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River Clean Up

Earlier this month we had our second river clean up day. It would have been nice to see more club members show up for this. There were almost more non-members than members. Even though we had a small turnout, what was accomplished was unbelievable. Cook Sanitation brought a twenty cubic yard dumpster down to the river and we filled it to overflowing. We also had a large pile of tires and appliances sitting off to the side. Almost everything imaginable was picked up along with some things you wouldn't believe. It was a very disgusting sight. What can we do about this practice of people dumping their junk wherever they think that they won't get caught? I am not sure. Putting up signs, writing about it, and talking to people just doesn't seem to do any

good. Maybe we have to deny motor vehicles access to these areas. It would seem to me that if they are too lazy to go to the landfill they are not going to carry it any distance to dump it. We have to keep on top of this. If you see someone dumping trash along the river or anywhere, don't be afraid to take down their license number an report it to the proper authorities. Maybe if a few people get their names in the paper along with a hefty fine, other people might think twice about doing the same thing.

I would like to pass along a special thanks to Dave Cook of Cook Sanitation for hauling all the junk away that we picked up that day. If you see him sometime tell him how much you appreciate the help he has given us.

Club Calendar May 28th 7:30 PM Meeting at Schell's Tap Room Lunch provided. June 7th 1:00 PM Clear Lake-Take A Kid Fishing We need your help!

Clear Lake Update

The opener has finally come. From what I have heard the fishing was pretty good on Clear Lake. The walleye were cooperating and allowing themselves to be caught quite regularly. There were reports of some nice sunfish being caught along with some nice crappies. From what I heard, the bass opener should be really good. There were reports of a lot of bass in the one and a half pound class being caught and hopefully being released. As long as we are on the subject of release, I hope there aren't many people keeping all of the small walleye that are being caught. I also heard some second hand reports of people going to the lake two and three times a day and taking a limit home every time. If anyone hears of this happening please turn these people in. They are just ruining the fishing for the rest of us.

On Wednesday, May 13 the DNR did electro-shocking on Lake Hanska and Clear Lake. I was unable to get out there to see the results but was told we have a very good size population of walleye and bass. The fish are also very healthy.



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From The President

We really have a great opportunity to show off the fruits of our labor on Sunday, June 7th for the Take A Kid Fishing day. Many of you know the great amount of work it took to pull that system out of Clear Lake Gibbon. Here it is four years later and we've got a great fish population going. Sunfish are about half a pound, crappies are nine to eleven ounces, and the walleye are twelve inches. Largemouth bass are in the lake in great numbers with many in the one to two pound range. This is something we can all be proud of along with the other clubs that helped us financially with charitable gambling monies. We have opened the Take A Kid Fishing up to the general public, as it was intended to be and should get a good response. Many businesses have donated and will be thanked publicly for their contributions. Registration is at Hy-Vee and Randall's stores, sign up forms are there and include kids without a fishing buddy, Adults without a kid, and those who are paired already. All kids must have an adult fishing buddy. Times are 1:30 PM on Sunday, June 7th at Clear Lake south of New Ulm. Buses will leave Vogel Arena at 1 PM that day for those who wish to ride together. NUASF member Bob Fraunholz has donated transportation for the event. NUASF member Terry Slander has donated all the hot dogs and beans for the event. Cash Wise has donated all the chips, Randall's has donated the buns and potato salad, Hy-Vee has donated additional food and beverage, along with Hardee's, McDonald's, and Burger King. Joe's Camper and live bait sales has donated

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all the live bait that we will need for that day. To all NUASF members, BRING YOUR KIDS! We want them to enjoy this day just as much as all the others. Also, we need boats for this event.

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