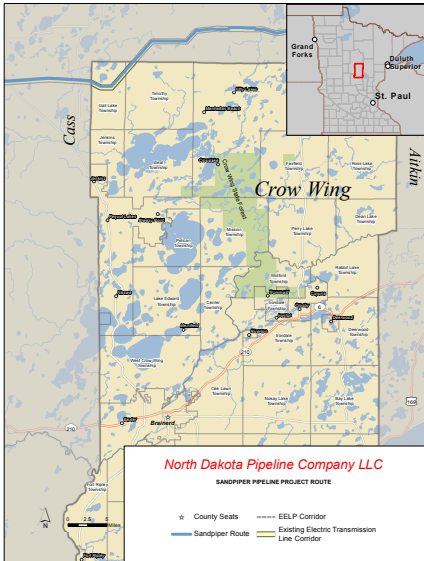


**Jack Larsen, Gary Morse, Roger Weber, Mark Mathewson and Larry Knutson enjoying life on the lake.**

He has left us with a lifetime of fond memories."



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## Hundreds Attend Hearings on Pipeline

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has been hearing public testimony at five hearings across the state on the all-new Enbridge Energy Sandpiper pipeline, set to run from Beaver Lodge, N.D. to Superior, WI.

The proposed pipeline route would travel through the lakes area, just north of Crow Wing County. The entire pipeline would be approximately 612-miles in length, 24-inches in diameter from the company's Beaver Lodge Station south of Tioga, North Dakota to Clearbrook, Minnesota and 30-inches in diameter from Clearbrook to Superior, Wisconsin.

This recent round of hearings was intended to focus primarily on the need for the new pipeline, both Enbridge's need to serve its customers (oil companies) and Minnesota's need for economic development.

Proponents highlight the pipeline's proposed economic impact. According to Enbridge, the project would bring an additional \$25 million in property taxes to the 13 counties affected by the pipeline. An estimated 1,500 jobs would be created by the project.

Opponents, however, say that forgoing financial benefits is a small price to pay for keeping our lakes and land from being damaged beyond repair by construction and potentially polluted by oil spills.

Enbridge announced in September that the pipeline wouldn't be ready until at least 2017, a year later than the company's original estimate. And that's assuming it gets PUC approval, with a final PUC decision on Sandpiper's certificate of need expected in June.

Public comment is still open until 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23. Comments must be received by deadline and can be sent by mail to 121 Seventh Place E. Suite 350, St. Paul, Minn., 55101. Comments also can be submitted online at [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc) under the "Comment on an Issue" button.

## We Love Our Loon-y Tunes

Have you ever met a Minnesotan who didn't treasure the sights and sounds of loons? We often mention their signature calls when we describe the beauty of our lakes.

Loons have four different calls:

- The *tremillo*, or "crazy laugh", used to signal alarm and sometimes at night for defending territory;
- The *wail* sounds like a wolf howl and is used in social interaction between loons in a region to maintain contact with a mate;
- The *hoot* is used by family members to locate each other and check well-being; and

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## Loon-y Tunes (continued)

- The yodel, given only by the male, is a long, rising call with repetitive notes and can last up to six seconds. Yodels almost always occur when a male is in a tense interaction with an intruder that has landed (or is flying over) his territory. They convey information about the loon's fighting capabilities through the frequency of the strongest amplitude.

Listen to these sounds by visiting the Loon Preservation Society website:  
<http://www.loon.org/voice-loon.php>.

Sources: "Making Loons, Making Progress", *American Scientist*, May-June 2011; *Loon Preservation Committee website*.

## What's Next?

We would love to hear from you! Send your stories, updates, photos, sales items, and reminders to: [kate@katelarsen.com](mailto:kate@katelarsen.com). They will be posted in upcoming issues of the Kimble Lake Homeowners Association newsletter.

## Name That Acronym

Spend time at any lake and you'll surely hear many lake-related acronyms like DNR, PFD and PWC.

As I was reading another lake association's newsletter, I was struck by how many other lake-related acronyms I didn't know. Thought I'd share a few so you could test your familiarity.

- AIS \_\_\_\_\_
- CBLA \_\_\_\_\_
- LARA \_\_\_\_\_
- MAISRC \_\_\_\_\_
- MLR \_\_\_\_\_
- PLM \_\_\_\_\_
- PRWA \_\_\_\_\_
- WAPOA \_\_\_\_\_

How many did you know? Here are two more I hope never become popular on Kimble Lake: BWI and EWM. (You can find the answers below.)

## Winter Beauty

Thanks again to **Gary Schwartz** for sending in the photo used in this issue's header.

## Update KLHA Directory

Please send updated contact information to:

Kate Larsen at 952-567-0340 or [kate@katelarsen.com](mailto:kate@katelarsen.com).

DNR: Department of Natural Resources. PFD: Personal Flotation Device. PWC: Personal Watercraft. AIS: Aquatic Invasive Species. CBLA: Clamshell-Bertha Lakes Association. LARA: Lakes and Rivers Alliance. MAISRC: Minnesota AIS Research Center. MLR: Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates. PLM: Professional Lakes and Land Management. PRWA: Pine River Watershed Alliance. WAPOA: Whitefish Area Property Owners Association. BWI: Boating While Intoxicated. EWM: Eurasian Water Milfoil.

Answers to Name That Acronym

The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association was formed in 2002. Membership costs only \$25 per year, due at the time of the annual meeting. Join today! Simply download the [KLHA Membership form](#) and send (with payment) to: Kimble Lakes Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 836, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472.