
Hauser Works on Upcoming Events

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HAUSER - Planning for the Second Annual Hauser Lake Poker Run will get underway at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10 at the home of Coordinators Jabet and Jim Wheeler, 12798 N. Cliffhouse Road, Hauser.

A goal of \$1,500 has been proposed by Wheelers to the Hauser Lake Water Coalition, sponsors of the event.

Last year's total was \$500.

A shift from October to August is being proposed to encourage greater participation, as is inviting other organizations to join with the Coalition, making it more of a community event.

Questions about the Poker Run and upcoming meeting or ideas for improving the event may be directed to Wheelers, 773-0483.

All funds raised by the HLWC are used to promote and preserve the water quality of

Hauser Lake and its surrounding watershed.

Toward that goal, other topics under consideration include the soon-to-be-built rinse station, an overview of stormwater management and requests for volunteers to help with stream monitoring.

The concrete rinse station, aimed at keeping deadly Eurasian water milfoil out of Hauser Lake, is being funded by a grant from the Idaho Department of Agriculture. The rinse station, the first of its kind in Idaho, will include a catch basin, drain field along with an oil separator.

As soon as load limits are lifted from the roads, Scott Weston of Hauser's Cedar Creek Builders, will construct the facility to be located by the county dock. A June 1 completion date is projected.

Signage materials and their construction also have a local

donor, "Buff" Des Marais of Sawhorse Ranch. The signs themselves are being paid for through the Department of Agriculture grant.

Planning Commission member JoAnn Wallace presented an overview of the recent two-day Stormwater and Erosion Education Program (SEEP), a course geared toward improving ways of managing stormwater and soil erosion. Participants saw the proper installation of wattles – barriers made of twigs, sticks and branches to help reduce erosion.

Both SEEP and Lake-A-Syst provide information on how to protect local water quality. Tierney, together with Hauser Code Administrator Tina McCoy, is studying how to convey these programs to local residents.

The HLWC also attempts maintaining local water quality through stream monitoring,

a program conducted the first Sunday after the monthly Coalition meeting. Persons interested in helping with the project may contact President John Wallis, 777-6967.

Other recent activities of the HLWC involved ten Coalition volunteers along with the Hauser Lions Club collecting trash from throughout the area.

Additional information about local birds will be the focus the next Coalition meeting, set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 in Hauser City Hall with guests from the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Club.

The HLWC also is promoting the annual food drive for the Post Falls Food Bank, which serves Hauser residents.

Non-perishable items may be dropped off Saturday, April 14 at the Post Falls Wal-Mart parking lot or at the Wallis home, 11392 N. Hauser Lake Rd.