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President's Report

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Paw Prints

Finally, it's Summer, except you wouldn't know that sitting at the Monday flea markets!

A BIG thank you goes out to Frank Klamik for once again organizing the Big Arbor Vitae fishing tournament and family picnic with 18 attending. Frank procured the meats and other supplies through partial donations from local vendors and members brought sides; Frank was an excellent grill-master. Since Frank was the only fisherman participating, and did indeed catch a fish, he won the "fish" trophy. Come on members, this is a fun event designed to thank everyone for their participation in our activities and other events. Please plan to attend in the future.

As for the flea market, it seems attendance has been low so far - maybe warmer weather will bring out more people. The weather so far has been pretty nasty (i know, this is the Northwoods!) so far; so once again a BIG thank you to our volunteers, especially Diane & Jim Guckenberger who pulled a double on June 6th. Frank, the go-getter, Klamik helped out Fred & myself on Memorial Day. Judy & Bob Schell and Dave Zielinski & his wife, Kris, the super saleswoman, Main manned the booth on June 13th and on June 20th, the volunteers were: Melody Kysiak, Jim Carlton, Gary Groff and Barbara Steinhilber. Another BIG thank you. **Please remember to call or email me (715-542-3658 or fglocher@gmail.com) to sign up for future Mondays.**

Our guest speaker on June 23rd was Joe Hovel, who did a great presentation entitled, "Deforestation, proper and improper forest management and conservation of forest lands". We had a record crowd for this year of 34, with 5 new members and guests from Partners in Forestry. Joe cited examples of good "deforestation", an example being the thinning of unhealthy aspen to encourage the growth of healthy trees to keep the regeneration process going. "Bad" examples were the clearing nearby of forestland for a cattle ranch, a cranberry farm and a frack sand pit. All-in-all, Vilas County seems to be in good shape with about 50 % being public land: as this is public land, we have a vote, so pay attention to politically motivated actions that could have an impact on these public lands. As these projects impact our forests, in cause and effect, they also impact wildlife. It meets our club goals to pay attention and be aware; but also please appreciate the incredible beauty of where we are lucky enough to live.



Above: Judy Schell presents the "fish" trophy to Frank Klamik at the Club Fishing Tournament & Picnic.

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NEXT MEETING

Thurs., July 28
7:00 PM

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

Genetically Modified Fish
Rick Howard

REFRESHMENTS

Judy Schell & Lori Pergolski

CASH RAFFLE

Judy Schell

BOARD MEETING

Thurs., July 28
6:00 PM

St. Germain Community Center

Adopt a Highway



Wednesday,
July 6
9:00 AM

Call Karen Anderson to volunteer
715-542-3946

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Partners in Forestry was a driving force behind the Upper Wisconsin River Legacy Forest Project, near Land O' Lakes; this is an incredible place to visit.

You can get more information on Partners in Forestry at their website: www.partnersinforesstry.com. Joe has also given me materials (books, flyers, etc.) in case you'd like to read more.

On behalf of the club, I'd like to thank Lori Pergolski for handling the 50/50, and Terrie Beier and Diane Guckenberg for bringing the refreshments.

PIG IN THE PINES returns to St. Germain, August 5th and August 6th, we will once again have a booth to sell raffle tickets, so call or email me (715-542-3658/fglocher@gmail.com) to sign up. It runs from 11:30 am - 10:00 pm daily.

Our FAMILY PICNIC is coming up. The date is: AUGUST 25th at 6:00 pm, It is essential that you sign up by August 19th, as Rick Polaski, who does all the work, needs to know how many chickens and sides to prepare. Call or email me at: (715-542-3658/fglocher@gmail.com), or better yet, attend our meetings and sign up there. Speaking of which, our next meeting, on July 28th, will feature Rick Howard, returning to speak on genetically modified fish. This will be a very intriguing program. Please plan to attend and be prepared with your date books and calendars to sign up for our activities and events and remember that if you have signed up for an activity or event, please call or email me with your excuses if you cannot attend.

Another upcoming event is the Eagle River Cranberry Fest, where we have a booth to sell raffle tickets. So, you know the drill - call or email me. We also need members to sign up for the 50/50 raffle and snacks at our monthly meetings, as well as a Vice-President and a Program Chairman (or helper). Please remember that we are a service organization that provides funds to many local organizations. WE NEED MORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR CLUB VIABLE. Also, your input is very important, so please feel free to contact me with any ideas or concerns.

Thank you,
Laura Locher, President

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

There's one bird, if you are lucky enough to have him nesting nearby, who will literally sing you through the summer. The male Red-eyed Vireo's brief, but melodic song is repeated, almost non-stop, dawn to late afternoon from spring arrival 'til late summer. Studies have found a single bird may repeat his call thousands of times a day.

The male and female of this species have similar coloration, a neat olive green body, white breast and detailed black and white markings on the head. Once paired, the female sets about nest building, egg laying and feeding young. The male will assist by bringing nesting materials, but seems otherwise intent on voicing his claim to territory from the tree tops. At times, he will dive in to feed his mate and young and importantly to play the role of guardian, warning off crows, Blue Jays and chipmunks that pose a threat to the nest.

The Red-eyed Vireo nest is said to be one of the most beautiful of nests. It is constructed of strips of birch bark, pine needles, fine twigs and plant fibers. The nest is secured to the fork of a well-hidden branch by adhesive spider silk gathered by the female. Its small, deep, rounded cup is made elegant by a glistening coating and edging of spider silks. Three to four pale, speckled eggs are laid and incubated by the female for eleven to fourteen days. (One odd threat to healthy nest life comes from Cow Birds that may usurp nest space for their egg. The Vireos sometimes end up raising a cowbird chick instead of their own.)

Once the young are fledged, the whole family moves together. Parents feed the young for about two weeks. The diet consists chiefly of insects, particularly caterpillars and aphids. To find these, the vireos move along tree

branches peering beneath leaves and may often resort to hovering to search otherwise hard to reach foliage. As fall approaches, seeds and wild berries such as blackberry and elderberry become food sources.

By late summer, when the woods begin to empty of most bird song, the Red-eyed Vireos will become migrants, undertaking their dangerous and challenging flight-by-night to wintering grounds in South America's Amazon basin.

Corra Mollen

Thanks for the generous donations!

Steve & Linda Soltwedel

Dale & Judy Faesi

Mike & Lisa Halveson

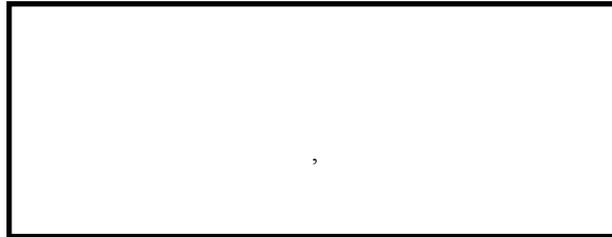
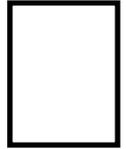
Chuck & Judie Berard

Don & Joanne DeWig

Jim Harold



Above: Joe Hovel of Partners in Forestry speaking at the June meeting



Welcome New Members! Steve & Connie Mace
Delrey Beach, FL



Frank's Fishing Report



All fish have spawned now. On some lakes fish that have not spawned and still have eggs in them will absorb their eggs and not spawn until next year.

This is the beginning of the warm water period. Most fish will relate to the deep weed edge, or live in the heavy weeds and make vertical movements to feed. In deep clear weedless lakes walleye will move to deep water structure. Many fish are 25' or deeper now. I am catching walleye and bass in 3' to 5' during the same time period. Always start shallow and work deeper this time of year. Early and late will produce best. Some people are done by 9:00 am for walleye, others are fishing the last hour before dark.

Frank Klamik

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.