LEARNING FROM THE LAKE

When you first view Lake Superior on the way to Wolf Ridge, it's the size that makes the biggest impression. The vast and occasionally fog shrouded lake keeps asking you to look at it as you drive along its shore. Large bodies of water have that attraction and this body of water is indeed large. It is the 3rd largest fresh water lake by volume and has the largest surface area of any fresh water lake on planet earth. This magnificent resource touches three states and two nations. For those of us in Minnesota, this adds another significant responsibility to our environmental stewardship obligations.

When the Wolf Ridge Board of Trustees, staff, and their architects started to explore the idea of a facility on the shores of the Lake Superior, they randomly surveyed over 650 Wolf Ridge ELC community members: school teachers, parent chaperones, summer camp parents, family program participants, naturalists, etc. A key question on the survey was: What are the critical environmental issues in the coming years, which Wolf Ridge should focus on and assuredly include in its curriculum? Over 40% responded to the survey and the number one response was "freshwater access and awareness".

As previous issues of the Almanac have shown, the Wolf Ridge "Making Waves" construction project on the main campus is nearing completion. While we still have money to raise and so much to share about the MAC Lodge and Living Building Challenge, we have expanded our focus and are currently working on developing our access at our Lake Superior field station. This land is our newest classroom and learning laboratory, providing the opportunity to expand our water literacy curriculum and to develop partnerships with top quality research and educational institutions.

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September at Wolf Ridge is the start of our year. Since we are a school, I imagine you’re not surprised by that way of viewing September. We welcomed 15 new students into our naturalist training program. Here they learn to be effective educators, whether in a formal K-12 classroom or hiking with kids along the shoreline of a lake. Wolf Ridge program staff has finished getting the “kits” that hold the resources for our classes cleaned and ready for the coming year. The custodial and maintenance departments completed the scheduled cycle of waxing floors and grading the driveway. The farm crew is busy harvesting a plethora of veggies.

Reflecting on the past year, I feel a great deal of satisfaction. The summer of 2018 was fabulous. We had record numbers of attendance in camp programs, both youth and family, and our grandparent/grandchild program tripled the attendance from last year. The new Girls Rock the Ridge Leadership camp was a hit. The amount of produce produced by our organic farm continues to increase. We broke ground this summer at our Lake Superior land. We’ll soon have access and parking with shelter and basic resources. As both young and old guests explored our campus in accompaniment of a Wolf Ridge naturalist learning and appreciating the surrounding beauty, construction workers on the main campus were quickly disappearing. We’ve been teaching amongst significant construction projects for more than 2 years. The campus is slowly returning to a sense of calm, at least as much calm as place with 300 children running around can be. In the spring of 2017, the Lakeview House, home to our student naturalists and seasonal staff, and the new maintenance building were complete. This May was the grand opening ceremony of the renovated and re-named Margaret A. Cargill Lodge. The construction has renewed our campus but more importantly causes us to reflect on how we live and motivates us to make changes that in turn improve and protect the environment. Experiences here are transforming how people around the region are living, in more and more sustainable ways. Learning at Wolf Ridge has always been about connections, primarily to the natural world, but also to each other.

With a new year upon us, I need to say a heartfelt thank you for continuing to join us on this journey. I know our Almanac is valued by the Wolf Ridge community for keeping you connected to what happens at this special place. YOU are a part of that community, which transforms people’s lives through learning experiences in the outdoors. The great success we’ve had so far with our Making Waves capital campaign has brought more new supporters to Wolf Ridge than any other endeavor of the past several decades. As I meet and get to know someone new to Wolf Ridge it reinforces that our story needs to be told over and over again.

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Just today, a couple that dedicated their lives, more than 40 professional years, to environmental education in MN, visited me. They knew of Wolf Ridge, but yet, didn’t really know. We visited over lunch and I shared stories. They were blown away and had no idea the depth and breadth of the learning that occurs at Wolf Ridge. And so, as the leaves change, we begin to greet another year of schools, some of which have been coming for more than 45 years and as such, return here as old friends and some which are attending for the first time and will be building their own Wolf Ridge stories, connections, and learning. We invite you to share your Wolf Ridge story.

These Wave Makers have raised $7,537,161 as of September 19th

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  - Margaret A. Cargill Foundation
  - The Dietz Family Fund
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- In-kind donors
As I begin my second year as Chair of the Wolf Ridge Board of Trustees, I am reminded of how proud I am of the accomplishments of this amazing organization. Your support of Wolf Ridge has been critical in the success of Wolf Ridge. Wolf Ridge has educated students and adults for over 45 years. In this time of environmental stress, we need more than ever a well-informed population. That has been and is the mission of Wolf Ridge. Your past support indicates that your values match the mission of Wolf Ridge.

The construction project on the Wolf Ridge Campus is completed and getting rave reviews. The most recently completed building is the Margaret A. Cargill (MAC) Lodge (formally the West Dorm). A goal of the complete renovation of the old West Dorm was to increase efficiency in both energy use and occupancy flexibility. Both of these goals have been achieved thanks to great execution of the architectural plan by HGA and Gardner Builders. The MAC has been well received by both students and families who occupied the building for the first time this summer.

From a financial perspective, the long-term goal of increased revenue by higher capacity through rooming flexibility and lower energy costs will be monitored closely during the next few years. We have every reason to believe that our operational financial position will improve with more aggressive marketing and efficiency. However, we must pay for the capital building projects without using funds from operations. Our donors are stepping up to the plate and we believe we will achieve full funding of our building projects.

Long range financial stability is a goal of the Board of Trustees and the staff of Wolf Ridge. This brings me to the topic of planned giving. We have several individuals who have notified Wolf Ridge that their will or living trust lists Wolf Ridge as a beneficiary. The Board of Trustees has set a goal of formalizing a planned giving program – The Leaders of the Pack. I am asking you to consider naming Wolf Ridge as a beneficiary of your estate plans. The Leaders of the Pack has the potential of providing long range stabilization of funding the needs of Wolf Ridge for generations to come. Without planning, nothing will happen. What a great legacy you and your family can leave to ensure that environmental education at Wolf Ridge continues at the highest level.

More details will be forthcoming about The Leaders of the Pack through future Almanac articles and our web site. For more info or to tell us about your gift, please contact Pete Smerud 800-523-2733.

Wolf Ridge asks you to considering directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Wolf Ridge.

Qualified members of Thrivent can recommend where some of the organization’s charitable outreach funds are distributed. Wolf Ridge has been an approved Thrivent Choice recipient since 2016.
Wolf Ridge received an award from the National Demolition Association for Excellence in Demolition for the amount of waste we diverted from landfills during the MAC Lodge Living Building Challenge.

Lakeview House was recognized as a Top Project in 2017 for its green building and design from Finance and Commerce, a daily newspaper out of the Twin Cities that covers real estate, construction, technology, banking, energy, health care and advertising.

Nature Bridge accepted Wolf Ridge as one of 10 organizations to be part of a national partnership to study social/emotional learning in residential settings.

We partnered with Lake County Soil and Water Conservation to deliver their Water Watchers program to local youth with water resources through science.

At the farm, a permaculture project called Hugelkulture is underway. It involves a 6’ tall burm and ditch that will separate the farm from an active beaver colony. The burm top and will be planted with fruit trees.

The Wolf Ridge Farm is a participant in a 3 year project conducted by St. Olaf College studying whether local populations of milkweeds outperform nonlocal populations and also if certain populations may outperform other populations everywhere.

A chimney swift tower is under construction at the farm. The Minnesota Ornithologists Union Savaloja Grant provided monies for this project after a population of chimney swifts was discovered roosting in a chimney at the Silver Bay school.

A grant was received from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to identify natural local phenology changes to determine the best time to plant our farm crops.

The Girls Rock the Ridge Leadership Camp filled quickly and was expanded to 2 sections. The girls expressed feeling very comfortable to be themselves.

Making improvised rafts on a hot sunny day was all good fun for the Ultimate Survival camp.

Grandparents/grandchild and family camp resided in the newly renovated MAC Lodge. They really appreciated the large group meeting space - Weesner Lounge - where they could socialize. Families savored the cast iron outdoor cooking with our chef, Chris, luxuriated in the essential oils class taught by Wolf Ridge’s own receptionist, Krysty, and dabble for the first time in a guided sip and paint.

Two groups from the Minnesota Conservation Corp visited Wolf Ridge. The Spike Leadership Training helped with various farm projects. And a work crew released white pine in the cranberry corridor planting.
PROFILE: TORI DAHL

Tori Dahl is currently the Farm Field Manager at Wolf Ridge. She started the seven-month stint in April. She has a B.A. in Biology and English from California Lutheran University and a M.S. in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Environmental Education and a Certificate in Food Justice and Resilient Communities from Antioch University of New England. Prior farm experiences include working for EarthDance Organic Farm School in MO and at Farmer John’s Plot in Dublin, NH. When Tori’s term is complete, she plans on moving back to Ramsey, MN and then spending a few months farming in New Zealand with her younger brother.

Tell our readers about something that you have learned as the result of your time or association with Wolf Ridge ELC. I learned a lot about how to manage both a farm and employees. I had the privilege of managing most of the day-to-day farm operations as well as spending time teaching two full-time and one part-time interns about farming and educating. I will take forward with me the value of building camaraderie among staff members by getting to know each other and taking time to show you care.

Please share a Wolf Ridge ELC memory. During our summer farm camp, Farm, Feast, & Fire Camp, I really enjoyed cooking with the campers and introducing them to foods they hadn’t eaten before. It was especially fun to see them eating far more vegetables than they normally eat.

Tell us about yourself. My hobbies include reading, playing guitar, piano, and singing, writing songs and poetry, agate hunting, crafting, playing games, and spending time with my family. I was conversationally fluent in German in high school.

What book and/or movie would you recommend others read. I would recommend people read the book “Animal, Vegetable, Miracle” by Barbara Kingsolver or “The Handmaid’s Tale” by Margaret Atwood.

Please share a travel tip? When traveling to new places, I really enjoy spending time in grocery stores to see how food habits change. I also recommend spending some unstructured time wandering around and trying to talk to some locals.

What is your favorite place at Wolf Ridge and why? I love the spot at the top of the driveway where you can see Wolf Lake down in the valley nestled between Marshall and Mystical and framed by trees.

If you could visit with any conservationist/naturalist/environmentalist, living or dead, who would it be and what would you say. I would love to talk to Wendell Berry and ask him for advice on starting my own farm in such a way as to build a sustainable farm and food ethic in my community.

If you were a different being, what would you be? I would be mycorrhiza fungus because they live in a supportive, mutual relationship with their plant and enrich their environment which is what I strive to do with my own life. ♦
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Michelle Gransee (01) is the State Energy Office Manager with the Clean Energy & Programs MN Dept. of Commerce. She was highlighted in March by the CERTS as part of their series showcasing influential women in MN energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. Erin (Manning) Waldorf (05) had a baby boy, Raymond George. JoJo Zhu Yan (10) got married in April. Brandon Trapp (12) has started a new job with Outward Bound NW. Dan Hnilicka (13) has a new job at the MN Zoo. Luciana Ranelli (15) completed her masters at Antioch and scored a job at Teton Science Schools as field education faculty. Makkail Miller (17) is now at Nature Bridge - Yosemite Natl Park along with Julia Luger (16) and Nils Anderson (15). Emily Shosh (17) is the Communications & Outreach Advisor at Potter County Conservation District in PA. Mikki Brevig (17) has nailed a landing at The Raptor Center, MN. Jarrod Klopp (17) is working at Lowry Nature Center, MN. Rosie Hesla (17) is a 7th gr science teacher at Richfield Middle School, MN. Hannah Edstrom (17) is a 3rd year at WR. She is doing teacher development specialist work. Rory Anderson (17) finished her 2nd year at WR teaching the SEAK and Murray school programs. She is exploring her options along with Emma Rohieder (17) who moved to OR after leading WR trips. Class of 2018: Sam Anderson worked as a WR credit academy naturalist before moving onto Nature Bridge - Olympic Natl Park. Then in 2019 he is heading to Argentina teach a La Lucena ELC (started by Peter Dunn (92)) & his wife Nicole (Washburn) (93)). Jenna Arvidson spent the summer at the MN Landscape Arboretum and is now at Keystone Science School, CO. Whistle Barkan moved to Keene, NH to continue her education at Antioch. Erin Baumann worked at WR as school programs onsite coordinator before heading to Traverse City, MI to be a Food Corps Service member. Allison Hren taught at Hurricane Island Ctr for Science & Leadership in ME as a science educator and is at WR as a mentor naturalist. Samantha Kruger is the education program coordinator and communications intern at Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC) in Harbor Springs, MI. Lyntausha Kuehl was the nature director at Medicine Mt. Scout Ranch, SD. She is searching for a permanent job and having quality family time. Calvin Leitch Lodge taught credit academy camp at WR and is now in CA at High Trails O.E. Ctr. Alicia Little can be found at The Landing - Three Rivers Park District in MN, working as a seasonal cultural heritage interpreter. This fall she also became a parttime educator at the Bakken Museum. Maggie Noun worked at Voyageur Outward Bound Twin Cities over the summer and is back at WR as a mentor naturalist. Jonessa Palmer was a naturalist at Wild River State Park, MN over the summer before moving to Keene, NH to get her masters at Antioch. Charles Pavlisich lead trips at WR and is staying for another year in the mentor naturalist position. Meg Quirk took a summer road trip ending at Keystone Science School, CO. Alex Romano was a farm hand at David & Lise Aboz's (89) Round River Farm before her current stint with the Land Stewardship Project in Lewiston, MN. Rachael Sarette worked for True Friends-Camp Courage as a trip leader over the summer and is back at WR as a mentor naturalist.  

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As I meander down to Wolf Lake from the Lakeview House with fishing pole in hand, it becomes hard not to notice all the changes going on in the forest this time of year. Under the surface of the lakes there are almost just as many, going unnoticed by most. My earliest memories are of fishing for walleye at the family cabin with my father, today I plan to try my luck once more. As the season shifts deeper into fall, water temperature triggers chemical changes in the water. These chemical changes spur on biological and behavioral changes in the inhabitants of the waters, in preparation for winter. When the creatures you are fishing for change their behavior, the way you fish for them changes as well.

The temperature has been dropping for weeks and the hours the sun graces us with its presence has decreased. In the water, it’s a little more difficult to see the effect of this but on land you can see it in deciduous trees. Maples were orange and red and aspens flaunt their golden leaves. Sliding my canoe away from the dock, I can see the colorful hillside reflecting the coming fall in the calm water. As I adjust my gaze to penetrate the lake’s surface, I detect seasonal changes there as well. Aquatic plants, with the lack of light and the cooling of the water, die back and take to their roots to wait out the dormant months. The water itself has changed.

This mixing spurs the creatures dwelling in the water to make noticeable changes in their behavior. When I glance over the side of the canoe I wish I could see down just a bit further into the water, and survey the fish. The ripples from my boat obscure my view and so instead I relax for a moment and take in a little warmth from the fading October sun. The fish are not relaxing, the cool water sends a signal to all the fish to feed before the more frigid temperatures hit. The walleyes form schools to hunt in, searching the lake quickly for prey almost around the clock. They begin to resemble the wolves on the land above in this fashion. Their prey here in Wolf lake are the small perchs and sucker fry, as there have been no other minnow species found in the lake. These smaller fish, having lost the cover of weed beds, form large schools for protection and move to find the last insects and plankton so they too can bulk up for winter.

All of this movement below the water means several changes for my fishing strategy. Now I have to paddle more. Gone are summer days of tossing a line in over my “secret” spot and waiting at dusk for the walleye to come to me. The fish are roaming in search of food, I need to paddle around to find them. The first place I go is the edge of a weed bed near the narrows of Wolf Lake. Some dead stems may still provide a little cover for prey fish and the deep water nearby provides a place for walleyes to come and ambush them. The soft plastic lure I am using to imitate the small fish the walleye are feeding on is repeatedly flung out and bounced across the bottom. After several minutes it is clear that the fish I seek are not here, so I make like a wall-eye and move. This stop I try the shadow of Mystical Mountain where fallen boulders provide safety for the small perch. The lure is again flung in many different directions until I feel that slight pull on the line. With a flick of the wrist, the hook is set and the dance begins. The rod moves from one end of
the canoe to the other. After a few long minutes, just under the surface, sulks a walleye. I admire the fish for a moment, the green of the scales and large eyes built to hunt in low light. The I lift its head out for just a moment to pop the hook out and with a flick of its tail, back to the depths the walleye dives.

I return the canoe to the dock and look to the forest once more. There are a lot of changes happening all around us, especially in the fall. With all of the leaves changing it can become easy to miss the hidden changes when the large ones are so easily seen. Perhaps that’s why I enjoy fishing so much, it forces me to slow down, look for the some of those little changes To be successful, I must change my behavior and adapt.

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organizations. The land will help Wolf Ridge teach about the importance of conservation and biodiversity as well as providing access for learners to carefully view abundant and undisturbed native plant life.

Recent observations of algae in Lake Superior conjure up old images of the canary in a coal mine used in the past by underground miners to monitor air quality. The algae evidence is suggesting that climate change may be a factor in water quality even for a lake as large as Lake Superior. The curriculum being developed will help students understand the importance of monitoring the quality of fresh water and such climate factors as lake ice and its impact on global water cycles. All of this fits perfectly within the mission of Wolf Ridge to develop a citizenry with the knowledge, skills, and motivation to improve our environment. Wolf Ridge looks forward to playing an important role in educating the next generation of leaders and environmental stewards who will help manage and protect the magnificent natural resource of Lake Superior.

The Making Waves campaign team was recently very pleased to learn that its message concerning the importance of the Wolf Ridge presence on Lake Superior and the plans for its use resulted in an anonymous donation of $50,000 for our project on the property. This recent gift was applied towards a $250,000 matching gift that will move our financing of this project forward. We have now raised approximately 80% of the Making Waves financial goal, and are looking for help to complete this important project. All at Wolf Ridge would love to have you join our team.

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Ryan Pennesi is the feature photographer for the 2019 Wolf Ridge calendar. He grew up in central MA and spent lots of time catching frogs. Discovery in the outdoors led him to work as a forestry and wildlife technician. Ryan lives in Finland, MN. Ryan first began experimenting with photography in college by using trail cameras to monitor wildlife. The first setup was on a deer carcass and Ryan was amazed at the number of critters that showed up. “Technology can give us a profound window into the lives of wild creatures; for me it has fostered a greater appreciation and respect for the wild.” Ryan’s photography has won a variety of photo contests. Most recently he placed 2nd in Lake Superior Magazine’s 2017 photo contest, nature category. Calendars are available for $14.00 for donor members and $18.95 for non-donor members, including shipping. They are also available at special prices, in lots of 25, for school fundraising and retail resale. Proceeds of all calendar sales directly support children attending Wolf Ridge school programs. Email mail@wolf-ridge.org or call Wolf Ridge at (218) 353-7414 for more information and to order.
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Voyageurs 2-wk Ultimate Survival: (6th-7th gr) July 14-17
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Credit Camp - Wilderness Ethics: (10th-12th gr) July 28-Aug 10
Superior Service Learning Camp: (10th-12th gr) Aug 4-10
Superior Hiking Trail 5-day Backpack: (7th-8th) July 7-13
BWCAW Canoe 5-day: (7th-8th gr) Aug 11-17
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Jr Naturalists 2-wk Apostle Islands Kayak: (10th-12th gr) July 28-Aug 10
BWCAW Traverse Canoe Expedition: (10th-12th gr) June 23-July 13
EcoArtists: (4th-5th gr) July 21-27
Grandparent/Grandchild Summer Grand Adventure: (ages 6-11 and adults) July 21-25
Summer Family Camps: (all ages) June 30-July 6, July 28-Aug 3, Aug 4-10
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Wolf Ridge...

Wolf Ridge ELC provided me with the realization that we are all on a journey in life and at any time we can change direction so long as you follow your heart. In 2012, I first spent the summer at the Ridge as part of the Camp America program seeking adventure away from my home country of Ireland. I returned three subsequent summers having fallen in love with the people, adventure, wild places and eventually, my beautiful Minnesotan wife, Jessie.

The beauty of Wolf Ridge and North Shore attracts great individuals who wish to learn more about this wonderful place and do what they can to protect it. The community at Wolf Ridge inspired me to follow an academic path that has lead me to become an environmental consultant and activist protecting people and places in my home country. The most recent chapter of my life has brought me back to Minnesota where I have recently immigrated and now call home.

~ Eoghan O’Neill... Touching Lives
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We meet our mission by:
- Fostering awareness, curiosity, and sensitivity to the natural world.
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- Developing social understanding, respect, and cooperation.
- Modeling values, behaviors, and technologies which lead to a sustainable lifestyle.
- Promoting the concepts of conservation and stewardship.