



Wanted: Bookkeeper Familiar with QuickBook software. Contact Brad 320-266-2205

For Sale: Matching pair Polaris Jet Skis Model Yr 2004 MSX 150 including Trailer average 50 hours, \$9500.00 Contact John 743-2130

For Sale: Beige 50's Sofa and Chair, like new, nylon fabric, \$50.00

Knee-hole Walnut Desk 34" wide by 17" deep \$10.00

Dresser – 3 drawers oak wood, painted white 57" wide by 18" deep \$10.00

Contact Richard 252-0138 or 743-5701

For Sale: Dry Red Oak Firewood \$150.00 per cord 4ft by 4ft by 8ft. Contact Denny 743-2549

Remember, ads are free to BLCA Members. Get your information to **Carol Kufner** at 743-3753 before the 20th of the month.

Volunteers Still Needed

Please contact Steve Demeules or Karen Jones to volunteer to help out with the Palmer Day food booth on September 11.

Services Available

Pontoon hauling - to access \$35.00 – to dealership for tune-up, call for price

Garden tilling, lawn aerating, minor prop repair – call for pricing

Contact: Pat 743-4263

THIS WE REMEMBER by Kenzie Phelps

It has been several months since we published the first **This We Remember** article in the Lake Report. Our goal was to tap the rich memories of some lake residents who have been around the chain of lakes for more than just a few years. We anticipated hearing a treasure of stories, memories, and reflections from people who have known these lakes well before we had Palmer Wireless and Uncle Vito's Pizza.

Paul and Norma Fors recalling the long time it took to complete their home [10 years], the sandy shoreline and good bass and sunnie fishing on Lake Julia, numerous visitors, and the many summers their girls spent at the lake.

Frank and Terry Hart remembering the 54 years of opening fishing on Big Elk Lake, he doing the fishing and she doing the cooking for their many guests. Plus summer mass celebrated at their home by Father Al.

Barb and George Kydd thinking back on the many challenges of building a home [over 20 years], the sheep in their unfinished basement, life on Speedboat Bay with their pontoon with a "crummy, crummy motor."

Erma Gallagher recalling the social life early on, the parties, the fireworks, summer visitors who always came at meal time, and several sheriff's visits. Plus watering pine trees by hand and building a cabin, "their little house," and then a home.

Jim and Linda Wicklund remembering the quiet of winter, the great walleye fishing, relaxing on Turtle Beach, the Lakes Chain Sportsmen Club, the tornado of 1967 and calling kids in from swimming by ringing the old Clear Lake Fire Bell, now residing at the Palmer Fire station.

Jean and Larry Sewall thinking back on the "cigar house," pet turtles, Kenny and Kates, Stan and Annes, June weeds, quiet evening serenity, water skiing and family legacy.

And did we mention Cottonwood Beach Resort? Seems like all who lived around here in the early years have fond memories of Cottonwood Beach. Add other memories of clear water, pulling weeds, small cabins, summer socializing at the lakes and dirt roads and we begin to get a feel for life on the lakes just a few short years ago. Ah yes, sweet memories of life on the Briggs Lake chain.

Response to the **This We Remember** series has been positive, and the Lake Report plans to continue the series throughout 2010. Do you have stories and memories of your lake experiences you would like included in the Lake Report? Would you, or somebody you know, like to be included in **This We Remember**? If so please contact Penny Houtz [743-4812; phoutz@frontiernet.net] or Kenzie Phelps [743-2663; kenziephelps@gmail.com].