

Student Involvement

BHS Students To Adopt Lake

Lenny Seyberth and Darlene Glass have teamed with Duane Fossum (the ag teacher at Bloomer High School) to have Long Lake adopted by BHS. In a meeting with Buzz Sorge and Joe Kurtz, possible projects for students such as fish habitat structure restoration (e.g. fish crib & half-log construction and placement); fish reproduction census (e.g. procurement and use of mini "fike" net and seines); shoreland habitat restoration (e.g. work with riparian property owners to create

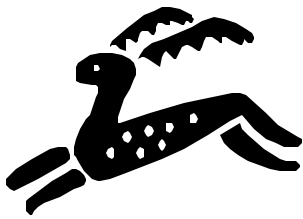
to create natural buffer areas along shorelines); and crayfish trapping, counting and yearly census were discussed. In addition to State grants, various organizations have funds available for such programs. As official cooperation between LLLPRD and BHS continues, boats and equipment will be needed for student use. If you are willing to make equipment or personal support available, please call Lenny Seyberth who will be the liaison between the Lake Association and BHS.



tremendous opportunity for Long Lake to obtain valuable information on a yearly basis and have added fish habitat systematically placed in the lake on an annual basis. It will also be a benefit to the education of students who enjoy and might someday be property owners on Lower Long Lake.

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Wisconsin Association of Lakes provides education, protection and information about the preservation of Wisconsin's precious lakes.



On September 11, Jan Frase attended a conference on Lake Classification sponsored by the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (W.A.L.) in Rice Lake. Discussed were plans for management of Wisconsin lakes because is unrealistic to expect a government to develop individual and enforceable plans. The recent heavy development and resulting high cost of shoreline property has renewed interest in updating the state model for shoreline zoning which dates back to 1966. Ten counties in Northwest Wisconsin have already developed lake classification plans and new shoreline zoning ordinances. Chippewa County has received state grant monies and will be revising all of its zoning ordinances, including those for shoreline properties, in the next two years. In order to better develop management plans, lakes

are classified into three or more groups. Common classifications are:

- 1 Natural Environment or Wild Lakes: These are the most restrictive to development in order to protect diverse wildlife and natural beauty.
- 2 Intermediate Lakes: These lakes have light or moderate development and are managed well with current patterns.
- 3 General Development Lakes: These lakes are either more tolerant of shoreline development or are so highly developed already that zoning is ineffective.

It is worth the effort of involvement in classification and zoning into the 21st century if we want to continue enjoying the beauty, quiet and nature of our lake.

The **Long Range Planning Committee** is organizing and expanding in size. We hope to get together and plot a strategy for getting the Chippewa County Zoning Office to adopt an ordinance similar to the new one in Rusk County. It is going to be essential to the survival of our lake that something other than the existing law become reality. Until such time, it is important for all property owners to try to educate any of our neighbors who may be doing damage to the lake through ignorance

or lack of concern by creating conditions that have potential for allowing pollutants to enter the water.

The **Lower Long Lake Foundation** is in the process of preparing for a second solicitation. We must let people know that we exist in order to receive land and money donations. With our tax exempt status, anything given to us is fully tax deductible. As of right now, we have had 19 donations, all money, totaling \$9575.00. Keep spreading the word!

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Wisconsin Snowmobiling

As Lower Long Lake freezes, many activities will be available to entertain us through the winter. Lake safety must be considered at all times.



The Wisconsin DNR has more than 200,000 snowmobiles registered this winter to enjoy more than 25,000 miles of groomed trails. Many more miles will be covered by snowmobilers on lakes, roads and private trails. With the coming of snowmobile season, safety factors are of concern. The DNR offers snowmobile safety classes to anyone 11 years or older. The minimum cost is \$5.00 and the minimum class time is eight hours. Each class is designed to teach history, regulations and safety. Topics such as clothing, fueling, handling, transporting and accident avoidance are discussed. Some classes have both classroom time and outdoor snowmobile activities. Although there are no classes scheduled yet for Chippewa County, the DNR website at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org> provides class dates as they become available.

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to snowmobilers, the DNR suggests eleven safety rules to live by:

1. Do not drink and ride.
2. Do not speed - especially after sunset.
3. Always carry a first aid kit.
4. Avoid crossing unknown ice.
5. Dress appropriately with helmets, face shields and layered clothes.
6. Stay on marked trails.
7. Never travel alone.
8. Do not harass wildlife.
9. Do not interfere with other recreationists.
10. Respect private property and trail closures.
11. Keep current snowmobile registration.

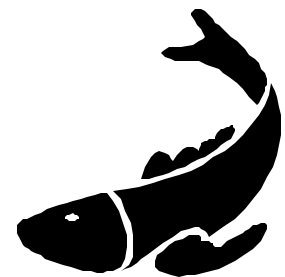
Maps of the Wisconsin snowmobile trails are available at various local establishments, and trails are all very well marked by the DNR and local snowmobiling clubs. Have a wonderful, safe and exciting winter!

In addition to recommending safety classes

Fishing Report

The DNR claims that more than one quarter of Wisconsin fishing is done when the lakes are frozen. As Lower Long Lake freezes, there are several things to consider in preparing for the ice fishing season. The rule of thumb suggested by the DNR is to check for four-inch thick ice. However, if you will be using a snowmobile or other vehicle to access your fishing spot, you might want to plan for more than four inches. In

addition to having current fishing regulations along on your adventure, you might want to keep handy some safety equipment such as a compass or ice picks joined by a string. Be sure to check weather reports before fishing so that you don't get caught in bad conditions. If you do become lost, however, use your compass to find your way off the lake. Have fun and enjoy fishing for Pan Fish, Walleye and Northern Pike this winter!



Although turnout was low for this year's annual meeting, many issues were discussed and resolved. Following is a copy of the meeting minutes. This is good information for people who did not attend, but we look forward to a greater turnout next year. Remember, this is your lake, and your input is very important to its future. We have committees, DNR information, activities and friends in the Lower Long Lake Protection and Rehabilitation district. If you have any

questions about becoming more involved in some aspect of the Lake Association, please call any member listed on the front page of this newsletter. If you prefer to support the lake silently, that is wonderful. We do hope, though, to see you at the picnic in the summer and the annual meeting in the spring. Lower Long Lake is a special place to be. Let's all work together to save it.

Annual Meeting

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