



"The Girls"

Furry Neighbors

A **gregarious Fox** claimed our resort from Killdeer to Balsam as her new stomping grounds. This **bushy-tailed-beauty's inquisitive nature** allowed Ruth within 4' from her. **Camouflaged** in a fall carpeted bed of leaves, this fox kept our guests under careful surveillance as they passed by Kingfisher and this winter has taken up residence within sight of the lodge. Our **amiable red squirrel** adopted himself into our plastic squirrel family play set. He naps among them, eats among them and sunbaths with them - they don't seem to mind. With nothing but **butt and tail** sticking out of Rick's tea cup, a **caffinated chipmunk** slurped up the remains of tea, bag and all, then launched himself with all fours spread out off the deck.

Beavers use roadway rather than water way

Richard Pongowski stopped his bike to enjoy **looking over a beaver** crossing Brandt Road as the **beaver was looking him over**. A **baffled beaver** in Happy Hooker's parking lot entertained Greg and Phil as it ran into a small puddle and slapped its tail every time a car drove by.

The Turtle Trek

Mama **snapping turtle** returned to her annual sandy area by Pines to lay her eggs this spring. **Reaching the crest of their underground journey**, one by one miniature sized, soft shelled **baby turtles cautiously peaked their heads out** this fall to see if the coast was clear for their trek to the waters edge. Assisted by Stewart, Rachael and Dave, at least fifteen **relieved baby turtles** made it safely to their new watery home.

Animal Rescues

Roger Korth rescued a **chick wedged in the pier boards** while mother duck quacked in desperation. Dave Stueckmann was prepared to rescue a **frantic loon** after observing him **repeatedly slap the water surface** with outstretched wings, **turn in circles** and then **diving** under water just to emerge and do it all over again. Two hours of this **splendid show** gave evidence of feathers floating all over the churning waters made Dave realize the loon was in no danger but **simply preening** himself.

Sharing is Caring

Spotted fawns are feasting on fallen acorns while mama keeps a close eye on her babies. Cordial **deer share their plate of corn with the ducks and chipmunks**. All **feeding amiably**, red squirrel, gray squirrel, crown finches, woodpecker, chickadee, nut hatches, and our five friendly deer or as Dick called them **"the girls"**.

Feathered Friends

A **trusting mama duck** laid a dozen eggs in a **soft feathery-down nest** between our lodge fireplace & air conditioner unit. She **diligently sat on them 24/7** only



leaving for short periods of feeding, seemingly unaffected by lodge traffic and curiously peering humans. **Canadian geese** proudly paraded their **little goslings** up and

down our ramp in spring and gathered between Willows & Morningside with their **"not so little"** goslings in fall. Yellow breasted finches **flutter, feed, and flee** to the safety of snow covered trees, flocks of turkeys roam our forest roads, a **surprised grouse scurried** across the nature trail surprising Betty. The **soothing melody** of numerous birds including song sparrows, cardinals, chickadees and mourning doves awaken our forest with a refreshing morning song while the lonely loon call brings **nature's daily sing-a-long** to rest.

Nature's Walk

A **curious otter** peeked through the water at Jeannie Nelson. Sue Thomas watched a **blue heron parade up our boat ramp**, freely stroll past 3 cabins and back into the water; four **social deer strolled from cabin to cabin** grazing the grounds fearless of our watchful guests; a brave deer **walked across the frozen lake** to visit Dave & Peg just 5 days after freezing over. A **gray squirrel** scooted to the top of Rick's deer stand, **dropped acorns** on him and as he came down to gather them, froze at seeing an amused Rick. **Making suicidal jumps** from tree to tree, he scurried down and raced away over hill and dale. Dick observed an **affectionate feeding doe nuzzle her fawn** with her neck and head resting on the **restless little one**.

"Thank you for your families hospitality and general good nature. We feel that we have found a new home with you."

- Ed Regan



Celebrating Dick's Birthday with Warren Nelson

"Northland Lodge is a good place to sit and get your brain washed out." - Dick Oliver

Priceless Musical Celebration...

"Your sing-a-long is so unique. I've never seen anything like it!" - Dave Zander

A **perfect audience** kicked off our 2010 sing-a-long/talent show with a great **melodious** start thanks to Samuel Cunningham and Aaron Coon, the Meyer family including Grandpa Don, alias "Rodney Dangerfield", **rocked the house** with their unique musical talents and touched Ramona's heart along with many others singing "Blackbird" knowing **someday we too, will fly**.

"Do you know how unusual it is to have teenagers look forward to coming here?" - Donna Meyer

Priceless laughter as Brian and Dick tried to out do each other with **Louie Armstrong impersonations**, Fancy-footed Brian tickled chins with feathered boa as he danced among amused guests in pink gown crowned with a blond wig to **"Hello Dolly"**.

Priceless sing-a-long traditions continue as **Gut Bucket Bob, Guitar Man Dan and Old Style Dick** woke everyone up with their original rendition of "Margaritaville"; as Laura Grill, inspired by **20 years of sing-a-longs** composed and performed **"Pretty Picture"** a tribute to her favorite place, Northland Lodge, accompanied by brother Tom on guitar; Don and Mark Clemens **slurp in harmony to their famous "Watermelon" song**, later joining Brian, Dick and Sharon in **Barber Shop Harmony**;



Jim McCambridge effortlessly made the **stumpf fiddle sing** while Neil Zimmerman **plucked** a riveting **gut bucket**; Ryan entertained us with his traditional Irish tales along with sisters Catherine and Elizabeth; and Bob Vandenbranden gave a rousing tribute to his last sing-along with his **Lights-Out-Drum solo**. They won't be the same without you, Bob! and as Justin & Karen O'Brien blessed us for the second year with a new sing-along tradition **"To Northland We Must Go"**.

No mikes needed as the Farrar **"Whole Audience Choir"** didn't bring the house down, they raised the roof with **"How Great Thou Art"**! John commanded the stage with guitar & song **"Watching the Dandelions Grow"** while Emma **touched our hearts** with her heartfelt poems. Three year old, Grant Pilgrim, put a **twinkle in our eyes** as he belted out **Twinkle Little Star** & Itsy Bitsy Spider.

The parade of lights **glowed and flowed** as the children marched around the lodge to our Patriotic Medley. Lovingly the Mehlberg family **serenaded Ramona** outside her window "You Are My Sunshine". **One little bundle of joy**, Jack Hayward, slept through his 1st sing-along regardless of the **relentless shaking, rattling and drumming**. **"Story Teller"**, David Zander, used a **captivated audience** as spontaneous-interactive props while he told life-lesson stories such as "The Miller and the Donkey".



Alaynas' first sing-a-long

"You folks are your best advertising." - Dick Oliver

Treasured History

What is a Stumpf Fiddle? A walking stick with a bell, horn, woodblock, springs & tin pan drum played with a drumstick. Legend has it, 3 men met at a Packer game and each played their own rhythm stick. They started selling rhythm sticks now called Stumpf Fiddles.

"Thank you for the countless adventures occurring under your stellar guidance." - Tom Kusbel

To The best of FISHING...

While Jeff Mack & son, Tyler, reel in a 36" musky, a **vigilant bald eagle** observing from nearby tree descended with **talons extended** trying to snatch the **thrashing musky** 10' from the boat.

Whose line is it anyway? Benigna realizing she cast too close to a nearby boat, quickly reeled in to recast and **enticed a 40" musky** to take the bait. The nearby boaters graciously helped take the hook out and took pictures with Benigna as **proud** as if they caught it themselves.



12 year old, Jakub Hribal, last year's winner of Abu Garcia Combo Rod & Reel - 1st time using new rod, he caught a 3 lb walleye.

Acrobatic Musky...

Larry Otto quickly netted his barely hooked 40" musky, **thrashing to be free**, it arched its back and **back flipped** out of the net. **Teasing musky** jumped completely out of the water behind Paul & Jim Zoeller with no interest in their bait once it got their attention.

Nosey Musky...

Paul Braun checking on caged suckers saw a hungry **38" musky with nose up to the cage** also checking on the suckers. Hurried attempts to net him proved unsuccessful, throwing out a line only to receive a broken line ends this all **"to good to be true"** fishing story - but could it be the same **curious 38" musky** that approached Paul's boat twice - probably looking for those suckers.

Crappie Crusaders...

The Coon clan caught **53 crappies in 1 hour**. Tony Heuser's group started their 1st day of fishing off to a great start with 50 crappies and caught a total of 5 tagged crappies.

Proud Fishermen

Proud Grandpa, Terry Peterson, helped net, Ted Donovan's beautiful 49.5" musky!



Bobby Humphrey proudly displays his very 1st northern.

"When things get rough we ask, 'How many weeks until Hayward?'" - Donna Meyer

Nice Fish

Musky

A total of 377 legal muskies were listed on area musky charts, **217 were caught in Lost Land Lake**, 83 of these were over 40". Teal Lake had a total of 160 muskies, 42 were over 40". Almost **one third of these muskies were caught by our guests**.

Walleye

15 year old David Dickson caught & released 13 walleye in one afternoon
Jan Dobrich 27.5" 5 pounds
Rod Brunner 24"
Mark Nelson 22"
Gene Haliziw 4.5 lbs

Northern

Jeff Mueller 31"
Margaret Kruse 30"
Jim Kruse 28"
Nick Hatfield 24"
Jessica Duke 23.25"

Small Mouth Bass

Rob Hatfield 20"
Janet Duke 19.5", 4 lbs
Stuart Vandenbranden, 19", 4 lbs
Bill Domzalski 18.5"
Brian Dobrich 16.5" 11 years old

Crappie

Congratulations Crappie-a-thon Winners.
Ben Thornbury caught a **\$500 winner** off the dock
12 out of 27 tagged crappies caught were our guests:
Jerry Langham \$25
John Smith \$10
Tony Heuser \$10
Tony Heuser \$25 dinner certificate
Diane Tielbur \$25 dinner certificate
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John Tomten \$25 dinner certificate
Wayne Loek pizza & drinks
Ryan Engel \$25
Mike Congdon pizza & drinks
Diane Tielbur \$10

Congratulations to the winners for the annual drawing for an **Abu Garcia Rod & Reel Combos**: Ms. Amanda, WI; Brett Fredericks, WI and Mr. Derek Bosteter, MN.

Share your "nice fish" story with us! northlandlodge@centurytel.net



2011 CABIN RATES

Based on Cash, Traveler's Checks, Personal Checks or Money Orders

Prime Season June 11 to August 20 • Quiet Season May 1 to June 11 and August 20 to October 31

Four Persons - 2 Bedrooms

	Quiet Season		
	Prime	2 BR	1 BR
Aspen, Chickadee, Bobolink	\$995	\$745	\$645
Cardinal	\$1075	\$805	\$700
Whippoorwill, Robin's Nest	\$1165	\$875	\$755
Killdeer	\$1195	\$895	\$775
Meadowlark, Spruce	\$1275	\$955	\$860
Kingfisher	\$1315	\$985	\$885

Pet with permission \$100 per week

Six Persons - 3 Bedroom

	Prime	Quiet Season
Pines	\$1315	\$985
Redwing, Oriole, Morningside	\$1350	\$1015
Blue Heron, Willows	\$1375	\$1030
Tamarack, Bluebird	\$1505	\$1125

Eight Persons - 4 Bedrooms

Balsam	\$1860	\$1395
Big White Pine	\$2045	\$1535

Daily rates are 1/5 of weekly rates.
25-35% Discount on Daily Rates during Quiet Season as well.

Check in time is 3:00 PM. Everyone please check in at the lodge.

PET POLICY: A pet is kept on leash outside and picked up after, is kept off bedding and furniture, is not a barker or a shedder.