

2021 RDLA Memorial Day Newsletter

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2021 RDLA Spring Meeting / Get Together

SATURDAY MAY 29TH @ 12:00 NOON

Location: Outdoor Pavilion across from the Boat Ramp

It's finally time to get together again in person and kick off another great summer at Rock Dam! Lunch will start at noon sharp. Come on down, **but please don't bring a dish to pass**. We will provide all of the food. **Bring your own beverages**. It's a great time to see your neighbors & friends and meet someone new! We'll have our "new" Rock Dam Lake T-Shirts for sale. See you there!

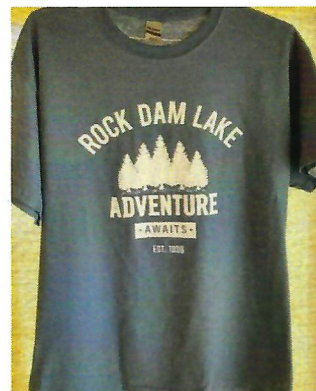
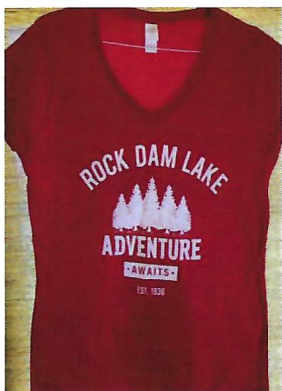
Road Clean-Up 2021

The annual Haycreek Road clean-up is scheduled for Saturday June 5th at 9:00 AM. We'll provide all of the Tools, Gloves, Trash Bags and Bug Spray. Come on out and help clean-up one of the main roadways into our great community.

If you'd like to help, please call Ruth Tiry @ 715-267-7398. We'll meet outside the Rod and Gun Club at 9:00 AM.

New T- Shirts

We have another beautiful new T-Shirt this year which was designed by our very own Virginia Hendricks. We are once again offering a V-neck option for women. This year's colors are Cardinal Red and Heather Indigo. The V-necks are Red and the Crew necks are Heather. They make great presents and are still only \$15 apiece! We will be selling them at all of our RDLA events. The campground will also be selling them, but only in the crew neck style.



Fireworks 2021



The RDLA 2021 Fireworks Show is being planned to take place on July 10th. Chairman Jim McGovern has been hard at work making sure this year is as great as ever. We hope that the current social distancing restrictions will be lifted by then so we can all celebrate being out together again.

Thanks again to all of our Sponsors!!!

Please Help Support our Fireworks

We need your help to keep our Fireworks Show "the Best in the Area". Without increased sponsor support we will have to scale back our annual show. We know how much it means to the community and we want to continue to keep it the centerpiece of Rock Dam Days. Unfortunately, we have lost a number of Sponsors over the last 2 years and our ability to sell raffle tickets has been greatly reduced due to the pandemic. You can help if you or a relative that owns a business would like to participate or by contacting businesses that you know would like to become a sponsor. We are also offering up "Family Sponsorships" to residents and members of the Lake Association.

You can also help by selling raffle tickets to you friends, family and neighbors. The cost of sponsorship is \$250. **Contact Kevin Hendricks for Sponsorship information or for raffle tickets. Email Kevin at - khendricks@outlook.com**

Tickets are also available at AKA Lakeside & Cal's Rock Dam Resort.

2021 Rock Dam Lake Community Summer Events

May

May 29, 2021 – RDLA Spring Meeting
12:00pm to 1:30pm

At the Pavilion across from the boat ramp

June

June 5th, 2021 – RDLA Haycreek Rd. Clean-Up
9:00am to 10:30am
Meet at the Rod and Gun Club

July

July 10, 2021

Brats on the Beach

11:00am to 1:00pm – Rock Dam Beach

Rock Dam Days Parade

12:00pm to 12:05pm – Main St. Rock Dam

Kayak Race

5:30pm - Rock Dam Beach

Pontoon Parade

8:00pm – Rock Dam Lake

RDLA Fireworks Show

9:30pm – Rock Dam Lake

RDLA Fireworks Raffle Drawing

After the Fireworks – AKA Lakeside

September 4, 2021

RDLA Pot Luck Lunch / Meeting

12:00pm to 1:30 – Rod and Gun Club

Sand Castle Contest

4:00pm to 7:00pm – Rock Dam Beach

Free Family Flicks

8:30pm to 10:30pm – Rock Dam Beach

September 5, 2021

RDLA Pancake Breakfast

8:00am to 11:00am – Rod and Gun Club

High Speed Internet Project

Thanks to everyone that submitted emails or letters in support of the Astrea High Speed Internet project last fall. Unfortunately, the Rock Dam project was not approved for funding in 2021 by the Public Service Commission. We hope that the project will get resubmitted next year and have a better chance given the recent increases in infrastructure funding.

“Rock Dam Days” Dates 2021 – 2023

2021- July 10th

2022- July 9th

2023- July 8th

The President's Corner

As I write this column, I'm thinking about all of the things we missed last year, but at the same time I'm extremely grateful for all of the things we were still able to do at the lake. It was different for sure and it still is a little different than normal. The best thing to be grateful for is that everyone we know made it through the last 15 months without being severely impacted by COVID and we are now ready to continue on with our lives.

We are planning a full slate of events and hope that this will be our best year ever at Rock Dam! The best news is that we have scheduled our annual fireworks show and we're hoping that our fundraising will allow us to keep it as big as we are all used to. We've lost some sponsors and raffle sales will be limited but we hope you will help us fill the gaps as you have in the past.

The other big news is that the long awaited and much needed boat ramp replacement is scheduled for 2021. It will also present some challenges as the lake will need to be drawn down during the fall. We'll be holding off on fish stocking until 2022.

The other news is that we are going to be launching a Lake Association website so that it is easier to communicate with our members and other visitors. We plan to use it as our primary tool to share what's going on and to better connect with all of you.

We'll schedule indoor events such as our meetings and BINGO's as we move into the back half of the year.

As I look back on 2020 and look forward to 2021, I'd be remiss if I didn't thank everyone that continues to keep the Lake Association going. The Board continues to sacrifice their personal time and efforts whenever asked and truly loves doing it for the community.

We are also blessed with so many great sponsors and donors that help support our Fireworks, Pancake Breakfast and the community Christmas party. None of what happens would be possible without all of them and all of you. Once again, we hope that we are able to help members, other residents and visitors make special memories at this unique place called Rock Dam.

On a final note, we lost a number of long-time members and friends over the past 12 months. We will all miss seeing their smiling faces around the lake. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to their families.

I hope you all have a safe and memorable summer.

See you around the lake,

Kevin

Boat Ramp Replacement

As previously reported, funding of the County project to re-build the boat ramp was approved by the Clark County Board last November. The Lake Association also committed \$10,000 towards the rebuilding effort.

The County Forestry and Parks Department is currently working on permitting and supplemental funding.

This project will require the lake to be drawn down in the fall to facilitate the repairs. The County will keep us posted as information becomes available and we will pass it on as soon as we receive it.

This will make a huge difference for everyone that launches their boats at Rock Dam.

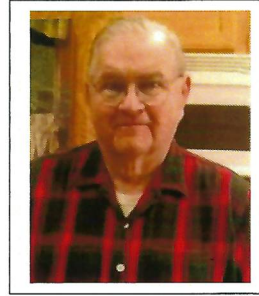
We will be holding a number of special fundraising efforts over the next 36 months to help defer those costs and to potentially add upgrades to the ramp. Please contact Kevin Hendricks about donating to or helping with this much needed replacement.



In Memory

James Burt

February 9, 1945 - February 13, 2021



Jim loved spending time with his family at their property here in Rock Dam. They spent many summers here with friends and family. He enjoyed running model trains, and was a long-time member of the Hub City Central Model Railroad Club of Marshfield. He was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Marshfield; Rock Dam Lake Association; and the Edgar Steam and Gas Engine Club.

In Memory

Ron Klinke

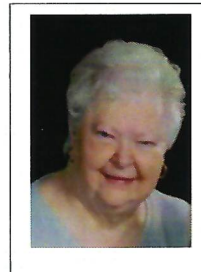
January 3, 1961 – September 10, 2020



Ron had many interests including scuba diving in his healthier years, along with racing, fixing things, cooking, but he especially loved bringing joy to families and the elderly at Christmas while playing Santa. He was very proud of his son Jonathon, who recently became a paramedic. Ron had a big heart and truly enjoyed helping people.

In Memory

Donna Pittz



Donna Pittz passed away on December 1, 2020. She was 86 years old. Donna was the wife of Bill Pittz who passed away on January of last year. Both owned a cabin on Rock Dam Lake since 1964. They spent many weekends with their six daughters enjoying all the activities the Lake has to offer. The cabin is still owned and enjoyed by two of their daughters and their husbands Kathy and Larry Welborn and Sharon and Kirk Sinclair.

PREVENT A WILDFIRE



Nearly 1/3 of all wildfires in Wisconsin are caused by debris burning in spring



Over 70% of debris burning wildfires are caused by people who did NOT get a burn permit



Get a DNR burn permit — it's free, easy and the responsible thing to do

dnr.wi.gov, keyword "fire"



