



# Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association

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## FROM DOUG KURTZWEIL, CHAIR

*Spring Seasons Greetings to all from the greatest place in the world—the Chippewa Flowage! The weather has been wonderful ever since the 21"+ snowfall of March 13. The chipmunks are out and about. I saw my first robins on March 26. I've heard red-wings and saw the first herons on April 3. We are on the threshold of another year, another "season," another opportunity to enjoy and appreciate our Chippewa Flowage.*

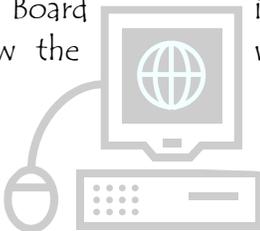
*The winter should have been fairly kind to our resource; there were minimal concerns about dissolved oxygen levels until the big snowfall. Melting has been slow but steady since and water levels are coming back daily. I'm looking forward to one of the best summers of my life. You probably (and should be) too.*

*As we get ready for the opener and our summer fun, I would like to share a few words that I would ask you to share with your family, friends, and guests as they prepare to enjoy our semi-wilderness paradise.*

*Be courteous to all other boaters, whether they deserve it or not. I nearly get swamped several times every year and sometimes I really have to control myself. Promote slow/no wake in all water under 10 feet. Prop wash from my 15 will re-suspend nutrients and sediments in that shallow of water. Re-suspension of nutrients will promote weed growth; re-suspension of sediments reduces success of hatching young muskies, crappies, bluegills, and other shallow spawning species. So, tell them all, let's be smart! Let's be sober. Let's be safe.*

[www.cfapoa.org](http://www.cfapoa.org) The Board is pleased to announce that member Emily Odell-Peterson has volunteered to be our website advisor. Thanks, Emily! She and Tim Gavigan, our webmaster, will meet with the Board in the near future to review the website and plan for the future.

After reading the input from members and discussing security and technical issues, the Board has decided to remove the online directory from our website at this time. Thanks to those who shared their opinions on this topic with us.



**Septic Tanks** In March, 2005, a state law went into effect requiring every septic tank to be pumped at least every three years. Sawyer County, with the assistance of local Liquid Waste Carriers, is in the processing of computerizing their records so they can monitor compliance with this law. If you haven't had your tank pumped lately, perhaps it's time. Seasonal residents and those with ejector pump lift stations are encouraged to have their tanks pumped annually to keep things working properly. Having your septic tank pumped regularly will keep you in compliance with the law, keep your system working properly AND will help insure that the Chippewa Flowage stays clean.

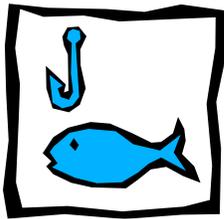
# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Fish Habitat

*Nancy Ruhlow & Carmen Sipes, Co-Chairs*

We're still waiting for word from the DNR about the Fish Management Program. Hopefully, we'll know something soon.

In the meantime, we recently received the following from Sawyer County Land Conservation and thought it worth passing on to you. "If you're interested in improving fish habitat on the lake this year a **tree drop**. In the past damaged trees that fell into the lake remained in the water creating premium fish habitat. With the many changes that have occurred along lakeshores, this natural habitat has become scarce. A tree drop is intended to replicate or accelerate the establishment of natural fisheries habitat along shorelines. The process is relatively simple but does require a DNR permit. For more information on what a tree drop is, contact our office or Frank Pratt at the DNR."



The DNR number is 634-9658. You can reach Sawyer County Land & Conservation at 634-6463 or lwsec@sawyercountygov.org

## Grants & Funding

*John Kaiser & Marl Reeder, Co-Chairs*

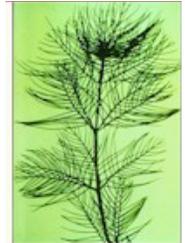
The 2nd Annual Pig & Turkey Roast will be held on July 16th from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Blue Heron Restaurant located on the corner of CC and B. Proceeds will be used to support programs of the CFAPOA. Great raffle items are planned. Tickets are again \$10 each and may be purchased at the Spring Fling or through any Board member. You may also send us your check and we'll be happy to send the tickets to you. (CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward WI 54843) We hope you'll join us for this fun time!



## Invasive Species

*Dennis Claggett, Chair*

We have completed the first phase of the Wisconsin Purple Loosestrife Biological Control Program's project to raise *Galerucella* beetles. We have submitted an application for a permit to raise and release the beetles, and we're gathering supplies to construct a beetle rearing station.



In 1994, the Wisconsin DNR introduced the beetles as a biological control for purple loosestrife, which is a non-native plant that invades and takes over wetlands and shoreline to the detriment of native plants and animals. The beetle biological control measure has reduced the loosestrife in many areas throughout the state thanks to hundreds of individuals who have reared and released the majority of the insects.

## New Members

*Dick Kahler, Chair*

Please welcome the following new members: Bill & Kathie Decker, Dan & Julie Heath, Charles & Joanne Keyes, and Ronald & Susan Weiler.



## Shoreline Protection

*Chuck Block, Chair*

Also from Sawyer County Land & Conservation ... "The **Shoreline Restoration Incentive Program** was initiated in July 2004 to provide technical assistance and start-up costs for property owners beginning a shoreline restoration project. We've had a great response! In two years site visits for the program were made on the following: Nelson Lake - 9; Lake Hayward - 2; Chippewa River - 2; Lac Courte Orielles - 3; Black Dan Lake - 1; Sand Lake - 1; Lake Chetek - 1; Schoolhouse Lake - 1; Big Round Lake -; Chief Lake - 2; Smith Lake - 1; Lake Winter - 1; and Whitefish Lake - 1. Some of

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the projects are planted with several in the planning stages for this summer. Funding is limited to ten projects annually. We have funding for 2 more projects in 2006. If you're considering a project call ASAP to reserve your spot. In addition, we're scheduling site visits for 2007 cost-share funding on larger shoreland protection projects." (You can reach Sawyer County Land & Conservation at 634-6463 or lwsec@sawyercountygov.org)

"As Spring approaches we begin to anticipate the first open water and the **ice jacking or shoving** that is often part of the transition from Winter.



There are many variables that affect ice conditions and potential jacking each year including; thickness of ice, temperature changes, snow cover and shore conditions. For instance, on a lake one mile wide an 18 degree change in temperature can cause the ice to expand up to 32 inches. During this process, the ice will move with a force as much as 30,000 pounds per square inch. For some lakeshore property owners this unstoppable force of nature can create berms of soil along the shoreline. If you're one of these, consider leaving the berm instead of pushing it back to the water edge. The berm can actually strengthen the shoreline over several years and acts as a natural barrier to prevent contaminants from reaching the lake."

## Social

*Marl Reeder & Carmen Sipes, Co-Chairs*

Plan on attending our 12th Annual Spring Fling on June 3rd from 4-6 pm at Treeland's Resort. Cost is \$7 per person which includes 1 drink and hors d'oeuvres. Tip is not included. If you wish to donate a raffle item, non-perishable food items for the Hayward Food Shelf or items for the Northwoods Humane Society, they would be appreciated. Please join us for this fun filled evening, reacquainting yourselves with fellow property owners. (See the reservation form on page 5 of this newsletter.)

The 2nd Annual Pig & Turkey Roast will again be held at the Blue Heron, thanks to Rick Marks, Gayle Fleming and their staff, on July 16th. Thanks to all the support of local and regional businesses last year who donated raffle items, we will again have a fun filled day with great raffle items and wonderful food, fun and music. This year's goal is to raise money to support the programs of the CFAPOA. See you there!

## Water Quality

*Chris Jeffords, Chair*

The water quality committee is now actively seeking volunteers to obtain samples from various locations on the flowage. We will compile the list and contact everyone late April or early May. This will involve taking samples of water from the surface and several feet below the surface every 2 weeks. Equipment will be provided. These samples will then be sent to a lab in cooperation and funding from the DNR and LCO conservation. While results of the tests will take several weeks to analyze in the lab, we are trying to obtain the summary of last year's sampling to provide at least a one year baseline. They will be published on our newly developed website when available.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, property owners can directly influence the water quality and shoreline aesthetics of our lake. The DNR and University of WI Extension have published many excellent brochures on this subject, and many are available at our spring and annual meetings. Take the time to pick some up and see how some very simple actions can make a difference.

If you would like to volunteer for this program or would like further information on what you can do to help, please contact myself or any board member. Excellent information can also be found at: [www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/lakes/selfhelp/aboutshlm.htm](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/lakes/selfhelp/aboutshlm.htm)

## DNR & LCO REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH CFAPOA BOARD

*by Carmen Sipes*

On March 5, 2005, Dave Neuswanger, from the Hayward DNR office, and Dan Tyrolt, the Environmental Engineer from LCO, met with the CFAPOA Board of Directors and several concerned CFAPOA members. Dave made a brief presentation entitled "Where Muskies Spawn" and then both questions of interest from the audience.

Dave Neuswanger, DNR, explained this year they would be obtaining brood stock from the Chippewa Flowage and that they will continue to rotate lakes every 5 years to prevent inbreeding. He stated they haven't used this body of water since '90-'91. He asked and received, from the people present, help identifying areas where muskies spawn. All brood stock will be genetically tested before their use.

There was also some discussion of lymphosarcoma being found on the Northern Pike in Nelson Lake. He stated it is believed to be a retro-virus and very transmittable to other fish and a death sentence to muskellunge. To prevent transmission, he stated fish from one lake should not be released into another lake and he also suggested cleaning live wells after introducing fish from another lake into that live well. He stated this disease will eventually die down, but once established, will never be eradicated from the lake.

At this time, the DNR is still writing up a fishery management plan and hope to have this completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Members of the audience brought up the fluctuating water levels and the management of invasive plants. Dave did say water levels can be a key component to the fishery management plan. An expert is being consulted regarding this problem.

Dan Tyrolt, LCO, stated there is a 3 year program in progress at this time to determine the amount of Eurasian Milfoil. The east side of the flowage was mapped last summer and the west side will be mapped this summer. Pending the outcome of the survey, there is money available from grants for a chemical treatment using Navigate. This herbicide is not harmful to fish and wildlife and would be administered in selected small quiet areas of the lake.

### **TOWN OF HUNTER 2006 DUMP HOURS**

#### **Winter hours until May 5th**

*Saturdays only—9:00 am to 2:00 pm*

#### **Summer hours starting May 6th**

*Mondays & Wednesdays—8:00 am to 1:00 pm*

*Saturdays—8:00 am to 2:00 pm*

#### **Winter hours starting September 30th**

*Saturdays only—9:00 am to 2:00 pm*

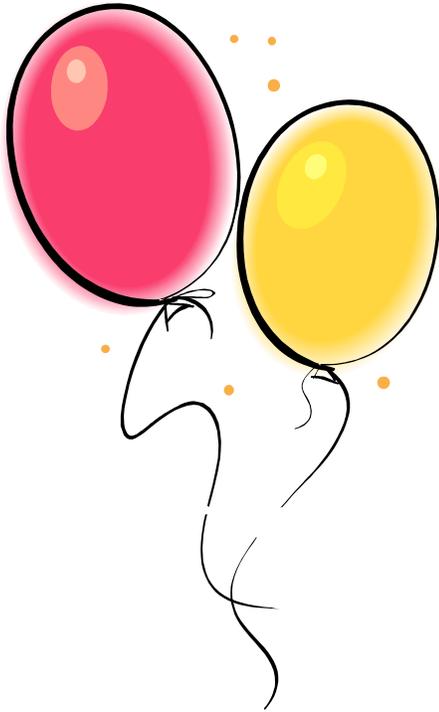
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### **GOOD JOB BIRKIE SKIERS!**

Congratulations to the following CFAPOA members who completed the Birkie on February 25th: Bob Aaron, Jane Bidwell, John Detloff, and Wayne Hutchison. They cross country skied 51K from Cable to Hayward. We're proud of you!

### **TOWN OF HUNTER LAND USE SURVEY**

If you haven't returned your Land Use Survey yet, please do as quickly as possible. Questions? Contact the Town of Hunter Office. (715-462-3957)



# 12th Annual CFAPOA Spring Fling

**Saturday, June 3, 2006**  
**Treeland's Resort**  
**4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**\$7.00 per person**  
**(1 drink + hors d'oeuvres)**

**Please join us!**

Reservations requested by May 26th.

Send your reservation and check payable to CFAPOA to:  
CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555  
*Reservations are NOT refundable after May 31st*

Questions? Contact Carmen Sipes  
(715-945-2247 or [geocarm@indianheadtel.net](mailto:geocarm@indianheadtel.net))

*Donations for Hayward Food Shelf & Northwoods Humane Society welcome.*

12th Annual CFAPOA Spring Fling Reservation  
(Requested by May 26th!)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring and donate a raffle item: \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

## DUES INCREASE FOR 2006-2007

*by Doug Kurtzweil*

The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association is beginning its 24th year. It was incorporated in the spring of 1983. Dues were established at \$10 per year. Back then, a stamp cost around 20 cents; you could buy a pretty nice new vehicle for \$6000-\$7000; and, a really nice vacant lot on our Flowage for just \$10,000 more than that. About 10 years ago, the "family membership" dues of \$15 per year was instituted. In the past, some have paid the \$10, and when they received their Directory, would call Mary and ask "Why isn't my spouse's name listed too?" In just the 6 years I have had my little place up the creek, my property taxes have gone from \$1100 per year to nearly \$2600.

Not one cent of dues money has gone to the Chippewa Islands Project. Rarely, if ever, has dues money gone to the Adopt-A-Crib fund. Dues finance the regular, normal, day-to-day operation of your CFAPOA. The "big ticket" items over the last few years are: the publishing and mailing of newsletters and directories, the Annual Meeting and free picnic, contributing to the operational costs of the aerator on Crane Lake, and helping to defray the expenses of attendees at the Lakes Convention and other conferences. (Back in 2002, I paid my own \$135 registration and CFAPOA covered about that much in lodging, etc. for the 3 day Convention in Green Bay. Had I not gone, Big Timber Island would be a multi-unit development today.)

In the 5+ years I've served on your Board of Directors, on more than one occasion we have had to access modest reserves to cover cash flow situations. This winter, 2 Board members did independent costs analyses and arrived at the conclusion that, at current membership levels, it costs CFAPOA between \$17 and nearly \$20 per membership to do what we've been doing the last couple of years. Most of the property owner associations on the larger lakes in our area have been asking for \$20 per year for a long time and are no where near as active or involved as your Association, nor do they have such quality to protect.

Your Board of Directors has voted 7 to 1 to increase the annual dues to \$25 per year for all members. I reluctantly support this. I, personally, would have preferred \$20 but it was pointed out to me that we would then, in all likelihood, have to do this again in several years. I realize we might lose some members; I hope not. I pledge to you, as long as you want me to serve, I will do everything I can to contain costs and achieve efficiencies. All capital projects, be they acquisitions, cribs, additional aerators, educational projects, etc. will be funded from sources other than your dues. Your CFAPOA needs this overdue, incremental increase to survive. I will do everything I can, as a member of the Association, and as a member of the Board, to see to it that we go another 10 years before we have to ask you for this again. Questions, comments, or concerns, call me at 715-462-9679.

### THE PREAMBLE FROM OUR BYLAWS

The Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association was formed to generally promote, encourage and foster the interests of all tax paying property owners.

The major objectives of the Association are:

- to keep the Chippewa Flowage area clean and safe for all peoples;
- to protect the environment; to maintain the natural beauty of the Chippewa Flowage area;
- to provide a forum for the collection and exchange of ideas
- and to pursue any other lawful objectives that may benefit this pristine reservoir.

**MEMBERSHIP** We currently have 376 members! Please share the membership form found in your directory or at the end of this newsletter with anyone interested in joining who lives within 2 miles of the Chippewa Flowage. Or encourage them to check out our website at [www.cfapoa.org](http://www.cfapoa.org). New members and returning members are always welcome!

**WAL CONVENTION** Six CFAPOA Directors will attend the WAL (Wisconsin Association of Lakes) Convention to be held April 20-22 in Green Bay. They will meet with other lake association board members as well as professionals to learn the latest information available on invasive species, shoreline protection, current legislation, and many other topics. Look for their report in the Summer Newsletter. Those attending will be Chuck Block, Dennis Clagett, Chris Jeffords, Dick Kahler, John Kaiser and Doug Kurtzweil.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MATERIALS



CFAPOA has been distributing Neighborhood Watch materials for many years. We've tried to give them to everyone, but if we missed you or you need more signs and/or stickers for your Northwoods home, please contact Director Dick Kahler

or email CFAPOA at [cfapoa@hotmail.com](mailto:cfapoa@hotmail.com). Posting these in windows may help deter criminals. Please remember to report ANY suspicious activities immediately to the Sawyer County Sheriff.

**THANK YOU** Thank you to Kay & Paul Ryan for their donation to the Fish Habitat Fund in memory of Olga Ruhlow.

## Ideas for the summer ...

### Ongoing

- Hayward Fame Flea Market—Memorial Day to Labor Day; Hwy 27 & County CC; Tues & Wed
- Monday Flea Market—Memorial Day to last Monday in August; Hayward Sports Center; 715-634-4791
- Farmer's Market—June to Sept; Sawyer County Fair-ground

### May

- 6 Statewide Inland Fishing Opener
- 11-14 Treeland Walleye Challenge; limited to 300 entrants; 462-3874
- 19-21 Northern Encounter Musky Tale Resort Northern Pike Fishing Tourn.; 462-3838
- 19-21 18th Annual Fishing Has No Boundaries; Chippewa Flowage; 634-3185
- 27 Area Musky Season Opener

### June

- 3 [CFAPOA Spring Fling, Treeland Resort](#)
- 22-25 57th Annual Musky Festival; 634-8662
- 24 Sawyer County Dairy Breakfast; County Fairgrounds; 634-2505
- 29-30 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference; Telemark Resort; 798-3999

### July

- 14-16 LCO Honor the Earth Powwow; 634-8924
- 16 [CFAPOA Pig & Turkey Roast, Blue Heron](#)
- 28-30 Lumberjack World Championships; 634-2102

### August

- 3-6 Sawyer Cty Fair; Fairgrounds; 462-4662
- 13 [CFAPOA Annual Meeting & Picnic](#)
- 25-27: Musky Tale Resorts Musky Shootout; 462-3838

For more information about these events, call the numbers listed above or visit the Hayward Visitors Center. You may also want to visit the Chamber of Commerce website at [www.haywardareachamber.com](http://www.haywardareachamber.com). They have even more information and ideas for you!

**ADDITIONAL BOARD NEWS**

- **Crane Lake Aeration Project:** Each year, we join the Chippewa Flowage Resort Owners Association and Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin in funding this project. In mid-April, the CFAPOA Board presented a \$500 check to the DNR. Our contribution helps defray the electrical cost of operating the aerator during the winter months.
- **Northwest Wisconsin Conference:** Conventions are an important source of information and needed contacts for our association. Your Directors are currently deciding who will attend this conference in June.
- **Emailed Newsletters:** Thanks to those willing to receive newsletters online. Out of the 150 members with email addresses, however, only 20 volunteered for this. The Board has decided to continue to send a hard copy to all members. The newsletter will continue to be available in color on our website.

**ANNUAL MEETING GUEST SPEAKER**

The Board is pleased to announce that Carroll Schaal has agreed to be the guest speaker prior to our Annual Meeting and free picnic on August 13 at Deer Run Resort. Mr. Schaal's official title is Lakes Team Leader, Bureau of Fisheries Management & Habitat Protection, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He is a well known expert on shoreline development and protection. He has been the guest speaker at numerous conferences and his presentation to us promises to be enlightening and informative. You won't want to miss his comments.

**MEMORIALS** CFAPOA respectfully accepts donations made in the name of members and friends of the Chippewa Flowage. To make a donation, just send your check and the person's name to us to CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555. The family will be notified of your donation. Current donations will be used for the Islands Project, unless specified differently by you. The Board is currently deciding where future donations will be used once the Islands Project has been completed.

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**Please stay in touch.** We're always interested in your opinions and comments. Contact us anytime at [cfapoa@hotmail.com](mailto:cfapoa@hotmail.com) OR [www.cfapoa.org](http://www.cfapoa.org) OR CFAPOA, PO Box 555, Hayward, WI 54843-0555. And, please remember to let us know of any changes in your addresses, phone numbers or email address.



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## *Please share with a friend or neighbor!*

### CHIPPEWA FLOWAGE AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Town, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Local Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Local Area Address \_\_\_\_\_

Local Area Town, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form and your check to:*

*CFAPOA,*

*PO Box 555*

*Hayward, WI 54843-0555*

*2005-06: Single membership= \$10; Family membership= \$15*



## GREAT NEWS FROM COUDERAY WATERS LAND TRUST

*by James Garvey, Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust Secretary*

After early years of careful preparation, Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust (CWRLT) has launched its land trust service to property owners in the Hayward Lakes Area in providing perpetual conservation and preservation of natural resources of property, for on and off shores lands. CWRLT has accepted its first donation of land title to pristine property on the shores of the Chippewa Flowage. It is prepared to accept title to similar property at Christner Lake. Other offers of conservation easements are being processed. CWRLT's aid to the Chippewa Flowage Area Property Owners Association enabled the successful purchase of land perpetual preservation of Big Timber Island in 2005. Similar efforts continue toward conservation of neighboring Moonshine Island, hopefully to be completed in 2006.

You are invited to join in these conservation efforts by becoming a member in CWRLT. Send your membership check to Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust, PO Box 13097, Hayward, WI 54843 in the sum of \$25 (Individual/Family membership) or \$50 (Preserver membership). Since CWRLT is an IRS approved Sec. 501 (c) (3) tax exempt corporation, membership dues and donations are tax deductible to you.

For more information, contact Couderay Waters Regional Land Trust by mail at PO Box 13097, Hayward, WI 54843; or phone (715) 634-5336 (Hayward) or (715) 634-5605 (Stone Lake) or (715) 835-3550 (Eau Claire) or (651) 994-0782 (Eagan, MN); or by email at [Rgiefer@solutionbeacon.com](mailto:Rgiefer@solutionbeacon.com); or view its website at [www.cwrlt.org](http://www.cwrlt.org)

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P.O. Box 555  
HAYWARD, WI 54843-0555



## Please mark your calendar

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| 4/6/06         | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.)   |
| 5/4/06         | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.)   |
| 6/1/06         | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.)   |
| <b>6/3/06</b>  | <b>12th Annual Spring Fling at Treeland's Resort &amp; Motel</b><br><i>(Please bring donations for the Hayward Food Shelf and/or the Northwoods Humane Society.)</i> |
| 7/6/06         | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.)   |
| <b>7/16/06</b> | <b>2nd Annual Pig &amp; Turkey Roast at Blue Heron Restaurant</b>  |
| 8/3/06         | CFAPOA Board meeting at the Town of Hunter Hall (7 p.m.)   |
| <b>8/13/06</b> | <b>Annual CFAPOA Meeting &amp; Picnic at Deer Run Resort</b><br><i>(Please bring donations for the Northwoods Humane Society.)</i>                                   |