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# High water on Round Lake impacts homes

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Terrell Boettcher, news editor

Water levels that reportedly are the highest in more than 40 years have flooded residential properties this spring on Round Lake.

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## Filter Bay

J.B. Hayer looks at the high water overtopping his property on Round Lake's Filter Bay June 11. His dock, boat lift, a bench, flower pot and rock wall were all entirely or partly under water.

"There won't be a lot of propeller damage this year," she said.

Filter Bay residents J.B. and Betty Hayer report that since the ice melted on May 5, high water has covered 40 feet of their yard, the dock, boat lift and a rock wall. Their boat lift was about three feet under water before being removed last week. Other docks on Filter Bay also are under water.

"We have owned the property since 1970 and the water has never been this high before," J.B. Hayer said. "And

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it's not going down," he added during a tour of the property on June 11. "We've never had water in our yard before this year."

Even following the heavy spring rains of 2013 the lake level was not as high as it is this year, Hayer said.

"We saw northern pike spawning right off the steps of our back deck," he added.

Hayer said, "It has cost me a lot" to deal with the high water, including having his boat lift and 12-year-old dock lifted out and put back in last week.

"What's bugging me is the water is not going down," Hayer added. With all the water in his yard, "It's like living in a swamp," he said.

Round Lake resident Quin Feuerstein said that his neighbor cannot have a garden because that area is underwater.

"I have standing water at lake level on my property, 300 feet from the shoreline," he said.

"We are at record high water levels and the only thing that's saving us now is the semi-permanent beaver dam" above the outlet from Osprey Lake, Feuerstein said.

The high water situation was a topic at last week's public hearing on the county's proposal for a new water control structure at the outlet of Little Round Lake.



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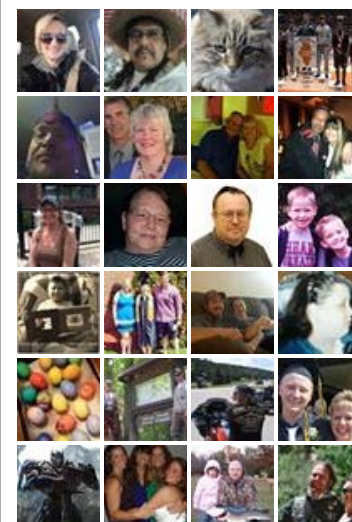


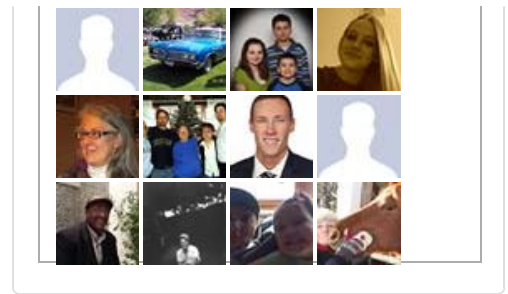
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