

...from the Lake Shores

News and information from your Lake Association

"Preserving and protecting our lakes for today and for future generations."



Welcome

to the twelfth edition of the Connors Lake/Little Papoose/Lake of the Pines Voluntary Lake Association, Inc., Newsletter.

A message from Tom Stram, President

Now that the usual nine months of winter are over we can look forward to three months of company at our cabins. In the future maybe we can look forward to less than nine months of winter if we have a repeat of this past season. I used my snow blower once and when it clogged up with heavy wet snow it was back to the shovel.

The ice went off Connors Lake on Tuesday March 19th. That is one month before the usual "ice off". Some of the old-timers say that has not happened for over 50 years. We have had some very cold nights recently and that could potentially slow down the arrival of spring. I am waiting to see how the extra month of summer impacts events such as the growth of milfoil, potential algae bloom and the size of mosquitoes.

There will be no general membership meeting on the Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend because yours truly failed to reserve the pavilion. Maybe you will wrangle an invitation to the wedding scheduled at the picnic park that day. We will have general membership meetings on Saturday May 26th with DNR Wolf Biologist, Adrian Wydeven, as our speaker and on Saturday July 7th with UW Extension Lakes Specialist, Patrick Coggin, as our speaker. Pat is an outstanding speaker on a wide variety of subjects relating to lakes.

We have had excellent participation rate for membership and dues but we could sure use some new volunteers for our activities and functions. Everyone has unique gifts, skills and passions that we could put to good use in the Lake Association. Bring your positive experiences from other associations, groups, clubs etc. to the lakes. If any of you reading this newsletter have any ideas as to how we could improve this organization or want to participate please contact one of the board members. We need more volunteers to check boats for invasive species and water quality and to help with the annual picnic. We will need several new board members starting this summer for two-year terms.

No more excuses, get off-line and on-board with your Co/Pa/Pi Lake Association. By the way, when you are on-line, check our new web-site www.copapisawyerctywi.org. Remember it is a work in progress but a good start. Thanks to Gloria Lindahl for creating the web site.

Enjoy our award-winning newsletter and have a great spring and summer season.

2012 General Membership Meetings at Connors Lake Pavilion

Saturday **May 26** Memorial Day Weekend—Adrian Wydeven, DNR Wolf Biologist, Park Falls office

Saturday **July 7** Association Annual Meeting—Patrick Goggin, UW Extension Lakes Specialist

The Labor Day Weekend meeting has been **canceled** this year

All meetings will begin at **9:00 am**

Township of Winter

Chairman: James Genrich, N7009 Fender Rd., Winter, WI 54896, 715-266-6011

1st Supervisor: David Kinsley, W7270 Thorsen Road, Winter, WI 54896, 715.266.2102

2nd Supervisor: Helen Dennis, N4437 Lake Winter Road, Winter, WI 54896, 715.567-0445

Clerk/Treas: Lori Van Winkle, P.O. Box 129, Winter, WI 54896, 715.266.3131

Town Mailing Address: Town of Winter, P.O. Box 129, Winter, WI 54896, Phone: 715.266.3131, email: townofwinter@centurytel.net

Town Website: www.townofwinter.com

The fall newsletter will be mailed in November 2012. Please submit your contributions or mention items you would like to see in future newsletters by Wednesday October 17 to Sandra Lehmann. Drop off at the house, call 715.332.5101 or email sjl@pctcnet.net

CoPaPi Board of Directors for 2011-2012

Officers

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| President | Tom Stram | term ends 2012 |
| Vice President | Dave Schiotz | term ends 2012 |
| Treasurer | Nancy Sorensen | term ends 2013 |
| Recording Secretary | Ellen Cernjar | term ends 2013 |
| Corresponding Secretary | Sandra Lehmann | term ends 2013 |

Board Members at Large

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Dale Lehmann, Tom Deinhammer, Carolyn Mealman, Jim Schofield | term ends 2012 |
| Dave Cooley, Mark LaVick, Dave Bauer, Bob Feller | term ends 2013 |
| Gene Johnson—Past President, Esther Johnson—Past Treasurer | |

Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Tom Stram | 715.384.8348 | twrcstram@frontier.com |
| Dave Schiotz | 715.235.9322 | dkschiotz@yahoo.com |
| Nancy Sorensen | 715.332.5624 | plato@pctcnet.net |
| Ellen Cernjar | 715.878.4672 | gecernjar@yahoo.com |
| Sandra Lehmann | 715.332.5101 | sjl@pctcnet.net |
| Dave Bauer | 920.915.1101 | dbauer9255@gmail.com |
| Dave Cooley | 920.832.1424 | dcooley1@prodigy.net |
| Mark LaVick | 715.332.5399 | cabinatconnors@pctcnet.net |
| Bob Feller | 608.849.7449 | rfeller@tds.net |
| Dale Lehmann | 715.332.5101 | sjl@pctcnet.net |
| Jim Schofield | 715.723.2011 | schofieldje@hotmail.com |
| Tom Deinhammer | 715.835.6588 | deintj@charter.net |
| Carolyn Mealman | 715.332.5267 | cesm@pctcnet.net |
| Gene Johnson | 715.536.0219 | genes.johnson@verizon.net |
| Esther Johnson | 715.332.5223 | |

HOLD THE DATE!! Saturday—July 21, 2011

CoPaPi Voluntary Lake Association **Old Fashioned Family Picnic**

To be held at Connors Lake Pavilion and Park from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

The event is free and open to Lake Association members,
as well as, all lake residents, their families and friends.

Come to the picnic; meet your neighbors; renew old friendships;
introduce your children and brag about your grandchildren!

Watch for more information, details and volunteer opportunities
coming to you as further plans are made!

Obituary Notices

Ken Piorier, 54, of Wisconsin Rapids, passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Ken and Jenny had a place on Old Lodge Lane, Connors Lake.

Bob Magee, 79, son of Viola (Molly) Ironside, passed away on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at St Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. Bob was a resident of Johnson Road, Connors Lake, and Wisconsin Rapids.

2012 Cash Raffle

Will be similar to last year with tickets available Memorial Day weekend. Please support our lake association and buy raffle tickets.

It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so! ~Mark Twain

WCLMN (Wisconsin Citizens Lake Monitoring Network)

by Dave Schiotz, Coordinator

What a difference a year makes! About this same time last year, when I was writing this article for our newsletter, the lakes were iced in and there was snow on the ground. Normally we take our first water samples in mid to late May, or two to three weeks after ice-out. This year, that arbitrary date caught most of us with our boats on the trailer and our docks still on the shore. We will try to get our first sample for 2012 the middle of May. At that time we will sample for Phosphorus (fertilizer), and our normal parameters of Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen (DO), and Clarity (Secchi disk). We usually wait until late June to sample Chlorophyll.

Most of you will remember the floods of 2010. The lakes were very high from late May to freeze-up. Due to the excessive run-off into the lakes the water became very brown in color and the clarity was drastically reduced, especially in Connors. In 2009 the average Secchi reading was 12.6 feet in Connors and 4.6 feet in Lake of the Pines (LOP). In 2010, the Secchi reading was 5.9 feet in Connors and 4.0 in LOP. Last summer we saw an increase in clarity in both lakes—Connors was 10.9 feet and LOP was 4.17 feet. LOP, with its naturally darker water, was not influenced as much by the flood as was Connors, which normally has greater clarity. It will be interesting to see what happens this year!

Several other observations from our data are:

Water temperature - Even though Connors is a larger and much deeper lake than LOP, the water column temperatures are within a degree of each other at corresponding depths.

Dissolved Oxygen - The dissolved oxygen level in LOP drops off to basically a fish-less level between 10 and 15 feet from the surface. In Connors we have adequate DO down to 50-60 feet. How to explain this phenomenon is beyond our lake monitoring expertise!

Everything we do is because of our volunteers and we have had a great group. I am hoping they will consent once again to be part of our CLMN team. On LOP we had Larry Anderson, Tom Deinhammer, Carl Edwardson and Jim Schofield. On Connors we had Greg & Ellen Cernjar, Gordie Dukerschein, Jeff & Sherry Hansen, Dale & Sandra Lehmann, Rich Marusinec, Dave & Karen Schiotz, and Tom Stram.

Anyone else that is interested, for either lake, please contact me at dkschiotz@yahoo.com or by phone (715) 332-5164 or (715) 235-9322.

A special thank you to Sandra Lehmann for inputting all our data from both lakes into the WDNR network. Check out the web site listed below and find all the information listed for our lakes.

You can access WCLMN reports at <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/clmn>
Do not key in www, just http://

1. Citizen Lake Monitoring page opens
2. Find Sawyer County and click on it
3. Find Connors Lake or Lake of the Pines
4. In the Report column click on Details

Clean Boats/Clean Waters by Dave Cooley, Chairman



Last spring when I wrote this article we had late April snowstorms and icy roads. This spring, 2012, is very different. It seems like we have already had summer, then spring, and who knows what is next. I am hesitant to put my snowblower away and switch to my lawnmower, in case that brings on one more April avalanche. As we look forward to the relaxation and beauty that Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines provide for us, would you please consider volunteering for one or two hours to keep these resources healthy for our enjoyment now and for future generations?

The Clean Boats/Clean Waters program helps to educate boaters and inspects watercraft entering and leaving our local lakes. Volunteer inspectors at the Connors Lake boat landing perform boat and trailer checks, hand out informational brochures and educate boaters on how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Because we have a number of invasive species in Connors Lake, most significantly Eurasian Water Milfoil, it is equally important that we inspect boats entering and leaving Connors Lake, to be sure those boaters are not transporting milfoil to another location.

Volunteers work in two-hour shifts on the weekends of Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day. The CoPaPi Lake Association is credited with \$12 towards our share of grant money and lake treatment costs for every hour we have a volunteer at the boat landing. Our volunteering PAYS US BACK.

In order for our resource of volunteers to grow we are hoping that this year our previous and faithful volunteers will **BRING A FRIEND ALONG** to introduce them to the CBCW program. With more interested volunteers we can begin inspections at Lake of the Pines.

Sign-up sheets are at the Saturday, May 26 Lake Association General Meeting, or you can email me ahead of time at dcooley1@prodigy.net. Many thanks to those who have volunteered in the past, and we hope to see you again this summer.

Wisconsin laws prohibit launching a boat or placing a trailer or boating equipment in navigable waters if it has aquatic plants or zebra mussels attached.

For more information about the "Clean boats, Clean Waters" program go to the website:
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/CBCW

Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence.
Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance.
Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence.
Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance.
Yoko Ono

Fishery News by Tom Deinhammer, Chairman

I recently talked to the WDNR and found out that we will not be getting a permit for fishsticks. The reason being that they would increase the population of largemouth bass and the WDNR feels that there are a good number in our lakes now.

I haven't heard any news about how many fish the Native Americans speared in our lakes but I imagine they were on our lakes. The Native Americans speared Buckskin Lake in Vilas Co. Two spearers speared 51 walleyes over their permit but they only lost their permit to spear more walleye for one day, so go figure. What can be done so that they don't spear our lakes!

I asked the WDNR what can be done if our lakes have too many largemouth bass or muskies. To that question their answer was nothing can be done as to prevent fish disease from going to another lake. So maybe we should harvest more of those fish instead of catch and release. If you have any ideas let us know.

My email address is deintj@charter.net

VHS Fish Disease By Sandra Lehmann

Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) is a deadly fish virus and an invasive species that is threatening Wisconsin's fish. VHS was diagnosed for the first time ever in the Great Lakes as the cause of large fish kills in lakes Huron, St. Clair, Erie, Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River in 2005 and 2006. Thousands of muskies, walleye, lake whitefish, freshwater drum, yellow perch, gizzard shad, redhorse and round gobies died. Many Chinook salmon, white bass, emerald shiners, smallmouth bass, bluegill, black crappie, burbot, and northern pike were diseased but did not die in large numbers.

It's not a threat to people who handle infected fish or want to eat their catch, but it is a threat to the more than 25 fish species it can kill. This is the first time a virus has affected so many different fish species from so many fish families in the Great Lakes. VHS virus is considered an invasive species (not native to the Great Lakes), but scientists are not sure how the virus arrived. It may have come in with migrating fish from the Atlantic Coast, or may have hitch-hiked in ballast water from ships.

VHS has only been detected in fish from the Lake Winnebago system, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Green Bay, and hasn't spread more widely in Wisconsin, as originally feared. Those results suggest there's a very real hope that VHS can be kept out of most of Wisconsin's lakes and rivers, where it could prove a serious threat to a broad range of native fish.

Infected fish shed the virus in their urine and reproductive fluids. The virus can survive in water for at least 14 days. Virus particles in the water infect gill tissue first, and then move to the internal organs and the blood vessels. The blood vessels become weak, causing hemorrhages in the internal organs, muscle and skin.

Aquatic Invasive Species Report by Tom Stram

You will recall that we applied the first herbicide treatment to the aquatic invasive species Eurasian Water-Milfoil (EWM) in Connors Lake the summer of 2005. This initial treatment was to 32 acres and the response was excellent. We know that once introduced into a lake EWM is forever. Several years ago we battled an algae growth on the milfoil that interfered with the effectiveness of the herbicide 2, 4-D. The past two years we have treated approximately 1-½ acres of infestation.

Herbicide treatments of aquatic invasive species are performed whole lake or spot treatments. Whole lake treatments are usually performed on smaller, shallower lakes with large littoral zones. A littoral zone is that area along the shore land where vegetation is able to grow, which is usually up to 15 - 20 feet, depending on water clarity. Connors Lake is a 429-acre, 82 feet deep, lake with a littoral zone of about 60 - 70 acres. The fall 2011 survey mapped out about 1.47 acres of EWM. We will apply two or three spot treatments this spring and summer in an effort to keep the milfoil to less than one acre.

Troublesome areas of infestation are in Muskie Bay and off the shallow reef in front of the boat landing. The period covered by our DNR Aquatic Invasive Species 75/25 matching grant of \$40,000 is from October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012. We still have \$10,000 left in the grant and I have asked for and received an extension of one year. Therefore, our grant will go through December 31, 2013.

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Meeting by Tom Stram

I just returned from two days at the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership meeting in Green Bay. It provided me with time to reconnect with our consultants and friends in the WDNR and bring home new ideas.

I attended presentations on lake planning and assessment, developing partnerships, effects of milfoil weevils on Eurasian Water Milfoil populations, effects of 2, 4-D herbicide on flathead minnows and all about blue green algae. The presentation on Eurasian Water Milfoil Research included data and highlights of the herbicide spot treatments performed in Connors Lake. Results should be available on-line soon for those who might be interested. Thanks to the lake association for paying my registration fee.

Did you ever go fishing
On a bright and sunny day
And sit along the banks
and watch the fishies play
With your hands in your pockets
And your pockets in your pants
And watch the little fishies
do the hoochy coochy dance

Important Notification

Northern Aquatic Services

1061 240* street Dresser WI 54009
715-495-5252 cell 715-755-3507 home/office

Professional Aquatic Weed Control Services

April 5, 2012

Dear Connors Lake Riparian Property Owner,

The intent of this letter is to **notify you** that the Connors Lake Association has hired Northern Aquatic Services, a herbicide application company for hire, to chemically treat the nuisance exotic aquatic vegetation (Eurasian watermilfoil) in Connors Lake this growing season.

The Association has hired a consultant to survey the aquatic vegetation and draft an Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Connors Lake. My treatment will largely be based upon that plan. In accordance with the Aquatic Plant Management Plan this year calls for the treatment of about 2 acres in several different areas of the lake. In a proactive effort, I will also treat any other areas found to have Eurasian watermilfoil as the spring and summer progress.

Since there is no way of knowing where these areas may occur at this time the intent of this letter is to **notify each property owner** that a treatment may occur in front of or adjacent to your property. The herbicides I will use are 2,4-D based and all are approved for aquatic use by the Environmental Protection Agency. Any water usage restrictions for the treated area will be posted on yellow signs in that area. I will try to treat early in the week to minimize water usage conflicts. The 2-acre treatment will likely occur in May, the spot treatments could occur throughout the spring and summer of 2012.

If you have any questions you may contact Northern Aquatic Services at 715-755-3507, or the Wisconsin DNR's Water Resources Management Specialist Jim Cahow at 715-537-5046. Chemical fact sheets are available upon request or at <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/plants/>.

Sincerely,

Dale Dressel
Northern Aquatic Services

Burning Permits

It's your responsibility to have a permit available and ready to show to law enforcement personnel or firefighters if requested at any time while burning. Failure to obtain a permit or comply with the daily restrictions could result in a citation.

If your fire escapes and starts a wildfire, you may be held liable for all suppression costs. Any person, whose property is injured or destroyed by your fire, may also recover, in a civil action, the value of timber or damages suffered.

Safety Buoys on Connors Lake

By Sandra Lehmann

Gene Johnson was instrumental in getting permits from the state so the CoPaPi Lake Association could purchase buoys to provide warning markers on Connors Lake.

One of the goals of the CoPaPi Lake Association is to provide safe waters. The buoys we put in provide a visual marker by day and a dusk to dawn solar powered strobe by night to alert boaters of the areas of danger.

The CoPaPi Lake Association purchased three buoys at an approximate total cost of \$2,500. The two buoys that were added summer of 2010 cost about \$860 each (\$600 for the buoy + \$135 for the strobe (both including shipping), plus \$125 for the chain, anchor, and lock). This does not include the time it took to prepare the anchoring devices or the actual placing of the buoys on the lake.

The three buoys have been placed on state designated hazard areas. Please keep away from the buoys and do not use them to anchor your boat or as a swim toy.

Let's Keep Our Lakes Safe

Wisconsin already seeing ticks in woods

By Sandra Lehmann

With the early warm weather, ticks are already active in the woods of Wisconsin this spring. Marathon County has confirmed three cases of Lyme disease so far this year. Lyme disease is an illness caused by a bacteria carried by deer ticks.



Deer Tick



Wood Tick

Adult female deer ticks are about as big as a sesame seed and have reddish hind bodies with black dorsal markings. Males are slightly smaller than females and are solid dark brown.

One of the most frequently encountered ticks is the American dog tick, also known as the wood tick. The larvae and nymphs feed on small warm-blooded animals such as mice and birds. The adult American dog tick will feed on humans and medium to large mammals such as raccoons and dogs.

Unfed males and females are reddish-brown and about 3/16-inch long. Females have a large silver-colored spot behind the head and will become 1/2-inch long after feeding or about the size of a small grape. Males have fine silver lines on the back and do not get much larger after feeding. Males are sometimes mistaken for other species of ticks because they appear so different from the female.

“A Bloody Early Bloomer”

Submitted by Tom Stram

Bloodroot or Sanguinaria (“blood”) Canadensis (“from Canada”) is a perennial native spring wildflower in the poppy family that is found in rich woodlands and along streams in Eastern North America. It is found in part shade or full shade from March to April.

Each flower stalk typically emerges wrapped by a rounded, deeply scalloped, bluish-green basal leaf measuring 5” in diameter. As the 2” diameter, 8 -10 petaled white flower with a golden center blooms, the leaf unfolds “like a mother protecting its baby with a cloak”. Flowers open up in the sun but close at night and typically last only a few days. The leaves continue to grow in size until late summer, sometimes up to 9” across.

Bloodroot is also known as Tetterwort (a “tetter” is a skin disease), Red Puccoon, Red Root, Coon Root, Sweet Slumber, Indian Paint, Tumeric and Sang-Dragon. Puccoon is from the Indian word for “blood” or red juice and was used as a dye for baskets, clothing and war paint. “Legend says that a bachelor of the Ponca tribe would rub a piece of the root as a love charm on the palm of his hand, then devise a way to shake hands with the woman he desired to marry. After shaking hands, the girl would be found willing to marry him in 5 to 6 days”.

In addition the orange red sap from the branching rhizomatous root has significant anti-infective properties and has been used to treat warts, periodontal infections, gingivitis and plaque. Indians who lived on the shores of Lake Superior and modern day physicians have also used it to treat skin cancer. The sap is considered slightly poisonous when taken internally and therefore should be administered by a skillful herbalist. Bloodroot transplants readily in the spring although it is better to obtain the seeds that have a good germination rate especially in areas where bloodroot is not overly abundant.



Landscaping Your Septic System

Submitted by Sandra Lehmann

Regular maintenance is a part of keeping your septic system working and is easier when components are well marked and easily located. Newer tanks have above ground easy access ports that many landowners would like to disguise. A tiered planter box or bench can camouflage these ports and can be easily moved to allow service. Access ports for older tanks are usually buried six inches to two feet and are difficult to locate when it comes time to pump. Bird baths or feeders, sundials, potted plants, sculptures or lawn ornaments near the access port will make it easier to locate for servicing. Consider installing risers, available from local septic pumpers, over access ports and then disguising them as mentioned above.

Using shallow rooted, low maintenance, low water plants is the key to planting over a drain field and near your septic system. Grass or herbaceous vegetation that can be disturbed should be planted over the tank, so you won't hesitate to damage them. The roots of grass and other herbaceous plants can help remove excess moisture and nutrients and help the septic system work efficiently. Plants that do not require frequent dividing will limit digging and possible damage to the drain field.

Grass provides ideal year-round cover for drain fields. Ornamental grasses can be planted, as well as maintaining a traditional lawn. Other herbaceous plants can be used, but avoid plants that require frequent watering. Another option includes planting low maintenance native ground covers such as bunchberry or Lady fern or shallow rooted perennials for a cut flower garden such as Salvia, Marigold, Zinnias, Impatiens, Geraniums or Petunias. Shallow rooted plants that attract wildlife such as butterflies or birds can also be utilized.

Ideas For Properly Maintaining Your Septic System

Pump the tank regularly

Conserve water

Watch what goes down the drain—no paint, solvents, medication or antibacterial products

System additives—starters, feeders, and cleaners are not needed

Protect the drainfield

Those of us with septic tanks,
Would like to give a word of thanks,
For putting nothing in the pot,
That isn't guaranteed to rot.
Kleenex is bad, cigarettes too,
Feminine products are taboo,
No hair combings please - use the basket.
There's a very good reason why we ask it
With your kind cooperation
We'll keep our tank in operation!
--Author Unknown

Interesting Lake Happenings

by Carolyn Mealman

Loon Watch



As late as November 25, there were still two loons on the lake. Right after the first day of this spring, as far as I

could see, only one loon arrived with the rest of the waterfowl. This loon is very reclusive as I haven't seen it very often. I don't know what happened to our regular nesting pair. They like their privacy and maybe our lake is getting too busy and the loons went farther north this year.

Note: On April 18, I saw a pair of loons on the lake.

How Language Was Lost

This is the legend about Kuloskap, a god-like folk lore hero of the Passamaquoddy Indians of Maine.

Kuloskap had given mankind many things. He had taught him how to make and use a bow and arrow, he had showed him what plants and animals were to be used for food, he had schooled man in the laws of hunting and had given man happiness. He was therefore grieved when he saw man being greedy with food, unjust with his laws or cruel to each other. He decided that he would go away.

He made one last great feast for all his creatures and man, which could speak to each other through a common language. The feast was wonderful. It was then Kuloskap told them all that he was going away.

Kuloskap got into his canoe at the end of the evening to sail away across the lake. All the animals and birds and man stood to watch. The canoe slipped into the water and drifted out into the lake. Dusk and mist soon hid the canoe from sight but for a long time all could hear the great Kuloskap singing from out on the water.

All the creatures of the earth had silently watched and listened as Kuloskap drifted away. When the last faint notes of his song were gone, one by one they turned from the lake. It was then they discovered that they could no longer speak to one another. They were sure it was because Kuloskap had left them. After noisily trying to make sense of the jabbering of each tongue, they gave up and left the place of the feast to lead their own life. Loon, however, resolved to try to call Kuloskap back so that a common language could be restored to them. Loon called and called to the great Kuloskap but he did not answer.

Loon calls still, in the quiet of misty evenings and in the hush of cool dawns. Loon still hopes for a unity between all creatures by bringing Kuloskap back.

Winter/Spring News

As I sit at my writing table and look out the window on this Monday, the 19th day of March, 2012, I see a silver gray mass of ice, which will be gone by the first day of spring, Tuesday. This is by far the earliest, since we moved here in 1997, that the ice has gone out. In the past, April 1st was my earliest recording. For residents of the northwoods this has not been a hard winter. Ice over was on December 10th. Various waterfowl and whistling swans were still here.

The early warm weather has brought the wildlife out in masse:



On Feb. 22 a couple of chippies visited us for a few days before the snow chased them back to their hole until March 12th;



A flock of seagulls were looking for a little water – they were chased by an eagle.



A raccoon patiently worked the bottom out of our suet feeder and helped itself. It then decided to take our small metal cube feeder too, for that one last snow of the spring;



On Sunday, March 18th, as I sat eating breakfast, I noticed the water churning where we put our dock in. An otter

popped up with a 2-3# bass looking for a place to chow down, however, it spied the Qsprey on the ice 25 yds away, wanting a "share" and disappeared. A few days later four otters were enjoying a buffet out front.



The eagles and osprey have really been "combing" the ice looking for leftover bait;



Insects galore are hatching out;



On the way to the dump a week ago we had a black fisher cross the road in front of us;

Of course the deer traversed the ice back and forth as usual. Sometimes in herds of seven or three, and one time after the big snow storm one lone deer, who just had to show off, crossed. I always wonder which one chooses where and when they move – how many are there actually, 7, 6, 3 & 3 or more – are they all different or do they have disagreements within the lot and split up?



We also had a little white weasel visit us on December 3rd etc to usher in the Christmas Holidays.

I would like to leave you with an Aesop's Fable's tale

The Birds, The Beasts, and The Bat

Once upon a time a fierce war was waged between the Birds and the Beasts. The Bat at first fought on the side of the Birds; but, later on in the day, the tide of battle ran so much in favor of the Beasts, that he changed over, and fought on the other side. Owing mainly, however, to the admirable conduct and courage of the Eagle, the tide once more and finally turned in favor of the Birds. The Bat, to save his life, and escape the shame of falling into the hands of his deserted friends, fled, and has ever since skulked in caves and hollow trees, coming out only in the dusk, when the Birds are gone to roost.

Civilian Conservaton Corps (CCC)

Contributed by Sandra Lehmann

In the May 2010 CoPaPi Newsletter I wrote about the CCC and included a biography of Guy Christianson's time at Camp Connors Lake, CCCman, Co. 1610. I have since found more information about Camp Connors Lake. I have noticed that Connors Lake is sometimes spelled Conners or Connor.

First Impressions

The summer was warm the humidity high and a young man in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) anticipated better days when jobs were plentiful and wages higher. For right now any work was welcome and the CCC's had three square, a place to sleep and plenty of work. Most of the pay \$20 a month, went home to Walt's mother. Walt's father set a small amount aside in a savings account so he would have a little money when he got out of the CCC's. The rest of the pay \$10 a month Walt received in a check. Walt says "remember I got all my clothes, meals, a place to sleep and the doctor in addition to the \$30 a month. Pretty good for the depression days."

Walt spent most of his time in the CCC's at Conners Lake Camp about 20 miles West of Philips. He loved the CCC's and enlisted for the maximum, two tours. When they put papers in front of him for a third tour he just signed them and went back to work. It took the CCC's six months to figure out Walt was overstaying his welcome.

During the last six months in the CCC's Walt was stationed at a side camp in Park Falls. The camp was on the South East side of town in a wooded area of a park near the fire look out tower.

Photos from Connors Lake Camp



Christmas Dinner



The Yard

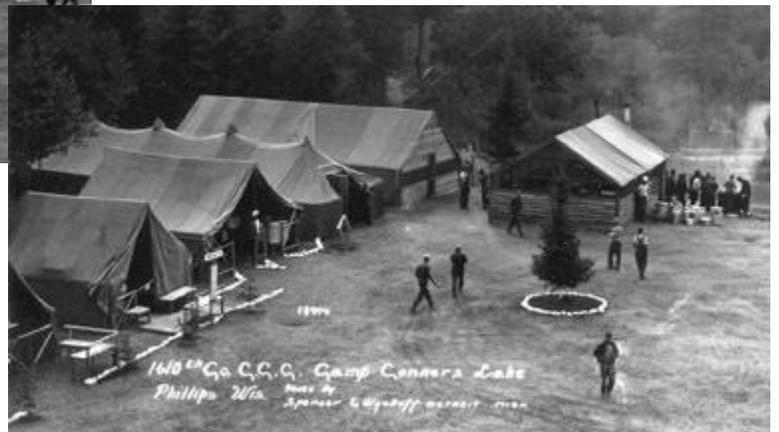


Long Days



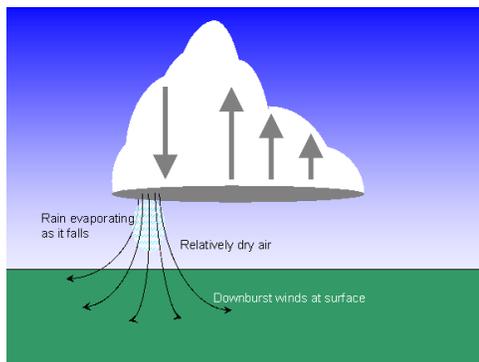
Walt

The Center



July 4, 1977 Downburst

Newspaper items provided by Nancy Sorensen—Written by Sandra Lehmann



A downburst is a localized area of damaging winds caused by air rapidly flowing down and out of a thunderstorm.

To create a downburst at the ground, the downward (downdraft) speeds in the thunderstorm must be unusually high, and this downward flowing air must penetrate close to the ground. These conditions can be met when rain falls through an atmospheric layer with relatively low humidity.

It is not necessary for the thunderstorm to produce hail or tornadoes to produce a downburst. Damage from downbursts can be so severe that it is mistaken for tornado damage. When examined, however, the damage pattern from a downburst will be either straight-line or divergent, indicating the winds were flowing outward, rather than in a circular, converging pattern as in the case of a

tornado. Downburst damage can cover hundreds of square miles, or be limited to a single field (the smallest ones are called "microbursts").

ONE OF THE WORST: An usually strong and widespread downburst event hit northern Wisconsin on the 4th of July, 1977, with winds that were estimated to exceed 115 mph, and completely flattening thousands of acres of forest.

As the downburst continued across northern Wisconsin during the afternoon of Independence Day 1977, a series of intense downburst winds caused major forest blowdowns, widespread severe damage to property, and many casualties. This band of extreme damage, which was 10 to 20 miles wide and over 160 miles long, extended from eastern Burnett County through Washburn, Sawyer, Price, and Oneida Counties. Approximately 850,000 acres of trees were either destroyed or badly damaged, and damage estimates including buildings and vehicles totaled about \$24 million dollars. One person was killed and 35 were injured.

As the system moved into Sawyer County, a gust of 75 mph was recorded at 1:40 PM CDT at the Hayward Airport near the north edge of the storm complex. Continuing across the county, the downburst winds destroyed many barns and cabins and injured eight people. In the southeastern part of the county, the winds wreaked havoc in the Flambeau River State Forest where they were estimated to have reached 135 mph. In the forest, one person was killed at Connors Lake when a tree fell on her camper van. Nearby, the "Big Block," one of the only areas of virgin forest in Wisconsin, was completely destroyed.

The downburst then crossed Price County, damaging or destroying many homes and injuring 20 people. The gust front reached the county seat of Phillips at 2:55 PM CDT, where severe winds lasted 25 minutes. The anemometer at the Phillips Airport registered a speed of 100 mph before being blown away. All homes in the Phillips area were damaged, with thirty beyond repair.

After leaving Price County, the downburst entered Oneida County and continued to severely damage homes and blow down large areas of forest. Seven people were injured across the county. The gust front entered Rhinelander about 3:30 PM CDT, and a gust to 115 mph was recorded at the Rhinelander Airport. After crossing Oneida county the severe winds continued through northeast Wisconsin to Lake Michigan. However, the strength of the winds and the extent of the damage were not as great as they had been farther west.

High winds rip upstate Wisconsin

PHILLIPS (AP) — High winds and driving rains hit north-central Wisconsin Monday, killing a 5-year-old girl and causing an undetermined number of other injuries, authorities said.

"There must be 50 to 60 injured, at least," Ross Honsa, a dispatcher at the Price County Sheriff's Dept., said.

Richard Odegaard, chief deputy of the Sawyer County Sheriff's Dept., said the dead girl apparently had been crushed while sleeping in a tent at the Connor Lake campground in the Flambeau River State Forest.

He said a tree was believed to have struck the tent, although officers were having difficulty getting into forest areas because of the many downed trees.

Each squad had been assigned a power chain saw, Odegaard said, and,

Hot and humid

Hot and humid weather prevailed in the southern part of Wisconsin and much of the country Monday.

Madison had a high temperature of 97 at 4:30 p.m. The uncomfortable weather is expected to continue today.

in some heavily-forested areas, "they're moving five feet, cutting trees and moving another five feet."

"We've got a lot of boats floating" in the lakes dotting this northwoods region, he added, saying he did not know how long it would take to reach all resorts and determine the extent of injuries.

Earlier, James Gruentzel of the state office of Emergency Government in Madison had said there were unconfirmed reports of two dead in the Flambeau forest.

"Initial reports indicate it was pretty bad," Gruentzel said. He said the storm hit the areas of Phillips, Rhinelander, Crandon and Eau Claire.

A hospital in Tomahawk treated at least five persons for injuries, a spokesman said, and one person was treated at Woodruff. An undetermined number of persons were treated at Park Falls.

The National Weather Service said possible tornado touchdowns were reported near Rhinelander and funnel clouds were reported in several places. But Honsa said "at this point it appears to be more like a hurricane than anything else. The sheriff was

right in it, and it was straight winds."

Honsa said few buildings at Phillips escaped damage.

Electricity was out in a widespread area.

At Tomahawk, where the population of 3,500 was swelled by several thousand tourists attending an annual Powwow Days celebration, hail the size of quarters was reported. Power lines were downed and several fires broke out at Tomahawk, but the blazes were brought under control.

Trees 60 to 70 feet tall and three to four feet in diameter were said to be blocking roads in some areas.

The Price County sheriff's office said hardly a tree was left standing in Phillips.

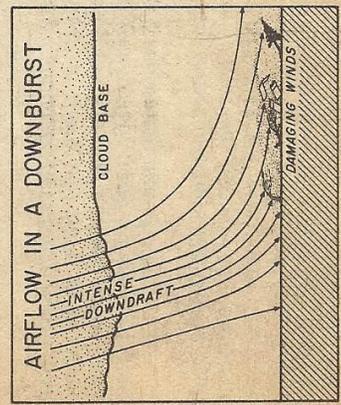
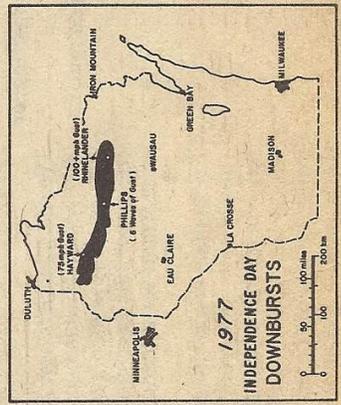
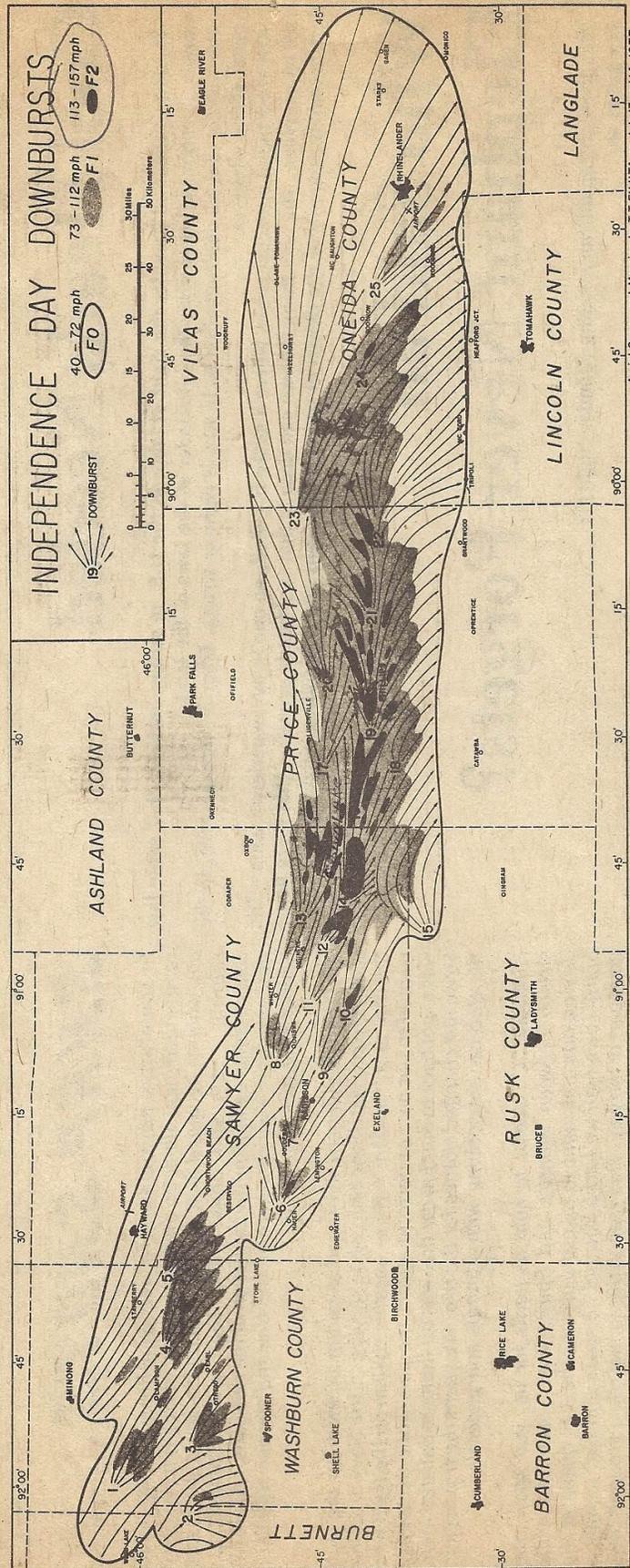
A 300-foot cable television tower was blown down in Rhinelander, Gruentzel said.

THE-BEE

Volume 94, Number 3

Thursday, August 25, 1977

It's Official: July 4 Storm / Series of Downbursts



On INDEPENDENCE DAY, the 4th of July 1977, a severe thunderstorm moved across Northern Wisconsin. It was reported that there were extensive areas of tree and property damage, somewhat like that of an oversized tornado.

In cooperation with the National Weather Service Milwaukee Office and the National Severe Storms Forecast Center, Fujita made an aerial survey, mapping both direction and F-scale intensity of damaging winds. No evidence of a tornado was found anywhere inside the damage swath which was 166-mile long and 17-mile wide. Instead, there were scattered local centers from which straight-line winds diverged out violently. These local wind systems were identified as downbursts and numbered 1 through 25.

A downburst, designating downward rush of air current with horizontal outflow, is a downdraft of an extreme intensity accompanied by damaging winds on the ground. Although most downdrafts are not damaging at the surface, a downburst could cause severe damage which was evidenced in Northern Wisconsin on Independence Day.

Aerial Survey and Mapping by T.T. FUJITA on July 13 and 14, 1977

It took an Army

Foot by foot Army Reserve clears Connors Lake area

"It would take an army to clean up this place." So someone said July 6 when we first viewed the Connors Lake area following the Fourth of July storm.

They were so right. And the Army, in the form of the Army Reserve 399th Engineering Battalion was at Connors Lake last Saturday to do the job as a part of their training and public service program.

The twisted and downed forest that greeted the 56 men of the

reserves just couldn't be believed unless it was seen. Every campsite, every road, every entrance and exit...in fact everywhere there was nothing but tangled and impassible fallen timber.

Captain Wayne Harris, company commander, brought in his men Friday for what he termed a "long weekend" to attack the debris. The men, all engineering reserves, represented quite an array of men from all occupations. There was, for example, the mayor

of Ladysmith, representatives from the sheriff's department, lumberjacks by trade, and many from other occupations.

The unit did an immense amount of work while practicing basic pioneer engineering skills. Headquarters was set up in a clearing, the tents were pitched and the cooking area established. Then men with saws, axes, and machines started the huge task of cleaning campsite after campsite. Six, five ton dump vehicles were used

to gather the debris and take it to an area for deposit.

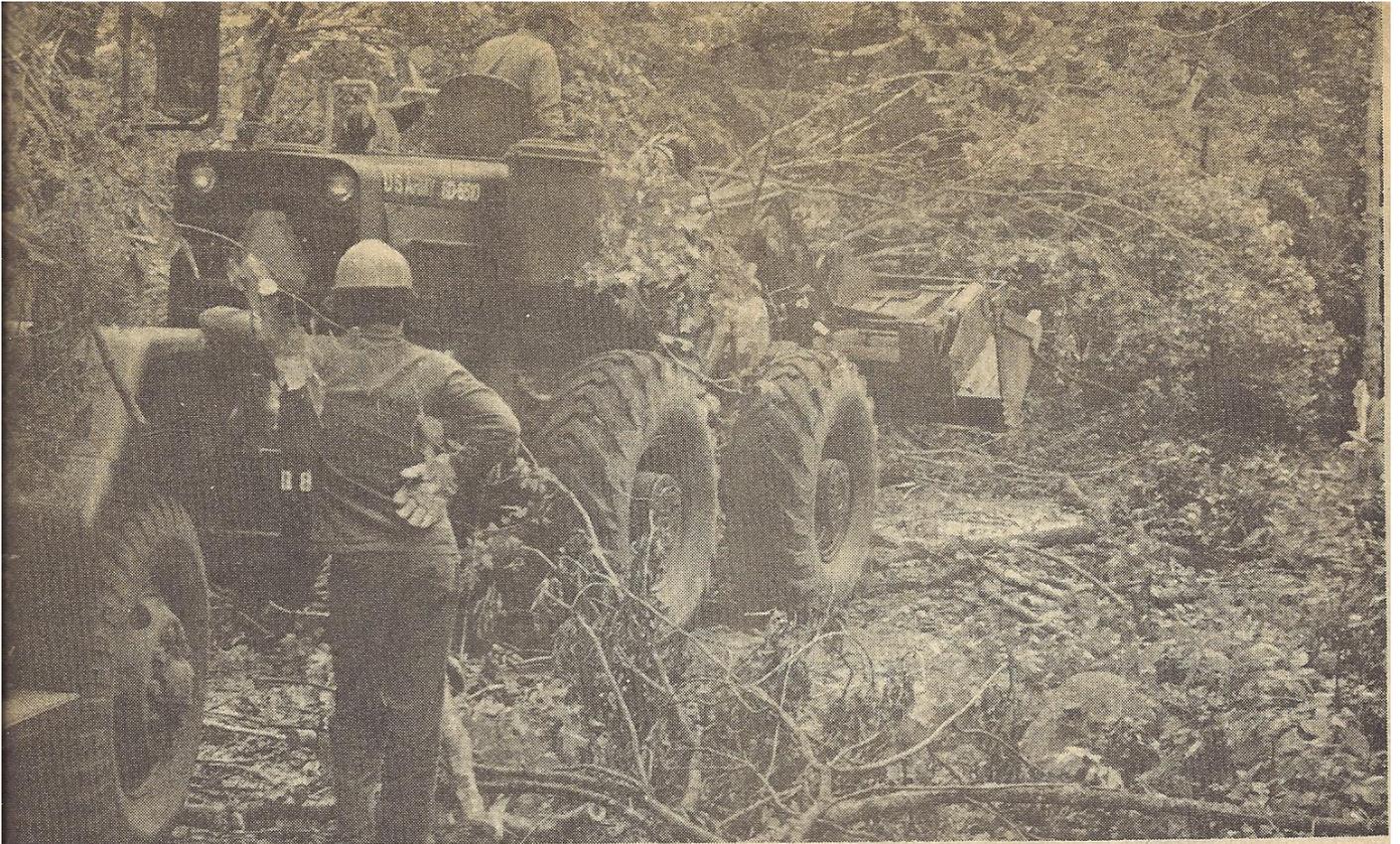
Department of Natural Resources Cully Erickson of the Flambeau Forest office said the work done by the Cornell Reserve unit was very helpful in doing an almost impossible job.

The park will remain closed for the remainder of this year, but will be back in operation comes camping season next year.

It took an army to make that possible.



MEN HAD TO GO IN FIRST to each site to clear the way for equipment.



THEN THE BIG MACHINES MOVED IN under the direction of the Army Reserve to clear away debris.



EVERY CAMPSITE ON CONNORS LAKE was a twisted mass of trees like the one shown above.

Upstate storm damage 'unbelievable'

PHILLIPS, Wis. (AP) — Damage estimates ranged into the millions Tuesday, as officials and area residents examined parts of north central Wisconsin hit by savage

Hot rerun

With a 96 degree reading, Wisconsin Rapids was unofficially only one degree short of tying the state's high temperature Tuesday. Oconomowoc took top honors with a sweltering peak of 97.

It seems weather forecasters have taken a few tips from Hollywood television producers — the National Weather Service is virtually giving reruns of the same forecast day after day.

And day after day it continues to remain hot and humid here. The forecast reruns aren't likely to stop soon, as predictions call for continued hot weather the rest of the week.

Some token relief may come when a weak cold front moves east across the state today. Air was only slightly cooler north and west of the system, weathermen said.

The front may spawn scattered thunderstorms in the state as it collides with the hot air. A chance of showers remains in Thursday's forecast also.

Other temperature readings here include a Tuesday low of 70, 81 at midnight and 75 at 6 a.m. today. There was no rain. It was 87 at 11:45 a.m. today.

winds during a Fourth of July storm Monday afternoon.

Remains of the storm included seven homes destroyed and another 250 with varying amounts of damage at Phillips.

In the Flambeau River State Forest west of here, the storm left a 1,800-acre stand of century-old hemlock and other trees virtually wiped out, ending a long controversy over preservation of the trees.

"It's more extensive than we imagined," Darlene Hatter of the state Division of Emergency Government said of the storm damage as information was being compiled Tuesday.

Utility crews worked long hours, hoping to restore electrical service in most areas today.

Robert Van Nocher, 46, of Rhinelander died Tuesday night while cutting trees knocked down during the storm east of Rhinelander. The Oneida County sheriff's department said he was cutting two trees which had fallen together when one slipped and fell on him, but they said he might also have suffered a heart attack.

Mrs. Hatter said, however, that delays in restoring power to rural areas could pose serious problems for farmers.

"They're without power and the trucks have no way of getting in to pick up milk, so they're going to have to dump it," she said. "They can't operate their refrigerators because power lines are down."

She said emergency generators probably would be sent to the area.

In Price County, four business buildings were heavily damaged and the roof was blown off a motel, in addition to the damage to homes.

An estimated 95 per cent of the trees in Phillips were either knocked down or severely damaged, officials said, adding that storm losses were in the millions of dollars.

Dennis Harper, director of the Oneida County emergency government office, said his county had an estimated \$1 million in damage.

State Department of Natural Resources officials said the storm cut a patch eight to 10 miles wide through the Flambeau River State Forest, where a 5-year-old girl was fatally injured by a fallen tree at a campground.

They said the storm affected about 25,000 acres, including 10,000 acres with trees flattened, and among the severely damaged parts was the "Big Block" area with about 1,800 acres of hemlock and other trees, many of them more than 100 years old.

"It's unbelievable," said Carl Plaza, a cranberry grower from Hawkins of the damage to the forest. "The Big Block looks like a desert."

The Big Block had been the subject of heated arguments between foresters who favored removing overaged trees and preservationists who advocated saving them.

The state finally developed a zone plan and allowed limited cutting until it was stopped by Gov. Patrick J. Lucey amid charges of DNR mismanagement in 1974. The agency was later cleared of those charges.

Similar windstorms in 1949, 1950 and 1951 had downed millions of board feet of timber. More than 15 million board feet was removed.

Milton Reinke, chief forester for the DNR, said Tuesday the agency faces a decision of whether to try to salvage lumber from the downed trees or "just let the wood lie there and rot."

He noted that salvage would be a hazardous chore "because the logs are jackstrawed around," and such piles can shift dangerously when a log is cut.

Reinke also said downed pine, maple, yellow birch and basswood could find a good market as saw logs, but a large amount of the hemlock would probably wind up as pulpwood if salvaged because of the splits characteristic of large hemlock logs.

Paul Gottwoald, a DNR supervisor, also said there were several factors to consider.

"There would be a question in my mind whether we can salvage everything and get it to market while it is usable," Gottwoald said. "I don't think the market can handle it all right now."



Information from Jim Halvorson, Superintendent Flambeau River State Forest



Welcome back everyone. Hope your winter was good and your families stayed healthy.

Winter brings the majority of our logging activity to the forest. Harvest goals this past year were 2,600 acres. The majority of our cutting involves selective cutting where individual trees are marked for removal. Revenue from timber sales and recreation brings in close to \$1,000,000.00. This money then goes directly into the state's general revenue fund to help with the overall state's budget.

Where was the snow? We were looking for it all winter and, because of its late arrival, winter recreation activities were down. The shaky economy along with high gas prices did not help either. When we finally did have enough snow our cross-country ski and snowmobile trails were in great condition, however, there just wasn't much time left in the season to enjoy it. The candlelight ski had a tremendous turn out. I did not make a count but the parking lot was full and we had cars parked out on Hwy W. The evening was perfect. Hot dogs, chili, cookies, and orange spice tea was shared by all. A big thank you to everyone who brought treats that evening. This was our 20th event with over 600 candles lighting the trail and it was the best turn-out that we have had since I've been here. Next year will be even better.

Highlights

Since the completion of the Master plan we are now moving into the implementation. Over the next 15 years a number of improvements are planned for the forest. The major theme of why people come to the Flambeau will remain the same, that being stepping back in time and enjoying the remote backcountry atmosphere of the area. This remains an important philosophy of our staff along with those that come to visit. Remember, as our visitors arrive, keep a smile on your face and make them feel welcome.

Work that will be accomplished this summer includes:

Land Management

- **Timber sale** establishment goals this upcoming year will be 2,741 acres. Of this approximately 78% will be selectively cut and 22% will be regeneration cuts. It will involve approximately 27 sales throughout the forest. Please stop by the office if you are interested in specific maps showing where this sale activity is going to take place. Also, if you are interested in where cutting was done this past year or if you are looking for firewood or hunting opportunities this coming fall, we can help you out.

Recreation

- **River:** The River is the center piece of the forest when it comes to recreation. Approximately 20,000 people float and camp along the river each year. The North and South Forks of the Flambeau River provide a premier 75 mile river corridor. The canoeist and campers coming here are looking for a remote, wild experience, much different than going to a developed campground. As use has increased over the years, sites have become over used and conflicts between campers have risen. This summer we will start the renovation of our river campsites. This will involve working on increasing separation of our campsites and addressing erosion problems at the canoe landings. Work will begin at Wannigan and Georges Island campsites and Camp 41 canoe access.
- **Remote camping:** During the deer season, we have approximately 75 remote deer camps permitted across the forest. This year we will carry out minimal improvements to these areas to improve accessibility and to assure they are spread out and do not interfere with access for other hunters.
- **Hunter/walking trails:** The Forest has approximately 60-70 miles of hunter/walking trails throughout the forest. Maintaining these trails by clearing down trees and mowing periodically is an important facet and success of the State Forest access plan. Over the next two years all trails will be addressed: clearing down trees, repairing eroded rutted areas, seeding where necessary and maintaining gates. These roads will be mapped and available for hiking and hunting of all types.
- **Snowshoe trails:** Snowshoeing has become more popular in the recent years. We are looking at creating three trails. These are relatively low cost and make use of existing trails. They are planned at Slough Gundy/Little Falls, Lake of the Pines nature trail and portions of the abandoned Oxbow cross country ski trail north of Hwy 70.

- **ATV Trails:** We are nearing the end of making our ATV trails sustainable. This has been a large project that we have been working on for the past five years. This year we are planning work on a stretch of trail from the Hwy W landing to Tower Hill road. In addition we will address a short stretch on Snuss Blvd and two areas north of Hwy 70. In addition, final layout of the ATV connectors to Price and Rusk Counties will be completed this year along with getting the necessary permits. Construction on these portions is expected in 2013.
- **Campgrounds:** Both Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines will have minimal work done this summer. Other than general maintenance there are no major improvements planned.
- **Cellular Service Booster Systems:** This project will include three (3) cellular service booster systems to provide emergency and non-emergency cellular reception at the following locations: Flambeau River State Forest Headquarters, Connors Lake Picnic Area and Connors Lake Campground. These small boosters will only provide limited improved cell reception for about 100 feet but definitely more than we have now.
- **Boat and Canoe Access:** I want to thank everyone who provided comments concerning moving LOP boat access. Many of the comments received centered around the concern of increased use both on Connors and LOP. We do not anticipate that but, based on your comments, we did adjust the project and reduced the size of the parking lot to make it comparable to what is there now. I anticipate no work on the landing this summer.

Boundary Expansion

- No additional purchases were made this past year, however we are in negotiations. We are hopeful the one we are working on will go through. Potential purchases are rated and compared with others throughout the state. We purchase only from willing sellers. If interested, please contact me and we can discuss the options.

Road Management

- Completion of the last few miles of permanent open roads on the forest will take place this summer. The total miles of open roads within the forest is approximately 60 miles. This network of roads will now become the base of the forest's road infrastructure for years to come.

Forest Headquarters

- A new forest headquarters building and visitor station is planned. The new building will be accessible by river, ATV, snowmobile and car. Shower facilities will be available to the public using the forest. The log cabin we are now in will be converted into an interpretive/education building. This will not take place however for a number of years. The interpretive theme for the building will focus on the history of the Flambeau River.

This is but a brief summary of the plan. If you are interested in reading the 225 pages of details, a copy of the plan can be viewed on line at <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/stateforests/SF-Flambeau/>.

Open House/Public Meeting

Public open house meeting is planned for **Friday, June 8, 2012**, at the Forest Headquarters. Staff will be here all day to answer questions you may have. We can discuss the plan, what has happened over the past year and what is planned for the future years and any concerns you may have. Hope you can stop by for a visit.

Before I leave I want to share a poem I came across this past year. It pretty much sums everything up.

By Mary Winch....

There's a lot of talk about "UP NORTH"
 It's the place everyone wants to go
 to escape the pressures of the Frantic Pace of Life.
 But where is "UP NORTH"
 For it's not so much a Location
 as a state of mind.
 So how do you know when you've arrived "UP NORTH"
 When you begin to feel the cares of the world begin to slip away.
 When you begin to Breathe a little easier because the air seems purer.
 When you notice the sky is bluer and the pines are taller and the people smile a lot more.
 It's then that you know you're "UP NORTH".

Enjoy your day "UP NORTH"!

Have a great summer

Jim



2012 Summer Nature Programs

Flambeau River State Forest



The following programs will be held on Saturdays from 1-2 pm at the Connors Lake Picnic Area in the Flambeau River State Forest (unless specified otherwise). The Programs are free of charge, however there is a vehicle parking fee at Connors Lake Picnic Area.

The public is invited to attend and we hope to see you there!

June 9:

LOST!!!

What would you do if you found yourself lost? Learn the basic rules for survival. Meet a few members of the Sawyer county Search and Rescue Team and K-9 Trackers and their dogs.

June 16

Fun with Dad—Happy Fathers Day

Challenge Dad in a game of badminton, horseshoes, KOOP, croquet or get a team together for a game of Whiffle Ball. Equipment for other games will be provided. **Keep a sharp eye out for Smokey Bear**

June 23:

Tie Up Your Camping Skills by Learning a Few Knots.

Learn how to tie basic knots that you will be able to use while camping, fishing, or canoeing. Learn a few basic knots that will make your camping experience more pleasant. **Demonstrations for everyone to learn.**

June 30:

Family Fun Day! - Early 4th of July Celebration

Let's get summer going! All types of fun activities for the kids. Sidewalk chalk drawings, games for the whole family, coloring and water-coloring contests.

July 7

Annual Scavenger Hunt

Kids of all ages will be encouraged to participate in this annual event. We will start off the event with a few fun games before everyone rushes out to find the 25 listed objects. Prizes will be given to all participants. (Smokey Bear may make a surprise stop) **A new and improved list for children.**

July 19

Lazy Day's of Summer Canoe Trip

Bring the Family for an easy canoe trip on Connors Lake, wind through to Little Papoose Lake. Bring the fishing pole and enjoy the afternoon paddle. Some canoes and life jackets are available. Never canoed before? We'll take the time to teach you the basic strokes. **Canoe trip will be guided by the DNR.**

July 21:

Annual wolf Howl Trek and Presentation

9:45 p.m. to midnight?

Enjoy this night time activity with our special trek leaders, Laine and Diane Stowell. They will lead you on a car trek stopping at several areas to call the lonely call of the wolf, waiting for an awe inspiring answer call. This event will be cancelled should it rain.

SPECIAL PLACE + TIME: Meet at the Flambeau R.S. Forest Headquarters at 9:45 p.m.

July 28:

Outdoor Camp Cooking

Come and enjoy the afternoon learning new ways of cooking in the outdoors. Have you ever made a pizza, cobbler, tacos, egg omelet and other dishes over an open fire, Dutch oven or on a small backpack stove? Visit with us and we will share recipes and give you hints how to make it enjoyable for the whole family.

Demonstrations and free samples.

August 4

Nature Hike on Lake of the Pines Trail

Follow the beautiful nature trail and enjoy the beauty that is provided for us. This is a guided tour with knowledgeable guides to answer your questions. **Please bring bug spray and a full water bottle.**

August 11

To Be Announced At A Later Date

August 18

Fungus Among Us

Traverse Lake of the Pines Nature Trail, identifying and enjoying the multitude of colors and shapes of fungus that abounds in the area.

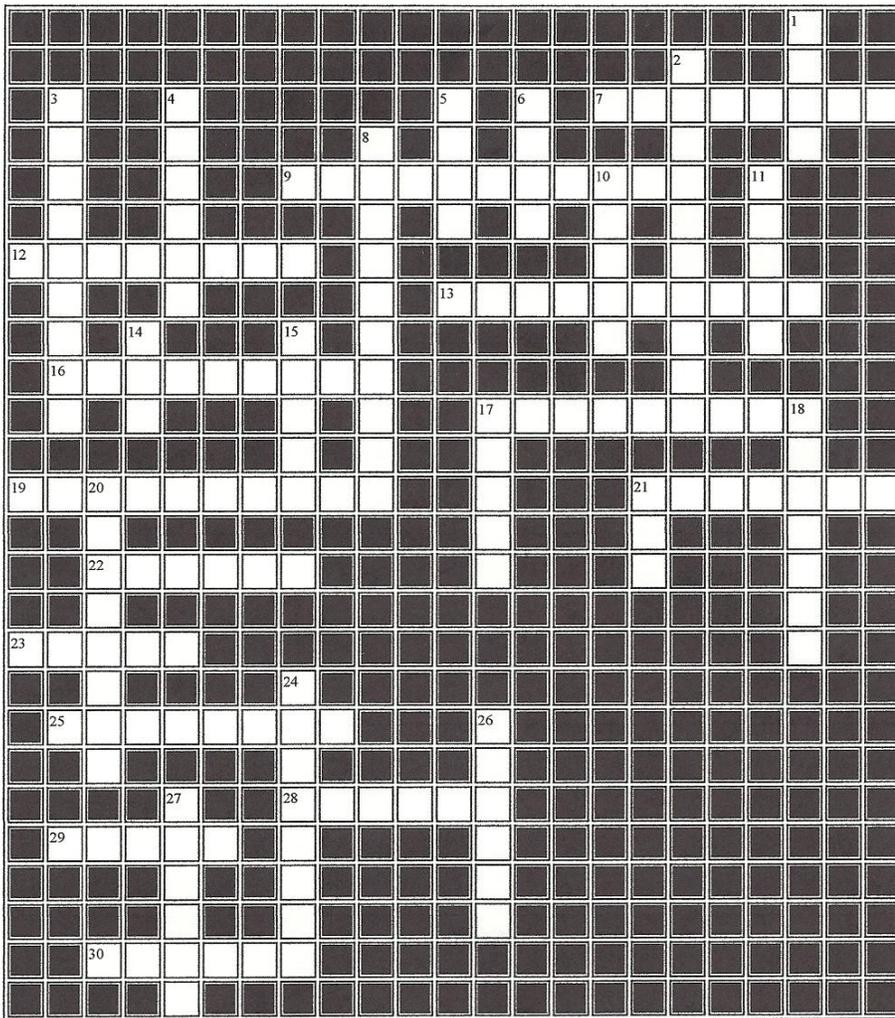
SPECIAL TIME: 1 pm – 5 pm



Flambeau River State Forest
W1623 Co. Rd. W
Winter, WI 54896
715.332.5271



Fun for kids of all ages



You will find the answers to the crossword puzzle clues somewhere in this newsletter.

- 7 Across
The _____ dog tick is also known as the wood tick.
- 9 The _____ ski was held in February at the FRSF ski hills.
- 12 CCC stands for _____ Conservation Corps.
- 13 After talking to the WDNR our fish committee found out we will not be getting a permit for _____.
- 16 Hail or tornadoes are not always necessary to produce a _____.
- 17 Tetterwort is another name for _____.
- 19 A team of _____ monitors Connors Lake and Lake of the Pines.
- 21 This year there will be no general membership meeting on Labor Day _____.
- 22 Some of the old _____ say the ice hasn't been off this early in 50 years.
- 23 Every spring we look forward to the _____ arriving on our lake.
- 25 You should properly _____ your septic system.
- 28 Connors Lake is a much _____ lake than Lake of the Pines.
- 29 Do you have what we call spring _____.
- 30 There will be many summer _____ programs offered at Connors Lake Picnic Area.

- Down
- 1 The _____ program helps to educate boaters.
- 2 When we sample for Phosphorus in the lake we are actually sampling for how much _____ is in the water.
- 3 _____ treatments of EWM can be applied to certain spots in the lake.
- 4 One fund raiser of our lake association is to sell _____ tickets.
- 5 Our second annual lake association is in the month of _____.
- 6 On Memorial Day weekend our speaker is a _____ biologist.
- 8 Volunteer _____ perform boat and trailer checks at the boat landing.
- 10 _____ provides ideal year-round cover for drain fields of a septic system.
- 11 With the early warm weather _____ are already active in the woods of Wisconsin.
- 14 _____ is forever in our lake.
- 15 Fish infected with VHS shed the virus in their _____.
- 17 _____ have been placed on Connors Lake on state designated hazard areas.
- 18 What day did the ice go off Connors Lake?
- 20 A _____ zone is that area along the shore land where vegetation is able to grow.
- 21 The lake association has a new _____ site.
- 24 Don't start a _____ by letting your fire escape you.
- 26 The "Big Block" was one of the only areas of _____ forest in Wisconsin.
- 27 During deer season the FRSF has approximately 75 _____ deer camps.



Located midway between Winter and Phillips on County Road W, The Cabin at Connors Lake offers a unique dining experience in the heart of the Flambeau River State Forest. A scenic and relaxing drive to the southeast corner of Sawyer County will reward you with wonderful combinations of intimate dining, casual atmosphere, and refreshing setting.

Changing with the seasons, our menu offers creative selections. From our appetizers, sandwiches and pizzas, to the skillfully crafted entrées, sauces, and homemade desserts.

All of our menu items are prepared to order, using only the best ingredients, and presented with great attention to detail, quality, and service. To enhance your dining pleasure, we offer a fine selection of wines, beer and spirits.

We're open year around at 4:30, closed Monday and Tuesday, and available for private parties, business retreats, or family celebrations.

For more information, hours, or daily specials, please call us at 715.332.5399, or visit us at W1115 County Road W, Winter, WI 54896, or cabinatconnors@pctcnet.net.

FEATURING

DAILY SPECIALS
HOMEMADE SOUPS
SALADS
SANDWICHES
PIZZA
PASTA
PORK
STEAKS
SEAFOOD
CHICKEN
VEGETARIAN
ENTREES

Winter Insurance Agency

Jim Gerber and Karen Ehn
Independent Agency

All Forms of Insurance

PO Box 157 – 5146 N Main St

Winter WI 54896

715.266.2802

Fax 715.266.4181

STORE HOURS

Monday - Saturday 7am to 7:30pm
&
Sunday 8am to 6pm

WINTER CO-OP GROCERY STORE & HARDWARE HANK

Groceries • Meat • Produce • Fresh Bakery
• Hardware • Deli • Beer • Liquor

**SENIOR CITIZEN
DISCOUNT DAY**
5% OFF ALL PURCHASES
(excluding lottery)
Every Wednesday!!

Sales
For Previous Week
Good Thru Sunday!



**Daily Deli Lunch Specials
Monday - Friday**

**Fresh Fried Chicken
and Jo-Jo's Everyday!!**

Located on Main St. Winter • 715-266-2611



Sawyer County
Gazette

Your Hometown News Source Since 1908

ALSO FEATURING...

- Full Service Print Shop • Office Supplies
- Marketing and Design Services
- Copy Center • Fax Service • Typesetting
- Laminating • Web Design • Social Media

WE OFFER...

Quality Work, Fast Turn Around,
and Reasonable Prices!
Locally Owned and Operated

5133N Main Street • P.O. Box 99 • Winter, WI 54896-0099
Phone: 715-266-2511 • Fax: 715-266-2512
saj@sawyercountygazette.com

Progressive financial services provided the old fashioned way



Chippewa Valley Bank

Equal Housing Lender
Member of FDIC
FDIC

Check with one of our 11 convenient locations

**Winter Office located: 5150 Main Street
P. O. Box 5 Winter WI 54896
715.266.3501
Toll Free 866.282.3501**

www.chippewavalleybank.com

Ashland: 1508 Lake Shore Dr W 715.682.1051

Bayfield: P.O. Box 460, Bayfield WI 54814 715.779.5128

Bruce: P.O. Box 37, Bruce WI 54819 715.868.3502

Hayward: P.O. Box 13098, Hayward WI 54843 715.634.5400

Iron River: P.O. Box 757, Iron River WI 54847 715.372.8801

Lac du Flambeau: P.O. Box 97, Lac du Flambeau WI 54538 715.588.9012

Lake Nebagamon: P.O. Box 130, Lake Nebagamon WI 54849 715.374.2005

Radisson: P.O. Box 92, Radisson WI 54867 715.945.2251

Washburn: P.O. Box 905, Washburn WI 54891 715.373.1012

Weyerhaeuser: P.O. Box 256, Weyerhaeuser WI 54895 715.353.2698



W1614 Cty Rd W
Winter WI 54896
715.332.5521

Open at 11:30 am - 7 days a week
Gas available 4 large screen TV's in bar area

Daily Lunch & Dinner Specials
Friday Night Fish Choices
Saturday Night Prime Rib
Salad Bar—Friday & Saturday nights

Full Menu includes
appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, broasted chicken,
steaks, pork chops, seafood, pasta specials, plus
our own made-to-order stone oven pizzas

Visa www.redsbigbearlodge.com

Master Charge

For Cabin Rentals call 715.332.5510

Big Bear Recreational Rentals, LLC

Canoe, Kayak & Pontoon
Shuttle Service



Call for information/reservations

715.332.5544 Dan Schauder & Josh "Chum" Schuelke

NORTHWOODS INSURANCE SERVICES LLC

Auto • Home • Business • Life • Health

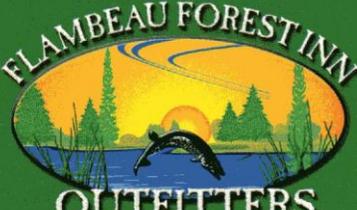
Andrew Anderson
Agent

5180N Main Street • PO Box 190
Winter, WI 54896

northwoodsins@centurytel.net



office 715-266-5021 cell 715-491-0323 fax 715-266-6015



FLAMBEAU FOREST INN
OUTFITTERS
 W980 COUNTY ROAD W • WINTER, WI 54896

Specializing in
 Musky Fishing, Bear
 & Grouse Hunting

JAKE NELSON
 Cell 715-820-3156

ffiout@gmail.com <http://flambeauforestinn.com>

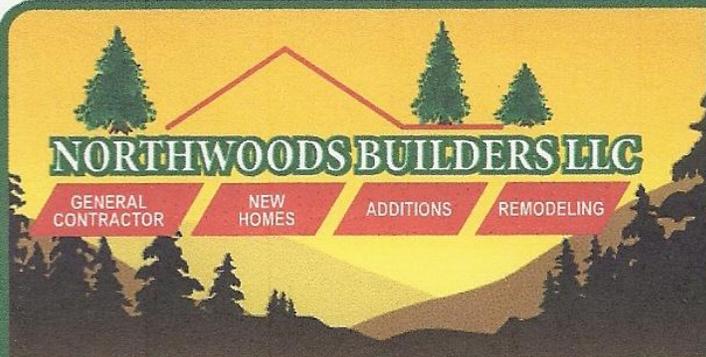
Guide Service for Musky, grouse, and bear
 Open 7 days a week at 11:30 am 715.332.5405

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Sunday | Chicken and Ribs |  |
| Monday | Cooks Choice | |
| Tuesday | Cooks Choice | |
| Wednesday | Broasted Chicken—All you can eat | |
| Thursday | Steak Night—steak specials weekly | |
| Friday | Fish Fry—Baked or Deep Fried | |
| Saturday | Prime Rib | |

Carry out chicken available 7 days a week

Let the Flambeau Forest Inn cater your next get together

Have a great spring and summer
 The Crew at the Flambeau Forest Inn

NORTHWOODS BUILDERS LLC
 GENERAL CONTRACTOR NEW HOMES ADDITIONS REMODELING

Serving Northern Wisconsin Since 1989
www.northwoodsbuilderswi.com

Troy Larson ~ Owner
FULLY INSURED STATE CERTIFIED



- General Contractors
- New Homes • Additions
- Remodeling • Cottages
- Garages • Garage Doors
- Decks • Siding

715-428-2332

702 PINE STREET
 PRENTICE, WI 54556

ELK RIVER SEPTIC SERVICE

Jim & Lori Milbradt

N10018 Dardis Lake Lane
 Phillips, WI 54555

715-339-3953
 Cell: 715-518-3952
jameslori@pctcnet.net
Emergency Services Available

Colonial Landscapes, Inc.

BILL OLLINGER

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPING
Patios • Ponds • Sidewalks • Driveways • Hydroseeding • Trees
Shrubs • Perennials • Retaining Wall • Irrigation • Snow Plowing
• Insured •

Better Business Bureau—A+ rating

1307 Parkridge Dr.
Ladysmith, WI 54848

Cell (715) 415-1533
Home (715) 532-9671

A special thank you to Bev & Gordie Dukerschein & Artisans of Glen Flora for supporting our lake association by printing our newsletter. Please support them when you have the opportunity.

artisans.
boutiquelet
the best of both

Clothing • Jewelry • Gift

**Great apparel
and gifts for
the entire
family!**

Open
Monday-Saturday 9 to 5
and
Sundays 11 to 4
on Highway 8 in Glen Flora
715 322 4565

**Bring in this ad
for \$5 off your
purchase of \$25
or more***

*Expires July 5, 2012
Disclaimer: this discount cannot be used in
conjunction with other coupons or offers.

