

President's Report

Welcome back everyone!

Hopefully you were able to get out and enjoy our beautiful Northwoods, especially with the colder temperatures and snow, making these activities pleasurable. Karen Anderson reported that she had a fantastic snowshoe outing with the North Lakeland Discovery Center. Be sure to check out all they have to offer!

If you feel that you want to spend your time with indoor activities now that the groundhog has given us more winter, here's an easy one: read on, get out your calendar or planner, then email or call me (fglocher@gmail.com/715-542-3658). Your participation in club activities is an essential part of keeping it viable and strong. We have a lot to offer and it's never too early to sign up and get involved. So, here you go:

Our first activity is the loon platform service project. This will be held on March 18, at 1:00 PM, and will take place at my house, 1815 Forest Drive, St. Germain (from Hwy. 70, go North on Hwy. 155. Then turn Left on Half Mile Road and then Right onto Forest Drive. Go to the end of the road. 1815 is the driveway on the Left.) We will be constructing two loon platforms based on the design by Loon Watch. Anne also needs your help in identifying platforms that need repairs or replacing. You can email her at: annesmall1@gmail.com

Our Programs: *We need you to sign up for snacks or the 50/50 and be sure to attend!*

April 27th: Licia Johnson, N. Lakeland Discovery Center (Foxes)

June 22nd: Rosie Page, Coordinator, WI Headwaters Partnership, (Invasive Species)

July 27th: Rick Howard, Purdue University, retired (Global Warming)

Sept. 28th: Linda Williams, DNR (Emerald Ash Borer)

Oct. 28th: Adrian Wydeven, Timber Wolf Alliance Coordinator, (Timber Wolves)

Nov. 16th: Mark Naniot, Wild Instincts (Current Status of Animal Rescue)

Our Activities:

May 3rd: Highway 70 roadside cleanup. Call Karen Anderson at 715-542-3946

The next two dates: July 5th & Sept. 6th, rain dates are the Thursdays after.

May 25th: Annual Chili Potluck at 6:00pm at the Community Center

Sign up to bring a batch of chili, onions, sour creams, crackers, Fritos or desserts.

Flea Market Raffle Booth: starts Memorial Day, May 29th - then every Monday until Labor Day, Sept. 4th. As in the past, there will be morning shifts and afternoon shifts.

June 3rd: Fish Tournament & Picnic, pending weather & Frank's approval.

August 4th & 5th: Pig in the Pines - need you to sign up to man the raffle booth.

August 24th: Annual Summer Picnic at 6pm at the Community Center Pavilion.

Sept. 16th: Colorama - need you sign up to man the raffle booth.

Oct. 7th & 8th: Cranberry Festival, Eagle River - sign up to man the raffle booth.

Nov. 11th: Bake Sale at the Christmas Bazaar - need baked goods (no cookies).

December: Winter Gathering - working on this - watch for further details

Continued on Page 2

SAYNER-ST. GERMAIN



FISH AND WILDLIFE CLUB, INC.

PO Box 214

St. Germain, WI 54558

saynerstgermainfishandwildlife@gmail.com
saynerstgermainfishandwildlifeclub.org

Meetings held YEAR-ROUND 4th
Thurs. of the month.
Newsletter published monthly.
Editor: Anne Small

SAYNER-ST. GERMAIN FISH & WILDLIFE CLUB, INC.



Paw Prints

LOON NESTING PLATFORM PROJECT

Club members will be constructing two loon nesting platforms. Tools and materials will be provided.



Date: Saturday, March 18

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Laura Locher's Home —
1815 Forest Drive, St. Germain

(See the President's Report for directions.)

...Continued from Page 1

Lois Reudiger, who runs things at the Community Center, would like a representative from our club to serve on the committee to coordinate Independence Day Activities. We haven't done this in the past, but if it's something you'd like to do - let me know.

Please remember that your input is very important to keep our club relevant and interesting, so please email me (fglocher@gmail.com) or call me (715-542-3658) with any ideas and concerns or complaints.

Remember to stay warm and stay wild,

Laura Locher, President

Sunshine Report

Sending thoughts and prayers to Rich Polaski who is dealing with serious illness.

If you know of a club member who is ill or needs words of cheer, please contact Judy Schell at 715-542-2321 or judithschell@hotmail.com



Photos above and on Page 3: Scenes from our December Christmas Party at Clearview Supper Club.

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

Many club members may be familiar with the beautiful, wooded trail on Hwy 155 called Fern Ridge Trail. This trail offers warm season hikers a nicely varied tree community with balsam, spruce, Red Oak, and huge old Red Maple and Yellow Birch. There is a rich under story of plants including club mosses, lichen, ferns and shrubs. Wildflowers like Hepatica, Barren Strawberry, Gay Wings and Bunchberry add color and texture along the trail. A wetland area, carpeted by sphagnum moss, offers a look at plants such as wild lilies, Bog Rosemary, Leather Leaf and Snow-berry. Birders may spot a variety of warblers, catch a glimpse of Scarlet Tanager, Oven Bird and more. In late summer, mushrooms appear in startling numbers, many colorful, some edible. During the winter months with snow cover, the trail invites snowshoe enthusiasts

Fern Ridge Trail has quite a history. In the 1940s, CCC workers developed several trails in the St.Germain area including Fern Ridge. The trail was later brushed and improved by local 4H Club

members. More recently, Wildlife Club member Anne Small, and her husband Scott worked on upgrading and clearing the trail, adding benches, signage. This past fall, St. Germain citizens voted to approve town purchase of the acreage containing the trail from the State of Wisconsin and so have made Fern Ridge Trail a lasting asset to benefit both town folks and visitors.

Cora M. Allen



WILD FOR RECIPES

Taco Pie - *from Laura Locher*

Crumble up @ a half bag of nacho chips (you can use a food processor if you want).

Grate one cup of cheese of your choice (or use pre-grated store-bought)

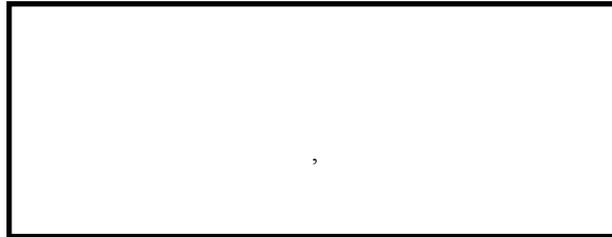
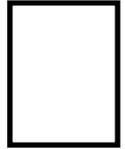
Mix together the crumbled nachos & the cheese & press into a pie plate. Bake @ 350 for 15 minutes to melt the cheese & form a crust. Remove from the oven to cool slightly.

Meanwhile, brown one pound of ground beef or turkey with some taco seasoning or chili powder & seasoned salt. The meat should be cooked through.

You can also use leftover shredded rotisserie chicken or pulled pork or even cut up roasted vegetables.

Start layering ingredients of your choice onto the crust starting with the meat, then salsa, chopped lettuce, guacamole, sour cream, black olives, etc. Your choice. For vegetarian you could substitute seasoned pureed beans (or canned refried beans) for the meat.

Slice & eat while reading, planning & signing up. Warning: you may finish the whole pie yourself.



Important Note: The Club's Nominating Committee is currently looking for individuals interested in serving on board and officer positions, especially as Secretary and President Elect. If you are interested, please contact Ellyn Dahnke or Anne Small (phone numbers listed below).

Club Contact Information

OFFICERS

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Laura Locher, President | 715-542-3658 |
| Vacant..... President Elect | |
| Melody Kysiak, Secretary | 715-439-5726 |
| Ken Dahnke, Treasurer | 715-542-3939 |

DIRECTORS

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Fred Locher | 715-542-3658 |
| Jim Carlton | 815-483-5849 |
| Ellyn Dahnke | 715-542-3939 |
| Cora Mollen | 715-892-1375 |
| Anne Small | 715-614-3711 |



COMMITTEES

| | | |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY | Karen Anderson | 715-542-3946 |
| BIRDS & ANIMALS | Cora Mollen | 715-892-1375 |
| | Anne Small | 715-614-3711 |
| HISTORIAN | Cora Mollen | 715-892-1375 |
| KITCHEN COORD. | Terrie Beier | 715-479-9339 |
| LAKE IMPROVEMENT | Bob Schell ch | 715-542-2321 |
| | Frank Klamik | 715-892-2772 |
| | Dave Zielinski | 715-479-1401 |
| MEMBERSHIP | Ellyn Dahnke | 715-542-3939 |
| NEWSLETTER | Anne Small | 715-614-3711 |
| PROGRAMS | Fred & Laura Locher | 715-542-3658 |
| SCHOLARSHIP | Clyde Owens ch | 715-479-7032 |
| | Geri Shambo | 715-542-4074 |
| | Bob Schell | 715-542-2321 |

Phone numbers are included so that you may pass along any information, questions and concerns you may have regarding the club.

CLUB PLEDGE

- ✓ I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the state of Wisconsin—especially of the Sayner-St. Germain area.
- ✓ I promise to obey all rules and regulations governing the harvest of wildlife and plants.
- ✓ I promise to educate future generations so they may become caretakers of our water, air, land and wildlife.