

SPORT AND TRAVEL SHOWS WE WILL BE ATTENDING IN 2020

ALL-CANADA SHOW
Franklin, Wisconsin - Milwaukee
County Sports Complex
January 3rd - January 5th

**INDIANAPOLIS BOAT,
SPORTS & TRAVEL SHOW**
Indianapolis, Indiana - Indiana State Fair Grounds
February 14th - February 23rd

WILD INDIANA OUTDOORS SHOW
Kokomo, Indiana - Kokomo Automotive Museum
January 11th - January 12th

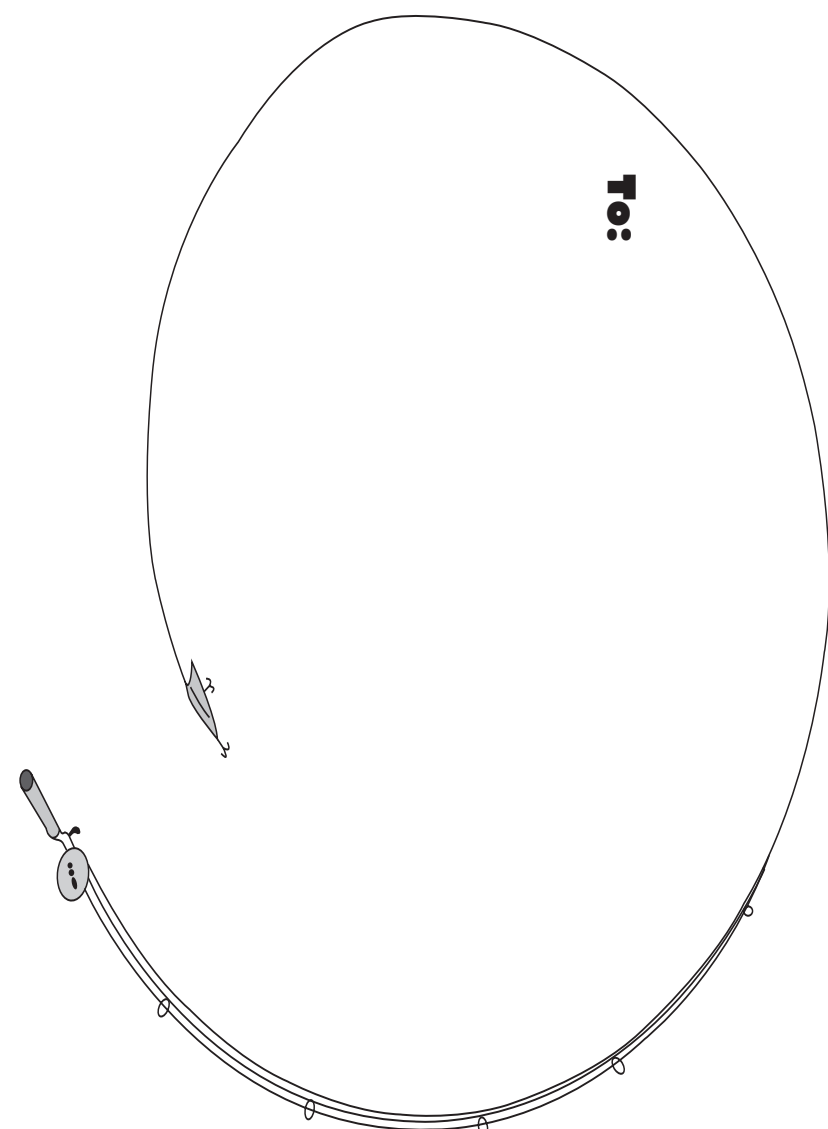
**MILWAUKEE JOURNAL
SENTINEL SPORTS SHOW**
Milwaukee, Wisconsin - Wisconsin State Fair Park
March 4th - March 8th

ALL-CANADA SHOW
Green Bay, WI - Radisson Conference Center
(Oneida Casino)
January 16th - January 19th

SIoux EMPIRE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW
Sioux Falls, South Dakota - Sioux Falls Arena
& Convention Center
March 12th - March 15th

TINLEY PARK FISHING & OUTDOOR SHOW
Tinley Park, Illinois - Tinley Park High School
February 8th - February 9th

WISCONSIN SPORT SHOW
Eau Claire, WI - Chippewa Valley Expo Center
March 20th - March 22nd



Gold Arrow Camp
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Larwill, IN 46764

Smoke Signals *from* **GOLD ARROW CAMP** **2019 – A Year In Review**

Volume 10



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WARNING: FROM THE "STURGEON GENERAL", the truth of any news event reported in this paper may be stretched so far as to be hazardous to any honest fisherman's integrity. But will be okay for most of our guests to read.

ATTENTION: No names have been changed in these articles to protect the innocent. There weren't any.

EDITORIAL

With our tenth year now in the history books and New Year's Eve only a few weeks away we take a moment to reflect on 2019. This newspaper of course highlights some of the more memorable events of the year. If you're in the paper most likely we are picking on you which really means we like you! Overall it was an incredible year with a near record number of guests honoring us with your presence. We enjoyed every single one of you and are grateful you granted us the opportunity to be your hosts. In fact, it was so much fun, let's just plan on doing it all again next year!

Speaking of next year, it is hard to believe that our first sport show is right around the corner starting in Milwaukee January 3rd. Excited to announce that we are doing two new shows this year with one being in Eau Claire and one in Green Bay, Wisconsin. A complete list of all the sport shows we're attending is on the back of this newspaper. Hopefully you can stop by and say

hi if we happen to be in your neck of the woods.

Most importantly this time of year we want to wish all of our Gold Arrow family members a very Merry Christmas. Hopefully the joy of the season is genuine and filled with what matters most love, health, peace, laughter, and family. Thanks for all the memories that you have given us this year and God Bless you and your family for a fantastic 2020!

- Todd & Angie



EGGSCellent

Once in a while on Saturday morning when cleaning cabins Angie & I will come across something funny that someone has left behind. Everyone is different and we have had our share of strange things that people have left usually assuming we can put that item to use. Heck one time we had a \$15,000 shotgun left behind for us, unfortunately that was an accident and they actually wanted it back.

Anyways this past August involved the refrigerator in cabin nine and what was left in it. I was busy minding my own business scrubbing the shower stall when I heard Angie laughing in the kitchen. I yelled "What's so funny", because usually cleaning the kitchen is not real funny. She responded by saying "You gotta come see this". So, I get up from my very important job and walk to the kitchen. Angie opens the refrigerator door and all I could see were eggs, eggs, and more eggs. Leaving a dozen eggs or so behind is not uncommon however from what I could see it looked like the entire Wal-Mart egg section. Fifteen dozen to be exact and for those playing along at home, fifteen dozen eggs takes up nearly half of the entire refrigerator space. We had to wonder then, if fifteen dozen eggs were left at the end of the week how many were in the fridge when they arrived, twenty dozen or so? Now this was for a group of six people so evidently the person in charge of groceries liked eggs a whole lot more than the rest of the group. Oh well rest assured that not a single egg was wasted as our resident fox ate very well the rest of the summer!

Travel Lite Package Plan

To include modern cabin, boats, motors, mixed gas, life-jackets, minnow buckets, landing nets, freezers and 1 bag of ice per boat daily

2 Adults per Boat.....\$515.00 per Person per Week
3 Adults per Boat.....\$490.00 per Person per Week
Party of 5 Adults.....\$500.00 per Person per Week
(2 Boats & 2 Motors)
Children 6 thru 12.....\$195.00 per Child per Week
(when accompanied by two adults)
Children 5 & Under.....FREE

Housekeeping Cabin

RATES INCLUDE: Modern Cabin, Boat (no motor), Freezers, and 1 bag of ice per boat daily

1-4 Adults.....\$465.00 per Person per Week
5+ Adults.....\$445.00 per Person per Week
Children 6 thru 12.....\$195.00 per Child per Week
(when accompanied by two adults)
Children 5 & Under.....FREE

Summer Special Package

July 4th to August 7th

To include modern cabin, boats, motors, mixed gas, life-jackets, minnow buckets, landing nets, freezers and 1 bag of ice per boat daily

2 Adults per Boat.....\$490.00 per Person per Week
3 Adults per Boat.....\$465.00 per Person per Week
Party of 5 Adults.....\$475.00 per Person per Week
(2 Boats & 2 Motors)
Children 6 thru 12.....\$170.00 per Child per Week
(when accompanied by two adults)
Children 5 & Under.....FREE

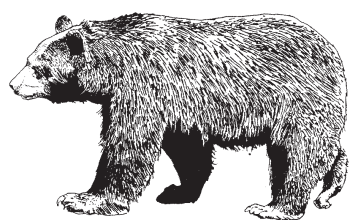
Housekeeping Cabin Summer Special

July 4th to August 7th

RATES INCLUDE: Modern Cabin, Boat (no motor), Freezers, and 1 bag of ice per boat daily

1-4 Adults.....\$440.00 per Person per Week
5+ Adults.....\$420.00 per Person per Week
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2019 LARGEST FISH AWARDS

Species	Length	Caught By
Walleye	29"	Joey Koski
Northern	52 ½"	David Boyd
Small Mouth	19 ¾"	Rob Gifford
Perch	13 ¼"	Paul Kolvenbach & Susie Maxwell
Muskie	43 ¾"	Steve Shoup
Lake Trout	28 ½"	Tony Bereszczaz
Crappie	15"	Jeff Reed
Sucker	20"	Chad Johnson
Honorable Mention: Muskie	42"	Corey Dickey

And the winner is.... Everyone sure fights hard each and every year to have their name on the leader board. The proud look as you walk through the camp store door to let me know that you have achieved the unachievable, broke the unbreakable record and now, at last, ended up on the most coveted leader board! With the exchange of high fives and big cheers it truly is something to be proud of...until next week when someone knocks you off

and you realize that you can't redeem yourself until next year! That being said, it is probably the hardest fought battle for a non-prize winning contest you will ever imagine. We love the spirit you all display!

One note for this year is the Honorable Mention class. Since our board clearly states that you must have a picture of you holding the fish, technically Steve can't win and Corey should have all the bragging rights. But, since Steve fishes



alone, it makes it almost impossible to get a picture holding a fish of this size. Both fish are worthy of the board, so congrats to you both on catching these monsters!



Steve Shoup - Muskie



Joey Koski - Walleye



Rob Gifford - Small Mouth



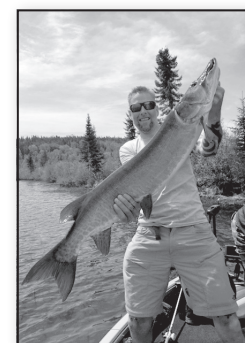
Susie Maxwell - Perch



Tony Bereszczazi - Lake Trout



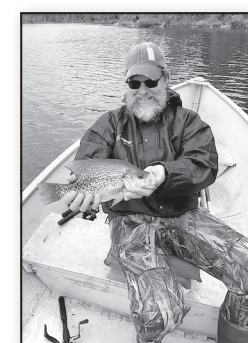
Chad Johnson - Sucker



Corey Dickey - Musky



Paul Kolvenbach - Perch



Jeff Reed - Crappie



David Boyd - Northern

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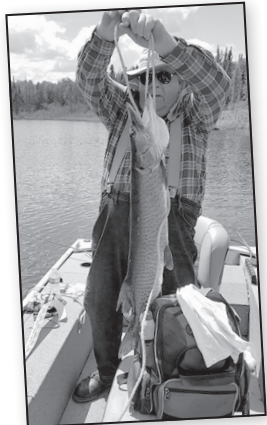
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Bill thought he had the largest northern but it turned out that it was in fact a muskie. Still his biggest fish caught at Gold Arrow measuring in at 40"



Adrian Walker became our oldest guest to shoot a bear at Gold Arrow. He is coming back again next year to make sure his records holds.



Kate and Tyler Truax had to team up to hold this northern for a candid shot



Arriving to camp in late April, Todd decided he needed to make one last snowman for the season.



Scott's expression is a look of defeat while Sydney might just be rubbing her win in a little too much!



Not everyday that you see kids snorkeling in Sucker Lake, but it is tradition with the Vaughan family.



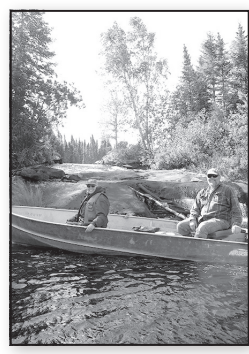
These two girls, Madison & Megan, were up in 2014 and then again this year. I didn't age ANY but boy did they grow up!



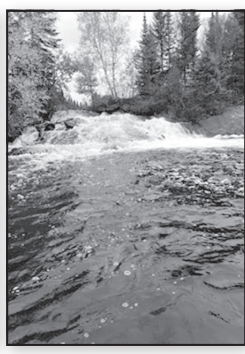
David Schultz bagged the biggest bear of the season weighing in at 285 lb



Jenna Sima took advantage of a sunny day to finish up a painting. I think the yellow cabins inspired her yellow flowers!



The last week of August was still very dry as you can see by the lack of water at the Heart Lake Falls, but a month later it is hard to believe this is the same falls!



Just passing through the area on their bikes, this couple from Manitoba was on their way home from their trip to California.



Gary and Susie Maxwell found a few perch on Lawrence Lake in late August. They ended up taking home their limit of 100.



Brody Henrichs found this amazing moose shed while following Todd to his bear stand. Todd must have drove past it a dozen times and never noticed it.

NINJA TURTLE ATTACKS

Did you know that if you Google "How fast are turtles" the answer is that they can reach a whopping speed of nearly two-tenths of one mile per hour? It further states that the vast majority of turtles fail to travel over 100 yards during a full day of walking. You might ask why I care about how fast turtles are anyway. Well when it comes to the safety of our guests, according to Chris Luetkeman, we may need to put up some "DANGER Turtle Crossing" signs along Fleet North. You know signs similar to the deer signs you see along the highway warning motorists to be on the lookout for deer running in front of them.

I had never realized the danger of the speedy turtle until Chris came limping back into camp one June afternoon. Upon seeing his early return to camp, we went out and asked if everything was ok. He and his son Kyle were supposed to be gone most of the day taking the trail to Heart Lake for some great remote fishing. Chris, riding his newly acquired dirt bike, and Kyle on a four-wheeler. Well their trip was going according to plan when all of a sudden out of nowhere a turtle ran into their path. With the sheer speed of the turtle Chris had no choice but to swerve to avoid a collision.

Unfortunately, upon swerving he lost control and before you know it there lay Chris on the ground with his new bike, now customized from sliding across the trail. Bruised and battered he looked to his left only to see the turtle hightailing it back into the woods. In his dazed confusion Chris thought that just maybe the turtle had on a mask and Donatello tattooed across his back!



GOLD ARROW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Every once in a while, I run into guests from other camps that end up driving down the bush roads that lead to our remote lakes. Seems as if most of these people think that there is someone from the County that grades the roads, keeps the brush cut back, and the culverts clear of beaver damage. Evidently so do the camp owners that send their guests down these same backroads because they do absolutely nothing to maintain them. Maybe Bernie Sanders promised these camp owners "Brush cutting for all" just to get their vote and they believed him! Unfortunately, that is not the case. There is no County or Provincial Highway department doing anything to maintain these roads. Instead Gold Arrow has taken it upon ourselves to keep these remote roads leading to our twenty-eight lakes in good condition.

What this entailed in 2019 was grading Fleet North and Smart Roads while putting over forty miles on our grader this summer. In addition, we brushed the first three miles of the north side of Fleet Road South which took nearly a week to complete. Another three miles of brushwork was completed along Aerobus Road. This brushwork is all done by chainsaw or weed eater attached with a brush blade and is very labor intensive. Typically, about two tenths of a mile of brushwork can be accomplished on a daily basis prior to arms or back saying were done. Gold Arrow is also who is responsible for keeping all of the good grouse hunting trails open. Combined, well over three weeks of solid work time was spent on the backroads this year and will continue going forward. Most people, if given the knowledge, would want to support a camp who maintains the roads they drive on. I am pleased to report that several people staying elsewhere have booked upcoming trips to Gold Arrow this summer after seeing us out on the roads doing work. But at the end of the day the real credit should be focused on our guests who actually foot the bill for this work!

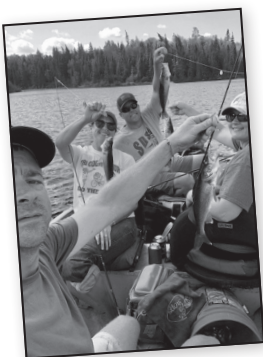
ARMY VETERANS CONSIDER JOINING THE AIR FORCE

You may wonder why year after year some people just seem to make the newspaper. Well if that is the case then typically it may have something to do with them being accident prone thus providing lots of good material. As usual longtime Army veterans Jeff Coomler and Marty Tetric lived up to their reputation by providing us once again with another blunder worthy of the newspaper.

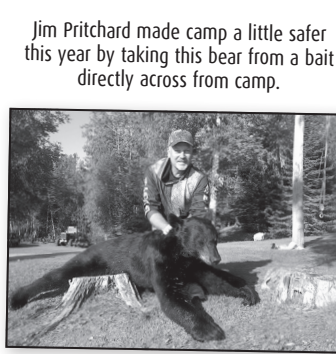
It started early one morning when they hooked up to one of the travel boats down at the landing. As they drove up the hill to the camp store, I thought that something just didn't sound right. So, while they stopped to top off their coffee mug and grab a cookie or two, I walked over and checked the strap holding down the back of the boat. It was

good and snug but as they drove off something just didn't sound right.

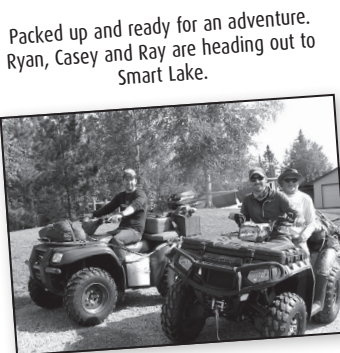
Once again the Van't Hul and Blankespoor couples headed to Heart Lake and again caught not doubles, but quadruples of walleye. It's work to get there but worth the effort.



Jason Rosonke held the Northern record for quite a while with this 39" beauty



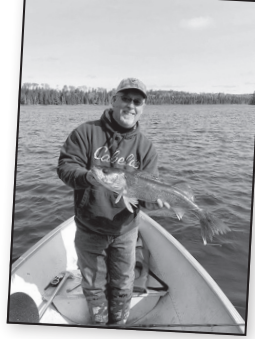
Jim Pritchard made camp a little safer this year by taking this bear from a bait directly across from camp.



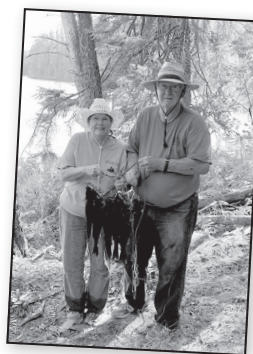
Packed up and ready for an adventure. Ryan, Casey and Ray are heading out to Smart Lake.



Boy did we get rain this fall. Over 10 inches which stressed our docks to the point we had to cut the chains to release pressure.



Nick Fobinder landed this 28" walleye and held the record for a short period of time.



Carole & Steve Schramm let us in on a little secret to their success. Carole swears by her "color finder"...is that like a fish finder ouija board?



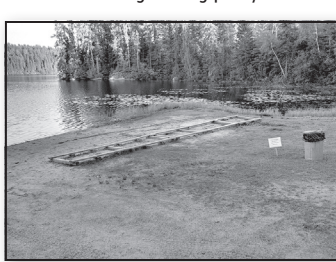
On his maiden voyage to Gold Arrow, Ethan Vant Hul showed his dad and grandpa that he had no problem landing the big ones too!



Carson had enough of the rain and became a turtle with his head tucked inside of his shell...better known as his rainsuit. I'm glad he had a breathing hole somewhere!



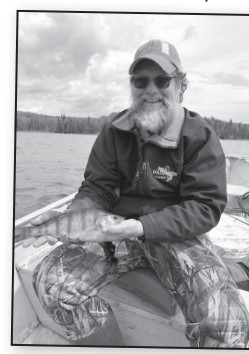
Deb Wolfe landed this monster crappie. It appears it took all her strength to hold it for this candid shot.



30 out of 34 guests fished Jackfish on Saturday upon checking in, leaving our boat landing looking pretty bare

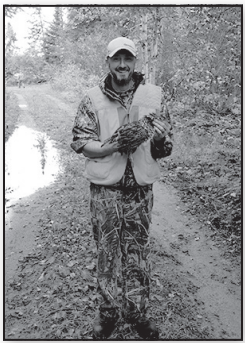


Travis Nace with his monster small mouth caught on Cliff Lake.



Jeff Reed with a very nice 13" perch. Almost made it to the end of the year as the leader but was knocked off by 1/4"

HUNTER FRIENDLY BIRDS!



When attending our winter sport shows we take along a grouse mount in order to strike up a conversation regarding our superb grouse hunts. Usually if they have never been to Canada before they find it hard to believe just how hunter friendly these birds can actually be. As most of us know you can basically drive right down the logging roads and as long as you aren't going to hit them, they are probably not going to move! In fact, we now have people who hunt them with their bows as well as 22 rifles in order to make the hunt a little more challenging. Not uncommon to stalk within ten yards or so prior to them flushing.

This year however Ken Cave took the level of difficulty to a brand new high. No, he didn't use a gun, not a bow, nor his truck. Basically, all he needed was the strength of his arm and a good old-fashioned rock. Now granted he wasn't attempting to kill a grouse with a rock his only intent was to make it flush for his hunting partner. You see they were walking a trail and the grouse initially flushed but it only flew up in a tree about ten feet high and landed.

Not wanting to shoot a sitting grouse only ten feet away Ken thought he could scare it off its perch by "tossing" a rock at it. Problem was as soon as Ken released the rock, he knew it was too good of a throw as it knocked the grouse right off its perch. Down came the grouse without a shot being fired. I guess the good news is there was no bird shot in the grouse but it proves once again they are certainly very hunter friendly not having that same fear that our neighboring birds in the USA exhibit.

BEAR REPORT

As usual this fall, we hunted the first three weeks of the season. To summarize the first and last weeks were pretty darn good while the middle week was beyond terrible (due to weather). Opening week found hunters over by Gerrard Lake as well as on Jackfish Lake. The Gerrard area is still recuperating from the timbering that occurred in 2018 but I believe 2020 is going to be much better based on the new growth food source.

This year marked the first time we have ever hunted baits off of Jackfish Lake with Eric Andrews being the first hunter to ever tag one. The first week recap had all six hunters seeing bear with five out of six scoring. The second week was supposed to be awesome with the baits hitting great until Mother Nature showed her ugly self. Winds pushing forty miles per hour and horizontal cold rain did nothing to help the hunter's efforts. Effort was an understatement as everyone in camp that week hunted extremely hard and gave it their all.

I felt sorry for them as each evening rolled into the next plagued by the same bad weather as the day before. With all six guys being seasoned hunters, they understood that you just can't control nature. The bears went nocturnal and that week nothing was shot. The third week saw good weather return and four out of the six had an opportunity to harvest a bear.

Noisy raingear hindered Hannah Schultz's opportunity when trying to draw on a nice bear. Santa might just be able to help you out in that department Hannah, as long as you are nice! It should also be noted that Dave & Pat Jackson believe there is a bear conspiracy against them and are still attempting to figure out exactly what they need to bring up for a good luck charm. We believe that 2020 is going to be another good year as long as Mother Nature keeps her cool.



such a strange sound. Had I checked the front as well as the back strap this aerial act would have never occurred.

To make matters worse the dash cam shows another guest Richard Knepp walking by and looking at the boat not being hooked up to the trailer in front. Richard later told me that he saw it was unhooked but figured there was a reason for that. What all this really tells me is that you simply can't trust anyone from southern Indiana. The saving grace in all of this is that at least nobody was behind the boat when it went airborne. So, I think if we all had to vote, we would all agree that America is safer having these boys in the Army rather than the Air Force.



entire dash cam footage which Angie went back and reviewed. She discovered that when they left camp that the hook that is supposed to hold down the front of the boat wasn't fastened. This is why it was making

2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Each year we strive to keep camp looking sharp for your arrival. This year we decided it was time to freshen up that bright yellow paint that welcomes you into camp like a bright sunny day. We managed to get all the cabins, the shop, fish cleaning house and a couple of storage sheds painted. Now, cruising down the driveway is bright and cheery so bring your sunglasses.

Next year we will tackle the rest of the storage sheds along with the motor house, minnow house and the camp store. We have been promising a kitchen remodel for cabin #4 for a couple of years and finally this year it was completed.

New flooring was installed and we added some much-needed shelving too. For the past few years we have been installing slider windows in the porches to try to keep the floors dryer for your storage. This year we finished installing the last two porch windows in cabins #7 and #10. Now all the cabins are completed. Not that you would probably notice, but we did put a metal roof on the "old" cabin #3 which is now used for storage.



With that being done, all the buildings now have metal roofs. One of our proudest projects is the new fire ring we installed. If you ever sat by the fire at the old ring, you may have noticed that it felt like you were going to roll into the lake. Being on the side of a hill was not very conducive to level benches and when combined with too many beers could be hazardous to your health. So, with blood, sweat and tears we dug way more dirt than we wanted to and leveled out the pit, laid some pavers and built a very nice brick ring for your nightly relaxation by the fire. One last thing we purchased to promote relaxation in camp were two kayaks. They were a hit with the kids but keep in mind adults, they are there for your use too!



BEST HOOKED AWARD

It has been a few years since we have been able to give out the "Best Hooked Award". I think you guys are on to us and try to hide the fact that somehow you ended up with a hook shoved half-way, or more, through your finger. Some are just so distraught that you just forget to take a picture, while others know that if they do, there might be some public humiliation that goes along with it. This year, however, Eric Coats was a new guy in camp and was blind-sided by his father-in-law, John Stephens, who is a veteran to camp. Once the hook was set in Eric's finger, John grabbed his camera in an effort to help his favorite son-in-law win this major award. I hate to say it Eric, but you really "owe" John a huge thank-you for helping you win!



WHY CAN'T WE USE "THAT" BOAT?

Each week as our guests arrive in camp, Angie and I go out and welcome you, hand you your keys and point you to your cabin. If you are new to camp, we will give you a tour of camp, take you into your cabin and also explain that there are two keys that you will need for the week. The first key is your cabin key and the second key is the key that will unlock the padlock to the boats at the remote lakes. We usually even go as far as to suggest putting this key in your truck right away and leaving it there so you never forget it when you travel to these remote lakes.

Sometimes with big groups we hand the keys to the "wrong" person and all these instructions go out the window. This was the case with the Albright family. Peggy (mom) had made all the arrangements for the trip so we assumed she was the reliable one of the family. We didn't realize that wasn't the case until Monday when the family came back from fishing. Her kids (all young adults) had been scheduled for Finger Lake for Monday but another group told us that they saw them fishing on Fleet Lake.

Thinking that they must have got lost, we explained that they really need to follow the directions carefully and warned them of the implications it can have on other guests by going to the wrong lake. They apologized and said they went to Finger Lake but there were not any boats that were unlocked. That is when we asked why they didn't use their key. With a blank stare on their faces, they said, "Key? What key?"

Now Todd and I are really confused too because they had already been to Lawrence Lake on Sunday and never mentioned any problems with accessing those boats. When we questioned them, they said that they saw the locked up boats on Lawrence but noticed they were really nice, new boats and figured that we only gave them to our favorite guests so they used the other two that were there and not locked up.

Then when seeing the boats locked at Fingers, they went to Fleet and found more "nice" boats locked along with two that were older and unlocked so they used them. WHAT!! No, those are not our boats...those are Pickerel Creek Camp's boats! We don't show favoritism to our guests, we give you a key to access OUR boats! About that time, here comes mom to see what was going on. We asked her if she remembered getting the keys and she said "you mean the key with the floating keychain? I thought that went to my husband's boat so I put it in our room." Luckily Pickerel Creek didn't have any guests that week so no harm was done.