

President's Corner



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Hello, everyone. Karen and I returned last weekend from a great 10 day driving trip out east, covering 2500 miles. We spent the better part of a day at "the Wilds" in central Ohio. You can google it easily. They have great open bus/Jeep "safari" tours through 10,000 acres that house a vast assortment of animals and birds, not in cages, but a varied landscape, with very large grassy fence areas, and you get up close in many cases to touch. Rhinos, giraffes, ostriches, cheetahs, bison, elk, antelope, rare type of horses and many, many other varied species from around the World, to name just some, all in a sustainable-eco environment. We'd recommend it to all who are interested in Wildlife.

Our Raffle drawings were held yesterday at Cranberry Fest. The recipient of the Kayak is a family from Illinois who have a year-round home on Lost Lake, and are very enthused about using the kayak. Like many of us, "they never win anything!". The hand-carved Duck goes to a lady from Wausau who visits this area often, and the framed Bluejay print goes to a family from Arbor Vitae. The lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing are the Miller's from our Club! A big thank-you to all the Club members who volunteered their time over the last several months to facilitate this big fundraiser. If you have any suggestions for fundraiser for next year, please let me or another Board Member know.

September's Program by Jim Pikarsy about Sea Otters/Sea Lions was excellent, with a lot of very interesting facts. Dolphins and porpoises are in the whale tooth family. What's the difference? Long snout for dolphins, spade tooth for porpoises. Seals/sea lions are pinnepeds, feather backed...they "fly" thru the water. Sea Lions can walk on all fours, but seals are very awkward on land. Elephant Seals can be 4 tons, are 15 ft long, and can hold their breath for 2 hours. If they win a fight with another, they get about 40 females....hmmm.

Sea Otters don't have thick blubber to stay warm, but have about 600,000 hairs to do so, and constantly clean them. During the recent oil spill, they could not clean it off, so dish detergent applied by rescuers worked! They retrieve rocks to open clams and other shell fish, surround themselves with kelp to hide, and carry their young in their stomachs. A main killer of dolphins, sea lions and seals are fishing nets, which can catch hundreds of animals. Also, plastic can holders get tangled in their snouts, causing death.

Please keep in mind upcoming Club events.

Our next Program/meeting is October 23rd @ 7:00 p.m., with the DNR reviewing new fishing regulations, and how they affect us.

November 8th, 9 to 3, is the Annual Christmas Bazaar @ the Community Center, coordinated by Big Brothers/Sisters. Our Club participates with the sale of a significant amount of baked goods. It is a wonderful event that provides much-needed benefit to a great organization. There are 11 Club "baker" volunteers so far. More would be great, as well as a few workers during the day. The sign-up sheet will be available at the October meeting. Also, Lori

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NEXT MEETING

Thurs, Oct 23rd

7:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

PROGRAM

“New DNR Regulations:
How will they impact us?”

~Presented by David Wolz
Woodruff DNR

REFRESHMENTS

Larua Locher & Judy Schell

50/50 TICKET SALES

Judy Schell

BOARD MEETING

Thurs, Oct 23rd

6:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center



SUNSHINE REPORT

Our thoughts are with Judy Schell as she undergoes surgery this month.

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

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.

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Pergolski is Chairing the Club's participation, and her number is 715-617-1838.

Also, details for our Club's Annual Christmas Dinner on Monday, DEC 8th, @ the Clearview Supper Club on Big St Germain Drive.

6:00 Cocktails in the Bar (on your own), with Appetizers provided
Dinner @ 7:00. Menu:

- * 10 oz ribeye, baked potato, salad, or
- * Chicken Kiev, rice, salad, or
- * Orange roughy, baked potato, salad
- * Ice cream dessert
- * \$20, tax and tip included.

Bret and Frisk will provide the musical entertainment.

The Supper Club is reserved for us that night, and we hope you will make arrangements for an enjoyable evening.

We will start the sign-up at the October meeting, and need to have a cutoff date of December 4th, to assure the food order in time.

See you on the 23rd.

~Marv Anderson

Lakes Improvement Committee Report

Lake Improvement activity will pick up this fall with new signage, repair of marker buoys, possible fish stocking, boat inspection fees for next year and any other related activity. Last month we received the last installment of the \$5000 from the Town of St. Germain representing the lakes improvement portion of the room tax funds that was budgeted for 2014. Our treasurer Dave Zielinski has made the allocations of these funds to the various lake organizations based on the matching funds received from the lake groups. The new balances as of September 25, 2014 are:

Little Saint Germain	\$ 4,102.00
Found Lake	10,788.67
Lost Lake	6,926.12
Alma Moon	9,883.84
Stella	455.00
Pickerel (does not receive room tax funds)	5,841.95
Big Saint Germain –Fawn-Content-	1,661.53

As a reminder, most of the above balances are the result of contributions from the various lake organizations each year as well as the room tax funds from the town. 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.

Bob Schell

Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

Of the birds that my little boy has enjoyed watching this summer, the family of crows that make daily visits to our porch seem to be his favorite. Whenever he hears the familiar “caw caw” call, he immediately looks out the front window to see if they are at the feeder.

Crows are one of those birds that will stay in our area all winter, although some of them do migrate southward. One September, we were attending an outdoor concert near Hayward, and throughout the concert we saw hundreds of crows flying southward in loose groupings. Research has shown that crows tend to migrate if the mean low temperature dips below 0 degrees Fahrenheit. The migrating birds that we saw, were most likely coming from Canada, as crows from the northern reaches are recorded making the trip across the Great Lakes in both spring and fall. In our area, many of the crows are year round residents, especially with the frequent road-kills that provide sustenance in the cold months.

While many of us view the crow as a carrion eater, that is only a small portion of their diet. They consume a wide variety of seeds, grains, fruits, insects and worms. They frequently feed on small fish, crayfish and other aquatic life. Crows have also been known to raid bird’s nests, eating both eggs and nestlings.

On many spring mornings when we first have our windows open, we can hear the loud calls of large numbers of crows that are in their roosting spots. Crows in some places congregate in groups of anywhere from hundreds to thousands of individuals. This practice primarily occurs in the non-breeding months and is thought to either be at a favored location or provide security in numbers.

Crows are one of the first birds to start nesting activities in the spring. The nesting period lasts around a month before the chicks fledge. The youngsters from one brood will often stay with the parents and help to raise the chicks the following few years. They usually don’t breed until they are four years of age.

My mom had a crow family that would return year after year to her house for offerings of crusty bread, especially after the chicks hatched and fledged. If a crow survives the first year of its life, it has a good chance of living for several years. Researchers estimate that crows can live for up to 17 to 21 years. The oldest wild banded crow on record was 29 1/2 years.

Hopefully the crows that make their daily visits to our feeder will have long lives and keep providing our family with a chance to learn about and respect these intelligent and beautiful creatures. *Anne Small*



Above: A \$500 check from the Twilight Bar and Grill is presented to Marv Anderson from (l-r) Sheila and Tara Pulec. The Twilight held a Rubber Duck Race Raffle fundraiser in memory of Steve Pulec, a long time supporter of the club.

FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

Water temperature is now dropping. The algae bloom is now over and the lakes are clear again.

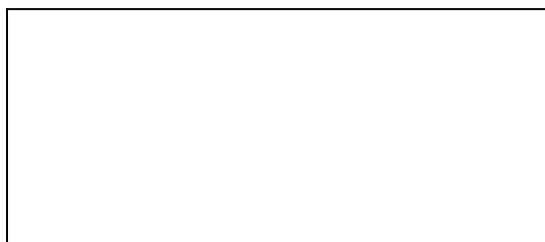
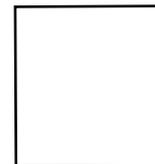
Panfish are now moving shallow again and starting to stage near the area you will find them at first ice. I am now catching all panfish on my flyrod or on 1/64 or 1/32 jigs and plastic under a slip bobber.

Gamefish are still on green weeds or wood depending on the body of water which you are on. As the water temperature drops and the weeds die, they will move to main lake drop offs or mud flats.

Start to think of larger baits and minnows. Large Rapalas, crankbaits or live baits work well at this time of year. Minnows as large as 6” will produce. Fish are now feeding for a long cold winter.

~Frank Klamik

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November Bazaar BAKE SALE



Saturday, November 8, 2014
St. Germain Community Center
9 a.m. to sell out



COORDINATOR: Lori Pergolski
Call if you can bake or help out at the sale.
715-617-1838

Please take time to contribute pies, cakes, breads, rolls, bars, muffin or fudge, etc. to make our bake sale a success. Deliver to the Community Center between 8 and 9 a.m.

- ❄ **Please, no cookies** as the Women's Service Club will be selling them.
- ❄ **Package with plastic wrap, bags or containers** so baked goods are visible to customers.
- ❄ **Price and label** before bringing them in.

Your contribution, whether baked goods or monetary, is appreciated more than you know.

Our thanks in advance.



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.