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Welcome to Summer!

After surviving a winter that just wouldn't quit, we suddenly found ourselves in mid-summer weather. What happened to spring??? I suppose this is just part and parcel to living in Minnesota!

Our association has been busy gearing up for a season of summer activities. The Senior's outing was again a hit with residents of Lakeside Medical Center. Several board members attended a weekend session to become AIS (aquatic invasive species) Detectors. We learned a great deal about the AIS that are present in Cross Lake, and what is being done

about them, from Rich Rezanka at our May membership meeting. Check out the related articles in this issue of Crossings for more information on all of these activities.

By the time you read this newsletter, Independence Day will be just around the corner. In Pine City the official 4th of July Fireworks occur during Freedom Fest, which is held the first weekend in July. But Freedom Fest is much more than just fireworks - it is a complete weekend of activities. And this year, the Cross Lake Association is an official Freedom Fest sponsor. See the official flyer in this newsletter for

event details, or visit the Pine City Chamber of Commerce [website](#). And back by popular demand is the CLA boat parade, to be held on July 4th. See the related article in this newsletter for details.

And with that, we launch into another summer of fun. We hope you enjoy your time at the lake, take advantage of the many summer activities in Pine City, and participate in our association events. As always, please contact us at CrossLakeAssociation@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

We hope to see you sometime this summer - the CLA Board.

2018 Cross Lake Association Calendar		
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

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The Crossings

May 19 Membership Meeting

Our first general membership meeting for 2017 was held on Saturday, May 19 at the American Legion hall. Our guest speaker Richard Rezanka, aquatic invasive species specialist for the MN DNR, spoke to our membership about efforts to address the threat posed by Aquatic Invasive Species. An audio recording of Rich's presentation is available [here](#).

More information on aquatic invasive species in Minnesota can be found on the DNR [website](#).

Meeting called to order at 9:00am by president Dan Reuter

- Bill Casby stepped down as Secretary, and Barb Videen was appointed fill this role for 2018.
- Barb Videen gave an update on membership, and suggested ways that interested members can become involved. She introduced the other board members and described what they are doing to support the association.
- Jill Carlier and Kris Larson from Pine County SWCD reported on the now completed North End Project for erosion control.
- Our featured guest, Rich Rezanka from the MN DNR, gave an informative presentation on aquatic invasive species that are in Cross Lake, and what is being done about them.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47

Membership - a Big Thanks

By Barb Videen

The membership applications keep on coming in, thank you. As of this printing day we have 176 paid household and business memberships.

You may have noticed a door hanger with a CLA flyer and membership application on your door. This is thanks to the work of Mary Kay and Pat Brautigan who did a membership walk around the entire lake, part of the river and some places in town. This was entirely their idea. They delivered packets to 496 places and put a lot of miles on the Fitbit.. We have been getting many new members (some who didn't know there was a lake association) and renewals from those who may have forgotten. Thanks to them for the wonderful effort.

If you have an idea for your lake association please contact us at CrossLakeAssociation@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

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Freedom Fest June 27– 30

Join in the fun June 27-30 in Pine City. The big day is Saturday, with the triathlon, car show, money scramble, the Amazing Race, street dance, and FIREWORKS. Food booths will be at the fairgrounds, and the Cross Lake Association will be serving sirloin steak burgers, all beef hot dogs, and chili cheese dogs at the fairgrounds between 10 am and 3 pm. Stop in to have lunch and say "hello" to other CLA members.

For more on this year's Freedom Fest celebration, visit the Pine City Chamber of Commerce [website](#).

The Pines on Cross Lake

by Angela Foster

What's going on where the Snake River spills into the mouth of Cross Lake? The landscape looks different this spring. Tom Foster, a local land developer and building contractor, has created *The Pines on Cross Lake*. These detached association lots are ready for building. In fact, the first home is already completed and the new homeowners, the Kleinkopfs, will be moving in soon.

The Pines on Cross Lake was developed for the homeowner who wants the ease of detached-home, association living. Townhome owners will maintain their own homes and enjoy their private lakefront, with the added convenience of association lawncare, snow removal, lake shore maintenance, and dock installation and removal. This will be perfect, easy living for snowbirds or year-round homeowners,.

Foster intends to donate \$1,250 to the Cross Lake Association's water quality fund for every lot sold in the development. "We all have a stake in the future of Cross Lake. We intend to make sure we do everything we can to protect the future of our waters." Foster went on to offer even more benefits for the Cross Lake Association. "Anyone who refers a new buyer to *The Pines on Cross Lake* will receive an upgrade to Benefactor Member. This will provide additional funds to the Cross Lake Association."

Across the lake, another development, *Hollers Point on Cross Lake*, will soon be offered for sale by Tom Foster. These are single-family lake lots. Foster will build to suit on either development, and will offer the same contributions to the Cross Lake Association with each lot sold.

When asked about *Holler's Point* and *The Pines on Cross Lake*, local realtor and Cross Lake Association member Mary Kay Brautigan, had this to say:

"Fosters are offering the finest lots and some of the very last pieces of vacant land on Cross Lake. The properties will be strictly controlled with developer plans and covenants in place. I am so happy we have integrity in planning and this type of careful development on our lake. It will serve to enhance everyone's values."

Take a boat ride and cruise towards the Snake River. Soon you'll be able to dock your boat and tour a model home in *The Pines on Cross Lake*. Greet your new neighbors, the Kleinkopfs, with a wave. They'll probably be enjoying the view from their dock or dipping their toes in the friendly waters of Cross Lake.

For more information, contact Tom Foster at Tom@bigforkvalley.com (612-290-4517) or Tommy Foster at Tommy@bigforkvalley.com (612-290-3828).

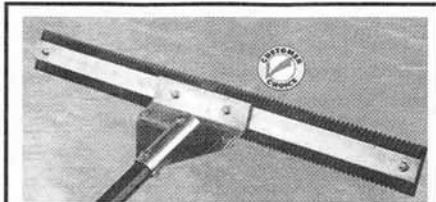


Aquatic Weed Rakes

Cross Lake Association is again selling weed rakes this year to help remove Curly Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil 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 Curleyleaf 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.

CUT 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:

Cross Lake Association
Box 325
Pine City, MN. 55063
Attn: Dave Videen

Senior Outing

by Bill Casby

On June 3rd the annual Senior Outing was held at Lakeside Medical Center. Members from Our Redeemer Lutheran Choir sang some very inspirational hymns,

and, root beer floats, ice cream, and cookies were handed out to about 27 patients, choir members, and staff. A fun time was enjoyed by everybody.

Boat Parade

by Frank Ramisch

It's time for the annual Cross Lake Association boat parade, to be held this year on **Wednesday July 4th**. **We will gather at 12 noon** at the north end of the lake (by Norway Point) and get under way about 1 pm.

American flag for part of your display take care to display it properly.

Thank you for taking a interest in the parade. Please call Frank Ramisch 320-629-3361 with any questions.

There is no cost to participate in the parade, but to be eligible for a prize you must sign in when gathering. Ten cash cards for Walmart will be awarded as prizes. Boats will be judged on enthusiasm and patriotic theme.

The parade route will first take us south down the west side, then head back north along east side. If you have to go to your dock along the way it is OK, just join back in line and continue. If you use an



INVASIVE

Eurasian watermilfoil

Myriophyllum spicatum

KEYS TO ID

- Feathery looking with four leaves per whorl
- Leaves have central axis with 12 – 20 leaflet pairs
- Can grow up to 10 feet long
- Produces pink and white flowers on spike above surface
- Leaves become limp when taken out of water

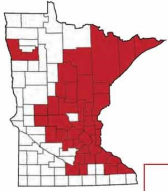
LOOKS SIMILAR TO

- Northern watermilfoil (native)
- Coontail (native)
- Bladderworts (native)
- White water crowfoot (native)
- Water marigold (native)

WHERE TO LOOK

- In lakes, ponds, and slow-moving areas of rivers or streams
- Grows best in depths of 3 – 15 feet

CURRENTLY FOUND



Note: Eurasian watermilfoil is known to hybridize with northern watermilfoil.

Hybrid watermilfoil is also considered invasive and should be reported.



Above-surface flowers

Four leaves per whorl with 12 – 20 leaflet pairs per leaf



NATIVE

Coontail

Ceratophyllum demersum

KEYS TO ID

- Leaves have no central axis and are branching
- Can grow up to six feet long
- Often free-floating

LOOKS SIMILAR TO

- Eurasian watermilfoil (invasive)
- Water marigold (native)
- Northern watermilfoil (native)
- Bladderworts (native)
- White water crowfoot (native)

WHERE TO LOOK

- In water up to 20 feet deep
- Upper leaves may reach surface and form dense patches
- Can become highly abundant and form "oil slicks" when it dies back

CURRENTLY FOUND



Branching



Aquatic Invasive Species

We currently have two forms of invasive species in Cross Lake: curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil. The graphic above shows milfoil, along with a natively occurring look-alike - Coontail. This information was taken from the "AIS Identification Guide" published by the University of Minnesota. You can download a free copy of the entire guide from the [MAISRC website](#). This is a great resource in helping identify the 'good' and 'bad' weeds you encounter in the lake.

In February board members Jim Bartol and Dave Videen attended the third annual [Aquatic Invaders Summit](#). A livestream of presentations from this event can be found [here](#).

Thank You, Members

Thank to all of you who have chosen to receive your edition of Crossings electronically. In addition to saving the association money, and reducing your environmental footprint, you receive your Crossings several days

In addition, board members Mary Reuter and Barb Videen received special training from the U of M and are now [Aquatic Invasive Species Detectors](#). If anyone think they have found an invasive species in Cross Lake contact Mary and Barb by email at CrossLakeAssociation@gmail.com so that they can follow up. Also, Barb and Dave plan to begin a Zebra Muscle watch program. If anyone is willing to have a detector attached to the bottom of their dock, contact CLA. We want a samples from around the lake and need a limited number of volunteers to help out. Again, please contact us at CrossLakeAssociation@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

earlier. And as you can see the issue is in full color, and hyperlinks easily connect you to related information. If you would like to switch to electronic delivery simply send us an email at CrossLakeAssociation@gmail.com

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

We had a wonderful grilled dinner with friends. The salad and the chicken really seemed to compliment each other.

Jerk Chicken

Mary Kay Brautigam

- 1/3 cup apple juice
- juice of 4 limes plus 1 cut into wedges
- 1/3 c soy sauce or tamari
- 3 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 c canola oil
- 3 Tbsp fresh thyme or 1 Tbsp dried
- 1 Tbsp sweet paprika
- 1 Tbsp ground allspice
- 1 Tbsp ground coriander
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 6-8 thin scallions, chopped plus 2-3 sliced for garnish
- 2 large shallots, chopped
- 8 cloves garlic, grated or pasted
- 6-8 habanero chiles, seeded and ribs removed for less heat
- 2-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and grated
- 4 bay leaves
- 12 pieces chicken thighs (bone-in, skin on)
- Kosher salt and coarse ground pepper to taste

In food processor or blender, combine first 16 ingredients and process into a smooth sauce. Reserve 1/3 of sauce for dipping and drizzling. Place remaining sauce in a large storage bag and add the bay leaves. Pat the chicken dry and season with salt and lots of black pepper. Add it to the bag and rub the sauce into the chicken, using the bag to protect your hands from the chili heat. Marinate in the fridge 1-2 days, flipping the bag and rubbing the chicken from time to time. Bring to room temperature 45-60 minutes before cooking. Heat a grill to medium-low. Grill it skin-side up lid closed or under foil tent 20 minutes. Flip and cook 15 minutes more, turning occasionally, or until the internal temp. reaches 160°. Let rest a few minutes and serve with extra sauce, scallions and lime wedges.

Mexican Chopped Salad

Ingredients for the dressing:

- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons honey (1 1/3 Tb.raw agave)
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 clove garlic, finely minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 Tbsp. canola oil
- 2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- freshly ground black pepper
- taste and add salt if needed

Ingredients for the salad:

- 1 med. head romaine, chopped in 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 medium bell pepper, diced in 1/4-inch pieces, I used small orange-hued peppers (the mini ones).
- 1/2 medium red onion, diced in 1/4-inch pieces
- 1/2 med. jicama, peeled and diced in 1/4-inch pieces (I omitted - couldn't find in PC)
- 1 medium zucchini, diced in 1/4-inch dice
- 4 medium tomatoes, seeded and diced into 1/4-inch dice (I used a pint of grape tomatoes as they looked better)
- 4 ears corn or 1 1/2 cups of sweet, tiny shoepeg- corn, canned or frozen
- 1 -14.5 oz.can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup finely chopped cilantro, plus leaves for garnish

For the dressing,: combine lime juice, honey, cumin garlic and salt. Stir to combine. In a slow, steady stream, add the oils, stirring continuously with a fork or small whisk. Taste and add more salt and pepper, if needed. Set aside.

For the salad: place corn, two ears at a time, in the microwave and cook for 3 1/2 minutes. Remove from microwave with a hot pad and allow to cool for 5 minutes. After cooling, cut bottom end of corn off, about 1 1/2 inches from end. Pull back husk and silks (almost all of the silk should easily pull away). Cut kernels from husks. Combine corn and other salad ingredients in a large bowl. Stir to combine. Add dressing and stir to coat all ingredients. Garnish with cilantro leaves, if desired. Serve with tortilla strips on top or place a bowl on the side and let guests help themselves.

Almond Norwegian Coffee Cake

This is my go-to dessert as I always have the items on hand. It is an old recipe from my mother. Delicious

Crust:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 Tbsp. water

Mix like pie crust and pat in 2 long strips (12 x 3) on un-greased cookie sheet.

Filling

- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup flour
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. almond flavoring

Place water and butter in saucepan. Heat to boiling and remove from heat. Add flour and stir until smooth. beat in 1 egg at a time. Add flavoring. Spread on crust. Bake at 350° for 55 -60 minutes.

Frosting:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. milk or cream
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 Tbsp. almond flavoring

Combine and frost when cool. Cut into slices.

June 27-July 1, 2018

FREEDOM FEST



Saturday, June 30



8 AM

Triathlon

Includes Shirt with Registration by 6/15
Begins at Westside Park & Beach



1 PM

Fire Dept Waterball

Local fire departments compete for bragging rights in this tug-of-war event



2 PM

Money Scramble

Hosted by Pine City Chamber and Five Local Banks



3 PM

Pine City Sings

Open to singers age 15 - 25
Advance Registration Required by 6/15
Hosted by WCMP Radio



4 PM

The Amazing Race

Advance Registration Required by 6/15
Hosted by Pine City Chamber

Pancake Breakfast

7:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Pine County 4-H PDC Program

Serving in the 4-H Building at the Pine County Fairgrounds

Swap Meet

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Enter at North Gate Entrance

Classic Car & Truck Show

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Pine County Fairgrounds



* Support Local Business * On Site Vendors *

Opening at 10:00 AM on the Pine County Fairgrounds

Cross Lake Association ~ Burgers & Hot Dogs
Pokegama Lake Association ~ Walking Tacos, Rootbeer & Ice Cream
Knights of Columbus ~ Fish & Chips Meal
Pine City Chamber of Commerce ~ Beer & Beverages

· *Usborne Books & More* · *Ani's Tupperware* · *Handy Creations by Jocelyn* ·
· *Premier Design Jewelry* · *Young Living Essential Oils* ·

* Family Fun with these Activities *

11 AM - 2 PM at the Pine County Fairgrounds

PRESCHOOL GAMES ECFE Dragon Wagon • **TRAIN RIDES** Pine City Lions

FACE PAINTING Pine Insurance Agency • Pine City Fire Department

ART ACTIVITIES Pine Center for the Arts

CRAZY HAIR Children of Joy Preschool • National Guard Unit

* Community Street Dance *

6:30 - 10:30 PM at the Pine County Fair Event Center

Featuring "The Drivin' Wheels"

FIREWORKS AT 10:15 PM

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Coldwell Banker Results: Jan Carl, Frandsen Bank & Trust, Knights of Columbus, Pine Insurance Agency, Pokegama Township, Stearns Bank, & VFW Post 4528

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CROSS LAKE ASSOCIATION OF PINE COUNTY

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If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2018 please fill out and return the form below.

Application for membership in the Cross Lake Association of Pine County

Member Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone number: _____ **E-Mail** _____

Pine City Address (if different) _____

My information has changed Send newsletter and correspondence by email

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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Regular adult couples/\$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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