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**Check your docks, lifts and other equipment!** The photo above is only a sample; however, if you find zebra mussels on your watercraft or equipment you should take a picture, keep a specimen and report the finding to DNR invasive species specialist Nick Brown at 320-234-2550, ext 238, or [nicholas.brown@state.mn.us](mailto:nicholas.brown@state.mn.us). He can also answer your questions about invasive species.

## MINNESOTA'S BATTLE AGAINST AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTINUES

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources asks every cabin and lakeshore owner to watch for aquatic invasive species (AIS) when removing docks, boat lifts, swim rafts and other equipment from the water.

“Since those items have been in the water for several months, now is the ideal time to spot invasive species that may be attached to them,” said Heidi Wolf, DNR invasive species unit supervisor. “Carefully inspect everything you remove from the water to see if there are invasive species attached. Your observations will provide invaluable information to the DNR in tracking the distribution of AIS – and give us a chance to rapidly respond if new infestations are found.”

Minnesota’s natural resources are threatened by a number of invasive species such as zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, common buckthorn and emerald ash borer. Invasive species can occur on land or in the water.

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## Lake Newsletter Goes Electronic in 2014

Beginning in Summer 2014, the summer and fall Lake Francis Area Recreation & Conservation Club newsletter editions will be delivered electronically via e-mail. The winter/spring issue will continue as a printed publication mailed to all lake residents.

The move to an electronic format will save the lake association approximately \$700 per year. This money will be re-allocated to the “Invasive Species” fund.

**To receive the newsletter via e-mail, go to the LFARCC website and click on the “E-News” tab. Select the e-news drop down and follow the directions.**

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## MINNESOTA'S BATTLE AGAINST AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTINUES (Continued)

According to Crow River Organization of Water (CROW), in mid-September the Minnesota DNR staff discovered several mats of Eurasian water-milfoil in Lake Erie (Meeker County), located about 12.5 miles south-east of Litchfield. With this new infestation, additional signage will be installed warning users of the invasive. "Clean, Drain, Dry." These three steps will help reduce further spread in the watershed.

When taking removing equipment from the water, people should look on the posts, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period. In newly infested waters, adult zebra mussels may not be abundant and there may only be a few mussels on a piece of equipment. On a smooth surface, juvenile mussels feel gritty, like sandpaper.

If a new infestation of zebra mussels, faucet snails or other aquatic invasive species is suspected, the exact location should be noted, a photo taken and a specimen should be kept for positive identification.

Call 888-646-6367 or contact a local DNR AIS specialist or a fisheries office. Responding quickly to new AIS infestations is critical to help curb the spread into other water bodies.

There are also specific legal requirements for cabin owners and boaters when removing and storing watercraft and equipment for the winter – or hiring someone to handle it. Learn more about Minnesota's aquatic invasive species rules and regulations, and the DNR's lake service provider program [online](#).

*Information courtesy of Minnesota DNR and CROW*

## KINGSTON MINI-MART

### LFARCC BUSINESS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Greetings from Jim & Kristie Orn, owners of the Kingston Mini Mart! We just wanted to let everyone in the Lake Francis Area Recreation & Conservation Club about us and what we have to offer in our store.*

We purchased the Kingston Mini Mart property on Oct. 31, 2012. We decided we wanted to keep the name the same, we're proud of our Kingston roots (it was a no brainer). Jim is the son of Dick & Julie Orn, owners of the Kingston Hardware Store until their retirement in 1996. We were married in 1984 (yes we celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past September) at which time we made our home in Kingston until 1992, that's when we purchased land north of Kimball from Kristie's parents where we still live today. We have two boys (men now) Joshua and wife Whitney, live in St. Cloud and have blessed us with grandson Jonah and granddaughter Eliza. Youngest son Kody lives in Kingston with his longtime girlfriend Megan Mackereth.

When we made the purchase we knew

improvements would have to be made. The business had been closed for 2½ years. We ripped everything out, gutted it down to the cinder block walls and bare concrete floor. We put in new sheet rock, a new ceiling (with added insulation), leveled the floor, put in new lighting, moved and updated the restroom, and added new display coolers and freezer. We refurbished the existing pump and had all the proper testing done on the tanks. On April 4, 2013, we finally opened the doors for business. Later that spring (once it finally quit snowing) we painted the outside of the building and tarred the parking lot. After two full days of a power outage in June of 2013 we also invested in a generator. We'll be open even if the power goes out! This summer we put a new roof on the store. In the future we plan to add new siding to the building.

Some of the products and services we offer hunting & fishing licensing, worms, Minnesota Lottery, French Lake Butcher Shop products, Sunday paper (Metro edition), ice, LP exchange, coffee & cappuccino, milk, eggs, miscellaneous grocery items, paper products, chips, ice cream, treats for the kids and much, much more. If you haven't stopped in yet



Zebra mussels



Many zebra mussels attached to a native mussel.

we encourage you to come on in and check out everything we have to offer. For fuel we have regular unleaded, our premium is non-oxygenated, and diesel. And our pumps are on 24 hours a day, so if you don't make it during our regular business hours just pay at the pump. We are always open to try new things, if there's something you're looking for and we don't have, let us know and we'll do our best to start stocking it.

The main people you'll see when you come in are Kristie and Megan; you'll see Jim most Sunday mornings and some evenings when I come to do my maintenance. We have several others helping out too, son Kody, niece "Macki" and a few other friends that help fill in the gaps from time to time.

Our summer hours are Monday through Friday 6 am to 9 pm and 7 am to 9 pm Saturday and Sunday. In the winter we are open 7 days a week from 7 am to 8 pm. We change from summer to winter hours when the time changes (this fall it's on November 2<sup>nd</sup>) and we'll change back in the spring when the time changes again. So stop on in and say hi and look around and check us out. We appreciate your business and have a great day.

*Jim & Kristie Orn*

# Biological Control: Zequanox

*Courtesy of CROW*

With the recent infestations of zebra mussels in Christmas Lake in Hennepin County, the experimental use of Zequanox is creating quite a bit of excitement.

As many know first hand, once zebra and quagga mussels infest a water body it becomes nearly impossible to remove them from the ecosystem. This product may create some hope for an effective biological control. Zequanox is a non-chemical mulloscicide that has been used in enclosed industrial systems, such as water intakes, for a number of years. A

After being studied in a quarry in West Virginia, manufacturer of the product, Marrone Bio Innovations, received approval for use of Zequanox in open waters by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in early 2014.

## How it works?

Zequanox is composed of dead cells derived from soil microbes that essentially poisons mussels when ingested. Unlike other treatments that rely on potash and copper-based solutions, this product is non-corrosive and non-volatile, which may make it more appropriate for complex ecosystems.

The design of this product is highly selective; however there are still concerns about the safety of the product to other aquatic life. Current studies led by the United States Geological Survey in Robinson's Bay in Lake Minnetonka are working to answer some of these concerns.

## The future?

Use of this biopesticide has successfully eradicated entire populations in small, contacted systems; however in larger environments approximately 97 percent of the mussel population dies. With this information at hand, currently Zequanox may not be able to restore a waterbody to a 100 percent pre-invaded state. As well, cost is prohibitive at this point. In 2011, estimates for treating 246 acre Lotus Lake in Carver County were \$1,000,000 according to the Lotus Lake Association.

Considering the financial capital needed, the Minnesota DNR and researchers anticipate use of this product in small areas and during new infestations when populations are smaller.

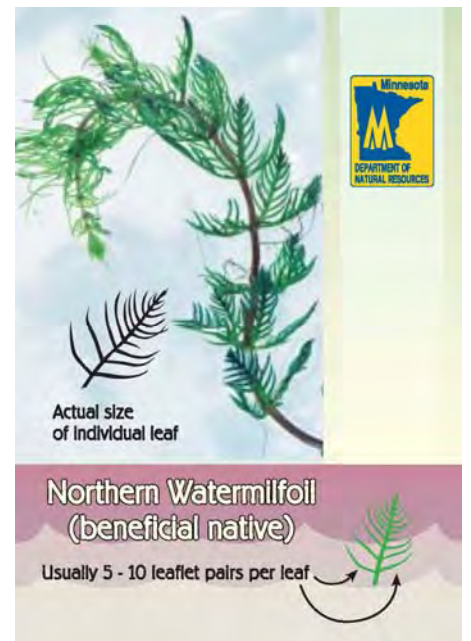
# AIS Training Required in 2015

*Courtesy of the Minnesota DNR*

Beginning in 2015, a new trailer decal requirement is scheduled to start. The new law requires anyone who transports watercraft or water-related equipment like docks and lifts with a trailer in Minnesota to complete an aquatic invasive species training course. After completing the course, you receive a decal that must be displayed on your trailer.

- Trailer decals are required on trailers starting July 1, 2015.
- Online training will be available on January 5, 2015.
- Paper home-study training packets will also be available.
- The course will take approximately 20-30 minutes.
- Training is valid for three years.

Find more information at <http://trailers.mndnr.gov>.



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## Arden N. "Ardy" Krinke, Rustic Ridge

May 14, 1946 - July 7, 2014

Arden "Ardy" Neil Krinke of South Haven, formerly of Elk River, died Monday, July 7, 2014, days after suffering a massive stroke. Ardy lived a full and purposeful life, impacting others and changing them for the better. Ardy was interested to know everyone he met, so he could call them all friends.

He began his career as a meat cutter at the Mora Meat Market and then attended Moler Barber School. Early in his adult life, Ardy became a small business owner, purchasing a barbershop in Henderson. Later, he managed Molitor's grocery store in West St. Paul and worked as a meat cutter in Berglund, Michigan. In 1972, he

bought a barbershop in Elk River, Minnesota, which became Ardy's On Main. It remains the longest-running barbershop in the state. Ardy sold the shop and retired in 2006 to enjoy time at his home sanctuary on Lake Francis.

Ardy was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River, a founding member of Lord of Glory Lutheran Church in Elk River, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Nowthen, and then as a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Annandale, where he was an elder, president of the congregation, usher and choir member.

Ardy was an enthusiastic supporter and actor in amateur theater, breaking out in roles at Mora High School and continuing for many years with Elk River Community Theatre. He also gave dedicated service to the Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation Board, and later to the Lake Francis Area Recreation and Conservation Club Board.

He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed cheering on with gusto the Annandale Cardinals, Mora Mustangs, Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings. Ardy also loved spending time with family, boating on Lake Francis, walking his dog and doing yard work.

Ardy is survived by his beloved wife Carol, son Todd (Andrea) of Buffalo, daughter Lisa of Champlin, stepdaughters Victoria Young (Erich) of North Oaks and Wendy Zippwald (Scott) of Fairfield, California, and cherished grandchildren: Amanda, Elisabeth, Benjamin, Madeline, Cooper, Caden and Maxwell. Ardy will be deeply missed by his siblings, many nieces and nephews, friends, and constant canine companion KC.

*On behalf of our lake community, the Association sends its heartfelt condolences to the Krinke and Dahl families.*



## Leighton "Lee" Dahl, Rustic Ridge

March 28, 1941-August 28, 2014

Leighton "Lee" Dahl age 73 of Prior Lake, died peacefully on August 28, 2014. He was born in Watertown, SD, Leighton J. Dahl was born to parents, Milton and Mae (Madson) Dahl. He was the younger brother to Dalton. Growing up in South Dakota and Iowa, he enjoyed swimming in the river and got his start of being a true outdoorsman, as he learned the art of hunting, trapping and fishing.

After graduating from high school in Madison, SD, he spent four years in the Air Force. It was there, that Lee received his training and Dental Technician Degree that propelled him into his professional career. He was stationed in France and had the opportunity to visit many countries in and around Europe.

After returning from the military, he met the love of his life, Judith Dahl. They were married in 1965 and soon after were blessed with two beautiful children, Shawn and Tana.

Following one year as an instructor at the University of Minnesota Dental School and another year working as a Dental Technician, Lee opened his own Dental Laboratory, Dahl Dental Studio in Minnetonka. For 48 years he proudly ran the practice until his retirement in 2007. He was fondly known as the "Tooth Fairy".

Lee had a lifelong passion for the outdoors that he fulfilled as an avid hunter and fisherman. This passion carried him on many adventures to Alaska, Canada and all corners of the US in pursuit of his big game trophies, upland game birds and waterfowl. Lee was proud that his passion for the outdoors was taken on by his son, Shawn, as they took numerous trips and spent countless days afield together.

Their cabin and dream home on Lake Francis near Annandale, which later became their permanent residence, was the family's special retreat. They spent most weekends there fishing, water skiing and enjoying the evening bonfires. Lee also enjoyed dancing and golfing. In their later years, He and Judi wintered in Arizona and enjoyed playing golf and four wheeling in the mountains with friends. Their travels around the Caribbean and to Hawaii were always special times he and Judi enjoyed together.

Lee was a member of the Dental Lab Association, Safari Club International and the VFW Post 6208 in Prior Lake. Lee partnered in the development and construction of townhomes in Prior Lake and was proud of designing and building, both their Prior Lake and Annandale homes. He also restored his 1932 Ford street rod and loved raising and showing their Arabian show horses.

Known as a jokester, a "work hard/play hard" kind of a guy, and a man who's pride was his family, he will be deeply missed by his wife, Judith; son, Shawn (Fern) Dahl of Lakeville; daughter, Tana Dahl of Prior Lake; grandson, Joey and his father, Joseph Rombach of Lakeville; sister in law Betty Sue Dahl of Fort Morgan, CO.



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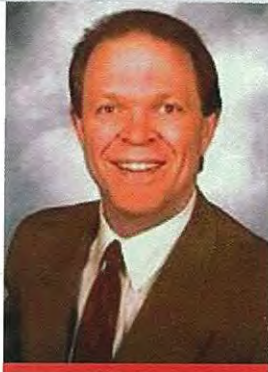

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