



# SHERWOOD CRIER

## LSPOA PRESIDENTS NOTES



28 October 2023 by Craig Gerlach

Greetings,

*Change is inevitable, Growth is optional...*

I hope all is well with our members as we transition into the wonderful winter months with excitement and enthusiasm for Wisconsin winter activities. The colors around the lake have been stunning! With the days becoming shorter, the snowfall is right around the corner. There has been significant chatter as of late regarding the leasing of the Sherwood Lodge. Additionally, there have been many rumors that simply are just that - rumors. We are not selling the lodge! Leadership and management of the lodge have been a topic of conversation for many years. The board continues to look at all options regarding continuous improvement strategies to offer the best experience in the Town of Rome for dining and entertainment. Leasing the Lodge to a private vendor may or may not be the right option. As a board we are in the process of making that decision.

*Change is inevitable, Growth is optional...*

Over the past year, the management structure has changed several times. We need to continue looking at options that will be beneficial for our members, the community, AND our staff. Moving forward, Morgan (Ferk) Belke will take over as the Lodge Manager unless a leasing option is decided. Michelle Feldbruegge is stepping down as the Lodge Manager and will continue serving as the LSPOA Office Manager. Thank you, Michelle, for your service and dedication to the Sherwood Lodge over the past several years. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

*Change is inevitable, Growth is optional...*

Thank you, members, for being supportive as we grow. Please get involved with our association and continue to recruit your neighbors to become members. Your voices are always welcomed and appreciated at our board meetings.

A big shout to our kitchen, bar, and service team for continuing to show up and provide great service to our patrons. We could not move forward and grow without you.

Gratefully,  
Craig Gerlach, LSPOA Board President

FALL/WINTER  
2023/2024



### THE LOWER HALL & PAVILLION IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT.

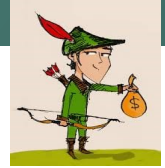
GREAT FOR ANY GATHERING AND EVENT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR. 30-DAY NOTICE REQUIRED.

CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS BEFORE IT IS BOOKED

(715) 325-2636



# FROM THE TREASURER



**"A budget is telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went."**

DAVE RAMSEY

© IMPRINTS

Financials to date for 2023 are good. We are showing a profit thus far and our management is committed to following through and maintaining the financials in the black for 2023. We have had several increases to the menu as you all know, as well as shortened menus. These increases are driven by costs of goods from our suppliers. We do make every effort to keep our pricing in line and competitive.

Over the spring and summer we made several improvements to our property. The buildings all were painted. It has been many years since the lodge has been painted/stained. In fact, no one could tell me the last time it was painted. This task was completed this summer along with the garage and shed.

The deck is now 3 years old. Treated wood normally has a 1-year waiting period before it can be painted or stained. The deck was painted after 1 year, but then left alone until this year when all the deck, included in the painting were the railings and stairs. I like the tones selected.

The Pavilion was painted as well, both the exterior and interior, including the underside of the roof and trusses. The intent is to make the pavilion brighter and therefore much more inviting for gatherings and celebrations. The electrical, interior lighting, exterior lighting, and an enclosure is still under consideration. The Pavilion has been put to good use several times this year for all of the above and more.

The Independence Day Celebration was a huge success this past year. Every venue we presented was a success. We received many great compliments on the celebration and on all the venues we offered. LSPOA appreciates the donations from our members, supporters, and staff that worked tirelessly this year to make this event the success it was. I would also like to thank the Town of Rome Police and Fire departments for supporting the event and keeping us all safe. A thank you to Adams County and Tri-Lakes for allowing the fireworks access to the lake. And the Nekoosa Football team for their effort in keeping our grounds clean. Thank you all so much!

Employment is, and continues to be, our main cause for concern. We are not immune to the trials of hiring and retaining good employees. The staff we have is commendable for hanging through a very busy summer. We continue to look for good employees to complement our very respectable staff.

Lease: yes, we are investigating leasing the bar/restaurant business to be operated in the existing lodge building. We are not selling the property. We looked at the possibility of leasing this last year as well but could not find anyone that was committed. To date we have retained an attorney firm and are drafting a base lease to be used for this event.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Geib – Treasurer LSPOA



The Rome Pickleball Club has announced their Winter hours. Play will be held at the Rome Town Hall as follows: Monday-1:00 to 3:00 for gentle play. On Tuesday through Friday open play is scheduled from 8:30 to 10:00 and advanced play from 10:00 to 11:30. For more information or to schedule a free lesson contact Ron Blair at [ronbarb-blair@gmail.com](mailto:ronbarb-blair@gmail.com)

# NEWS FROM THE MANAGERS

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Hello Sherwood Customers,

It has been a great year so far financially. We had a very busy summer. I want to Thank you. We couldn't of done it without you, are customers and staff.

Many changes will be taking place here at Lake Sherwood Lodge. Many rumors have been going around lately. Just a few words on the subject, the Board is in the process of having a lease written up by a lawyer with the possibility of new management leasing the business only. The property, building, and its contents will remain ownership to LSPOA. No decisions have been made.

I have made the decision to step away from the Manager Position. This wasn't an easy decision, but after long hours of consideration, my decision is now final. I made this decision, due to health reasons and the stress of this position has taking a toll on me. Also I am unhappy with the options that were presented to me, certain situations that have become very frustrating and disappointing to me. Because of the continuing distress the situations has caused me it has effected my desire to be here as Lodge Manager. I can hold my head up high and proudly say I have tried my best to manage this business. It has been the hardest job I have ever done in my life. I can say the one thing I have learned working here is that you can not please everyone. The shortness of staff and our staff who has been working here, works hard. Patience is needed from the customers who do not understand that. I feel have accomplish so much in the years I have been here, from the kitchen remodel, deck, beer cooler, organization of cooler and storage areas, floors, tables/chairs, and numerous repairs through out the entire lodge to make it a better environment for the customers and the employees. Many of the items are not known to the customers but it does make the work environment easier for the staff to work so our customers can enjoy themselves. While I regret the circumstances under which I am leaving, I have loved my job and I will look back on my time here with some wonderful memories. I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity the business has provided me. Working here has been incredibly instrumental in my personal growth, and I will never forget the employees and friends I have made here, you are like family to me.

Have a safe and Happy Holidays.....Michelle

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From the kitchen: Hi Everyone,

Thank you for the great summer season. I have been out having a heart valve replaced. I am ready to come back soon. Who would of thought I would miss this place. I would like to thank everyone from the kitchen for stepping up while I was gone.

Now comes the time of the year where we can look back on thins. We will be looking at the menu and our specials. There might be some changes for the new year.

I hope everyone have a safe holiday season. We are in need of more motivated people to join our team.

Holly Braaten

Kitchen Manager

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What a great summer it was. I'm so thankful for all of our loyal customers and our awesome staff for making this season a great turn out. We could not have done it without everyone. I look forward to seeing everyone this winter. Stay tuned for all the exciting things that are going to be happening! Happy Holidays to everyone!

We are open everyday at 11am, serving great food, drinks, and conversation. We will have great daily specials you must come, see and taste. We are planning some great events, specials, and music this year. Stay updated by looking at our **Facebook page daily or our website at [www.lakesherwoodlodge.com](http://www.lakesherwoodlodge.com)**  
Remember we are always looking for help.

Morgan  
Manager

## Winter 2024 Newsletter Articles

Nov 2023 – February 2024

### LPOA Scholarship Recipients and 2024 Scholarship Information

Congratulations once again to the following recipients of a \$1,000 Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association Scholarship for the 2023/2024 School Year:

**Autumn Knoop**, granddaughter of John and Diane Betz, attending Wake Forest University.

**Ava Endres**, granddaughter of Gerald Klahn, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Rebecca Tran**, daughter of Jayson Tran, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Sylvia Lindloff**, granddaughter of Jack and Gerri Lindloff, attending the College of DuPage.

Through these individuals' hard work and determination, they have proven to be students that LSPOA wants to recognize.

The Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association is a community organization that works to enhance its community. The Scholarship Program provides an opportunity to assist LSPOA dues paying members and their children/grandchildren to pursue their career goals through education. The Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association will continue its scholarship program in 2024. 2024 scholarship information and application will be available after January 1, 2024, in the Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association Office and on the LSPOA website.

### 2024 Board of Directors Election Results

The results of the 2024 Board of Directors Election are:

Ancaster – **Laurie Francis**

Coventry – **Jake Newhouse**

Greenleaf – **OPEN\***

Knightshead – **OPEN**

Longbow – **Victoria Suthers**

Pikestaff – **Marci Wiessinger**

Royal Crest – **Steve Schrock**

Squire – **OPEN\***

Woodland – **Paul Pisellini**

Broadsword – **Stacy Charles**    Canterbury – **Chuck Donegan**

Deer Lodge – **Angela Patterson**    Glencove – **Laura Smith**

Huntington – **Patrick Geib**    Kingsherald – **Mike Servant**

Lancer – **OPEN\*\***

Lincolnwood – **David Trudeau**

Nottingham – **Tiffany Niemer**    Oxford – **Brian Fischer**

Quarterstaff – **OPEN**

Robindale – **Robert Gosse**

Scarlet – **Angie Foth**

Sir Richard – **OPEN\***

Westwood Shores – **OPEN\*\***    Whitehorse – **Jeff Ruebel**

Yeoman – **Bob Schams**

OPEN indicates no candidate interest has yet been shown in the position

OPEN\* indicates a previous 2023 Director who lives in the subdivision will be appointed

OPEN\*\* indicates a previous 2023 Director who does not live in the subdivision will be appointed if an individual who lives in the subdivision does not show interest in the position

Directors for subdivisions without representation after the Board of Directors Election may be appointed. LSPOA first seeks directors who live in the subdivision to appoint to the Board. If not identified LSPOA appoints individuals who live in another subdivision. Several 2023 Board of Directors have volunteered for 2024 and may be appointed at the January meeting to the subdivisions that have asterisks in the list above. The LSPOA Board of Directors normally meets on the second Saturday of each month. **If you are interested in becoming an LSPOA Director please email LSPOA at [lsboa@wctc.net](mailto:lsboa@wctc.net) or phone the LSPOA office at 715-325-4066.**

### LSPOA Committee Membership Opportunities

LSPOA has the following committees working to meet the purpose of our Association: Nominating, Housing, Business, Recreation, Budget, Conservation, and Scholarship. All members of the Committees must be LSPOA Members **but need not be Directors**. The work of these committees makes our Association successful. **If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please email LSPOA at [lsboa@wctc.net](mailto:lsboa@wctc.net) or phone the LSPOA office at 715-325-4066.**

## Adams County and 14 Mile Watershed Alliance Tree & Shrub Sales

Information on the Adams County Tree Sale is available at <https://www.co.adams.wi.us/departments/land-water-conservation/tree-shrub-info>.

### 14 Mile Watershed Alliance Tree Sale

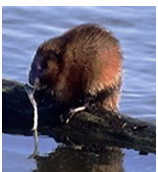
Now is a good time to sit back and think of ways to improve our properties. Not only can we beautify our land, but we can also help to improve our watershed and ultimately improve water quality. The 14 Mile Watershed Alliance Tree Sale has a selection of native plants that over the upcoming years, will greatly enhance your property. Natives offer extensive root systems which in turn allow more rain to soak into our sandy soils and reduce runoff into the lakes. They also work as a filter to keep excess nutrients and pollutants out of our lakes. **You can make a difference for our lakes in your own backyard!**

To that end, the Alliance is happy to offer you **bargain pricing** on tree saplings to enhance your lot. Each item ordered is just \$3. Order now and pick-up of the seedlings will be scheduled for a date in **late April or early May**, depending on weather conditions. Additional information and an order form these native trees are available on the Alliance website at <http://14milewatershed.org/>.

### 2024 Woodland Lutheran Church Rome Community Garden Plots Available

The Woodland Lutheran Church Rome Community Garden has several plots available for the 2024 growing season. The Garden is located on the Woodland Lutheran Church property at 280 14th Avenue. It houses 28 - 4 ft. x 12 ft. raised beds that receive full sun, are irrigated automatically by a drip irrigation system, and are protected from pests by a tight wire fence. All gardeners need to do is keep fertile soil in their garden, plant, weed, and then harvest their vegetables, herbs, and/or flowers.

The Garden plots are open to all Town of Rome community members. Registration begins February 1. Registration information can be found at [Woodland Lutheran Church - Community Garden \(woodlandlutheranrome.org\)](http://woodlandlutheranrome.org). The recommended donation for the use of each 4 x 12 raised bed is \$10 for the 2024 season. For additional information contact Laurie Francis, RCG Coordinator, at [lfrancis@scacable.com](mailto:lfrancis@scacable.com) or by phone or text at (715) 570-6535.



### Muskrat Nuisance

Musk rats are a nuisance and problem on Lake Sherwood. According to the DNR Nuisance Wildlife Guidelines landowners, occupants, and/or agents may at any time without a permit, trap or shoot muskrats that are causing damage to dikes, dams, shoreline, or roadways [NR 12.10(1)(b)1(d)]. A landowner/occupant may solicit an agent to aid in the removal of muskrats when causing damage [NR 12.10(3)(c)]. An agent of the landowner is required to have a valid hunting or trapping license when removing these animals [NR 12.10(3)c, 29.024]. The 2021/22 Wisconsin statewide muskrat trapping season is Oct. 29, 2023– Mar, 22, 2023. Musk rats are considered fur bearing animals and their pelts are often valuable. Fall and early winter are excellent trapping times. If you desire to permit a trapper to trap muskrats on your lake front property, a list of area trappers can be obtained from Tri-Lakes Management, 715-325-3250.

### Beach Clubs on Lake Sherwood

All off shore Lake Sherwood lots are provided access to the waters of Lake Sherwood in various ways. One of these ways is via subdivision beach clubs. Lots in subdivisions with beach clubs are deeded fractional ownership in such beach clubs. LSPOA has no jurisdiction in the beach clubs.

A few beach clubs have organized owners to regulate use of their beach clubs, others have not. Organized beach clubs are Canterbury, Huntington/Scarlet, Longbow and Yeoman.

Questions regarding the above beach clubs, such as placing piers, boat hoists, etc. should be directed to these organizations. For other beach clubs, a list of individuals owning lots in a particular Lake Sherwood subdivision(s) is available from the LSPOA Office. Additional entities may also regulate the beach club shoreline and placement of piers, etc., such as Adams County and DNR.

## 14 Mile Watershed Friends and Supporters . . .

### Announcing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tree Sale

For the past 2 years, we've offered both trees and shrubs and have had an excellent response to the selections. This year, we'll be offering trees only as the 2 types of shrubs available to us are both very tasty to our deer population.

Now is a good time to sit back and think of ways to improve our properties. Not only can we beautify our land, we can help to improve our watershed and ultimately, improve water quality.

To that end, we're happy to offer you **bargain pricing** on tree saplings to enhance your lot. We have a fine selection of seedling-sized plants that, over time, will grow to full-size – all at a very economical price.

Order now and pick-up of the seedlings will be scheduled for a date in **late April or early May**, depending on weather conditions. The date, time and location will be communicated directly to you next spring. We'll provide you with a free fertilizer tab for each item ordered along with a planting instruction sheet. Additional fertilizer tabs can also be ordered. You may also want to consider ordering Root Gel – just mix it with 5 gallons of water and apply when you plant. The Root Gel will help to establish the seedlings and get them off to a good start. Of course, further watering throughout the season will be needed. One ounce of Root Gel is also priced at just \$3.

All of our selections are native plants and over the upcoming years, will greatly enhance your property. Natives offer extensive root systems which in turn allow more rain to soak into our sandy soils and reduce runoff into the lakes. They also work as a filter to keep excess nutrients and pollutants out of our lakes. **You can make a difference for our lakes in your own backyard!** Now is the time to plan how you can add those deep roots to your yard.

**Best of all, each item ordered is just \$3! There is no requirement to order an entire bundle of 25 plants – just order what you need for your property. At this price, quantities are limited, so first come, first served. Just complete the attached order form and submit it today!**

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1156 Alpine Drive  
Nekoosa, WI 54457



Phone: 715-325-8025  
CP: 907-854-3893

### TOWN UPDATE

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE by Chief Jason Lauby

This is the time of year, we would like to remind our residents that if they are planning to leave their home, for an extended period of time, please stop by the Police Department, or visit us online first. We have forms so you can provide us with your contact information should there be an emergency at your property.

The Town of Rome hopes everyone has a safe and enjoyable winter season.

We're Sound, We're Safe, And We've Been Locally Owned Since 1913!

## NEKOOSA PORT EDWARDS STATE BANK

405 MARKET ST. - NEKOOSA - (715) 886-3104

240 Market Ave.  
Port Edwards  
(715) 887-3285



1153 Rome Center Drive  
Town of Rome  
(715) 325-5676



*We want to be your financial partner.*

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## 2024 TREE SALE

Place your order now and plan to pick up in Rome in late April or early May – date to be determined by Spring weather conditions and will be communicated to you. You will need to pick up on the specified date – if you cannot make it yourself, ask a friend or neighbor. Any items not picked up on the distribution date will not be reserved or refunded.

All individual seedlings will be sold at a flat rate of \$3 (what a bargain!) and will include a fertilizer tablet and planting instructions. Root gel (1 oz makes 5 gallons and helps plant establishment) is also available for purchase.

**ORDER FORM – Order Deadline is Dec 15, 2023**

**We STRONGLY ENCOURAGE you to order EARLY as some items sell out quickly.**

SPECIES	SS – Seedling TP – Transplant	QUANTITY ORDERING @ \$3 EACH	DOLLAR SUB-TOTAL
<b>EVERGREEN TREES:</b>			
Fraser Fir	6 – 12” SS		
Blue Spruce	15+” SS		
White Spruce	15+” SS		
Norway Spruce	15+” SS		
White Pine	14+” SS		
Red Pine	14+” SS		
<b>DECIDUOUS TREES:</b>			
N. Red Oak (New Item)	6 – 12” SS		
Sugar Maple	6 – 12” SS		
E. Red Bud (New Item)	6 – 12” SS		
Poplar	1 – 2 ft. TP		
White Birch	1 – 2 ft. TP		
Sargent Crabapple (New Item)	1 – 2 ft. TP		
<b>Root Gel</b>	1 oz – mix with 5 gal water		
<b>Additional Fertilizer Tabs</b>	25 Tabs @ \$7		
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

<b>Your Name:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	

Please make checks payable to 14 Mile Watershed Alliance and Mail to 946 S. Archers Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457



## LAKE SHERWOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **2023 LSPOA Board of Directors Officers**

President – **Craig Gerlach**, 1042 East Queens Way, 608-386-2206, [cgerlach@mishicot.k12.wi.us](mailto:cgerlach@mishicot.k12.wi.us)  
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Treasurer – **Patrick Geib**, 339 Huntington Ct, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 608-886-4000, [geibenterprises@tds.net](mailto:geibenterprises@tds.net)

### **2023 LSPOA Subdivision Directors**

Ancaster – **Laurie Francis**, 1057 Kings Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-325-5787, [lfrancis@scacable.com](mailto:lfrancis@scacable.com)  
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Coventry – **OPEN**  
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Sir Richard\* – **Norm Ablter**, 1121 Ivanhoe Court, Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-325-5342, [ndabler@wctc.net](mailto:ndabler@wctc.net)  
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Woodland – **Paul Pisellini**, 361 Yeoman Ct., Nekoosa, WI 54457, 715-325-1972, [bigpaul74@wctc.net](mailto:bigpaul74@wctc.net)  
Yeoman – **Bob Schams**, 1305 East 141<sup>st</sup> Street, Burnsville, MN 55337, (612) 239-6729 [bschams@comcast.net](mailto:bschams@comcast.net)

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\* Denotes Board Member appointed in accordance with Article 6, Section 7 of the LSPOA Bylaws and lives in the subdivision

\*\* Denotes Board Member appointed in accordance with Article 6, Section 7 of the LSPOA Bylaws and does not live in the subdivision.



# Lake Sherwood Property Owners Association Participation Opportunities



I am interested in LSPOA participation opportunities checked in the list below. (If you have other areas of interest state them in your email or note them on this sheet if mailing.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the form and email it to LSPOA at [lsboa@wctc.net](mailto:lsboa@wctc.net) or mail to LSPOA, 1146 West Queens Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457.

## 1. Help in planning and/or volunteer to assist at one of the following events:

- LSPOA Fisheree,
- 4th of July Celebration, in 2024, NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to continue this event. See the LSPOA 4th of July Celebration Volunteer Needs listing on our website online or return this form and tell us below in what activity and at what time you can assist.**

## 2. Join an LSPOA Board Committee

- The Housing Committee duties are to maintain and improve properties, building, equipment and facilities owned by the Association.
- The Business Committee duties are to operate properties, building, equipment and facilities owned by the Association.
- The Recreation Committee duties are to propose, promote and supervise any Association recreational functions.
- The Covenants Committee duties are to recommend covenants and protective restrictions and/or revisions to covenants and protective restrictions and to enforce all covenants and protective restrictions to subdivisions (additions) to Lake Sherwood recorded by the Adams County Register of Deeds.
- The Budget Committee duties are to prepare and institute an annual budget for the Association.
- The Conservation Committee duties are to conserve, preserve, guard, enhance and protect the fish, wildlife and natural resource of Lake Sherwood.
- The Member Relations Committee duties are to organize and promote special events throughout the year to foster fellowship and community among LSPOA Members such as holiday gatherings pot luck dinners, etc.
- The Scholarship Committee duties are to advise the Board of Directors in establishing scholarship funding, establishing and modifying scholarship criteria, and other elements of the scholarship program as deemed appropriate.

## 3. Be an LSPOA Director for your subdivision

- Nominees are identified in April of each year

## 4. Lend your expertise in one of the following areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Repair of LSPOA buildings  | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Resource      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Financial Resource   | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Assistance – software resource, newsletter development assistance, database management | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening           |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:              |

**THANK YOU – LSPOA Board of Directors**



# CONSERVATION NEWS

by David Trudeau, Conservation Committee Chairman

We held our 2023 fall clean-up day at Sherwood Forest on the fourth Saturday of October. Thanks to all who participated. With 16 volunteers we made major progress. Special thanks go out to Curt Fischer for bringing his large dump trailer and to Bill Warner for operating his tractor with a grapple attachment. In our continuing efforts to manage oak wilt and remove dead trees creating a fire hazard from Sherwood Forest, I am submitting another Firewise application for over \$5,000 for Sherwood Forest and five homeowner fuel reduction grants. The homeowner grants are a 50/50 cost share match, up to \$500 per property for reducing trees and brush within 100 feet of a dwelling. To qualify, homeowners must have a home ignition zone (HIZ) assessment completed. Please contact me for more information if you have a parcel which may qualify for this fuel reduction funding. I will get a full page article with details about the homeowner grants in the spring Sherwood Crier.

I've had a number of home owners apply for the \$1,000 Healthy Lakes grants for next year to finance several shoreland restorations. This grant funding can cover almost all of the cash outlay for these projects. The Healthy Lakes grants will be offered again for 2025, with an application deadline in November 2024, so please contact me if you have an interest. While quite a few owners are making improvements to reduce siltation and nutrient run off into our lake, there is plenty of opportunity for more to participate, as 25 projects can be funded in each grant cycle.

The Annual Lake Sherwood Fisheree is scheduled for Saturday, January 20th, 2024. This is the Saturday of the WI DNR Winter Free Fishing Weekend, so all of our community members and Lake Sherwood owners can participate without the need for any fishing license. It is always a good time with a family emphasis. We are awarding youth trophies for first through third largest panfish. Adults compete for cash prizes for largest bass, northern, walleye, and overall largest catch. Last year's largest catch payout was over \$1,500. All profits from this event serve as our annual fundraiser for Lake Sherwood Conservation projects like fish habitat improvements and fish stocking. The raffle is the primary fundraising activity of the day and there will once again be rifles, an ice fishing shelter, and other great prizes. We will need assistance from our Lake Sherwood community in organizing the Fisheree, on the day of the event, in promoting raffle ticket sales, and in participating in the contest. If we have favorable weather and a good turnout, we can expect to raise over \$4,000.

The DNR released 2,160 walleye into our lake in late September. They are in the 6 to 8 inch size class and will be keepers in three years.

We also plan to continue installing fish sticks for shoreline spawning habitat in the Conservancy Area by the lower Camelot dam in January. In 2022, we put in 30 trees. We did not have adequate lake ice thickness in 2023 to move forward as planned, so this winter, the goal is for another 30 trees along the south shore east of the harvester launch on Adams County property. Fresh cut 30' live trees are needed, so if you have any trees that could be cleared in November or December, let me know. We need volunteer participation to continue with this important project. I have secured several thousand dollars in Healthy Lakes and Tri-Lakes funding for our fish sticks habitat, so the cost charged to the LSPOA Conservation Fund is minimal. Most of the LSPOA 25% grant match is the value of our volunteer labor.

Active volunteers are needed to assist with the many worthwhile conservation activities on Lake Sherwood. You can be a member of the Conservation Committee and improve our community, even if you are not on the LSPOA Board of Directors. Please contact me by email to offer your help, [dtrudeau@wctc.net](mailto:dtrudeau@wctc.net).

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We are near the end of our test with Moleaer's Nanobubbler system. This was set up as a 2.5 month test to see if we could improve the quality of lake water using this technique. The machine recirculates water from the rate of 1,000 gallons per minute introducing nanobubbles at the size of 2,500 bubbles in a grain of sand. It also injects a small amount of ozone to help spread the bubbles and digest the muck in our waters. We set up this test at the Arrowhead Marina for several reasons. The water is fairly immobile, there are no homes close by to hear the generator and it has been plagued with algae for quite some time. Preliminary results indicate the bubbles have penetrated the muck adding oxygen allowing good bacteria to start decomposing the muck. When the test ends in early November, our engineers, EOR, will analyze the results and let us know how successful the test has been. If the results are truly positive we will have Moleaer develop several options with associated costs and we will present to the electors for discussion and possible approval for moving the program forward. [www.moleaer.com](http://www.moleaer.com) There is additional information on Youtube, type in nanobubbles and algae to see other testing and results.

We have also installed a transducer that emits ultrasonic waves out underwater in a bay in Lake Camelot. Here is a synopsis of its efficacy: **“UltraSonic algae control uses sound waves at specific vibrational frequencies. Like an opera singer can hit just the right pitch to break a wine glass, the ultrasonic vibrations pass through the water in an all around pattern causing the vacuoles inside the algae cells to resonate and break. It's in this way that the unit actually kills or damages the algae”**. This machine has been recently identified by a university study to have a very positive impact on algae control. Its cost is minimal so we are eagerly waiting for any results on this test.

We have conducted weekly E-coli tests at 12 locations on our 3 lakes and have only 1 alert earlier this summer. The alert was at a location where several geese were seen prior to the goose roundup. Since then we have had no e-coli issues in the 3 lakes.

We have conducted the DNR's Clean Boats/Clean Waters programs at the 3 county launch sites as well at one additional Lake Camelot location. This program is funded by the WIDNR at the county locations as is a great educational tool for our boaters!

Be sure to check out our new website, ([trilakesmanagement.com](http://trilakesmanagement.com)), which is much easier to navigate. We are still loading information such as technologies we are pursuing, and other facts such as reports by the State, other articles as well as real results and progress!


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## **ROMEMAKERS Home and Community Education**

Romemakers have been very active this summer with a summer trip to the Mead Wildlife Area, a class on chair Yoga, a tech class from Bug Tussel, the Adams County Fair, and our regular meetings.

Romemakers H.C.E. had a booth at the Adams County Fair in August. The booth was made to show what we learned about the Netherlands. Almost every bulb grown in the world came from the Netherlands. They are the Bulb Capitol of the world! The booth received a red ribbon. At our September meeting, we heard about St Croix Hospice, which is a program not affiliated with any hospital and is located in most counties in Wisconsin. Hospice is a wonderful program and has helped many families through a really tough time. We also had a visit from Paul Leibherr, Nekoosa School District Family Community Outreach Liaison. Romemakers will be working with him on a project that the schools are requesting. September 18, 19, and 20, the State Conference for all the H.C.E. clubs in Wisconsin was held in the Dells. It is a 3-day conference, and had many classes, entertainment, social interactions and the sharing of ideas from members and their guests. Several members attended. In October, Romemakers are partnering with VisitRome to sponsor a Halloween Trick or Treat Event at the Gazebo in the Town Center on Saturday October 28 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. We have a great line-up of booths by Groups and Businesses in Rome, plus music by a D.J., games, and fun for the whole family. If you wish to donate any candy to the event, Romemakers will make sure the kids get it. The drop off for Halloween candy, individually wrapped, will be the library in Rome. We will also have a photo booth set up for pictures if families wish to have those memories. We are planning for over 300 kids.

Romemakers made a scarecrow for the Scarecrow Walk at the library. Everyone gets to vote on the scarecrows until Oct. 21, when a winner is announced and prizes awarded. Did you vote?

October 3 is Super Tuesday – a special learning day where Adams County and Marquette County H.C.E. members and friends get together for a social/learning day at Pine Lake. There are different learning sessions throughout the day plus breakfast and lunch. There are over 50 ladies attending this year, and all are looking to learn while visiting with friends.

In November and December, we are partnering with the library to collect food items for Adams County Food Pantry. The first Saturday in December we are partnering with the SnoBandits and Visit Rome to provide Christmas in Rome – an event that is greatly expanded from last year. There will be horse pulled wagon rides, decorated spaces in the Town Center, crafts for kids, Santa Visits, cookie decorating table, and much more. Plan to attend the best Christmas in Rome ever!! December 2, 2-8 p.m. Rome Town Hall and the Town Center. Watch for more information soon.

On November 18, Romemakers are hosting the Old Fashioned Holiday Craft Fair at the Rome Town Hall from 9 – 3. Crafters from all over the state are set up to give shoppers a great shopping experience.

January, 2024, Adams County H.C.E. has a Winter Tea where we gather together, review the past year, give awards to the clubs and members for participation and recognition. Already in March, we will be planning for the Spring Fling, a spring day of learning and fellowship with members of Juneau County H.C.E.

Romemakers are an active community group. Our meetings are held at the library in the community room at 9:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Come and join us! We'd love to introduce you to the many opportunities in HCE. Call Linda at 715-712-1471 for more information.

## **WOODLAND COMMUNITY QUILTERS**

Over 250 quilts have been completed by the Community Quilters to be shipped off for disaster relief through Lutheran World Relief at the end of October. The quilters are proud to have made this many, plus another 250 to be used locally for people in Adams and Wood Counties. Quilts have been donated for fundraising, baptisms, and special needs throughout the year. Many hands make light work, and making quilts is a social time as well as time together on a very worthwhile project. Consider joining us on Mondays, from 9 – 3, at Woodland Church on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave in Rome. Come when you can, and leave when you must. You do not need to sew, we need people to iron, design, pin squares together, pin quilts together, tie, and cut squares as well as sewers. Call Linda at 507-358-6614 or Jeanne at 715-325-6244 for more information or just come on a Monday to see what we do.

All are welcome. We have one gentleman who helps tie. He used to help his grandmother tie quilts, and is happy to come and help when he has time. We can always use donations of clean sheets, blankets, mattress pads, and fabric, so keep us in mind if you have some to spare.



# Rome Sno-Bandits

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Our **3rd Annual Petenwell Palooza Fisheree** will be held on January 13, 2024, at the Lure Bar & Grill on Lake Petenwell. An ice fishing contest for adults and children will take place, along with a meat raffle, basket raffles, 50/50 raffles and door prizes. Our large raffle has great prizes including a Canadian fishing trip! Raffle tickets are available from club members and at the Lure Bar & Grill. Check our Facebook page for updated information on this event.

Our club participated in road pick up on October 18th through the **Adopt-A-Highway Program**. Adopt-A-Highway was initiated by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation many years ago and the Rome Sno-Bandits section is Highway 13 from County Road D to Adams Ave. We also participated in the **Rome Kid's Halloween Party** on October 28 at the Rome Town Center Park. Thanks to the Romemakers Home and Community Education (HCE) Club for hosting the event.

The Sno-Bandits keep our local trails well maintained. Club members volunteer their time to brush and groom the trails. We will be holding our **Annual Trail Brushing, Signing and Chili Dump** on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We will meet at the club groomer shed at 302 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. at 8:00 am. We will split up into groups to clean up our trails and place signs. If you don't want to work outside, you can help set up for the chili dump. Around noon, we will head back to enjoy chili followed by a club meeting. This is a wonderful time to join our club and help maintain the trails we ride.

Plan to attend **Christmas in Rome** on December 2, 2023 to get into the holiday spirit! Come to enjoy indoor crafts, cookie decorating and visits with Santa from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at the Rome Town Hall and afterwards, head down to the Rome Town Center from 5:00pm to 8:00pm for Holiday Horse and Wagon Rides and to walk through the light displays. It's sure to be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to meet and mingle with club members.

Do you love to snowmobile or know someone who does? Please consider joining our club. Applications are available on our website <http://www.romesnobandits.com>, at club meetings, and at various sponsors around Rome. Club meetings are held the second Saturday of the month, September through June. Check our Facebook page for meeting locations and times.



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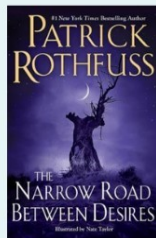
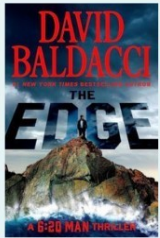
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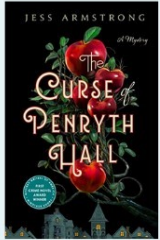
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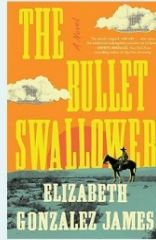
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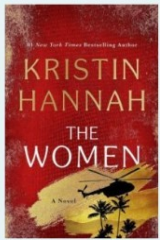
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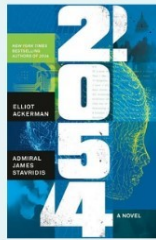
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Library Late Night - Wednesdays from 6-8PM
In November & December, the library will be open from 6-8PM on Wednesday nights for all patrons.

Tech Courses - Starting December 5th from 1-3PM
The library is partnering with Bug Tussel University to start a technology education program series.

Yoga Fridays
Starting in October, the library has hosted free, weekly yoga classes. There has been a lot of interest in this program, and we are trying to continue it in 2024.

Winter Reading Program
Starting in January, the library will be hosting a Winter Reading program for all ages! Complete challenges, earn prizes, and read!

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## November

- ◆ 11/7...Holiday Gifts and Arts Fair 10am-5pm Central Wisconsin Cultural Center
- ◆ 11/18.....Old Fashion Holiday Craft Fair 9am-3pm Town Hall
- ◆ 11/19....Christmas Cookie Decorating 10am-12pm Lake Arrowhead
- ◆ 11/23....YMCA Turkey Trot Run/Walk Witterfield, WI Rapids



**Watch Our Facebook for Dates**

## December

- ◆ 12/2....Christmas in Rome 1;30pm-5:30pm
- ◆ 12/2....Breakfast with Santa 8:30am Lake Arrowhead
- ◆ 12/21...Christmas Cookie Decorating 6pm-8pm Lake Arrowhead

## Beer Tastings



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## Monthly

## January

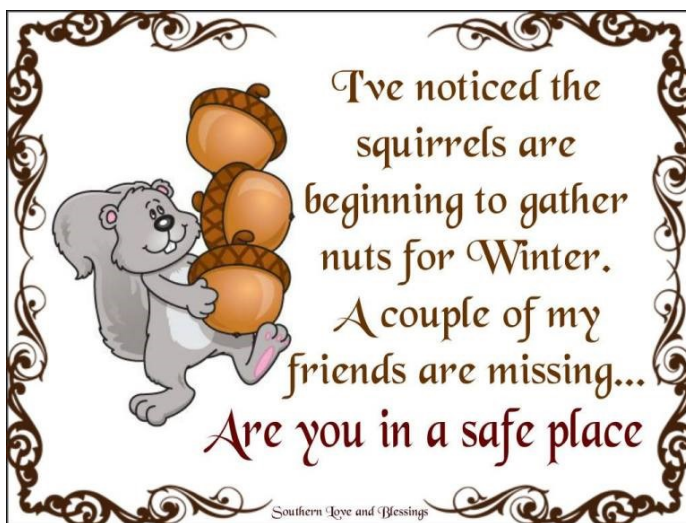
- ◆ 1/12...Rome Indoor Farmers Market 12pm-3pm
- ◆ 1/20...Lake Sherwood Annual Fisheree 8am-4pm  
Raffle Drawing at 4:30pm



## February

- ◆ 2/9....Lake Arrowhead Annual Snoblast
- ◆ 2/14...Special Dinner at Sherwood Lodge

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### Community Thanksgiving Service

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### Midweek Advent Services, Candlelight services with flute, guitar, and piano.

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Wednesdays at 6pm on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>.

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### Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

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### Midweek Lenten Services will be Wednesdays,

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