

# President's Corner



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I will start off with a reminder to all of you who may have forgotten to pay your current membership dues. If your mailing label reads 12/13 you need to renew your membership by mailing your \$10 to PO Box 214, St Germain WI 54558.

We received many thank you letters and drawings from the students at the Saint Germain Elementary School thanking us for donating funds to provide speakers from the Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters. The 3-5 grades had programs about loons, snakes, bats and amphibians. Comments from the kids ranged from telling us that "Maize" the corn snake can smell with its nose to the fact that a turtle is actually connected to its shell. Licia Johnson did the program and brought along lots of live critters for the kids to handle. The note from the teachers read "...it was a great learning experience and we are grateful for your generosity to give us this opportunity".

We also received a letter from Kenny Musial our scholarship recipient from two years ago. Ken gave us an update on his progress at UWSP and again thanked us for our support. He will be going into his junior year and is looking forward to a career with either the Forest Service or the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The fundraising Raffles are doing very well. Thank you to all of you who have worked the booth on Mondays. (For June – Stan Rakowski, Jack Schell, Frank Klamik, Lori Pergolski, Judy Schell, Bob Schell, Gary Walbruck, Gary Groff, Georgie Southwick, Lois Gardner, Melody Kysiak, Chuck and Pat Thier, Ellen Dahnke, Barb Steinhilber, Kay Schultz, Dave Blunk ). Also thanks to Mac McCormick for setting up the booth for me on June 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the Monday flea market we will be selling tickets at other major events in St. Germain. Christmas in July, Pig in the Pines, Cranberry Fest, as well as the Musky tournament will be some of the events. There are some open spots on the schedule when we could use some help. Specifically, we have openings for the afternoon shifts (11:30-3:00) on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, if you want to listen to music while you work, we need people for Pig in the Pines on Sat.Aug.3<sup>rd</sup> for the afternoon shifts. Please give me a call at 715 891-7524(cell) or Judy at 715 891 7523 if you can help fill a shift.

We received a \$239 check from Tom and Kim Christensen of the St. Germain Sport Marine to cover the cost of Kayak raffle tickets and posters. This is the sixth year they have sponsored the printing of the tickets—Thank you!

On Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 we had 44 members and guests attend our monthly meeting. Our presenter was Steve Hoffmeister of the Wolf Alliance on the topic of "how successful was the first wolf hunt". Steve told us hunters and trappers took 117 wolves during the 2012 season. Wisconsin American Indian bands were entitled to take 83 wolves last year but took none. The new quota for the fall of 2013 is 275 of which tribes may take 115. The state's current late-winter minimum wolf count is 809 to 834 wolves according to the DNR. That's

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## NEXT MEETING

Thurs, July 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm  
St. Germain Community Center

### PROGRAM:

#### 'How Medicinal Teas and Herbs (right in our reach) Might Keep Us Healthier!'

Licia Johnson from the Discovery Center presents.

### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Terrie Beier & Lori Pergolski

### 50/50 TICKET SALES

Jim & Karen Grace

### BOARD MEETING

Thurs, July 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm  
St. Germain Community Center

## Adopt-A-Highway for July 2013:

Wednesday, July 10  
(rain date ~ Thursday, July 11)

Meet at 9.00 a.m. at the pavillion parking lot.

### Who's Signed up for July 10<sup>th</sup>?

Dick Banks	Lori Pergolski
Don Bauman	Bob Schell
Jim Grace	Judy Schell
Mac McCormick	Tom Schwartz

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Wishing a speedy recovery to Marv Anderson who broke both arms in an accident.

Our thoughts are also with Kathy Groff who was diagnosed with Lyme's Disease, Phyllis Likens who has ALS and Ellen Finch with her continuing health problems.

Please call Linda Polaski, 479-4718, if you know of any members who need a card of sympathy, encouragement, cheer, etc.

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down from a count of 815 to 880 wolves in the 2012 count. After pups are born in spring the wolf population approximately doubles then declines through the year.

At this months general meeting on Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup> we will hear from Licia Johnson from the Discovery Center about "How Medicinal Teas and Herbs right in our reach Might Keep us Healthier". Licia is one of our favorite presenters ---she always knows her subject matter and keeps us well informed and entertained as well. Also, don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual picnic next month on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Bob Schell, President*

## Lakes Improvement Committee Report

First, on the business side, we have not received any funds from the Town of St. Germain room tax funds or the Chamber so far this year. When we receive confirmation of the amount of money from the Town room tax funds and Chamber we will make the appropriate allocations. In the mean time I want to list the current balances without room tax or chamber funds for the various lake organizations. These balances are as of June 30, 2013.

Little Saint Germain	\$ 1,000.00
Found Lake	8,022.67
Lost Lake	8,198.12
Alma Moon	8,646.84
Stella	455.00
Pickerel	5,841.95
Big Saint Germain –Fawn-Content-	12,599.53

As a reminder, these restricted funds are distributed back to the respective Lake organizations for improvements such as fish stocking, signage, marker buoys, AIS education, boat inspections, fish shelters, algae studies, weed control, signs, etc.

If you have launched your boat on an area lake recently you may have noticed a young person at the ramp doing boat inspections as part of the Clean Boats Clean Waters Program (CB-CW). This year the use of college interns at boat landings has been expanded to cover more lakes thanks to a new DNR grant program aimed at assisting lake organizations fund more coverage. The grant covers much of the cost of the interns and requires volunteer participation from the lake organizations as well.

Overall our lakes are in very good shape and at good water levels because of adequate amounts of rain.

Happy fishing, paddling and boating,

*Bob Schell*

# Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things



The Giant Crested Flycatcher is the largest of the flycatcher clan, slightly smaller than a robin. It is a regular warm-season resident of our woodlands and is one of last migratory birds to return to the North-

woods in spring. Though this bird is seldom seen, its very loud burbling whistle call is commonly heard at the place where sky meets top-most tree branches. That is where most feeding takes place, with the bird darting out to catch its meal. Their diet consists of flies, beetles, moths, butterflies and other insects and invertebrates. They also feed on small berries.

Both male and female have olive brown upper body, yellow belly and reddish wings and tail that adds a flash to their takeoffs. The grey, brushy crest

for which they're named is not always apparent. They pair for life and work together at nest building in a natural cavity or abandoned woodpecker hole. It is not a tidy woven affair, but rather trashy with a haphazard assortment of rootlets, string, twigs, bark and feathers. There is often a snakeskin or, in lieu of that, a strip of cellophane. Four to eight eggs are laid in a hollow prepared for them. Eggs are white or pink-toned and blotched or streaked with purple and brown. Young birds fledge in 12 to 21 days.

For some reason, perhaps the strange chilly spring weather we had, this bird approached the feeder on my porch and was seen sitting in the low branches of my backyard maple tree. It's a special pleasure to hear the call nearby and see the flash of colorful chest and wings when it suddenly gives chase to some passing insect. A friend who was visiting at these times was happy to see the bird and add it to his life list.

The Giant Crested Flycatcher winters in Central America and northern parts of South America.

~ Cora Mollen



**Above:** Kim & Tom Christensen presenting a \$239 check for printing of raffle tickets and posters.

## Welcome New Members!!

**William Christensen**

Arbor Vitae, WI

**Briannie Coultier**

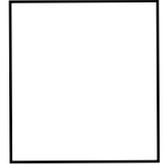
New Berlin, WI

**Ray Zorn**

St. Germain, WI

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS:

WILLIAM CHRISTENSEN  
DONALD & JOANNE DEWIG  
RONALD & ARLYNE FLEISSNER  
NEAL & ARCHIE O'NEIL  
ST GERMAIN SPORT MARINE  
WEBB & GEORGIE SOUTHWICK



**Final Notice for Membership Renewals:** For those who receive their newsletter via snail mail, please check your mailing label. **If you have an 12/13 or earlier date, your membership renewal is overdue.** Please send in your renewal form to continue receiving the newsletter. For those who receive an email newsletter, a separate email will go out to let you know if your membership has expired. Thanks for your ongoing support!!!



## FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

This is the start of the summer pattern. Continue to follow the green weeds as they move deeper. Move often! Try to pick the best feeding shelf in the lake. Pick a species of fish to try for. You are not going fishing you are going walleye fishing, northern fishing or crappie fishing. Then remember to follow that species as it moves through the year or day. Water temperature, spawning and prey location all are things to keep in mind.

Remember that the temperature a fish spawns at is their ideal body temperature. A bluegill that spawns at 62 degrees in May is looking for food, cover and 62 degree water in August. Fish deeper! Depth is also cover, also zooplankton is a food source along with insect life.

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