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ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 6

PINE VALLEY

LODGE

9:00AM

AQUATIC

SPECIMANS FOR

IDENTIFICATION

10:00AM

MEETING

Have you paid

our dues?

BECOME A MEMBER

IT'S YOUR LAKE!

Pres Prose

As I pen my final President's column, as I will be leaving this position after the 3 year maximum as mandated in our MCLA bylaws, I want to thank everyone in the association that has worked with me to improve our association during my tenure. Also, I want to encourage you to consider filling an MCLA board position. Actually, the two most time consuming board positions of secretary and treasurer have had volunteers step forward to offer their names in consideration for these positions. The two remaining positions where we still need nominees are President and Vice-President, so please consider offering your stewardship to our association and contact myself or Tom Cutler our nominations chairperson. On a different note I want to publicly thank Dan Carlson, El Felton and Gary Berweger for working hard all of the "Opening Day" weekend to get most all of the channel and rock markers in place for the season. Those of you that have been association members for some time have advised me that this is one of the earliest dates that this has been accomplished. And finally, as you have noted, I have started my columns with a piece of poetry that others have written and reflect the season of my column. As this is my final column, I leave you with a piece of original poetry that I wrote in a forlorn mood during an ice and sleet storm on May 2.

Birds of a Feather Know their Weather
The calendar said that spring had arrived,
Some thirty days ago
But the wind she blows cold,
And there's still snow in our woods,
So what does a calendar know?

*f I want to tag the seasons,
And know when the winter might end,
I won't use some worthless calendar,
I'll turn to my feathered friends.*

*The finches that play at my feeder,
Have put on their jackets of gold.
They seem to be telling me softly
There'll be no more winter or cold.*

*The Mallards are flying and mating
You hear them quacking all day
Translating to human language
Winter is over I'd say*

*Another seasonal lesson,
Comes from my friends the loons
Their haunting call in the morning
Predicts warmer weather soon*

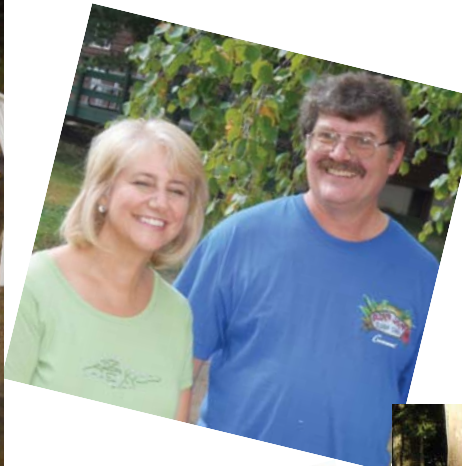
*So as I try to predict the seasons
My faith in my calendar ends.
I'd rather base my seasonal hopes
Upon my feathered friends.*

Have a great summer season and plan now to attend our annual meeting on July 6, at 10:00 am at the Pine Valley Lodge. Dan Kuzlik



Photo by: Bonnie Montgomery

PHOTO GALLERY



2012 Summer picnic @ Birchwood

Wha'sat?

SUMMARY:

- 2-14-12: SB472 Introduced by Senators Lasee & King. Co-sponsored by Representatives Tiffany, Steinke, Murtha, Listjens, Rivard, Jacque & Spanbauer.
- 2-22-12: Public hearing held
- 3-2-12: Passage recommended by Committee on Insurance and Housing.
- 3-13-12: Passed by Senate.
- 3-15-12: Passed by Assembly (53-28, 6 non-voting)
- 4-2-12: Enacted as 2011 WI Act 170 by Governor Walker.

What is it?

Completely changed the previous Shoreland CH NR115 standards which became law in November, 2010.

How?

Specifically, Act 170 says: "An ordinance enacted by a county, or village under general planning or zoning authority may not prohibit or limit, based on cost, the repair, maintenance, renovation or remodeling of an existing nonconforming structure".

That is:

For "non-conforming structures", local governments must offer an alternative non-cost limitation such as square footage or foot print cap. If no revision is made to conform to Act 170, there will be no limitations to repair, maintenance, renovation or remodeling of nonconforming structures (flood plane s. 87.30 excepted).

Also:

Act 170 "continues by prohibiting, counties, cities, or villages from enacting or enforcing provisions within a shoreland zoning ordinance regulating nonconforming structures or substandard lots in a more restrictive manner than the current state shoreland zoning standards in CH NR115 of the Wis. Adm.Code".

Comment:

Municipalities will no longer be able to regulate nonconforming structures and lots on a "cost basis". This changes the state minimum standards to maximum. In a sense, local control is removed and must enact standards less rigorous than they deem necessary to protect their shorelands. In the past, the state set minimum and local authorities set maximum standards. Cost basis is now illegal.



Dragonflies & Damselflies!

From Moonbeam's vast reference library you will learn (if you did not know already) that there are 450 species of Dragon flies and 46 species of damselflies in North America (6,500 species world wide). They both appeared 100 million years (the Carboniferous age) before the dinosaurs.

The order Odonata (from the Greek word "odon" meaning tooth) breaks into the two subspecies: Anisoptera (dragon flies) & Zygoptera (damselflies).

The two differ. The dragon fly is the larger (up to four inches) of the two. The damselfly is the smaller (1.5") & weaker flier and found around ponds. Both have three section (head, thorax and abdomen) bodies as well as four transparent wings, the rear wing being larger. Each species have individual colorations too numerous to mention here.

Each have extraordinarily large compound eyes made up of individual visual units. They also have three smaller individual eyes. Their sight is extremely sharp in just about all directions.

As mentioned above, the word "odon" means tooth. This refers to the large toothed jaws that consume mosquitos and midges by the thousands, always eating "on the fly", so to speak. Their flying defys belief. They fly in any direction. The only competitor is the Hummingbird which had not appeared on earth yet when the Dragonflies arrived. →

Below a few examples of their beauty:

1. SKIMMERS: Brightly colored bodies. In Wisconsin includes common whitetails, Widows, Green Jackets and Twelve Spots. (see header pic.)
2. Darners: Largest and best known fly. Green Darner is the classic.
3. Emeralds: Brown to yellow to black. Also called the Green-eyed skimmers.
4. Clubtails: Distinctive, enlarged abdominal end.
5. Cruisers: Also called River Skimmers.
6. Spiketails: Known as Biddies. Emerge early spring. Have spike-like tail.

Finally, the largest fossil of a dragon fly ever discovered had a wing span of 2.5 feet! Man, have they shrunk!



HUMMERS OR.....?

The Hummingbirds are here! And soon to follow will be another fascinating creature; the **white lined sphinx hummingbird moth**. This large moth, with a 2 ½ to 3 ½ inch wingspan, is frequently active during the day, and can easily be mistaken for a hummingbird at first glance. Like hummingbirds, these moths hover, beating their wings rapidly, while sipping nectar. They are terrific pollinators, zipping from flower to flower. And these moths can fly FAST—up to 30 miles per hour. They have a long proboscis, which they keep curled under their heads in flight, uncurling it to take in nectar. This hummingbird moth is particularly attracted to scented flowers, preferring brightly colored flowers during the day, paler colored at night, which are easier to see in the dark. A white lined sphinx hummingbird moth in action is a charming and fun sight to see, so keep an eye out!

Contributed by Bonnie Montgomery



WORMY THOUGHTS TO FISH BY

Time flies like an arrow, Fruit flies like a banana
 No matter how much you push the envelope,
 it will still be stationary
 Atheism is a non-prophet organization
 A backward poet writes inverse

Out going officers and Board of Director members:

- Dan Kuzlik, President for three years.
- Tom Cutler, Vice President for six years
- Bonnie Montgomery, Secretary for six years
- El Felton, Treasurer for six years.
- Sue Ohman, Board of Directors member for over ten years.

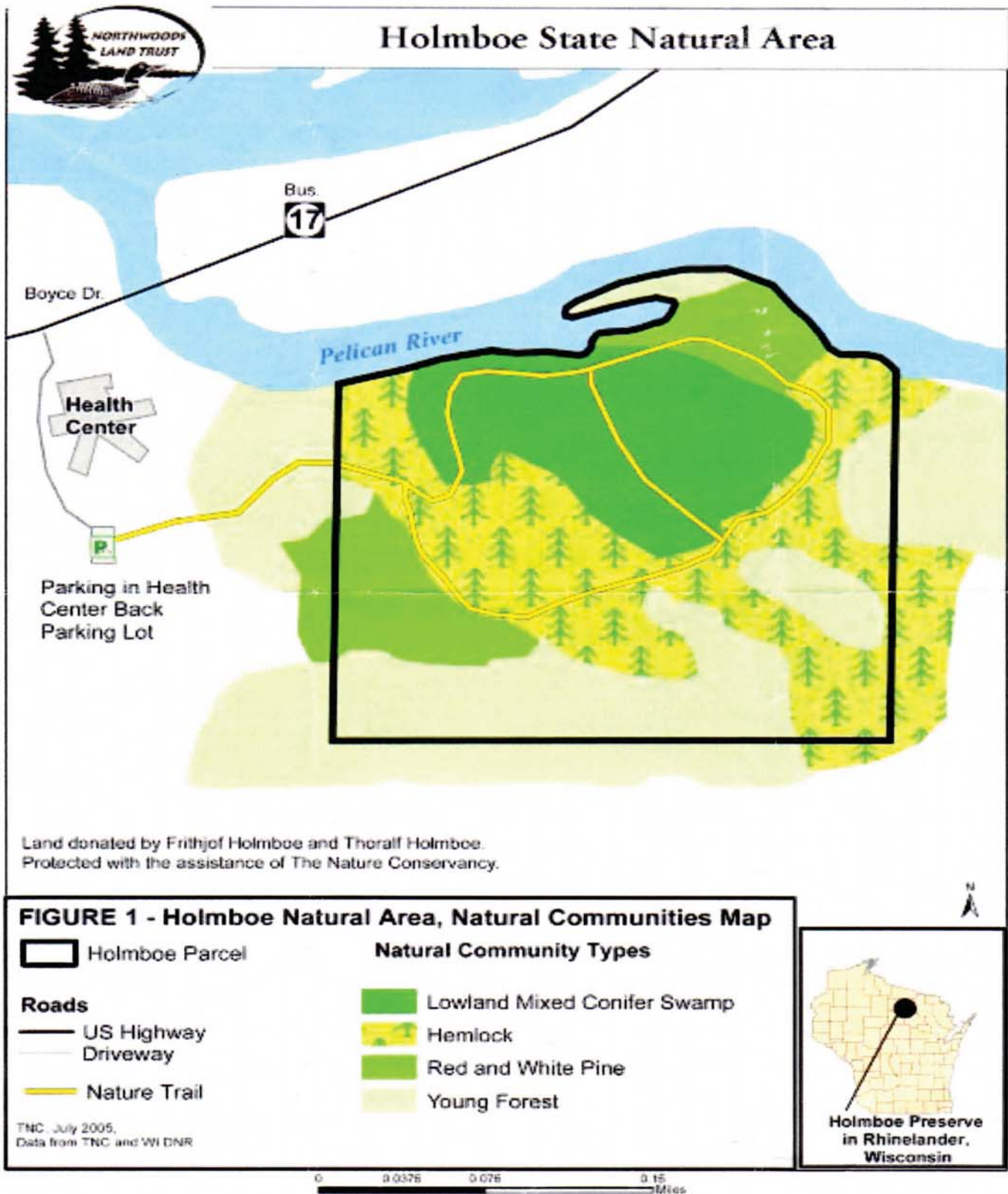
A special thanks to all those hard workers getting so many markers in, in time for the opening of fishing season. Carlso, Felton, Berweger and the Wilkins crew.

WELCOME!

Incoming officers:

- Gary Berweger, Treasurer
- Sally Latimer, Secretary
- Nancy Sattler, Board of Directors

The President's and Vice President's seats are still open. If you have any inclination to contribute to your Association, now would be a good time to come forward. The Association is at a crossroads. The Long Term Planning Committee, headed by Tom Cutler, has recommended sweeping changes in the future. Better representation on each lake. Better communication with our Webmaster as well as with our members in a number of different ways. Changes in committees and how they function and much more.



Do you like nature? Like a short walk back to the way Wisconsin was before the logging days?

Here is a small Holmboe Natural Preserve owned and managed by the Northwoods Land Trust. It is open to the public and is free; Free of commercial intervention, Free of crowds and has one of the last standing old growth Hemlock forests in the state.

Follow the health center's driveway east to the back of the center and follow the path to the preserve entrance. You, WILL LOVE it.