

2023 Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations Monthly Articles

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December 16, 2023



NORTHLAND OUTDOORS

COLA: Let's appreciate the beauty that COLA strives to protect

Members of the Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations write a monthly column in the Enterprise regarding water-related opportunities in the region.

1d ago · By Craig Bihle

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-lets-appreciate-the-beauty-that-cola-strives-to-protect>

November 17, 2023 – Article By Craig Bihle and Sharon Natzel

SPORTS NORTHLAND OUTDOORS

COLA: Hubbard County lake associations innovate to build membership

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Many lake associations promote camaraderie by organizing themed boating events coinciding with the 4th of July. Contributed/Craig Bihle

November 17, 2023 at 8:35 AM

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-hubbard-county-lake-associations-innovate-to-build-membership>

October 14, 2023



NORTHLAND OUTDOORS

COLA: Highlights of Hubbard County lake association efforts in 2023

Lake associations recap their efforts to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and to protect loons.

By Sharon Natzel and Craig Bihrlé

October 14, 2023 at 9:39 AM

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-highlights-of-hubbard-county-lake-association-efforts-in-2023>

September 15, 2023



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COLA: Walleye need us to clean, drain and dry, too

A 2022 University of Minnesota AIS annual report found that walleye are affected in zebra mussel-infected lakes.

Sep 15 • By Sharon Natzel

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-walleye-need-us-to-clean-drain-and-dry-too>

August 11, 2023



NORTHLAND OUTDOORS

COLA: Improved water quality is goal of Crow Wing River Watershed plan

The goal of the 1W1P framework is to address water quality concerns and protect resources throughout the watershed by planning and partnering across jurisdictional boundaries.

Aug 11 • By Craig Bihrlé

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-improved-water-quality-is-goal-of-crow-wing-river-watershed-plan>

July 15, 2023



NORTHLAND OUTDOORS

COLA: Carnivorous native plant found on 'Mud Lake'

While kayaking on a lake near Park Rapids, Sharon Natzel saw common bladderwort, an "amazing" aquatic plant native to Minnesota.

Jul 15 • By sharon

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-carnivorous-native-plant-found-on-mud-lake>

June 24, 2023



NORTHLAND OUTDOORS

COLA: DNR's LakeFinder is more than a map source

LakeFinder is "a comprehensive resource, easy to find on the DNR website and brimming with information on many of the lakes within Hubbard County's boundaries," writes Bihrlé.

Jun 24 · *By* Craig Bihrlé

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-dnrs-lakefinder-is-more-than-a-map-source>

May 20, 2023



NORTHLAND OUTDOORS

COLA: Simple actions, tools protect our lakes, rivers

The CD3 waterless toolsets, located at several public accesses on lakes infested with starry stonewort in Cass, Beltrami and Itasca counties, can help us "Stop Starry!," writes Sharon Natzel.

May 20 · *By* Sharon Natzel

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-simple-actions-tools-protect-our-lakes-rivers>

April 8, 2023



NORTHLAND OUTDOORS

COLA: Accomplishments, challenges for Hubbard County lake associations

This fall, for the first time, members of Hubbard County's Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA) compiled a recap of their organization's accomplishments from the past year, along with a list of challenges to address in the year(s) to come.

Apr 8 · *By* Craig Bihrlé

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-accomplishments-challenges-for-hubbard-county-lake-associations>

March 16, 2023 – Article by Sharon Natzel

COLA: How much tree damage can a beaver's iron teeth inflict?

To help answer these questions, Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations checked with local Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife and Forestry personnel and found fascinating facts about the beaver.



If you hear a sharp slap on the water, you've likely been spotted by a local beaver swimming along the shoreline. Contributed/Craig Bihlre

March 16, 2023 at 11:24 AM

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-how-much-tree-damage-can-a-beavers-iron-teeth-inflict-1>

Feb 10, 2023



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COLA: New online tool ranks Hubbard County lake health

Hubbard County is an exceptional area when it comes to healthy lakes.

Feb 10 · *By Craig Bihrlé*

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-new-online-tool-ranks-hubbard-county-lake-health>

January 19, 2023



NORTHLAND OUTDOORS

Hubbard County COLA: Celebrating 35 years of accomplishments

Founded in 1988, the Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA) represents 43 lakes and 31 lake associations, supported by 2,776 members.

Jan 19 · *By Sharon Natzel*

<https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/sports/northland-outdoors/cola-celebrating-35-years-of-accomplishments>