

L.C.P.O.A. BOARD – meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. except December. All association members are welcome.

LODGE PHONE NUMBERS

Manager, 325-5031; Business Office, 325-5083
e-mail: lcpoa@scacable.com

LODGE HOURS

Winter hours – **ONLY** Sat & Sun. 9:00 am-5:00 PM
No Showers after 4 pm. Front desk closes @ 4:30.

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Summer, Mon thru Thurs. 10:00am -3:00pm
Winter, Mon & Wed. 10:00 am-2:00 pm

IN THIS ISSUE

Be sure to read this newsletter. You will find information about Building codes, Local Club activities, Library, Town of Rome, Important Telephone numbers, Burning Permits, and Special Events in the area. Become an informed Lake Camelot property owner.

L.C.P.O.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Back Away From That Squirt Gun

During this past summer we have received numerous complaints from individuals who were “soaked” by squirt guns. Even on warm days, there are many people who don’t want to get wet – for whatever reason. We should respect those wishes. Therefore, please do not squirt anyone on shore or in a boat unless they specifically say they want to be squirted. In other words, always assume someone does not want to be squirted unless they specifically say they want to. Thanks for your cooperation.

Special Board Meeting

Saturday, November 12 at 9:00 a.m., there will be a special LCPOA Board meeting to discuss the results of the survey and how it may effect changes to current Rules and Regulations, Lodge & Business operations. Thanks to many property owners for responding to the survey in July. Agenda: survey results; budget for next fiscal year. Everyone is welcome.

Zoning Ordinance in ROME

It has come to the LCPOA Board’s attention that the Lake Camelot Camping Rules have been in violation of the Town of Rome ordinances for R-1 zoning. R-1 zoning applies to the Lake Districts, and limits each property owner to one (1) camping unit per lot. This applies to **all** property owners in Lake Camelot. A copy of the Zoning Ordinance may be obtained on Town of Rome website www.romewi.com. Click on Local Government and Municipal Services; Click on Chapter 10, Zoning. R-1 is found on page 15 and Lakes District is found on page 20-21. You can also call the Rome Town Hall for more information.

Keep in mind that the LCPOA cannot be less restrictive than the town ordinance. Our new camping permits will have to reflect the changes the town has made.

OWNERSHIP AND ADDRESS CHANGES

In trying to have accurate records and mailings to the correct property owner, changes in information are important to the Lake Camelot Property Owners Association (LCPOA). If you sell your property, please be sure YOU, the new property owner contact the LCPOA with the information. Unfortunately, the Town of Rome, Adams County or attorneys do not automatically notify us. If you move, please place the lodge on your list of those to be notified. Also, if a property owner is no longer handling affairs for their property, please contact the LCPOA with that information.

From the Board Chair:

We have a lot of great things happening in our area. We just finished doing a membership survey and had some great feedback from you. The good news is that we are in the process of making some changes for the overall benefit of LCPOA.

You have elected a great team of board members. They have devoted many personal hours to checking things out, reading surveys, revising forms and looking at the electronic world. Please thank them for their dedication to make things better. They each have a positive outlook for our overall membership.

A first for LCPOA was to have an employee/board meeting where everyone had a chance to meet others. This meeting outlined some of the basics of customer service and also some changes in procedures. One of the changes being implemented now is the Complaint Form. Previously, security and board members were spending a lot of time following up on phone calls with no way to reach the party that expressed an issue. Members with a complaint will be given a form to be completed, signed and turned in. The Board Member in your area will follow up and must complete actions/responses within 30 days. Your complaint will be kept confidential in the office. This process will ensure consistency of responses for all members.

Successes that we've accomplished –

- Received one grant for \$100,000 for shoreline protection and/or buffer zones for property owners expressing an interest in 2005. If there is enough interest, we will apply for another grant in spring of 2006. A response for is at the end of this newsletter for indicating interest.
- Frolic in August was wonderful – thank you to all who attended, volunteered, and/or bought raffle tickets.
- LCPOA is in process of creating a website so you may access information faster and easier. Our website address is www.lakecamelot.org. If you would like to receive future Newsletters in electronic format, please complete the response form with your email address.

Volunteer opportunities are available to participate on committees for the Frolic, Beach Club and Camping. Please contact Roger Drey for the Camping Committee, Bruce Duellman for the Beach Club Committee or Dan Schneider/Terry Schroeder for the Frolic Committee by email or phone to the Business Office. Any one is welcome to participate on any of the committees. See notes in this newsletter for meeting dates.

Some of our members may be away for the winter months. If you would like to continue receiving your newsletter by mail, please be sure to let the business office

know your winter address. The postal service does not forward mailing for the Newsletter. **Our next newsletter is scheduled for March of 2006.**

CHRISTMAS IN ROME

It may seem a little early to plan for Christmas celebrations; however, the Rome Community Auxiliary and the Rome Sno-Bandits would like you to mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 3rd. That evening, beginning at 6:00 pm, bundle up and bring your family and friends to the Rome Town Hall where we will start the Christmas season by singing carols around our beautiful town tree. Soon, Santa will arrive to help the children light up the tree and all the festive decorations. Santa will then lead everyone into the hall, magically transformed into a wonderland by creative hands. Once inside, tasty treats, hot chocolate, and cider will be offered while friends and neighbors share in the spirit of the evening. Santa, of course, will listen to all the children's secret Christmas wishes and his elf will present each one with a special treat. This evening celebration began many years ago and has become a special community tradition. It was created so all of our community members could come together in bonding spirit to begin the Christmas season. We hope everyone will plan to continue the tradition as we look forward to seeing you on Dec. 3rd.

MONROE PRAIRIE ATV CLUB, INC.

Do you like to ride ATVs in Adams County? You are invited to join the Monroe Prairie ATV Club. You can be a part of a growing number of ATV riders who know how to make a good thing happen for our sport and have a fun time doing it. Along with maintaining the trails, we do litter pick-up on the trails and routes. Some of our members are Wisconsin Trail Ambassadors who help patrol the trails and routes in this area. Some of the planned activities include a Scavenger Hunt, Breakfast Ride, "Bear and Coon Hunt", An Over-Night Ride, and the Fall Rally. Our club promotes ATVing as a fun, family sport. We encourage everyone to ride responsibly. For more information, write to Monroe Prairie ATV Club, Inc. P.O. Box 26 Arkdale, WI 54613 or visit our website www.monroeprairieatvclub.com.

Submitted by Marge Lubecke, club member.

A HUGE ThankYou to the following businesses that donated for the Lake Camelot Frolic Raffle Prizes.

WHO TO CALL

To report or obtain information on:

LAKE LEVEL & WEED CONTROL -Tri-Lakes
325-3250

BUILDING PERMITS –LCPOA Approval needed
first. Forms Available at the Lodge. If you have questions,
call:

Town of Rome Building Commissioner 325-8012
Adams County Planning and Zoning (608) 339-4224

EMERGENCY – 9-1-1

Fire Dept. Non-emergency – 325-8015
Police Dept. Non-emergency – 325-8020
Adams Cty. Sheriff's Dept. 877-885-9977
Diggers Hotline 1-800-242-8511
WE Energies Gas Leak 1-800-261-LEAK
(non-emergency 1-800-242-4035)
Adams Columbia Elec. 1-800-831-8629
Loss of Power 1-888-928-2232

TOWN OF ROME

Assessor - M – F 8am - 4pm 325-8011
Building Inspector -M-F 8-10am 325-8012
Clerk M – F 8 am- 4 pm 325-8013
Highway Dept – M – F 8am-4pm 325-8017
Planning/Zoning - M – F 8am - Noon 325-8019
Treasurer - 325-8022

RECYCLING CENTER – 325-8021

Open ALL YEAR from 9:00 am-5:00 pm on
Mon.,Wed., Sat., and Sun.
Brush/compost – Last Sat. in April until 3rd Mon. in
November on Sat., Sun., & Mon. ONLY.
New appliance disposal charge - \$15.00 each.
Fluorescent bulbs, \$.50, Tires \$2.00, with rim \$4.00.
No brush/compost on Wed. – NO EXCEPTIONS
Compost materials – no charge. Recycling is mandatory.

Building Approval Process

When contemplating any type of building on your property, make the LCPOA your first stop. The Environmental and Architectural Committee (E & A) must first approve any structure before you begin building. LCPOA building and temporary shed permit approval forms are available at the Lodge front desk during Lodge business hours.” (look in this newsletter for information on Lodge hours). For any building other than a shed, 2 sets of construction plans, 2 sets of plot plans plus 2 LCPOA approval forms are required to be submitted before the E&A can process the request. The E&A committee requires 10 days after the receipt of plans for approval for processing. If there are no problems with the request, (remember to include a telephone number on the application) one complete set of approved plans will be taken to the Rome Municipal Building within the 10 day period. The process of obtaining building permits from the Town and Adams County can then continue.

Road Right-Of-Way

A reminder – the road right-of-way measures thirty-three feet on either side of the centerline of the road. It may include the shoulder and even the ditch in front of your home. The right-of-way must not be used for private purposes i.e. storage of boats or trailers, planting trees or shrubs, burning brush, or holiday decorations.

ROME SENIORS

The Rome Senior Citizens will meet at the Municipal Building on Wednesday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m. Following the business meeting, The Lakes Community Chorus under the direction of Norm Sylvester will give a concert.

The annual Christmas luncheon will be held at noon on Wednesday, December 14, at Friar Tucks. Contact President Ruth Schwabe at 325-6109 for further information.

Rome Sno-Bandits

The Rome Sno-Bandits had a very busy summer! Our Classic Car and Bike Show in June was a big success and our beer tent at the Taste of Rome in July satisfied many in the very hot weather.

Now that summer is winding down, our club looks forward to cleaning up our trails so that they will be ready for us once winter comes. And, we are hoping for LOTS of SNOW!!!!

We are also preparing for the Town of Rome tree lighting ceremony with special guest, Santa and his Elf, on Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00 PM, followed by a party in the town hall where the children visit with Santa, have cookies and a really fun time.

We invite anyone interested in finding out about our club to join us on the second Saturday of each month at Trails End Bar and Grill at 10:00AM. We welcome new members and would love to answer any of your questions.

Kathy Halverson Secretary, Rome Sno-Bandits

BEACH CLUB CLEANUP

All personal property and watercraft should have been removed from the beach clubs by October 15th. Anything remaining after that date was removed by the L.C.P.O.A. Such property may be reclaimed upon payment of service charge.

Pontoon or PowerBoat Removed - \$100.00 each.

All other watercraft removed - \$25.00 each

If a watercraft must be stored by the L.C.P.O.A. beyond one (1) day, the **monthly** charges will be:

Pontoon or powerboat storage - \$100.00/each

All other watercraft storage - \$25.00 each.

All screen houses and boat/car canopies must be removed by November 30th.

FROM THE LODGE

The boats and campers are stored away and the snowmobile enthusiasts and ice fishermen are gearing up for another season. The lodge has quieted down from the hustle-bustle of summer and will soon be transformed into a cozy, cheerful, holiday atmosphere for the many Christmas gatherings to come. As the summer came to a close, some were anxiously waiting to see if their submitted entry in the fishing contest would be a winner.

Congratulations to the following:

Large Mouth Bass	Kevin Guzlecki	19.5"
Small Mouth Bass	Jackson Kuehn	14.5"
Blue Gill	Kelsey Cannizzo	8.5"
Northern	Dan Guzlecki	29.5"
Bullhead	Zach Cannizzo	14.5"
Walleye	David Spaude	18"
Sunfish	Taylor Smith	7.25"
Perch	Mitchel Oleke	8.25"
Crappie	Tom Schider	12.75"

Remember, the lodge is open every Sat. and Sunday from 9-5. The coffee pot is always on, so stop in and say HI! From all of us to all of you, we wish you the merriest of Christmases and happiest of New Years.

REMINDERS

Outlots/Greenways (forested area between properties and in the Walden Area this includes the area between property lines and the water's edge)

No types of motorized vehicles, including ATVs and SNOWMOBILES, are permitted in any greenway.

No cutting, brushing or mowing of trees or underbrush is permitted in any greenway.

Waterfront Properties Waterfront/on-shore property owners own their property down to the water's edge. Using piers and the shoreline for fishing, shortcutting between properties or strolling without the owner's permission is considered trespassing.

ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

Do you.....

- Stay on the marked trails with your ATVs and snowmobiles?
- Stay out of the green areas and off the beach clubs of Camelot with any motorized vehicles? (including lawn mowers)
- Leave the greenways in a natural condition?
- Take your trash and yard clippings to the recycle center?

Remember, to **HAVE** good neighbors, you must **BE** a good neighbor.

ROMEMAKERS, HCE CLUB

The Romemakers HCE club is a Service and Education organization through Adams County U.W. Extension office. We are active in our community and beyond. We sponsor the SHARE Select Food Co-op Program to provide low cost high quality food to people in Rome. Every month, people can place an order for the food offered that month, and pick up their orders on the 3rd or 4th Sat. of the month at Woodland Lutheran Church. The Romemakers received the Service Award from the state HCE organization for our efforts in SHARE..Over the winter, with donations from the churches in Rome and others living here, we plan to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for families in need.

Educational opportunities are available throughout the year, and we are able to offer some workshops in the community. We will be working with the pre-school reading program at the library through the First Books program beginning in Fall. If you are interested in joining our group, please call Jeanne at 325-6244.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch is an all volunteer group, people willing to drive, walk, or bicycle in the area where they live and keep their eye out for trouble. The Police Dept. is happy to have the extra eyes and ears of the volunteers. Lake Camelot and Lake Sherwood Neighborhood Watch groups meet about on odd months, 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherwood Lodge downstairs meeting room. Our next meeting is Nov 14, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in being a part of the Neighborhood Watch is invited to come to the meeting.

Lake Camelot has a number of volunteers. We could use more people along Kingsway and Penhurst and also in the Walden Area. If you can help out, please call Jeanne at 325-6244. We will be happy to train you in what to watch for in your area. Thank you.

Woodland Lutheran Church

Pastor David Dahl 280 14th Ave. Rome 325-3686
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.– Communion every Sunday
Fellowship 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m. for Adults, and 1st Sunday of the month for children.

Quilters – anyone is welcome to join us with quiltmaking on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and Tuesdays of every month from 9 – 3. Come when you can, leave when you must.
Women's Bible Class – 3rd Monday of the month at 9:45 am

Family Nights meet at least once or twice a month. Call the church for more information about activities.

Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Eve Service
Sat. Dec. 24 – 5:00 Candlelite Service
Sun. Dec. 25 – 10:00 Christmas Day worship

Tri-Lakes Management District Report

This past summer's weather with many 90+ degree days and little or no rain were ideal conditions for weed and algae growth. Record amounts of weeds were removed by the harvesters: 180.4 tons from Upper Camelot, 77.8 tons from Walden and 455.7 tons from Lower Camelot. Due to the increased levels of weed growth each year, the Tri-Lakes budget for 2006 includes funding for two additional weeks of harvesting next year (through the end of September).

One of the advantages of harvesting weeds (as compared to chemical treatment) is that phosphorus that is present in the weeds is also removed from the lake along with the weeds. UWSP measures the amount of phosphorus present in our weeds. This year, 6,985 pounds of phosphorus was removed from all of Lake Camelot!

In addition to the weather conditions, phosphorus is the biggest contributor to weed and algae growth. **What can be done to improve the lake quality for next year?** You (and encourage your neighbors) can help by taking the following steps:

- 1) Install barley straw bags under your pier or along your shoreline. Watch for distribution of the bags by Tri-Lakes next April.
- 2) Avoid fertilizer within 35 feet of the shoreline and choose phosphorus-free fertilizer for other parts of your property. Just one pound of phosphorus results in 500 pounds of algae!
- 3) Reduce runoff into the lake by using rain barrels, rain gardens and porous materials for driveways, patios and parking areas.
- 4) Inspect and pump your septic system on a regular basis (at least every three years).
- 5) Restore a buffer of native vegetation along the shore. Don't know how to proceed? – contact Chris Murphy or Reesa Evans at the Adams County Land and Water Conservation Department (608-339-4275) for no-cost assistance. They can help you develop a plan (there also may be financial assistance available through Lake Protection Grants).
- 6) When cleaning up your yard in the fall, don't blow leaves into the lake. Once in the lake, they decompose – this process uses up oxygen which is not good for the fish population. Additionally, decomposed leaves are excellent nutrients for next year's weed growth.

Together, we can all make a difference!

Tri-Lakes is looking for additional part-time employees to operate the harvesters next season (late May through September). Our crew works an 8-hour shift – sign up to work 2,3,4 or 5 days per week. If you are interested,

please call the Tri-Lakes office at 325-3250 for additional information and to obtain an application.

When you get a chance, take a look at the new Tri-Lakes Management District's webpage. You'll find minutes from our board meetings, the Lake Management Plan and any recent notices concerning water level changes. We welcome any suggestions for improving it in the future! The web address is:

www.romewi.com/Local_Gov/tri_lakes.shtml.

Barb Herreid

SHERMALOT SKI TEAM

As you read this, the Shermalot Show Team has wrapped up our 30th season and cleaned and stored all our equipment. We had a very successful year with several "firsts" for our club. Through hard work and much fundraising, we were able to purchase our first triple rig towboat. This allowed us to progress to bigger and better acts in our show. For the first time in our history, we built a double four-high human pyramid we also pulled the largest pyramid in the team's history – 30 people strong!

Franklin Roosevelt once said "we must fill our children's time with activities that are exciting, interesting, and good for them or they will fill it with those that are exciting, interesting, and not good for them." For 30 years now, we have focused on healthy, family-oriented activities that have built many lifelong friendships, marriages, and entire families that share a bond beyond the sandy beaches and sunshine of the Town of Rome. This year was no exception: we provided exciting, safe healthy activities for the youth of northern Adams County.

We appreciate the support of our fans and look forward to many more years of entertaining audiences in the Town of Rome. We are already working on our show for next year and are looking for additional help. We need people to work on the dock, run our sound system, announce, sew and work with our costumes, and perform land skits. No water skiing experience is necessary! If you are interested, please contact us at www.shermalotshowteam.org or 715-325-3900.

Thanks again for a great summer and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

WILDFLOWERS , ETC .

by Shirley Pflederer

At our Plant Exchange in September we had an interesting discussion about lawns that I would like to share with you.

It seems we all have them. Several of our members fertilize their lawns with natural products. Lake friendly, they have little or no phosphorus (the middle number on the bag of fertilizer). Another advantage over chemical fertilizers is they are safe for pets.

Jon & Bonnie Haag use a brand called Lakeside Fertilizer. They apply the granular product with a lawn spreader and Bonnie dissolves it in water for sprinkling can use.

Milorganite, used by Don & Jeanne Osgood, is a product which is widely available. It's phosphorus number is "2". This "Made in Milwaukee" product has an added bonus - the deer don't like it.

Les Sholly uses corn gluten as an alternative to weed & feed or crabgrass preventer as it has anti-sprout properties. He applies it with a lawn spreader. Les cautions, "the lawn looks yellowish right after application."

Others have used a different approach to their lawns. Instead of seeding with bluegrass, Norm & Doris Abler and Mel & Dolores Meyer used "No Mow" grass, a blend of fescue grasses which are slow growing and require less water and fertilizer. It was fun hearing how seldom they mowed their lawns!

And some of us don't fertilize at all....

Are these products hard to find? Not at all. Green's Garden Center carries only "0" phosphorus fertilizers as well as "No Mow" and "Low Mow" grass seed. They also carry an assortment of native plants. Lakeside Fertilizer is sold at Fleet Farm. Corn Gluten is found at feed stores such as the Co-Ops in Wisconsin Rapids and Rudolph.

"0" phosphorus fertilizer is also available at the Adams County Tree Sale which is held at the fairgrounds the last Friday and Saturday of April. Native plants and shrubs are also available. Contact the Adams County Conservation Department at 608-339-4268 for order forms.

The drought conditions of this past summer highlight the need to do all we can to impact the quality of our lakes.

One way is our choice of lawn care products.

Wildflowers, etc. is a group of nature enthusiasts in the Town of Rome who have interests in natural gardening and wildlife. Planned events vary and entail visits to natural areas, tours of gardens, nurseries, speakers on natural gardening and related subjects. Membership is open to men and women of similar interests. For more information, please contact Barb Herreid at 715-325-2075 or email Jack & Shirley Pflederer at pfiledjack@juno.com.

Lake Arrowhead Information

The 7th Annual Golf to Benefit Cancer Research at Marshfield Clinic held Tuesday, August 23rd, welcomed 208 golfers on both the Lakes and the Pines golf courses. We are pleased to note over \$40,000 was raised for continued cancer research. Amazing! Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 22, 2006 when we'll host our 8th Annual Golf to Benefit Cancer Research . The 16th Annual Lake Arrowhead Craft Show was another big hit; hosted on Sat., September 3rd. We welcomed 92 vendors (a total of 123 craft booths) who displayed a wide variety of quality handmade craft items. We also had representatives from the Rome Dive & Rescue Team, Friends of the Library, Rome Community Progress Initiative Committee and the Rome Volunteer Fire Department. Many thanks to those who assisted the Show Committee. The Craft Show Committee is pleased to announce their 2005 donation recipients will be the Rome Fire Department, Rome Police Department, Rome Dive Team, Lester Public Library Foundation, Rome Community Fund, Golf to Benefit Cancer Research and the Adams County Food Pantry. In addition, the Craft Show Committee will also sponsor ten children over the Christmas holiday, purchasing gifts. This brings the Committee's total contributions over \$10,000 in community donations. Congratulations Committee!

As we now begin to look ahead, we'll plan for the winter tube hill, open to both members and friends of the community (charges applied). The winter tube hill operates on Saturdays and Sunday from Noon – 4:00pm. We also open during the holiday school break. The tube hill will only open if we have a snow base of at least six inches and temperatures and/or the chill factor are not below zero degrees. Call ahead to make sure we're open!

Your friends welcome you to join them to 'ring in the new year' on Dec. 31, 2005. We'll host a delicious dinner buffet followed by music and dancing. Rumours band will entertain all as we countdown to midnight and welcome 2006. Everyone welcome!

Plan to join us for SnoBlast "2006". Dates for this winterfest are: Feb.10-11-12. There will be Lawn Mower Races, dog sled rides, volleyball tournament, and a silent auction. Volunteers from the Tri-County Children's Dream Foundation will man the parking lot to solicit cash parking donations for the foundation. The parking donation is normally \$1 or whatever you would like to give. Please show your support.

We've revised the SnoBlast cash raffle awards to include more winners! Remember to purchase your raffle tickets before and during the event. Prizes this year are as follows: 1 - \$200, 1 - \$100, 4 - \$50, and 9 - \$25. Ticket costs are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

In closing, enjoy the fall/winter season here in the Town of Rome and remember to stop in and visit your friends at Lake Arrowhead, where you are always welcomed!

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Where did the Summer go? With Fall just around the corner, your Police Department continues to be busy.

As you know, the Town of Rome has a great deal of ATV activity. Individuals are coming from all over the state to enjoy Dyracuse Park and the Monroe Prairie ATV Trails. The Police Department responds as quickly as possible to ATV complaints from Rome residents. Many of the complaints deal with ATV's using the Town roads as trails and not access routes. When the Officers contact the individuals mis-using the Town roads, the situation is handled and when appropriate a Citation is issued.

The Police Department received a Grant for new software technology that increases the efficiency of obtaining information from the Department of Transportation and the processing of Citations. This new program is called TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software). This technology will allow Officers to complete and print Citations within their patrol car. This software also allows accident reports to be done electronically, which saves time and increases efficiency for the Officers and individuals involved in the accident.

The Police Department has received several calls from concerned neighbors of suspicious activity that has occurred on their neighbor's property already this year, and the "snow birds" haven't even left. The neighbors and friends the "snow birds" leave behind are very valuable in watching for any unexplained activity.

This brings with it the concern for security of our homes and campers. Please take time and look over your home to make sure it is secure. Vandalism and burglaries can happen in the best of neighborhoods and the Rome Community is not immune to them. Check to see that doors and windows are locked. A good security aid is lights on timers or motion lights.

Remember also, that although we do have a 24-hour, seven day a week Police Department, the Patrol Officers are not always in the office to answer the phone. If you have an emergency situation call 9-1-1.

There is an Administrative Assistant, located in the Rome Municipal Building, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. available to answer the telephone for the Police Department and get a message to the on-duty Patrol Officer right away if necessary. If during evening hours you would like to talk to a Police Officer and one is not available, leave a message on the answering machine and an Officer will contact you immediately upon hearing your message.

LAKE CAMELOT FROLIC

The 2005 frolic was a HUGE success and we are already planning for next year. The date has been set for August 19, 2006. We have secured the same Fireworks. The Band will be back as will the Shermalot Ski Team with Two (2) big, wonderful ski shows. The Rome Auxiliary will return with their brats, burgers and cheeseburgers. The Raffle will be bigger and better than ever, with many prizes. Mark the date on your calendar, and be prepared to come for a great day of fun! Watch for your raffle tickets in the mail in Spring.

LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Lake Arrowhead Community Chorus performed a Labor Day Weekend concert on Friday, Sept. 2 at the Lake Arrowhead Clubhouse. The theme was "No business Like Show Business (Part 3)" A repeat of most of this concert is scheduled for the Rome Seniors on Wed. Nov. 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Christmas music is now being rehearsed for the "Christmas Tree Lane" festival on Sun. Dec. 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pt. Edwards. The final concert for the season will be given on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. following a dinner at the Lake Arrowhead Clubhouse.

Rehearsals will resume on the first Wed. in May, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. at the Rome Town Hall. We welcome all people in Rome who like to sing to join us. The theme for the 2006 Labor Day Weekend concert is "Songs of Hope."

Norm Silvester, Director
325-2841

LCPOA Survey Results

A survey was included in the early summer 2005 newsletter, requesting input regarding the more frequent topics brought up by Lake Camelot property owners. We appreciate those who took the time to fill out and return the survey forms. Aside from a new LCPOA website, you will not see any changes resulting this year, but the board intends to act on many of the property owner recommendations for the coming season. We encourage all of our property owners to be involved by attending our monthly board meetings and providing us the direction we need to serve you well. The results are as follows:

<u>SURVEY SUMMARY</u>	Yes	No	%
Topic			
Satisfied with current Lodge hours	158	29	85
Satisfied with current Business Office hours	141	25	85
Should Utility Trailers remain on camper lots year round?	78	64	55
Should Screen Houses remain on camper lots year round?	65	90	42
Should Propane Tanks smaller than 100 pounds be allowed to remain on camper lots year round?	112	43	72
Should Propane Tanks larger than 100 pounds be allowed to remain on camper lots year round?	96	59	62
Should Decks with up to 2 steps be allowed to remain year round on camper lots?	117	44	73
Should Decks with 3 or more steps be allowed to remain year round on camper lots?	121	53	70
In favor of a LCPOA website?	110	56	66
Would you communicate with LCPOA via e-mail?	105	62	63
Number of members who would prefer the newsletter in electronic form versus hard copy mailed	62	105	37

In addition, the following comments were submitted along with the survey responses:

<u>Survey Comments</u>	Qty
Permanent residents want to store their camper on their side lot over the winter	1
Continue winter draw - down feels board should take a stand	3
Algae & weed control insufficient	1
Too many fireworks, too late, too much mess	4
Boat parking at beach clubs problems	2
Disallow camping after dump station closes for year unless campsite has a septic system	2
Junk left on camping lots	2
Burning garbage in burning barrels	1
Unattended campfires – fire danger	1
Roaming dogs	1
Want bike pathways along road	1
Want anti litter campaign	1
Lodge sponsored boat tours – lodge should make a boat available for rental	1
Seniors pushed out and forced to have their meetings at town hall	1
Remove everything from camper lots at end of season	2
Property owners should be able to cut dead trees on outlots – fire danger & mess	2
Convert lodge to restaurant/bar	2
Lodge should be profitable	1
Don't allow blue tarps on woodpiles	1
Don't relax current camper policies	2
Place bouys at no wake zones	1
Speed on channels & no wake bays	4
Need more info disseminated about oak wilt, especially new owners	1
Leave campers all year	9
Junk & clutter on homeowner lots	5
Hot coals barrel & outhouse at lodge	3
No camping permit required	4
24 hr access to lodge with keycard	1
Brush out the beach clubs – brush encroaching & reducing useable area	2
Water cannons have gotten out of control	1
Overzealous security guard	1

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TOWN OF ROME FIRE DEPARTMENT

Summer is over and I hope you all had a great summer! The fire department has been very busy these last few months attending the many festivals that went on during these past few months. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

As we all get ready for fall and winter this is a great time to check out your home and make sure you are fire safe. When we change time, change the batteries in your smoke detectors. If you need help give us a call and we will gladly schedule a time to come and help you. It is a good idea to have a fire extinguisher and to make sure it is current. Also, remember to have an exit plan from your home in case of fire and practice the plan. Don't forget to check your carbon monoxide detector.

With fall comes the time when everyone wants to get out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather by hiking or cleaning up their yards. Please remember that the burning of leaves and other yard debris is against the town's ordinances unless you have a permit from the Department of Natural Resources. Permits are available from Pritzl's. If you do burn please make sure you do it in a safe manner and when you are done make sure the fire is out. Remember, a smoldering fire is not out, it is still burning! Better yet don't burn. You can take your yard waste to the transfer site. There is no charge for this service.

As I write this article we are getting ready to put into service our newest piece of fire equipment. A new pumper manufactured by Pierce Fire Apparatus of Appleton, WI. Stop by and see it!

Are you aware of what it takes to be a firefighter/first responder? Are you interested in becoming one? Are you the type of person that wants to give back to your community and assist your fellow citizens in their hour of need? If you don't know the answer to these questions and want the answers call me, 325-8030!

We now have 36 members and are looking to increase our membership to 40. We train on Monday night at 6:00 pm. We have make up training on Wednesday night at 6:00 pm and on Saturday at 9:00 am. We will supply you with all your equipment; send you to Mid State Technical College for your entry-level firefighter training and 1st responder training. You will be paid \$9.00 an hour for training and special details and once certification is acquired a minimum of \$14.00 an hour for emergency calls depending on your qualifications. But more importantly you will have the satisfaction of helping your friends and neighbors in their time of need. Stop by and see what we are all about.

But most of all have a great fall and be safe!

Yours in Fire Safety,
John H. Frantz, Fire Chief

Look What's Happening at the Library

Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds!

The newly formed Friends of Library put on a kickoff picnic this past June to help get children ready for reading at the Rome library. Many families enjoyed games, food, prizes and fingerprinting. This summer's performers amused adults and children on a weekly basis. Our first performer Hardy the Story Guy took his audience on wonderful adventures where princesses and dragons through fairy tales and animated storytelling. Reed Marionettes gave adults and children alike a really cool look at the behind the scenes workings of puppetry – classical and high-tech puppets at our second performance. Children were intrigued by Rondini the magician when the rabbit appeared out of nowhere and fellow students performed acts of magic at the third event. A special outdoor program was held at the South Lake Center, courtesy of the Lake Arrowhead Assoc. where the Atwood Players performed the play, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Students were so mesmerized by the role playing they asked many great questions about the books by C.S. Lewis. Our last performer of daring deeds was John Crystal of Park Institute where everyone present learned the discipline of Tae Kwon Do. Our final program was the presentation of reading awards and certificates. Some of our top readers and their families accomplished reading over 400 books and spent many hours reading. Congratulations! We finished the Summer Library Program with a picnic and treats provided by our staff and volunteers. We would like to thank all our volunteers and sponsors for making the Summer Library program so much fun. Thank you.

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Mark your Calendar - Upcoming Events

1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Preschool Story Hour, First Books presented by the Romemakers 10:30 am. All children ages 3 and up are invited to come and enjoy storytelling, crafts, music and much more. Programs are held on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month through May 2006.

Introductory Computer classes will be offered at the Lester Public Library of Rome beginning November 14, 2005. All classes are hands-on instruction and designed for novice computer users.

November 14 – Computer Basics from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

November 14 – Computer Basics from 3:00 – 5:00 pm

November 15 – Computer Basics from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

November 16 – Yahoo Email from 9:00 – 11:00 am

November 16 – Yahoo Email from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

November 17 – Microsoft Word from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

November 18 – Internet Basics from 9:00 – 11:00 am

November 18 – Internet Basics from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

December 3rd – Friends of the Library meeting 12:30 pm; light lunch and decorating the library for the holidays, contact the library for more information.

Patrons asked to contribute to '60 Books Project' at Rome Library

For the next 10 months, patrons of the Lester Public Library of Rome have the opportunity to participate in a special book art, writing, and journaling project called "60 Books." Created for the Wisconsin Book Festival by the Bone Folders' Guild (a book arts group based in Madison), the project features 60 blank books, one of which has been distributed to each SCLS member library as part of the 2005 Wisconsin Book Festival (held Oct. 13-17, 2005).

Until Aug. 15, 2006, the books will be available for checkout by library patrons, who are encouraged to write in these books, and to draw, paint, collage, etc. – in short, to use the books as a journal. Subsequent patrons will add their own stories, drawings, and so forth, creating a community-wide collaborative work of art. This is an exciting and unique opportunity for our patrons to share their talents and creative expression with the entire community. The books also will serve as a living record of our community at this point in time.

For more information about the project, or how you can participate, contact Lore at the library. More information about the Wisconsin Book Festival is available at www.wisconsinbookfestival.org, and you can read more about the Bone Folders' Guild at www.valleyridgeartstudio.com/bone_folders/.

Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 – 5 pm; Tuesday & Thursday 10 – 7 pm; and Saturday 9-Noon.

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Changing Leaf Colors, Changing Forest Fire Danger

The largest forest fire in Wisconsin since 1980 occurred on May 5, 2005. The Cottonville Fire blackened 3,410 acres of forestland, destroyed 30 residences (9 primary and 21 secondary/seasonal), and 60 other outbuildings. It burned a swath approximately 7 miles long and 1.5 miles wide. The forward progress of the fire was stopped just north of Beaver Avenue. The fire started in the Town of Preston, burned through the Town of Big Flats, and crossed into the Town of Colburn before the fire was contained.

Fall is typically the second busiest time of year for forest fire control personnel in Wisconsin (spring is the busiest). As of September 30th, 203 forest fires have burned over 3790 acres in the DNR Wisconsin Rapids Area. Less than 30 percent of all forest fires this year are the result of people burning brush piles and/or failing to completely extinguish when they were done. In the month of July alone, 29 forest fires occurred throughout the area because of the lack of rainfall. For current DNR fire statistics and fire danger level, please visit http://workplan.org/forestry/FireReport/Public/Reports/WDNR-Fire_Report.asp. To learn more about the DNR Fire Management program visit <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/Fire/index.htm>.

Area residents, visitors, and recreators are reminded to use extra caution when conducting any outdoor burning. Individuals who wish to burn leaves, brush, and paper need to obtain an outdoor burning permit whenever the ground is not completely snow covered. The burning permit allows individuals to burn from 6:00 PM until midnight, except Sundays and holidays. **Burning permits will not be issued on Thanksgiving Day.** DNR burning permits are required in all unincorporated areas of southern Wood County, all of Adams County and the majority of Juneau County. **This includes the entire Town of Rome.** Burning permits are free of charge and can be obtained from your local DNR office, ranger station, or Emergency Fire Warden. **In the Town of Rome, Pritzl's, Lake Arrowhead Lodge and Lake Camelot Lodge issue burning permits.**

Individuals who conduct outdoor burning not only need to obtain the proper permit, they need to make sure they never leave the fire unattended. Numerous forest fires result every year from unattended burning operations or from burn piles and campfires that were not completely extinguished. A shovel and water go a long way toward preventing forest fires every year. **A campfire or burn pile that is still "smoking a little" or just "smoldering" is NOT completely extinguished.**

Only clean paper, untreated and unpainted wood, cardboard, brush, leaves, and needles can be legally burned with a burning permit.

Many people have the misconception that if they are burning in their fire ring or fire pit, they do not need a burning permit. "That is not necessarily true!" say Forest Ranger Brian Luebke. "Campfires," which burn *only* clean dry firewood, do not require a burning permit and are allowed at any time, except during emergency forest fire regulations. This exemption from burning permits applies to fires *solely* set and used for the purpose of a cooking or warming fire. Remember, bonfires, trash fires, or burning leaves, needles, and brush are not campfires. **If you plan burn the leaves and twigs raked up from around the yard, you need a burning permit...even if you are doing your burning within your campfire ring.**

Individuals should consider alternative methods of disposal. Composting, recycling, and chipping are all alternatives to burning that are much safer, reduce air pollution, and are probably time savers in the long run.

Careless outdoor burning, although the leading cause of forest fires in Wisconsin, is not the only cause. Fall means that hunters are out in force in the wooded areas and extra caution needs to be exercised by these individuals also. All campfires should be completely extinguished prior to leaving camp and should ***never be left unattended***. Smoking materials should be appropriately discarded and spark arrestors on ATVs and chainsaws should be checked to make sure they are working properly. Vehicles with catalytic converters can also ignite forest fires if parked in an area where vegetation comes in direct contact with the catalytic converter. Inspect your vehicle to make sure all heat shields are in place and chose a parking area devoid of dry vegetation to reduce the chances of igniting a fire.

Whether it's a very small fire or a catastrophic fire such as the Cottonville Fire, Smokey Bear's reminder, "Only you can prevent wildfires," still remains true today.

Brian Luebke, Forest Ranger

ACE HARDWARE	2350 8TH ST. SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
BADGER MARINE	715 HWY. 73 SO.	NEKOOSA	WI
BAKER STREET GRILL	1716 BAKER STREET	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
BRUCE DUELLMAN	704 SHERMAN AVE.	SO. MILWAUKEE	WI
CULVER'S FAMILY RESTAURANT	2711 8TH ST. SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
DANNY K'S PUB AND GRILL	950 W. GRAND AVE.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
EBBE REALTY	384 ST. HWY. 13	NEKOOSA	WI
EVENSON'S MARINE LLC	590 CTY. RD. Z	NEKOOSA	WI
GALLES MARINE	2321 8TH STREET SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
GREENWAY RV SALES	8220 HWY 13 SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
HOMESTEAD GOLF COURSE	3372 ST. HWY 13 NO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
JAN ISENSEE	1009 LONG COURT	SPARTA	WI
JAN TISCHENDORF	969 KINGS WAY	NEKOOSA	WI
JIM AND KAREN GARITY	1066 CARRIGE WAY	PALMYRA	WI
KELLY'S LIQUOR STORE	2131 8TH STREET SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
L.S.P.O.A.	1146 W. QUEENS WAY	NEKOOSA	WI
LAKE COUNTRY RV	964 ST.HWY. 73 SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
MARLENE EBERT	949 CTY. HWY. D	NEKOOSA	WI
MEDDAUGH FOREST PRODUCTS		NEKOOSA	WI
MIKE O'BRIAN	3020 SO. 149TH STREET	NEW BERLIN	WI
MIST'S MENU	9041 HWY. 13 SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
NPESB	405 MARKET STREET	NEKOOSA	WI
PRITZL'S CORNER MART	251 ST. HWY. 13	NEKOOSA	WI
QUIMBY'S VEGETABLE BARN	976 HWY. 13	ARKDALE	WI
REYNOLD'S HARDWARE	325 ST. HWY. 13	NEKOOSA	WI
SES ELECTRICAL CENTER	3443 BROOKS RD	OSHKOSH	WI
SHUTTER'S GARDEN CENTER	706 HWY. 73 SO.	NEKOOSA	WI
SPOT IN THE WOODS	1940 17TH COURT	FRIENDSHIP	WI
SPRANGER'S BULIDING CENTER	6511 HWY. 13 SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
STAPLE'S OFFICE SUPPLY	2211 8TH STREET SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
THE RIDGES	2311 GRIFFITH AVE.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
THE TOOL SHED	927 HUNTINGTON AVE.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
TIMBERLINE ARCHERY & LIVE BAIT	8131 HWY 13 SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
TIME OUT SPORTS BAR AND GRILL	481 RUBY AVE.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI
TRAILS END BAR AND GRILL	1497 ALPINE DRIVE	NEKOOSA	WI
WAL MART	4331 8TH STREET SO.	WISCONSIN RAPIDS	WI

WHY DO LAKES NEED PLANTS?

For water quality: Aquatic plants reduce water flow & muffle wave action, resulting in settling out of sediments & prevention of re-suspension of sediments in the water. Rooted aquatic plants help keep soft sediment from re-suspension. Vegetation near a shoreline, especially emergent vegetation, reduces wave action on the shore and reduces the amount of shore erosion. Plants produce oxygen and absorb runoff such as sediment, nitrogen & phosphorus.

For the fish & other animals: Lakes with aquatic plants produce more food sources for fish. Many fish, including bass and bluegills, depend on aquatic plants for refuge/hiding and as a source of both invertebrate & fish prey. Invertebrates that feed on aquatic plants also provide food for various fish types. Several fish, such as northern pike and yellow perch, lay their eggs on aquatic plants. The type of aquatic plant communities a lake supports affect the type of fish a lake can support. Other animals use shoreline plants for nesting and cover. A diverse population of aquatic plants provides food for waterfowl & shorebirds and near-shore habitat for many fish. Many mammals also feed on aquatic plants.

Balance: The important factor is balance. A lake with a plant population over 85% in the littoral (shore & shallow areas) area will reduce the number of fish & related animal populations and may also interfere with boating, swimming & other aquatic recreation. The keys to a healthy lake are to maintain a plant population at 25%-85% of the littoral zone and to try to manage/reduce the overgrowth of plants and the invasion of aquatic species that may throw the system off balance.

For more information, contact the Adams County Land & Water Conservation Dept
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(City, state and zip)

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I would be interested in knowing more about:
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