



Gun Lake News

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2021 Events Calendar

Picnic Aug 7

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Cabin tour September 18th

Details at gun-lake.org

Highway Pick-Up

- Sept 18 Jack Stevenson

Meet at the intersection of Highway 210 and Gun Lake Road. 8:00 a.m.

Find us at Gun-Lake.org

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

To pay your \$25 annual membership dues you can give it to any board member or send it to the address on page 3. Make checks payable to the Gun Lake Association.

To help us rid the lake of this invading weed, there is an additional request of \$50 for CLP fund.

Annual Boat Parade

The 2021 Winner was the Willie Wonka-themed boat, crewed by Todd and Katherine Engle and friends. Their daughter Kayla did all the decorations. The Judges were the Guimont/ Benson crew. The Engle crew will be next year's judges.



On July 3rd, the families of gun lake celebrated Independence Day with a once yearly boat parade around the lake. There were 16 boats, each decorated with its own theme. Every year the judges choose one boat to be the winner, and the winner gets a trophy. The judge is the winner from the previous year. The theme of this year's winner was Willy Wonka.

Online Gun Lake store – See story on page 3 and on the Gun Lake website at gun-lake.org

Gun Lake Picnic

The picnic will be held on Saturday, August 7th, starting at noon, at Jim and Pam Ditter's cabin. Rain or shine. They have a large shed to use if it's raining or in good weather we'll be outside. They are on the end of the lake heading toward the boat launch. Their address is **42766 328th Avenue**. On the day of the picnic follow the signs to their house. The association will furnish hot dogs, buns and condiments, paper plates, napkins, knives and forks. Please bring a dish to share for the pot luck and your own chairs and choice of beverage. We will have some yard games to enjoy or just visit with your Gun Lake neighbors.



The crew of "Sun's Out, Guns Out" enjoyed the shirt sleeve weather on a nice sunny day.



Gun Lake Bear Hunters



Happy 4th of July



Enjoying the show

Where's Oliver?



Rudolph the Jet Ski pulled Santa's sleigh

Gun Lake Association Mission Statement

The organizational purpose of the Gun Lake Association is to advocate the appreciation, conservation, and restoration of Gun Lake and associated waterways and watershed. The intention of the association is to objectively represent all reasonable viewpoints on environmental issues affecting the lake and to facilitate the wise stewardship of our lake

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Help us keep our mailing list up to date. If you know of new people on the lake we would like to get their address. If you have new neighbors, you could let them know about the Association by leaving a copy of this newsletter.

You can send \$25 membership dues to Dayna Stuber at 7507 -113th Avenue North; Champlain, MN 55316, checks payable to **Gun Lake Association**, or give to any Board member

Volunteers

Lois Peacock - ALCARA representative, GLA picnic
Bob Carlson, Judy Witt – Newsletter, CLP Team
Jack Stevenson & Bruce Cadwell – GLA event sign installers
Barb Wernli GLA Picnic
Joe and Janet Pipp Loon Watch (new)
Ray Williams, Jack Stevenson Adopt-A Highway project coordinators
Jim and Pam Ditter– GLA picnic hosts
Ray Williams – Lake water level reading & recording
Sonja Carlson – Online Gun Lake store

Online Gun Lake store

Shop the online store today to order shirts, caps and beach towels from Gun Lake. A variety of shirt style, cuts and colors are available along with several caps and beach towels – great personalized gifts for family and friends! And every sale supports the Gun Lake Association and our weed control efforts. Orders can be shipped directly to you or picked-up at Shirts Plus of Aitkin.

Be sure to place your order by August 23rd at www.shirtsplusofaitkin.com/gun-lake

Growers Spotlight: Meet the Forster's!

By Ellie (Elizabeth) L. Ocean Spray – Growers Spotlight

Randy and Billie Jo are the proud owners at Minnesota Cranberry Company, the only cranberry farm in the state of Minnesota. The Forsters family consists of owner Randy and Billie Jo, their four children: Samantha, Amanda, Shannon, Nathan, and one granddaughter Brinley, the daughter of Samantha. Prior to owning the farm, Randy and Billie Jo owned a railroad construction business where they traveled the US disassembling rail systems.

In the early 2000's, Randy and Billy Jo decided that the road was no place to build a family. They bought the farm in a small rural community in North/Central Minnesota and knew that it was the perfect place to settle down and figure they could give growing cranberries a shot. A little over twenty years later the farm is what it is today.

In addition to cranberries, the Forsters also grow wild rice and soybeans. During the slower parts of the year, Randy and Billie Jo drive semis with side dumps on a construction crew. Their youngest daughter Shannon takes care of the farm while they are gone. Each Forster family member plays an important role on the farm. During the busy seasons, someone is always there to lend a hand.

When the Forster are not farming, they enjoy long four-wheeler rides on their 2,000 acres of property. They all love to travel as a family and individually as well. Growing cranberries in Minnesota was a dream of one of the original founders of Ocean Spray, A.D. Makepeace-and the Forsters are honored to make that dream a reality. Follow along with the Forsters and Minnesota Cranberry Co. on Facebook (Minnesota Cranberry Company) and Instagram @minnesotacranberryco.

Common Microscopic inhabitants of Gun Lake



