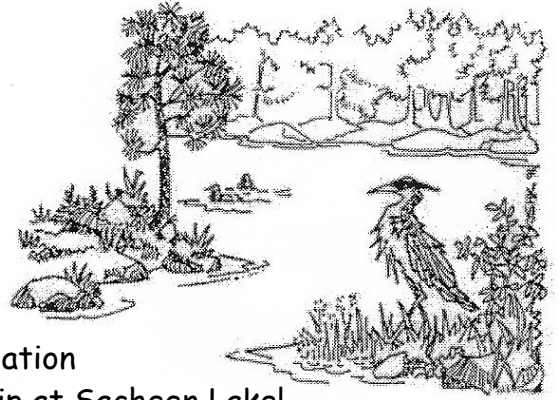


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Join your neighbors for the:

Annual Sacheen Lake Picnic & BBQ

Saturday, August 13, 11:30 a.m.

Myers-Harter Park

>Food served from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.<

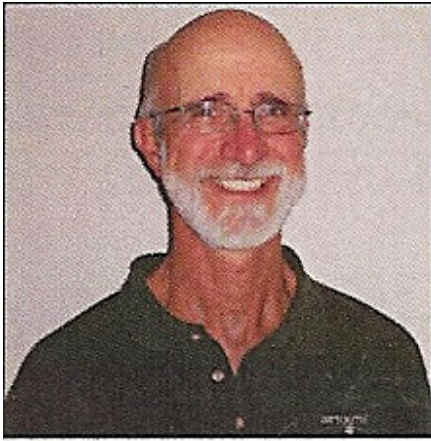
(Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and drinks provided)

**** bring a chair and a dessert or side dish to share ****

There will be:

- *Games for all ages (Every child receives a prize)
- *Coloring Contest (page included) ages 0-6 and 7-10
- *Adult Door Prize – a beautiful handmade planter box
- *Sacheen Lake gifts and apparel for sale





The President's Message **We Are So Lucky!**

by Don Hill - President, Sacheen Lake Association

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Another great summer at Sacheen Lake... hope all of you are making the most of it! Summers here are so busy, it seems. Even with the longer days, there aren't enough hours to get everything done. But it's so important to take some of that time to 'recreate' a bit, and what better place for recreation than this beautiful place! We are so

lucky!

As I'm sure I've said before, one of the things that makes Sacheen Lake so special is the wonderful community of friends we are blessed with. This was especially evident in our recent time of loss. Such a sweet outpouring of cards and letters and Facebook condolences, flowers, meals, and, well, just friends caring so much! It made us so aware of how very special this community is. We are so lucky!

Speaking of lucky, we were fortunate to have an awesome guest speaker at our SLA Annual Meeting in June. James Goerz from the University of Montana presented an overview of the moose population study they are conducting right here in our area. James' presentation was fascinating and entertaining, and he has offered to come again next year to share more of the study results. We are so lucky!

Another special dose of good fortune is the upcoming community picnic. What a great time to come together as friends and neighbors and share a couple hours of fellowship, a good meal, the enjoyment of watching the children's games, chance to re-up your SLA membership if you haven't already done so, pick up some great Sacheen Lake merchandise, and maybe even win the door prize- another special creation from our own Dan White, craftsman extraordinaire! It promises to be a great picnic, thanks to the planning and hard work of Jeanne Holman and her team. We are so lucky!

Enjoy your summer times here at Sacheen Lake,

Don Hill

Sacheen Merchandise For Sale

Virginia Hill - Merchandise Chairman (509)447-0960

Sacheen Lake merchandise is for sale at the annual meeting and the community picnic.
You may also shop at Virginia's home by calling and arranging a time.

The merchandise includes various items of clothing, coffee mugs, and beverage glasses.

If you have any ideas for merchandise that you would like to see sold, please email Virginia
at DVJH@aol.com

These make wonderful year-round gifts!



Cost of Fire Insurance Decreasing?



by Mike Nokes
Chief, SPOFR

The Cost of Fire Insurance Decreases in Some Areas of South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue's Fire District

In May of this year South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue (SPOFR) was re-evaluated by the Washington Survey and Ratings Board (WSRB). They evaluate fire protection capabilities of fire districts throughout the State of Washington as they relate to fire insurance ratings. The classification ratings run from a 1 to 10, with the lower numbers being the best rating for fire districts allowing for lower fire insurance premiums within that fire district.

In years past, SPOFR has been rated a class 8 for residential and some commercial properties within 5 road miles of any of our five fire stations. A class 8 is a very common rating for rural volunteer fire districts throughout the State of Washington. We are pleased to announce that the area with fire hydrants around Diamond Lake will be dropping to a class 7 rating for both residential and commercial properties effective 11/1/2016. Over the last few years SPOFR has been working very hard to make improvements which have helped immensely in the rating change.

SPOFR has updated worn out equipment and vehicles, along with adding one full time Training Officer and a part time staff member last year. We have increased firefighting training opportunities while implementing a duty officer program and a Volunteer on Duty program. The duty officer program ensures we always have at least one officer in our fire district 24/7/365. The Volunteer on Duty program puts 2 volunteers on duty during the day on weekends at one of our stations during the summer months of July, August, and September. These programs help ensure immediate responses to emergencies.

All of these things we have been able to achieve, in conjunction with the Diamond Lake area having fire hydrants, qualified us for the lower rating of the 7 in that area. I wish I could put a number on the potential savings you might see in your annual fire insurance premiums, but that number could and probably will vary drastically from Insurance company to company.

All I can recommend is that on 11/1/2016 if you live inside the Diamond Lake area and your home or business is within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant, you should contact your Insurance agent and let them know of the classification change. Have them quote you a new policy to check if you will see a savings. Also it never hurts to shop around. You could be missing out on a lot of savings.

We plan on continuing our growth as a fire district and we always strive to be the best we can. Our next evaluation will occur in about 3 to 5 years, and we plan to work hard to bring down our class rating even more throughout the entire fire district. For those wondering how that's going to happen, well it all starts with YOU. We cannot hope to continue to lower our class rating without more volunteer members. We do not have the funds to add more full time staff, so we must recruit at least another 5 firefighters per fire station. Meaning we need to add another 25 firefighters to our roster.

If you have any questions or if you or anybody you know would be interested in serving your community as a member of the volunteer fire district please contact me at 447-5305, or on-line at www.spo-fr.org.

Who Can Swim Where?

by Sophia Aldous of the Newport Miner (reprinted)

Public Access to Lakes Raises Questions

With summer in full swing, there's nothing like a day at the lake to thoroughly take advantage of the season. Depending on which lake an individual chooses though, there's an issue of public access, particularly around lakes like Diamond and Sacheen, where private residences cluster together along the shore, and no signs designating public access are to be seen.

"We're a lake rich county," says Mike Lithgow of Pend Oreille County Community Development. "There is some confusion regarding who can access some lakes and how they can access them."

For example, there is a controversy over some alley ways that access the water on Bead Lake. The

controversy is over who own/manages these very small strips of land. The original platting documents are not clear and no legal determination has been made, says Lithgow.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, if a lake bed is owned by the state, by law, the public has the right to access those waterways.

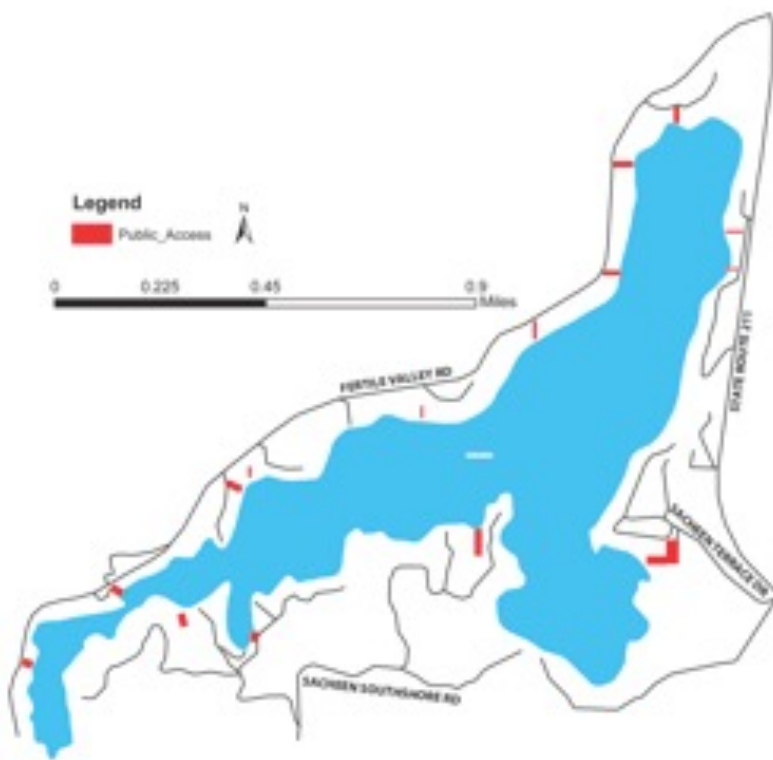
There is a public access point on Diamond Lake in the form of the boat launch owned by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) seven miles southwest of Newport, adjacent to Highway 2. It remains locked during the winter season and traditionally opens three days before the opening of fishing season the fourth Saturday in April, according to WDFW spokesperson Brian Trickel.

Recently, the Pend Oreille County Commissioners approached the WDFW, requesting to take over access to the gate,

which is posted along a county road, Southshore Diamond Lake. The point of taking over operations of the gate would be to open it earlier in the season for recreation, says Pend Oreille County Public Works Director Sam Castro.

"The reasoning is that the gate is on a county road, perhaps it would be in the best interest for recreationists if the gate was opened earlier in the season, so that people could put their boats in the water sooner," Castro says.

Trickel says the WDFW is not opposed to the idea of the county taking over access of the gate, but that it had more pressing projects, like establishing a boat cleaning station at that launch to help keep milfoil and other invasive species out Diamond Lake. He adds that the department does not allow swimming from the boat launch.



Who Can Swim Where? Continued...
by Sophia Aldous of the Newport Miner (reprinted)

"We've had a few comments from the public pertaining to public access around Diamond Lake, and we are doing research and our due diligence to possibly acquire access to the department's gate leading down to the water so it could be opened earlier in the season," Pend Oreille County Commissioner Mike Manus says. "However, looking at developing other access points for the public on the lakes is not at the top of the list of our priorities. That would take money to develop and there are other more crucial projects that deserve attention and resources."

In Bonner County there are 49 lakes with some form of public access, according to Erin Mader, spokesperson for The Lake Pend Oreille, Pend Oreille River, Priest Lake and Priest River Commission, also known as the "Lakes Commission," based out of Sandpoint. However, she said it was difficult to pinpoint where those access points are for many of the lakes, whether it was on state, federal, or private land.

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2016 are still only \$10 for an individual / \$25 for a family

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Lake Address:	
Home Phone:	
Lake Phone:	
Email Address:	

Please fill out the form and mail it with your check, payable to:

Sacheen Lake Association, c/o Jerry Johnsen, Treasurer, PO Box 401, Newport WA 99156-0401

PLEASE include your correct **CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS**



Become a friend! [Sacheen Lake Association](#) is now on FACEBOOK

STAY INFORMED

Join the **SLA email list**.

Please send your request to be added to the email list and/or send address corrections or changes to:

lakesend@gmail.com



Fire Chief Michael Nokes comes from Harrisburg, Oregon, where he got his start as a fire fighter at the age of fifteen. At the time, the State of Oregon allowed anybody sixteen or older to fight fires, so the local department allowed fifteen-year-olds to join, in order that they were trained by the time they turned sixteen. The Harrisburg Fire District was all volunteer, and a lot of the members had day jobs out of the area, so the local high school allowed high-ranking students to leave the school and respond to calls. Many times it was mostly high school students, with a few members, who responded to the local emergency calls during the day.

"What peaked my interest in it was my brother did it before me with the local fire district, and my friend's dad was the fire chief. So, I decided to give it a try. That, and I really liked the idea of leaving school during the day for any reason possible..."

Years later he was hired as a full time employee with the Harrisburg Fire District, and went on to become Captain and Training Officer for the Halsey Fire Department in Halsey, Oregon. He held that



position for five and a half years before accepting the South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue Chief position in November of 2010. Along the way, Chief Nokes obtained his Associates Degree in Fire Science from Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon. He is also a Washington State EMT.

Chief Nokes was lucky to meet his wife, Domini, through friends, and they were married in 2001. They and their four children - Brandon, Dillan, Bobby, and Lilly, are making their home in the Fertile Valley area.

sacheenlake.com

Don't forget check out our beautiful website. It is a wonderful way to stay connected with our community, lake and sewer news, and the wildlife around the lake. To share your photos and Info, contact Jerry Johnsen @ jj_at_lake@yahoo.com.

Eisenbarth's Addition

by Mary Maxfield

The Homestead Act of 1906 released public lands in 160 acre lots to homesteaders across the nation. There is no historical date of when the Eisenbarth's came to acquire land on Sacheen. In 1953, Robert and Byrdella Eisenbarth plotted their government land into eleven lots to be named 'Eisenbarth's Addition.



When the first folks came to the west side of Sacheen lake, they had to barge across deer trails around the north or south south ends.

Cabins were on the land as early as 1910, when the great fire in July burned a great deal of Montana, Idah, Washington, and Oregon. The new from that time tells of a man and his sons from Usk coming south to warn residents of the approaching fire. They split up and went completely around Sacheen, waking residents, and helped them get to safety further south. By the 17th of July, the fire covered territory from Sacheen and Diamond Lakes to the Pend Orville River. It was fifteen miles long and 20 miles wide.

Lori Storm's Journey to Full Time Life on Sacheen

Compiled from interview notes by Mary Maxfield and Nancy Cain

Lori was first introduced to Sacheen Lake by her soon-to-be husband Bill Storms. They purchased their property from Bob Eisenbarth in 1953, at which time, their future cabin was just a floor. The cabin was built knotty-pine board by knotty-pine board until it included three bedrooms. During the building process, Lori and her husband Bill, were raising their three children, Bill, Jeff, and Sally in Newport, while also working fulltime.

The cabin was only one bedroom in 1963 when they spent their first winter out here with all three children, ages five through nine. Their children caught the bus each morning for their respective schools in Newport. Although Fertile Valley was plowed for the school bus, it was still a sometimes-treacherous unpaved winter road, and Bill senior was commuting to work in a 1963 Volkswagen. As they did not have an after-school sports bus in those days, Bill, their oldest child, missed playing in team sports, so the family moved back to their home in Newport, before the following winter.

Lori has many fond memories of that winter, including her boys befriendng Don Hill and making sails out of bed sheets and racing across the lake on ice skates. She sold the property to her son, Jeff in 1993 and the cabin burned to the ground in 2003. Jeff and his family are now living in their rebuilt home on the same property.

Lori purchased her current lake home on Eastshore road in 1999 and has been enjoying the lake life on Sacheen ever since.

As I sit here under a blanket watching it pour outside on July 22, I wonder when summer will really arrive?? What a difference a year can make. I'm sure you all remember the heat and haze of smoke that lingered over us most of last summer. I think I like this a lot better.

The Board welcomed a new member at its June 9 meeting. Mike Quick has been sworn in to position #2, formerly occupied by Gary Garrett. Mike lives on Sacheen Terrace with his wife MaryAnn. His willingness to step up and serve on the Board is greatly appreciated.

At that same meeting discussion was had regarding the meeting dates and times. For various reasons it was decided to move the meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of the month and to meet at 5:00 pm.

You should have received notice of the herbicide application that took place on July 12. The applicator used both liquid and granular herbicides depending on the denseness of the milfoil bed. Another survey will take place early in August to look at its effectiveness and plan for the second application later in August.

Terry McNabb from Aguatechnex assisted with the survey in June and questioned whether we might have some hybrid milfoil that is starting to show up in some lakes. Samples were taken from four different areas of the lake and sent to Michigan for DNA testing. All samples came back as being Eurasian and not the hybrid.

You can help prevent the spread of milfoil by removing plant sprigs and pieces that you see floating around your dock. The plant's natural method of reproduction is through auto-fragmentation, so when picking, or preferably, pulling plants up from the roots, make sure all of the plant is removed from the water. Consider keeping a pool skimming net on your dock to remove floating plant pieces as well as other debris that comes around. Remember, not all aquatic plants are weeds. Aquatic plants are healthy for our lakes. Want to learn more about aquatic plants? There is a workshop being held August 2 from 9am to noon at the Camas center. The purpose of the workshop is to share information and learn more about native aquatic plants versus noxious aquatic weeds as well as management options for landowners. The workshop is free and complimentary beverages and snack will be provided. For more information, contact the Weed Control Board at 447-2402.

Many of you have asked when the assessments will be sent out. We would have liked to already done so, but are still working to get the project complete with the treatment plant. You will be notified prior to the assessment being mailed out as it requires official notifications and a public hearing.

Thank you to all who make your payments in a timely manner. Many more of you have begun using your bank's bill pay service. Most bank's bill pay services are free of charge and save you the cost of an envelope and stamp. It also helps avoid the mistakes that often get made when writing a check, such as forgetting to date, sign, or write in the amount! (I've seen them all). Many folks who have set up bill pay have also requested that they not be sent a monthly invoice unless the amount changes. That also saves the District the cost of mailing. Please consider if either of these could be right for you.

There are still contract items to be completed at the treatment plant, but progress has been made since the last Scope. The incorrect aerator motors have been replaced and all have been tested and are operational. The major issue that is left to remedy is leaky gates in the wet well that allow us to move effluent between cells.

Water and Sewer District News

Continued

by Sheila Pearman, District Manager

spearman@ifiber.tv 447-4641

The contractor as well as the manufacturer have been trouble-shooting and we hope that they will be corrected in the near future. Some other final checklist items for the contractor to complete before retainage can be paid are proving the operating controls, production of as-built drawings, liner warranty and payroll certification.

Contractors Northwest has filed a lawsuit against the District claiming they are owed approximately \$1.3 million more for work done at the treatment plant. The majority of the claim is for additional money for the rock excavation encountered at the site. The Board does not agree with their claims and have entered into a joint defense agreement with JA Sewell to defend against the suit.

We will again be asking for voter approval of a maintenance and operation levy on the November ballot. With approval of this funding we can continue to work on our milfoil abatement as well as maintaining the Myers/Harter Sanctuary, water level work, District insurance, and other costs not associated with the sewer. The voted levy is funded by all District property owners, not just those being served by the sewer. This replacement levy asks for \$0.78 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to collect \$55,458

Questions about outhouses have been brought up recently. According the Matt Schanz from Northeast Tri-County Health, if a property is served by a public sewer, an outhouse is no longer *grandfathered*. Decommissioning of outhouses was part of the sewer construction project, but could only be done if it was disclosed that there was an outhouse. It is the property owner's responsibility to have the outhouses decommissioned per NETCH specifications.

With a sad heart, Don Newcomb, who has been the caretaker of our Myers/Harter Sanctuary for so many years, has *retired*. We are very grateful for his years of wonderful care that he gave our park. Nathan Johnson will be taking over the task of maintaining the park. THANKS DON!

Sacheen Bird Watching

by John Stuart

Giving one's attention to birds' lives is an art form like any other. After getting to know the local birds for several years, an attentive birder will know, upon setting foot on a mountain-top, in a conifer forest or on a lakeshore or a farm field, almost exactly what species will be found in that particular spot.

Birders who want to see or hear a lot of species in a short time will always pick a place with water. A lake like Sacheen is an excellent mix of habitats to find all kinds of water-dependent or simply near-water species. Walking only a short way off the lake one can find many conifer-forest birds, deciduous-forest birds, or swamp birds or birds of any other vegetation-type that Mom Nature has stacked up on the shoreline. It is possible to find at least 150 bird species around Sacheen, accounting for all seasons. Quite a few other migrant species will appear as well on their way south or north in autumn and spring times.

Since the big, obvious birds get plenty of attention, I will focus on the lesser known. In cottonwood/ aspen stands, a common bird is the Red-naped Sapsucker. Though a bird with a unique voice, a novice will need binoculars to distinguish it from a Hairy or Downy Woodpecker.

If you find horizontal rows of tiny holes drilled in local deciduous trees, these are the sapsucker "wells" from which the bird will feed in later days and weeks as the sap oozes from the wounds. A very subtle bird of the same stands is the American Redstart. It is a tiny bird in beautiful scarlet and salmon hues with a very highly-pitched song

While we are in the cottonwood/aspen neighborhood, we should also include the two operatically-voiced vireos; the Red-eyed and the Warbling. Very somber in white and grey, these 2 birds make up for their off-whiteness with loud and persistent happy-swamp music.

I like to throw out a modest challenge for people who are learning their birds. Sacheen Lake, in summer, can be home to 5 different species of swallows. See if you can learn to identify Violet-green, Tree, Bank, Rough-winged and Barn Swallows.

Most people on the lake will have heard the Pileated Woodpecker, a large forest bird. Though this bird is somewhat shy around people, it is usually easy to follow its voice and get within binocular range. At times, I have been within 10 yards of a bird who was so intent on tearing a tree apart that it didn't mind being gawked at by the monster with the big round, black eyes. You can tell the Pileated's gender by the amount of red color on the head. An absolutely necessary part of all woodpecker habitat is both standing and downed dead trees. If a tree dies on your property and it is not in a dangerous spot when it will fall, the woodpeckers (and many other birds) will make very good use of it as food and nest cavities. A dead tree, cut off at 15 ft. tall, rendering it harmless, will still be a good wildlife tree.

Now that we are into mid-summer with lots of fruit-bearing plants, it is very likely to see a Pileated hanging from a mountain-ash or elderberry, adding fruit to its mostly insect-based diet.

Another group of birds that will inhabit the near-water edge is the wood warblers. The common warblers found in the brush and close to the ground are the McGillivray's, the Nashville and the Orange-crowned. Higher in the trees you will find the Townsend's and the Yellow-rumped. And for a great climax of ear-rattling music, everyone should learn to identify the unmistakable song of the Swainson's Thrush. The thrushes have 2 voice boxes and when you think you are hearing an echo of its song that is exactly what is happening. Only the 2 songs are coming from a single bird, simultaneously. Because this bird likes to stay hidden in dense cover, it is almost never seen by the casual observer, but I am sure it is one of the most abundant birds in summer. With a little patience you will be able to watch this bird close-up. Learn its song and you will realize how common the thrush is and you will recognize it in woods wherever you go simply by listening for it.

For a final challenge; try to learn the differences between the Red-winged Blackbird, Brewer's Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, and the Starling.

If you would like to be on our local e-mail listserve, "pobirds", send me an e-mail and we will put you on. I am at ninebark@povn.com.

Computer access makes identifying birds quite easy. Here are a couple sources for listening to bird songs and of course, any bird's pictures can be found via Google, etc.

Birdweb.org

This is the Seattle Audubon Society's site. Type in a bird in the search box and when it comes up hit the song button to hear it.

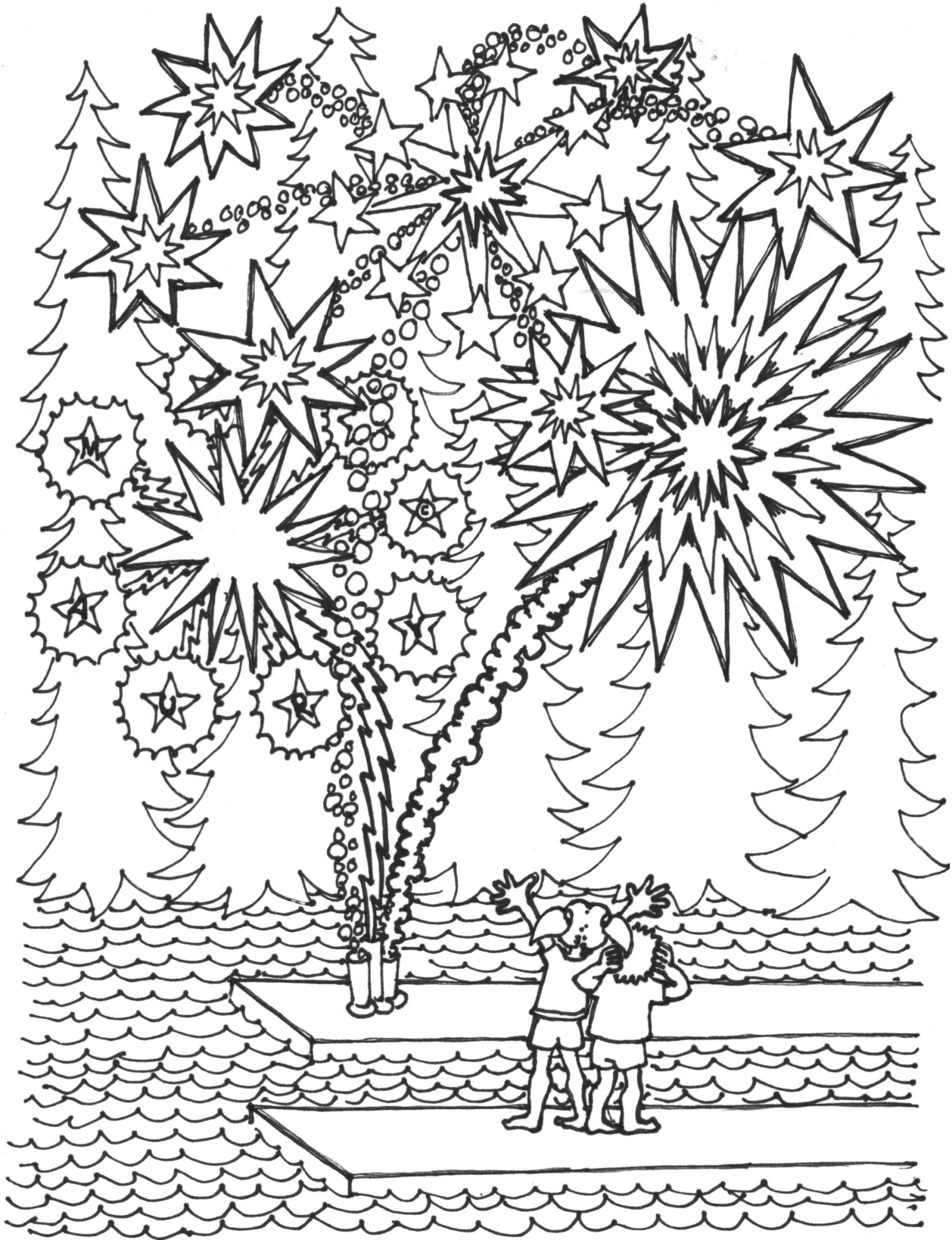
Allaboutbirds.org

Cornell Univ.'s comprehensive bird website

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Bring completed picture to picnic.

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America's Birthday at Sacheen Lake

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Sacheen Dates of Interest

08-13-16 - Sacheen Lake Community Picnic BBQ
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Myers-Harter Park

08-27-2016 - 8 am Highway 211 Cleanup
Meet at Myers/Harter Park

Ongoing

Beaver Tube Clean Up
Please call Don Hill @447-0960 to assist

Sacheen Sewer & Water District Meetings
2nd Wednesday of each month - 5 p.m.
Sacheen Fire Station on Highway 211

Pend Oreille Events

08-02-16 - Aquatic Weed Workshop
9 a.m. Kalispel Camas Center, call 447-2402

08-4,5,6-16 41st Kalispel Pow Wow
Kalispel Pow Wow Grounds (445-1147)
Free Buffalo BBQ 11:00 a.m. Sat.

