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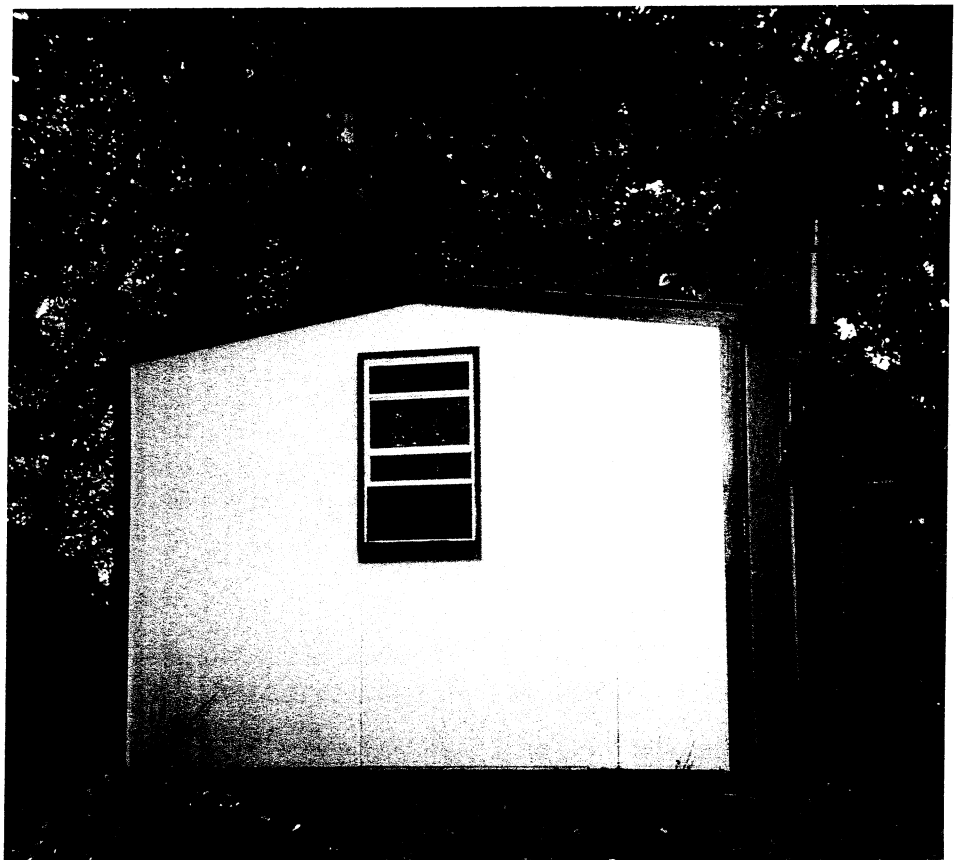
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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

The fish are there to catch

The long awaited fishing opener has come and gone for Clear Lake. There was some initial fishing in early July, but the rest of the summer the lake was very quiet. This was probably due to the fact that the lake was very green. The fish are there; test netting has proven that they are. We are expecting a very good ice fishing season.

Speaking of ice, there are a few things that need to be done before we do get ice. The aeration system needs to be started to make sure everything is in working order. When we do this, Al Zwack will be marking the helixars with his GPS. With this done we will know exactly where to drill holes when the system needs to be started.



The fish houses have all been painted or repaired and cleaned.

They are ready to go on the lake as soon as we have enough ice. A special thanks to the guys who helped get the houses ready. We are looking forward to a safe and successful ice fishing season.

Club Calendar

October 25.....Meeting at Club House • 7:30 p.m.

November 29....Meeting at Club House

January 17-20....Ice Fishing at Dixon Lake Lodge

February 10.....15th Annual Ice Fishing Contest

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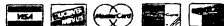
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From the President . . .

First off, a big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with *Riverblast*. It is too bad we couldn't have had better weather and circumstances to hold it. I'm sure next year will find us with a much better situation. Overall the event was a success for many reasons and in many aspects. We did manage to salvage a decent Saturday as far as weather and it held off for the canoes races, farmers market, crafts, face painting, fly tying, fortune telling and the great entertainment.

I will try not to miss anyone, but some club members deserve special recognition for their efforts. Mike Deinken and Corie Sutherland for their over-all efforts and with the fishing contest on Sunday. Jerry Carlson for his long weekend with food. Electronic experts Ken Sutherland and Dave Mecklenburg for a wiring job second to none, not to mention the lights. Dave Wenk for killer Chile and putting in long hours. And volunteers who worked long hours doing what needed to be done no matter what it was. Howard Klinger, Gary Sprenger, Craig Borchert, Charlie Zangl, Mel and Joleen Rosenau, Kim Olson, Ross Nelson, Sharon Clyne, Tony Miller, Glen Setterholm, Glenn Rasmussen, John Vorwerk, Orv Rannow, Jeff Olson and Joe Morales. Together we got the job done and we can all take pride in a first-class event.

I have already begun negotiations to bring in more people and groups for next year, to energize the growth rate of the event. The New Ulm Area Chamber of Commerce has expressed a desire to assist the festival in all their capacity and to make it all that it can be. In the coming months we will together begin to define what that role might look like. I am confident if we can assemble all the players that have been MIA and begin to get "*Riverblast*" to be seen as a "mainstream" event, we will accomplish the ultimate goal of getting more and more people down to enjoy the river.

Conversations have begun to make Riverside Park "vehicle assessable and camping friendly". There has already been a positive response to that end from the New Ulm Park Director, a City Councilor, and the City Manager. After some initial discussions and consultations, I will bring some doable ideas to NUASF for review and an ultimate recommendation. We will in turn take that to the Park Board for review and approval request, and then to the City Council for full approval. Once improvements begin to happen at Riverside, additional yearly improvements can be considered as funding becomes available from a multiple number of sources. This is indeed on the right track. As the river is becoming a more desirable place to be with regards to water quality, we in New Ulm, want to be poised to embrace it and show it off to tourists. All the while recognizing that this is an opportunity to utilize a great business partner.

See ya at the next meeting!

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