



# Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association (VCLRA) News

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## Presidential Pebbles and Pearls

As we approach a new season of enjoying and recreating on our lakes and waterways in Vilas County, we take pause to appreciate the truly wonderful gift of clean water that we all too often take for granted. It is no accident that lake associations and lake districts have organized over the last several decades in Vilas County. We lead the state in the number of lakes. We have also led the state in efforts to keep our waterways clean. In this newsletter, I will highlight organizational changes in the last year, summarized our upcoming joint county-wide lakes association workshop and address our need to be always vigilant at what is happening at the state as well as local levels to insure that our lakes and rivers remain of the highest quality.

In the last year, we changed our organization to the Vilas County Lakes & Rivers Association. This reflects the fact that the hundreds of miles of rivers and streams in Vilas County attract visitors and sportspersons from across the state and deserve our attention and efforts to maintain and improve them where possible for future generations.

We have also updated our website and I encourage you to log onto [www.vclra.us](http://www.vclra.us). We have tried to make our website a resource for lake and river information and have provided links to get you the information you desire about these great resources.

Let me preface my following comments by saying that I am first and foremost an advocate for lakes and rivers. Any political ideologies, whether red or blue, that seek to threaten the future quality of our lakes and rivers for the benefit of a few at the expense of the majority will garner my complete attention. On the state level efforts to delay and dilute previously passed phosphorus legislation was fortunately held in check for the moment. Presumptive DNR permitting was approved. Generally, this means that if the DNR does not complete its permit review process within a given period of time (for most permits it is thirty days), the permit is automatically approved. And, the opportunity for public input to proposed legislation has been significantly restricted. The time period from the release of the text of a bill to the public hearing for the bill has been reduced, in some cases to less than a week. Also, the number of public hearings on a proposed bill has been reduced to a single hearing in several cases. So, it is imperative that we who value the quality of our water resources remain always vigilant to identify efforts that may threaten that which we in Wisconsin have worked hard to protect over the decades.

VCLRA partnered with Trees for Tomorrow and developed a Shoreland Class for middle school students. This class was presented to 27 Northland Pines Middle School Students in May. It was successful and we are working to make it even better for next year.

At the County-Wide Lakes Association Workshop to be held on June 15, 2012, (**more information in the newsletter**) VCLRA will be awarding several Blue Heron Stewardship Awards to individuals in the county who have worked hard to maintain or restore their lake property. At this workshop we will also be holding our annual meeting.

*Rollie Alger*, VCLRA President

# The UW Extension Lakes Webpage:

## An online resource for lake groups

By Quita Sheehan,

Vilas County Conservation Specialist

People who work with lake groups have a treasure trove of information available to them all in one place. Whether you are putting together a newsletter or trying to contact another lake group, you can find help on the UW Extension – Lakes Program webpage. Check it out at <http://www4.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/>.

This website is the home of the Wisconsin Lake List, which is a directory of over 1,000 lake groups and businesses. If you are trying to connect with lake group officers and volunteers who have “been there, done that” this is where you will find their contact information. You can search for groups by name, by county, or even by management activity. If the information about your lake group is accurate and up to date, others can learn about projects you have been involved with or find lake-related businesses in your area. Check it out at <http://www4.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/>

[lakelist/](#) to see if your lake group is on the list and the information is correct.

For those groups starting or maintaining a website the UW Extension-Lakes folks have created a great place to find technical information for webmasters. There are tutorials on designing and creating websites. There are links to search engines, downloads, and plug-ins. Once you have created a website there are resources for content. Check it out at <http://www4.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/editorscorner/web>

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If you are a newsletter editor searching for useful and up to date content for your lake group’s newsletters, this site is your best friend. There are articles and photos that you can reprint on a range of topics from Lake Ecology to the Economics of Water. You can also find handouts and booklets from a variety of sources on topics as varied as septic system care to preparing Lake Grants. If you can’t find what you need on the webpage, you will find contact information for the wonderfully helpful

UW Extension – Lakes staff. Check it out!

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## AIS early detection PSAs:

Vilas and Oneida County Invasive Species Coordinators are teaming up with local media outlets during June to remind lakefront property owners of the importance of helping to monitor lakes for the presence of suspicious or unusual plants. Early detection of invasive aquatic plants is critical to lower cost control efforts with more favora-

ble results than beginning control after the plants are well established and multiplying rapidly. Public service announcements will air on local television and radio stations and newspapers will print corresponding articles. The “media blitz” is expected to occur during most of June.

# Purple loosestrife bio-control project:

A multi-partner community effort has been launched to begin controlling purple loosestrife in the Eagle River area. The project will employ *Galerucella* beetles as biological control agents to reduce the growth and reproduction of plants established in the area.

The community project involves the partnership of the Eagle River Chain of Lakes Association (ERCLA), students from Northland Pines High School (NPHS), and the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation, Mapping, Forestry and Highway Departments.

During late summer of 2011, Ted Ritter solicited the help of ERCLA to search the 70 shoreline miles of the chained lakes for plants while they were in bloom. Vilas County Mapping Department used the data to create a map identifying areas of high concentration plants on portions of Voyageur and Catfish lakes, the thoroughfare between them and two islands in Catfish Lake. Other scattered sites in roadside ditches and lowlands throughout the Eagle River area are also known to contain purple loosestrife.

Sixteen NPHS students dug purple loosestrife roots on Wednesday, May 2 as part of the school's Earth Day recognition. The roots were then taken to the Vilas County Forestry / Highway Departments grounds on Highway 45 North where the students planted them in 50 pots. They were also fertilized, wrapped with fine mesh nets and placed in shallow pools of water where they

will grow to large plants.

Volunteers will collect 500 *Galerucella* beetles in early June from plants where a bio-control project has been underway the past several years. Ten beetles will be released in each netted pot and are expected to reproduce to approximately 50,000 beetles in six weeks.

"The beetle depends entirely on purple loosestrife plants for survival and reproduction," explained Ritter. "Having the ability to fly only short distances to other nearby host plants, the insects have proven not to be pests to other plants, animals or humans."

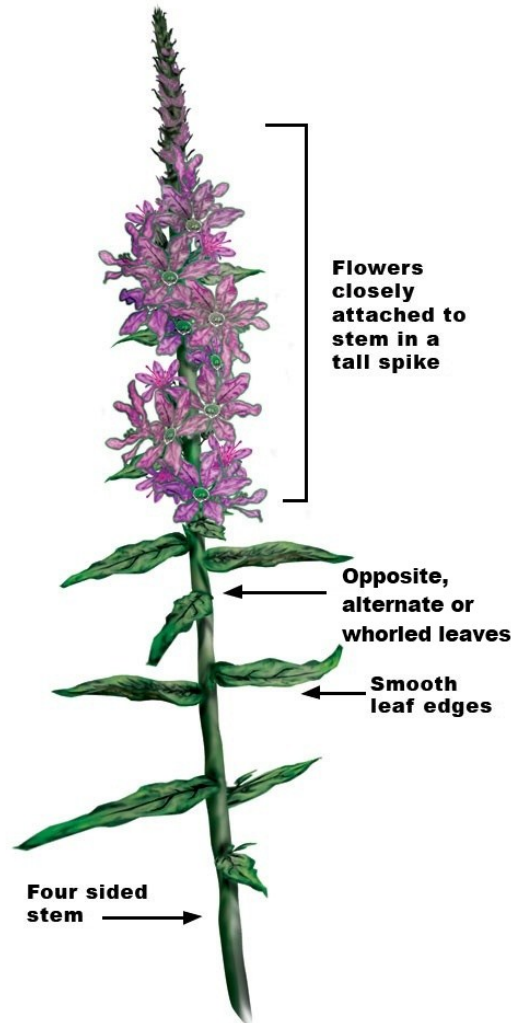
The beetles will have eaten most of the potted loosestrife plants by mid-July. Volunteers will then transport the netted pots and beetles to sites where the beetles will be released to control populations of purple loosestrife.

The beetles are expected to burrow into the root crowns of the plants during fall, then awaken next spring to continue reproducing and eating the leaves of their host plants.

"The damage caused to the plants by both larval stage and adult beetles prevent flowering and seed production," said Ritter. "It also reduces the ability of the plants to photosynthesize, further weakening the plants."

"Without purple loosestrife plants to live on, the insects die. This method of bio-control has been employed in Wisconsin for more than 10 years without adverse affects," he added.

Others contributing to the project include Boat Sport Marina, Nelson's Ace Hardware, Horant's Gardner's Gate, Hanson's Garden Village and Lorin Johnson.



# Anglers “Ice Your Catch” Campaign:

Laws requiring boaters to drain all on-board water and prohibiting the overland transport of live fish are not always well received by anglers who wish to take their fresh catch home alive and unspoiled. The Vilas and Oneida Invasive Species Coordinators believe anglers who anticipate travelling with live fish should be encouraged to have ice with them either in their boats or in their vehicles at the boat landings. Live fish on ice (without lake water) are considered dead and can be legally transported overland. With the assistance of the WDNR, laminated “Anglers, Ice Your Catch!” posters have been printed and are being distributed throughout Vilas and Oneida Counties to be posted on ice bins at bait shops, convenience stores, grocery stores and anywhere else ice is sold. The posters should begin appearing very soon as a pilot program in these two counties only. Consideration will be given to expanding the promotion state-wide after this summer season.

## Rusty Crayfish Public Forum: Thursday, May 31, 2012

Boulder Junction Town Hall

1:00pm – 3:30

Representatives of:

University of Notre Dame, Environmental Research Center, Land O’ Lakes, WI and

University of Wisconsin, Center for Limnology, Trout Lake Station, Boulder Junction

Will discuss topics including:

Annual crayfish population fluctuations

Native crayfish recovery following reductions in rusty populations

Significance of crayfish diseases in Vilas County lakes

Area lakes with ongoing crayfish research

Status of Sparkling Lake research

Answer audience questions about rusty crayfish and what, if anything, lake organizations can do to help manage this species



There is no cost to attend this event and reservations are not needed



# Painting Turtles or Insects on Rocks



## Grandparents Corner—Learning activity to do with your family

### Turtles, Ladybugs, Snails and Puppy Dog Tails

The Lake Superior shoreline contains many round and flat stones that are wonderful to paint and keep the grandkids busy for a time. However, any flat stone will work.

Materials needed: flat stone(s), paper, pencil, crayons, old nature magazines or any magazine with colored pictures of insects/animals, model paints & brushes (hardware stores sell Testor paints in a multicolor pack with brush cleaner), newspaper and lots of patience.

Wash the stone

Have the grandkids pick an insect or animal found around the lake. Ladybugs and turtles work well because they are round.

Find a picture of the insect or animal selected.

Select the stone to be used and have the child trace the shape of the stone on a piece of paper. Color the drawing with crayons matching the paint colors available.

Now this is the tough part since only one color can be applied to the stone at a time and allowed to dry (3-4 hours). Determine the order of colored paint application onto the stone (base color first and final detail color(s) last. For example if a ladybug is being painted: paint 75% of the stone red or orange and let dry. Then paint the head (25% left unpainted) black and place a black line from the head down the middle of the back to the tail end and let dry. If the spots are going to be black they can be painted at this time also. However, most kids want a colorful bug so the spots can be any color of their choice. Last, paint the eyes. Again, whatever color desired.

As a last step, have your grandchild place their name on the underside of the stone, or wherever or name the bug.

The stone can now be proudly placed in grandma or grandpa's flower garden.

## VCLRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL - 2012

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To apply for membership in **Vilas County Lakes & Rivers Association**, please submit **annual dues payment before June 1st**. Every individual, family, supporting, or lake organization board member will receive the VCLRA newsletter. Please make checks payable to **VILAS COUNTY LAKES and RIVERS ASSOCIATION (VCLRA)** and return, with completed form, to **VCLRA; P. O. Box 494; Eagle River, WI 54521-0494**.

Please check which type of membership you are applying or renewing:

\_\_\_ **Individual/Family \$25**    \_\_\_ **Lake Organization \$50**    \_\_\_ **Associate/Supporting \$75**

Provide permanent mailing address of Individual, Family or Supporting Memberships. Individual members will automatically be Key Contacts, if they have email. Lake associations and districts please indicate the name/address of a **Key Contact person, an officer or board member with email**. **Key Contacts are used for quickly transmitting pertinent or time sensitive information such as legislative updates or call-to-actions.**

For **Individual, Family and Associate/Supporting Memberships**, please complete Section A only and note your lake of residence and indicate if a lake association is established and its number of members. If you do not have email or do not wish to receive occasional Key Contact information, check here [    ].

For **Lake Organization Memberships**, complete Sections A & B below.

**Section A: PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY—Thank you. \* If you wish to receive our newsletter via email, Check (x) in the box after email address.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ph \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ fax \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail\* \_\_\_\_\_ (    )  
Name of Lake Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of individuals represented by your lake organization: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are applying or renewing a Lake Organization Membership, please submit the names and addresses of your organization officers and board of directors/commissioners. Each officer, director/commissioner will receive the newsletter. **If an officer/director/commissioner is the same as last year, and has no information changes, please enter "NC" for no change after their name. Please return by June 1st.**

### **Section B: PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY—Thank you.**

#### President/Chairman

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Vice-President

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Secretary

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#### Treasurer

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Place the names of additional Directors/Commissioners on a separate sheet. Thank you.

# VCLA Annual meeting: June 15, Election of Board of Directors

## Steve Budnik

After B.S. and M.S. Degrees from UW-LaCrosse, Steve worked as a manufacturing real estate appraiser for the WI Dept. of Revenue for 30 plus years prior to retirement in 2007. Since that time, Steve and his wife Kay have lived fulltime on Rock Lake in Winchester/Vilas County. Steve has been an active member of the Winchester Town Lakes Committee for three years and serves as a Vilas County delegate on the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. He also serves as a Rock Lake representative to the Turtle Lakes Chain Association. As an avid muskie fisherman, Steve is a past national president of Muskies, Inc. Steve is a lake monitor for the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network and is very much looking forward to his participation as a member of crew 9 for this year's Lake Leader Institute. In his spare time he is an outdoor writer-photographer; is learning to trap shoot; and manages to run 25 miles a week.

## Anne Kretschmann

Anne is the Water Specialist/ Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator at the North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters. Anne graduated from Prescott College in Prescott, AZ with a degree in Conservation Biology. Her dedication to the conservation of natural resources led Anne to work with a myriad of species (everything from mosquitos, to suckers, to eagles, to elk!) in Pennsylvania, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Michigan, and Wisconsin through employment with state game and fish departments, tribes, counties, state parks, universities, the National Forest Service, and non-profit organizations. Following graduate studies in Fisheries and Wildlife Management; and Geographic Information Systems at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Anne moved to the Northwoods where she joined the Discovery Center staff in 2011. She works closely with the Manitowish Waters Town Aquatic Invasive Species Partnership (TAISP), and is responsible for water related outreach programs at the NLDC including the Vilas County lake level monitoring program. When she's not poking around the waters and woods, you can find her in the garden!

## Carol Warden

Carol holds a M.S. in Water Resource Management for UW-Madison's, Nelson Institute. Since 2007, she has worked with UW Center for Limnology. From 2007-2010 she collected and analyzed water, plant and fish samples from the Madison area lakes to determine long-term trends and effects from human and natural impacts. Starting in 2010, she took a position as Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Specialist with the Center for Limnology at their Trout Lake research station in Vilas County. Over the last two years she has been researching the impacts AIS are having on our northern lakes and the rate at which they are spreading across our region. Another large component to her position is education and outreach. She regularly meets with the public and with students to teach them about the origin of AIS, how they got here, their impacts and management strategies for controlling these impacts.

Prior to her days as a limnologist she spent her youth swimming and boating around Wisconsin lakes. She then served in the U.S. Navy for five years as a photographer. Following that, she studied geography at UW-Madison, which all led her to here.

## Gretchen Watkins

Gretchen has been the water resource specialist/ hydrologist for the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Indians since 2004, and works closely with Lac du Flambeau Town Lakes Committee. The Reservation encompasses one of the premiere chains of lakes in Vilas County. She received her B.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and her M.S. in environmental engineering from Michigan Technological University. Gretchen develops sound scientific investigations to support management decisions to protect LdF water resources for the coming seven generations. Gretchen currently serves as VCLRA's newsletter producer. She also enjoys water sports, and just sitting by the edge of the water letting the hours pass by with her daughter Lena (6), son Norris (4), and husband Radley.

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### **Clyde Owens**

Clyde and his wife Joyce retired to their Alma Lake home in St. Germain in 1998, which they've owned since 1975. He was an Alma/Moon Lake protection and Rehabilitation District Board commissioner, served as chairman for four years and was a WAL convention delegate for the district. He was on the St. Germain Lakes Fair planning committee and is a Clean Boats/Clean Waters educator, fish and loon nesting habitat conservator, a weed identification monitor, and a lake water quality monitor. Clyde has served on the Vilas County Lakes Association / Board of Director from 2006-2010 and as Vice Chairman.

### **Jeff Currie**

Jeff and his wife, Ann, have lived on Nelson Lake since 2005 when he retired from teaching journalism and English at Oak Park and River Forest (IL) High School. He has been the communications volunteer for the Cloverland Town Lakes Committee since 2008, and is president of the Nelson Lake Homeowners Association. Jeff is secretary of the Vilas Area Silent Sports Association. Both Jeff and Ann are also officers of Great Headwaters Trails, a 501(c)(3) foundation developing a 40-mile family-friendly bike-ped trail system connecting Eagle River to St. Germain. Conover, Phelps, and Land O' Lakes.

# **Thank You,**

**for the Years of Service  
to VCLA,**

**Retiring Board Members-**

**Susan Knight**

**Dan Anderson**

**Carole Linn**

## ***How can VCLRA help your Lake Association?***

### ***How can we help?***

As a long-time lake association president (Finger Lake, Town of Washington), as well as the junior member of the Vilas County Lakes & Rivers Association (VCLRA) board, I can't help but to reflect about how my first year on the board has helped me become a better lake association president. In turn, this has led me to think about how VCLRA can better partner with Vilas County lake associations and help them grow more effective.

Lake Associations are an invaluable asset for protecting and preserving the magnificence of Wisconsin's many lakes and waterways. Because lake associations are typically made up of local lake residents and users, they represent a first line of defense to protect these resources, as well as a first responder to new threats. Collectively, lake associations provide an army of volunteers ready to deploy as needed to supplement the state's lake management efforts, whether the need is pulling exotic plants, collecting samples and monitoring conditions, removing litter and debris from beaches, or disseminating vital information about a new threat in a timely manner to lake users. Truly, Lake Associations in Wisconsin are the lifeblood of the lake stewardship movement in Wisconsin.

Given their vital role, how do we maintain the healthy network of lake associations, and encourage the formation of



## *How can VCLRA help your Lake Association? Continued*

new ones? (Only a fraction of our lakes have associations.) Perhaps this is where VCLRA can help. VCLRA's strength comes from key relationships we have developed with other state organizations, both private and government, and the deep experience and strong commitment our board members have in preserving, protecting, and enhancing our lakes and waterways. We take active positions in legislative matters that can impact our lakes, support the development of useful tools and resources (like the shoreland planting guide), encourage environmentally-friendly development of lake properties through our Blue Heron Shoreland Stewardship Award, get involved in staffing various outreach events (like the Clean Boat Clean Waters program, Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, and Loon Rangers) and actively engage students and teachers in the schools of Vilas County to promote awareness of lake issues.

We also have a keen interest in helping to strengthen lake associations in Vilas County. Some of the ways we can help include serving as a clearing house for information, speaker bureau, forum for sharing best practices/exchanging ideas (through our newsletter and website), source of expert advice on various issues, point of contact to other state resources, etc.

I'd like to encourage our readers to send us your success stories and other ideas to share that might help other lake associations become stronger. To get things rolling, here's an experience I had growing our lake association:

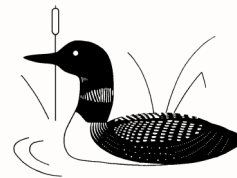
Like many lake associations, the one serving my lake was born out of conflict (a jet ski incident). We did a poll of our residents and found them divided on the need for an association. Some thought it was worthwhile, but others viewed lake associations with suspicion. It was formed nevertheless. Years later when I became president, I started a newsletter and put emphasis on awareness and communication about lake issues. However, based on annual meeting attendance (my barometer for enthusiasm for our lake association), building critical mass was a challenge. We had our share of dealing with various issues that resonated with one group or another (e.g., fisherman concerned about the walleye population), but the turning point for our organization was our project on the history of our lake region, which we took on to commemorate our lake association 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary a couple years back. This truly generated broad interest and participation. In a newsletter article written about the occasion, I wrote:

*"In further keeping with our *lake history* theme for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, some folks brought in old photos and other memorabilia, and we distributed the first draft of the *10th Anniversary Commemorative Report* on the history our lake. I found it fascinating to discuss our local history, and especially hear from some of the resident old timers who actually lived through some of it. Even our meeting location is steeped in some of this history, having served at one time as the local two-room school house built in 1924."*

What made the project special was having among our members the descendants of prominent figures that shaped the early history of the region. Annual meeting attendance jumped by 50% on our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we set another record the year after. Amazingly, attendance hasn't trailed off much since... Evidently, enthusiasm for the history initiative carried over to support for a broader lake stewardship mission, and now more recent discussions have focused on our aquatics survey, recent nesting attempts by loons, the quality of the last walleye spawn, etc. Finally, we had made it over the hump and come together as an organization focused on lake matters.

What's your success story or best practice that might be of help to other lake organizations? Please send your contributions to: [tomewingjr@aol.com](mailto:tomewingjr@aol.com)

# 2011 Blue Heron Award Winners



Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association (VCLRA) announces its 2011 Blue Heron Shoreline Stewardship Award Winners. Congratulations to Ralph and Vera Kerler, nominated by Little Crawling Stone Lake Association in Lac du Flambeau, Joe and Joyce Walta, nominated by Finger Lake Association in the Town of Washington and Peggy and Steve Arnold nominated by Armour Lake Association in Presque Isle. The awards will be presented at the VCLRA's Annual Meeting, June 15, 2012, held in conjunction with Wisconsin's North Central County Lakes Association Workshop. The Workshop is held at Nicolet College, Rhinelander from 9:00 to noon and awards will be presented after the educational program starting at 11:00 AM.

The purpose of the Blue Heron Award is to emphasize the importance of the shoreline and littoral zone to lake health. All of our winners offer a visual example of how it is possible to live on riparian property with minimal human impact. Therefore once again VCLRA wants to encourage lake associations and districts to nominate properties on their lakes for the 2012 Blue Heron Award. Nomination forms are available on the VCLRA website, [www.vclra.us](http://www.vclra.us), under "Blue Heron Shoreline Stewardship Award Program" or contact Sue Drum at [adrum@centurytel.net](mailto:adrum@centurytel.net) or 715-686-2655 with questions.

Once a property is nominated a team of lake specialists examine the property with the property owner and if possible with members of the lake association or district. The VCLRA team grades the lake property according to five key areas: **Driveway and Parking Area, Run-off from Structures and Health of Septic System, Yard and Recreation Area excluding the buffer zone, Buffer Zone extending 35 feet inland from the water, and the entire lot for degree of Human Impact.**

The Ralph and Vera Kerler property on Little Crawling Stone Lake was evaluated by Susan Knight, Gretchen Watkins, Norm Wetzel and Roberta Gast. The Joe and Joyce Walta property on Finger Lake was evaluated by Carolyn Scholl, Sandy Gillum, Tom Ewing and Rollie Alger. The Peg and Steve Arnold property was evaluated by Susan Knight, Sue and Alan Drum and Jim Brzezinski.

Each property owner was presented with their point scores in all five categories with praise for outstanding features and suggestions if improvements were needed. Everyone involved finds Blue Heron visits a great way to get to know association members and exchange ideas on lake stewardship.

Past and present lake shore owners who have been highlighted by the Blue Heron become ambassadors for lake health. Please nominate yourself or someone on your lake for the 2012 Blue Heron so VCLRA can continue to build a network of people and their examples of how to develop lakefront property and still maintain native ecosystems essential to lake health.



# Joint County-Wide Lakes Association Workshop:

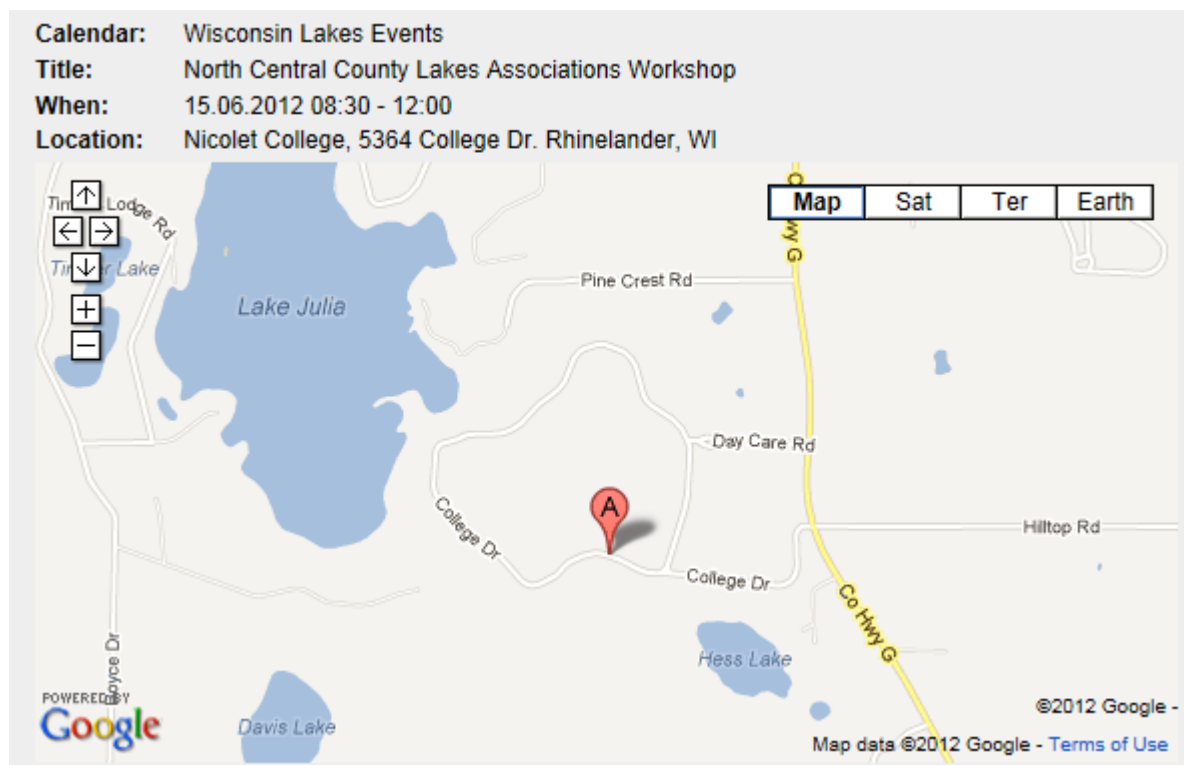
County-wide lake association workshop and VCLRA Annual meeting  
 Wisconsin Lakes North Central Counties Lakes Association Workshop  
 June 15, 2012

Wisconsin Lakes, an organization representing the 15,000 lakes of Wisconsin, is coordinating a workshop on June 15, 2012 for individuals and lakes associations from the north central counties of Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Oneida, Price, Taylor and **Vilas**. The workshop will be held at Nicolet College in Rhinelander, beginning with registration at 8:30 A.M. The **free workshop** will run from 9 AM to 11 AM. Topics will focus on the Impact of Lake Protection Efforts on Property Values and Early AIS Detection Lake Monitoring Teams, including identification, training and implementation. Beginning at 11 AM until noon, individual county-wide lake association will meet to formulate plans for the 2012 season. For additional information go to the Wisconsin Lakes Website: [wisconsinlakes.org](http://wisconsinlakes.org)

## Note:

Tables will be set up by Wisconsin Lakes, OCLRA, VCLRA, Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator, LoonWatch, WDNR & More

Nicolet College (5364 College Dr., Rhinelander, WI 54501 [on State Hwy 8 (south of Rhinelander) turn south unto Cty G and proceed approx. 1 mile]); June 15, 2012; 9:00 – Noon



## Mark your Calendar

**June 15, 2012; VCLRA Celebrating Lakes Day in Rhinelander**

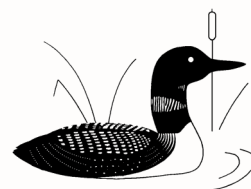
### **JOIN VCLRA TODAY! FORGET TO RENEW?**

Please find form on page 6 of this newsletter or go to our website and print the membership form at:

**<http://www.vcla.us/home/membership>**

and send in your membership:

**Individual/Family \$25 Lake Organization \$50 Associate/Supporting \$100**



**Your support helps protect lakes!**

## **Lake County Journal**

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