

LONG LAKE 2024

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THE ONE THAT
GOT AWAY!

Long Lake

Preservation Association

FISH TALES
OF LONG LAKE



INTRODUCTION

The LLPA Board of Directors is proud to present the 2024 calendar, “Fish Stories of Long Lake.” Once again, most of the content is supplied by our members, and once again the material won’t all fit into 12 months, but we wish to thank all contributors.

Like any good fish story, some of these may stretch reality a wee bit (think about one meaning of the word “fishy”). Some may actually be true. See what you think.

But fishing is more than sitting around the campfire telling tales about the big one that got away. Fishing is a large part of what lake living is all about, and traditions grow from that. Those stories are here too, from the comradery of a communal fish fry (August) to a pasta fueled family bass tournament (July). And we have included some information about our non-human anglers as well; we should be so good at it. So wet a line, relax and enjoy twelve months of Fish Stories of Long Lake.

---LLPA Board of Directors



By its very nature the following submission has no accompanying physical images, but it is a story which must not be thrown back. It is a story of a fishing lesson of a different sort, not of how to fish, but rather one learned from fishing. Your mind will supply all the images necessary.

Catch of the Day

By Jay Wrolstad



Teachable moments, as any parent knows, are golden opportunities. It isn’t often that we can impart a life lesson to a child in a meaningful, memorable way, so we do our best to seize such moments, especially those that arrive out of the blue.

I’m sitting at the table in the front of our cabin, facing the lake, trying to get some writing done while keeping nine-year-old Gunnar occupied. After about a half-dozen trips down the stairs to the dock to untangle my son’s fishing line, tie on a hook, or take a look at the bluegill he’s reeled in, it’s clear any train of thought I had was being derailed, so an ultimatum is issued: don’t disturb dad until further notice.

Compliance lasts for about 15 minutes, then, “Hey dad!”

“What!”

“Come down here!”

Oh, man. Not again. “No, I told you I’m not coming down; don’t bother me while I’m trying to work.”

“But I found a wallet in the lake.”

OK – this is something new and different. Maybe it was, indeed, somebody’s wallet. I go down to the dock and sure enough, there is an object bobbing just under the surface that looks like a wallet.

“Do you think it has any money in it, dad? Can we keep it?”

“Let’s see if we can fish it out of the water.”

It’s out of arm’s reach, so I snag it with a lure and slowly pull it to the dock using Gunnar’s fishing pole. The thing is waterlogged and slowly sinks into the weeds before I can reach it. I grab the fishing net, capture the wallet and drop it onto the dock. We look at each other and Gunnar leans in close as I open the two snaps and look inside. The leather reeks like the muck on the lake bottom.

“Oh yeah, there’s some money in here,” I say.

“Lemme see! Lemme see!”

I start to pull out a \$20 bill and it tears apart like damp toilet paper. We walk up to the deck and I carefully remove the cash — six 20s, two fives and a single; most of it intact and some of it in pieces. There are gift cards, too. It’s all spread out to dry on a bench.

“That’s a lot of money, dad.”



“Yep. One hundred and thirty-one dollars. Let’s see if there’s something in here that says who it belongs to.”

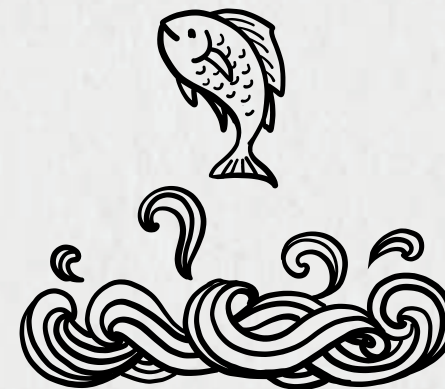
Turns out the wallet belongs to a member of the clan two doors down from us, and I tell Gunnar we have to return the money. So we walk over and present our find to the family patriarch. He’s pleasantly surprised, informing us that his teenage grandson was distraught when his billfold went into the drink while he was swimming — two years ago.

We give him the still-soggy bills and he says he’ll let his grandson know we found the wallet. He takes our phone number and says we should be expecting a call from the young man, and perhaps a reward. But I tell him that’s not important, we just wanted to return the money. (In fact, a \$20 reward is provided to my son later that summer.)

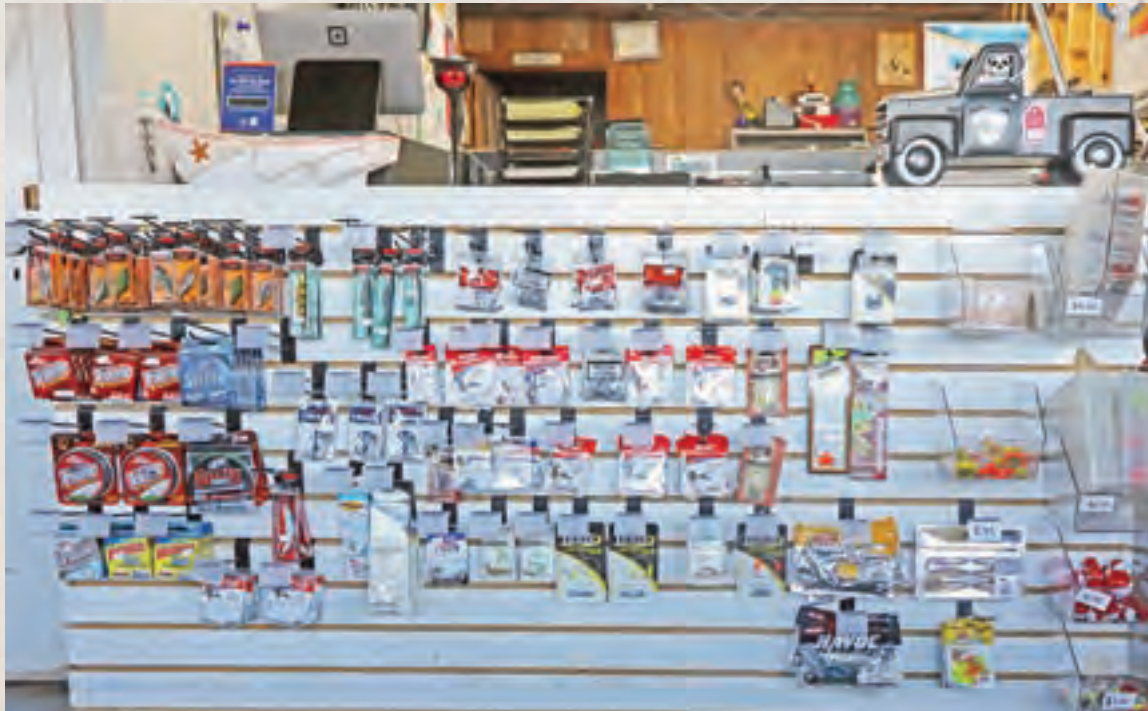
“One hundred and thirty-one dollars,” Gunnar says as we head back to our place.

“We did the right thing by returning it,” I reply. “It was not ours. Think about it...if that was your money, you’d want someone to give it back if they found it, wouldn’t you?”

He nods.



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Dave's Outboard

Fishing on Long Lake is not complete without a trip to Dave's Outboard. We'd like to share some history, look at the prop collection and let you know that bait, beer, and batteries are available right on the water!

The current owners are Jim & Twyla Kleven. Jim's parents, Dave Kleven and his wife Elsie, opened the marina soon after Dave got back from the Korean war. Dave's dad was the one who moved to Long Lake in the 1950's to purchase the land. Dave's Outboard is a multi-generational business on the lake as my husband Rob and I are in the process of taking over the family business. Jim and Twyla are my parents.

JANUARY

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3 <small>Quadrantid Meteor Shower</small>	4 <small>Quadrantid Meteor Shower</small>	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 <small>Discovery Day Camp at Scout Camp Registration Begins</small>	12	13
14	15 <small>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</small>	16 <small>Soup-Lunch (Hunt Hill)</small>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <small>Wolf Full Moon</small>	26	27
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The most popular bait among fishermen are the crappie minnows. Among the kids, it's definitely the night crawlers, it's a little easier for them to get on the hook. We will have plenty of bait for the ice fishing season once the ice is good to go. As for fish, bass and crappies have been what most people are catching. We hear about a lot of walleyes, a few over 30 inches!

We sell everything from tubes and lifejackets to fish finders and boat batteries. We just opened a little convenience store last year that has snacks and drinks, including on and off sale beer, liquor, and wine. We are mostly known for doing boat repairs and selling gas. We are a South Bay pontoon and Mercury Outboard dealer, and we are the largest dealer of ShoreStation boat lifts and docks in the area. Gas is our biggest seller. We do winterization of motors and store all types of boats and jet skis. Last year we got a gas pump installed right on the snowmobile/ATV trail as well which is 24/7. We also rent out pontoons and tri-toons.

Sometime around Labor Day we do our customer appreciation party!

Our summer hours are Monday-Saturday 8am-6pm and Sunday 9am-5pm. Our winter hours are Tuesday-Saturday 8am-5pm, Sunday 9am-3pm, and closed on Mondays. We are only closed while the ice is forming or going away.

---Kalli Duncan's story as told to
Sandy Hovey Campbell

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FEBRUARY

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Super Bowl	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday Observed	Mardi Gras	Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	President's Day	Soup-Lunch (Hunt Hill)				Snow Full Moon
25	26	27	28	29		

B.B. Ostrem

My grandfather, B.B. Ostrem, was the Pastor of a Lutheran Congregation in Houston, MN. That's him in a photo from 1923, holding a large northern pike he caught here in Long Lake, something at which he was quite adept.

Grandfather first visited Long Lake in the late 1800's. He must have liked what he saw, as in 1912 he purchased two lots on Holy Island from Sigurd Anderson. Next came the cabin. In 1921, with the help of two carpenters from Houston MN, he built it, completing the project in just five days. He brought his family in June of that year, spending the summer at the lake. Our cottage has been owned and used every summer by five generations of our family up to the present time.

My grandfather loved to be out on his boat, be it alone, with grandchildren, or often with friends and neighbors. Another photo shows him preparing to launch a boat; boat trailers have come a long way in the last one hundred years. I can remember him instilling in me the need to be very quiet and patient while we were fishing together. We trolled the edge of the weed bed in front of our cottage (still a favorite spot for fishing) using minnows as bait. Trolling then was entirely by oars, and he rowed slowly but surely. I remember our lines were almost straight down into the water. The pictures show how well his methods worked.

---Jim Schlesinger

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MARCH

2024

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● 10 <small>Daylight Saving Time Begins</small>	11	12	13	14	15	16
☾ 17 <small>St. Patrick's Day</small>	18	19 <small>Soup-Lunch (Hunt Hill) Spring Equinox</small>	20	21	22	23 <small>Male Blackbirds and Robins Arrive</small>
24	☉ 25 <small>Worm Full Moon</small>	26 <small>Sandhill Cranes Heard</small>	27	28	29	30
31 <small>Easter Sunday</small>					30 <small>Good Friday</small>	

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Todd's Monster

When my three best buddies from high school and I turned 50 in 2016, we decided to get together and do a biennial trip someplace before it was too late. We have been to far away destinations but 2020 and Covid caught us off guard, so we were thankful to spend time at my house on Long Lake and get grounded in normalcy for a few days.

Fast forward to July 2023, when our schedules aligned to do an off-year trip back to Long Lake and my place. Our reunions are more about laughing and hanging out, which is great to do in this area with the local bars and attractions. But we do actually fish, and one evening the boys asked me to take them out to do just that. My usual "favorite" spot was occupied so we went further down the lake. My buddy Todd seemed to have the hot hand as he was out-catching the rest of us by a good margin. After a while he said "I've got another one", and I didn't believe him. I thought he was snagged because the pole was not really moving. After I saw a couple of bends in the rod, I knew differently. Then the fight was on! When you are battling a fish, the time seems to go so slowly, but this was legitimately a five minute fight on light tackle. Around the boat, under the boat, and finally it got close enough to the surface that we saw a giant smallmouth on the end of his line. A few more dips and dives, and my buddy Al had it in the net. We were super excited and Todd exclaimed that it was the biggest bass he had caught in his life. It is a fat 20 inch beauty and she still swims today for some other lucky angler to have their story.

---Jeff Linkenheld

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APRIL

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	☾ 1 <i>Chipmunks Emerge</i> April Fool's Day	2	3	4 <i>First Thunderstorm</i>	5	6
7	● 8 <i>Grackles Arrive</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>Frogs Sing</i> <i>Flycatchers Arrive</i>	13
14	☾ 15 <i>Loons Calls Heard at South End</i> Tax Day	16 <i>Soup-Lunch (Hunt Hill)</i>	17	18	19	20
21	☾ 22 <i>Lyrids Meteor Shower</i> Passover Earth Day	☉ 23 <i>Pink Full Moon</i>	24	25	26 Arbor Day	27 <i>Ice out</i>
28	29 <i>Cowbirds Arrive</i>	30	March 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		May 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

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Girls of Long Lake

Yes!! I know that the theme of this year's calendar was not "Girls of Long Lake"!! If you reexamine the photo you will see that there is a fish present and a rather nice one at that. Also, I think you will find the "Rest Of This Fishy Story" additionally interesting.

Notice there is a boat at Karen's right shoulder in the left top part of the photo. That boat proceeded to pull next to our pontoon and it contained a couple of DNR wardens. I guess they had been "Checking Us Out" (maybe not "us") from a distance as they knew Karen had caught a fish even though it was already in the live well. Anyway, the wardens and Karen had a nice long visit (in my opinion too long.... but the wardens were clearly enjoying it and Karen likes guys in uniform!!!) They did check her out (I mean her license), wished us (her) well and departed with, in my opinion, overexaggerated waves.

In retrospect, another funny thing about the visit is that they had very little interest in me. They never asked me for my license even though I was holding a fishing rod... Kinda like I wasn't there..!??

A question you might have is.. Did Karen know that I was submitting this picture and text for the calendar? ..No! No! No! In fact she tends to be more on the modest side and when she sees this picture I may end up requesting that the next calendar theme be "Singles on Long Lake".

---Submitted by Randy Champeau
Unbeknownst to Karen Champeau!!

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Osprey

There are some highly accomplished anglers on Long Lake (and then there are the rest of us), but in terms of fishing efficiency one group tops them all. And they don't even need a fishing license. They are known as *Pandion haliaetus*, Osprey, also called fish hawks.

Osprey are one of our larger birds of prey (although smaller than eagles), approaching two feet in length and having a five foot wingspan. They are widespread; their breeding range includes all continents except South America (some do spend winters there) and Antarctica. They migrate great distances; in 2008 one bird was tracked from Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts to French Guiana in South America, a distance of 2,700 miles, and it flew it in 13 days.

MAY

2024

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5 Cinco de Mayo	6	 7	8 Orioles Arrive	9	10 Marsh Marigolds (Cowslips) Bloom Female Blackbirds Arrive	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	 15	16	17	18
19 Loons Nesting	20	21	22	 23 Flower Full Moon	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	 30	31	

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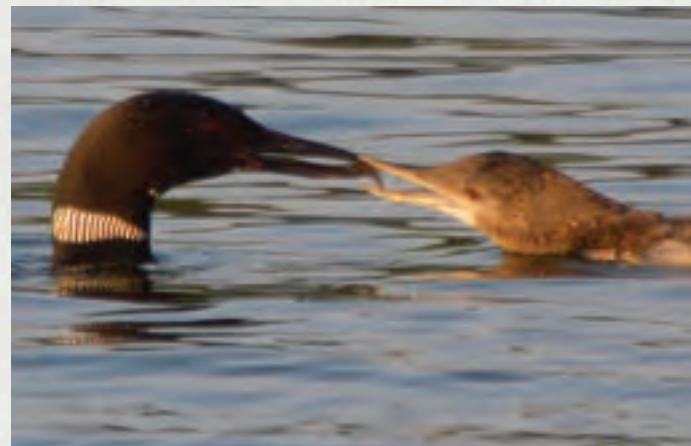
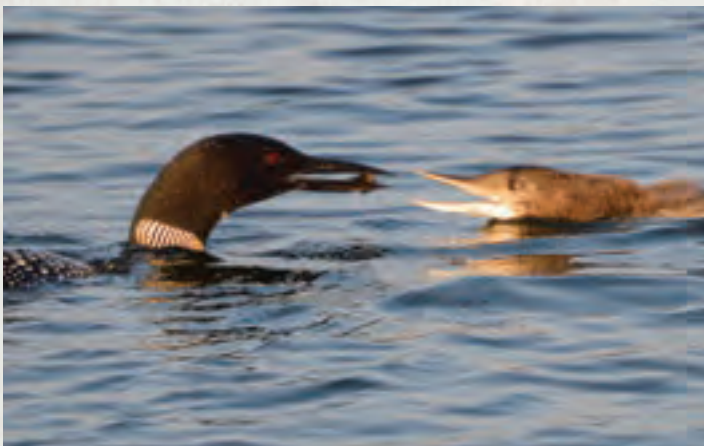
Nests, which we have all seen, are made primarily of course sticks. Nests are often on tops of tall trees, but ospreys adapt readily to nesting on artificial structures. There are a number of nesting platforms in our area, but the birds also nest on structures such as utility towers. The one pictured here is in southern Washburn County. When first built nests are comparatively small, but additional material is added year after year, and this can continue for succeeding generations. They can eventually approach six feet in diameter.

Those nests are near water, for the simple reason that the birds eat little besides fish; a U.S. Fish and Wildlife paper reports that fish are 99 per cent of their diet. And they are well equipped for fishing. They sky dive for living fish as much as three feet below the surface. The talons have two toes pointing forward and two backward, to better grasp a slippery fish. When you next see an osprey flying away with a newly caught fish, note that the fish is pointing in the direction of flight to reduce wind resistance.

And they are good at what they do. Studies have shown that they catch a fish at least once in every four tries, and sometimes seven out of ten. The average time from starting the hunt to taking a fish is about 12 minutes. How many of us can claim that?

---Joe Thrasher

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Long Lake Loons

Long Lake is home to many families of another species of fantastic fishermen: The Common Loon. In the summer of 2022, there were four successful nesting pairs of loons on Long Lake. A family of loons typically consists of two parents and two chicks. Over a 15 week period in the summer, that family of four loons can catch and consume around 1,000 pounds of fish! That may sound like a lot of fish, but fear not, in lakes such as this it is but a drop in the proverbial bucket. They obviously eat only small fish, and DNR Fish Biologist Craig Roberts reports that, notwithstanding the presence of hungry loons, Long Lake has an overabundance of one of their favorite foods, bluegills.

Loons are perfectly adapted to hunting and catching fish. Their legs are located far back on their bodies and their bodies are streamlined like a torpedo, which makes them

JUNE

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	May 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	July 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				 1 LLPA Annual Meeting
2	3	4	5	●	6	7
9	10	11	12	13	☾	14
	<i>First Loon Chick</i>				Tomahawk Scout Camp Opens Flag Day	15
16	17	18	19	20	○	21
Father's Day		<i>Fireflies</i>	Juneteenth	Summer Solstice	<i>Strawberry Full Moon</i>	22
23	24	25	26	27	☾	28
30						29 <i>Fireweed Blooms</i> Cakes at the Lake (Hunt Hill)

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efficient swimmers. Once a loon has caught a fish, backward-facing spikes on its palate and tongue keep the fish from slipping out. Loons swallow the majority of their prey underwater without even having to surface. They are amazing divers and can hold their breath for around five minutes underwater!

Loons are also a great indicator of lake health. They require fairly clear water to see their prey, abundant small fish, and low pollution levels. Their presence is a sign of good fishing for all.

Although loons can be a good sign for us human fishermen, we can have detrimental effects on the loons. Lead sinkers and jigs contribute to lead poisoning in loons and other aquatic birds. Fishermen can switch to tin or steel tackle, which poses no risk of lead poisoning.

Loons need a lot of space as well. Keep a keen eye out for loons and give them plenty of space; at least 200 feet is recommended between boats and loons. Avoid causing a wake near the shore, since wake can disrupt loon nests. If we all can follow these recommendations, we can continue sharing our lake with these fantastic fishermen for years to come!

---Sage Dunham

Resources:

The Cornell Lab. All About Birds: The Common Loon. https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common_Loon/lifehistory

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24th Annual Pasta Invitational

The 24th Annual Pasta Invitational Bass Tournament was declared an overwhelming success. This three-day event was packed with exciting fishing, wonderful food, and family camaraderie.

Each year, the Angeloni's host this event for family members and people aspiring to be family members. The 2023 tournament provided a power-packed schedule of fishing, eating, movie watching, and a dynamic line-up of experienced Bass fisher people, children, and grandchildren. What began as a simple gathering of family members twenty-four years ago has evolved into an exciting showcase of opportunities to learn more about fishing and exhibitions of fishing prowess.



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JULY

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Discovery Day Camp at Scout Camp	2 Discovery Day Camp at Scout Camp	3 Discovery Day Camp at Scout Camp	4 Discovery Day Camp at Scout Camp Independence Day	5 Discovery Day Camp at Scout Camp	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Buck Full Moon	22	23	24	25	26	27 Cakes at the Lake (Hunt Hill)
28 Parent's Day	29	30	31	June 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	August 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

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Awards were presented on Saturday afternoon after the tournament ended at 4pm. We had a real surprise this year because Aldo Angeloni did not win the tournament although he was on the leader board from Thursday morning until Saturday afternoon when big brother, Arnold, caught the 3.0 lb winner.

Linda Angeloni again helped the fisher people to recharge after a hard day of fishing on Long Lake by serving as head chef and preparing gourmet salads and desserts as well as coordinating the efforts of other cooks in the kitchen. Many thanks to Faye and Jay for serving breakfast burritos and another great lasagna dinner on Thursday evening, and to Nick and Rissa for their egg bake breakfast and "Angeloni Pasta and Meatballs" at the Saturday night banquet. Nick's Italian Music Mix, exotic dancing wearing a new Angeloni Italian apron while preparing our banquet dinner was better than ever. Nick's new "rules" for future PI's will be taken under advisement. Our Friday morning breakfast at Nick's Restaurant in Spooner compliments of Aldo was also very nice and much appreciated. A special thanks to Todd Suma for providing the delicious Italian beef and sausage for Friday night's dinner.

Following the banquet dinner Saturday evening we watched one of Aunt Alma's Angeloni Family videos titled "Forever - Nick & Rissa's Wedding."

The 2023 Pasta Invitational Bass Fishing Tournament committee would like to thank all the participants in this year's tournament and look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

---Arnold A. Angeloni

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Placid Bay Fish Fry

Donn "Hokey" and Carolyn West are longtime admirers of Long Lake, having built a cottage in 1956, where they and their five children would spend the summers. You see them here, in a runabout of long ago and at the cottage, "West Point," today. In 1993 they purchased the adjacent Placid Bay Resort. Hokey is an avid angler, so what became a Placid Bay ritual, the outdoor fish fry, was a natural. Here is Carolyn's story of the fish fry.

AUGUST

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Cakes at the Lake (Hunt Hill)

Perseids Meteor Shower

Perseids Meteor Shower

Tomahawk Scout Camp Closes

Sturgeon Full Moon

Cakes at the Lake (Hunt Hill)

Placid Bay cabins all had charcoal grills, but there was also a firepit near the lakeshore. It held an 18 inch fry pan used by guests to fry bacon and eggs, pancakes, hamburgers and fish. One guest in particular loved fish cooked over an open wood fire, and other guests would gather to watch. He even fried their fish for them! Other guests started bringing side dishes to go with fish, and they would eat together at a picnic table. This evolved into a “pot-luck” fish fry.

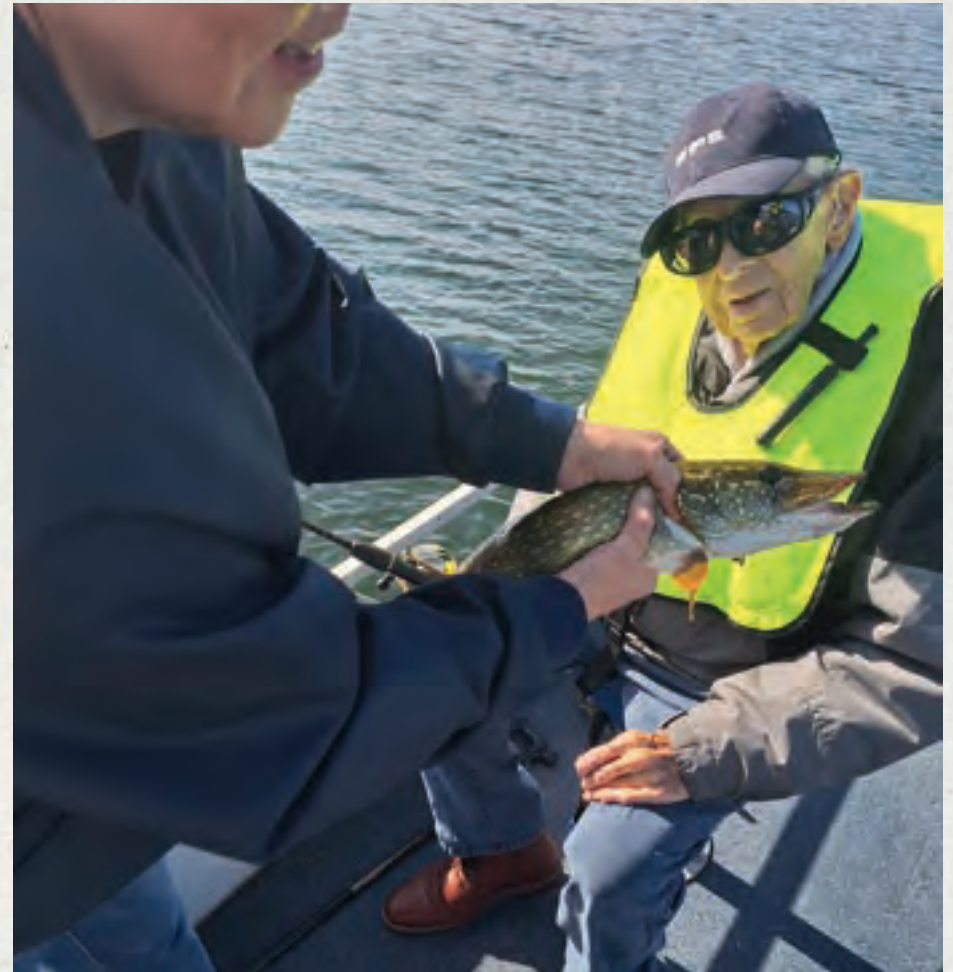
Living next door, we would be invited. Hokey, who can’t even boil water, was intrigued by this means of frying fish, which had a strict methodology. The fire had to be started at least two hours in advance to make a large bed of very hot coals...with no flames. Oil was added to the pan-just the right amount-and it was heated and tested. When a drop of water put into the oil “spit” it was the right temperature. Damp fish were coated with “Fryin’ Magic,” a seasoned coating which adhered well to the fish. Pieces were put in the oil one at a time to avoid splash back, and turned once and watched carefully to avoid burning. They were then put into a paper-lined pan for serving. They were the best!!

Hokey was fascinated by this process and started to help fry the fish-and believe it or not-he eventually became the “expert” fish fryer and did many fish fries. I was an expert at cleaning the frying pan!

Through the years, Placid Bay had many enjoyable fish fries with “CHEF” Hokey.

---Carolyn West

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Eugene Nordby

When you're nine years old, catching a fish is a big deal. In 1927, my dad, Eugene Nordby, was nine years old and he caught a huge fish - the biggest deal of his young life. He was on Holy Island, fishing off what was then the wooden bridge to Purgatory. He caught his monster

SEPTEMBER

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 ● Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Grandparent's Day	9	10	11 ● Patriot Day	12	13	14
15	16	17 ○ Harvest Full Moon	18	19	20	21
22 Autumnal Equinox	23	24 ●	25	26	27	28
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northern with a bamboo pole using night crawlers. He struggled to bring it to what was then the shoreline near the bridge. Luckily, a farmer delivering milk to the island saw his difficulty and helped him pull the monster onto the bank. The kind farmer cut a sapling so my dad could take it home to my grandmother and grandfather on the island. Needless to say, 'Pop' was thrilled with the catch. My dad cleaned it, 'Mom' cooked it, and the Nordbys ate well as a result.

This fish story is real. That's the fish in the old photo. Dad is on the viewer's right. My Grandfather, Rev. H.P. Nordby is in the middle and Dad's brother Walter "Babe" Nordby is on the left. They are on what is still the family property on Holy Island.

Although Dad had a long career as an orthopedic surgeon in Madison following service in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during WW II, his connection with Long Lake and Holy Island was never lost, and his interest in the area never wavered. Indeed, he has amassed a considerable collection of historical accounts of the area, going back through the lumbering days of the nineteenth century,

Now 105, Dad still loves fishing but prefers the pontoon boat to the shoreline. Northerns, however, are still on his line more often than not. The color photo is from September of 2023. This one may not be as big, but is still a fine catch.

---Jon Nordby

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Halcyon's Fishing Door

This is the story of Halcyon's Fishing Door. Our cottage, Halcyon, was built in 1911.

In 1920 it was purchased by my Great Grandfather, George William (G.W.) Meyers and his wife, Madeline from Belvidere, IL. They and their 6 children (John Boyd, Marguerite, Grace, Mary, Mabelle and George) spent their childhood summers at the cottage, as did their children.

In 1943, Halcyon's fishing history, RECORDS, was begun on the back door of the cottage by cousins Lyons Meyers, Harold Willard, Rich (pictured lower right) and Don Silverman (pictured lower left).

The inked record on the door was intended to be for serious fishing stories, with family members and visitors adding their catches, but inevitably turned humorous as Harold, an editor at the Washington Post, and others added their creative touches.

And so it reads...

"RECORDS" - Set by Rich, Lyons, Harold

- 1943- Rich- 6lb. Northern, 5lb. Bass, 31 Fish caught, Lyons- 6 ½ lb. Northern, 5 ½ lb. Bass, 33 fish caught, Harold- 4 lb. Walleye
- 1944, 45, 46- NO FISH
- 1947- Rich- 12 lb. Northern, 36 inches long
- 1948, 49- NO FISH
- "RECORD"- June 21, 1951 Don Silverman-14 lb. Northern, 40 inches long, caught at Mud Lake. (A feud of sorts began

Don Silverman, August 1979, in boathouse



OCTOBER

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	November 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 ●	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	Rosh Hashanah	9 ☾	11	12
13	14 Indigenous Peoples' Day	15	16	17 ☽	18 Yom Kippur	19
20	21 Orionid Meteor Shower	22 Orionid Meteor Shower	23	24 ☾	25	26
27	28 Blue Heron Still Present	29	30	31 First Measurable Snowfall Halloween		

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here between the two brothers, Rich and Don over who had actually caught the largest fish in the cottage. Rich argued he had the largest catch on Long Lake and Don contended his was the largest as Long Lake and Mud lake were connected. The feud continued for years.)

- Sept 27, 1976- 3 bass by Rich, 2 small Northern by Lyons, 1 bald eagle and 1 muskrat by Harold, 3 ½ cases of Leinenkugels missing.
- Oct 1, 1977- 1 mouse spotted, 1 bald eagle seen, split rock discovered, 3 ¾ cases of Leinenkugels missing. Rich, Lyons and Harold.
- Oct 8, 1979- 9 games of golf played, several towns visited, met Yukon Jack.
- Oct 4, 1980- Lyons skulled a mouse, Harold found 3 bears, Rich lost Yukon Jack.
- Oct 3, 1981- Lyons- 9 mice, 1 Northern, Rich- 2 Ceilings, New Flatulation record and Harold- 1 Northern and 1 Golden Eagle.
- Oct 4, 1984- R, L, H (Rich, Lyons and Harold) Chicago Politics resolved. Immigration rules established. Catholic church reorganized. 1 lizard greased. Dictatorship recommended for Sawyer County.
- 1985- Gigi (dog) ate 3 worms.
- Oct 4, 1988- Pope John Paul was here catching dozens of crappies and blue gill. R came early and left early. Golf. Chilly. L & H leave tomorrow. Discovered Pine Ridge.

Today, the RECORDS door has been repurposed as the door to one of the cottage bedrooms, and cherished by all who love our family's history.

---Written by Liz Silverman-Zurek

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Fishing on Long Lake

Thoughts on fishing from Art Hovey, a Long Lake pioneer. Art's father Nels Hovey and grandfather Laage Korstad first came to Long Lake on a fishing trip in 1884 and later settled on the hill above Grand View Resort.

"My brother Oscar and I liked to take our fishing tackle, which consisted of a slender sapling, linen thread, a bent pin, and a can of worms, and go fishing. We had a small black water spaniel named Sport, who always went wherever we did. Perched on an old pine windfall that had fallen in the lake we would pull in the blue gills about as fast as we could get the bait in the water. We would then throw them up on shore and old Sport would cuff them around until they quit flopping. If mother did not know where we were and wanted us to do some little chore, she would call us, but of course like nearly all little boys, at times our hearing was not so good. Then she would call Sport, and being an obedient little dog, he would beat it for home. By this time we knew that we might just as well follow him up to the house."

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Big Fish

Since the early 1940's, our family has had a home on Long Lake in Holmes Bay ("the thumb") on East Side Road. My grandfather, Fred H. Westphal, bought the log cabin from Torger Kleven, Jim Kleven's grandfather, who built the home. In 1982, my parents built a new cedar home on the spot and gave the log cabin to Jim's father David. David plowed a road on the ice from Dave's Outboard to our place, and had the home moved over the ice to his property. The house sits up the hill from where Jim parks his barge at Dave's Outboard.

DECEMBER

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
● 1	2 Cyber Monday	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
☾ 8	9	10	11	12	13 Geminids Meteor Shower	14 Geminids Meteor Shower
○ 15 Cold Full Moon	16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice
☾ 22 Ursids Meteor Shower	23 Ursids Meteor Shower	24	25 Chanukah/ Hanukkah Begins Christmas	26	27	28
29	● 30	31 New Year's Eve	November 2024 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		January 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

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In September 1948, my then eleven year old father, Fred T. Westphal, went fishing out in front of our place. He was in a wooden rowboat that was made by Sigurd Gunderson, a neighbor on the lake. According to my dad, he was floating along and being very quiet when he noticed a large fish sunning itself near the surface. He quietly rowed closer to the fish, grabbed one of the oars, whacked the critter over the head, and stunned it. He picked the fish up, threw it in the boat, and quickly rowed back home to show off the fish and clean it for tomorrow's dinner. It was a 38-inch, twelve pound fish. Fred T. passed away in 1983, and that fish remained the biggest fish he ever "caught" in Long Lake. My siblings and I heard the story many times, and never really bought into the dream. We told my dad that the fish was probably half dead and floating belly up, and he just scooped it up and brought it home. He insisted that it was a life or death wrestling match, like Ahab versus Moby Dick, and only his quick thinking with the oar at the last minute allowed him to prevail. Nobody was with him that day, and he took the story to his grave. I get a big smile every time I see that picture, not only from warm memories of my dad, but because it is all still a mystery.

---John Westphal

FISH TALES OF LONG LAKE



JANUARY
DAVE'S OUTBOARD



MAY
OSPREY



SEPTEMBER
EUGENE NORDBY



FEBRUARY
B.B. OSTREM



JUNE
LONG LAKE LOONS



OCTOBER
HALCYON'S FISHING DOOR



MARCH
TODD'S MONSTER



JULY
PASTA INVITATIONAL



NOVEMBER
FISHING ON LONG LAKE



APRIL
GIRLS OF LONG LAKE



AUGUST
PLACID BAY FISH FRY



DECEMBER
BIG FISH