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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Nestled at the bottom of a steep driveway sits a grand white cottage, on the point between Rainbow and Sunset Lakes. This cottage has gracefully withstood many tests of time. Throughout its long life, many lucky individuals have called this point—now dubbed Our Point of View—home, and throughout the decades hundreds of friends and family have enjoyed a perfect summer day in its company. The cottage has not always had its current name, however, and neither have the lakes it stands amongst. This stately white building has a vast history of its own, and is situated on land thick with history.

“In all the world, no lakes like these!” is the catchphrase on countless advertisements surrounding the Chain O’ Lakes. One local newspaper from the 1940s boasts that the area has “50 miles of shoreline on 23 spring-fed lakes,” drawing in folks from all over the country. The Chain O’ Lakes has been, and still is, a very popular destination for families to spend a classic Wisconsin summer, with cottages and cabins now filling up the majority of the shoreline. For over a century people have been coming to this Chain to experience its unique geology and crystal clear lakes, which have their own history rooted in the glacial activity of the area many thousands of years ago. People first started to flock to this area thanks to a well-planned political maneuver. In 1871 Waupaca won the battle against numerous other towns for the right of the railroad going from Milwaukee to Ashland to pass through its downtown. Without this transportation, the bustling hubbub of action that takes place along the Chain may have never happened, and the second half of the Township of Farmington’s motto, “where rural life and tourism unite” would have been a sad joke.

Our Point of View was one of the first homes built on the Chain, and it is one of the few remaining veterans of this past era. It has also been the background of my own history. As my aunt and uncle are the current owners, many of my summers are spent there, kayaking and snorkeling through the amazingly clear water—though it should be noted that my aunt thinks of herself as more of its caretaker than its owner. Our Point of View is also the location for all family reunions, Christmases and other festivities. The magic of Christmas seems amplified within the antique walls: a potluck-style feast, trees decorated with ornaments as old as the cottage, family stories and jokes, and when we are lucky and the conditions are just right, we ice skate over the frozen, glassy lakes. The two fireplaces—one original and one new—warm up the space, which can be difficult at times due to the lack of insulation in the original, knotty pine walls.

Growing up I was surrounded by legends of this big old home, and I never knew the difference between what was true and what was lore. By sifting through the muddy waters of time, I was able to gain some insight into Our Point of View. When looking through the abstract of title for this particular plot of land—lots 17-19 within the Plat of Central Park—the list of names shows some interesting patterns. This land legally changed owners 24 times by 1900. Abraham Sherman first purchased it in 1854 from the United States government. Thereafter it went on to ping-pong between owners: Sherman sold it to the Smith family who sold it back to Sherman, who sold it back to Smith, and so on. One possible explanation for this near-constant changing of hands was for tax evasion. The Smith name lives on as the name of the road leading off of the highway and into this neighborhood. Even with the heavy influx of buyers and sellers, no building yet stood on this ideal plot of land.

The cottage that would come to be known as Our Point of View was built by Thomas Hyde in the era

of 1890, in its original location on the western shore of Sunset Lake, then called Hicks Lake after one of the area's first settlers, Roswell Hicks. Although this was one of the earliest homes on the Chain O' Lakes, Major R.N. Roberts built the first one in 1875. As the story goes, Hyde's daughter Winifred always appreciated Three Pine Point, the current name of the plot. Around the turn of the century, Hyde bought the land and moved his house across the frozen lake for Winifred's wedding present. A team of horses carefully pulled the house over ginormous logs to where it still stands today. Winifred and the Hyde family lived there, in what they called Hyde Park, for a number of decades.



Three Pine Point, courtesy of Bob and Mary Ann Wells

The next owner came in 1947. Leo Schubert, President of Neenah Menasha Papers, needed a place to schmooze his business partners. Sometime between Hyde and Schubert, Hicks Lake became Sunrise Lake and finally Sunset Lake. After Schubert bought Hyde Park, he re-

named it Holiday House. This seems to be where my family's legend of Our Point of View once functioning as a hotel originated. When looking at the cottage's top floor of six bedrooms and two bathrooms, this legend is quite believable. Though it seems unlikely this cottage was ever used as a public hotel, an original guest book from 1941-1948 proves that many people from all over the country stayed here for a taste of the north woods, in what Schubert probably used as his private resort. Schubert is the one who closed in the originally open porch and built the boathouse that functions to this day. He also bought what still seasonally resides in the boathouse, a 1947 Chris Craft Deluxe Sport Runabout.

Following Schubert were the Althiers, the family that changed the cottage's name to Our Point of View. A few years later the parents of my aunt, Don and Ann Neitzel, bought the cottage from the Althiers on a whim. Ann always loved this cottage, and one day Don finally nudged her to ask the Althiers if they would sell it to them... and the answer was yes! The Neitzel family moved in on Labor Day weekend of 1972. At that time the first floor had a main room, kitchen, dining area and enclosed porch. Not much changed until 1982 when this family built a self-sufficient, apartment-like addition on the back for the aging Neitzels, with a second kitchen, living space, bathroom, and master bedroom. This addition modernized the structure, but is hidden from view when looking at the cottage from Sunset Lake. In 2004 my aunt and uncle officially bought the cottage they had loved for over 30 years. They kept the name and did not change much beyond a few functional items such as a new roof, cork floors, and some more efficient windows.



Hyde Park, courtesy of Bob and Mary Ann Wells

For over a century this big white house has maintained its aura of antiquity. In an age when it is more common for people to buy, bulldoze, and build, it really is a testament of its worth that Our Point of View has not succumbed to this fate like so many of its original neighbors. When out for a boat ride on the Chain, this trend is very evident. Many plots of land are filled to the brim with newly constructed homes, while original, modest family cottages are becoming a thing of the past.

How much has changed from Hyde Park to Our Point of View? All things considered, not very much. The Point once named for its pines is still covered in them, perhaps even with relatives from the original namesake trees. This cottage has survived both world wars and every war after, has witnessed the advent of modern technology such as the television and the Internet, and has been enjoyed by countless individuals. So how has this one small slice of Wisconsin managed to stay true to itself in the face of relentless transformation? It was not a matter of luck or a happy accident. It is thanks to a conscious, collective effort of all who are a part of its past and present to preserve its legacy for the next generation. Owners took their responsibility seriously, and trusted that whomever they sold it to would continue to fulfill that duty. My point of view on Our Point of View is positive and hopeful. A little love goes a long way! I hope that all who visit this area can learn from those who cared for this cottage that it is possible to protect what you love, even if it may seem unlikely.

Olivia Stinemetz, the author, is a sophomore at UW-Madison and the niece of Association members Bob and Mary Ann Wells.

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GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT UNDERBERG

Welcome to 2014! Last year was a busy year for the Association. Board members, in conjunction with Lake District representatives, the Chairmen of Dayton and Farmington and the Waupaca County Parks and Recreation Department worked on ways to address public facilities and parking around the Chain. This Department approved changing the annual boat launch pass location from a trailer to being affixed to the driver's side of the windshield of a vehicle. This will allow for additional use of the landings and controlled parking areas by people launching without a trailer. Parks and Recreation will continue to work with Dayton and Farmington regarding parking and public facilities.

I appointed a Board committee to study the existing water skiing hours. This committee provided a recommendation on possible changes to the existing hours at the January Board meeting. Skiing hours are regulated by ordinances of Dayton and Farmington Townships and any proposed changes would be presented to their Boards for consideration, denial or adoption. More information follows.

The Board approved entering into a contract with Mark Polebitski of Skis Webdesign to design and host the Association website, waupacachaino-lakesassociation.com. The Association lost its

original host and hopes to have the new updated website in place this spring. If you have suggestions regarding website information, contact website committee members Phil Peterson or Joe Udoni, whose information is in the *Who's HOO*.

Early last year the Waupaca County Shoreland Zoning Advisory Committee was established to review the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for compliance with new State regulations and to discuss other possible Ordinance changes. Association members served on this Committee. A public hearing was held in January before the Ordinance was presented to the County Board. I will ask a representative of the Waupaca County Zoning Office to attend our Annual Meeting to explain major changes and the land use permit process.

Thanks to those who volunteered at the Taylor Lake boat landing. I encourage all members to volunteer and to help control invasive species. Control is critical to the health of the Chain O'Lakes system. Also, I urge you to consider a tax deductible contribution to the Chain O'Lakes Foundation, whose goals are to assist in efforts to protect and to improve the Chain O'Lakes. Checks should be made payable to **Chain O'Lakes Foundation** and mailed to Bob Ellis, Treasurer, E1228 Pine Tree Point, Waupaca, WI 54981. Please attend the **Annual Association Meeting, 9:00 am, June 21, Marden Memorial Center, Wisconsin Veterans Home in King**.

YOUR 2014 MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

PROPOSED SKI HOUR CHANGES - In an 8 to 6 vote, the Association Board voted to present the following proposed extended ski hours to Dayton and Farmington Townships: 10 AM to 8 PM*, Mondays through Fridays, and 9 AM to 4 PM, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Ski hours currently total 48 per week. If adopted, the proposed extended times would add 16 more hours per week for skiing, tubing and wake boarding activities, and would result in 16 less hours for quiet activities such as fishing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding and swimming on Rainbow, Round, Columbia and Long. The existing ski hours are over 50 percent of available daylight hours during the ski season. The 2010 Association ski hours survey showed an overwhelming response by members for the same or more restrictive ski hours. **Please note that extending ski hours to 8 PM violates Wisconsin statutes as sunset, which statutes set as the latest legal time, occurs prior to 8 PM by mid August in Waupaca.*

Not all Association Board members were privileged to know details of the proposal before it was presented at the January Board meeting and did not receive a copy of the proposal as presented to Dayton and Farmington Townships. When the Association proposal was given to these Townships, a joint Board meeting was scheduled. At this meeting the combined Boards could deny the proposal or could decide to go forward with it. Moving forward would require a public hearing where these Boards would listen to public comments. If, after public comment and discussion by the combined Boards, they were to accept the proposal, the extended ski hours could have been adopted and in place by summer.

The Lake District did NOT propose extending ski hours, but did put water ski hours on its February Board meeting agenda and received public input on this issue. An Association board member asked that the proposal be returned for further study. Therefore, the District took no action. Dayton and Farmington Townships, at their combined Board meeting, removed water ski hours from the agenda and therefore took no action.

The DNR has spent considerable funds and effort stocking the lakes with fingerling walleyes. It is continuing to monitor fish populations and to explore better management for pan fishery. The Chain's DNR representatives have expressed strong concern over the proposed extended ski hours. They stated that the biggest issue with the proposal is the conflict with fisherman and other recreational enthusiasts enjoying quiet activities, and they stressed that **there must be a balance between all users.**

Annual Membership or Five-Year Membership - Annual dues are \$25 per year for a family or co-owner. A property owner may choose a five-year membership at a cost of \$100, a savings of \$25 over the five-year period. For those who own more than one lake property and want an additional membership and *WHO'S HOO* directory listing, dues are the same, \$25 for one year or \$100 for five years per additional property. Please indicate your choice on the membership form. Checks should be made payable to **Waupaca Chain O' Lakes Association**. Membership dues are used for publishing the newsletter and membership directory, updating and replacing the name/address arrow signs and the lake signs, and implementing various lake projects.

Five-Year Members and Wingspan Property Owners - If you have a five-year membership or you are a Wingspan owner, **do not** return your membership form unless there is a change in your information. The five-year members list is included on a separate ivory-colored sheet for your reference.

The **Sign Request** section of the membership form is for new members who do not have signs and for current members who have changes in ownership names. If you have a correct sign, **DO NOT** fill out this section. **Membership and sign information must be received by April 1 for WHO'S HOO inclusion and for summer sign installation. Please note the NEW DEADLINE date.**

Who's Hoo Directory - Before completing the enclosed membership form, review your current *WHO'S HOO* listing and email address, if applicable. If any of your information is new or changed since last year, highlight, underline or otherwise indicate it on your membership form. Do not cut the form. Directory information includes lake address, two phone numbers, lake where your property is located and an email address. You may choose to exclude any portion of your information by **circling** it. Please note that your email address will not be shared with any other organization or business. The *Who's HOO* is distributed in late spring by Neighborhood Chairpersons to members.

Name/Address Arrow Signs - As old signboards

deteriorate, the Sign Committee will replace them with more durable boards. **Each property will have one address arrow, and ONLY Association Members' names will be placed on new signboards.** Co-owners may choose to have two or possibly three last names, depending on name length. If more than one name is requested, each party must be a current Association member. First initials will not be included on multiple name arrows, and letters may be smaller than single name arrows.

BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2014-2017

Association By-Laws state that the election of Directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting and that the Board shall nominate candidates to fill Board vacancies. Nominees for the 2014-2017 term are: Dick Conover, Kay Ellis, John Hebbring, Margie Metzger, Gary Prell and Barry Tomaras. Any five Association members may nominate an additional candidate by submitting a written nomination to the Executive Secretary by May 21. If the election is contested, candidate names will appear on ballots provided at the Meeting.

COTTAGE MEMORIES BOOK AND CD

Our Cottages & Memories, published in 2009, was a huge success due to owners who took the time to write their stories and those on the History Committee who worked so diligently to get the book published. Due to demand a second book publishing was done and a companion DVD was created. Both are available at Katie McCann's, Taylor Lake Marine, Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Marketplace and at our Annual Meeting, or you may call Mary Ann Wells directly at 715-459-6955. The book is \$25 and the DVD is \$10. If more than one copy of the book and/or DVD are purchased, the prices will be \$22 and \$8.

Because additional cottage memories have been received, Committee Co-Chairpersons Mary Ann and Sarah Krueger are preparing to print a second book! This is your **final opportunity** to share your stories, pictures and memories about your cottage and/or the beautiful Chain. Pictures will be returned upon request. **The deadline for submitting your information is Saturday, June 21, 2014, the same day as the Annual Meeting.**

You may email your cottage information to Mary Ann or Sarah, whose contact information is in the *Who's HOO*, or you may bring a hard copy to the Meeting.

CHAIN SANITARY DISTRICT NEWS

The Chain O'Lakes Sanitary District (COLSD) will soon be turning 40. Throughout the years the collection system has performed exceptionally well, keeping Chain waters clean and adding greatly to property values. This system was well designed and has received many improvements over the years. It is operated by 24 large and 24 smaller pumps and each pump has an electronic monitor and a warning light. Electrical power failure is the enemy. Contrary to the usual red light warning, the pump stations have green lights. **Yes, a green light means a problem exists. If you see a green light anywhere around the Chain, immediately call the COLSD number 715-258-9200, which is listed in the phonebook and on page 5 of the *Who's HOO*. You will be directed to the sewer emergency number, which is 715-258-2770.** Do NOT call the Sheriff's office. The COLSD Board thanks Al Gruer for his 16+ years of service and welcomes Jed DeYoung as its newest member. Other Board members are Bob Ellis, President, and Jim Larson, Secretary. Ruth Woodward, District Administrator, Jeff Galbraith, Resident Engineer, and Bill Woolsey, District Inspector, round out the team.

LAKE DISTRICT NEWS

The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King recently made significant changes to its storm water outfall systems into Rainbow and George Lakes. Three large metal corrugated structures were buried underground at different locations throughout the Home grounds to slow down storm water flow. Sediment will settle to the bottom of these structures where it will get pumped out as needed. The old outfall into Lake George was removed and replaced with a new outfall several hundred feet to the southwest. The bottom of the new outfall was lined with rip rap to slow down the flow of water, decreasing the disturbance of silt at the bottom of the lake.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Boat Inspections - 175 Hours were spent inspecting boats at the Taylor Lake landing. About half the hours were from volunteers and the other half, by the Clean Boats/Clean Waters representative. More than 475

boats were inspected. The District thanks all boat landing volunteers for their support in protecting the lakes!

Volunteer hours are a critical component of any future DNR grant awards, which pay for the treatment of aquatic invasive species in the lakes. For every volunteer hour, the District receives a \$12.00 credit from the DNR as an in kind payment towards the grant. Volunteer hours are 9:30-noon or noon-2:30 on weekends and holidays. In addition to inspecting boats entering and exiting the boat landing, volunteers have the opportunity to provide boaters with educational pamphlets created by the District and the Association. These pamphlets contain invasive species information, a Chain map, boater safety regulations, ski rules and ski hours. Please volunteer for the 2014 season by contacting any District Board member. Their contact information is in the *Who's HOO*.

Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed were treated again last summer and the post treatment surveys show that the results were very successful. Stantec will continue to monitor Chain invasive species. The spring evaluation may reveal that the traditional application may not be needed except in specific areas. **Purple Loosestrife** has made a comeback and several areas around the Chain have significant infestations. The treatment involves special beetles that eat only purple loosestrife. When the loosestrife is gone, the beetles die. Beetles have been placed on the Chain in past years with very positive results. Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council will be in charge of providing beetle-raising equipment to volunteers, who are again needed. At the end of the project Golden Sands will pick up all of the supplied materials. If you are willing to raise beetles, please contact any Lake District board member.

WHY ARE RAIN GARDENS IMPORTANT?

Rain gardens are small areas designed to capture rainwater and to filter pollutants, such as lawn fertilizer, pesticides, pet waste, gas and oil, before these pollutants reach the lakes. Without filtration these pollutants can end up in Chain waters. The Waupaca County Land and Water Conservation Department will assist shoreland homeowners with proper rain garden location and design, and will suggest plants for specific sites. Grant mon-

ey is available to pay for 70% of the total cost of preparation and installation, including plants, up to a maximum of \$500 for qualified sites. If you are interested in applying for a grant, please contact the Department at 715-258-6245 or download an application at www.co.waupaca.wi.us. Under the Environment heading, click on Rain Garden Application.

ZONING PERMIT PROCEDURE

If you are considering building a new structure, modifying an existing one, or adding or changing landscaping, you must contact the Waupaca County Planning and Zoning Office, 715-258-6255, before beginning any construction or landscape project. A representative from this Office will discuss possible options, any related permit and fee and will visit your property, if required, to verify conditions. The fee for an after-the-fact permit request will be double the initial fee, and the property owner may be required to remove all or a portion of what has already been completed.

TAKING CARE OF YOUR WHITE PINES

Taking care of white pines is important for protection against pine sawyer beetles. These beetles, both adults and larvae, most commonly infest felled, stressed, diseased, or dead trees, not healthy ones. Adult pine sawyer beetles are cylindrical, hard-shelled, and sometimes colored in contrasting bands, spots, or stripes. These beetles are commonly referred to as long-horned beetles because their antennae are usually at least half as long as the body. The larval stages of the beetle have no legs, are white to yellowish in color, and are fleshy and round bodied.



*Adult Pine Sawyer Beetle,
courtesy of WI DNR*

White pines like to be nourished with sunshine and water and to be left undisturbed. If a drought occurs, they need about an inch of water each week. Deeper watering is better than frequent light watering. The needles and leaves that fall and cover the roots help keep the soil cool and moist. Do not

disturb the soil and the surrounding ground cover or excavate inside the drip line of the tree. If you must rake around the pines, compost the leaves and needles and provide a replacement for the natural ground cover such as bark mulch or wood chips. Avoid “volcano mulching” by leaving the mulch lower around the trunk and not up to the bark. Use no more than three to four inches of mulch at a time. These suggestions will help keep your pines healthy, provide shade and cleaner air and improve Chain water quality. More information can be found at dnr.wi.gov.

LATEST DNR INFORMATION

What is the latest DNR legislation? In 2012 the Wisconsin Legislature revised the State’s wetland protection and permitting law and in December of 2013 the DNR obtained authority to issue citations for violations of this law under Wis. Stats, Ch. 281.36(14)(f). Now wetland violations may be enforced by a local district attorney. This is an enforcement tool the DNR has been requesting for years. Previously wetland violations had to be referred by the DNR to the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) for judicial enforcement. Now the DNR can use the same citation procedure for wetland violations that has had been available for navigable waterway violations under Wis. Stats, Ch. 30. Although the DNR still may refer enforcement violations to the DOJ, this new simplified procedure should result in more enforcement of wetland violations.

What can be placed in a riparian zone? Piers and moored boats must be placed in the riparian zone, which is the space in the water adjacent to a property owner’s shoreline. The number of boats allowed is based on shoreline footage, two for the first 50 feet and one for each additional full 50 feet. Only a waterfront property owner may place a pier. The waterway is public, but piers, boatlifts and related structures are the private property of the riparian. However, rafts are **not** considered private. Boat lifts, boat hoists and volleyball nets must be associated with or adjacent to a pier connected to the land and can remain in place year round only if they continue to be next to a pier. If a pier is removed seasonally, the hoist, lift or net also must be removed. Lifts, hoists and nets not associated with piers are considered miscellaneous structures and are subject to regulation under Wis. Stats. 30.12(1). Boat shelters are defined as structures without sides that provide cover for a watercraft. Temporary

boat shelters must be removed from the water by December 1 and cannot be placed back prior to April 1. Permanent boat shelters with permanent roofs require a DNR permit. **PLEASE NOTE: DNR Permit Applications must be sent to:** Department of Natural Resources, Waterway & Wetland Permit Intake - WT/3, P.O. Box 7185, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI 53703. If you have questions, please contact Scott Koehnke, Water Management Specialist, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 647 Lakeland Road, Shawano, WI 54166, 715-526-4232 or scott.koehnke@wisconsin.gov.

PATROLLING ON THE CHAIN

During the summer the Water Patrol issued 63 citations and 512 warnings. Did you know the DNR is on Chain waters along with the Water Patrol? DNR Wardens are there not only for boater safety, but to observe fish and shorelines and to respond to complaints. Ted Dremel, DNR Conservation Warden at Hartman Park, reports that reoccurring offences include: (1) not having a current boat registration, a valid registration decal displayed on the boat hull, or the boat’s registration card on the boat; (2) not having the proper number of life jackets on boats 16 feet and over, which are a wearable life jacket (PFD) for each person on board plus a throwable Type 4 PFD such as a boat cushion, life ring or horseshoe device; (3) moving DNR “no wake” or “shallow” buoys; (4) operating a boat faster than slow no wake especially during early morning; and (5) waterfowl hunting too close to a residence and discharging a firearm within 100 yards of a residence without permission of a property owner. The State fine for any one of these offenses ranges from \$180-200. **The Water Patrol number is 715-258-4466. You may call Warden Dremel at 715-258-4951 or you may call the anonymous DNR tip line, 1-800-TIP-WDNR.** Thank you to the DNR Wardens and the Sheriff’s Water Patrol Officers for their continued efforts to keep the Chain O’Lakes safe!

ARE YOU AWARE OF THIS?

***Slowly pulling a person on any device behind a motorboat on any no-wake lake is considered skiing and is NOT permitted.**

***It is illegal to operate a boat with a person riding on the bow, bow decking in front of the railing, side, seat backs, seats on raised decks or any other place where there may be a chance of falling overboard.**

NOAA WEATHER RADIO RECOMMENDED

A weather radio is a “smoke detector for severe weather and hazardous conditions.” Waupaca County recommends that every family and business have one. A NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards with an alarm and battery back-up is one of the best ways to protect your family. The alarm feature can wake you up during severe weather and can give you and your family time to seek appropriate shelter. The radio is a 24-hour source of weather forecasts, watches, warnings, and non-weather emergency information provided by the National Weather Service. If there is no severe weather, the radio can be switched to a silent stand-by mode. A radio with Specific Area Message Encoding technology allows you to program the radio to alarm only for hazardous conditions. There are two possible stations for this area of Waupaca County. One is at the frequency 162.525 MHZ from New London and the other is at the frequency 162.400 MHZ from Coloma. These radios are available at local stores. The cost starts around \$25.

A weather radio can be adapted to meet special needs such as those of the hearing impaired by providing a flashing light, bed shaker, or siren. Please visit www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/special_need.htm to learn more about the NOAA Weather Radio for the deaf or hearing impaired. If you have additional questions, please contact Andrew Carlin, Director, Waupaca County Emergency Management Department, at 715-258-4464 or andrew.carlin@co.waupaca.wi.us.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF ANAPLASMOSIS?

Anaplasmosis is a tickborne disease transmitted to humans by a tick bite primarily from the infected black-legged or deer tick, the same tick responsible for Lyme disease. In Wisconsin anaplasmosis occurs from spring through fall when ticks are active and is found more often in adults than in children. Symptoms generally begin within one to three weeks of a tick bite. However, it is possible that someone might not realize he or she was bitten. Therefore, it is extremely important to be aware of potential symptoms. Most people will experience fever, chills, severe headache and muscle aches. Less frequent symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, sudden appetite loss, acute weight loss, diarrhea, joint pain, cough, skin rash and mental confusion. Some individuals may have only mild or no symptoms. Treatment for adults and children of all ages is the antibiotic doxycycline. If not treated, this disease can become severe and may involve breathing difficulty, hemorrhage, renal failure, neurological problems and sometimes death. If you experience even one symptom or know you have been bitten by a tick, consult your physician!

The most effective way to avoid this disease is to avoid tick bites. When in potential tick-infested environments, wear a long sleeved shirt, long pants, socks and closed shoes. The shirt should be tucked into pants and pant legs, tucked into socks. Light-colored clothing will make ticks more visible. Walk in the center of trails to avoid brushing up against shrubs and tall grasses. Use repellants with 20-30% DEET or .5% permethrin. Conduct tick searches on your family after outdoor activities. Take a shower to remove repellant and any possible ticks. Prompt tick removal may reduce the chance of getting anaplasmosis. The best way to remove a tick is with tweezers. Grasp the tick as closely as possible where it is attached to the skin and pull firmly. If tweezers are not available, cover your fingers with a paper towel or rubber gloves. Avoid squeezing or puncturing the tick body as it may contain infectious fluids. Wash the bite area and your hands with soap and apply a disinfectant or antibiotic to the bite. If you have further questions, please contact Gail Schley, R.N. at Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services, gail.schley@co.waupaca.wi.us or 715-258-6398.

ANNUAL MEETING DATES

Dayton Township	Tuesday, April 15	7:00 pm	Dayton Town Hall
Farmington Township	Monday, April 21	7:00 pm	Farmington Town Hall
Chairpersons/Board Breakfast	Saturday, May 17	8:30 am	Clearwater Harbor
Lake Association	Saturday, June 21	9:00 am	Marden Center, Veterans Home
Lake District	Saturday, August 9	9:00 am	Marden Center, Veterans Home

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