

# Green Lake Breeze

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In the five years that I've served on the GLPOA Board, it has become very apparent to me just how special Green Lake is to our property owners. Many of you are third and fourth generation Green-Lakers with vivid memories of great summer days, wicked thunderstorms and smooth-as-glass lake freezes. Those snapshots in time are life memories and have put Green Lake in our blood.



I know many of us also share a desire for our children and grandchildren to experience the same fond memories of Green Lake that we have. In fact, many of you have asked me, "What can we do to help keep Green Lake great?"

My answer usually has to do with a topic that's been a huge focus for our GLPOA lately - prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) into Green Lake. Over the past several years, we have unfortunately seen MS on the rise in Minnesota lakes. The good news is that to date, Green Lake has been able to avoid most of them. The bad news is we often feel helpless to prevent them - that it may just be a matter of time.



With that in mind, your Board has taken another important step towards preventing MS by providing a way for all who love Green Lake to financially invest in the long-term future of this great resource. At a meeting last Monday, July 22 with several Board Members, we decided to form the Green Lake Legacy Fund with a goal to: *"Protect and enhance the natural beauty of Green Lake for the benefit of ALL."*

Please watch for more details about the Green Lake Legacy Fund and how you can get involved.

See you on the Lake,

Jamie Duinick  
GLPOA President



# Learn How to Put Your Cabin or Lake Home in a TRUST or LLC for Your Family!

## Attend a Free "CABIN TRUST" SEMINAR/WEBINAR July 30th • 1:00 P.M. CST

If your lake place is the center of your family, the gathering place, the spot where friends and extended family gather to create lifelong memories, then you cannot afford to miss this seminar. Our places are heirlooms, not assets. But moving a place from one generation to the next can be difficult without good planning. Recent changes to the Minnesota gift tax will require further planning. Now you and your heirs can establish a future for the family place that has been so important.



### Find Out What Can Happen *Without* a Cabin Trust or Cabin LLC...

- Disputes arise over who should pay the taxes, insurance and maintenance
- Interests pass to unintended heirs
- Interests in the cabin may go through multiple probates
- Unexpected loss of step-up in basis
- Disputes over who gets to use the property end when they get to use it
- Unnecessary Minnesota or federal estate taxes and now as of 7/1/2013 Minnesota *gift* taxes!
- Too many common owners with too many different interests and financial situations to be workable

### Find Out What Can Happen *With* a Cabin Trust or Cabin LLC...

- Avoid disputes and bring family together for generations to come
- Reduce estate and gift taxes and avoid multiple probates
- Can be stand-alone or added to your existing will or living trust
- Provide a cash endowment to fund taxes, insurance, maintenance, even a new boat
- Create an orderly schedule of use, rules regarding guests and expense sharing agreements
- Plan for cross purchases between siblings and other heirs

### DON'T MISS ONE OF THESE FREE PRESENTATIONS!

**Tuesday, July 30 • 1:00-2:30 pm**

WEBINAR ONLY

Watch this Live Webinar  
from your computer!

**Tuesday, October 22 • 1:00-2:30 pm**

WEBINAR ONLY

Watch this Live Webinar  
from your computer!

**Thursday, October 24 • 7:00-9:00 pm**

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7800 Normandale Blvd  
Bloomington, MN



We are offering two choices - both free. One is a live, interactive webinar where you can ask questions and interact with presenter Frank Heers. Frank is a long time MLR member, and has 25 years experience in creating Trusts and LLC to preserve family legacies. His webinars are fun, engaging and informative.

Use this link to register for the Cabin Trust Webinar:

<http://www.instantpresenter.com/PIID=EC52D6848248>

If you want to attend in person, call the office to make your reservation for the Oct. 24th presentation at the Doubletree South in Bloomington. We encourage you to invite your kids. MLR works for you and the next generation, If you are not currently a member of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers, join today OR sign your kids up for an MLR membership so they can begin to connect with the issues surrounding lakeshore ownership like property tax code, shoreland rules, aquatic invasive species and tax saving programs like the Sustainable Forestry Incentive Act.

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# Public Water Access News

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## DNR TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE ON PLANS FOR SPICER PUBLIC WATER ACCESS - AUGUST 1

The public is invited to learn more about design concept plans for the Spicer Public Water Access during an open house on Thursday, Aug. 1, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Spicer City Hall.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff will be on hand to discuss the project plan, which will address improved safety, traffic flow, additional off-street parking, aquatic invasive species (AIS) and improvements to storm water management. Refreshments will be served.

The Spicer Public Water Access is located north of Saulsbury Beach on Green Lake's southwest shore in Spicer.

The Spicer City Hall is located at 217 Hillcrest Ave. in Spicer. Questions about the open house may be directed to Jeremy Losinski, DNR Parks & Trails area supervisor, at 320-796-2161, ext. 229.

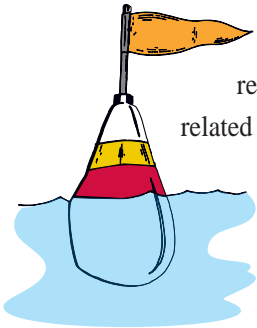


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## Water Rules and Regulations

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As the battle against Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) continues, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would like to remind lakeshore owners of rules and regulations and best management practices pertaining to docks, boat lifts and other water related equipment. First off, these items must remain out of the water for at least 21 days if they are going to be moved to another water body. Usually, if docks or lifts are sold during the off-season, this is not an issue. When hiring a service to install and remove docks and lifts, be sure they are trained and permitted by the DNR. Permitted lake service providers have been trained to inspect water-related equipment for invasive plants and animals before transport and know the best management practices for removing invasives if they are found. You can find a list of area permitted service providers at the DNR website or in the July issue of the Green Lake Breeze. There is no required power washing or decontaminating for docks or lifts if they are free of invasive species, even if they are transported off of your riparian property.

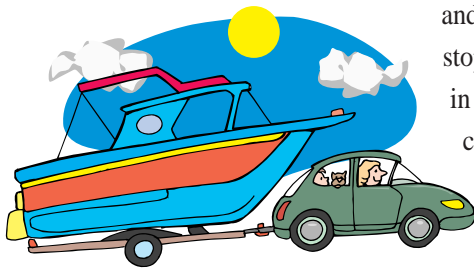


For those of you who remove your docks and lifts yourself, fall provides a good opportunity to check for invasive species like zebra mussels. Even though zebra mussels have not yet been discovered in Green Lake and the GLPOA is working hard with the DNR and the MFCRWD to stop them from spreading to the Spicer area, we must still be diligent

in checking equipment that has been in the water all summer - early detection of an infestation could help prevent the spread to other lakes. When those items are removed from the water, quickly look them over to ensure that there are no attached invasive species. Supports, wheels, or any other parts of the structures that are submersed in the water for any period of time should be looked over. Should you notice any attached zebra mussels or other invasive



species, please contact the DNR immediately. And please help spread the word about invasive species and how to search for new infestations - all of Minnesota's waters are at risk.



*Nicholas Brown  
Invasive Species Specialist*

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# Share Your Green Lake History/Heritage With Us!

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Green Lake is known for its purity and also for its family heritage. So many memories are made and shared by family and friends presently and throughout generations in some cases. Whether it's winter on the lake or all the summer activities Green Lake offers, this is reason enough to work hard to keep the lake a vacation spot long remembered, enjoyed - and inherited. Family legacies are exactly why we are working so hard to keep Green Lake as pristine as it has been.

Please share with us your family's length of ownership as we'd like to know what family name with ownership has been on beautiful Green Lake the longest - a list of the top 10 family histories will be listed in the September newsletter.



Please fill out this form and send to: Terry Frazee, PO Box 362, Spicer, MN 56288 or email [terry.frazee@verizon.net](mailto:terry.frazee@verizon.net)

## #1

Family Name with lot # passed down in successive years to this date:

Original Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Acquisition Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Successive Names in order of possession:

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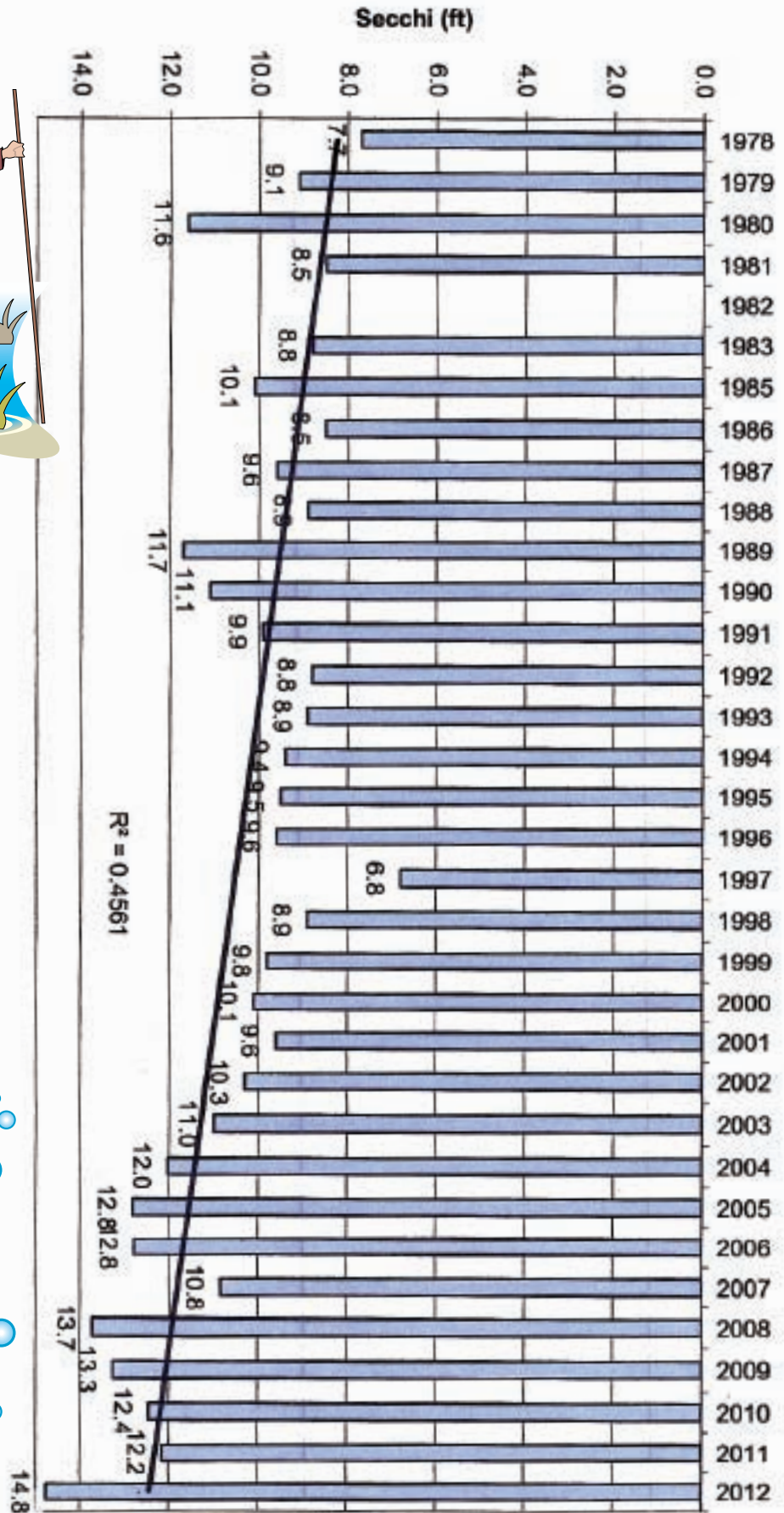
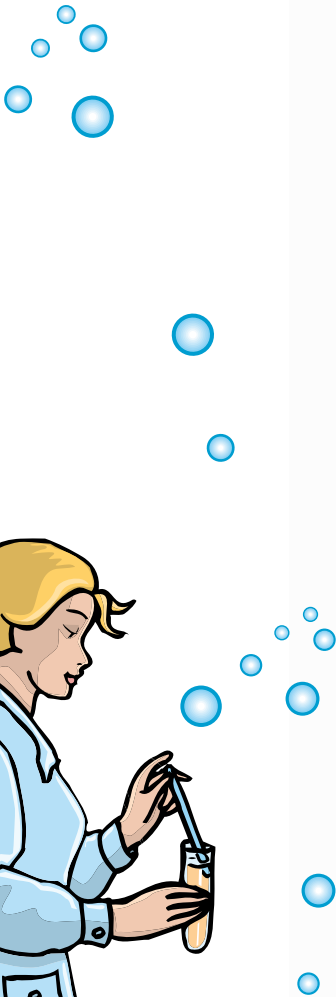
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Same surname, but with other lots acquired around Green Lake:

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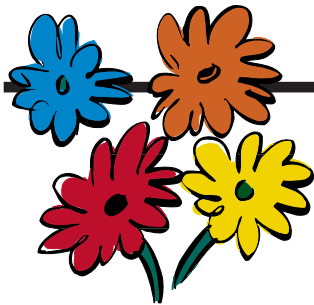


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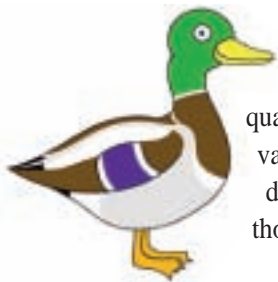
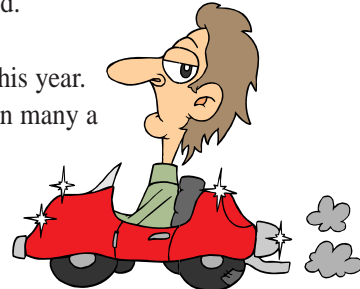
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# Nature Notes



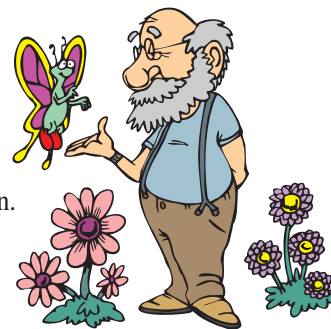
The air was sweetly redolent with a familiar scent - oh, yes, Basswood /Linden blossoms. Three weeks late as nearly everything else was, but it was there. It shouldn't take me by surprise every year, but it does. Those who have read these notes for years may recall when my neighbor and I dried the blossoms and kept them in a jar until winter, then tried making tea of them. We hoped it would be something like jasmine tea. It wasn't. It really didn't taste like anything. Oh, well. . . the idea sounded good.

A drive through Spicer and around the lake revealed that the Japanese lilac trees were blooming profusely this year. Those feathery white blossoms didn't seem to last long, but they were lovely. Snowball bushes now brighten many a yard. Clematis also put on showy displays, whether white or purple. Bright geraniums, red or salmon pink, decorate decks and walkways, along with tuberous begonias. So those trees and plants are cultivated ones - they are lovely and a new part of nature.



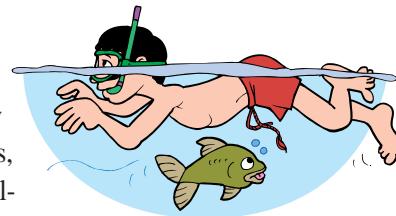
Before that, ducklings and goslings responded to their mothers' calls and took to the water. One resident with a wood duck nest said the mother swam near shore, then almost barked instead of quacked at her little ones. Within moments, out they came, dropping to the ground and swimming to her. Information varies as to what follows. One source says the mother stays with them one day, then leaves them to their own devices. Has anyone verification for that? I suppose I could have Googled it, but it's more interesting to involve those in the know closer to home, sharing that information with us.

As long as I'm asking questions, has anyone seen monarch butterflies lately? News items have mentioned their dearth and wondered if it was caused by lack of winter habitat or the strange winter and spring. I thought I saw one flutter by yesterday but it went so fast I'm not sure. I didn't know butterflies flew that fast. If you see any, let me know (796-2323). Maybe they'll be more numerous in the fall, during migration. The same might be true of yellow swallowtail butterflies.



I was going to make the same request for loon sightings when a friend on the North Shore called to say he was watching seven loons swimming not far from his dock. I haven't often seen "my" solitary loon this summer. I hear their plaintive and eerie calls but seldom see them.

One word (why do people always say that when they go on for a paragraph?) about the swimmer's itch people were plagued with over the Fourth, especially near Lone Tree and Saulsbury Beach. My daughter Googled that and "chiggers" for me and reaffirmed that chiggers are found in grass, long grass, weedy areas and bushes, mostly in the southern states. Swimmer's itch is in the water, especially in shallow areas. Calamine lotion is good treatment - I understand it is clear and not pink, as it used to be. People would walk around looking like strawberry angels if the infestation was severe. Only once about 45 years ago did our family have the problem.



It doesn't take much to amuse me, but the other evening after one of those hot days, I laughed when the neighbor's young bulldog, Charlie, after staying in the house all day with little energy, gamboled across the lawn in pursuit of a little white moth. One never knows what will spark a burst of energy.

May you sit back and relax or have one of those bursts of energy that enable you to accomplish even a little task - if necessary. May the Green Lake breezes blow gently over the waters and refresh our spirits.

*Gloria Benson*



# Some Recent History About Efforts To Contain Zebra Mussels

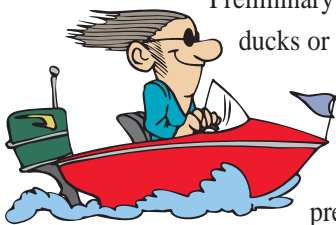
The ice went out on Christmas Lake last week, and soon a new gate will go up at its only public boat ramp, signaling the start of what may be the most contentious boating season yet in Minnesota's two-decade fight over zebra mussels and other invasive species.



The gate, installed in November, is more than a method to keep invasive species out of one of the most pristine and exclusive lakes in the metro area. Some see it as a challenge to individual privacy and a virtual minnesota birthright-unfettered access to any lake or river in the state.

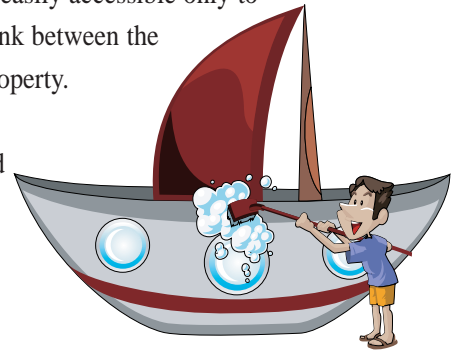
*Star Tribune 3/25/2012*

Preliminary results from systematic monitoring of Wisconsin lakes for aquatic invasive species confirm that boaters, not ducks or other birds, are spreading the invaders around, state and University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers say.



None of the wilderness lakes surveyed - those in remote places and easily accessible only to wildlife - had any invasive species present while there was a direct link between the presence of invasive species and boat access from public and private property.

"The fact that accessible lakes are the ones that are invaded indicates that these species are moved by boaters," says Alex Latzka, a University of Wisconsin-Madison graduate student involved in the research.



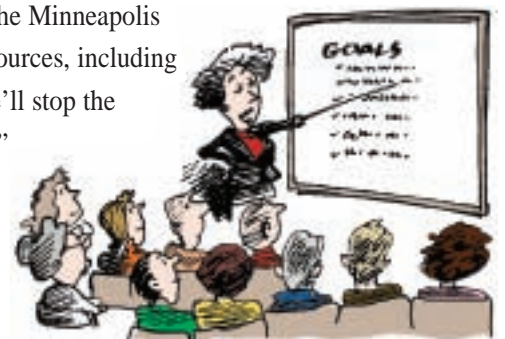
*Source: Wisconsin DNR Weekly News article published: March 5, 2013*

2013 SESSION - REPORT, MONDAY MARCH 11, 2013



**Green Lake Bill.** Representative Mary Sawatzky (D-Willmar) and Senator Lyle Koenen (D-Clara City) carried the bill. The bill provides \$100,000 in state funding to cover the staffing of the proposed decontamination station in the city of Spicer, with two contingencies before public money would be available: private funding in the amount of \$100,000 is secured to build the station, and three of the six accesses are closed. If these contingencies are not met the state funds would not be made available. (Unfortunately the bill did not become a law.)

**DNR Commissioner's Comments.** In the sports section of the Sunday, March 3 edition of the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*, outdoor writer Doug Smith reported on the various threats posed to natural resources, including invasive species. DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr was quoted as follows: "Do I think we'll stop the spread of zebra mussels? Absolutely not. Our job today is to slow them as much as possible." This is a disappointing comment from the state's top conservation enforcement officer.



*Source: Our Lobbyist, Bruce Kleven*

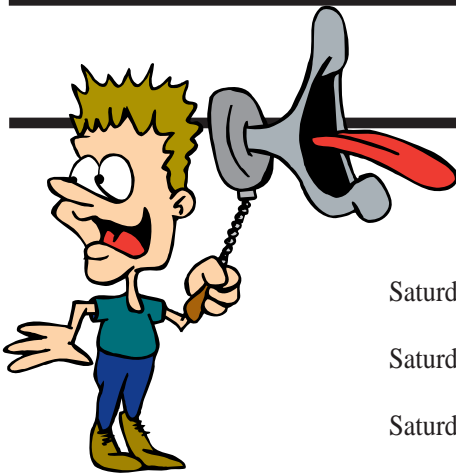
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## **GLPOA Meeting Dates**

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**Green Lake Property Owners Association  
Board of Directors • Deidra's, Spicer, MN**

Saturday, July 13, 2013	Heritage Bank Room	8:00 am
Saturday, August 17, 2013	Heritage Bank Room	8:00 am
Saturday, September 21, 2013	Heritage Bank Room	8:00 am
Saturday, April 26, 2014	Heritage Bank Room	8:00 am
Saturday, May 17, 2014	Heritage Bank Room	8:00 am
Saturday, June 21, 2014	Bible Camp - Annual	8:15 am
Saturday, June 28, 2014	Heritage Bank Room	8:00 am
Saturday, July 19, 2014	Heritage Bank Room	8:00 am
Saturday, August 16, 2014	Heritage Bank Room	8:00 am
Saturday, September 20, 2014	Heritage Bank Room	8:00 am

