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Dear Green Lake Property Owners,

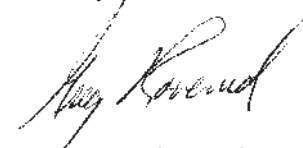
The arrival of Labor Day, morning temps in the 40s and reduced daylight hours signal the inevitable slipping away of summer. I hope you have had a wonderful summer and that the remaining days will be filled with fun times in, on and around our beautiful Green Lake.

The Board of Directors continues to work through issues regarding Eurasian Watermilfoil (EW). Results of the July chemical treatment of a limited number of EW sites have shown some positive results and some mixed results, so we're still monitoring the treated areas. We also did some EW removal using SCUBA divers. One of our new board members, Pauline Spilseth, has written an article about that activity in this issue, so check that out. The battle against EW continues on another front, too. Efforts to get assistance from the Minnesota legislature are progressing. We are hoping to be awarded a grant by the State of Minnesota that will make Green Lake a pilot project for EW removal. We'll keep you posted on that. In the meantime, if you discover new areas of EW, please contact members of the board with that information.

Another area of concern is the road improvement project on County Road 10 in Spicer. We are working with all agencies involved to ensure that proper lake protection measures are incorporated into this construction project that is currently in the planning stages. We'll keep you posted on this project also.

This is the final *Green Lake Breeze* for this summer season. We'll be back next spring with our first issue ready in May. Until then, we wish you smooth sailing.

Sincerely,



Greg Roverud, President



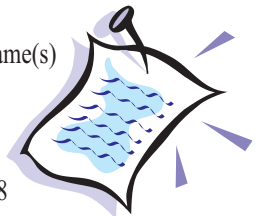
PLEASE ASSIST US!

The Board of Directors of the Green Lake Property Owners Association will print a new directory to be mailed out when dues are paid, starting in May 2009.

We would like to ask for your assistance to make sure that we have your name and address spelled correctly. Please check the 2006 directory to see that this information is the way you wish to have it printed.

If you know of a new neighbor or a neighbor who has sold his/her property, we wish to place the correct name(s) in the directory. If you have any corrections or know of any, please write to us.

The Board of Directors is also looking for colored and black and white pictures which might be used for the front cover of the directory. If you have a picture which you wish for the Board to consider, please print your name, address and telephone number on the back side of the print and mail to: Green Lake Property Owners • PO Box 362 • Spicer, MN 56288

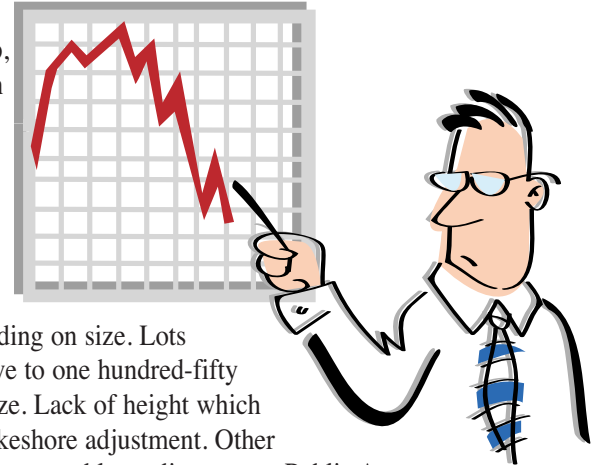


KANDIYOHI COUNTY LAKE RATES

Green Lake is located in four different governmental taxing districts and two different school districts. The four taxing districts are the city of Spicer, New London Township, Irving Township and Green Lake Township. 19.5% of the taxable lakeshore value is in the City of Spicer, 32.1% in New London Township, 27.5% in Irving Township and 20.9% of the taxable value is in Green Lake Township.

The Kandiyohi County Assessors Office establishes a base value rate for Green Lake, which is adjusted on a yearly basis according to sales indicators. This per front foot rate for the 2008 Assessment was \$5600.00 per foot for Green Lake.

The value of \$5600.00 per front foot is adjusted either upward on or downward depending on size. Lots seventy-four feet or less are adjusted higher as the frontage decreases. Lots seventy-five to one hundred-fifty feet are considered ideal, but lots over one hundred-fifty one feet are discounted for size. Lack of height which limits use of lot or excess of height which limits or prohibits beach use is the major lakeshore adjustment. Other examples of adjustments would be rocks or weeds which are above water, road placement, and lots adjacent to a Public Access. Downward adjustments are made for significant lack of depth. Value is added for significant extra depth.



2008 Kandiyohi County Lake Base Rates

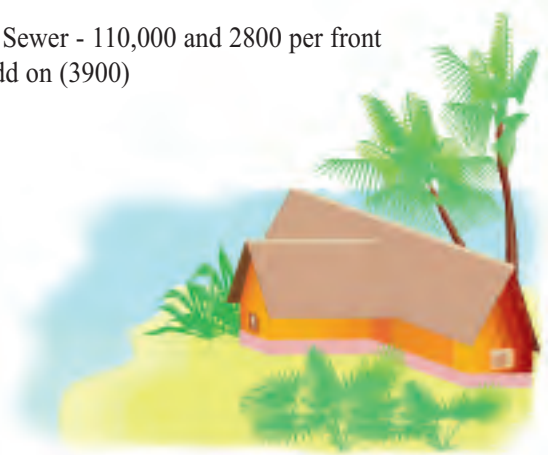
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2008</u>		<u>2004</u>	<u>2008</u>
Green Lake	3800	5600	Nest Lake	1100	1450
Lake Florida	1500	2300	Henderson Lake	1100	1500
Eagle Lake	1700	2300	Elkhorn Lake	850	850
Diamond Lake	1200	1850	Lake Calhoun	500	800
George Lake	1600	2100	Long Lake (Irving, Roseville)	575	750
Games Lake	1500	2000	Long Lake (Dovre)	550	750
Norway Lake	1300	1750	Bass Lake	400	500
Lake Andrew	1300	2000	Ringo Lake	400	500
Big Kandiyohi Lake	1250	1650	Crow River	400	400



Real Estate markets on lakeshore are highly localized and always changing. Sale prices of different types of properties can vary widely. Currently, farmland and recreational properties are rising in value, but residential sales are stable or declining slightly. Some sales such as foreclosures, sales between relatives or non open market sales are not used in sales ratio studies, nor are they used as comparables in estimating the market value of similar properties.

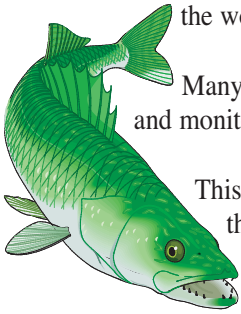
The base rates of other lakes around Minnesota are as follows:

<u>Lake</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Base Rate For 100'</u>
Lake Detroit	Becker	Developed lot - 67900 and 2830 per front foot add on (3509)
Lake Osakis	Todd	Developed lot - 17000 and 2000 per front foot add on (2170)
Lake Waconia	Carver	Developed lot with City Sewer - 110,000 and 2800 per front foot add on (3900)
Leech Lake	Cass	4000
Gull Lake	Cass/Crow Wing	5000
Lake Miltona	Douglas	2400
Pokegma Lake	Itasca	1400
Pelican Lake	Grant	1400
Birch	Stearns	2000
Big Stone	Big Stone	700
Battle Lake	Ottertail	4000



GREEN LAKE FISHERY PROJECT REPORT

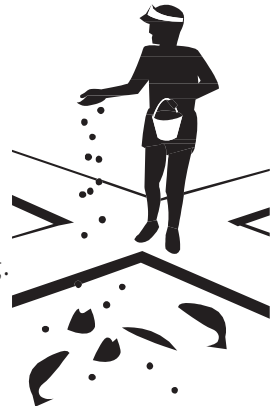
The Green Lake Property Owners Association dues statement for 2008 included an optional contribution to support the work for restoration of the historic balance of Green Lake, including its walleye fishery.



Many property owners sent contributions for this effort, guaranteeing continued work to evaluate and monitor DNR Fisheries programs to restore the walleye fishery.

This summer DNR Fisheries revised the Lake Management Plan for Green Lake incorporating the 3 year walleye stocking plan negotiated by GLPOA/GLFP and consultant Dick Sternberg. This stocking plan is a significant step forward in restoration efforts.

The committee, with the expertise of consultant Dick Sternberg, will evaluate DNR data and follow the enactment of the stocking plan in detail over the next three years.



We extend tremendous appreciation for your contributions and support; we cannot continue this important work without it.

GLPOA Fishery Committee — Roger Stehn, Tom Broman; GLFP — Duane Hanson, Steve Martinka, Michael Hodapp, Ann Latham, Gene Kubesh, Bill Latham

Submitted by Ann Latham

SPICER FIRST RESPONDERS



The Green Lake Property Owners wish to thank the Spicer First Responders along with the New London Ambulance for their excellent healthcare to the many fine people of Green Lake.

Greg Roverud, President of the Green Lake Property Owners Association is shown presenting a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the Spicer First Responders and the New London Ambulance Association.

Pictured with President Roverud, to accept the check is Elaine Ruhland of the New London Ambulance Association. The New London Ambulance will be using their \$500.00 to assist in the purchase of a 12 lead monitor for the ambulance. When the ambulance is dispatched for a chest pain call, they will be able to put the 12 lead hook up on the patient. This information on the 12 lead will be transmitted to the hospital via cell phone. The helicopter may be dispatched to Rice Hospital or the scene. This quick response lessens the damage to the patient's heart.



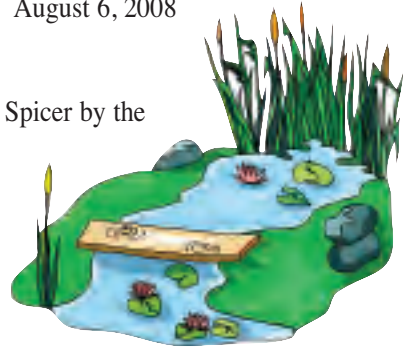
Half of the \$1,000.00 is given to the Spicer First Responders which they will be using to purchase several finger-style digital pulse oximeters to be carried by individual members. This technology will provide the responder with an added tool for the rapid assessment of patient conditions.

WATER QUALITY PONDS

August 6, 2008

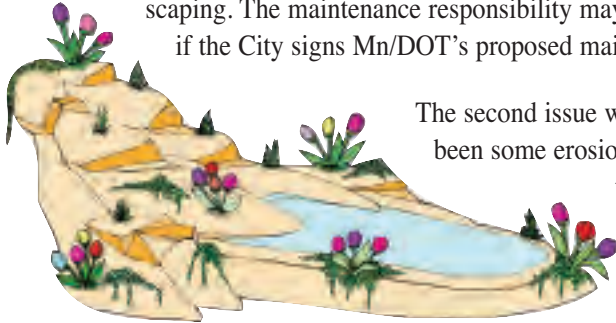
Dear Mr. Frazee:

This letter is a follow-up to our conversation from last week concerning the water quality ponds in Spicer by the Dairy Queen and American Legion. We discussed three main issues at that time. First, who is responsible for maintenance of the ponds; second, the condition of the ponds; and lastly, the status of the electric fish barrier on the outlet to Green Lake.

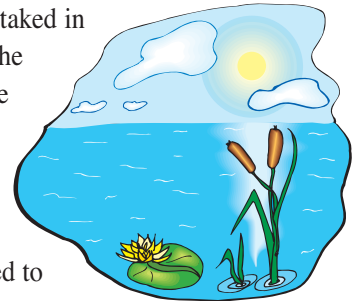


Currently, Mn/DOT is responsible for the maintenance of the pond with the exception of the landscaping. The maintenance responsibility may transfer to the city of Spicer in the future if the City signs Mn/DOT's proposed maintenance agreement.

The second issue we discussed was the condition of the ponds. Since these ponds were built, there has been some erosion at the shore line. This appears to be caused by fish activity (particularly carp) that have migrated up the storm sewer system from Green Lake. We have a plan to repair the shore line of these ponds using large biorolls, which are 1' diameter biodegradable logs that can be staked in place. Over time, aquatic plants will take root in the biorolls and the biorolls will become part of the shore



line. However, because the fish would uproot the biorolls, making this repair prior to installing a system to keep the fish out of the storm sewer system would be pointless.



The system being installed to keep the fish out of the storm sewer system is an electric fish barrier. An electric fish barrier is a complicated system that is custom designed for each installation. We were scheduled to install the system in the fall of 2007; however, due to problems during the design and manufacture of the system, we did not receive the components until December of 2007 — too late for installation. Currently, installation is scheduled for the fall of 2008.

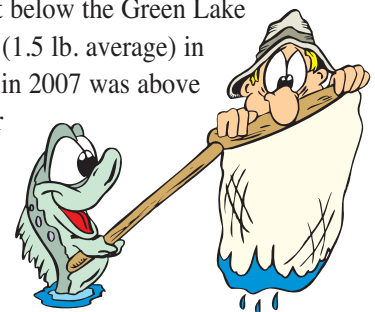
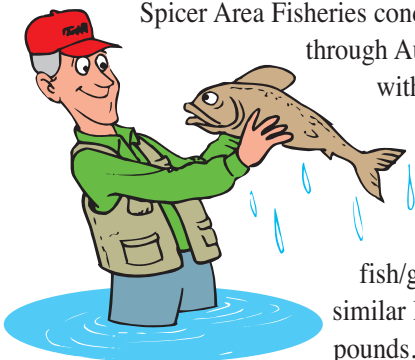
One additional thing I would like to point out concerning these ponds is that even though these ponds have shown some erosion and have a significant number of rough fish in them, they are functioning fairly well. In fact, sampling shows a decrease in both the volume and concentrations of phosphorus and suspended solids entering the lake compared to that prior to the Highway 23 construction. Keeping the rough fish out of the pond should further improve this.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 320.214.6320 or 320.894.6693 or by e-mail at p.rasmussen@dot.state.mn.us.

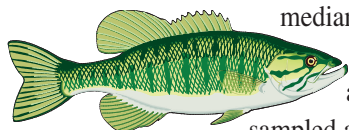
Paul Rasmussen, Regional Engineer

SPICER AREA FISHERIES

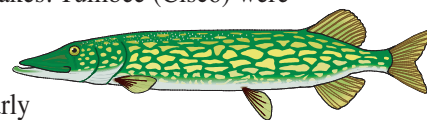
Spicer Area Fisheries conducted its annual test netting of the Green Lake fish population during the week of July 28 through August 1, 2008. Walleye abundance in gillnets was down from 2007 to 8.17 fish/gillnet, which is within the normal range for lakes similar to Green Lake, but somewhat below the Green Lake our goal range for walleye. The mean length of walleye was 15.3" (1.5 lb. average) in 2008. Green Lake walleye abundance (12.0 walleye per gillnet) in 2007 was above the historical average for Green Lake, and above the average for lakes similar to Green Lake. Northern pike abundance was 1.92 fish/gillnet, which is below the normal range for both Green Lake and similar lakes in the state. However, northern pike mean weight was 3.6 pounds. Smallmouth bass were sampled at 1.67/gillnet, which is the



SPICER AREA FISHERIES CONTINUED...



median for Green Lake. Bluegill, black crappie, and rock bass were in the normal to above normal ranges for Green Lake. Yellow perch, a forage fish for walleye and northern pike, were somewhat above last year's abundance, but still in the lower 25% for Green Lake and similar lakes. Tullibee (Cisco) were sampled at 2.58/gillnet, which is back into the normal range.



We will monitor recruitment of young walleye through fall night electrofishing in September or early October. Fisheries will advise stakeholders of electrofishing results later this fall.



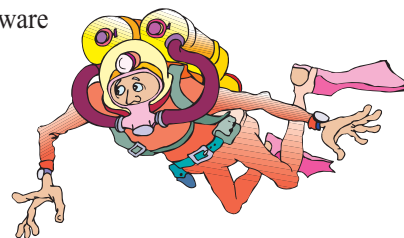
We will follow the stocking strategy developed with the GLPOA and other local interest groups for the next three years to bring walleye abundance into the goal range. The goal range for walleye in Green Lake is 9.5 to 13.5 walleye/gillnet. Walleye fry will continue to be stocked during egg-take years at a rate of 10% with OTC (an antibiotic) marked fry. Spicer Area Fisheries will stock walleye fingerlings annually at 1.5 pounds per littoral acre (3,081 pounds) if fall electrofishing for young-of-year walleye is below 30 per hour. The number of fingerlings stocked will be a minimum of 46,215 fish with a preferred rate of 15-30 fish per pound. The stocking plan will be reviewed during the winter of 2010-11.

Bruce Gilbertson, Area Fisheries Supervisor



MILFOIL PULLING

In our battle against the spread of Eurasian milfoil, the association has been aware of the method of hand removal, which is labor intensive, but an effective control measure. Unfortunately, the hiring of professional eradicators, which involves trained industrial divers, is quite expensive. Some concerned "North Siders," who are divers, decided to investigate the possibility of diving and pulling using our own or rented equipment. The DNR 2008 milfoil control permit for Green Lake included hand removal of plants at identified sites and with the help of Ann Latham, the DNR required training of volunteer divers took place July 22. We were told that our group would be the first volunteer scuba extraction team that they knew of in the state.



We received training and actually a fair amount of encouragement from DNR representative Jacquelyn Bacigalupi. The training agenda included identification of the weed so desirable water plants would not be pulled and the nature of the weed with precautions to keep the particles from spreading. Global position maps of the permitted spots were distributed.

With tank sets rented from St. Cloud, a neighborhood paddle boat, which was commandeered, and lots of sun screen applied, we ventured off-shore. The divers were armed with spades to dig the roots and found the footing to be tough. As the rooted plant was brought to the surface, the harvesters loaded the weed on board and used the pool skimmer to capture any stray particles. We worked over four days and went through four tanks of air. The work was slower than we'd hoped and our methods could be improved, but we learned a few things that might help others if they are interested in attempting this method. We would all be willing to spend some more time pulling if the equipment was more accessible.

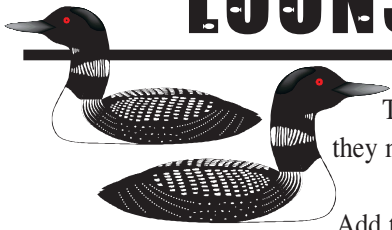


If you are a diver, you know it is always fun to explore the undersurface world. The diving was interesting and we all felt it was very satisfying to be able to yank those ugly things out of the lake! If you know some interested divers or have some ideas about how to use this method, we'd like to hear from you. Our permit does require that pullers participate in a brief training before beginning the process. That can be arranged by contacting Pauline Spilseth at 295-1173.



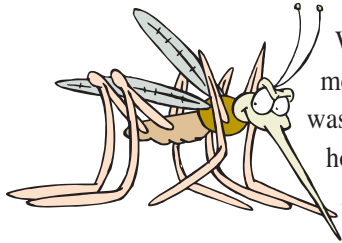
Pauline Spilseth

LOONS AND OTHER NATURE NOTES



The Sounds of August—that's the way Jim Gilbert described the chirping of the crickets at night. I swear they move around the outside of the house during the evening, keeping me guessing just where they are.

Add to them the familiar cries of the loon, the soft song of the mourning dove, and the songs of warblers and other birds passing through. Of the 12 types of warblers that migrate through Minnesota, the one that landed on my deck was very dark with bright yellow spots on either side of its tail. Among the 22 pages and empty pictures of warblers in the bird book, I still can't identify it for sure. Oh well..., maybe one of you can.



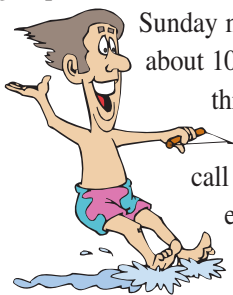
Were you as surprised as I to read that the swifts and swallows during their aerial ballets are not swooping up mosquitoes? Nor are purple martins. Insects, yes, but not mosquitoes. They are apparently after moths, beetles, wasps and flies, among some more desirable insects. They must have a field day during mayfly season. I wonder how they are with box elder bugs and Japanese beetles. Do they swarm? One advantage of our dry July and August is the absence of as many mosquitoes as we've been plagued with some years.

The goldfinches have been plentiful in the trees and on the feeders—thistle/niger seed and sunflower alike. I wondered how their bright color could possibly protect them until I watched one fly up in the old-fashioned ash tree that is hanging heavy with seed, the leaves backlit. Same observance with backlit leaves occurred in the maple and basswood trees.



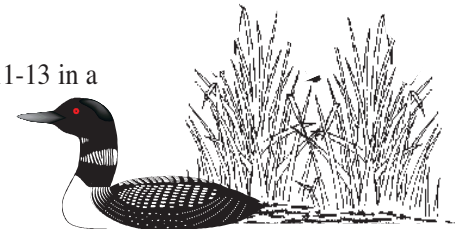
Canada geese are in full feather once more. Twenty-two came clattering down to the water the other day—and they did clatter. Such a rush of wings and splash of water. I'll gladly wait to see their vee-ing south again. Summer has been short as it is. I was alarmed when I saw a tree with bright yellow leaves along the road almost a month ago—and relieved when I saw it was a downed tree. A few small patches of yellow have appeared in a basswood tree.

I have appreciated the phone calls about the loons. Several families have been observed. One saw 11-13 in a group—that's a most encouraging sign for their survival. One resident called to relate an early



Sunday morning escapade when three LARGE boats were pulling water skiers within about 100 feet of the shore and docks. After an hour, during which they had plowed through a family of loons, he called the sheriff. Fortunately, the sheriff already

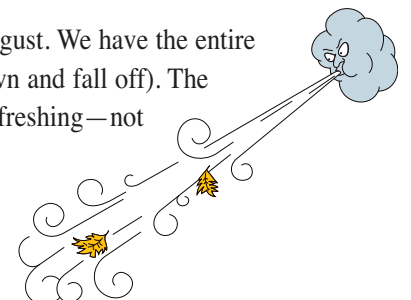
had his boat in the water ('twas the day of the triathlon) and he came to talk to the. . . I don't know—what do you call thoughtless and careless people like that? Green Lake has more than 5,100 acres of water—surely, recreational (or even professional) boaters and skiers don't have to come close to shore with their tremendous noise and wakes and endanger the wildlife of the lake.



Writing a September/autumn/final-for-the-year article on nature seems premature this last week of August. We have the entire fall season ahead of us—with its radiant colors (if we get some rain, so the leaves don't just turn brown and fall off). The lake will turn over—the other day it tested at 79 degrees. It's been refreshing—not exactly warm, however.

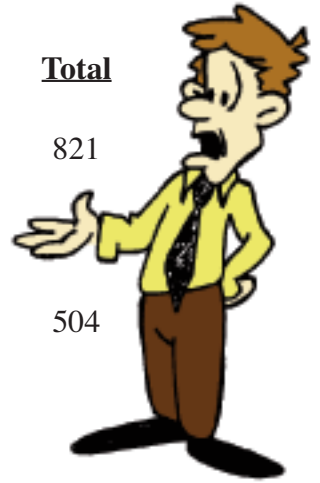


Whatever the weather, may the Green Lake breezes blow gently upon you. May you have good-health-filled, peaceful days and months ahead. We'll talk again in the spring.



Gloria Benson

WHAT IS OUR MEMBERSHIP?



	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Green Lake</u>	<u>Irving</u>	<u>New London</u>	<u>Spicer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Possible Membership	29	134	222	263	173	821
Members Paid Dues	14	91	169	145	85	504
Percentage of Members Paying Dues	48%	67.90%	76.10%	66.10%	49.10%	61.38%



Members Paid Patrol		36	57	30	6	129
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Percentage of Members Paying Patrol		26.80%	25.60%	11.40%	3.40%	15.71%
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Members Paid for Milfoil Treatment						130
Percentage of Members Paying Milfoil						15.83%

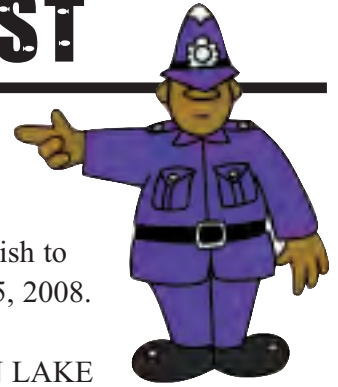


Members Paid for Fishing Improvement						69
Percentage of Members Paying for Fishing						8.40%



PATROL TO BEGIN OCTOBER 1ST

If you paid for membership, along with the patrol service you will notice that the “PATROL SIGNS” will be placed on your residence shortly after the 1st of October.



The bi-monthly patrol will begin near the middle of October. Please be advised that if you wish to sign up for this valuable service you must submit your \$30.00 prior to Monday, September 15, 2008.

The person who does the patrol will be identified this year by a vest with the words “GREEN LAKE PATROL” on the back. If further I.D. is needed an identification card with the picture of the employee has been issued by the Kandiyohi County Sheriff’s Office.



Post cards will be mailed to your home residence during the six month period, as we do not know when you leave for your winter home. Please advise your postmaster to forward your PATROL CARDS as they do your regular mail.

Thank you and have a wonderful winter season!



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