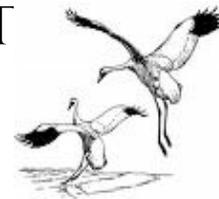




# PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT

Protection and Rehabilitation District

Newsletter



## From the Chairman's Desk...

As I write this, I am sitting on the deck overlooking Pickerel Lake enjoying a warm 80 degree breeze. Not a bad place to be if you have to work. It has been a wonderful summer, hotter than I like, but with enough rain to keep the lake levels up and the water quality good.

If you recall Mr. Greg Mathkey, WDNR Fisheries Manager for our region, was working on the recent Bass survey that is required in order for there to be a change in the Largemouth Bass regulations on Pickerel and Crane Lakes. Unfortunately, he has informed me that the results from the survey have indicated that there would not be a change in the regulations. Mr. Mathkey understands that this decision

will not be popular with most people but said that he is willing to try a pan fish survey next spring to see if the Bass population has had a negative effect on the pan fish population. I believe that we all agree that this type of survey may not aid us, but we will continue to monitor this situation.

On a more positive note, at our last meeting we spoke about the possibility of raising our own Walleye's on our Lake District property that has an artesian well and natural ponds that connect to both Crane and Pickerel Lakes. District member Mr. Brad Kupfer volunteered to explore the idea and is providing us an update in this newsletter. I'd like to thank Brad for his time

and helping to educate all of us in this possible new adventure. In closing, I would like to remind everyone to mark your calendars and plan on attending the next meeting on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Ainsworth Town Hall. I know that it is Labor Day weekend and everyone has plans, but your input at these meetings is very important especially if you think the District Commissioners are not pursuing issues that are important to you. At the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting we will be filling the Treasurer position as well as two additional Commissioner positions. We would like to see more people involved. See you there!

Sincerely,  
Chuck Sleeter




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## New Web Site for the Lake District

One of the benefits of coming to the Lake District Meetings is to have the opportunity to share your ideas. In the spring meeting, someone commented that it would be nice to have a Lake District website. It was a good idea, and the members voted to initiate the project. By September 1<sup>st</sup> we should have the website set up for you to keep up with the latest Lake District news. As this is an experiment, we have purchased a basic package. Our hopes are to give everyone access to the Lake Meeting Minutes, newsletters, Lake Management Plan issues, weather updates (power outages, snowmobile trails, etc.), and of course lots of pictures. If you would like any of your photos to be included on the web site, please send them to Lauren Freston at [lafreston@yahoo.com](mailto:lafreston@yahoo.com). Volunteers would be gladly accepted if there is someone interested in web design. The web address is: [www.pickerelcranelakedistrict.org](http://www.pickerelcranelakedistrict.org).

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## Lake Management Plan Update

Tim Hoyman has informed us that the draft of the Lake Management Plan that includes a report and implementation plan is complete and should be ready to send to us by the Labor Day meeting. Anyone who is interested in hearing more about this should attend the meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Ainsworth Town Hall at the intersection of CR T and TT. If you can't make the meeting, check out our new website or see your spring newsletter.

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### **Wanted: Treasurer**

Peg Hollmann will be stepping down as the Lake District Treasurer. She has done a fabulous job and has earned a time of rest. This position does not require a lot of time, but it would require someone who lives locally.

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### Harvester News

The Harvester has been hard at work and is reporting that they have taken out about 35 loads so far. On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the harvester will be moved to Crane Lake. The weeds had a slow start due to the late thaw and cooler spring. Jim Huss would like to thank his faithful volunteers who are running the machine up to seven days a week. We are all indebted to their hard work.

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## A Little Bit of Heaven

In the summer edition of the Forest County Association of Lakes (FCAL) newsletter, there was a heartwarming story of a girl named Emily. During a kindergarten Sunday school class, the teacher asked the students to draw a picture of heaven. After a few minutes, she scanned the pictures and saw clouds, angels, halos, and other common elements. Then she saw Emily's picture - a small house, a fire-pit, a pier, a little girl and boy with fishing poles and a sunset - and she said, "Emily, you are supposed to be drawing a picture of heaven." Emily replied, "I am - this is my grandpa's lake cabin." I think we all can relate to Emily who enjoyed her visits to the lake so much it was the first thing she pictured when asked to think of what heaven will be like.

Organizations such as FCAL and our own P&R District are committed to helping educate all lake users to all the issues that will help keep our lakes beautiful for generations to come. It would be a shame to take for granted the pristine beauty that we are surrounded with on a day-to-day basis. I encourage you to explore the FCAL website at [www.fcaldistrict.org](http://www.fcaldistrict.org) as well as participate in your own Lake District. Come to the Lake Meetings and let's work together to keep our lakes a little bit like heaven.

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## Walleye Project on Crane & Pickerel Lake

During a discussion at the Spring Meeting, the topic of Walleyes came up. Pickerel/Crane Lake often gets stocked with Walleye fry that are only 1 1/8" long. The survival rate for these fish is very low; only 1 in every 300 fish will survive its first year. This spurred a suggestion that the Lake District look into possibly raising our own Walleye to a size that would greatly increase their success rate when released into the waters. If we could find a way to release 6-8" Walleye into the water, the survival rate jumps from 0.3% to 40%.

Mr. Brad Kupfer from Crane Lake offered to research the possibilities. He has found that it is feasible to either purchase larger walleye from a private fishery or to take our allocations of fry and create our own ponds to protect and feed these fry to a larger size. Obviously, this is a complicated issue, and there are many things that need to be worked out. Brad will be at the Fall Meeting to present his findings.

It is our hope that you will come to this meeting to let us know if this is a project the board should pursue.

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**Notice of Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R  
District Fall Meeting**

September 3, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.

Ainsworth Town Hall

(Corner of T & TT, Pearson)

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Reading of the Spring Meeting Minutes
3. Treasurer’s Report
4. Committee Reports
  - a) Lake Management Plan Update
  - b) Weed Harvesting
  - c) Aeration
  - d) Lake District Docks & Landings
  - e) Large Mouth Bass Resolution Issue
  - f) Walleye Rearing and Stocking
  - g) Nashville Community Complex Update
5. Budget Hearing/ Adoption of Tax Levy
6. Election of three Commissioner (Chuck Sleeter, Peg Hollmann, and Dan Vosters)
7. Comments from the floor
8. Adjourn

(Two or more members of the Nashville Town Board may be in attendance.)

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2012**

Notice is given that the Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District will conduct a hearing on the proposed budget for 2012 and adopt a tax levy at the annual meeting September 3, 2011.

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Proposed Budget</b>
Printing	400	400
Postage	1,000	1,000
Adm. Supplies	200	200
Meetings/Mileage/ Telephone	500	500
Office Rent	780	3,000
Dues	120	150
Insurance	2,500	2,500
Lake Monitoring	250	500
Boat Landings	1,000	1,000
Aeration	2,000	2,000
Weed Harvesting	5,000	5,000
Capital Purchases	9,250	2,500
Inv. Aq. Plant Cont.	36,500	36,500
Lake Man Plan	35,000	35,000
Misc.	500	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,000.00</b>	<b>90,750.00</b>

**\*2011 Approved Tax Levy  
\$27,800**

**Percentage of Change: 0%**

**A detailed copy of the budget may  
be obtained from the Treasurer, Peg  
Hollmann at 715-484-7800**

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Proposed Budget</b>
Tax Levy	\$27,800	\$27,800
Interest	1,500	1,750
Boat Landing Donations	200	200
Lake Man. Plan Grant	9,000	9,000
Lake Man. Plan Reserve	15,000	15,000
Inv. Aq. Plant Cont. Reserve	36,500	36,500
Lake Monitoring Reserve	500	500
Harvester Reserve	3,000	-0-
Aeration Reserve	1,500	-0-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>	<b>\$90,750</b>

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## Pickerel/Crane Lake District Commissioners & Representatives

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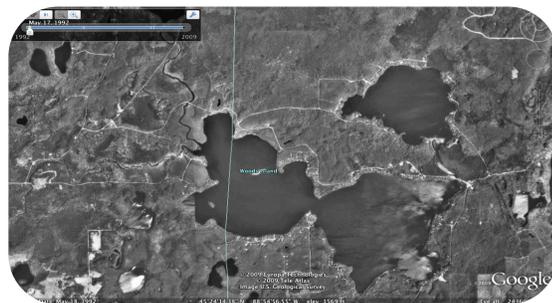
Dan Vosters – DNR Rep. (715) 484-3142 or (920) 766-9202

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