Lake history

Back in 1972

The bridge washout

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These photos were submitted by Gary Hopping, taken by his mother Margaret in 1972.

Heavy rains washed out the bridge at the inlet of the Nokasippi River. Elsewhere around the lake the roads were flooded and culverts damaged. This flood still stands as the highest water levels the lake has seen in modern times.

The pictures show a team effort of lake residents building a new bridge so that vehicles could cross.

The children appear to be having a good time watching the adults build the new bridge.

Nancy Flanders (foreground) poses in front of where the bridge used to be.