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Loon Call



ALERT:
A NEW
THREAT TO
OUR
WATERS...

By Jan Hahn

Date Change: Annual COLA Spring Membership

New Date
Saturday, July 7th

9:00am coffee/rolls
9:30am meeting

St. Francis Mission
Activity Center

Speakers to include:

James Garvey

Couderay Waters Regional Land
Trust

Craig Roesler

Water Quality Biologist for the
Upper Chippewa Basin of the WDNR
speaking on aquatic invasive species,
VHS, and the importance of the
Clean Boat Program

Greg Morrisette

Polk Burnette Security Services
speaking about lake home security

Everyone Welcome!

The Clean Boats Program was launched two years ago and as a result, hundreds of boats entering and leaving LCO were inspected for hitchhiking invasive species. Boaters were informed of the preventative steps to avoid further spreading of these species. For the third year, COLA will once again conduct boat inspections at the main public boat landing off Highway K.

In addition to the alarming concerns generated by invasives, a new threat called **VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia)** makes boat inspections even more critical. You will learn more about it at our upcoming meeting on Saturday, July 7th. Volunteers offering some of their free time made these inspections possible and it is greatly appreciated. However, in order for these inspections to take place

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Thanks to all new
and
re-newing COLA
Members.

Without your
support, COLA
would be unable
to protect your
lakes for future
generations.

Thank You!

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September Swim

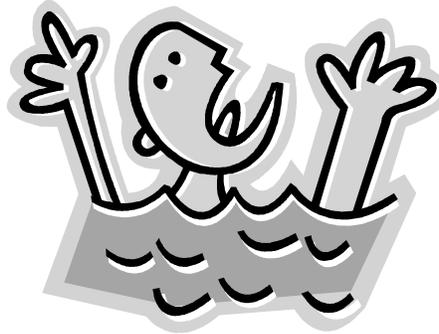
By Jerome H Gundersen M.D.

In late September, on a sunny 75 degree noontime, two senior citizens decided to take a brief sail on a 14 foot Hobie Cat on big lake Courte Oreilles. Both are well over 65; one with recent major cancer surgery and the other with mild diabetes and mild Parkinsonism. They were part of a party of six couples spending an annual week-end of fun time at our cabin on Lac Court Oreilles.

At any rate, they were the only boat on the lake, the water temp was in the 50 degree F. range and they managed to tip over and turn turtle some where in the neighborhood of Winter Point on the big lake. They were unable to right the boat and were sitting on the hull and shivering.

I was in the Hayward Hospital for a mild pneumonia, one of the male guests was visiting

me there, and two others were at the Casino. The five women at our cabin were almost immediately aware the boat had capsized but were unable to get the pontoon boat or motor boat in action



and called "911." Chris Headley, who lives near where the Hobie tipped over had seen the problem and mobilized the *Emergency Response Team* he heads to go out and help them. The Sheriff's Department had been notified and numerous Sheriff Department cars had gone to lookout spots to see if they

could locate the overturned boat. In the process, somebody called Angler's Haven on the lake and Paul Wick answered the phone and he and a patron offered to go in their boat and look for the missing men whose location was somewhat uncertain. They spotted them and dragged them aboard. Chris Headley and the EMT team were also present and recommended that the sailors go to the hospital and be evaluated for hypothermia but the two opted to stay at the cottage and recover with home remedies. They were weak, cold and surely had been in real danger but rapidly returned to normal.

I relate this event to express the respect and gratitude felt for all the people that cooperated in what was most likely

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The President's Column

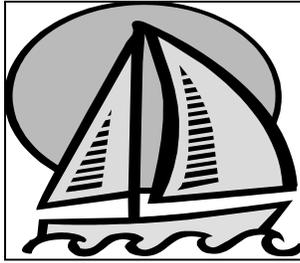
There is now a new and even more ominous threat to our lake than invasive aquatic plants. Originating in trout ponds of Europe and transported in the ballast water of ocean going freighters that ply the Great Lakes, the threat is a virus known as Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS). VHS is a pathogen that attacks and kills fish by causing hemorrhage of skin, muscle, and internal organs. It can devastate fish populations and has already been found in two Wisconsin lakes. Like invasive plants, VHS is spread by boaters and anglers. As discussed in Jan Han's article in this issue of the Loon Call, that makes your involvement in COLA's Clean Boat, Clean Water Program all the more critical. There will be more information on this topic at the July 7th annual meeting.

On an unrelated but important matter, 30 lake homes on LCO were broken into and trashed last winter. Four adults and three juveniles were arrested. With many lake homes unoccupied in the winter, they are particularly vulnerable to break-ins. Law enforcement can't be everywhere all of the time so some form of home security is imperative. We hope to address this issue at the annual meeting as well.

The Zawistowski cranberry litigation is now at the Wisconsin Court of Appeals in Wausau. All briefs have been filed. We now wait our turn for oral arguments this fall with a decision sometime in 2008. From there the case will in all likelihood go to the Wisconsin Supreme Court for a final resolution.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting. Enjoy the summer, but stay informed. Lac Courte Oreilles can be loved to death.

sl Alf E. Sivertson
President of COLA



Sailboat Races 2007

By Tom Burgess

Here are the dates for the 2007 schedule of Courte Oreilles Sailing Club races, with the first race of each day starting at about 1 p.m. and the race area selected for available wind.

The Saturday race dates are:

June 16 and 30
July 7, 14, 21 and 28
Aug. 18 and Sept. 1

Alternate race days in case of bad weather (storm threatening or winds less than 5 mph or more than 20 mph) are the Sunday immediately following.

Enjoy the day. Tom Burgess

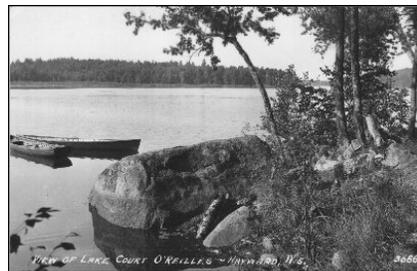


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Lea Marienfeld sent a wonderful note with information about the lodge itself. The "Alpine Lodge" has been owned by the Marienfeld family since approximately 1950. It's located on KK, right next to Anglers Haven. While it's no longer a resort it's still in the family and has become their up north retreat. Lea tells me that the cabin shown in the postcard, Cabin #3, has always been referred to as the "little cabin" and is pretty much the same now as it has been for the past sixty years...a fun little spot!

Larry Mueller finally solved the mystery of the postcard we ran that had just a view of the lake. He tells me that the view is of the entrance to Barber Bay. On the top right corner looking thru the trees you can see the bay (I did – he's right!). Barber Bay is located on the very NE corner of Lac Courte Oreilles.



We recently sold a small cabin in Northwoods Beach – an area that I think is much underrated considering it's proximity to two of the finest lakes in the area. Our little cabin was on Heinrich Rd and last year Helmut "Helly" Heinrich passed away at the age of 91. His obituary told the tale of many a northwooder...he was a logger, a resort owner, a lathe

operator and a professional bowler along with being the requisite avid fisherman who caught two 42 pound musky in '54. He and his wife Marion owned the Hel-Mar Resort and he guided both at his resort and for the Chicago and Lake Shore fishing clubs. He died with a Brewers hat on and LCO lake water by his side. The sign of a life well lived, indeed. If you know where the Hel-Mar Resort was located and have any interesting tidbits to pass along please contact me.

This issue's postcard is titled Hess's Sand Beach Lodge & Resort on Lac Courte Oreilles. It's dated September 22, 1955. Edna and



Ken wrote a nice note to Mrs. L. Barry in Topeka about the trip up and the nice cottages. Edna says that she lost a nice muskie that day and Ken lost a small one the day before! I have another postcard of the lodge that shows the dock with eight good-sized wood fishing boats tied to it. I also have two other postcards that are dated 1932 that are titled Stiffers Sand Beach Resort...? Are these the same resorts just different owners? Where was the resort located? Colin thinks it was on the southshore near Point O'Pines. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

(jeniferwilliams@cheqnet.net)

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a life saving effort. There were at least 20 local people from Sawyer County that participated in this rescue. A big thanks to the EMTs, Angler Haven's volunteers, the Sheriff's Department, and Hayward Hospital for keeping the week-end safe and fun.

All visitors to the area should be grateful for, but probably are uninformed or unaware, of the fine services they have supporting them while they play and enjoy the Hayward area. I and my family have been coming to the Thoroughfare Road area of Lac Courte Oreilles for over 70 years, and wish to extend a big thank you to all who make the area safer and healthier by your dedication and good works!

COLA TREASURER'S REPORT

April 27 to May 25, 2007

By Jeffrey C. Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer

Balance as of April 27, 2007		<u>Balance</u> \$ 5,130.94
Income		
Memberships	\$ 5,300.00	
Interest on CD	<u>\$ -</u>	
	\$ 5,300.00	
Expenses		
Wisc. Wetlands Assn.-Membership	\$ 75.00	
Hayward Post Office-PO Box Rental	\$ 38.00	
Wisc. Assn. Of Lakes-Membership	\$ 330.00	
Sawyer Cnty Lakes Forum-Membership	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	
	\$ 643.00	
Balance as of May 25, 2007		\$ 9,787.94
Cash on Hand		
Cash	\$ 6,796.16	
CD (3.94% 8/07)	<u>\$ 2,991.78</u>	
	\$ 9,787.94	
Association Reserves		
Walleye Stocking Program (+\$50)	\$ 1000.00	
History Committee	<u>\$ 2,230.00</u>	
	\$ 3,230.00	
Uncommitted Balance		\$ 6,557.94
Upcoming Expenses		
Walleye Study	\$ 450.00	
Membership Mailing	\$ 300.00	
Buoy Installation	\$ 100.00	
Loon Call Printing	\$ 450.00	
Loon Call Mailing	<u>\$ 330.00</u>	
	\$1,630.00	

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Performing Arts Are Alive and Well in the Northwoods!

By Colin Williams

A group of area artists and friends, collectively known as the *Park Theatre Project*, are working to preserve the old Park Theater in downtown Hayward. Among their goals are to provide a performing arts center that will serve the northwoods, to provide a home for local theatre and performing groups, and to raise awareness of the value of "arts" in the community. Arts are loosely defined as theatre, music, dance, visual arts, film, the written word and multicultural performances.

The current owner of the Park is very supportive of the group's efforts to purchase the building and transform it into a performing arts center.

Quite simply, for this dream to become reality, donations are needed. If you can help, contact Deanna Persson at 934-2780, or e-mail parkculturalcenter@yahoo.com. You can visit www.parktheatreproject.com for more information, as well as a schedule of upcoming events.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - COLA'S ANNUAL



By Jan Hahn

A day of super fun is now being planned for the entire family. The date is Saturday, July 28th noon to 4:00pm. Horsehoes, raffles, karaoke and a DJ will entertain us all day plus activities and events for all ages. Bring your children or grandchildren because they won't want to miss the "Hunt for the \$\$\$ Contest" and games and prizes for kids of all ages. And you won't want to miss the drawing at 3:00pm for some great prizes.

The menu is guaranteed to be a crowd pleaser. Roast pork will again be the main attraction with all the picnic fixin's including , hot dogs, corn, salads, dessert, beer and soft drinks.

So, for a day of fun and a chance to meet your friends and neighbors, plan to be at the COLA Picnic on Saturday, July 28th. If you know of someone who'd like to become a COLA member, bring them along too. New members are always welcome.

Volunteers that would like to help with the picnic are always welcome too and can call Bob or Jan Hahn 638-2250. Don't miss it!

5 Great Reasons to Restore Your Shore

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- * Control Erosion
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- * Increase Property Value



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Fishing

By Mike Persson

The walleye population on Lac Court Oreilles has been growing due to stocking efforts by *Walleyes For Northwest Wisconsin* and the LCO tribe and the fishing has been improving so even the casual fisherman can be successful. Tim Duffy has fished and guided in the Hayward area his entire life and is very familiar with LCO. Here is a simple plan that Tim suggested for catching Walleyes on our lake.

The Walleyes become active about the third week of June, about the time of *Musky Festival*. The fish will be in weed beds, especially in Chicago Bay. Locate the fish by drifting over the weeds in 8-15 feet of water. Use a weedless jig that's light enough to not be dragging the bottom and getting weed fouled. When you contact fish, anchor and begin to fish with slip bobber rigs. Set your minnow or leach to drift just above the weeds. If the bite slows, pull in the slip bobbers and go back to searching with jigs. These fish should be catchable during the day and evening through most of July.

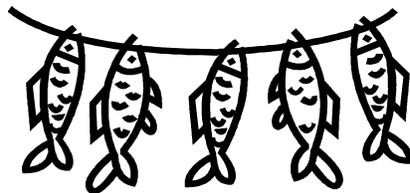
As the summer goes on and the water warms the fish will move deeper, into 18-20 feet of water off deep weed edges and rocks. The bite at this time may be during low light periods, around sunset and into the dark. Search for them with jigs then anchor and use slip bobbers with the bait close to the bottom.

The fish will again move deeper in the later part of September and through the rest of the fall. Using your depth finder look for fish 25-40 feet down, especially on humps surrounded by deep water. This is more difficult but can result in some big fish.

Don't forget to release some of those bigger fish so someone else can enjoy catching them, they'll have a chance to get even bigger and possibly reproduce.

If you wish to fish with Tim his phone number is 634-5100.

Good Fishing, Mike Persson



WHAT'S THE 'FOURTH' WITHOUT A BOAT PARADE?

By popular demand, COLA will once again organize and coordinate the Fourth of July Boat Parade! Last year approximately 85 boats, decorated in the spirit of the "Fourth" participated in the parade.

First, second and third place "best decorated" trophies will be awarded again this year. The boats will gather at the sandbar off Wismo Point for a 4:00pm parade start. Boats will leave Wismo and continue around Chicago Bay and back to Wismo as in past years. Prizes will be awarded immediately after the parade at Wismo sandbar.

Everyone and every boat is welcome, whether it's decorated or not. The more boats, the more fun. Plan to be there!



**Help Smokey
Prevent Forest Fires!**

Debris Burning: The #1 Cause of Wildfire in Wisconsin

"Living With Fire" by WDNR

More than 1000 fires each year are caused by debris burning. In most cases, the person responsible was burning outside local restrictions. Outdoor burning in Wisconsin is regulated and permits may be required whenever the ground is not completely snow covered.

Remember! If your open burning project grows into a wildland fire, you will be liable for suppression costs and damages to property, including the value of timber lost.

Instead of burning, people are encouraged to consider safer and more environmentally-friendly options, like chipping, composting, recycling, and creating brush piles for wildlife habitat.



Autumn Boat Landing Repair

The main LCO public boat landing off of Highway K will tentatively be closed from September 15 to November 15 to install a new cement ramp. In the meantime, measures will be taken to fill the hole that has been created by power loading.

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Did you ever want to show somebody where your cottage is and didn't have a map handy? Or needed to contact the Officers of COLA? Or needed the absolute latest news from LCO? The COLA website is the place to go. Check it out!

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when the lake is the busiest, more volunteers are needed. Schedules are flexible and the duties inspectors perform are simple: visually check boats for any hitchhiking plants, demonstrate how to clean recreational equipment, what preventative steps boaters need to take every time they leave the lake and distribute educational material.

A short mini-training session will take place prior to a volunteer's scheduled time at the landing.

Every property owner must be alert to invasives and do their part when possible to support the prevention of these threats to our lake. If everyone gave a little of their time, just think what this would generate in people power to attack this problem. We only have one shot at protecting our beautiful lake and the task rests with each and every one of us. Future generations are counting on us to do our part in protect-



Out boating on Lac Courte Oreilles and looking for a place to rest?

**Stop in at the A-frame lodge at
Trails End Resort in Barbertown Bay!**

**We have a great bar with
refreshing drinks, snacks,
great music, and bathroom facilities.**



**Bring in this ad to the A-frame for a free drink!!
Come for a break, stay for the fun!
Open everyday around noon from Memorial Day to
Labor Day! County Road K 634-2423**



Dates for 2007

Annual COLA "Family" Picnic

Saturday, July 28th
Noon to 4:00pm
Bass Lake Town Hall on
Highway K

Volunteers are needed to help plan and work the picnic. Call Jan Hahn if you can help!



Put An End To Pre-Approved Credit Offers (and Save A Tree or Two)

About 62-million trees and 25-billion gallons of water are used to produce a typical year's worth of junk mail in the United States. Worst of all, it puts you at greater risk for identity theft because each pre-approved credit line offer that is mailed to you is another invitation for someone to open a credit line in your name.

To opt out of these offers, contact the *Consumer Credit Reporting Industry Opt in and Out Line* at **888-567-8688**. This call will only take

you about 30 seconds and it is well worth it. You will have the option of opting-out of all credit related offers for up to five years. Be prepared to answer a series of identity verification questions asked by an automated voice response system. You can also call back at a later date and opt back in if you would like to start receiving credit offers again.

Courtesy of the *Money Minder* newsletter from Peoples Bank of Wisconsin

Join The COLA Membership Drive!

If you own property on the lakes, you should be a member of COLA. You need to be involved to make Lac Courte Oreilles a better place to be. Strength in numbers is very important to support many of the projects being undertaken to protect the lakes for you. Please join today! If you're already a member, the most important thing you can do is to persuade your neighbors to join! Please do it! If you need an extra copy of the *Loon Call* for a neighbor, please call Jeff Anderson (952-927-1665).

*Do you know of a lake neighbor who is not yet a member of COLA?
Please, pass this form on to them...Thanks!*

NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s): _____

Address on the Lake: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: 715-_____

Other Residence: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Enclosed is my \$20.00 Annual Dues for 2007

I would be interested in helping on the _____ committee

Send to: COLA, P.O. Box 702, Hayward, WI 54843

The Mystery Postcard by Jenifer Williams

I beg your pardon for the absence of my column in the last few issues of the *Loon Call*. I've been busy with the happy things of life (a new grandchild), a job that eats time and the unfortunate reality of people my age, ailing parents and the passing of cherished relatives. With each passing the importance of capturing the stories and rich family history that have brought us to this point becomes more apparent.

Family is the tie that binds each of us to the wonderful re-

sorts of yesteryear on Lac Court Oreilles. Last issue's postcard was of the Alpine Lodge that had a dandy of a car parked in front of the cabin. Both Mickey Odawa and John Panian responded with almost the same conclusion as to the make of the car! It is almost



surely an early 1950's Buick Special. John's dad had a '55 Buick Special that had three holes on the side of the front fender and he noted that the more expensive/bigger models would have had four holes. Mickey also felt that the car was a Special or perhaps a Super but definitely not a Roadmaster because that car would have had four portholes. Cars were certainly more distinct in those days. Who could tell one from the other now?!

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RESTATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR COLA

The purposes of the **Courte Oreilles Lakes Association, Inc.** (COLA) are (1) to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of the Courte Oreilles Lakes, their shorelands and surrounding areas, while respecting the interests of property owners and the rights of the general public, and (2) to consider, study, survey and respond to issues deemed relevant by the membership of the organization. The Courte Oreilles Lakes consist of Lac Courte Oreilles and Little Lac Courte Oreilles, both located in Sawyer County, Wisconsin.



**DON'T FORGET THE
ANNUAL COLA SPRING MEMBERSHIP
MEETING ON JULY 7th, 2007**

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE!**



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