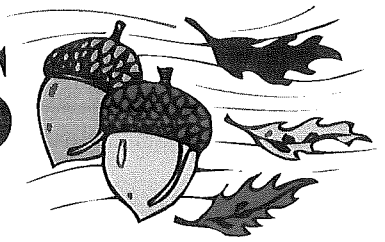




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Swan Banding 2008

This year was just as exciting as ever!! The weather was very cold for September, but the DNR, with the help of several Lake Property owners, were able to capture six young Swans and band them.

Jeanne Nelson was among the on lookers that enjoyed the event very much. In the past years there have been 7 young ones, but the male Swan died during the winter so there was a new male and the DNR supposed

that was the reason for only six this year.

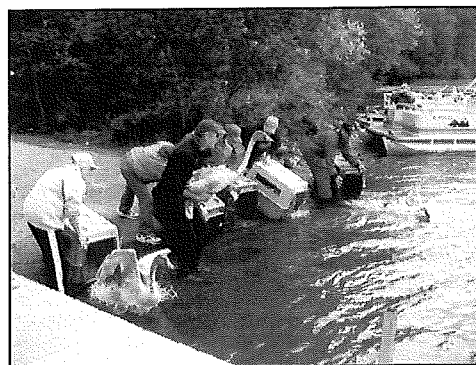
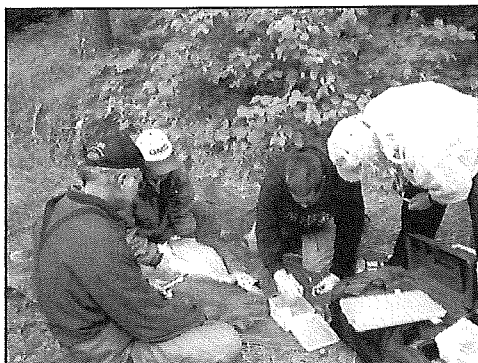


Jeanne Nelson enjoyed seeing the Swan banding.

While the Swans were captured, the DNR performed several tests on them. First they put the young Swan on its back

and held the wings out flat, inserted a needle into the wing and drew blood to be checked for lead poisoning. Then they swabbed the mouth and tush to

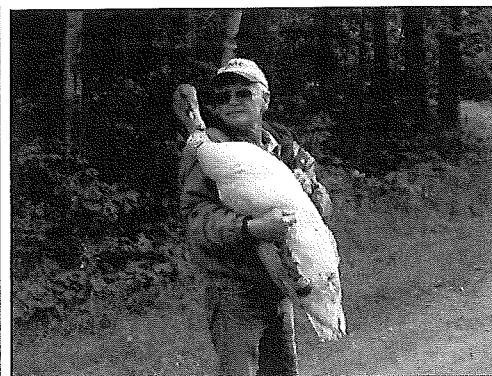
see if it has Bird Flu, they then band the neck and one leg. Before releasing them, their weight was taken, the average weight was just under 20 pounds. The Swans



Releasing the Swans all together is very important for their well being.

were then taken to the shore in their cages and all released at the same time. If they were not released at the same time, they would not know to stay together as a family/flock. The two tests came back negative, so we have healthy Swans.

The DNR has requested that we **do not feed** the Swans. The reason being, they become too comfortable with humans and get too tame. We are very lucky to have Swans on our lake since they were almost extinct in Wisconsin in 1986. The DNR Bureau of Endangered Resources developed a recovery plan which went from zero to 126 breeding pairs in 20 counties in 2008. The recovery plan has gone so well, that the DNR is considering removing them from the endangered species act at a hearing on Oct. 20th. They will continue to be protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.



During the capture, banding and inspection process the Swans were treated with utmost care.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Bill Wilcox

This past year has been a very active, busy year for the Association with a lot of participation by members and a lot of volunteers working hard on the various projects and events. Winter Rama, the annual meeting, the garage/bake sale, and the annual summer picnic were all very successful events. We even hosted an informational meeting on the DNR proposed lake draw-down which filled the Vet's Center wall to wall and provided a much needed opportunity to get information, ask questions, and express opinions.

There is one critical area, however, that did not go as well and it needs to and that is our effort on invasive species prevention. The high school students who signed up for boat launch inspections dropped out early in the year and we lost several of our shoreline monitor volunteers. Both of these activities are important to keeping Nelson Lake invasives free and we will be looking at some new ways to put life into these crucial areas next year.

On a more personal note, I want to take this opportunity to thank Char Weissmuller for all her hard work and dedication in support of the Nelson Lake Association over the past 10 years. She will be hard to replace and truly missed.

Help Wanted - Treasurer

Bill Wilcox

For the past 10 years the Association has been blessed to have Char Weissmuller as our Treasurer keeping track of our finances, the membership, and helping with a lot of other projects. She has recently agreed to help her church with their finances and will be unable to do both. She has done an excellent job of setting up our records on Excel and we need to find a new Treasurer who can take over this critical job for the Association. If you are interested in helping the Association, know someone you would recommend, or have questions please contact Bill Wilcox at 715-634-7128.

Board of Directors meetings are held the second Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November at
The Lenroot Town Hall, 6:30 PM.
NLA Members are welcome to attend.

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ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

26th Annual Meeting – Celebrating 25 Years

The 26th annual meeting of the Nelson Lake Association was held on June 14 and was well attended. Following "25 Years of The Nelson Lake Association" prepared by Caitlin Flynn, certificates of appreciation were presented to the surviving members of the steering committee who met on August 24, 1983 to work on proposed by-laws.

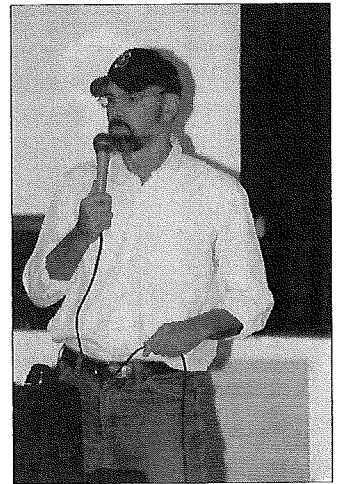


Jeanne Nelson was instrumental in the early success of the Nelson Lake Association. Bill Wilcox, President of the NLA presented Jeanne with Roses and a sincere "thank You" for all her hard work.

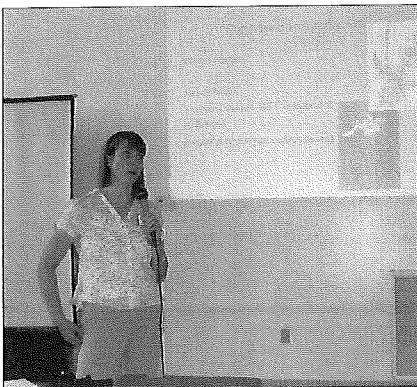
In addition to a certificate, Jeanne Nelson was presented with a bouquet of roses for her dedication and efforts in organizing the Association.

Frank Pratt presented a status of the fisheries management plan and Kristy Maki presented information on the status of invasives in the state of Wisconsin.

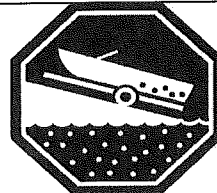
Art Saxum was elected to the Board of Directors replacing Dave Stinson. Mike Dorenski and John Welter were re-elected to another three year term on the Board and Char Weissmuller was re-elected as Treasurer.



Frank Pratt of the WSDNR talked about the fishery management plan.



A report on invasives in Nelson Lake and the State of Wisconsin was presented by Kristy Maki. Her informative presentation made it clear the importance of preventative measures.



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Treasurer's Report

Char Weissmuller

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As of September 30th, 2008 which was the end of our 2nd Quarter fiscal year, our ending Balances were as follows: Checking account \$10,363.37; and Investments (Capital One Money Market account) \$14,530.50 for a total of \$24,893.87. Funds in our major fund accounts were:

General Fund	\$ 9,004.55
Fishing & Wildlife Fund	\$ 10,219.64
Invasive Species Fund	\$ <u>5,669.68</u>
 Total	 \$ 24,893.87

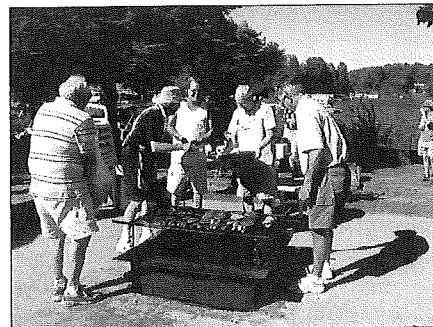
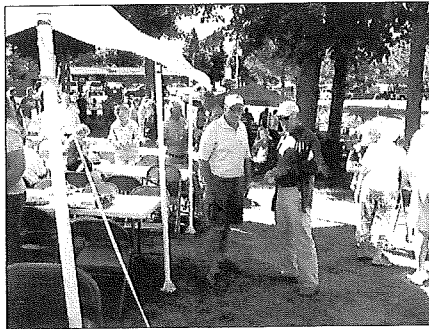
Due to the wonderful response we received on our cookbook, we sold 220 copies in a very short time, we have reordered and now have 100 more for sale just in time for the Holiday Gift Giving. **The price is still \$10.00 each.** We want to say THANKS to all of you who purchased the book and encourage you to consider buying more copies for friends and family.

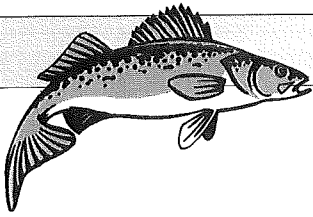
This will likely be my last Treasurer's report, as I am moving on to other obligations. Thank you all for your generous donations to our various funds to maintain and improve our lake. In an effort to become more efficient and to reduce postage costs, we will no longer be producing membership cards. Please know that you are on our member list!

Good Food, Friends and something to Celebrate 25 Years!

This year our annual picnic was held at Nelson Lake Landing. The weather was very nice and there was a great turn out as usual. We had a cookout of burgers, brats and dogs and everyone did a great job of bringing all of the side dishes and great deserts.

We had fireworks that evening to celebrate the 25th year of the Nelson Lake Association. The fireworks were fantastic even though there were very few spectators. We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the picnic. It's always a good time for socializing and good eating.

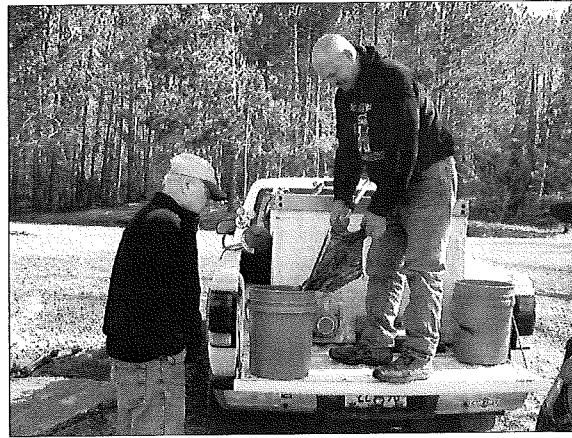




WALLEYE STOCKING

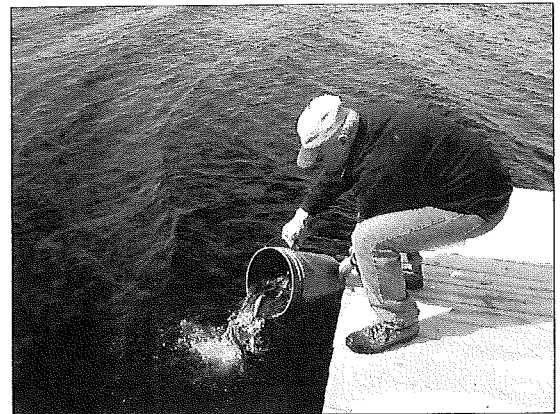
Earlier this year the NLA bought 2,100 extended growth walleyes and we are currently negotiating to buy an additional 8,000 to be put into the lake yet this fall. In addition, the DNR stocked 2,200 early in October. Over the last four years the DNR has stocked 21,472 extended growth walleyes and the NLA has stocked 16,424 not counting the 8,000 we are working on. In addition, the Red Cliff Tribe has stocked 795.

We have one more year of stocking and then we will see how successful it has been. It is interesting that these fish are not showing up in the DNR shocking surveys but fisherman are catching 11" to 14" fish again. The creel clerk who is conducting the creel survey on the lake this summer is reporting "fair numbers" of small walleyes being caught.



Dedicated members of the NLA placed 2,100 extended growth walleyes into Nelson lake.

The NLA has one more year of stocking and then they will see how successful it has been.



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Annual Garage & Bake Sale

NLA 3rd Annual Garage & Bake Sale*Char Weissmuller*

So many of you brought wonderful items on Friday for us to sell. Thank You! Friday went well until overnight storms hit! We had enough plastic to cover things, but the winds were so fierce that one of the canopies was a total loss, and another was damaged though able to be repaired. Saturday's weather was good for the sale, though still pretty windy! Many of you brought wonderful bakery items for the bake sale! So much appreciated and oh so yummy!!



Lots of shoppers check out the great items at the Annual Garage Sale



Thanks to so many for their wonderful help and donations



Yummy... a delicious variety of bake goods were for sale again this year.

We had a good turnout for the sale and we brought in \$2,789.66 from the combined Garage & Bake sales. After paying \$696.13 in repair costs and misc. expenses we were able to net \$2,093.53. Not quite as good as last year, but considering the storm damages we were grateful to net a profit. We deeply appreciate all those who contributed to our sale: the Town of Lenroot for the use of their lot, Ron Poppe for providing the portable privy, Fishing has No Boundaries for the use of their tent canopies, and again many thanks to all our hard working volunteers and donors.

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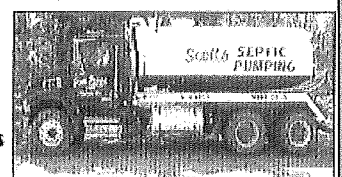
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The Executive Residence Shoreland Restoration Task Force

Here is some information from The Executive Residence Shoreland Restoration Task Force. These people are graduates from the UW Extension Lake Leaders Institute and includes people from many counties in Wisconsin who are working together to create a native shoreland buffer at the Governor's Mansion in order to educate Wisconsin citizens about the numerous benefits of buffers.

Shoreland restoration on Wisconsin waterways is a common goal throughout the state because of the many benefits that buffers of native plants create between water and dwellings or other alterations to the land. Erosion control, water filtration, wildlife habitat, and scenic beauty are the natural gifts which native shoreline buffers offer our lakes, rivers, and wetlands.

The Executive Residence in Madison, commonly referred to as the Governor's Mansion, is a beautiful, historic and carefully maintained building located on Lake Mendota but the area adjacent to Lake Mendota has no natural vegetation, only a lawn. What if Governor Doyle agreed to install native-plants between Lake Mendota and the house's lawn? Not only would a shoreland restoration align the Executive Residence with the recommendations of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and University of Wisconsin lake experts, but it would also set a great example for shoreland owners throughout Wisconsin.

The goal of the Executive Residence Shoreland Restoration project is simple: to improve Lake Mendota's water quality and to set an example for shoreline owners statewide.

Project organizers hope to have the planting accomplished by school groups, water resource organizations, and other citizens. In addition to this hands-on learning experience, part of the plan includes a permanent educational walking tour of the buffer.

They are hoping to gain approval for this project by Governor Doyle and his staff. This undertaking already has received enthusiastic support among many DNR staff statewide, University of Wisconsin lakes experts and a diverse group of individuals and organizations throughout Wisconsin.

They are asking for your help in getting this project approved and carried out. Please consider sending a letter supporting this venture to us (address provided below). We will then share your letters with the Governor and state personnel at the opportune time.

If you would like to discuss the project plan, or would like to find out how you can become more involved in the implementation of the project, feel free to call one of our Project team members

Letter Submission

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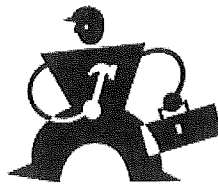
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There will be no celebrity judges this year, only the People's Choice for the chili contest and the cookies/bars contest. Bring your favorite chili recipe and everyone will have a chance to taste a sample and vote for their favorite. The desert contest is being changed to a cookie/bars contest. Pick your favorite cookie or bar recipe and bring two dozen to the event. This should be enough for everyone to sample the entries and vote for their favorite. You can bring more than one entry if you like.

Once again there will be games outside for those who want to venture out.

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