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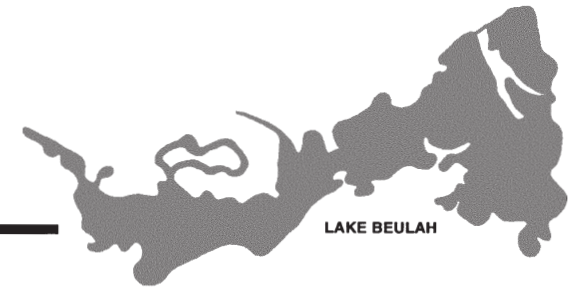


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From the President's Desk

One of the more frequently asked questions around the Lake is "what is happening with the new Village well proposed to be constructed in close proximity to Lake Beulah and what effect will it have on the lake?" Your Association Board believes that the well which involves a proposal to draw substantial amounts of ground water (up to 1.4 million gallons per day) will affect the waters of Lake Beulah, including subsurface water sources feeding the lake, the ground water aquifer in amounts affecting the lake and sensitive environmental areas and the overall ecosystem and also will adversely impact private wells.

It appeared as an encouraging turnaround when on January 13th, 2004 the DNR reversed its earlier decision and granted the request of the Lake Beulah Management District for a contested case hearing on the DNR's approval for the proposed municipal well (No. 7) which was applied for by the Village of East Troy. Subsequently however the Village filed a motion for summary disposition with Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Jeffrey Boldt of the State's Division of Hearings and Appeals. Your Lake Beulah Protective & Improvement Association (LBPIA) joined the Lake Beulah Management District (LBMD) as a party to the proceedings and after briefs were submitted by all the parties, ALJ Boldt issued a ruling on June 16th, 2004 granting the Village's motion and dismissing the case. This was particularly disconcerting since your LBPIA (and the LBMD) has been denied the opportunity to present evidence to substantiate its position that the approval of the proposed high capacity well will negatively impact the quality and quantity in Lake Beulah and its surrounding wetland environments, the very reason DNR granted the contested case so that it could evaluate such evidence! It is important to note that ALJ Boldt's Ruling recognizes that evidence of negative impacts on Lake Beulah and the overall watershed could be presented, which the DNR has authority to consider in its role as primary agency to protect the Public Trust over navigable waters, but then took away that opportunity on an improperly applied procedural technicality.

For these reasons, your LBPIA requested in petition of July 16th 2004 to the Walworth County Circuit Court that the Court review and reverse the June 16th Ruling by ALJ Boldt and remand the case back to him with directions to schedule a date for a contested case hearing on the proposed new Village well. We may have been turned back erroneously in the first step of contesting the new well but we still have a real opportunity to get that reversed through our petition now pending in Walworth County Circuit Court. I encourage all of our area citizens in and around the Lake Beulah area to recognize how potentially serious the impacts of such a large well located in close proximity to the lake can and will be to the short and long term integrity of this valued resource and to let Village officials know that they should be seeking other alternatives which can demonstrate having lots lesser or absolutely zero impacts on the Lake.

Paul Didier, President, LBPIA

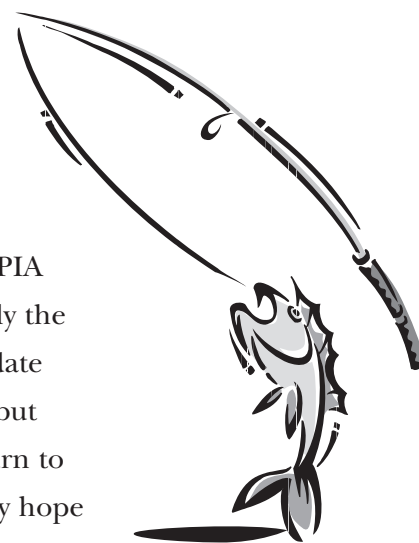
p.s. Thank you to those of you who took the time to provide your LBPIA Board and me with many thoughtful comments during our spring dues solicitation. We value those suggestions and follow up on them. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual fall member's meeting on Saturday September 11th, 2004 at 9:00 AM at the Town Hall.

Beulah Fish Report

Jeihri Robinson

The LBPIA is committed to supporting all types of recreational activities on the lake, and of course this includes fishing. In the past we have engaged in stocking fish, and until recently, had planned on continuing this. The DNR has added our lake to their stocking program so that we may benefit from their expertise and efforts. Unfortunately, their funding was cut for this year, so the stocking didn't occur. Doug Welch from the DNR told us he

would approve a request for stocking Northern this fall, I am submitting this and the LBPIA will fund this activity. Hopefully the DNR will be able to accommodate stocking activity in the future, but for the time being, we will return to our stocking activity. I certainly hope to make it out on the lake and find some of these fish this season, but my 17 month old daughter has different plans. Have a great season and tight lines!



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Lake Management District Report

Our annual meeting is August 24, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the town of East Troy Town Hall. Please attend as your input is appreciated.

The weed harvesting program was slow starting due to the weather - and now we've had equipment failure which has set us behind two weeks. We will be around to your area, however you can call our office at 262-363-5359 and leave your name, address and telephone number and explain your situation.

We have received our permit for chemical treatment and there will be one mid-September. Letters have been sent to the property owners in the designated treatment areas and signs will

be posted during the actual treatment. We are not doing as many acres this year (under 10) and it may be too late in the season to do a second treatment.

Regarding the Hwy J Dam, the report is in the hands of the DNR. They are running several months behind in reviewing, so more info may be available by the annual meeting and the district will share the DNR report with the Dam property owners and cooperate with them to finalize what needs to be done to be in compliance.

The Village well is an on-going concern to the district and we continue to work on this issue by challenging the well legally and developing more data on the waters with several monitoring

areas as well as have embarked on a 'Water Budget' study which is supported with a \$10,000.00 grant from the DNR. This is in the works and there will be a presentation at the annual meeting covering this. Long term, this study and the on-going monitoring is very good for the Lake.

The annual meeting is a good time to express your opinions, concerns and ask questions. Join us Tuesday night August 24, 2004 at 7:00 pm.

David Skotarzak
Chairman

Water Quality Monitoring

Scott Miller, M.D.

Do you think that the lake has changed in the last five to ten years? Is the water clearer? Has the color of the water changed? Are there more or fewer weeds? What about the fishery? The answers to these questions vary from person to person and make up a form of information called *qualitative data*. Qualitative data has to do with our perception of the *qualities* of the object being measured, how clear or blue or weedy a body of water is. There is another style of information called *quantitative data*. This kind of data deals with quantities and answers questions as to how much or how many of the measured object there is. Quantitative

data can be manipulated and analyzed to help us get answers to specific questions that we might have about changes to the lake. Over the years, dedicated volunteers have been gathering water samples four to five times per year at several sites around the lake. Each year this data has been sent to the DNR and the process pretty much ended there. I have recently discovered data going back to 1991 (and I'm told there could be even more) and am in the process of putting together an analysis of the lake's water quality. I hope to be able to present that information to you at the annual meeting and also publish it in the next newsletter. Stay tuned for more details!

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September 2004

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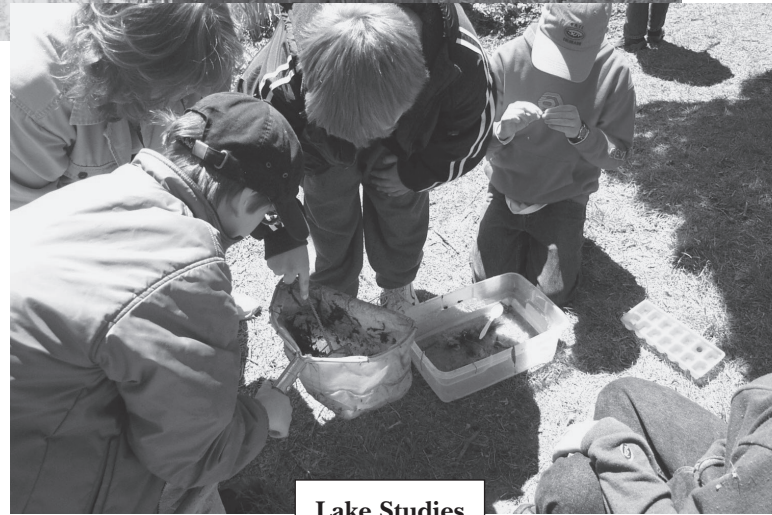
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Water Education Day 2004 at Camp Edwards YMCA!

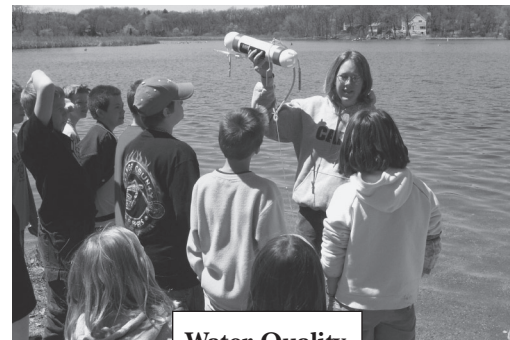


On April 19-20, and May 3, Camp Edwards hosted its 2nd annual **Water Education Day**. This event is sponsored by the Lake Beulah Protective and Improvement Association. 230 students participated in four classes that focused on different aspects of the importance of water.

Students studied the aquatic animals and insects that live in Lake Beulah in Lake Studies. Wetland Wonders took students into the marsh to learn about how important wetlands are to wildlife, humans, and water quality. Students also got to see and learn about reptiles and amphibians and the effect our environment has on their survival. Water quality was another hands-on class for students to learn about water chemistry and importance of water quality to every living thing.



Lake Studies



Water Quality

This year we extended the Water Education Day to include several parochial schools in the area as well as Prairie View School in East Troy. The students had a lot of fun and even learned a few things. Many thanks to the Lake Beulah Protective and Improvement Association for their sponsorship for this event and materials to make it happen!!

LBPIA Fall Member's Meeting

Saturday, September 11th, 2004 beginning @ 9:00 AM

Town of East Troy Town Hall

N 9220 Stewart School Road, East Troy, WI

Members are encouraged to bring their ideas and concerns to the meeting for possible inclusion in the Association's 2004 Action Plan.



Paddle Prattle

by Scott Miller, M.D.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the positive e-mail that I received about the first edition of Paddle Prattle! In that article we talked about the various options available to those of you interested in getting started in paddle sports. In this installment we get to begin an exploration some of the interesting paddle routes that the lake has to offer. As I mentioned in the first edition, one of the biggest advantages to canoes and kayaks is that it doesn't take a lot of water to float them. This allows access to parts of the lake that would be otherwise difficult or impossible to explore. Some of you will find these routes old hat because you live on them or have explored them yourselves but others might be surprised to know that there are places like these on the lake. Let's start off with an area that has its origins mired in greed, financial ruin and plain old bad



A view of the canal from inside the entrance

judgment, the stuff that makes for a good tale. The story as I heard it told by Glen Wegener goes something like this...

In the 1920's a group of three investors formed an organization called the Lake Beulah Development Group. They bought up the property that surrounded a beautiful

little lake situated just to the north of the upper part of Lake Beulah. This unnamed lake was small, only a few feet deep and had no access to Beulah. Their plan was to dig a narrow channel to connect their lake to Beulah and increase the value of their property. The investors rented a steam powered dredge and set off on the work of digging their canal. I can only guess what their reaction was when they found that their little lake was sited two feet higher than Beulah! The canal completely drained their

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Entrance to the canal

Paddle Prattle

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lake and created a mucky wet lands in its place. The undaunted investors then decided to dredge around the perimeter of what had formerly been their lake and pile up the muck to create an island that could later be developed into lots that the canal would connect to Beulah. The development group's financial ruin was sealed when the rented dredge broke through the ice one winter and sunk to the bottom of the canal. According to Glen, remnants of the derelict dredge were visible until only a few years ago. The result is an area now referred to as Goat Island. It got this name because a creative farmer used the canal that surrounds the island as a moat to keep his goats from roaming.

The canal to Goat Island is easily accessed from the upper part of Beulah. The entrance is through a culvert that supports the bridge for Beulah Heights Road. From here the canal forms a narrow mile and a half closed loop. The



Missing Stickers?

If your 2004 sticker for the Lake Beulah Protective and Improvement Association has not arrived yet you may pick it up at the LBPIA fall meeting Sept 11. Jane Tanis, membership chairperson, will have them for you. She will also have those colorful LBPIA wind socks and decals for sale.

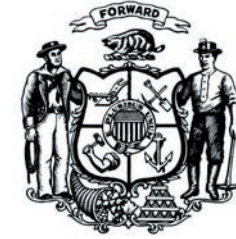
Do you have your house number posted on your pier as requested by the town police department? If not, ask Jane about the numbers and a special LBPIA plaque to put them on for your pier.

shallow water is usually covered with duckweed this time of the year but is easily navigated by canoe or kayak. The island has never been developed but there are several residences that ring the outer bank of the canal. The narrow waterway is a haven for wildlife and presents a stark contrast to the openness of the main lake. I often see Blue Heron and other interesting species of birds on the shores of the canal. The most striking feature of this backwaters area is how different it feels from the main lake. When you are paddling on it, it seems hard to believe that this narrow densely vegetated waterway is connected to the very open, clear and deep Lake Beulah. If you are looking for an interesting place to explore this summer, I recommend this route as an interesting diversion.

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Friday, July 16, 2004

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Governor Doyle Directs DNR Not to Remove Piers This Summer

Highlights Progress on Environmental Regulatory Reform

Governor Jim Doyle today directed the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources not to remove any piers that were in existence last year until the Legislature approves new pier standards. The Governor said he wants to clear up any confusion that may exist about DNR enforcement rules so that Wisconsin residents can enjoy our lakes and rivers this summer.

"Like most Wisconsin families, I have fond memories of going up north for the summer and enjoying the water," Governor Doyle said. "Most families have been using the same pier year after year, and they shouldn't worry that DNR is going to take their pier away."

Governor Doyle indicated that he spoke with DNR Secretary Scott Hassett, who assured the Governor that the public need not fear that the DNR will act to take their piers away. Secretary Hassett has confirmed that the DNR agrees that the existing pier standards do not make traditional piers illegal or require permits for traditional piers. Traditional piers already placed along Wisconsin's lakes and rivers did not need permits under the temporary pier rules for this summer, nor would they need permits in the future under the DNR's proposed permanent rules.

Pending the Legislature's approval of new pier guidelines, the Governor's directive means that the DNR will not pursue enforcement action against any individual using a pier that was in use last year. There will also be no enforcement actions against any new private piers with less than ten boat slips and that is not in clear violation of the Constitutionally protected Public Trust Doctrine, such as a large pier that would block other boats from navigating the waters.

"Obviously we have to continue to guard against the worst cases of abuse, like someone who might block a narrow river with an extraordinarily long pier," Governor Doyle said. "But I expect that 99.9 percent of the piers in Wisconsin are going to be just fine."

Governor Doyle has made environmental regulatory reform a major priority of his Administration. The Governor's Administration has cut approval times on water permits from 110 days to 34 days, has cut in half the backlog of air permits he inherited, and is on pace to eliminate the backlog entirely by the end of the year. Earlier this year, Governor Doyle signed legislation that implemented the most aggressive environmental regulatory reform in the Midwest.

The Governor is pleased to note the progress made in implementing his regulatory reform initiatives. Already, the number of individual permits required for projects that impact Wisconsin's lakes and rivers has been cut in half, and many projects that used to require a lengthy, complicated approval are now handled through an exemption or qualify to receive a permit in less than 30 days. That reduction is significant evidence of the Governor's commitment to meeting the needs of those who create jobs in Wisconsin while still protecting the public trust.

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