



# News From 'Up North'

FALL/WINTER 2010

## Lakeside decks in progress for #1, 2, 3, and 8

Beautiful fall weather boosted work on the newest additions to some of Woodland's white cabins. Guests staying in #1, #2, #3 and #8 next summer will enjoy the beautiful sunrises over Kabekona Bay from their new lakeside deck area!

Each deck has a ramp leading from the entrance side of the cabin. Most of the cabin interiors are not large enough to allow for a lakeside door, but may be added sometime in the future.

Cabin #1 was the closest cabin to the lakeshore. This only allowed the deck 7 1/2 feet, so it wraps around to the side of the cabin toward the campground, making it a bit larger.

Currently, we have no furniture to put on the decks so everyone will have to stand. (kidding) We debated about whether the picnic table should go on the deck or stay out front. An after-thought... Mike may have to build a few more.



Framework and footings were completed in October.



Cabin #8 has the first deck, ramp and railing finished in November.



Cabin #2 and #3 decks almost complete. The last step is constructing the railing tops.



The new deck on cabin #1 wraps around with a level walkway connecting to the door. Landscaping was done to cut down the hill slightly in the front. Still needed are railings and to trim the rafters that overhang the deck.

## Bridgework done over Kabekona Bay channels

The old bridge over the channel connecting Kabekona Bay to Lake Benedict has been torn out and replaced by a new, wider concrete bridge. The bridgework began July 23rd and was completed in mid-October with the new guardrails in place. The project was delayed slightly from someone driving across the cement before it was dry. County Road 38 was closed to thru traffic for the 2 1/2 months.

The old railroad bridge over Kabekona Narrows, which is now used as the Heartland Trail bridge, also had some renovating. Many of the large support poles were replaced with new ones that have a culvert-type protection around the bottom. The entire top of the bridge was stripped down and now has new surface timbers and new railings.



(above) The steel pillars that will support the new bridge have been pounded in with a large crane. (below) The old Benedict Channel bridge in July before it was taken down and replaced.



Portions of the railing are gone and resurfacing the top of the bridge was underway in early October.



## 2011 CABIN OPENINGS

May 13-19	Cabin #1
May 13-21	Cabin #11
May 13-25	Cabin #4, 8
May 13-28	Cabin #13
May 16-26	Cabin #3
May 21-28	Cabin #12
May 30-June 4	Cabin #3
Aug. 20-27	Cabin #11
Aug. 27-Sept. 3	Cabin #4
Sept. 17-24	Cabin #5, 8
Sept. 24-Oct. 1	#1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11

If you would like a week that is not available, the best time to call or email is from January 16 (after deposits are due) until around mid-February or March, in case we get some cancellations. We can also add your name to our waiting list for a particular week. Our cabin openings are also updated on our website: [www.woodlandresort.net](http://www.woodlandresort.net) or email us at [wland@arvig.net](mailto:wland@arvig.net)

# THE KIDS

Jeffrey turned 8 this fall and is in 2nd grade. His favorite subject in school is reading and also likes doing math. He is also looking forward to playing basketball again this winter.

On his days off from school, he loves tossing the football and baseball, helping Dad with projects, and playing games on the computer. Spongebob is still his favorite show to watch.

He loves to give hugs each day. The other day he came by and added, "You're the best mom in the whole world." I asked, "What makes me the best mom?" He leaned over and said, "Your hot." Shocked at his strange answer, I said, "I'm hot?" "No" he giggled, "your hot" (while pointing to my heart - so sweet!) Still working on the "r" sound : )



**Jeffrey enjoys his favorite, the Dairy Queen Banana Split, with Jessica and Ethan after a long bike ride up town.**



**Jessica (left) and her best friend, Jasmine, head to Girl Scout camp this past summer, where she tried her first zip line!**

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In her spare time, Jessica likes to hang out in her room doing artwork and playing with her petshops and barbies. Her goldfish, Swimmy, is getting huge! She takes excellent care of him, even though she doesn't like cleaning the tank.



**Cara having fun at the pool at Breezy Point with her dad.**

Cara is practicing her parts and solo for the Christmas musical this month. She is also looking forward to next year when she may be old enough to get a "real" job (not just working for Mom and Dad).

Jessica is 9 and has joined the 4th-8th grade classroom this year at school. She has become quite the hairstylist and fashion expert.

Jessica tried out volleyball this year, which she enjoyed. She also enjoys Just For Kix each week and is looking forward to going to competition.

Her Girl Scout troop of 13 girls have advanced to Juniors this year and have done most of the planning for the year.

They are working hard on their badges and fundraising sales and are excited about their mall sleepover and dancing trips we will take later this winter.

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Cara is in 7th grade and is now officially a teenager. She played on the volleyball team this year as a setter. Their team worked well together and won many of their games.

Cara loves to read and has been spending lots of time at the library up town. She also enjoys babysitting, taking photos, and taking care of her bunny, Moonlight. She is in her 2nd year of confirmation classes, and still enjoys practicing her Just For Kix routines each week.

Cara plays flute in the band and is looking forward to pepband starting this winter. She also has guitar lessons and plays with her friend, Megan and teacher, Miss Janna at the school sing-a-long each week.

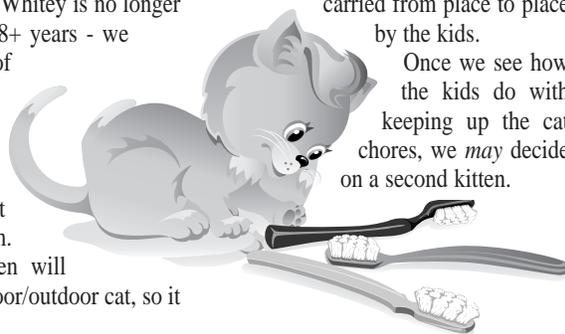
# New kitten coming to Woodland

We are looking forward to doing some family kitten shopping after the holidays this year. Whitey is no longer with us after his 18+ years - we kind of lost track of how old he was, but Mike had him a year or so before we were married. He was a great cat and we all miss him.

The new kitten will probably be an indoor/outdoor cat, so it

will probably be seen out playing next summer among the bunnies and being carried from place to place by the kids.

Once we see how the kids do with keeping up the cat chores, we *may* decide on a second kitten.



## LEECH LAKE REPORT

### Walleye slot under review by DNR

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) held a public input meeting Oct. 13 to discuss proposals to maintain or modify existing walleye regulations on Leech Lake.

DNR fisheries staff explained why the department is considering maintaining regulations adopted in 2005, which require Leech lake anglers to immediately release all walleye 18-to 26-inches in length. Anglers are allowed to keep up to four walleye, only one of which can be longer than 26 inches.

The second proposal would require anglers to immediately release all walleye 20-to 26-inches in length. The bag limit would remain at four fish, with one of those walleye allowed to be longer than 26 inches. If DNR population surveys determine that female walleye density was negatively impacted by the reduced slot limit, DNR could revert back to the 18-to 26-inch slot limit.

"The ability to revert back to a more protective slot limit gives us flexibility," said Harlan Fierstine, the DNR's Walker area fisheries supervisor. "It allows anglers to keep larger fish while providing a useful management tool that allows us to protect younger year classes of walleye. if necessary, to meet population objectives established by Leech lake's citizen input committee." Check for more updates at: <http://news.dnr.state.mn.us/>

**Merry Christmas**

Wishing everyone  
a wonderful Christmas  
and a happy, healthy  
New Year!

Mike, Kelly, Cara, Jessica & Jeffrey

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."* LUKE 2:10-11