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President's Message by Dan Reuter

Hello members and friends. I am looking forward to seeing you at the May membership meeting! We have a lot to talk about and a great speaker too! The meeting will be on Saturday, May 19 at the American Legion Hall, located just north of the Fairgrounds on Highway 61. The meeting starts promptly at 9 am, and usually lasts about 90 minutes.

I am excited to meet you and hear your questions and concerns regarding our beautiful lake. Please come and enjoy the morning with a cup of

great coffee and some delicious pastries and donuts from non-other than Emilie's Bakery in Hastings Minnesota. This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the Lake Association and why it is important to you to become an active member. A drawing for spectacular CLA merchandise will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

We are looking for people who want to see change, bring health to our lake

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2018 Cross Lake Association Calendar

Membership Mtg	Sat. May 19 9 am	American Legion Hall
Senior Outing	Sun. June 3 1 pm	Lakeside Nursing Home
Freedom Fest Booth	Sat. June 30 10 am	County Fairgrounds
Boat Parade	July 4 Noon—3 pm	Cross Lake
Fair Booth	Aug 2—5	County Fairgrounds
Fair Parade	Sat. Aug 4	Downtown Pine City
Membership Mtg	Sat. Sept 15 9 am	American Legion Hall
Dinner Dance	Sat. Sept 29 5:30	American Legion Hall

Join us at one of our Association events this summer!

The Crossings

Welcome Back!

Welcome to this first edition of the Cross Lake Crossings for 2018! We hope you enjoy the information presented here. Please remember to renew your membership for this year if you have not already done so.

If you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter, please consider switching to the electronic version. It reduces

our environmental footprint, and saves your association time and money in publishing and delivery. By receiving by email, you receive a full color version of the newsletter, and receive it before the printed copy arrives.

You can request the electronic version by sending an email to CrossLakeAssociation@gmail.com

Become an AIS Detector! from the U of M Extension Office

Registration is now open for AIS Detectors, a volunteer network and science-based training program created by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center in partnership with University of Minnesota Extension.

Participants will learn how to properly identify and report new findings of aquatic invasive species such as starry stonewort, zebra mussels, round goby, and others. After being trained, AIS Detectors will serve a critical role by searching for new AIS infestations, providing outreach in their communities, and helping AIS researchers in the field.

The program is ideal for motivated adults over the age of 18, including AIS managers and inspectors, lake association members, Master Naturalists, and anyone else who has a desire to learn more about AIS. Detectors will learn how to identify eleven aquatic invasive species that are threatening Minnesota, as well as their common look-alike species.

"The AIS Detectors program is be a terrific opportunity for anyone in the area who wants to help protect our lakes," said Megan Weber, Extension Educator.

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Art in the Park Schedule

The Pine City Arts Council is again sponsoring Art in the Park. Come and enjoy free music in Robinson Park on Friday nights, from 6:00—8:30 p.m. Food will be sold starting at 5:30 p.m.

ART IN THE PARK IS A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOME LIVELY MUSIC IN THE COOL OF A FRIDAY EVENING IN PINE CITY. AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO COOK DINNER!

May 25	Pine City Jazz Band	Music Boosters	Sloppy Joes & Chips
June 1	Church of Cash	Girl Scouts	TBA
June 8	Way Back Whens	First Presbyterian Church	Sloppy Joe Meal
June 15	Echoes of Elvis	Catholic Sodality	BBQ Turkey Sandwich
June 22	Backyard Band	Boy Scouts	Cheeseburger & Chips
June 29	Whitesidewalls	Lions Club	Pulled Pork Sandwich
July 6	Roxy Hall Band	Zion Lutheran Church	Hot Dogs & Apple Pie
July 13	After Hours Big Band	Our Redeemer Church	Carolina BBQ
July 21	Annual Art Fest 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Food — Exhibitors—Children's Corner		
July 27	Jolly Zuks	Pine Area Lions	Walking Tacos

May 19 Membership Meeting

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THE FIRST
GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING OF THE
YEAR.

Our spring general membership meeting will be held on Saturday May 19, 9:00—10:30, at the American Legion hall on Hwy. 61 on the north side of Pine City. Membership meetings are held twice each year, in May and September. They are a great way to catch up on the activities going on around Cross Lake, and a chance to meet fellow cabin owners.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Meet the new president and board members
- A presentation by MN DNR Expert Richard Rezanka
- Final report on North End project by Pine County SWCD
- An update on weed control and water quality efforts
- Cross Lake Assoc. Facebook page
- Plans and activities for the summer.

Free Refreshments and Door Prizes!

4th of July Boat Parade

It's still a ways out, but we want to let you know that we will once again have a Boat Parade, to be held on Wednesday, July 4th. Start thinking now about a patriotic theme

for decorating your boat. Boat parade details, including starting time and location, will appear in the June issue of Crossings.



Boaters Beware

Attention Boaters: do you know that liability coverage on your boater's insurance probably does not cover members of your own family?

An article appearing in the March 29th edition of the St. Paul Pioneer Press by Dave Orrick recounts the experience of KMSP TV reporter Courtney Godfrey on Christmas Lake. Ms. Godfrey tragically lost the lower portion of her leg in an accident while riding in a boat driven by her husband. However, her personal injury claim was denied due to a "family exclusion" clauses in their watercraft liability policy.

Learn more about such exclusion clauses by reading Mr. Orrick's article. A copy of this article is attached to the electronic version of this newsletter.

Senior Outing by Bill Casby

The Senior Outing is a chance for the Cross Lake Association to reach out to the seniors of Pine City. Members of Our Redeemer Lutheran church come to Lakeside Senior Care and sing some songs, and then members of the Lake Association hand out root beer floats, ice cream, and cookies. The outing this year will be held on Sunday June 3rd at 1:00 pm. Contact Bill at CrossLakeAssociation@gmail.com if you would like to help passing out treats.

Water Quality Report by Mary Reuter

Great News! Our Pine County AIS funding request has been approved by the Pine County Board of Commissioners. Pine County AIS has awarded us a substantial grant over what we received last year.

As in past years, we will continue to work with Rich Renzenka of the Minnesota DNR for the permitting process of both Eurasian Milfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed for the 2018 season on Cross Lake. 'Permission to Spray' letters were sent out to residents who have been sprayed in past years, and signed forms have been forwarded to the MN DNR. If you have not been sprayed and would like to have Rich do a site inspection of your shoreline this spring, please contact me as soon as possible at 612-209-6886 so I can notify Rich. Once the lake is open for boats Rich will do the site inspections of all the areas that have been previously sprayed. If you have not been sprayed, Rich will inspect your area and then you will be asked to sign a waiver to be sprayed. If you have already signed the waiver, there is nothing else you need to do at this time unless you want near shore weed treatment of your personal property. This

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system for not only ourselves but for our children and grandchildren to enjoy in the years to come. Several CLA board members have signed up for AIS detector training this summer (see p. 2). We can't do it alone, and we need YOU and your voice! There is progress in

would take a special permit which you would apply for on your own and would not be a part of this project. However, Lake Management, Inc. will be happy to spray your weeds after you have obtained your permit.

We will continue to work with Lake Management, Inc. to spray the Milfoil and Curly Leaf. We will also be inspecting the lake going south of the river inlet to the lake. We will be inspecting the west, east all the way to the very south end of the lake. Please note - this is very important if you want your area in front of your property inspected to be sprayed - your area must appear to be used, eg. a small dock, a boat, water bike in front of your property. The DNR will not spray if the area does not look like it is used for recreation. Also know that if you do not give permission even if we find there is a need, your area will not be sprayed.

If you have questions or concerns please on weed spraying please call me at 612-209-6886. Thanks again for the work you do to prevent and control the spread of AIS in Cross Lake!

numbers. If you are interested in being involved in any way, we will find a spot just for your unique talents! Please fill out and return a 2018 membership application if you have not already done so. You can find a membership form on the cover page of this newsletter.

Dan Reuter, President

Cross Lake Association Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to have fun and meet some new friends? Are you willing to help improve the water quality of our lake? Do you have new ideas for our Cross Lake Association? If so, please consider becoming involved as a volunteer in an area that is of interest to you. Let us know by sending an email to us: **CrossLakeAssociation@gmail.com.**

Freedom Fest	Cook & sell burgers/hot dogs at the Cross Lake Association booth.
County Fair	Hand out informational pamphlets; introduce visitors to the Cross Lake Association.
Newsletter	Write articles, provide photos, or help with mailing the Crossings Newsletter.

Pine City Farmer's Market Opens June 8 - 9

The Pine City Farmer's Market will be held again this year in the Pine County Fairgrounds. The market is open each Friday and Saturday, from 11 am to 1 pm, from June 8—9 through the last weekend in October. Opening weekend will be celebrated with the 'Taste of Spring', where free samples of food made with market products will be offered.

2018 CLA Board Members

President	Daniel Reuter
Vice-President	Rusty Phillips
Secretary	Barb Videen
Treasurer	Nancy Hoff
Director	Jim Bartol (Newsletter)
Director	Mary Reuter (Water Quality)
Director	Andy Andersen
Director	Bill Casby
Director	Ron Levin
Director	Scott Olson
Director	Dave Videen



Join Up



Join In



With Friends



in the Cross Lake Association



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"Preventing AIS is an all-hands-on-deck situation, and having more people who are educated about what to look for will be really helpful."

The program consists of a self-paced online course and one in-person workshop. A workshop will be held in Duluth on June 1. The online course must be completed beforehand.

The course fee is \$195, which includes unlimited access to the online course, a printed training manual, the full-day in-person workshop (including refreshments and lunch), an AIS identification field guide, and networking opportunities with other AIS Detectors and experts. To learn more and to register, please visit www.aisdetectors.org.

The Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center works across the state to develop research-based solutions that can reduce the impacts of aquatic invasive species by preventing spread, controlling populations, and managing ecosystems. A portion of the funding for AIS Detectors program is provided by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Learn more at www.maisrc.umn.edu

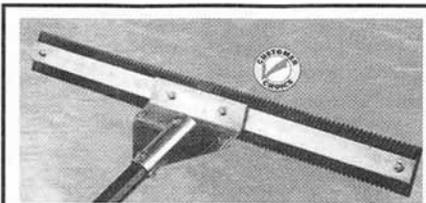
Contact: Megan Weber, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center Extension Educator, 763-767-3874, aisdetectors@umn.edu



Aquatic Weed Rakes by Dave Videen

Cross Lake Association is again selling weed rakes this year to help remove Curly Leaf Pondweed from your shoreline. The MN DNR allows you to remove aquatic weeds under certain conditions (www.dnr.state.mn.us/shorelandmgmt/apg/regulations.html). Spring is the best time to remove Curly Leaf. Contact Dave Videen for further information on obtaining weed rakes through the Cross Lake Association.

Aquatic Weed Eradicator



No need for dangerous chemicals. The AWE is excellent for controlling lake weeds. With a reinforced 28" serrated cutting blade, you don't have to worry about the blades bending under a heavy load of weeds. The AWE has grown in popularity every year we've offered it! Comes with a two-piece eleven-foot rust-proof powder-coated aluminum handle.

Lake Weed Maintenance

The Cross Lake Association has made arrangements directly with the manufacturer of this tool to help you reduce Curlyleaf Pondweed along your shoreline.

To purchase a Weedcutter, fill in the order form below and enclose a check for \$99 payable to Cross Lake Association. Contact Dave Videen, 612-219-8875 if you have any questions.

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PURCHASE REQUEST FOR AQUATIC WEED ERADICATOR

Print your name: (first & last) _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Mail this form with a check for \$99.00 to:

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What's Cooking?

By Barb Videen



If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, please email it to crosslakeassociation@gmail.com or mail it to me at 15321 Norwood Lane, Pine City, MN 55063

Vietnamese Fresh Spring Rolls

Looks like a lot of stuff - but pretty easy and so good for a light lunch. We love them - even for dinner with Egg Drop Soup. Yum.

- 2 ounces rice vermicelli
- 8 rice wrappers (8.5 inch diameter)
- 8 lg cooked shrimp - peeled, deveined, cut in half
- 1 1/3 Tbsp. chopped fresh Thai basil
- 1/4 carrot, shredded
- 1/2 cucumber, cut into long thin pieces
- Sprouts (opt)
- 3 Tbsp chopped fresh mint leaves
- 3 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 leaves lettuce, chopped

Dipping Sauce 1 - Mix:

- 4 teaspoons fish sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic chili sauce

Dipping Sauce 2 - Mix:

- 1 part Crunchy peanut butter to
- 2 parts Hoisin sauce
- plus a little water to thin

Bring a medium saucepan of water to boil. Boil rice vermicelli 3 to 5 minutes, or until al dente, and drain. Fill a large bowl with warm water. Dip one wrapper into the hot water for 1 second to soften. Lay wrapper flat. In a row across the center, place 2 shrimp halves, a handful of vermicelli, basil, mint, cilantro and lettuce, carrots and cucumbers leaving about 2 inches uncovered on each side. Fold uncovered sides inward, then tightly roll the wrapper, beginning at the end with the lettuce

Fork-Tender Pork Chops in Mushroom Gravy Instant Pot

I have had several requests for Instant Pot Recipes. Here is one of our favorites.

- 4 bone-in (1-inch thick) pork chops
- Lemon Pepper, Montreal Steak or other favorite seasoning
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1/4 c. unsalted butter
- 1 pkg (8 oz) fresh mushrooms, finely chopped
- 1/4 c finely diced onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced or pressed

- 1 c. reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Pat chops dry and liberally season. Select Browning/Sauté - (high) & add oil. When sizzling add 2 chops & brown about 3 min. per side. Transfer to plate. Do other 2 chops.

Add butter to cooker, melt & add mushrooms & onions. Sauté (med.) 3 mins. until tender. Add garlic, sauté (med.) 1 minute. Stir in broth, salt & pepper, and add chops with juices. Pressure cook on High 18 minutes. Naturally release 10 minutes then quick release. Transfer chops to serving bowl.

In small bowl, whisk flour and water. Add 1/4 cup hot liquid from pot and stir. Add the slurry to the pot. Select Simmer/ Sauté (low) and stir constantly until sauce thickens. Stir in heavy cream. Pour on chops and serve with rice or potatoes.

Rhubarb Custard Bars

It wouldn't be Spring without something rhubarb.

- 1-1/3 cups sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 c sliced (1/2-inch) fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed & drained (measure while frozen)
- 2 cups halved fresh strawberries
- 2 Tbsp. butter, cubed

Crust:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup canola oil
- 1/3 cup warm water
- 1 Tbsp. milk (not less than 2%)
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Vanilla ice cream, optional

Preheat oven to 425°. In a large bowl, mix sugar and flour. Add fruit; toss to coat. Transfer to a greased 11x7-in. baking dish. Dot with butter.

For crust: in a bowl, mix flour and salt. In another bowl, whisk oil and water; add to flour mixture, stirring with a fork until a dough is formed (dough will be sticky). Roll dough between two pieces of waxed paper into an 11x7-in. rectangle. Remove top piece of waxed paper; invert rectangle over filling. Gently peel off waxed paper. Brush pastry with milk; sprinkle with sugar. Bake 40-50 minutes or until golden brown. If desired, serve with ice cream. Yield: 8 servings.

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2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(Membership year runs from Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31 2018)

Member Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone number _____ E-Mail _____

Pine City Address (if different) _____

Send newsletter by email (environmentally friendly & saves us money)

I would be willing to help with the following (circle all that apply).

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| Governing Board | Membership | Newsletter | Boat Parade | Senior Outing |
| Freedom Fest | County Fair | Fair Parade | Dinner Dance | |

Membership Categories: (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$20-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate \$35-45 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$50-75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$800 |

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