

# Kimble Shorelines

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## Independence Day on Kimble Lake

Once again, Kimble Lake residents celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend with fun events and our usual enthusiasm.

The celebration began with a boat parade. While all the participants deserve some sort of award, these three took home top honors:

**Kimble Kreative:**  
**Jean and Kent Larson**

**Kimble Kool:**  
**Martha and Marsh  
Pechauer**

**Kimble Krazy:**  
**Deb and Scott Thompson**



Congratulations to these winners, who received a trophy to personalize and display. Thanks to **Jim and Jeanne Schultz**, this year's boat parade judges, as well as to all who participated.

Another special thanks to **Jim Rusch**, who did a great job with the 2015 Kimble Lake Fishing Kontest held later that same day. This year, 14 teams participated.

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### OUR MISSION:

The Kimble Lake Homeowners Association is organized to encourage wise use and preservation of Kimble Lake to maintain the ecological balance that must exist between the lake and adjacent shore land. The association will work to keep this lake and its surrounding watershed in good condition. Further, the association will consider, recommend and endeavor, through responsible means, to bring about appropriate action by agencies of government and private individuals to realize effective management and preservation of the valuable resources of Kimble Lake and its adjacent shore land.

### 2013-14 Board of Directors

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**Nick Kuss, our dedicated boat inspector. As you boat or float by, make sure you give Nick a wave and a thumbs up!**

## Keeping Kimble Lake Clean

At a recent public safety meeting, someone living on another lake asked: "Nick, would you consider working on our lake?" Nick's reply: "Thanks, but I only work with Kimble Lake." And we're so glad he does!

**Nick Kuss** serves at our public access point most days of the week, protecting our lake from invasive species and other maladies. His background may explain why he does so.

Nick grew up along the Mississippi and loves the water. He's lived on Lake Margaret for 27 years. For vacation, he heads to Aruba to fish and yes, be on the water. When not inspecting boats entering our lake, he manages three of his own rental properties in the lakes area.

THANK YOU to Nick and all of you who volunteer at the dock. We appreciate your dedication to our beautiful lake!

## Sounds of Silence

We all know how sound can carry far and wide across the water. Please think of our neighbors around the lake when your dog is barking or family and friends are visiting late at night.

Your consideration will be greatly appreciated!

Please send your stories, announcements, updates, photos, sales items, and reminders to **Kate Larsen** at [kate@katelarsen.com](mailto:kate@katelarsen.com) or **952-567-0340**. They will be posted in the next issue of *Kimble Shorelines*.

## Christmas in July: The Burning of the Tree

While most of us watched fireworks in the sky, **Bob and Jane Maas** enjoyed their own, somewhat unusual 4<sup>th</sup> of July tradition.

In 1997, Bob and Jane's daughter-in-law made a deal with her husband: she wouldn't argue about his weekend ice fishing plans if he would drop off their aging Christmas tree at the compost site. It turns out that he didn't exactly keep up his end of that deal. Months later, he thought that the brown tree would make a potential fish habitat so he planned to sink it in his parents' lake, our very own Kimble Lake. At least that was the plan.

On fishing opener weekend, the couple brought the tree to the lake and dumped it behind the garage. Two holiday weekends and many bonfires later, they remembered the tree and decided to toss it into their 4<sup>th</sup> of July bonfire. The flames shot up twenty feet and provided their own crackling fireworks. After a few "oohs" and "aahs", a tradition was born.

Now family, friends and neighbors anticipate this "Christmas in July" tradition every year. The only difference is that the tree is now strapped to the car roof and transported from Montana!

This year, Bob and Jane had the honor of throwing the tree in the fire to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. **Congratulations to Bob and Jane!** May you be blessed with many more years together ... and many more Christmas trees on the fire.

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## The Building of a Co-op

The Ideal Green Market Cooperative (IGMC) began in the spring of 2013. Building owners Ron and Judy Kidder believed the building would make a great food co-op. Knowing that the Ideal area has a history of neighbors working together to achieve great things, the seed was planted.

A steering committee formed in May 2014 to develop the vision. With the help of many individuals, the committee built the foundation and created its mission statement: to provide access to local, sustainable, and healthy food and products.

To realize this vision, more than 90 people have paid \$100 to become member-owners of IGMC so our community can have a viable, sustainable food cooperative in Ideal Corners that will be open to the public year-round. These local and sustainably produced goods will be supplemented from a

broader area to offer a wide range of goods desired by the members. When the co-op is actually able to open, depends on the support and participation of the community it is pledged to serve.

A fundraiser held in April at The Old Milwaukee Club raised \$3,000. Thanks to that and in part to a \$2,100 grant from Crow Wing Energized, IGMC now hosts a Farmers' Market every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. And, IGMC is one of two organizations being considered for a Crow Wing Power Impact Grant worth \$12,000 (to be awarded in August).

The Farmers' Market currently features vendors from Crosslake, Ideal Corners, Jenkins, Merrifield, Pequot Lakes, Pierz, Pillager, and Pine River. Goods include: beef, chicken, eggs, greens, radishes, sunflower oil, mushroom logs and kits, blended organic teas, breads (including gluten free options), honey, goat-milk soaps and

products, herbal personal care products including bug repellent and sunscreen, up-cycled garden art, hand crafted-recycled rag rugs, alpaca products-including alpaca poo tea, and more. As the season progresses more and more produce will be available.

A dedicated member-owner recently contributed \$25,000 to help keep the store open this summer. If we can match that with additional contributions, the co-op will be well on its way to a sustainable future.

**YOU can help! If you've already joined the co-op, GREAT! If you haven't, JOIN NOW! Let's keep working together to create a more sustainable food system in our community! For more info, visit [www.idealgreenmarket.com](http://www.idealgreenmarket.com), call **218-543-6565**, or talk with a member at the farmers' market on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm.**



## Independence Day (continued from page 1)

Congratulations to our fishing contest winners:

**Largest Walleye** – 13"  
**The 39ers** (the Wangsnesses)

**Largest Northern** - 22.5"  
**Bay39ers** (the Gregersens)

**Runner-up: Northern** – 21"  
**Tightlines** (the Morks and Papa Dick Maas)

**Largest Largemouth Bass** - 19"  
**Woodtix** (the Hendes)

**Runner-up: Largemouth Bass** - 18 "  
**Trademark Lemonade** (the Maas's Tyler, Lauren, and Todd)

**Largest Crappie** - 7.5"  
**Bay39ers**

**Largest Sunny or Bluegill** - 8.5"  
**Bay39ers**

**Runner-up: Sunny or Bluegill** - 7.5"  
**A TIE! Tightlines** and **The Froggers**  
(Tommy Daniels, Connor and Callum Maas, Papa Dick Maas)

**Largest Phunky Phish** – 13"  
Rock Bass  
**Lar-Max** (Larry & Maxine Knutson)

**Runner-up Phunky Phish** - 11.5"  
Rock Bass  
**Woodtix**

## Mark Your Calendar for Other Fun Summer Events

**Thursday, Aug. 6**  
**12:30 pm**

### "Ladies of the Lake" Lunch

Once a month during summer, women from the area gather at different venues for a fun lunch. Please RSVP by Monday, Aug. 3 to Jane Maas at [boobjanemaas65@yahoo.com](mailto:boobjanemaas65@yahoo.com).

Location: Andy's, Crosslake (on Co. Rd. 3)

**Saturday, Aug. 15**  
**4 pm**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Mexican Fiesta" Happy Hour

Your hosts, Ric & Barb Rowe and Larry & Maxine Knutson, will provide Mexican cuisine and margaritas at their annual fiesta.

Location: Rowe Cabin, 9623 N. Kimble Lane

**Saturday, Aug. 22**  
**9 am**

### Kimble Coffee (Rain or Shine)

Join your hosts, Brian & Ellen Miller and Denny & Shari Loechler, as they welcome friends and neighbors.

Location: Miller Home, 34338 Kimble Bluffs

**Saturday, Sept. 5**  
**9 am**

### Voyage on the Kimble Chain

Hop in your canoe or kayak and join us for a scenic journey. Bring your own snacks and beverages for the ride.

Location: Meet at Bass Lake Creek

**Saturday, Sept. 19**  
**5 to 7 pm**

### Country Western Party

Hosts Mike and Laurie Morton invite you to don your cowboy boots, hats and jeans! Come by boat and tie up to the two docks, or park on Kimble Bluffs Road.

Location: Morton Cabin, 34396 Kimble Bluffs