

MAY 2015



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

Paw Prints



# President's Report

Well, I never knew the many very interesting things about Ravens and Crows, especially how intelligent they are, until great the presentation by the Lakeland Discovery Center at our April meeting. More fine programs are on tap for the rest of the year.

**Our annual Chili Dinner is this Month, on the 28th, starting @ 6:00 p.m. at the St. Germain Community Center. NO business meeting that night, just a nice social gathering. There were a number of people who signed up at the April Meeting to bring various things. We've asked for mild or hot chili, cheese, crackers, sour cream, or other. We will supply roasters to combine each for serving, and you're are welcome to bring a crock pot if you wish. So far, we have 6 mild chili and 1 hot, so I think we could use a couple more of the HOT variety. Please let me know if you are going to bring chili. Several members are bringing cupcakes and other dessert items. For those of you not able to sign up, please bring what you'd like to share. The Club provides water, soda, and coffee. Please bring your own utensils and bowls. If you have any questions about the Dinner, please call Gary Walbruck or myself.**

Thanks and hope to see many of you there.

*Maru Anderson, President*

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# *Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things*

From mid-April on, we had begun to look for the return of Tree Swallows from their southern wintering grounds and hoped to once again witness this swallow's amazing acrobatic flight, its low sweeps through the air and smooth quick turns...all in company of a lilting twitter. The Tree Swallow is a small bird with simple, attractive coloration. Its head, back, wings and tail are an iridescent blue-green and its breast a cool white (females are less colorful). Wings are long and pointed. The short tail is slightly notched. These swallows breed in open insect-rich habitats such as fields and wetlands, usually with open water nearby.

We have nesting boxes which grandchildren built and set along the wood's edge and if we're lucky a pair will take up residence in one. Tree cavities are their natural nesting sites. It's the male that seeks out a suitable nesting place and, with the female's acceptance, nest building will begin. The nest, built by the female, is a cup-like creation constructed from dry grasses and fine twigs. A covering of feathers (of other bird species) will be added after egg laying. The nest building is a prolonged affair that takes us well

into May. Once the nest is prepared, 4 to 7 smooth white eggs are laid. These require 13 to 16 days of incubation by the female.

Hatchlings will be

brooded by the female and fed by both parents for several days. Once the young leave the nest, they are fully capable of flight and feeding, though parents may continue to give them support for a few days.

There can be an odd occurrence, unexplained by experts, during nesting time: the sudden disappearance of the adults from the area. The nest is left unattended and parents are not to be found. Just as suddenly, after several day's absence, the pair returns and will take up life as normal. Eggs remain in the nest unharmed.

Tree Swallows feed mainly on insects caught in flight, but their diet also includes berries and seeds. Feeding on berries gives them a food supply during those periods before insects are active. When they need extra calcium to produce eggs, the swallows may search through backyard compost piles for pieces of eggshells to eat. Once the breeding season is past, Tree Swallows forage together, often forming huge flocks that are evident near farm fields, marshlands. and water bodies as they gradually move southward.



## **Thanks for the donations!**

**Melody Kysiak  
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## NEXT MEETING:



# Annual Chili Potluck

Thursday, May 28th  
6:00 PM

St Germain Community Center  
(5 PM set up)

*Bring your own place settings*

**Please call Marv (715-542-3946) or Gary (715-356-3902) to sign up or bring chili or other food items.**

# Sunshine Report

Well-wishes go out to MaryLou Davis who was hospitalized with pneumonia, and to Dick & Lolly Kloepfer who each had hip replacement surgery

We also hope Melody Kysiak has recovered from her car accident.

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



# Frank's Fishing Report

The ice has been off the area lakes for about 2 weeks now. It went out around April 15. Our walleye, northern and perch have spawned out. Bass, bluegill and crappie are waiting until the water temperature hits 60 degrees plus.

This time of year, most fish are looking for shallow weed filled bays. Most often these bays are the last spots you ice fished. The new growing green weeds will hold minnows. This area will also often be holding crappie, bass and bluegill.

For walleye, northern and bass, I use a 16 oz jig with a twister tail, minnow or 1/2 crawler. I also often use a #11 Rapala over the top of the weeds, or a shallow rock hump or sand

bar just before dark. Move often until you make contact. Use your eyes to watch for active fish.

*Frank Klamik*

## PS: SAFETY ON THE WATER

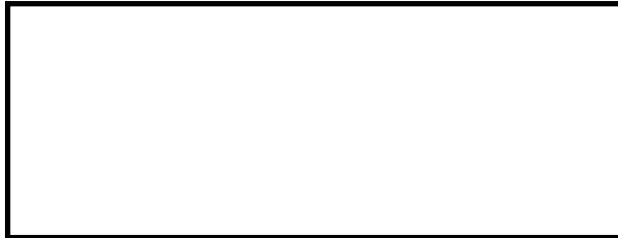
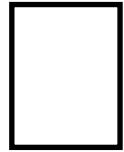
As we age, we tend to forget about safety. Often thinking about your failing hearing and, in turn, your balance. Getting a good life vest and wearing it is very important. Having a partner is a good idea.

Oncoming storm with high winds and lightning create a bad time to be on the water. Your new graphite rod acts as a lightning rod and your metal boat attracts the lightning strike. Many times your line will tend to float in the air. Get off the water—safety first.

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*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.