

Lake Edward Lines

Newsletter of the Lake Edward Conservation Club



LECC WEBSITE ADDRESS

<http://edwardlake.wordpress.com>

Lake Edward DNR ID # 18030500

LECC Annual Meeting

“Back to normal” that depends on each person’s view of normal. Restrictions have diminished and meeting sites are allowing groups in again. The Lake Edward Town Hall is once again available for our annual meeting. Check your calendar our Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 25th. Coffee, rolls, and socializing begins at 9:30 and the meeting will begin at 10:00. If anything changes we’ll send out an email blast. If we don’t have your email, please share it with LoriNelson@brainerd.net and then we can email notices to you. If you haven’t seen an email from us lately chances are we don’t have your current email address.

Great time to pay your dues if you haven’t done so yet.

Shore Soil Contents:

100% Sand

Weed Line:

14 to 17 feet

Maximum Depth:

75 feet

Elevation:

1,203 feet

Water Clarity:

12 feet

Public Landing:

Southwest shore

Width:

2 miles

Length:

3 miles

Size:

2574 acres

Miles of Shoreline:

9.4 miles

% of water less than 15 feet:

59%

Acres less than 15 feet:

1,199 acres

Age:

8,000 years old

Boat Ramp:

Concrete

Dues Update

Our membership numbers are slightly below where we usually are at this time of the year. That is understandable with so much going on and with all the changes in the past 24 months, but one thing that hasn’t changed are LECC membership dues, still a reasonable \$20.00. Look around and try to think if you can what hasn’t gone up in price lately. Used car prices are soaring. Grocery shopping trips cost more. Gas is over \$4.00 a gallon. LECC dues, however, remain the same. The best inflation proof twenty dollars you can spend.

July 4th Parade

The parade seems to get bigger every year. Only a few years back the docks were dotted with folks watching the parade. Lately, there has been far more boats and much less dock watchers. If you are a regular parade participant we look forward to seeing you again. If you are new to the lake and want to experience a Lake Edward July 4th meet us at Cozy Bay Resort and jump in line and follow the crowd. Decorate your vessel or not and meet us at 11:00 a.m. on



Monday, July 4th for about an hour of camaraderie and sociability. Weather is always unpredictable but often the skies have parted just long enough for us to circle the lake. Happy 4th.

Mobile Decontamination Station

Say that three times fast. The county rotates a mobile decontamination station among a number of public accesses. Lake Edward is a destination site this summer to rotate one of the units. A permanent decontamination station is located at the Highway Maintenance Facility off Highway 3 at 13870 Whipple Drive. The site will be staffed Thursday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is no charge to use any of the facilities and a staff member will be on site to perform the decontamination.

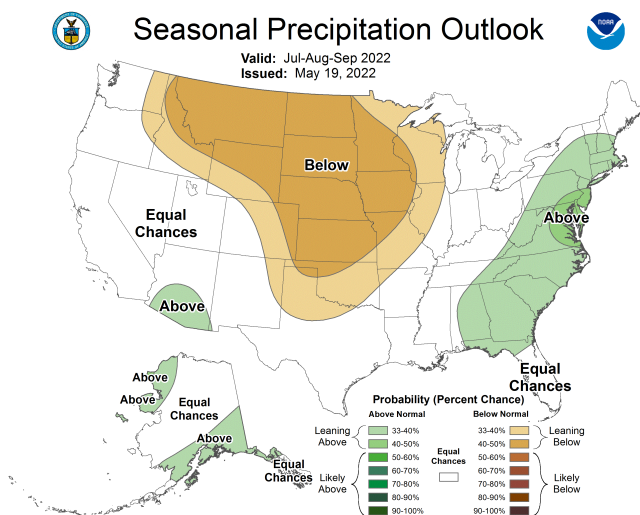
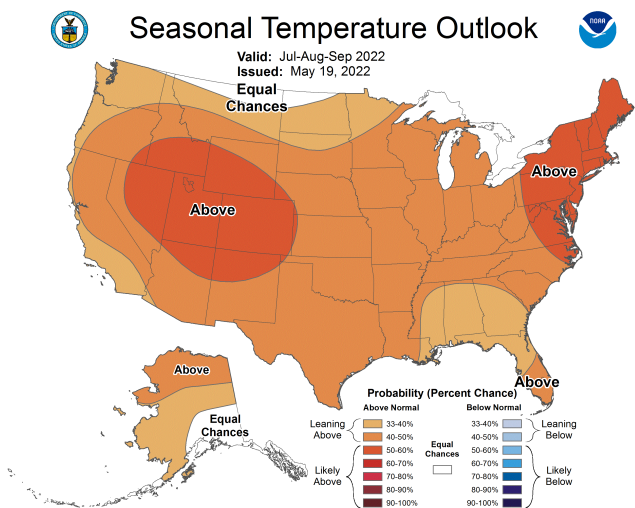
Watercraft decontamination consists of a very hot water rinse used to kill zebra mussels and, if needed, a high-pressure spray to remove material from boats, motors, trailers and personal gear. No soaps, bleaches or chemicals are used during the process.

The remaining summer dates for Lake Edward are July 1, 2 and 3. The station will also be at the Lake Edward access July 29, 30th, and 31st.

Call the Crow Wing County Hot Line to check days and hours the units will be available at other sites, 218-824-1055.

President's Report April 2022

As I write this, the spring weather remains cool and we've had enough precipitation that we are out of last summer's drought. The lake is at OHW level. But if I recall, last year, weather was cool and wet through mid-June. Then the rain quit, it was warm, dry and windy. The lake went down a foot. With this in mind, I checked the outlook for June-July-August 2022. Based on past weather & water temperature patterns from the Pacific Ocean to MN, our June-July- August weather outlook is leaning warmer and leaning dryer than average. Will it be warmer & dryer than 2021? Wish we knew.



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Welcome 1,000 New Residents

After learning neighboring lake associations supplement DNR fry stocking efforts with fingerling stocking, one fellow lake owner did some research. Paul McCullough saw an opportunity and thought why can't that work here. Learning his employer would match any 501C personal donation, and the LECC is a 510C, he took the initiative to investigate stocking fingerlings in Lake Edward. After research and approval from the LECC board and allocation of donations specified for fish stocking, Lake Edward now has 1,000 more crappies after ice was out. Many of those crappie were full of eggs and ready to lay them in Lake Edward. The donation from his employer, his match, his wife's donation, (she works for the same company and also got a match), and some member donations were enough to get started. Many of the fish released had not spawned yet so the number released could easily exceed the initial count after the spawning season is over. See photos below and on the next page. Annual fingerling stoking in the future is being considered by the fisheries committee of the LECC. When their cost analysis is complete they will report back to the board with their recommendation. Walleye and crappie are the species that would benefit our lake the most and likely be part of any future fingerling stocking. As with any initiative, a cost is involved. Funds will dictate the continuation of the program.

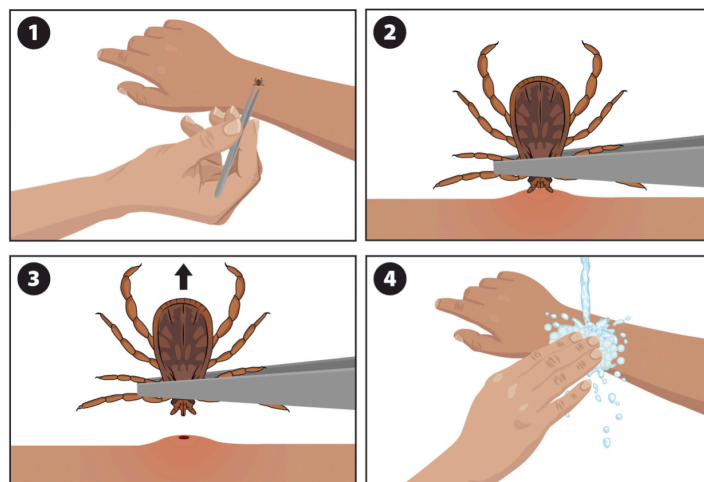
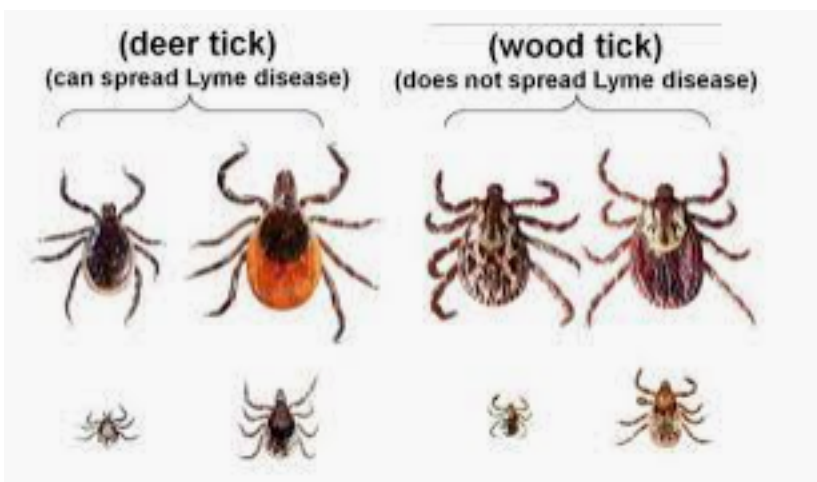




The Season Never Ends

In the past folks were on the alert for wood ticks in the spring to early summer. Recently the winters have been warmer and that has lead to a longer tick season. Folks should be vigilant whenever venturing outside. The deer tick that carries Lyme disease is about the size of a poppy seed making them very difficult to detect. Not all ticks transmit the disease. If you find one, the chances it carries Lyme disease is 1 in 4. Those unfortunate enough to contract the disease may experience fever, headache, fatigue, and it could spread the the heart, joints and nervous system if left untreated. There are a few things one can do to reduce the risk of tick exposure. When outdoors avoid going into tick habitats if possible, wear light colored clothing to better detect a tick. There are also commercial repellants to spray on your clothes.

Showering when coming in from outside and regularly conducting a tick check is also helpful. An affected tick needs to be attached for 36 to 48 hours before the disease can be transmitted. Being aware and cautious outdoors is the best tick strategy to follow.



Amazon Smile will never take the place of membership dues but it does enhance our bottom line in a small way. The money allocated to us by Amazon for purchases made designating the LECC as the recipient goes into the general fund. We have been involved in the program for about five years now and it helps our balance sheet in a small way. From the time we joined the program until August of 2020 Amazon has sent us about \$200.00. Checks are sent when an amount reaches a specific sum. Keep designating the LECC when you make purchases and the checks will keep coming.



ICE

Those of us wintering in Minnesota may have thought the winter would never end. Driveways needed plowing almost twice as many times as the year before. Cold snaps lasted weeks not days. Ice houses were frozen in by the time required to get them off the lake. Brrrrrr! The ice did melt, as nature intended, and was replaced by open water. Ice out this year was May 5th. Even though the winter seemed long, the ice out date last year was only four days earlier, which was May 1st. DNR maintains a database for lakes. Past ice on or ice out dates for any lake can be found on the DNR lakefinder web site. Most of the information found on that site has been provided by lake volunteers. In our case that volunteer was Don Rother. Don is also our official loon watcher and reports those results to the DNR as well.

November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Ice In was
November 26 in 2021
In 2020 Ice In was
November 30

Ice In

Ice Out in 2022
Was May 5th
In 2021 Ice Out was May 1st

Ice out
this year

May 2022

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Oak Wilt



“One if by land two if by sea”, was a famous quote attributed to Paul Revere on his legendary ride to alert patriots about the advance of British troops. In our time all the emphasis on AIS concentrated on water invaders. Crow Wing county is now on the northern edge of another non native invasive species called Oak Wilt. This invader is coming at us by land. There is no treatment for Oak Wilt and it is easily spread with no known way to eliminate it. Like zebra mussels the only action to slow its spread is to monitor and use caution when recreating in the woods. Guidelines by

the DNR suggest not to transport oak for firewood unless it has been dead for at least one year. Same for cutting a dead oak down, best to wait for at least one year before removal. Beetles in newly dead trees can transmit the disease when firewood is transported.

Back in my day the three Rs were considered Reading, Writing, and ‘Rithmetic. Today the three Rs stand for, Reuse, Recycle and Repurpose. Those of you that have a Merrifield address were probably accustomed to using the Cross Lake recycle center of County Road 3, that option is no longer in play.

RRR

The county decided to no longer fund recycling except for two sites, the Ideal Transfer Station and the county landfill in Brainerd.

Those of us with a Nisswa address probably have been making the trek behind the fire department in Nisswa to recycle all things recyclable. The city of Nisswa funds the site by the fire department and will continue to be an option this summer. The added benefit to stopping at the Nisswa site, beside helping the environment, is the close proximity to the Pickle Factory for an opportunity to hydrate on a sunny day before making the return trip home. An article in the local paper suggested the Nisswa site maybe relocated to provide for more space and better traffic flow. That didn’t happen. The options to recycle are Nisswa, the Ideal Transfer Station, or the county landfill in Brainerd.

Sunfish and Crappie Daily Limit on Lake Edward

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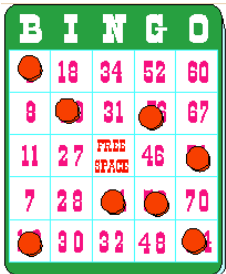


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Pot Luck and Bingo

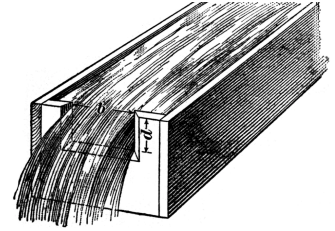
The Fall potluck-bingo social will begin at 5:00 September 17 at Cozy Bay Resort in their fellowship hall. Sara and Justin, the new owners, welcome us back to Cozy Bay. Bring a potluck dish to share, and any personal beverage. Disposable plates, cups and silverware will be provided. The LECC will make coffee and lemonade. Also bring a few “white elephant” prizes for the bingo. We intend to have one special drawing eligible for all the bingo winners at the end of bingo as in the past. Haven’t yet attended this fun event, no worries, just show up at 5:00 on Saturday, September 17th and be prepared to have fun. Everyones a winner at the Fall potluck and bingo social.



DNR

Conservation officers make weekly reports to the DNR who then publish the report for public viewing. In his report recently CO Jim Guida (Brainerd East), wanted to remind the good-hearted public of leaving newborn wildlife, including newborn fawns, baby birds, and brush wolf pups in the wilderness where they are found. Chances are they are not lost and have a better survival chance if left alone.

Lake water levels almost always lead to a robust conversation about the lake being too low or too high. Whether your preference is high water or low, about the only thing we can do about it is talk. Mother Nature ultimately decides lake levels disregarding anyone's personal preference. If you think the lake level too low, hang around a few years and it will rise to your liking. Think it's too high, same suggestion, it will go down if you stick around. When weather is volatile and we get lots of moisture the lake rises and when it gets to a certain level it flows over the weir under County Road 4. The weir regulates the lake level. It is made of concrete so it can't be adjusted



A reasonable question is how did the weir get here and who set it's height? A few calls to the DNR provided some answers. Many many years ago when a lake became a public waterway, St. Paul would send out survey crews to establish what the ordinary high water level (OHW) would be. Usually that happened when something contentious was occurring and the DNR would come out to survey to provide some resolution to the problem. Not all lakes have been surveyed nor did construction of a weir or dam occur each time the OHW mark was established. Back in 1933 the DNR surveyed Lake Edward. Now that was very very unusual to find a survey on a lake that far back but records show it was done. The most likely scenario is there was interest in developing the land and in order to do that a OHW level needed to be established so setback regulations could be determined. There always was a ditch outlet that handled excess water that was converted to a culvert under County Road 4 that was replaced by a wooden weir and finally a concrete weir in 2005. The weir elevation so water might flow from the lake anytime the lake elevation exceeds 1206.13.

We have evidence of why the lake was surveyed now the "how" enters the discussion. To determine the OHW mark the survey crews first look at trees. The trees show where the water was high enough long enough to leave evidence on the landscape. Using tree evidence they come up with an elevation and use some secondary evidence like where aquatic vegetation stops. Aquatic vegetation consisting of cattails, reeds, bullrush and willows. Other evidence used could be beach ridges or where the crew could see there has been wave action. In cases where there is a bridge they might look for water stains on a bridge abutment.

The DNR wants to know what the OHW mark because they have jurisdiction over waterways and that information is needed to determine setback limits and handle disputes.

It's a Fact!



There are five lakes in Minnesota named Edward. One in Crow Wing County the rest are in Hennepin, Ramsey, Wright, and Pope counties.

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Forty percent of all the walleye harvested in Minnesota each year come from the ten largest lakes in the state.

The lake level last week was one foot higher than it was six months ago.

\$

Lake dues in the area range from a low of \$20.00 on Edward and Mission jumping to \$25.00 on Gull and Pelican, and \$40.00 on Whitefish. The basic dues on Pelican and Whitefish ratchet up to as much as \$500.00 depending on which membership level a lake owner chooses.

Count

The DNR lists 25 fish species in Lake Edward.



Crow Wing County is looking to add to their AIS inspection team this summer. Inspectors are responsible for monitoring watercraft entering and exiting lakes at forty-four public water accesses in Crow Wing County. Pay starts at \$15.00 and hours are flexible but often involve weekend duty. Lake Edward was allocated 520 hours of monitoring by the county this year. In order to provide the hours more staff is needed. The county advertises the job as ideal for someone who enjoys working outdoors, is looking for a bit of extra money, and is interested in protecting our lakes and rivers from invasive species. To apply online go to www.crowwing.us/careers or call 218-822-7030.



Now You See It, Now You Don't

You know the routine, it hasn't changed. But as a reminder or if you are new to the lake here is the scoop. If you, no, couldn't be you, or the kids or grandkids leave something out and a storm or strong wind makes it disappear there is hope to get it back. Take a few minutes and email Herb Nelson. Herb can send out an email and alert folks to keep an eye out. No guarantee you'll get your lost item back but the odds improve with an email. Let him know what is missing and include a picture if possible. Herb's email is herbnelson@brainerd.net. Thanks Herb.

All Systems Are Go and We Are Good for Takeoff



10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 blastoff. We are not launching a spaceship but we are launching off the Curly Leaf Pondweed treatment program. Many of you ear marked extra donations to be used to combat the invasive species when the situation was ripe. We are going to tap into that fund this year. We were set in 2020 to begin but conditions weren't right and the DNR wouldn't issue a permit. We were ready in 2021 with 40 acres, again, conditions didn't allow for treatment without endangering native plants, so no permit. We were ready in 2022 for 16 acres and the DNR said all systems are go. Treatment can begin on Curly Leaf before native species start their growth spurt and that is exactly what happened this year. Snow on the ice slowed the growth of native species and since Curly Leaf doesn't follow the rules, made them susceptible to treatment. Curly Leaf Pondweed gets out of the starting gate sooner than native species so it can be targeted without harming the good stuff in the lake that hasn't started to emerge yet. A survey was taken and sections of the lake have been identified that harbor the nasty plant. Limited funds and number of acres of active Curley Leaf dictate how many acres we can treat. In an ideal world we would treat it all areas but money dictates the speed of attack. A section this year, another section next and we should be able to make a dent on the advance of this unsavory weed. Thanks to all of you that contributed to the Curly Leaf Pond Weed dedicated fund. We will need to tap into this fund in the future so any donations earmarked for this cause are gladly accepted and appreciated. With funds available we were able to act with quickness and were able to apply for a permit knowing we had funds available. In 2022 we also got a DNR grant for \$6,357.





Dock Talk

Don Rother - Volunteer Extraordinaire

I joined the board of the LECC a few terms back and while attending the annual board meeting for the first time quickly was impressed with another board member that provided history lessons of the lake, conducted loon counts, took lake level readings, recorded ice out, recorded ice in data, shared fishing reports, brought treats for meetings, and filed DNR reports of water clarity and was a huge resource for any topic. He knew everything and seemed to do everything. I learned that guy was Don Rother. Don's history goes back a few years on the lake. Don is now transitioning some of his volunteer duties to other members of the board, as he says it's an opportunity for someone else to enjoy some duties on the lake. Don will still attend annual meetings, board meetings, and we'll see him at pot luck and bingo events, July 4th boat parades and he will be around for consulting. His experience is priceless. He's not going away, just making adjustments in life. I had a chat with Don a week ago.

You have been doing a lot of volunteer work for the LECC for many, many years how did that come about? **We moved up here in 2003 and in 2006 became involved in the lake association. I worked hard all my life and was never able to volunteer so I decided when I retired I was going to give back. My job in the cities was time consuming and I always wanted to do some volunteering so when I retired I had the time and the lake association gave me the opportunity.**

How did Lake Edward become your retirement choice? **My wife's cousin vacationed at the Lake Edward resort every summer, we came up here and vacationed on his advice and fell in love with the lake. We found a lot and built a house and have enjoyed the lake and area ever since.**

How did you know how to do the lake testing and the gauge readings? **I took over from my neighbor Bud Olson who did it before me. Bud wanted to back off a little.**

What about conducting loon counts and reporting to the DNR, how did that all start. **At one of our meetings a lady from the DNR came and spoke about the program. Since I love the sound of the loons and wanted to learn more about them I signed up and have been doing the loon count for the DNR ever since.**

Before you volunteer days what did you do for a living? **I was a tool maker.**

You've seen the lake high and low is there anything you can tell folks about lake levels? **Well, we have good history. That's the best thing about this lake, we have really good history about lake levels. We have many years of good recording so we know every fifteen years we have a cycle and so we don't have to worry about what's going to happen, we just know what is going to happen eventually.**

You've dropped a line once or twice on the lake I imagine, care to divulge any of your favorite hot spots or are those secrets? **Well, there are a ton of hot spots on the lake. The hard part is to find when the walleye are in that hotspot. Sometime this spot sometimes that spot, you just have to keep looking till you find which spot they're at.**

What's the biggest fish you've caught on Lake Edward? **The biggest walleye I caught was 28 inches and the biggest northern was 36 inches.**

What's your favorite season? **My favorite season is spring when life comes back to the world.**

Do you go anyplace for the winter or do you stay here? **I'm a bowler so I bowl in the winter. I don't need to do other things, I can stay here and do my bowling.**

What's next for you now that you're giving up your board position? **Well I'm still going to be involved with the lake and continue to do the loon watch and work with Mike Chapman, my neighbor, on lake testing and I'll continue to do the chloride testing. I'm not giving up volunteering, I've become more active volunteering at my church and spend many hours volunteering there. I put in many hours at the lake and it's time for somebody else to enjoy those things that I enjoyed doing.**

Thanks Don for all your years of volunteering on the lake.

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During my conversation with Tom Hobey at the DNR about OHW level I was able to ask him about an issue that someone emailed us about a while ago. Their question was if there was any rule of thumb that could determine how much rain needs to fall to raise the lake level. His answer was yes but it wasn't a simple yes. He wanted to know when the rain fell were we in a dry spell or wet period. When it rains and we have been in a prolonged dry period the rain soaks into the parched ground leaving none to run off into the lake. Conversely, if the ground is saturated with moisture none of the rain coming down will soak in and all of it will run off and end up raising the lake level. He wanted to know if the lake has an inlet or does it rely solely on the watershed to raise the lake. Once all of that information is entered into the equation the folks that calculate that can get their computers humming and work out how much a body of water has risen. So, the answer is yes, but depends on many conditions.





Test your knowledge.

1. Where will the annual meeting be?
 - a) Merrifield Marathon Snowmobile Club
 - b) Lake Edward Town Hall
 - c) Lions Park

2. What is the sunfish limit on Lake Edward?

- a) 3 fish over 4 inches
- b) 5
- c) 7

3. When will the mobile decontamination station will be at the Lake Edward landing?

- a) It doesn't come to our lake
- b) Call 218-822-7030 to find out
- c) July 1,2,3 and July 29,30,31

4. How big will walleye fry be in five years?

- a) 14 inches
- b) 1 pound
- c) An ounce.

5. Does it cost more to order on Amazon Smile?

- a) No
- b) Yes
- c) Depends on item

6 How many crappies were stocked in Lake Edward this year?

- a) 100
- b) 1000
- c) 53

7. What is the crappie limit on Lake Edward?

- a) 5
- b) 15
- c) 10

8. Which tick spreads Lyme disease?

- a) Deer
- b) Dog
- c) Cat

9 Which is not an invasive species

- a) Curly Leaf Pondweed
- b) Oak Wilt
- c) Lily Pads

10 Will the LECC accept donations for future fingerling stocking?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) To be decided

11 When was ice out in 2022?

- a) May 5th
- b) The same as last year
- c) May 1st

12 Will there be a Pot Luck and Bingo day this year?

- a) Yes on September 17
- b) No
- c) Yes on August 31



Did You Know

Depending on water temperature, walleye fry can be expected to grow to a length of 1 1/2 to 2 inches in 30-55 days. It will take four to five years for walleye fry stocked in the spring to reach one pound in weight.

Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Lake Edward found in this newsletter



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Answers to the Test Your Knowledge Quiz.

Calendar

May 5th 2022 Ice Out

June 25th 2022 Annual Meeting

Lake Edward Town Hall 9:30

July 4 parade 11:00 Meet at Cozy Bay circle the lake clockwise.

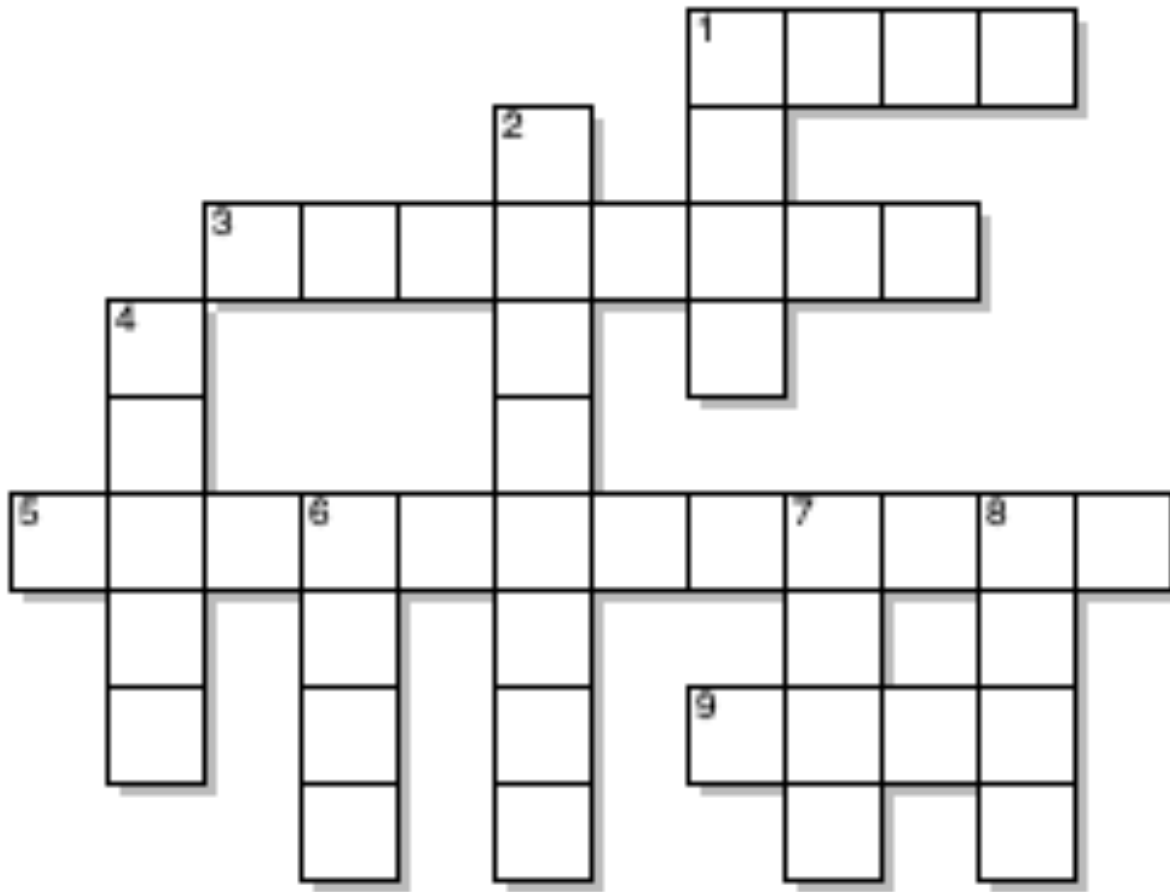
August 14th 2022 Board and Member Meeting

Lake Edward Town Hall People Time 9:30 Meeting 10:00

Potluck and Bingo September 17th 2022

Cozy Bay Resort

Lake Edward



ACROSS

- 1 Floats on water
- 3 Lake Edward county
- 5 Invasive species
- 9 Walkway on the lake

DOWN

- 1 Fish food
- 2 Great exercise
- 4 Hiding place for fish
- 6 Summer precipitation
- 7 Winter precipitation
- 8 Where fish live

lake
snow
bait
CrowWing

weeds
swimming
rain

Answers
dock
boat
zebramussels

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 PERCH
 WALLEYE
 SUNFISH
 MINNOW

CARP
 EELPOUT
 PIKE
 BULLHEAD

Kids and grandkids rainy day pages. Print out and save for a rainy day activity.

Guess the Bird

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Color the Oak Tree



Fill in the
blanks

walleye

crappie

perch

Kids and grandkids rainy day pages.
Print out and save for a rainy day activity.

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Fry Fingerling Yearling

Fry

Typically between 3 and 5 days old. These fish are distributed to public fishing waters at a time soon after hatching while the yolk sac is being absorbed.

Fingerling

Depending upon the species, these fish are 3 or more months in age. To attain this size fish culturists stock fry into fertilized culture ponds or indoor culture tanks and then harvest ponds and distribute them to public fishing waters when they attain requisite size.

Yearling

Typically these fish represent fingerling fish that have over wintered in a hatchery pond or tank. Typically, fish are over wintered to add size/weight to enhance post-stocking survival. Yearlings are distributed to public fishing waters in spring.



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