



...From the Lake Shores

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT | Bob Feller

I always enjoy my “spring” drive up to the cabin from my home in Waunakee. Spring unfolds as the miles roll past. At home the daffodils, tulips, crocus, and hyacinths are finished blooming. Trees are leafing out and a warm south wind brings new songs from migrating spring birds. Things stay that way until I pass Wausau and get closer to Tomahawk. There the roadside ditches haven’t greened up and the trees are still bare with buds. At the cabin the neighbors daffodils are blooming, ice is gone from the lake, and rob-ins have returned. The thermometer reads ten degrees cooler than at home and the weather report says there might be a chance of “snow” tonight. So I’m reminded to have patience.....watch and wait for spring to catch up because I know it’s right behind me.

With the arrival of Spring the Lake Association has some new announcements:

- New store - We have an On Line Store where you can purchase items with the Lake Association Logo on them. Read the details in this newsletter and if you have any suggestions for something you would like to see offered email us at info@connorspineslakeassociation.org
- New Raffle - Our major fund raising cash raffle to help pay for invasive species treatment will change this year. It will be a 50/50 raffle with tickets at \$100 each. Tickets can be purchased at the Flambeau Forest Inn, Reds Big Bear and from any board member. Also this spring a raffle for a new Kayak from the Crazy Loon in Phillips will be held. Tickets will be available at the Flambeau Forest Inn.
- New Goal of 45 Volunteer Hours - Clean Boats Clean Waters has a goal of 45 volunteer hours. We get an in-kind credit for our volunteer hours which helps pay for our lake survey of invasive species so these hours are valuable.
- New Welcome Bags - We are reaching out to new people on the lake with a welcome bag containing information about the lake association and encouraging them to become members.
- New Contact with *Walleyes For Tomorrow*- we will have them speak at one of our general meetings about how we might improve our walleye fishery.

Thanks to all of you who responded to our membership renewal letter sent out earlier this year. Your

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LAKE ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS | Officers and Directors are elected for two-year terms. Their terms shall expire after the annual meeting or upon the election of new Officers and Directors, whichever occurs later. The term of office of President, Vice President and four (4) at-large directors expire in even-numbered years. The term of office of Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and four (4) at-large directors expire in odd-numbered years. The past-president serves as a board member at large.

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2017 CONNORS LAKE | LAKE OF THE PINES General Membership Meeting Dates

Saturday, May 27 | Memorial Day Meeting

Saturday, July 1 | Annual Meeting & Family Picnic

Saturday, September 2 | Labor Day Meeting

All meetings begin at 9:00 am at the Connors Lake Picnic Shelter.

Speakers will be announced as scheduled

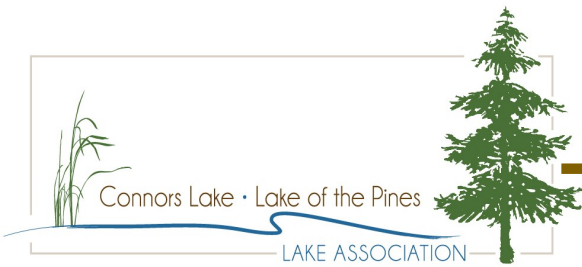
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COMMITTEE UPDATES

CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS (CBCW) | Dave Bauer

I hope everyone had a great winter and I am sure you can't wait until summer gets here. I would like to thank all of our volunteers. Not only those that help with CBCW but everyone who takes the time from their vacation or weekends to help with the many task that this organizations takes on. We have discovered that many people in the lake area may be unfamiliar with the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) problem. We need everyone to know and understand the impact that EWM is making on our lakes and our Lake Association.

To help educate all lake users, we have created a flyer to hand out at the boat landings. We would also like it if everyone this summer would take a couple of flyers and discuss this issue with your neighbors who may be unaware of this complex issue. We need everyone to know and understand the impact that EWM is making on our lake and our Lake Association. Matt Smith, one of our neighbors on Johnson Road, has done an excellent job with the flyer and we will have them available at Big Bear, The Flambeau Forest Inn and the Ranger Station.

We have set a goal this year of attaining 50 hours of volunteer time at the boat landing. This number was reached on the fact that we need that many hours to cover the cost of the surveying of EWM on both lakes with the help of grant money. Last year we volunteered 44 hours, which amounts to an in-kind donation of \$528 for survey costs. This volunteer goal will be tracked on our website with the actual number of hours. I will keep it updated throughout the summer and you can keep track on how we are doing.

This is very important-all hours last year were done on the holiday weekends. We now have it setup that you can do it at any time. In fact the paperwork is in the mailboxes right now. If the lakes were open and we had boaters at the boat landings you could log some hours. Remember to take a friend! That doubles the hours and better yet take someone who has never done it before, so that they can learn how easy and fun this is!

If you would like to volunteer or have questions about CBCW please email me at: dbauer9255@gmail.com.

I can't wait to see everyone on the lakes and at our meetings.

FISHERY | Tom Deinhammer

This is what happened when I rode along with the WDNR when they did a lake survey on our lakes.

In our lakes they had 7 nets out . The net is tied to a tree at one end and they reach out 100 ft with a marker at the other end . After the net has been in the water for 24 hrs they go out and check to see how many fish where captured, this is done for 5-7 days in a row . Each musky caught is run over a special device that can tell when that fish was put in the lake . I don` t know if that information is available from the WDNR . When the fish are removed from the net they are placed in a 4x4 ft tube with 36 inches of water in it . When all of the fish are removed from the net they are counted and returned to the lake . This all takes time and I don` t know what the cost would be for the equipment would be . If someone would be interested in observing this survey operation in the future, let me know and I would check for you. Remember, this is done as soon as the ice goes out as they are checking spawning areas .

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WISCONSIN CITIZENS LAKE MONITORING NETWORK (WCLMN) | Dave Schiotz

I am happy to say that we have a full staff of “collectors” for both lakes this summer. These volunteers are vital to the work we do for our lakes. We always have need for more volunteers as people “retire” or decide to take some time off. If anyone is interested and would like to be put on our list or just go along and see what we do, let me or any of the other volunteers know.

I expect that we will complete our first sampling of Phosphorus in early May. We try to do that two to three weeks after ice-out so any snow melt or run off has entered the lake water. After this initial sampling we will start our regular collection of the various parameters approximately every two weeks until this fall.

In the last newsletter, the first with this new format, I explained about water clarity and intended to include some graphs of average Secchi Disk depths for both lakes. Those graphs are included below and they allow us to easily compare our two lakes over time and note annual trends. LOP is much more stable regarding shifts in water quality than is Connors. Something to think about this summer while you are out on the water!

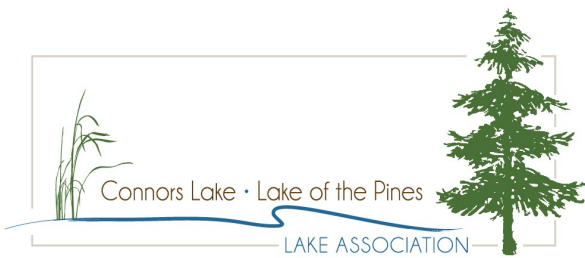
Past secchi averages in feet (July and August only)

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Year	Secchi Mean	Secchi Min	Secchi Max	Secchi Count
1996	14.3	14.3	14.3	1
2007	21.08	18.75	22.5	3
2008	14.75	14.5	15	2
2009	12.56	9	18	4
2010	5.85	4.25	8	5
2011	10.9	8.5	13	5
2012	10.81	8.5	12.75	4
2013	12.25	9.5	14	4
2014	8.2	7	9	5
2015	11	11	11	3
2016	9.45	8	10	5

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2010	4	4	4	1
2011	4.17	3.5	5	3
2012	6	6	6	1
2013	5	5	5	2
2014	5	5	5	2
2015	5.33	4	6	3
2016	4.67	4.5	5	3



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Aquatic Invasive Species | Tom Stram

At the most recent Connors Lake/Lake of the Pines Board meeting on Saturday March 18, 2017, I recommended that we choose NOT to treat the Eurasian water-milfoil (EWM) in Connors Lake this spring. This recommendation is a result of consultation with three Wisconsin DNR Water Resources Management Specialists, our herbicide applicator and EWM surveyor. The fall 2016 survey of Connors revealed less than 5 acres of EWM scattered in small beds throughout Muskie Bay as has been the case for the past 5 years. We have pretty much eliminated or greatly reduced any significant infestation of the invasive weed outside of the bay. We are in a maintenance phase of control and there is nothing wrong with this method. But there are several other factors we need to consider in this equation. In many lakes in Wisconsin the milfoil does not continue to expand without treatment. Recent research reports show that continuous use of 2,4-D may have an adverse effect on minnows and walleyes and also create hybrid forms of EWM that are more resistant to treatment. This maintenance treatment also costs us on the average \$6,000 per year. It is my opinion that not treating will not result in massive spread to other parts of the lake. The boat traffic in the bay is usually slow no wake fisherman. Also, there is an effort being made by the Clean Boats, Clean Waters boat inspection team to keep recreational boaters out of Muskie Bay. The prevailing winds from the southwest tend to keep the milfoil fragments in the bay and if they do get out the water is very deep outside the bay which is a hostile environment to the fragments establishing new colonies. I have seen no evidence of the milfoil spreading along the north shore of Connors adjacent to the bay. Marker buoys at the edge of the bay are not recommended by the DNR. Other factors to consider are that Muskie Bay is an ideal environment for EWM growth and proliferation. In 2008 we did not treat the EWM because we were waiting for the WDNR AIS Treatment Grant to be approved. In 2007 we had 10 acres of milfoil but in 2009 it doubled to 20 acres although not all the milfoil was in Muskie Bay at that time. The trend toward late ice on and early ice out (global warming) has resulted in a longer growing season for aquatic weeds. I am recommending that when we do treat EWM in the future we treat the whole of Muskie Bay with a liquid herbicide that is as effective as granular herbicide but much cheaper with the cost being about \$8,000. Treating the whole bay will hopefully result in not having to do another treatment for years. To cover our behinds I have asked our secretary to apply for a treatment permit for 5 acres for this spring in case of some surprises in our spring survey.



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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY | Dave Cooley

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our first year of ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY. This is a new way to get involved and volunteer to make our lake vicinity (even more) more beautiful. We clean-up the sides of the road on Hwy W from the Intersection of Hwy M (Fire Tower) to the DNR Headquarters.



This is a great way to encourage concern for the welfare of our local natural resources. Adopt-A-Highway is an activity that families can participate in together; children that are at least 11 years old or the 6th grade can participate.

We will be out for the Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up three times a year: our first clean-up weekend was Saturday April 29. Our two other clean-up weekends will be in July after the county mows along the sides of the roads; and the last time will be sometime in October.

If you would like to get your name on the volunteer list to be contacted for the next highway clean-up, please contact Dave Cooley at (920) 428-0755 or dec54914@prodigy.net.

Flambeau Forest Inn 715.332.5405

Starting May 23 - Open 6 days a week at 11:30 am

Kitchen opens at 11:30 am – 8:45 pm Sunday, Tuesday & Wednesday

and

11:30 am – 9:45 pm Thursday through Saturday

Sunday	½ rack ribs + 2 pc broasted chicken
Tuesday	Meatball Hoagie or Burger of the Month
Wednesday	Broasted Chicken—All you can eat
Thursday	Steak Night—2 for 1 Pork or Beef Ribeye
Friday	Fish Fry—Broiled or Deep Fried
Saturday	Prime Rib

See you this summer!

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DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A LOON RANGER?

For many years Carolyn Mealman was our official “Loon Ranger” for Connors Lake as part of the Loon Watch Annual Lakes Monitoring Team. Her efforts helped to provide a clearer picture of the Common Loon's reproductive success and population trends in Northern Wisconsin.

The loon is a sentinel species - a living symbol of clean water, good fisheries, and an indicator of healthy aquatic ecosystems. As an active Loon Ranger, you are a voice for loons and their healthy aquatic habitat. When you let your friends, family, neighbors and fellow lake users know what they can do to protect loons, you are providing protection and stewardship for loons on the lake.

The past two years I intended to replace Carolyn (as if anyone could) but being a seasonal visitor to the lake I missed most of the important loon observations and migration information. Therefore I am seeking someone who lives on the lake or a frequent visitor to become our Loon Ranger. There are many Loon Ranger Training Workshops to get you up to speed with the program. Check the LoonWatch website at www.northland.edu/loonwatch or call me at 1-715-384-8348 for more information. Tom Stram

Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines Lake Association Annual Cash Raffle

The raffle will be a 50/50 Cash Raffle.

100 raffle tickets at \$100 will be sold.

The prize amounts will be based on the number of tickets sold.

1st Place: 35% 2nd Place: 5% 3rd Place: 3%

4th - 10th Place: 1% each

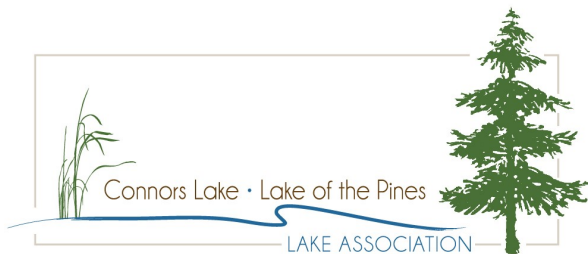
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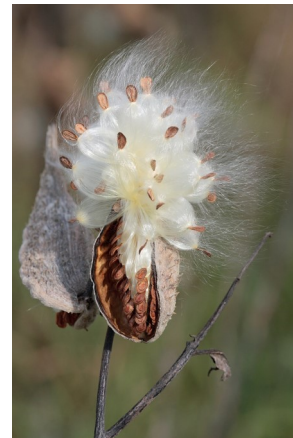
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MILKWEED

Every man, woman and child know about milkweed and monarch butterflies. Common milkweed or *Asclepias syriaca* is a native herbaceous, wild, perennial with over 75 known native species named for Aesculapius, a Greek doctor considered the “Father of Medicine”, who lived about 100 years before Christ and *syriaca* or “Syrian”. It is native to America but grows abundantly in Syria. It is known for its white sap therefore “milkweed” but it is also called silkweed, wild cotton, milk ipecac and kapok tree. It grows in thickets, roadsides, dry fields. etc. Milkweed grows to a height of 2 - 6 feet on a single stem and has leaves that are opposite, oval-shaped, light-green in color with gray down beneath. It blooms in late June to August with flowers that are pink to lavender in color and considered some of the most complex in the plant kingdom, comparable to orchids. See attachment. In the fall, the flowers develop into seed pods that have a warty outer skin filled with many overlapping seeds covered with a tuft of silky hairs known as coma that aid in wind dispersal of the seeds. To attract insect pollinators milkweeds offer both color and extraordinary sweet sent. Pollination is accomplished in an unusual fashion. “Pollen sacs” looking like saddle bags attach themselves to the visiting insects which are pulled free when the insects fly off.



Milkweeds are an important nectar host for native bees, wasps and other nectar seeking insects. But they are a favorite host plant and food source for the larval phase of Monarch butterflies and the cardiac glycoside in Milkweeds is a chemical defense for the caterpillar phase and adult butterflies making them distasteful and poisonous to birds. All four phases of the monarch butterfly life cycle: the egg, the larvae (caterpillar), the pupa (chrysalis) and the adult butterfly take place on the milkweed plant. The glycosides in milkweed are strong enough to induce a heart attack in some grazing animals dumb enough to eat the bitter leaves.

Milkweeds are known for their milky sap which contains sugar, gum, fat, poisons and 2% latex which is not enough to be a source of natural rubber. Chippewa Indians cut up and stewed the flowers, eating them like jam, which they believed allowed them to eat more food than usual. It has been called a swallow-wort because the ground up roots act as a counter-poison. The roots have also been used to treat asthma and the milk to treat rashes. The fiber of swamp milkweeds is so strong it has been made into twine and cord. The milkweed filaments or silky hairs are hollow and coated with wax giving them good insulation properties. They have been used as a substitute for Kapok (from kapok trees of SE Asia) during WW II in life preservers and linings of airman’s jackets and also for hypoallergenic stuffing for pillows.

No milkweed, no monarchs! You need milkweed plants to attract monarchs. Some nurseries will sell six-packs of “pink butterfly plants”. You can gather seeds in the “parachute” phase. Sprinkle the seeds in the fall after a killing frost or wait until spring. They have a high rate of germination. Survival of the established plants is aided by a deep tap root which makes digging up established plants usually unsuccessful. Try digging a daughter plant. Once established they are hard to eradicate. When the flowers are in full bloom the fragrance is breathtaking and most important they attract both butterflies and small children.



Submitted by Tom Stram



PLEASE HELP RAISE FUNDS

NEW!!!

CONNORS LAKE/LAKE OF THE PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION APPAREL STORE!!

We now have apparel for our members or anyone who would like to purchase items with Connor Lake/ Lake of the Pines Lake Association logo on them. The store will run for only a few weeks in the Spring and then again in the Fall with different items in each store. We have had some requests for shirts and this is a way for us to bring you the items without having a ton of stock and sizes sitting around. We do make a small amount of money from the sale of the items and you will get a quality item that you can proudly display the Connors Lake/Lake of the Pines logo! If you would like to see a certain item in the next store please contact Toni Slack (Corresponding Secretary) at connorslakeassociation@gmail.com or call (715) 332-5405. Some items we would have to purchase before we put them in the store, because Brand L doesn't keep them in stock. These items will be harder to get, because if we don't sell them all, we must still purchase them.

Here is what you need to know about purchasing the items:

Go to the website www.brandlonlinestore.com

Select from the "COMMUNITY STORES" at the top of the menu bar.

Select "Lake Association" from the dropdown menu.

The password is: lake2017

Now go shopping!!!

All the items except for the zip front hoodie are at the Flambeau Forest Inn if you would like to look at them before you order! The lettering will be in either black or white depending on the color of the item you choose. You can also choose color, size, and if you prefer a full chest logo or a small pocket size logo. The

2017 KAYAK RAFFLE - OLD TOWN LOON 106 KAYAK

\$20 PER TICKET / ONLY 55 TICKETS SOLD

DRAWING WILL BE HELD WHEN ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD

Tickets are available at the Flambeau Forest Inn

and from Connors Lake - Lake of the Pines Lake Association Board Members.

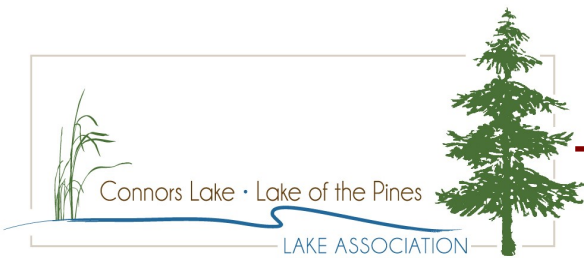
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THE SMELL OF RAIN BY EMILY STONE

Throughout the morning, the fluffy, white clouds grew larger and more numerous, cluttering the blue sky. The temperature on the bank sign rose sharply from 40 degrees in early morning to 77 degrees by early afternoon.

After lunch I stepped outside to run errands. A blast of hot, humid air met me at the door. We recently finished winter with a blizzard, and now it's already summer! Then the rain began to fall. I stood under an overhang and watched as huge, cold, splashing drops plunged through the warm air. Now it not only felt like summer, it *smelled* like summer.



Rain on Water by Larry Stone

You have smelled it, too: that sharp, pleasant, *green* scent of rain on dry earth. Those same wonderful odors will even rise from concrete and asphalt. This smell has a fancy name and also a biological explanation. The name is “petrichor,” which comes from the Greek words for rock (*petra*) and for the fluid that flows in the veins of the gods in Greek mythology (*ichor*). You are smelling the blood of the gods sprayed up from the rocks. Wiktionary defines it as “the distinctive scent which accompanies the first rain after a long, warm, dry spell.”

This wonderful word was coined in 1964 by Isabel Joy Bear and R. G. Thomas, two researchers in Australia who discovered that the scent originates from an oil that plants produce during dry spells to retard seed germination and early plant growth. This may be an adaptation plants use to limit competition during times of low moisture. Rain washes the oil away, stimulating germination and growth. Some biologists suspect that petrichor—washed into streams by rain—signals spawning time for freshwater fish. During dry spells, the oil may also be absorbed by rocks and soils. Falling raindrops liberate the compounds and fling them into the air we breathe.

The rain tapered off, and I walked down the street on my errands. From the bare soil in expectant flower gardens, another scent rose to meet my nose. This earthy aroma is characteristic of healthy, post-rain soils, and sometimes finds its way into perfumes. The name for this scent, “geosmin,” also has a Greek origin (combining the words for earth and smell) and a biological explanation.

Geosmin, an organic compound, is produced by several classes of microbes in the soil, including cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) and actinobacteria (especially *Streptomyces*, which are important to medicine as a source for antibacterial and antifungal agents as well as anticancer drugs). The organisms thrive when the conditions are damp and warm, and create geosmin as a byproduct of living. In an effort to reproduce before they dry out, the bacteria also release geosmin-scented spores. Rain flings these compounds into the air, just as it does with petrichor, and we smell “earth.”

Smelling that wonderful earthy aroma is one thing, but tasting it is quite another. Beets, some wines, and bottom-feeding fish like catfish and carp all derive their characteristic earthy flavor from geosmin. Some folks like it and others don't. Even the water we drink can be tainted with the flavor, though it will not hurt you. Human taste buds are very sensitive to geosmin, and the average person can detect it at a concentration of 0.7 parts per billion. The human nose is even more sensitive and can detect geosmin at concentrations as low as five parts per trillion.

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The Smell of Rain, continued

In deserts the presence of geosmin usually indicates water. Camels may follow the scent to an oasis and disperse the spores to new places on their travels. Some cacti scent their flowers with geosmin, thereby tricking thirsty insects into serving as pollinators.

In Australia aboriginal people associate petrichor and geosmin with the first life-giving rains of the wet season and with the color green. This smell is so important to them that they rub geosmin perfume onto their bodies to serve as a symbolic connection between body and landscape. According to research done at the University of Queensland, "The odor is believed to be protective and cleansing, linking present generations to their ancestors."⁹

Without rain, we could not smell petrichor, blood of the gods, and geosmin, the scent of the earth, and have this link to generations past. Without rain, we could not smell summer.

Soon the clouds thinned and dispersed, the pavement dried, and the sun shone. The smell of summer lingered on the breeze, and lilac buds began bursting with green in their effort to catch up.

Special Note: Emily's book, *Natural Connections: Exploring Northwoods Nature through Science and Your Senses* is here! Order your copy at <http://cablemuseum.org/natural-connections-book/>. Listen to the podcast at www.cablemuseum.org! For 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. Come visit us in Cable, WI! Our new exhibit: "Better Together--Celebrating a Natural Community" will open on May 2!

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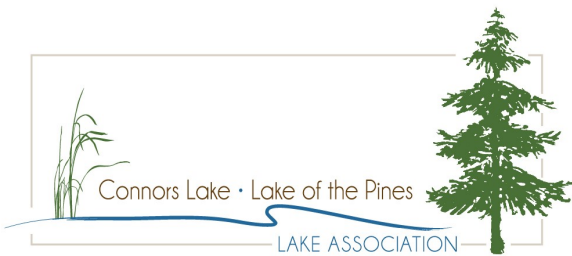
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FLAMBEAU RIVER STATE FOREST

What a mild winter it was once again. In my travels around the forest it looks as if the wildlife has had the same experience. I have seen and heard more grouse drumming this spring than I have in the past few years. It seems the deer also have fared well; I have seen many yearlings as well as good amounts of adults. The gage of winter that I am most excited about is that my firewood pile is not totally depleted; I hope that many of you have had the same experiences this spring. Well the crew around the forest is chomping at the bit to get out and start our spring/summer projects. The campgrounds are ready to be cleaned and opened for the season, the equipment is being serviced and prepped for some hard work, and the shop and office are cleaned up; we are ready to roll! This is a very busy time of year for the Flambeau Crew but everybody here is up for the challenge and ready to make the forest the best it can be for the people who use it. We all take great pride in the Flambeau River State Forest and the crew here wants to thank all of you who help shape and maintain this hidden gem. Here are some of our contributions.

Highlights:

- **Timber Sales** on the forest are strong. This past winter was a busy one for timber sales on the forest. Between October of 2016 through March of 2017, 34 sales were being harvested. Thirteen of these sales were completed. An estimated amount of 24,000 cords of mixed pulp, 7,000 cords of aspen, and 2,600 cords of mixed conifer were harvested on the forest this past winter, along with 560,000 board feet of saw timber. The winter was a short one for logging. The ground did not freeze until the end of December and the road bans were posted on February 20th, leaving less than 2 months of suitable conditions for logging. The loggers were still successful in timber production even with this short window to harvest. The next bid opening on the forest is April 27th, 2017. Approximately **1220 acres** will be bid out. These sales include select cuts in hardwoods, thinnings in spruce and red pine, and coppice or regeneration cuts in aspen, tamarack, and red maple stands. The result is a mosaic of timber types and ages which promotes forest diversity and provides for a wide range of recreation interests from hiking to hunting.
- **Access Improvements** continue on the forest. We have requested state grants for the townships of Winter and Draper for access, recreation, or logging to the Flambeau River State Forest. Work intended for this next summer include culvert replacement and graveling on Dix Dox Rd in the Town of Draper. Ditching and graveling on the southern end of West Lane in the Town of Winter. We will also continue reconstruction of approximately 4 miles of ATV trails located; south of Hwy EE, between the bridges north of Feline Rd., Tower Hill to Hwy W, and Fisherman's Landing to the power line. Currently the forest maintains 62 miles of improved roads, 48 miles of snowmobile trail, 58 miles of ATV/UTV trails, and 76 miles of hunter/walking trails.
- **Insects and disease** – Emerald ash borer was detected in Sawyer County in August near Radisson. This was a single beetle that was located with no ash trees in close proximity to the trap. Be careful moving firewood and note the movement of firewood and other wood products has changed. Thirty percent of the state forests trees are comprised of ash. The FRSF will continue to survey for EAB during the summer. No evidence of EAB has been detected on the forest. Dutch Elm disease continues to affect elm trees. The forest has been having some health issues with Tamarack and European Larch. Overall the forest is healthy and providing lots of timber to the mills as you may have noticed with the changing landscape. Continued forest management will only improve the health and vigor of the forest.

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FRSF continued

Projects this summer

- Installing Gates on access trails
- Maintenance on the exterior of the Historical Headquarters.
- ATV/Snowmobile trail renovation/construction
- Mowing 96 miles of roads and trails
- Construction of Group campsite at Cedar Rapids
- Construct 2 new primitive sites at Cedar Rapids
- Repair bridge over Mason Creek on the ski trail

If you have any questions on any of our projects please give me a call at 715-332-5271 ext. 102.

Events this summer we will continue to offer 3 Nature Programs at the Connors Lake Picnic Area; Smokey Bears Birthday, Outdoor Cooking, and Elk Bugling. Our 25th annual Candlelight Ski had a fantastic turnout. We continue to grow in popularity and are becoming a premiere event in the area for the winter months. I sure hope that if you haven't had a chance to come out to the candlelight ski that you make it a point to attend next year. It is a great event and it is wonderful to be able to chat with all of the people that love the Flambeau as much as we do.

Law Enforcement activities continue on the Forest. We are noticing a lot of vehicle traffic going around our gates and berms. Cameras have been deployed to monitor and many violators have been caught but the problem still persists. If you have any information regarding violations please give one of our rangers a call at (715) 332-5271 ext. 102 or 112. Any tips and help are appreciated. If you are unsure of a rule or regulation, please feel free to stop in or call, we always welcome answering questions from the public.

Open House/Public Meeting

Public open house meeting is planned for June 2, 2017 at the Forest Headquarters. Staff will be here all day to answer questions you may have. We can discuss the upcoming projects including options as they relate to the access plan and forest production areas. Hope you can stop in for a visit.

Details of the Master Plan for the Forest can be viewed online at

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/StateForest/flambeauRiver/>

Hope you have a Great Summer

Curtiss Lindner

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May

- 5th **Cinco De Mayo**-Enjoy \$4.00 margaritas, free chips & salsa for an appetizer, and then tacos or loaded nachos for dinner!
- 6th **Kentucky Derby Day!!** Wear your Kentucky Derby hat and enjoy a mint julep while watching the race!
- 14th **Mother's Day**-2 pc Broasted Chicken & ½ Rack of Ribs \$15.99 OR Shrimp Dinner \$15.99 (all meals include salad bar, choice of potato, and a breadstick). Call for reservations!
- 24th **National Brother's Day**-Come in with your brother and get a picture taken so we can put it on Face Book and you and your brother can drink \$2.00 rail drinks or \$2.00 domestic beer.
- 28th **National Burger Day!!** Build-a-burger! We give you the list of ingredients and you tell us what to pile on your ½lb burger!
- 29th **MEMORIAL DAY-OPEN AT 11:30AM!**

June

- 2nd **National Doughnut Day!** Come in and get your \$1.00 doughnuts all day!
- 14th **Flag Day**-Dress in the colors of our flag!
- 16-18th **Slack Family Reunion!** If you are a Slack, related to a Slack, or know one of us! DJ/Karaoke on June 17th from 9:00pm-1:00am! Slack family members contact us for more info on Family only events!
- 18th **Father's Day!** 2 pc Broasted Chicken & ½ Rack of Ribs \$15.99 OR Shrimp Dinner \$15.99 (all meals include salad bar, choice of potato, and a breadstick). Call for reservations!
- 21st **Summer Solstice**-Come on over and enjoy at bonfire in the yard at dusk!

July

- 3rd **OPEN**
- 16th **National Ice Cream Day!** Come on in and have a yummy ice cream cone for \$1.50 per scoop!
- 23rd **National Hot Dog Day & Parent's Day**- Bring your Parents and Family in for a hot dog with all the fixins'!
- 29th **National Lasagna Day!** On top of our regular special (Prime Rib) we will be adding a home-made lasagna!
- 30th **National Cheesecake Day!** Come on in for a slice of cheesecake! We will have a variety of choices!

August

- 4th **National Beer Day!** Domestic Beer \$2.00 and Specialty Beer \$2.50 from 11:30am until 4:30pm!
- 6th **National Sister's Day!** Come in with your sister and get a picture taken so we can put it on Face Book and you and your sister can drink \$2.00 rail drinks or \$2.00 domestic beer.
- 13th **International Left Hander's Day!** Are you a lefty? Come on in and your first rail or domestic beer is on us! (\$2.50)
- 26th **4th Annual Flambeau Forest Inn Flea Market.** FREE space for vendors (call for reservations)! 9:00am-2:00pm. Highview Bluegrass Band from 4:00pm-7:00pm right in the bar!!
- 26th **National Dog Day!** Bring your dog in for a picture and a free treat! 9:00am-2:00pm!

September

\$2.00 BUSCH LIGHT AND MILLER 64 CANS ALL MONTH LONG

- 4th **Labor Day-Open**
- 9th **Bear Hunter Appreciation Day!** Meat raffle starting a 2:00pm. DJ/Karaoke from 9:00pm-1:00am.
- 10th **Grandparents Day!** 2 pc Broasted Chicken & ½ Rack of Ribs \$15.99 OR Shrimp Dinner \$15.99 (all meals include salad bar, choice of potato, and a breadstick). Call for reservations!

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