

# LPADA Newsletter

*Dedicated to the improvement and preservation of Lake Poinsett*



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## Letter From The President

When will water not be the subject on everyone's lips at Lake Poinsett?

It is getting better but that is a relative term as some of us still have to wade to our cabins or homes. Of course we need to address the current issues of high water, poor roads, bank erosion, wind damage due to high waves, and heaven only knows what else but we do need to look ahead and plan for the future. We need to progress even in these times of crisis.

As a group at the "Lake" we all need to improve our situation and help those around us to do the same.

I have serious questions about the prolonged flooding around the lake the last two years.

Why does it take over 90 days for our lake to get to a level where you don't need to sandbag if you get a 15 mph breeze. After a discussion with some people that have been on the "lake" since the early 60's this slow drain of the lake really started after the gates

were put up.

Do we need additional gates? Do we need to dredge the outlet deeper? Do we need to dredge Dry Lake to hold more water? Do we need to dredge the "lake to make more capacity plus hold more water during the dry years?

The answers we get from the experts is that the down stream stretch of the Big Sioux can't handle the added volume. So does that mean we are the flood control for them or should the downstream people fix their problem. It appears to me this is a political issue and our experts may be tied to that as well and I hope they are not the problem as well.

We need to focus hard on our problems here and have a voice in how this water is handled and if we have a problem we that is not manageable by our little group we need to ask for and receive help when necessary.

The LPADA's annual meeting is July 23 at the Chapel. There will be a meal before the meeting and

a small fee will be charged for the meal. The meal will start at 5:30 and the meeting at 6:30. There will be prizes given away to include a flat screen TV. You must be a member to attend the meeting and to win the prizes you must be present. The major topic of discussion will be about turning the "lake" into a city. Which goes back to the first part of this article, do we need more control over how our tax dollars are used at our "lake" ?

This meeting will provide no answers as we are asking people to serve and we need to find the facts, pro and con on this issue. As a group we need to dig into what our needs really are and how much do they or will they cost us. Please attend this meeting plus please have your neighbor attend and help us find more members as we need to break the 500 member number to reach our goal. Again please attend the meeting on July 23 - thanks.

— *Roger Starks - LPADA President*

## Hamlin County Assessor addresses property owners

Dear Property Owner:

Due to the flooding in our county for the last two springs, our office will be spending time at the lakes this late summer and fall to document the conditions of the houses and cabins that have been damaged. Our office needs to determine what changes in the structures should be

used in the assessment value for the 2012 assessment. Nov. 1 of each year is the assessment date for the following year which is why we want to know the structures' damages and/or repairs in the fall as close to that date.

If you have any preference when you would like to schedule an ap-

pointment for us to inspect your property, please call 783-3331. The more we see of your structures condition the more accurate our assessment will be. Your assistance in these assessment issues is appreciated.

— *Renée D. Buck, CAA, Hamlin County Director of Equalization*

## “Let’s Take A Hike”

For many years our LPADA has held a get together pancake feed in June at the Methodist Camp for our lake folks and friends. This year with out water problems it seems only fitting to cancel the event for this year. Every year for quite a while I have displayed the artifacts found right here in this area since the previous years feed.

We’ll do something different this year. I’ll take you readers along on three hikes to see what we found and see what we can learn from them. Remember not a living soul in the world knew these people that made and used these artifacts had ever made footprints here by Lake Poinsett until we found these items! Thank goodness they left them behind for us.

Our first two hikes are here on the farm in last years bean stubble. It’s the first week of May and the air is still filled with the music of migrating geese. We smile to hear that meadowlark on the post. He’s so happy it’s finally spring! Let’s follow the rows and scan the bare dirt as we walk south. Keep a sharp eye out- many of the tools and weapons we may find will probably be partly buried? When we get even with the rockpile let’s count what we found. Four pottery shards up this pass. Isn’t that neat decorating on that bigger piece? Almost as even and precise as the lines on graph paper? Three hide scrapers-one agate-one knife river flint-and that pretty mottled white one. Wonder what the gals that used these worked on-footwear, a new dress, or maybe a shirt for their men? Let’s turn and walk back north this time. Look there’s our first arrowhead-pretty white plains side notch type about 1500 years old-good find! There’s a real heartbreaker? Just the tip 2 \_ inches of what was a large beautiful knife when it broke. Two more pottery shards-guess it’s nothing new to break your dishes? Whoa-back up one step! Look close at

that dark rock that’s almost completely buried-see the groove that’s showing? Let’s dig it out? Wow-how’s that for a really nice big full grooved axe? Looks to be Middle Archaic so should be 4,000 years old-good job helping me! Let’s call it a day until later in the month. We walked plenty today. What’s out total add up to anyway. Eight pottery shards, six scrapers, two flake knives, six complete points and quite a bit of broken stuff.

Well it’s the last week of May we better get one more hike in before the months gone. The beans are planted to corn now, and the corn stubble it too rough and muddy to walk. Let’s just take a short hike down by the lake. It’s a pretty day and not raining for the first time this week. This will be different today. No bare dirt to scan so look close In the gravel that washed in this spring. Keep an eye out and we’ll walk slow. Look there-nice flake knife make of petrified wood. You can just make out the tree rings-neat piece. There’s a little arrowhead made out of North Dakota stone just ahead. Wonder how long it took him to walk from northwest of Bismarck or did he travel part way on the Missouri and then the Big Sioux to get here? I said let’s make this a short hike, aren’t you tired yet? Sure is fun to meet these folks from the past! Well what’s our tally for today! Two pottery shards, a petrified worm, two flake knives, those two nice broken points and five complete points. The best two were that red triangle and the mottled brown Hanna type point that would be close to 5,000 years old. We had a pretty good day together!

Hey, we almost forgot the best find of the month? We hadn’t hunted 15 minutes today when we spotted that pipestone pipe lying in the gravel row. Those terrific winds this spring gave back a mystery from the lake bottom. Sure glad you cam alon when we found it!

— Harlan Olson

### Save Your Cans!

Important Note:  
The LPADA has a can trailer west of Smoking Johnny’s, proceeds will be used towards the purchase of a handicapped dock.



## SAVE THE DATE!

LPADA’s annual meeting  
Saturday, July 23  
at the Lake Poinsett Chapel  
Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
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# Classifieds

**MINN-KOTA PEST CONTROL SERVICES INC.:** Licensed and member of National Pest Management Association. "Locally owned business" out of Hendricks, Minn, Call Dave to take care of all you pest control needs. Call 1-877-299-3878 or 507-275-3878. Expanding my business to the GLACIAL LAKES AREA!

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**SEPTIC TANK PUMPING:** For all you septic tank pumping needs, Call Schwartz Manure hauling & Septic Service Inc. We've expanded our business and change our name. We offer the same prompt, reliable service you've become accustomed to. Ron and Trevor Schwartz, owners. Call (605-629-4791 or (605)695-0076.

**STATE LINE TREE SERVICE, INC.:** Tree trimming and removal, stump grinding, brush cleanup, tree moving, firewood, mulch, misc boom truck work (reaches 53'), free estimates. Also, we cut for HD electric and will be trimming around the lake again this summer. Call us today for your residential tree service needs and we'll work you into the schedule. Call Dennis at 605-272-5365 or 605-695-5365

**THE DOCK DOCTOR:** Pat's Welding: repairs docks, boat and jet ski lifts, propellers. Call 605-690-9588

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**FOR SALE:** 12 Sections of 4'X4' Cedar Decking, 3 years old, stored inside for winter. \$350. Steve Kilgour 157 Prairie Quay Drive, 605-201-7778

**REAL ESTATE:** If you are considering buying or selling your lake home, allow me to assist you. I am a long-time resident of Lake Poinsett and am very familiar with the area. Verdelle Anderson with Century 21. (605) 520-3864.

**JOHNNY-ON-THE-SPOT:** Portable toilet rental- Clean dependable service. Rentals for Special events, Construction sites. Central Business Supply, Brookings. 605-692-6363 cell 690-6363.

**LAKESIDE PHOTOGRAPHY:** Taking professional images of families, seniors and children. Call Cindy Carlson today at 605-873-2236 or 605-957-5609. email: [ccarlson@itctel.com](mailto:ccarlson@itctel.com)

**BULL PEN STEAK HOUSE:** All you can eat Seafood Buffet May 21st. 511 Main Ave, Lake Norden, SD (605)785-3111.

**LAKE NORDEN FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC** Neck or Back Pain? Dont let pain keep you from enjoying your summer at the lake! Office hours- M-W-F 8-6pm Th-1-7pm Sat 8-11am Walk in Anytime. No Insurance? Ask About our Affordable Cash Plans

**MOWING AND TRIMMING - AREA LAWN WORKS** will be mowing and trimming Lake Poinsett again this year. 605-785-3855 or 605-237-8024.

**SHORELINE AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION:** For repair and restoration of shorelines, retaining walls, and landscape call Gordon, Adam or Jon. AREA LAWN WORKS 605-785-3855 or 605-237-8024

**SPRAY FOAM INSULATION:** Open and Closed cell spray foam insulation for new and remodel applications. AREA SPRAY FOAM ISULATION. 605-785-3855 or 605-237-8024

**FOR SALE:** Bedroom set that is about 50 years old, it consists of a dresser, chest of drawers and a headboard for a double bed. It's in good shape. Two white bathroom sinks with faucets. One microwave. We would like to get rid of all of this, so please set a time to meet with us and make an offer. Our phone number 712-281-6776. We are located on the north side of the lake.

# The LPADA 3rd Annual Golf Tourney

18 Hole 4 Person Scramble  
Saturday, July 23, 2011



Proceeds Benefit the  
Lake Poinsett Handicap Dock Project



**Lake Region Golf Course  
Highway 81 - Lake Poinsett  
\$40.00 / person**

9 a.m. Shotgun Start • Registration starts at 7:30

**Call (605) 983-5437 to sign up.**

**Lunch, green fees and prizes included.**

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