

SHADOWS ON THE WOLF, INC

March 2019

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Shadows Members,

When announcing our volunteers of the year at the banquet this year, I touched on this a bit but wanted to also include it here. The volunteers of the year went to three individuals. Linda Lemmers, who was our secretary for over twenty years, and her husband Glenn, and Randy Colwitz, who stepped down as a board member at our annual meeting in January. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all one more time. It certainly makes it easier to know you have people like this on your board when it comes to getting things done. It is hard to fill their shoes. With that, Travis Nelson will be taking over Randy's position on the board. Before becoming a member of the board, Travis has helped us on many projects. Rose Wanner will be taking over Linda's position. This spot was the toughest to fill, but I feel we have the perfect person for the job. Welcome to the board, Travis and Rose. And thank you, once again, to Linda, Glenn and Randy.

We will be updating our website more often with projects, donations and information. Rose oversees the website, ShadowsOnTheWolf.org, and is doing a phenomenal job. In addition to our website, a Facebook page was created in February. We will be posting upcoming events, information and projects on Facebook to make it more visible to our members the great things Shadows is doing throughout the year. Please be sure to follow us on Facebook and visit our website often for new information and updates.

Our banquet was held on March 2 and was another successful one. Thank you, Members, for your support for our great cause. We sold out again with 425 people attending that night. Do yourself a favor when you receive the member renewal and banquet invitation next January, send it back ASAP to ensure your seat is reserved.

We are looking for feedback on the banquet. Shadows On The Wolf has only one fundraiser a year and that is the banquet. We try to raise as much money as possible at the banquet. The banquet has ended at 7:30-7:45 the past two years. The question I would like to ask is if we slowed down, stretched it out longer and/or added more raffle items, would that encourage you to stay longer and possibly give more or are you set with an amount that you are going to spend and like the current process? Your feedback is important and is not limited to the questions above. Please feel free to private message us on Facebook or send an email to the Shadows email (shadowsonthewolf@gmail.com) or call me directly.

As you know, every year we do our seed program. This year the seeds will be available on April 27, 7:00am to 12:00pm at Wolf River Asphalt, 5541 Old Hwy 54, Shiocton. The supplier of the seeds has given us this date. If the date moves up, we will let you know through Facebook or our website. Please be sure to attend the event on Facebook to receive the updates, if any, to the date or to have an automatic reminder of the date. I will also contact everyone who signed up by phone to ensure you received the new date if it changes. You must be a member to order the seeds. If you didn't get a chance to order and would like to place an order, please contact one of the individuals listed below and we will be able to help you:

- Kevin Conradt (Shiocton) – 920-858-0265
 - Tom Mijal (Clintonville) – 920-570-0803
 - Dean Daebler (Shawano) – 715-460-0209
- Or email Shadowsonthewolf@gmail.com.

Please remember this Spring that Shadows On The Wolf will have the Kids Don't Float program at the Shiocton Boat Landing again this year. If you forget a life jacket at home, just grab one from the box at the landing and return it when you are finished. This is a very good program that we wish to continue. If the program goes well at the Shiocton boat landing, we will be looking at other possible locations on the Wolf River basin. Life jackets do work so PLEASE wear your life jackets!

Please remember the following dates, which are also posted on our Facebook page and our website, and keep them open:

- Saturday April 13, 2019 – River Clean Up
 - o Pending Conditions
 - o 8:00am Start
 - o Meet at Shiocton Boat Landing
- Saturday April 20, 2019 – Road Clean Up
 - o Pending Conditions
 - o 8:00am Start
 - o Meet at Bamboo Bend

****We can always use the help!!****

- Saturday April 27, 2019 – Seed Program Pick Up
 - o 7:00am to Noon
 - o Wolf River Asphalt, 5541 Old Hwy 54 Shiocton

Changes in the dates on any of the above will be communicated through our website or Facebook.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

Thank you!
Kevin Conradt
President

CLINTONVILLE CHAPTER

Upcoming Projects

The Clintonville Chapter has been approved by the City of Clintonville to apply on their behalf to the WI DNR for permits to install fish stick habitat in the Pigeon Lake, adjacent to city property. The permit once issued will be good for 5 years and will allow us to add append additional landowners around Pigeon Lake to that permit, if those landowners wish to also have fish sticks installed near their property. With the water drained from the Pigeon Lake this winter it was decided to install the fish sticks after January 2020 so they can sink into place once the ice melts next spring.

The Clintonville Chapter is working with the WI DNR to assist and supplement with additional fish stocking of Pigeon Lake once the lake water level is restored this spring. According to fish biologist Jason Breeggemann, the DNR will do an electrofishing survey at some point in 2019, probably early fall to guide the future stocking. For 2019, the DNR has quotas in for 1,730 large fingerling northern pike (approximately 8 inches long) and 4,325 fingerling largemouth bass (approximately 3 inches long) to be stocked into Pigeon Lake during late summer–fall.

The Clintonville Chapter is working with the City of Clintonville to install a handicap accessible pier at the Seven Maples Park. The park will also require additional grading and creation of handicap accessible trails on the park property, so timing on this project is to be determined yet and may span several years.

Thank you!

Dan Bouchette

715-281-8324 cell/text

SHAWANO CHAPTER

Greetings Shadows members,

Here at the Shawano chapter, we have completed a few projects these past months. Working with Doug Clark and the Shawano 4H Shooting Sports Group we have built several shooting benches, including one that is wheelchair capable.

With the aid of Bonduel's Tech Ed department, we completed our first "Kids Don't Float" life jacket kiosk. This kiosk will be available at the County Park on the north side of Shawano Lake at the boat landing. This year we have another "Kids Don't Float" kiosk on our project list. This one should be available at the Cecil Boat landing on Shawano lake.

We also helped with J&H Game Farm's Youth and Ladies Day event, the Navarino Nature Center, Shawano Hunter Safety and the Bonduel High School Trap Club. We are also involved with "Raised at Full Draw Bow Hunting" camps. It is a 4-day camp to teach youths the fine arts of bow hunting. This camp will be held by Mark Conradt, (715-853-6671 for info).

Word is out that Shawano County is about ready for their CCC boat landing. We are looking forward to work with them on this worthy project.

Currently the Shawano chapter is busy putting on the finishing touches on our 9th banquet. It will be held at The Gathering in Shawano on Saturday the 30th of March. This will be our largest banquet to date!

Any questions about past, present or future projects, please give any of our committee members a call. Have a great summer!

Respectfully,

Dan Sturm

Secretary Shawano Chapter

PROJECT UPDATES

Sturgeon Trail County X New London

As I have previously mentioned here in our Shadows newsletter, Shadows is involved in a habitat project on the sturgeon trail in New London. We are partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Sturgeon for Tomorrow and the Waupaca County Parks Department to re-rock approximately 1500 feet of the trail.

After the site was assessed by DNR Sturgeon Habitat Specialist, Eric Wegleitner, it was determined that the existing rock is quite small to provide the best habitat for sturgeon to spawn. The new rock will be 8 to 18 inch in size and will placed directly over the existing rock. By diversifying the size of rock, more voids will be created for the eggs to "hide" in and stay away from scavenging fish. This will facilitate a better hatch rate and hopefully increase the population of sturgeon in the future.

Unfortunately, mother nature threw us a curve ball this winter. Even though we needed, and did get, the cold weather to freeze the trail so it wouldn't be damaged by the process of re-rocking the bank, she also dumped a lot of snow on us. At the end of February, there was at least two feet of snow covering the entire bank on the trail. It simply doesn't pay to place rock on top of snow. When the snow melts, the rock simply rolls down the slope and collects at the bottom, not where we need it to be when the water is up and the sturgeon are spawning.

With so much snow, and the calendar ticking every day, we ran out of time to complete the project this winter. With the suggestion from the WDNR sturgeon guru, Mr. Ryan Koenigs, this project has been postponed until next year.

Our window of opportunity to do projects on the river closed on March 15th, and we were unable to Get 'R Done by that date. All the needed, funded materials for the project are in place, so it is just a matter of getting the right conditions again. Hopefully next winter!

I will keep you informed. Good lunch fishing this Spring and be safe! Always wear your life jacket!

Kids Don't Float

What a great name for such an important project! Actually, none of us float very well. We do a lot better with a little support . . . a.k.a. a life jacket!

Shadows On The Wolf completed a project last Spring to place a Kids Don't Float station at the Shiocton Boat Landing. It was well received, as the loaner jackets were seen several times throughout the season. With the success on one station under our belts, Shadows has selected a second site to place a Kids Don't Float station. The new station will be placed at the Waupaca County Park's boat landing known as Shaw's Landing, just south of New London. With permission to place the station received from Mr. John Francis, Waupaca County Parks director, this station will be on site and operating in time for our Spring fishing. If you arrive at the landing and forgot yours or don't have a life jacket that fits, you can borrow one and return it to the station at the end of your adventure. **DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET!** It does little good on the bottom of the boat or stashed out of the way. Be safe and enjoy our great outdoors!

Trappers Education

A Trappers Education class was held in January at the Wolf River Asphalt shop in Shiocton. A big thank you to Kyle Boelter for the use of his facility to have the class! We had 32 students participate in this learning adventure which, by all indicators, was a resounding success. Mr. Jim Binder, State Director of Trappers Education, was the lead instructor. Along with his many volunteer instructors, and several students learning to be instructors, Jim has plenty of help to teach others the fun and challenges of trapping. All involved have committed to having another class next winter, so keep that in mind. Jim Binder will also be conducting a summer class in 2019. The class will be held July 26, 27, 28. Eager students can sign up for the class on the WDNR website "Go Wild", where all contact information will be available. Please see Shadows On The Wolf website for a link to the "Go Wild" page in our "Links" page.

Hunters Education

The Shiocton Hunter Education class was a big success again this year. The class concluded in mid-March, with 32 students graduating. Of those 32 students, 20 will continue to take the bowhunter education part of the class. Many thanks to long time lead instructor, Greg Fischer, and all his volunteer instructors. Thank you for a job well done! Look for next year's class to begin in late April when the weather will be a lot nicer than during the winter. As always, information on joining the class can be found on the WDNR website "Go Wild". You can sign up for more than hunter's education on this site. There is also ATV,

boating and many other classes to sign up for online. Again, you can find the "Go Wild" page on the Shadows website under our "Links" page.

Congratulations Graduates! Be safe out there!

Shiocton Lake Park Fish Stocking

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, a fish stocking project is underway at the lake in Shiocton's Lake Park. We are waiting to see if there are any problems, such as Winter kill, with the Fall stocking before the second half of the planned order is stocked. If all looks good, the rest of our order will be stocked in May 2019. The Plan for this project is to provide a safe and successful shore fish fry for kids and handicapped fisherman. Please, catch and release is recommended at least until this project is well established. Take a kid fishing and enjoy the Spring!

One final note, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE remember to wear your life jacket! Even one life lost is too many! See you at the river!

Wayne Van Straten

Field Project Director, Shadows On The Wolf, Shiocton

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

Lifetime memberships can be purchased for \$250.00. Contact any board member, private message Shadows On The Wolf Facebook page or email shadowsonthewolf@gmail.com if you are interested.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial and wish to donate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Shadows On The Wolf, please contact your agent for assistance.

Amazon Smile Program

Purchase your items from Amazon Smile and Shadows On The Wolf will receive annual donations from Amazon based on qualifying purchases. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1723093> to begin. You will pay the same great Amazon.com prices and can use your existing Amazon.com account information.

2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 30 – Shawano Banquet
- April 6-7 – Youth/Ladies LTH
- April 13 – River Clean Up (Pending Conditions)
- April 20 – Road Clean Up (Pending Conditions)
- April 27 – Seed Program Pick Up
- May 17-19 – Challenged Hunters/Turkey Hunt
- June 15 – Clintonville Golf Outing

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