



Timberlines

W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League
February/March 2011
www.breckenridgeikes.org

March

- 5 Energy Expo in Elk River
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Help staff the MN Division Display!
- 8 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Social/Ed meeting: Paul Danicic,
Executive Director of the [Friends of
the Boundary Waters Wilderness](#) –
*Balancing Nature and Commerce in
Communities that Neighbor Public
Lands* – 7:30 p.m.

April

- 8-10 2011 MN Division Annual Meeting,
W. J. McCabe Chapter, Duluth
- 12 Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Brooklyn Center Earth Fest
1-4 p.m .
Brooklyn Center High School
6500 Humboldt N
- 26 Social/Ed meeting: No Kid Left
Inside – Camp Menogyn Staff –
7:30 p.m.

May

- 1 Pancake Breakfast
- 10 Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Social/Ed meeting: John Moriarty
Co-editor of Breck's autobiography –
7:30 p.m.

June

- 12 MN Division Executive Committee
- 14 Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

SECOND ANNUAL BRECKENRIDGE CHAPTER ART SHOW

- 22 Art drop off Wednesday – 5-8 p.m.
- 23 Set up Thursday – 10-6 p.m.
- 24 Opening Friday – 6-10 p.m.
- 25 Saturday – 11-8 p.m.
- 26 Sunday – 11-5 p.m.
- 28 Tuesday – 6-10 p.m.
Social/Ed meeting: Don Luce, Bell
Museum Curator of Exhibits –
“Avian Art History” – 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming

- July 11-15, 2011, National IWLA
Convention, Des Moines, IA
- Fall Social/Ed meeting – Darby Nelson's
upcoming book *Love of Lakes*

2011 Membership

Thank you to all who have sent in
your renewals.
The IWL would like e-mail addresses
of members. If you would like to
receive your *Timberlines* by
e-mail, please contact:

Barb Franklin at
breckcal@yahoo.com or
763-657-1907

Thanks,
Lorraine Spears, Membership

Breckenridge Chapter Izaak Walton League of America 2-08-11 Board Meeting Notes

Attending: Steve Shaust, John Fraley, Melissa Sonnenberg, Bill Barton, Barb Franklin, Marlys Carls-Steiskal, Wes Hendrickson, Roger Williams, John Rust, Dick Brown (after meeting with local legislators about school trust lands, arrived at 8:40)

CALENDAR: (Breckenridge event dates in all CAPITAL LETTERS)

February 12th Brooklyn Park City Events Valentine Dinner fundraiser for Tater Days

FEBRUARY 22nd – Social Educational Meeting – Dr. Peter Sorenson of U of M, Common Carp

March 5th Energy Expo in Elk River 10 am - 2 pm– Help staff the MN Division Display – New chapter may be forming in area! Contact Noreen at MN Division office 651-221-0215

ikes@minnesotaiques.org or <http://www.minnesotaiques.org>

MARCH 8th Board Meeting

March 13, 2011, MN Division Executive Committee, (teleconference) Call Noreen at MN office.

MARCH 22th - Social Educational Meeting – Paul Danicic FBWCA possibly on public lands

April 8th-10th, 2011, MN Division Annual Meeting, W. J. McCabe Chapter, Duluth

APRIL 12th – Board Meeting 7:30 PM

APRIL 19th – Social Educational Meeting - No Kid Left Inside - Camp Menogyn staff

April 16 Brooklyn Center Earth Fest 1-4 pm
Brooklyn Center High School 6500 Humboldt N

MAY 1st – Pancake Breakfast

MAY 10TH – Board Meeting 7:30 PM

MAY 24th – Social Educational Meeting - John Moriarty Co Editor of Breckenridge book on Breck

JUNE Art Show – John passed out & board reviewed application information forms for entrants & booth vendors. Art Drop off Wed 22nd 4*-8 pm, Set up Thu 23rd 10-6 pm, Opening Friday 24th 6-10 pm, Sat 25th 11-8 pm, Sun 26th 11-5 pm, Tues 28th open 6pm, 7:30 program Close 10pm Schedule will be in Brooklyn Park Get Up & Go community calendar. \$10 per

piece entry fee. \$20 for a booth outside /supply your own shelter if needed – John will work out sizing / site layout.

*note time change from 5 to 4

June 12, 2011, MN Division Executive Committee
JUNE 28TH Social Educational Don Luce from Bell Museum

July 11-15, 2011, National IWLA Convention, Des Moines, IA

Fall Social educational meeting – Darby Nelson’s upcoming book “Love of Lakes”

Treasurers Report – Holiday party \$1774 gross - expenses to be reconciled. \$62.65 cost for turkey. The annual financial report for 2010 was submitted to the board. Contact Bruce if you have any questions. Steve to hold finance committee meeting.

Timberlines – Barb will put the next issue together.

ISSUES:

School Trust Lands – When Minnesota became a state the federal government gave each township land for school income generation (mining, logging, recreation, etc.). We have been interested in transferring the school trust lands in the boundary waters. Part of a proposed state bill is trading a portion of school trust lands in the boundary waters to convert national forest lands outside the boundary waters to school trust land. Contact: Denise Dittrich (DFL) District: 47A 311 State Office Building, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155 651-296-5513 E-mail:

rep.denise.dittrich@house.mn Legislative Assistant: Peter Strohmeier 651-296-5069 & Rep. Melissa Hortman (DFL) District: 47B 377 State Office Building, 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155, 651-296-4280, E-mail: rep.melissa.hortman@house.mn Legislative Assistant: Mary Faust 651-296-4321 You could also comment on the Coon Rapids Dam as they are both supporting bonding to repair the dam.

Lots going on at the legislature that may have big impacts on conservation. One example is part of the effort of the environmental permit streamlining at the legislature is to remove “troublesome” citizen input and eliminate access to district courts by removing the

petition process and moving all court challenges out of district court to the State Court of Appeals. Will these measures limit citizen challenges or result in better decisions? Bill Barton testified for MN Division 1-25 at the Senate Envir. committee on the repeal of DNR mandate/authority to make Mississippi River Critical Corridor rules. The testimony can be heard on line if interested at mms://stream2.video.state.mn.us/SenateAudio/cmte_env_012511.MP

The testimony is at 1:43:24 after the CWD discussion, supporters of the repeal, and some other opposing repeal.

Lead hunting ammunition phase out issue – John Rust prepared a written summary of the issue. Opinions on both sides were aired. Consensus & successful motion to table to next meeting to allow more detailed data to be presented.

CHAPTER HOUSE AND GROUNDS:

Women's room toilet is fixed with a new valve. The sink drains seem OK for now – keep the doors open when not in use. Discussion on replacing aging toilets with new dual flush units. Keep eye out for sale prices.

Rentals – December was good and there is only one Saturday left open in June

Scholarship Committee – Good article & Info in the Jan/Feb Timberlines.

Website www.breckenridgeikes.org

Membership – 104 members.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Barton 2-9-11

February Program Breckenridge Chapter, IWLA

Invasive Carp

Dr. Peter Sorensen

Dr. Peter Sorensen of the University of Minnesota presented a program on invasive carp species at the Breckenridge Chapter this past month. There are several species of Eurasian/Asian carp invading Minnesota waters. These invasive carp species have been purposefully introduced into this continent by well meaning but misguided efforts. The 'common carp' (*Cyprinus carpio*) was introduced into the US back in 1870's and thereafter. Since then it has spread throughout the US and now invades the waters of every state except Alaska (see map).

This invasive fish is a problem for native species and aquatic ecosystems because they can out-compete native fish at several levels and drastically change a water body's ecology. Because they are large bottom feeding fish, they will dig into the sediments at the bottoms of lakes looking for food causing turbidity and vegetation to be uprooted. It has been documented that the common carp can dig pits in the bottom of lakes and wetlands that are over a foot deep. They are large voracious fish that can eat most anything organic.

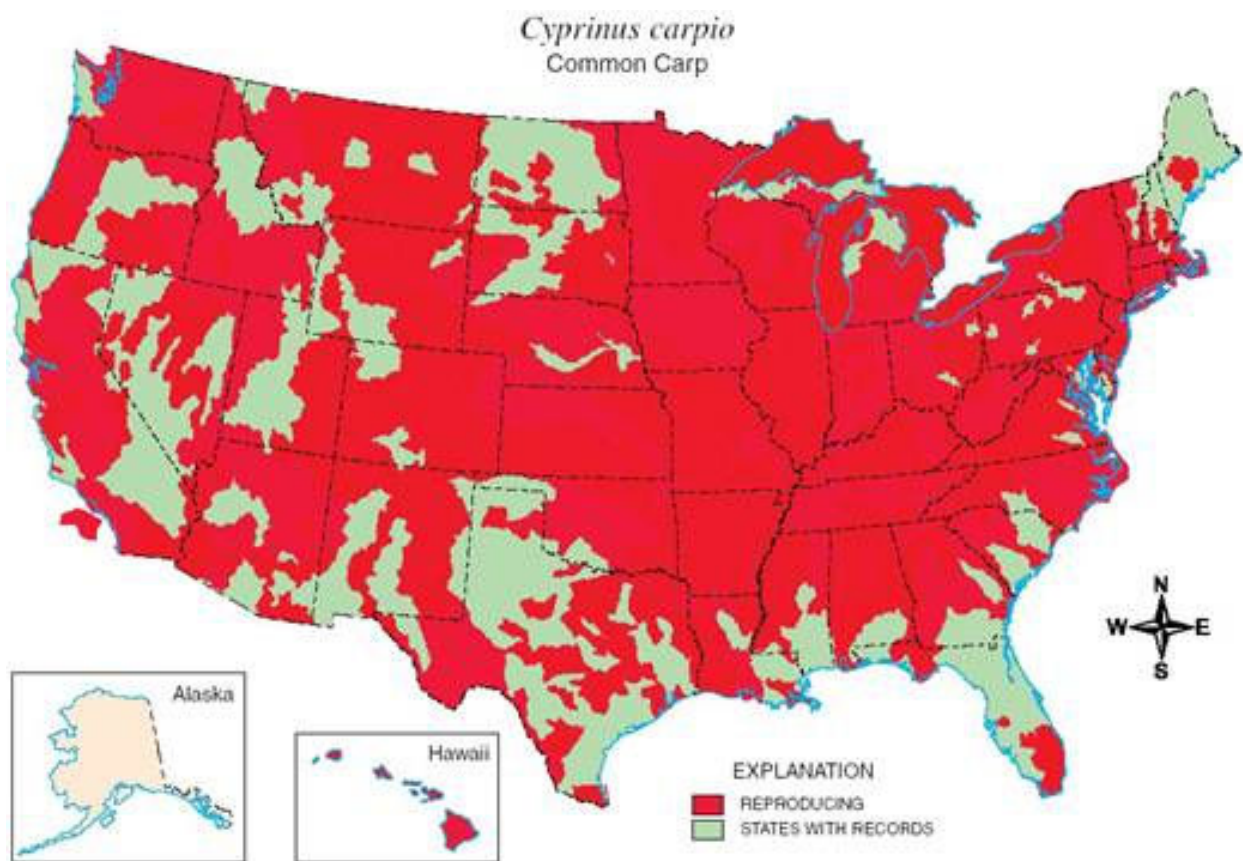


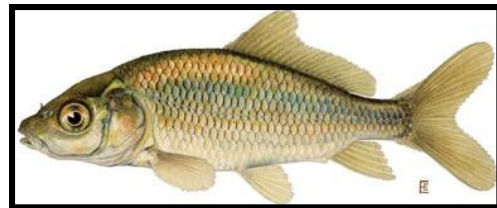
Plate 5. Distribution of Common Carp in the United States. See Methods for details regarding data used to create maps, definition of "reproducing" and shading of HUCs and states.

deeper colder lakes of Northern Minnesota carp are not a serious problem. But in shallow lakes especially in the Southern half of Minnesota they have already drastically changed the aquatic ecosystem. The Minnesota DNR and other states have tried traditional barrier methods to stop the spread of invasive carp. These barrier methods slow the progression of the species across a watershed, but may not completely stop the spread. A single female carp may contain over a million eggs, and live and breed over 50 years. In addition to the common carp, other carp species (Asian carp) have been introduced or escaped enclosures into US waters (1970s, 1980s), some of which jump several feet out of the water. Asian carp may have migrated past the \$9 million electrical barrier which is intended to prevent their spread into Lake Michigan. Due to their large size, ravenous appetites, and rapid rate of reproduction, Asian Carp could pose a significant risk to the Great Lakes Ecosystem.

Here in Brooklyn Park and Coon Rapids, a \$16 million dollar upgrade is being proposed for the Coon Rapids Dam. This upgrade is intended to create an impenetrable barrier to Asian carp from reaching the upper Mississippi River water shed. The upgraded Coon Rapids Dam will delay the spread of Asian carp until a frisky female Asian carp with a million or so eggs, jumps during an unusual high water in spring. Or maybe a wading great blue heron

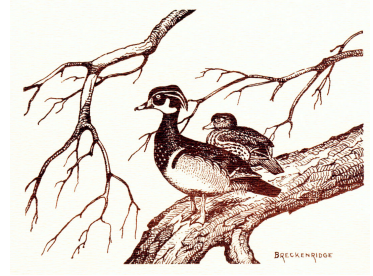
inadvertently relocates fish eggs that get stuck to their legs while wading south of the Coon Rapids dam, then tries its luck north of the Coon Rapids dam. Possibly an osprey or eagle carries back a portion of a female carp with eggs attached to the nest to feed its young. Along the way a few eggs drop into the water north of the Coon Rapids dam. Are any of these scenarios probable? No. But are they possible? Yes. Given enough time, what is the likelihood Asian carp will spread north of the Coon Rapids Dam?

– *John Rust*





Nature and Wildlife Art Show
Breckenridge Chapter House
 8816 West River Road Brooklyn Park
 www.breckenridgeikes.org



Fri, June 24 6-10 p.m. Opening Reception, Refreshments, Music, Outdoor Arts/Crafts
Sat, June 25 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Kids Activities, Nature crafts, Music, Art/craft booths
Sun, June 26 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Kids Activities, Nature crafts, Music, Art/craft booths
Tue, June 28 6-10 p.m. Awards for popular choices! 7 p.m.
7:30 p.m. Program: "Avian Art History" –
Don Luce, Bell Museum Curator of Exhibits

Join us for the Breckenridge Chapter Nature and Wildlife Art show. Members of the Chapter, friends, and the public are invited to attend this free art show and are also invited to submit works of art. You may submit framed nature and wildlife paintings, photographs, and sculptures. Cost to enter into the show: \$10 for each work of art submitted. Maximum framed size is 30 inches by 40 inches. Refreshments will be served during the show. You may bring giclées for sale if you have a print rack. Contact: John 763-202-3346 or imgahn2u@yahoo.com

Application form to submit Art for the Show – Must be received by June 11.

Artist Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
 Email: _____

I certify that I have personally created the above listed works of art to be shown. I will not hold the Breckenridge Chapter, the Izaak Walton League, or its volunteers responsible for any damages, theft, or loss of my work while it is in their possession. Artists who desire to insure their art must make their own arrangements.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail this registration form with entry fee by June 11 to:

Breckenridge Chapter Art Show
 8816 West River Road
 Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

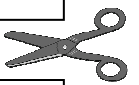
Entry # 1) Fee \$10.00
 Title: _____
 Medium: _____
 Size with frame (max 30x40"): _____
 Price (if for sale): _____

Entry # 2) Fee \$10.00
 Title: _____
 Medium: _____
 Size with frame (max 30x40"): _____
 Price (if for sale): _____

Artwork drop off: Wednesday June 22 between 4 & 8 p.m. or by special arrangement
Artwork pick up: Wednesday June 29 between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. or by special arrangement
 All art must have wire for hanging. Contact: John at: 763-202-3346 or imgahn2u@yahoo.com

Entry # 1)
 Title: _____
 Artist: _____
 (Detach this label and affix to back of artwork)

Entry # 2)
 Title: _____
 Artist: _____
 (Detach this label and affix to back of artwork)

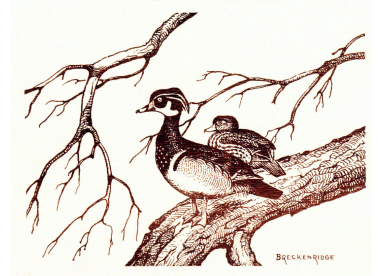




Nature and Wildlife Art Show

Breckenridge Chapter House

8816 West River Road Brooklyn Park
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Nature and Wildlife Theme Outdoor Art/Craft Booth Hosting Information:

Booth Cost: \$20.00

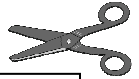
Art/Craft Booth Setup:

Friday, June 24 between 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. or by special arrangement

Art/Craft Booth Teardown:

Sunday, June 26 5 p.m. or by special arrangement

Art/Craft items for sale may be moved inside locked chapter house at night (if space permits). Booth tents, display racks, and contents are supplied, set up, taken down, and stored by booth registrant. Booth must be attended by booth registrant/affiliated person. Nature/Wildlife theme booths preferred. Booth sales/taxes are between booth registrant and buyer. The IWLA, Breckenridge Chapter, and its volunteers are not responsible for booth, booth contents, sales, or transactions. For special arrangements for setup or teardown contact: John at: 763-202-3346 or imgahn2u@yahoo.com



Application form to host Outdoor Art/Craft booth – Must be received by

June 11.

Art/Craft Booth Fee: \$20.00

Artist Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

State: __ Zip code: _____

Email: _____

Number folding tables: _____

Preferred booth set up date/time: _____

Preferred take down date/time: _____

Booth theme/sale contents: _____

Check below days you plan to have booth:

- Friday June 24 6 – 10 p.m.
- Saturday June 25 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Sunday June 26 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

I will not hold the Breckenridge Chapter, the Izaak Walton League, or its volunteers responsible for any damages, theft, or loss of my work while it is in their possession. Artists who desire to insure their art and crafts must make their own arrangements. The IWLA, Breckenridge Chapter, and its volunteers are not responsible for booth, booth contents, sales, or transactions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail this registration form with booth entry fee by June 11 to:

Breckenridge Chapter Art Show
8816 West River Road
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

POSITION STATEMENT

February 19, 2011

TO: MN LEGISLATORS AND GOVERNOR DAYTON

SUBJECT: Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Document -2010 sec 116G.15

Upon reading the original Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Document-2010 sec 116G.15, we feel little good would come from its repeal.

It seems to have been written with the best concerns for the integrity of the river and average citizens of the Nation.

The Mississippi River belongs to all 300,000,000 U S citizens including 5,500,000 Minnesota Citizens, not just property owners along its shores. Environmental, conservation and aesthetic uses must be protected now and into the future for local property owners, nearby residents, those downstream, visiting recreationists and for wildlife integrity.

We need an authority concerned with welfare of the river throughout its drainage basin and by the people concerned with the Nation's waterways.

Local control too often make decisions for economic reasons only, or for sudden temporary whims of the time, not necessarily considering ecologic integrity of the resource into the future.

WE, THEREFORE, OPPOSE HF0095 and SF0039.

However, local authorities should retain the right to add rules more restrictive, if it improves the environmental standards within their boundaries.

With our ever increasing and overburdening population more protection of our natural heritage is needed, not less.

Izaak Walton League of America
Walter J Breckenridge Chapter, Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

**Paul Danicic - Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness
7:30 p.m. Chapter House**

Paul Danicic, Executive Director of the [Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness](#), will discuss the Heart of the Continent's Gateway Community Initiative.

The [Heart of the Continent Partnership](#) seeks to sustain and celebrate the health, beauty, diversity and productivity of the natural and cultural resources of the border lakes region through collaboration to meet the needs of present and future generations.

In this presentation we will briefly examine some of the challenges and opportunities conservationists and gateway community citizens' face. We will look at attitudes and practices that both help and hinder cooperation and collaboration. We will also discuss the Heart of the Continent Partnership's International Community Congress workshop in October, a chance for civic leaders, business leaders, agency staff and stakeholders to come together to promote sustainable economic vitality and to greater connect with their public lands.



Kicking Off the 2011-12 Scholarship Program

by Jim Arnold

The Breckenridge Chapter recently sent scholarship application materials to local schools and posted the 2011-12 application on our web site. This will be the thirteenth year our chapter has made available \$500 scholarships to high school seniors and/or current college undergraduates. Thus far forty-eight scholarships totaling \$24,000 have been awarded to local students with a strong interest in, and a commitment to, environmental causes.

The scholarship announcement and application process are on the following page. Please share this information with students who might be interested or have them visit the Chapter website, www.breckenridgeikes.org. If you have questions regarding the scholarship program please contact one of the committee members: Jim Arnold, Judy Arnold, Melissa Sonnenberg or Charlie Taflin.

Link to Minnesotaikes.org

We now have quite a presence on the Minnesota Ikes website! At their request I sent in some information but they posted more than I expected! I hope it'll help people find us.

Barb Franklin, Webmaster



Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife Scholarship Announcement

The Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) is soliciting scholarship applications from high school seniors and current college students who have a strong interest in, and commitment to, the environment. The \$500.00 scholarships are awarded annually and are potentially renewable for up to four years. Scholarship winners will also receive the benefits of a student membership in the IWLA.

The Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter of the IWLA is located on the Mississippi River in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. These scholarships were established by the Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter to encourage students from the area to pursue their interests in the environment and environmental issues as part of their post-secondary studies.

The IWLA is a grassroots environmental conservation organization that was founded in 1922 to combat water pollution in lakes and streams. The motto of the IWLA is "*Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife.*"

Application Process

Please provide your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, current school, a transcript which includes current and previous year's grade point averages, and the names and contact information for two people willing to act as references on your behalf. (At least one should be a teacher or school administrator who knows you as a student.) In addition, please respond to the following four items. In the interest of economy and conservation complete applications should be limited to two typed pages.

1. What are your future educational plans and career goals?
2. What do you perceive as the most significant environmental issues facing our planet
3. Which issue interests you the most and why?
Describe your current involvement in environmental issues and outdoor activities.
4. Provide any other information you think might be relevant and helpful in evaluating your application

Applications should be mailed to:

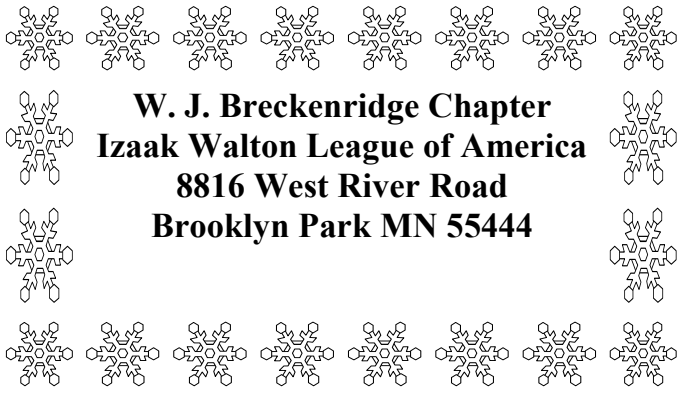
Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
8816 West River Road North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55444

(763) 561-5364

www.breckenridgeikes.org



**Applications must be received by
April 15, 2011**



**W. J. Breckenridge Chapter
Izaak Walton League of America
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Brooklyn Park MN 55444**



If you would like to submit an article for the Timberlines, please send it to
Marlys Carls-Steiskal at: **EditorBreckIWL@msn.com**
Deadline is the last day of each month.
“All articles in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the position
of the Breckenridge Board of directors.”

**Volunteers to provide refreshments for our Social/
Educational meetings—the fourth Tuesday of each month—
are always welcome!**

**Please let Melissa
Sonnenberg know when you
will bring treats.
Thank you!
763-549-8873**

