

President's Corner



Winter here in the great Northwoods has been pretty mild. Our new, fairly expensive "Flipper" tube-style bird feeder works absolutely wonderful as advertised. Not one squirrel has been able to snag food from it, and we are drawing a good array of birds, who I think are laughing (chirping) when flying by the big pine tree where the rascals are watching them.

Yesterday at 7:00 a.m. @ 19 below zero, I saw and heard a fisherman drilling a hole in our Lake ice...Not being much of a fisherman, I am constantly amazed at the tenacity of these folks who just can't wait to stand there for hours in hopes their lunch will swim by...No wonder Frank's face always has a very ruddy appearance, although we all know he doesn't have to wait very long to catch his lunch.

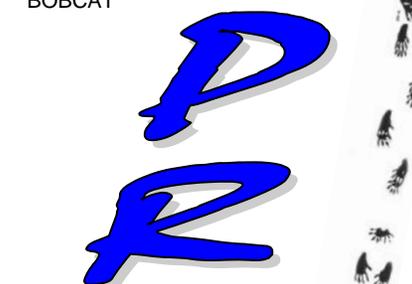
Anne Small heads up a Town subcommittee who are working on new hiking trails in the recently purchased 230 acre property North and West of the Community Center Park, and are making very good progress. This land will remain in its natural state in perpetuity, and will be a great place for anyone to hike, snowshoe and ski while enjoying the wildlife and scenery year-round. If interested in donating time or money toward the project please contact Anne.

Looking for an exciting, new experience a small group of really fine people? You are needed on the Club's Board of Directors! While the pay is not going to enhance your retirement income, you'll find the time commitment is not great, but the satisfaction is. We've had one Board member mover out of the area, and another who's done a great job for the last seven years and will be leaving. Even if you've never done this before, please consider it, and contact one of the Board Members about it.

Thanks, **Marv Anderson**



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NEXT MEETING

Thurs, Feb 26th

2:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

"LYME DISEASE, the most common Vector Borne Illness in the Nation, often misdiagnosed"
by Jillayne Waite

50/50 TICKET SALES

Ellyn Dahnke

BOARD MEETING

Thurs, Feb 26th

1:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION:

Dale and Judy Faesi

Do you get your newsletter via U. S. Mail?

Due to the rising costs of printing and postage for sending the paper version of the Sayner-St.Germain Fish & Wildlife Club monthly newsletter to members by U.S. Mail, the Board of Directors is recommending to the members to receive the monthly newsletter by e-mail if at all possible. It costs the club 92 cents per copy for each newsletter sent. At the present time, we have 71 members receiving the newsletter by U.S. Mail at a cost per month of \$65.32 per mailing which totals to \$783.84 per year. The Club dues are \$10.00 per year and it costs the Club \$11.04 to send out the newsletter per membership.

The Board of Directors prefers not to raise the membership dues, therefore we need the co-operation of the club members to submit their e-mail addresses to our Membership Coordinator, Ellyn Dahnke, telephone number 715-542-3939, email address prd_gran@hotmail.com. We appreciate your cooperation with this transition to email newsletters, as it will put the Club's resources to better use.

Don't forget about the community support program at Camp's SuperValu in St. Germain, and at Trigs in Eagle River. Every time that you shop at Camp's, write our club's code (CD14) on the back of your receipt and deposit in the bin on the service counter. Camp's donates a portion of those sales to our club. At Trigs, use code 69S.

FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

The water is now at its lowest temp of the year. Slow and small is now the answer for pan-fish. Many times I will bounce the bottom of the lake to attract and excite the fish. Then will raise the bait slowly to see if they will follow. These are the fish you have a chance to catch. I also believe that many fish have not made a weed bed movement yet. I think they are out in

the deep mud flats. This will take a lot of work to find them.

Game fish have also slowed many people are not getting any action all day. Pick the hours you fish at this time of year, the bite seems to move early one day and late the next day.

~Frank Klamik

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

With the recently passed full moon, I thought it would be interesting to review some of the names that people in our region have for each of the full moons throughout the year. Names were given to each of the full moons based on natural events that occurred on a seasonal basis. Native Americans used each of the full moons to mark a new cycle of the year. The names themselves varied according to traditions and weather in a particular region. Early settlers adopted many of these names for the moons and associated them with months of the Gregorian calendar.



January's full moon was called the Wolf Moon because during this cold time of year the wolves could be heard howling and seen roaming the landscape in search of food. Regional Native American tribes referred to January's full moon as the Spirit Moon, which was often embodied by the wolf.

The February full moon is known in Ojibwe culture as Bear Moon. It is a time celebrated for rebirth as the bear cubs are born. Some Ojibwe also refer to this full moon as Sucker Moon, because this is the month when the suckers give up their lives for their people. They say it is easiest to net suckers during this month. Many people in the north also call this the Snow Moon, as this is the month when snow is at its deepest.

With March's freeze and thaw pattern, the snow develops a hard crust, which lends itself to the Ojibwe name Snow Crust Moon. The Old Farmer's Almanac refers March's full moon as the Sap Moon or the Worm Moon, because this is the time of year when the sap begins running in the maples. Also, the ground softens and worms emerge leaving casings as evidence on the ground.

The snowpack in April becomes very icy and solid lending to the Ojibwe name of Broken Snowshoe Moon. Another regional name is Pink Moon named after the early blooming flower Grass Pink.

Most people refer to the May full moon as the Flower Moon. With rainy, warmer weather this is the time of

year when many flowers come into bloom (though not so much in our neck of the woods). Some of the Ojibwe in our area call it the Budding Moon, which seems a bit more appropriate according to our weather.

June is known as the Strawberry Moon for the ripening of these delicious fruits. Ojibwe refer to the following full moon of July as Raspberry Moon or simply Berry Moon. This period is peak time for picking many of these delicious treats. The Farmer's Almanac also calls July's full moon the Buck Moon, known as the time when male deer and moose grow their antlers.

The full moon of August is called the Sturgeon Moon in the Old Farmer's Almanac and more generally as the Fish Moon by some people. Some Ojibwe refer to this moon as the Corn Moon or the Ricing Moon, suggesting the importance of these food sources during this time.

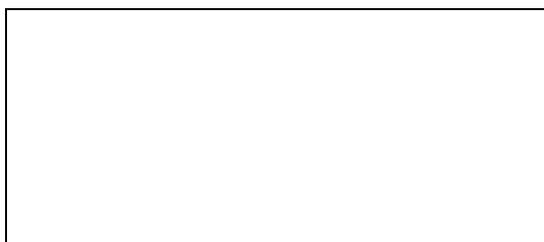
The onset of fall in September lends to the Ojibwe name of Leaves Changing Color Moon. This is followed by the full moon of October, Leaves Falling Moon. The hunting season of October also lends its name to the Hunters Moon according to the Farmer's Almanac.

Some Ojibwe refer to November's full moon as the Freezing Moon, as this is the time when the natural world prepares for its long winter rest. The Old Farmer's Almanac calls November's moon Beaver Moon, as this was the time when beaver traps were set to collect enough furs to keep people warm through the winter.

December's full moon is known as the Cold Moon, for obvious reasons. Ojibwe also refer to this month's moon as the Little Spirit Moon, a time known for healing.

Because there are actually 13 full moons annually, the names of the full moons varied somewhat. Many refer to the second full moon within a calendar month as a Blue Moon (usually in July).

Anne Small



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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 plant material.
- ✓ I promise to educate future generations so that they may become the caretakers of our water, air, land and wildlife.