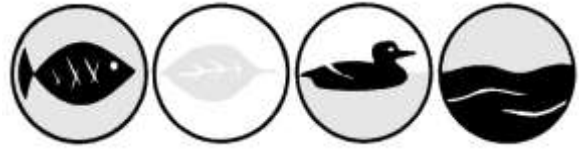


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October 2021 Newsletter



All about Coyotes & Foxes on Nature Night Sept. 15 Presented by Eric Ness from The Lake County Forest Preserve District.

Eric gave an interesting presentation about Red and Gray foxes and Coyotes. Red foxes have black feet and black-tipped ears that are large and pointy. One of the most noticeable characteristics of the red fox is the fluffy white-tipped tail. They are about three feet long and two feet tall. Red foxes are often confused with gray foxes, which share a similar habitat and range.

We learned about the difference between coyote and dog tracks. Coyote tracks are longer and elongated vs the dog track. Also the pads are a lot closer together than on a dog. Coyote's front tracks are usually slightly larger than the rear tracks as opposed to a dog which are typically very close in size.



Trap Shoot September 19

Volunteers were:
Steve Morgan
Denise & Mark Fini
Mike Bain



Adopt-A-Highway October 2

It's that time of year again when NICC volunteers grab their gloves and head for the highway. Have you noticed NICC's name on the two signs on Grass Lake Road between Rt. 83 and Rt. 59? NICC signed an agreement each year with the Lake County Division of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway program, to help clear debris on this section of highway. This year will be our 21st year to participate in this program. We would like it to have all volunteers meet at the corner of Rt. 83 & Grass Lake Rd next to Triangle Bait and Marine at 10 am.

NICC Grounds cleanup will take place on Sunday, October 24 at 9:00am

After a terrible storm it was cleanup at NICC August 15



An emergency call went out to membership for help to cleanup the club grounds after the storm.

Thanks to the volunteers that gave of their time and energy.



Ross and Sue Musumeci, John Mathatas and family, Jordan Marcelain, Bill Szmergalski, Jim and Diane Waldow all helped with the clean up.



Membership Musings

Greetings everyone. Welcome to fall, cooler days, and everything pumpkin. Membership currently is at 91 units. Talk up the club to your families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or maybe even an unsuspecting stranger. Let's see if we can crack 100 by the end of the year. Please consider how you can best serve the club with your 5 hours of service time. There are many opportunities to get involved or create a project of your own. Contact any board member to learn more of what is currently needed. And if anyone knows a good rain dance, the pond sure would be grateful. Stay safe and alert as you travel life's highways.

Ron Lobodzinski
Membership Chair



Sue & Phil Schultz
Michael Vaughn

Lake County Pheasants Forever is hosting our 7th annual youth pheasant hunt at Richmond Hunt Club.

If anyone would like to volunteer, please use this link to indicate what you might like to help with: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCDNJJ7> It's 4 questions and takes less than 1 minute to complete. It allows me to better track who can help on what dates and what they would like to do.

If you have any youth, or know of any that would like to participate, this is the link to register: <https://pfqf.myeventscenter.com/event/7th-Annual-Youth-Hunt-Group-1-53832>. We are currently at 17 youth signed up. Once we hit 30, "sales" close. It is FREE to the youth. Every child goes to the trap range to shoot a few rounds before hunting. This helps ensure safe shooting practices, proper shoulder mounting, and verification they can hold the gun.

Right now, we're only booking the 10/23 hunt. Due to ammo shortage (must use steel shot at Richmond), we're not sure if we'll have enough for the second hunt and the family hunt. We estimate we need about 450 rounds (18 boxes) of 20 ga steel shot (target loads) per hunt.

Trap Shoot



Oct. 17 **10 am – 2 pm**

Nov. 7 **10 am – 2 pm**

MARK YOUR CAENDAR

Oct. 2	Adopt-A-Highway	10 am
Oct. 11	General/Board Meeting	7 pm
Oct. 16	Grounds closed	
	Private event	
Oct. 17	Trap Shoot	10 am – 2 pm
Oct. 23	NICC Grounds Cleanup	9 am
Nov. 7	Trap Shoot	10 am – 2 pm
	Closing of house	
Nov. 8	General/Board Meeting	7 pm