

Windigo Lake Area Newsletter - Summer 2020

(For property owners and friends of Windigo Lake, Lake 27, and Hub Lake)



Windigo, an Island Lake with Natural Shoreline

Windigo Lake Area Courtesies:

Dedicated to preserving, protecting and enjoying our beautiful lakes.

- R** *Respect*: Consideration for other people
- E** *Environment*: Enjoy wildlife from a distance
- S** *Safety*: Heed the DNR regulations
- P** *Peace*: Remember - noise travels over water
- E** *Enjoy*: Have fun
- C** *Catch and Release*: Preserve our fishery
- T** *Trash*: Take it home; keep it out of the lake

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CURRENT REMINDERS:

- 1) Water is still HIGH and the shoreline is eroding. EVERYONE, keep at no-wake speeds within 300 feet of shoreline please and keep any higher speed boating way in the middle of the 2 large sections of the lake.
- 2) We are issuing this newsletter as a report in lieu of a live annual meeting. Articles are in order of the annual meeting agenda
- 3) **We are asking for any questions or comments to be submitted to our email or to a Board member and we will issue a Q&A email this fall.**
- 4) Please educate all visitors about our lake courtesies.

PRESIDENT COMMENTARY

Patrick Steininger

As summer winds down, I hope everyone was able to enjoy themselves with their families out on the lake this year. By all accounts it seems like there have been a lot of great wildlife sightings in the area, which makes you appreciate the Windigo Lake area even more.

Even though our spring dinner and annual picnic meeting was cancelled this year, I'm optimistic we may have a more normal 2021. Please see the hold the date column for the spring dinner and annual meeting in 2021.

With the lake water still higher than normal, it's important that the property owners on the lake communicate to their families and guests the current slow and no wake conditions to help preserve our shorelines. Thanks for your cooperation!
Have a good rest of the summer and fall!



Regards,
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ANNUAL MEETING

Barb Pjevach

This report is being sent out instead of holding an in-person annual meeting of the Windigo Lakes Property Owners' Association (WLPOA).

Last year's annual meeting minutes were mailed or emailed to all WLPOA members in the Winter Newsletter. The full minutes for that meeting are available for download at this link:

<http://www.windigolake.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Final-2019-Annual-Meeting-Minutes-1-10-2020.pdf> If anyone has corrections to those minutes, please email us at info@windigolake.org.

LAKE ENVIRONMENT

Colleen Graham

Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) Boat Landing Monitoring

As in the past, we did receive a grant from the DNR for 2020. We planned to use our grant for boat landing monitoring this summer on weekends and holidays. However, the DNR suspended the program at the end of March due to safety and health restrictions related to COVID-19. They restarted the program this summer, but we were unable to hire a monitor mid-season. We plan to apply for another DNR grant and get a monitor hired for 2021.

TREASURER REPORT

Kris Soegaard

Income and Expenses

As of August 5, 2020, we received contributions by category as listed below:

INCOME

Member Dues:	\$1,925.00
Dedicated Fish Management Reserve:	\$1,272.50
Dedicated Invasive Species Reserve:	\$1,472.50
Friends of Windigo:	\$ 75.00
Undesignated:	\$ 35.00
Total Member Dues and Other Contributions Received:	\$4,780.00

EXPENSES

Expenses in the amount of \$1,583.93 were paid in 2020 through August 5 primarily for printing, mailings, signage, and broader lake association memberships.

2020 DNR Grant

No expenses have been recorded yet against the 2020 DNR Grant. (See update under Lake Environment Committee report).

Account Balances

As of August 5, 2020, WLPOA had the following account balances:

WLPOA Account Balances Updated 8-5-2020	Amount as of 8-5-2020	Amount as of 11-25-19
General Fund (Checking)	\$2,468.17	\$1,260.42
- Non-dedicated Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Dedicated Fish Management Reserve (Savings Account)	\$6,347.32	\$5071.75
Dedicated Invasive Species Reserve (Savings Account)	\$13,422.79	\$11943.06
DNR Grant for 2019 (closed out)		\$0.00
DNR Grant for 2020 (active)	\$750.00	\$0.00
Total on Deposit	\$27,988.28	\$23,275.23

NOMINATIONS

Patrick Steininger

In addition to the openings below, many of our Board members have served for many years and we would really like some new people to join in on the fun and continue to help WLPOA help all of us. Thanks to Paul Martin, who has volunteered to lead the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Please consider volunteering for the WLPOA Board or volunteer to help with part of any of the roles. The Board does a lot of communications by email and we can shift roles to accommodate your interests and talents. None of the roles are very time-consuming. In addition to existing Board members who have been in roles a long-time and, we have the following specific openings:

Vice President: We would also welcome someone who would want to start as Vice President with the desire to move into the President role later.

Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) Volunteer: Assist the Lake Environment Board Member with managing the boat landing monitor, entering data into the DNR SWIMS database, assisting the Treasurer in administrating the annual CBCW grant.

Welcome Volunteers: Reach out to new property owners with information about our lakes.

Social Chair: Coordinate the Annual Meeting/Picnic and Spring Dinner.

We try to make sure that we split up various WLPOA responsibilities and help one another to ensure the time commitment with any of these positions to be minimal. Please consider joining us and helping with one of these roles! You can contact any Board member to ask questions about roles and express interest. Otherwise, you can always email us at info@windigolake.org and we can forward your request to the appropriate person.

MEMBERSHIP

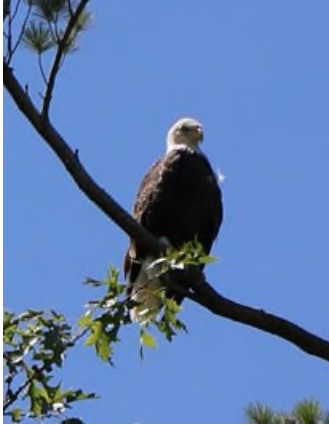
Dave and Donna Roeker

Thanks to everyone who has submitted membership dues thus far this year. We had 77 paid members in 2020, which is a little lower than previous years. If you have not yet paid dues, we welcome your payment any time. The \$25.00 is a small price to pay to help preserve our gem of a lake. We are very lucky to have this lake and our job as stewards is to maintain the beauty and preserve the wildlife and its habitat. If you misplaced your membership renewal form, you can download it by clicking on this link: <http://www.windigolake.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020-WLPOA-dues-letter-2-4-2020.pdf>

WLPOA serves property owners on Windigo Lake, Hub Lake, and Lake 27 by promoting communication and cooperation among lakeshore owners and by working with the DNR and local government to maintain lake quality and protect our lake from invasive aquatic weeds. WLPOA, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization so your membership donation is tax-deductible as provided by law.

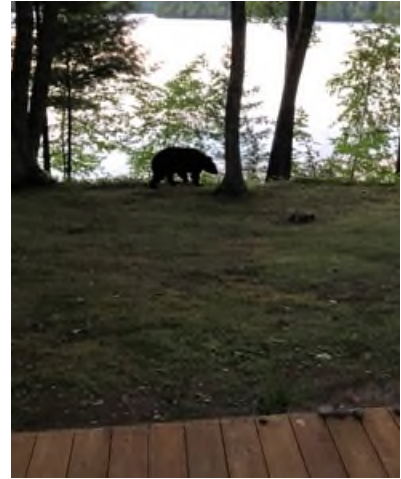
LOON AND WILDLIFE REPORTS

*Marilyn Konkler, Colleen
Graham, Barb Pjevach*



We have had some notable critter sightings on our lakes this year. While high water brings some challenges with lake shore erosion, the healthy wetlands are abundant with wildlife.

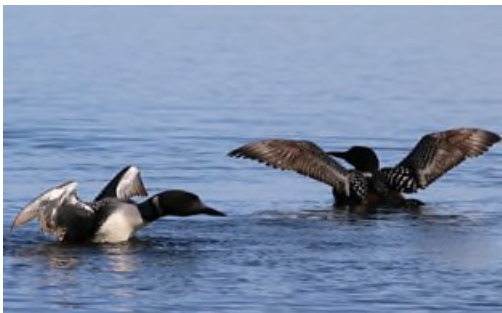
1) Bears are around again/still. We have sightings at various spots around our lakes.
2) We have at least one pair of Loons on Windigo but no evidence of a successful nesting. On Lake 27, there was a successful nest with one young loon



Courtesy of the Steininger Family

maturing.

- 3) In addition to pairs of Loons, this summer we frequently had visiting Loons in groups putting on quite a show, trilling, and dancing across the lake. These groups are called “floats” and as we learned a few years ago at one of our spring dinners, Loons that have not nested on a particular lake travel from lake to lake and are quite social with other loons
- 4) Both Great Blue Heron’s and Green Herons has been spotted on different parts of Windigo.
- 5) Spring is time for some migratory birds and Bufflehead and Merganzers were spotted again this year.
- 6) We have plenty of nesting Mallard and Wood Ducks and several broods of new young ducks in wetlands around Windigo.
- 7) Some geese and our neighborly deer have also been present.
- 8) Eagles have been spotted soaring overhead and perched looking over the lakes. They have not been nesting in the historical nest location on South Island in the last several years. We are not sure of their current nesting location.
- 9) There are many other birds who are prevalent with our healthy woods and wetlands. Here is a partial list: Merlin, White-tailed sparrow, finches, nuthatches, several types of woodpeckers, and hummingbirds.



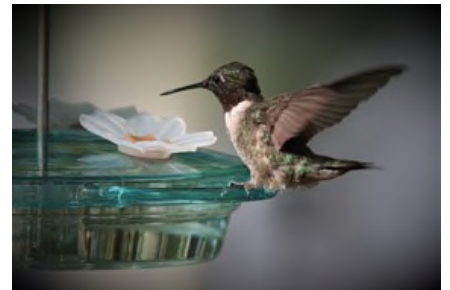
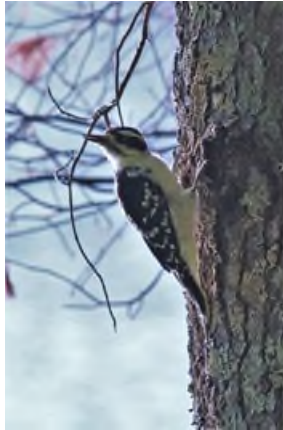
Also, as a particular reminder for the benefit of the loons, NON-motorized boats getting too close to nesting areas are a serious threat to loon health because adult loons become stressed and will readily abandon a nest when strangers approach. So, please stay well clear of the loons and use a zoom lens on your camera from a



distance if you want to get a picture!

Loon Watch

As a reminder, our Lake 27, Windigo and Hub Lakes Loon Watch volunteer is Marilyn Konkler. Please contact her at **mkonkler55@gmail.com** with your loon sightings and observations throughout the summer. Thanks!



Courtesy of Bob Lewis

Courtesy of Steininger Family

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

Paul Martin

The Fish and Wildlife Committee over the past few years has been hard pressed to find solutions for helping Windigo’s challenged fishery.

In addition, because of the recent COVID 19 pandemic, holding meetings with the committee and with the DNR has not happened this year. We plan to keep in contact with the DNR going forward regarding information and surveys regarding our lakes. If you would like to read the most recent FYKE study on the Windigo fishery, it was last done by the DNR in 2017 and can be found at this link:

https://p.widencdn.net/t7qibf/North_SawyerWindigo2016_2017SN1SE2.

We welcome any and all suggestions that would be beneficial to our lakes’ environment. Please contact me at 651-260-1733 or email pmwood80@yahoo.com

Thank you.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Donna Roeker

As you know our two group annual events are a Spring Dinner (usually held at a local restaurant the last Saturday in April) and our Annual Picnic and Meeting (usually held the 1st or 2nd Saturday in August).

This year both of these events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For 2021, we are planning that we will be able to hold the events. The currently scheduled dates and locations are:

Spring Dinner: Saturday April 24, 2021 at Trailways Inn.

Annual Meeting and Picnic: Saturday August 7, 2021 at the home of Dennis and DeAnn Persells.

We plan to provide more details about both events as the dates get closer. We plan to send out the Spring Dinner reservation forms in February as in past years. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend either or both of these events.

OLD BUSINESS

Patrick Steininger

Windigo Boat Landing Signage: We have updated some of the signs at the boat landing to new larger, more permanent signs and added some signs about the high water level and ordinances applicable to Windigo.

Need to minimize higher speed boating near shore:

Thanks to everyone for working to keep higher speed boating away from shore. While we have noticed improvement from past years, some boats are still cruising too close to shore at higher than no-wake speeds. Please remember that even in the two large sections of Windigo, all higher speed boating needs to take place well out in the middle of the lake.



Property is suffering erosion all around the lake and we are starting to lose trees that have been on the shoreline for decades. You may not realize how even moderate speed close to shore leaves crashing waves behind. This impact is not just limited to higher speed boaters pulling tubers and skiers, but also fishing boats and pontoons that are cruising at higher than no-wake speeds. Please continue to enjoy the lake but also protect all of our shoreline and boat well away from shore. Thanks!

NEW BUSINESS

Patrick Steininger

High Water Levels. A subgroup has had communications with the Bass Lake Township representatives and are discussing ways to help protect the Windigo shoreline while water levels are high. One thing done thus far is that the Town posted no-parking signs on the East side of Highline Road near Windigo Park in an effort to limit the number of visiting boats to those trailers that can fit in the parking lot. Other options being discussed are increased use of no-wake boating during high water times, increased distance from shore requirements by boats, potential ways to release some of the high water. We will update the membership more as we gather more information and possibilities.

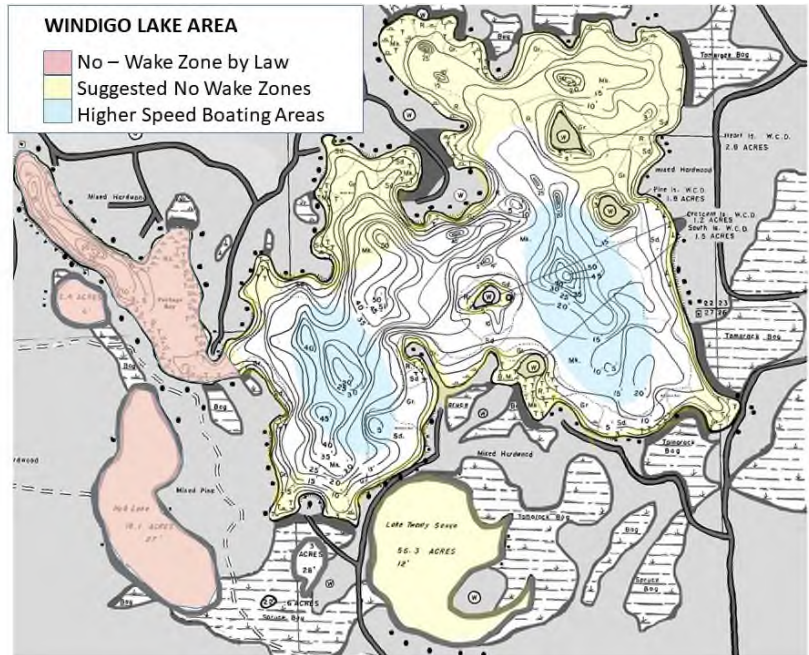
WINDIGO LAKE AREA MAPS

Barb Pjevach

CONTOURED MAP

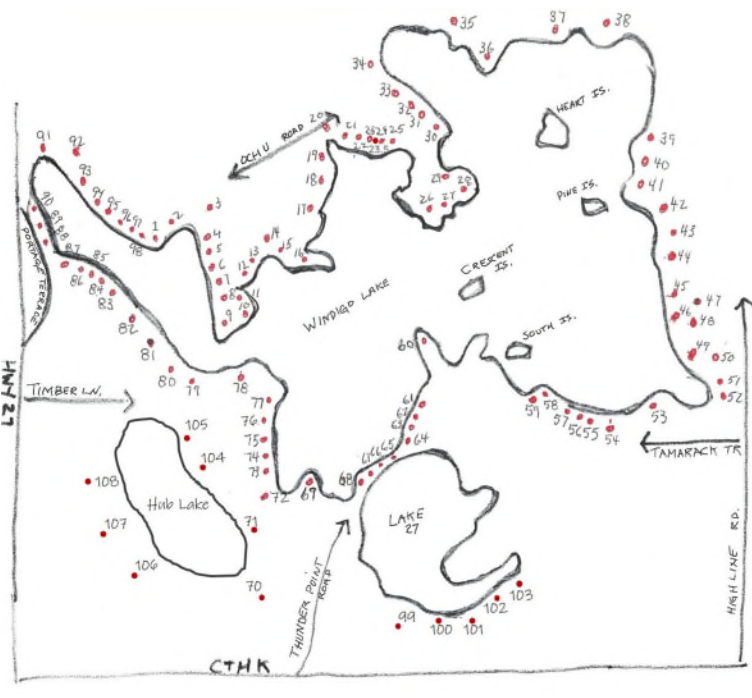
We have previously distributed a contoured lake for fishing and boating and it also notes lake courtesies for Windigo. We encourage all property owners to keep this map visible and show it to guests. If you would like to print off additional copies, here is the link to download the map and lake courtesies.

<http://www.windigolake.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Updated-Windigo-Map-no-wake-indicated-8.5x11-5-2020.pdf>



PROPERTY OWNERS MAP AND LISTING

We have updated the numbered map and listing of property owners. Here is the link for a 1 page version: https://drive.google.com/file/d/19-MuabWxq1OnKDSStIG8Rp_dgupWRD-ik/view
 For those of us preferring a slightly larger version, here is that link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Dz6rC7RdrXCcAGI6FUmCte8dtE6uqz57/view>



Street	Front	Owner 8/2020	Map #
Tanager Trail	15880W	Joseph E & Joan L Wall	1
Tanager Trail	15881W	Dennis and De Ann Parsons	2
Ochu Rd	8185N	Dave & Sarah Amabile	3
Ochu Rd	8163N	Jim & Joann Evans	4
Ochu Rd	8161N	Susan & Richard Cochran	5
Ochu Rd	8141N	Carl Allen & Jeff Homberg	6
Ochu Rd	8159N	Craig & Melissa Friedel	7
Ochu Rd	8160N	Virginia L & Steven D Wilson	8
Ochu Rd	8163N	Mark & Susan Glander	9
Ochu Rd	8152N	Paul & Marilyn Martin	10
Ochu Rd	8138N	Marvin & Sandra Ross	11
Ochu Rd	8148N	Joseph E & Joan L Wall	12
Ochu Rd	8172N	Phyllis Hill and Howard Family	13
Ochu Rd	8180N	Jack & Trish Hemming	14
Ochu Rd	8190N	Dan Belach	15
Ochu Rd	8210N	David Bink Estate	16
Ochu Rd	8244N	Carol Hubler	17
Ochu Rd	8220N	Thomas Semets	18
Ochu Rd	8264N	Nancy Christ	19
Ochu Rd	8276N	David Ochu & Bonnie Kutz	20
Ochu Rd	8288N	Kestine Ochu & Herbert Rush	21
Ochu Rd	8298N	John and Christina Knopik	22
Pennsola Lane	8285N	John & Sue Staker	23
Pennsola Lane	8297N	Dan & Heidi Lee	23.5
Pennsola Lane	8281N	Karen Gary & Dan Shannon	24
Pennsola Lane	8285N	Anne Marie (Harold) & Michael Fries	25
Pennsola Lane	8201N	John & Judith Adams	26
Pennsola Lane	8226N	Todd & Katherine Bloomfield	27
Pennsola Lane	8210N	Ken Evans/Christy Bertram	28
Pennsola Lane	8214N	Glen Sauer	29
Pennsola Lane	8276N	Pam and Bob Seaton	30
Pennsola Lane	8292N	Fred & Nancy Betz	31
Ochu Rd	8320N	Randy & Peggy Stewart	32
Ochu Rd	8326N	Mike & Rosemarie Lantz	33
Ochu Rd	8328N	Carlton and Eugene Merrill	34
Ochu Rd	8434N	Jim & Joyce Schelen	35
Hughline Rd	8439N	Douglas & Kathleen Neumann	36
Hughline Rd	8425N	Bill & Gwen Wisner	37
Hughline Rd	8481N	Paul Neumann	38
Hughline Rd	8228N	Laurinda Johnson, Erik & Kim Peterson	39
Hughline Rd	8215N	Thomas Gilbert	40
Hughline Rd	8211N	Diane and William Christou	41
Hughline Rd	8191N	Jim & Nancy Parlow	42
Hughline Rd	8167N	Bill & Joan Tobin	43
Hughline Rd	8143N	Bob & Linda Wilson	44
Hughline Rd	8145N	Richard & Susan Hunt	45
Hughline Rd	8147N	Linda & Andy Dawk	46
Hughline Rd	8147N	Mike & Heidi McLaughlin	47
Hughline Rd	8141N	Dave & Donna Roeker	48
Hughline Rd	8071N	Ron & Sandy Wago	49
Hughline Rd	8017N	Lauren Shaw	50
Hughline Rd	8026N	Lynn & Diane Parlow	51
Hughline Rd	7954N	Steve Mikolajac	52
Tanager Trail	15380W	Dan & Barb Pjevach	53
Tanager Trail	15360W	Dick & Karen Stroninger	54
Tanager Trail	15410W	Wendy Gross	55
Tanager Trail	15410W	Patrick & Jennifer Steninger	56
Tanager Trail	15418W	Sandra LaBarbara	56
Tanager Trail	15430W	Steven and Diane Cudde	57
Tanager Trail	15450W	Steve & Kim Sogard	58
Tanager Trail	15460W	Sharon Link & Bob Lewis	59
Thunder Point Rd	8054N	Tom & Joyce Eastman	60
Thunder Point Rd	7991N	Jim and Judy Ghent	61
Thunder Point Rd	7981N	Clare Best	62
Thunder Point Rd	7973N	Sandra Bender	63
Thunder Point Rd	7965N	Jim & Jeannette Roark	64
Thunder Point Rd	7943N	Colleen Gahan/John Garrett	65
Thunder Point Rd	7933N	Nancy Nelson	66
Thunder Point Rd	7927N	Mark and Eve-Maria Walker	67
Thunder Point Rd	7911N	Mark & Barbara Rogard	68
Thunder Point Rd	7911N	Conrad Rajard	68
Thunder Point Rd	7955 & 7966	Rock & Julie Raeborg	69
Thunder Point Rd	7779N	Donald & Alice Shelton	70
Thunder Point Rd	7955 & 79	Canon & Amanda Kiefer	71
Thunder Point Rd	7948N	Ernie & Madlyn Korler	73
Thunder Point Rd	7960N	Robert & Nancy Wink	74
Thunder Point Rd	8002N	Gary & Laurel Hoffmann	75
Thunder Point Rd	8006N	Michael & Holly Jones	76
Thunder Point Rd	8010N	Mitch & Ellen Anderson	77
Thunder Point Rd	8014N	Mary Jo Collins	78
Thunder Point Rd	8048N	Michael Semason	79
Thunder Point Rd	8074N	Ruth Pines	80
Thunder Point Rd	8128N	Jeffrey & Cheryl Gerdingen	86
Thunder Point Rd	8206N	Mitch & Lynn Patrick	87
Thunder Point Rd	8212N	Clay and Denise Hodgen	88
Thunder Point Rd	8222N	Stephanie Wager	89
Thunder Point Rd	8238N	Carole & Jonathan Gottle	92
State Hwy 27	8328N	Earl R & Nancy J Myer	91
Thunder Point Rd	15068W	Steve & Susan Gross	92
Thunder Point Rd	8324N	Steve & Susan Gross	92
Thunder Point Rd	15067W	Gwen Sher/Randy Freitag	93
Thunder Point Rd	1756N	Gregory Wilson	93
Thunder Point Rd	15850W	Jeffrey & Stephanie Soils	95
Tanager Trail	15860W	Wendy & Andrea Kruppenberg	96
Tanager Trail	15870W	Arnette & Brian Young	97
Thunder Point Rd	7774N	Mark & Rhonda Rosen	99
Thunder Point Rd	7756N	Gregory Wilson	100
Lightning Lane	7758N	James & Julie Sindinger	101
Thunder Point Rd	7762N	Alan & Kathy Meyer	102
Lightning Lane	7784N	Mark & Teresa Des Lauriers	103
Thunder Point Rd	8029N	John & Rhonda Noll	104
Thunder Point Rd	8051N	Bruce & Kathy Barzil	105
State Hwy 27	7918N	Doger Chudy	106
State Hwy 27	7980N	Holly and Bryan Demma	107
Thunder Point Rd	8121N	Peter & Jill Swanson	108

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