



President's Note

This newsletter is the final newsletter for 2025. It is later than normal so the fish stocking report could be included, which was done later than previous years. The reason was a paperwork snafu that delayed the permit being approved. Long story, but the moral of the story is - don't assume the email made it to its destination. See the full fish stocking report below.

As I write this I am looking out the window at the low lake level. The view has me hoping for a lot of snow and a slow melt in the spring. We need to get some moisture in the ground and in the lakes before freeze up. Enough of these dry falls.

In this short edition of the newsletter, you will find reports on the following topics.

- > Fish Stocking
- > Calendar of Events
- > Board Roster

As always, the board appreciates your support and the feedback we get from you. Enjoy the upcoming holidays.

Take care,
Russ Boverhuis, President

Fish Stocking

Lake Mary was stocked with 126 pounds of walleye fingerlings on Sunday, November 23. On average each pound of fish contains about 15 fingerlings. This works out to about 1,890 fingerlings. According to our fish supplier, they will have scattered to all parts of the lake in 24 hours. Weather was excellent for the release. Special thanks to [Fun At The Lake Resort](#) for allowing us to use their property to do the release.

A bit of background on the fish stocking. ELRA normally does fish stocking two out of every three years. Last year we were forced to take the year off due to lack of funds. Everyone remembers that Eurasian watermilfoil treatments took all our funds. We resumed fish stocking this year and stocked the maximum allowed by the DNR. DNR guidelines are one pound of fingerlings for each littoral acre. Lake Mary has 126 acre littoral acres, thus 126 pounds of fish.

What is a littoral acre? Within a lake or pond, aquatic plants grow in an area known as the littoral zone--the shallow transition zone between dry land and the open water area of the lake. In Minnesota waters, the littoral zone extends from the shore

to a depth of about 15 feet, depending on water clarity. The shallow water, abundant light, and nutrient-rich sediment provide ideal conditions for plant growth. Aquatic plants, in turn, provide food and habitat for many animals such as fish, frogs, birds, muskrats, turtles, insects, and snails.

Our fish stocking budget is normally \$2,100. This year we had \$3,100 available due to additional contributions from our members specifically directed to fish stocking. We could not spend the entire \$3,100 due to DNR poundage limits, so about \$400 of the additional contributions will rollover to 2026. Thank you to everyone that contributes to this cause.





ELRA Calendar of Events

Boat Parade

July 2026 (4th of July weekend)

Annual Membership Meeting

August 2026

Board Meetings

Saturday, January 17 at September 18 at 1:00 pm

April 2026 (TBD)

May 2026 (TBD)

June 2026 (TBD)

July 2026 (TBD)

September 2026 (TBD)

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ELRA Board Members

President - Russ Boverhuis, Lake Emily

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Director - Mary Thesing, Lake Mary (term starts 1/1/2025)

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Be Water Wise... *key actions that protect our waters.*

Clean to remove plants, small animals and debris.

Drain all water. Remove drain plugs and keep plugs out during transport.

Dry shoreline equipment for 21 days before moving to another body of water.

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Never Release bait, aquarium pets or aquatic plants.

To get the locations of all decontamination stations in Crow Wing County

Call (218) 824-1055

or

**Text CWCDECON
to 1-833-258-7509**

This newsletter is sent to all property owners on Dahler, Emily, Mary, and the Little Pine River. The more members we have, the more we can do for the lakes and river. Thank you for your support.

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