

SAVE THE DATES!

FIRST ANNUAL RUN/BIKE/WALK
JULY 6TH. CORNER STORE TO PLGC
BBQ AT GOLF CLUB FOLLOWING

ANNUAL MEETING, JULY 7TH
9AM
PLUM LAKE GOLF CLUB

BASS/CRAPPIE SOFTBALL
JULY 8TH
TOWN DIAMOND

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LOON HOOTS

The Newsletter of the Plum Lake Association



Family Fun Run and Bike Event!

Friday, July 6

10:30 a.m.

This is a family friendly self-guided 3.5 mile fun run and bike from the Corner Store to the Plum Lake Golf Club. Volunteers will be along the Heart of Vilas County Bike Trail Path during the race.

A BBQ and picnic hosted by the Plum Lake Association will follow at the Plum Lake Golf Club, starting at 11:30 a.m. Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Drinks available for purchase from the Golf Club.

Running and biking aren't your thing?---feel free to join the group at any point on the route or just drive your car to the BBQ! Family, friends, and house guests are welcome to participate or attend the BBQ!

Fill out the form below to let us know who's participating and who will come to the BBQ!

Any questions---ask Mike or Muffy Pinney

Bull frogs and Loons

If you had not noticed by the crazy weather the last couple of weeks, it is officially confirmed that summer is here - the bullfrog serenade has begun. Accompanied by loons on our calm nights, it matches the weather perfectly.

I am typing this on the pontoon boat while Ivory hunts fish in the shallows. She gets her time with the bluegills and bass and I am allowed to escape the nail guns of the contractors working on my house. This all started pretty early for May (which was more like August) - in April, we were taking bets on the ice not going out till June. Judging by the number of piers that were on the shoreline in early June, it is clear that the native residents of Plum react much quicker than we do.



East Bay pair with their chick on June 13

All of our loon couples have gone on the nest with the last two making up for lost time on West Plum. Julie Smith saw them arrive and watched the rushed courtship as they made up for their late arrival. Her photos follow - the mark of a real photographer is capturing events most people never see. Julie is amazing. The first on the nest were the east and west bay pairs- around the 7th to 9th of May. We had one chick in the east bay that was lost to an eagle within a week. We still have two chicks in the west bay. The Starlight Bay pair are struggling with the high water but still on their island nest and the West Plum pair is sitting high and dry on our platform. Their first eggs were lost to a predator but they have re-nested.

Fishing season has been really good so far and all of the late spawners, the bass and panfish, were in a real rush to get on the beds. With a few cold-water walleyes and northerns in the freezer, I'm switching over to bass and panfish but first, I'm headed to a lake that produced a walleye or two a couple of weeks ago along with three muskies. I plan to go play with those hyperactive muskies for a couple of hours on the next cloudy day.



We have an annual meeting coming up in a couple of weeks and we will have a report for you on the results of the data collection last year for phase one of the lake management plan.

If you're not up here already, you better hurry. Take it from the bullfrogs - times a wasting.

AJR

West Plum Loon Pair, arriving
at Plum and wasting no time.....



New Loon



I encountered this bird last weekend, cruising with the East Bay pair. The rusty color is something I have not seen before. I am looking into it and will report back what I find out.



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