

MOOSE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Fall 2015



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LETTER FROM THE MLIA PRESIDENT

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Mother Nature is reminding us that soon the cooler seasons will be upon us. As I write this it is approaching mid-September. A bit of color is peeking through from the leaf canopy giving us a preview of the spectacular show of fall leaf color in store before the season of white and gray arrives.

The spring and summer of 2015 have been most unusual. The lower lake levels due to the dam reconstruction have greatly reduced boat traffic. On many perfect summer days, if one was brave enough to navigate the new collection of navigation hazards, you would virtually have the water to yourself. It has indeed been a quiet summer. In another article Town Chairman Dave Sanders will give further details regarding the dam project and the rebuilding of the bridge over it. The memories of last September's devastating windstorm are still vivid in everyone's memory with many residents still cleaning up tree damage.

The backbone of the Moose Lake Improvement Association is the corps of volunteers who willingly give of their time to improve the place we all love. I would like to recognize and thank each and every one of you. Please keep in mind that new volunteers are always welcome. There is no better way to

get to know your neighbors than to participate in a community effort.

A new project for the MLIA this spring was the transfer of over 5000 bluegills from Ghost Lake. In cooperation with the DNR and with help of many volunteers over several days, we netted, fin clipped, and transferred these stunted fish to Moose Lake where they can hopefully mature and establish a reproducing population.

The Annual Meeting was held on the Fourth of July on the lawn across from Louie's. It was a beautiful summer day with about 80-90 members in attendance. That evening, Louie's, Mystic Moose Resort, and the MLIA sponsored a spectacular fireworks display which, in my opinion, was the best yet.

I am pleased to report that our organization now has approximately 190 members and is on firm financial footing. We are looking for suggestions for projects to achieve our goal of improving our community. Please contact me or any other member of the board of directors with any suggestions you might have.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our hard working board of directors who meet monthly to deal with the practicalities of keeping the MLIA functioning. If you have any



PHOTO BY DAVE WILTROUT

Ray Richter honored at the MLIA Annual Meeting and was a long time member and served on the board as treasurer for several years. He was one of the first people in the state to become certified to do water quality testing.

concerns that you would like brought up to the group, please get in touch with a board member or better yet attend a board meeting. We want to hear from you. Board activities and other lake information can be accessed at our website www.mliahaywardwi.org. Visit us there.

I hope that each and every one of you has had a great spring and summer as we look forward to fall and winter activities on the shores of Wisconsin's most beautiful lake.

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NEWS FROM THE MLIA VICE PRESIDENT

Bluegill stocking was in full swing on Moose Lake the 3rd week in June this past summer. Earlier this spring, the Wisconsin DNR granted approval for stocking our lake once again with bluegills which would be trapped by Wisconsin DNR employees on Ghost Lake and then transferred to Moose Lake over a 4 day period. Over the past 6 years bluegill stocking had to be stopped because of the VHS Virus (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) threat toward Wisconsin waters. After several years the DNR felt that if fish were taken from waters upstream from where they were to be stocked it should not cause any problems. Since Ghost Lake flows into Moose Lake and has plenty of small bluegills, Max Wolter, our Fish Biologist, received permission to stock them into Moose Lake.

The stocking started on Monday the 22nd of June and continued

throughout the week. Eight fish nets were set over the weekend of June 20th by DNR employees. On Monday, two of us met the DNR at the Ghost Lake boat landing at the north end of FR 175. The DNR was working on this project with students from the LCO Conservation Corp who volunteered to help on Monday and Tuesday. This was a very educational experience for them.

The students were shown how to do fin clipping on the fish. This is a process in which the right lower fin gets cut off with a scissor and helps the DNR track these fish once they are released into Moose Lake. When the DNR electro-shocks our lake in the future, they will be able to tell if any of the bluegills captured came from Ghost Lake and will be able to track the growth rate. Many of these fish
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Dave Sanders and Dan McCormick with DNR employees

PHOTO BY DAVE WILTROUT

MLIA MISSION

The purpose of the Association is to preserve and protect Moose Lake and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Moose Lake, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations, while respecting the interests of property owners and the public, in accordance with Chapter 181 of WI statutes.



Fin Clipping: Dan McCormick, Joe Dwyer, Paul Miller, Doc Grayson, Jack Brown, Jim Onaheim

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measured 3.5 to 4 inches in length. Max Wolter assured us that this does not harm the fish in any way.

On Monday we netted approximately 750 bluegills. These fish were transported to Louie's Landing where they were released successfully into Moose Lake. On Tuesday we transported and stocked 1100 bluegills which were released at the point where the West Fork of the Chippewa River enters Moose Lake.

Volunteers took over the fin clipping on Wednesday and Thursday. There was a good turnout of people from Moose Lake who wanted to get involved with the project. After about 500 fish, everyone had perfected their own way of doing fin clipping.

As the week went on, our catch rate increased each day. On Wednesday we stocked over 1550 and on Thursday over 1800. Our total was over 5000 fish successfully transferred from Ghost Lake to Moose Lake in four days. All of the transportation was done by members of the MLIA who used a large aerated tank provided by the DNR. The MLIA would like to thank the following people for their assistance in this project: Fish Biologist Max Wolter and other DNR employees; MLIA members and

volunteers Ken Loeffler, Dave Wells, Brad Wells, Dave Wiltrout, Rob Sparhawk, Dave Sanders, Mike Feldner, Dan McCormick, Doc Grayson, Stan Olson, Paul Miller, Jack Brown, Joe Dwyer and Jim Onaheim. A special thank you also goes out to the LCO Conservation Corp.

Just to prove that transplanted bluegills do survive in Moose Lake, I decided to go on a bluegill hunt. During September, I caught and released several bluegills that were over 9 ½ inches in length. Some of these were fin clipped which tells me they came out of Black Dan Lake 6 years ago. This was the last time we stocked Moose Lake with bluegills. I have fished for bluegills 5 different times during September and have caught and released over 35 fish. All were very healthy.

Our Youth Musky Hunt is history for 2015. We had just over 60 kids from a 4 state area who caught and released 68 muskies in 2 ½ days. We also had one youth from Moose Lake participate. Brad Wells, the 13 year old son of Dave and Sandy Wells, caught and released a 39 ½ inch musky. Brad placed 3rd in the event. Congratulations Brad!

Well, that is it for now. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable fall.
Jim Onaheim, MLIA Vice President

Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Committee Report

The Aquatic Invasive Species Committee had a busy summer. The lower lake level had a profound effect on the growth of all aquatic vegetation. In general, the volunteers found that there was less water plant growth than usual except for wild rice which produced a bumper crop this year. The good news is that none of the aquatic invaders which have plagued other lakes in the area were discovered in Moose Lake. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who conducted their monthly surveys in spite of the lower lake levels exposing themselves and their boats to a host of new navigation hazards.

Our committee members survey their assigned section of the lake once monthly during the months of June, July, and August. In addition to this, all property owners are encouraged to survey their own lakefront. There is always some turn over in members on the committee thus new volunteers are welcome. If you are interested please contact committee chair Dave Wiltrout (DVMWeePaws@aol.com) for further details.

David Wiltrout, MLIA AIS Monitoring Committee Chair



A bumper crop of wild rice

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CHAIR

Here we are, another summer has come and gone. Fall is in the air. The snow-birds are starting to leave, and the trees are changing. Our residents are preparing for another bout with old man winter. Burr-RR.

The Town Board has been busy as usual. Some of the things that have happened on the Moose Lake end of the township include continued clean-up from last year's storm, new center line striping on Pine Point Road and Moose Lake Road, and, of course, the new dam. Word from Kramer Construction is the dam will hopefully be done before hard winter sets in, with Mother Nature co-operating. The bridge and road over the dam should also be completed except for the approaches, which will be completed next spring because you cannot black top in frozen weather.

Unfortunately, there is some bad news. The cell phone service (problem) is not going to be solved anytime in the near future. Sorry folks, we still have to use our hard line phones.

I hope everyone has a warm, happy and healthy winter. We will see you all next spring.

*Dave Sanders
Town of Round Lake Chairman*



This spectacular photo was taken by Ann Fleagle from a flyover by Mike Williams.



Five photos taken by Dave Wiltrot during various stages of the construction



GARDEN COMMITTEE REPORT

This spring found an almost complete change in volunteers for the committee that takes care of the two MLIA garden plots. Don Rossiter and Dave Wiltrott were in charge of planting duties and the Wells family agreed to mow the grass surrounding them. The planting duties were made easy due to the work of previous Moose Lake gardeners. The perennials have really become established and put on quite a show during the summer. The tall yellow *Heliopsis* in the Moose Lake Road garden and the Daylilies in the Pine Point garden provided a colorful addition to the lake environment. Mother Nature cooperated by providing timely rain to keep the planting growing nicely.

A special thanks to Dave, Sandy, and Brad Wells for weekly mowing of the lawns surrounding each garden. Their efforts provided the perfect setting.



Bradley Wells mowing at the garden

UPDATE: SUPERSTORM HABITAT RECOVERY STATUS

When spring sprang this year, local residents were surprised to see so many conifers turning from green to yellow, brown, and orange. The changes were due to the hail damage from the September 4th, 2014 Superstorm. Derek Sokoloski, a forester with the Hayward DNR Service Center, told us then to be patient, and give the conifers some time for recovery this summer. Last week, I asked Derek if he had any updates for us on the damaged conifers. Derek advises us to "wait until the dormant season, fall and winter, and prune the dead branches out then. A quick Google or Bing search on tree pruning will yield lots and lots of guides and recommendations to follow on how to best prune."

Our clear cut areas near my cottage at the south end of Pine Point Road have a lot of 2- to 5-foot young and very fast growing trees. Recently Marc Hoss had a forester over to his property on Forest Circle Drive, and the forester identified a lot of young basswood there. But Derek thinks that much of the new growth in the area may be aspen, and I agree that "quaking aspen" certainly is match in my tree field guide. Derek tells me that "Aspen sprouts vigorously from the existing

root systems underground and can be over six feet after the first year. Sunlight hitting the ground is the trigger to get the aspen cranking. There could be some basswood, too."

"The clear-cut areas will fill in quickly, especially in areas where aspen was already present. Besides that, a wide variety of tree species should fill in. You may get a spike of

blackberry bushes, but overtime the trees will overtake the blackberry as trees should pop up through that layer. More sun-loving herbaceous plants should be showing up. Unfortunately mullein is showing up that is actually a non-native invasive. It probably had seed source along roads and seeds blew in on the wind. Logging equipment also has a tendency to spread this and other invasives. I wouldn't be surprised to see an uptick in thistles out there as well."

These young trees are providing a lot of nutritious and easy to reach food for the deer and elk, evidenced by the fact that I have had no deer in my yard this year and may be leaving the Liquid Fence Company a little short on sales. The new growth is also helping reduce the "ick factor," hiding some of the ugly downed trees and slash from last fall's storm and subsequent logging.

Jan Stapleton

LOST AND FOUND

RLFD member Mark Gritzmacher and his search and rescue bloodhound, Star, were recently involved in locating a hiker missing for four days in Michigan. Mark and Star are regulars at the Moose Lake Festival.



MOOSE LAKE FESTIVAL

Mother Nature decorated the afternoon of August 1 with blue skies, fluffy clouds, and light breezes for the Moose Lake Festival. That helped MLIA board member and pilot, Mike Williams, take two lucky foursomes for spins in his Cessna floatplane on tours of the lake during the festival. His white amphibious plane flew over the crowd a few times to say hello. The winning bidders for the two flights were Brian Tepe and Marc Hoss. Brian, Marc, and their guests raved about their experiences in Mike's plane over Moose Lake.

The White Elephant Sale treasures were purchased quickly, with a few things leaving at half price at the end of the day. Volunteers had been

working hard at the Town Recycling Center all summer to gather and organize an amazing array of treasures. Zippy the Clown, and her clown protégé, Zoomby, entertained the children with toys, balloon hats, balloon animals, and face painting all afternoon. Fifty young people built wood birdhouses with the assistance of area craftsmen, and art assistants helped the kids decorate and paint them. Thanks go to the MLIA for sponsoring the birdhouses. Star, the Search and Rescue Bloodhound, made her popular appearance, and she was truly dog tired by the end of the day with all those scents to keep track of.

The food tent was busy all day selling

brats and pulled pork sandwiches to a hungry crowd. The tent cooking the fresh sweet corn dipped in butter had long lines. Thanks to Mike and Amy Scharberg, new homeowners in the Moose Lake community, for donating 600 ears of multi-colored corn to the event. They grow the corn in Minnesota for Green Giant, and it was delicious after being boiled and grilled in the husk only a few hours after being harvested. The new soft serve ice cream sundaes were a big hit with the crowd.

Dave Sanders and Bill O'Brien eloquently engaged the crowd with event announcements and pie auctioneering, although the pair's throats required a little lubrication of sorts throughout the afternoon. Over 80 pies and a wide variety of baked



UPPER LEFT: *Ivan Geidel loves an ear of corn*

ABOVE: *Kendall Gunn helps to sell pies*

RIGHT: *Mike Dombeck wins a pie*

LEFT: *The Pie Ladies*

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goods were auctioned off to a very receptive crowd.

Mike Dombek, who grew up in the Moose Lake area and is a retired Chief of the US Forest Service, won the bid for a peach pie and framed moose painting by Katie George. And Marilyn Karns went all out bidding \$300 for a blueberry pie and framed moose print, also generously donated by Katie and Steve George. Wanda Carry made a 7-layer, 20 lb. "Crazy Cake," inspired by, and possibly purchased by Les Miller, that was shared by many friends after the event.

The Town of Round Lake Fire Department Auxiliary sweepstakes winners were Carol Thompson of Fairfax, MN; Anthony Corina of Elgin, IL; and Tom Nabke of Milwaukee. Over 250 prizes were awarded

throughout the afternoon, and most were truly appreciated. But one prize may not have been a great match, that prize being a new hair curling iron awarded to "Woodsey" Melius, who is very bald.

Lou Grayson, chair of this Moose Lake Festival for the fourth year in a row, wants to "thank everyone who attended the event to support the Town of Round Lake Fire Department Auxiliary and the Chequamegon Lions Club. Big kudos to all the volunteers who made the fest possible and the MLIA membership really came through again this year. We couldn't possibly do this without you." And Lou adds, "Special thanks to Roger and Faye Winters, and



Moose Lake Flyover by Mike Williams and winners of the auction

Louie's Landing, for the use of their facilities and grounds. Put the first Saturday of August 2016 on your calendar for another fabulous Moose Lake Festival!"

Submitted by Jan Stapleton



Making Birdhouses, thanks to the MLIA

UPPER LEFT: Don Rossiter assisting

UPPER RIGHT: All the pretty birdhouses, built and decorated

RIGHT: David Wiltout assisting

LEFT: Zippy the Clown and friend



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TOWN OF ROUND LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AUXILIARY

Thank you all for your continued support of the Cash Sweepstakes and Moose Lake Festival. It really is appreciated and has helped turn the Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department into one of the best trained and equipped volunteer fire departments in Sawyer County. But your support goes beyond helping to raise the money needed to purchase fire department and EMS equipment. The residents of Moose Lake support every aspect of the fire department, whether it is by words of appreciation or by volunteering. Your fire department is the envy of all other departments in the county, mostly because they are all aware of how much support the Round Lake Fire Department gets from the community.

Our fire department has been very lucky to have recruited several new, dedicated members. And the good news is that they are young and have made this area their home. Of course more volunteers are needed. If anyone is interested in more information about becoming part of the Round Lake Fire/Rescue/EMS team, please contact Mike Schmidt at 715-462-3691. You do not need to be a full time resident of Round Lake.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again remind you that the Auxiliary is about more than raising money. We assist the fire department in their endeavors with volunteer labor. We support the personnel when they are onsite at emergencies for extended periods of time by bringing them food. We provide assistance to members of the community who are in need, by making donations of materials and labor.

Maybe you want to help out in this area, but aren't up to driving a fire truck or working at a fire scene or responding to a medical emergency. But there are many other ways in which

you can help. We would like to invite everyone to join the auxiliary and find out more. Members can be full-time or part-time residents and, just so everyone is clear, the auxiliary does not discriminate in any way! In other words, it isn't just for women! It isn't just for people who live here year 'round. There are no membership fees and we only have 2 official (but mostly fun) meetings a year. One is to plan the activities and one is to get the cash sweepstakes mailing put together. Your community needs you. Please volunteer. Remember that all Firefighters, EMTs, and First Responders are volunteers serving our community. If you can't be a Firefighter, EMT, or First Responder, joining the Auxiliary is a great way to help support their efforts.

For more information about the auxiliary and how to be a volunteer, please contact Marilyn Karns at 715-462-9445 or karnsmg@centurytel.net. As far as we are concerned, anyone who has helped out at the Moose Lake Festival, selling sweepstakes tickets, assisted with our Open Houses, or other projects are already members. We

appreciate your help at any level, but we need more people willing to be involved at the organizational level to help plan and come up with new ideas. The men and women who are presently involved at this level are getting, as they say, a little long in the tooth, worn out, burnt out, and mostly aged out.

Our 2016 fundraising events will be the Cash Sweepstakes, which will be mailed next spring, the Moose Lake Festival, and Moose Lake clothing, available now at the area restaurants. We hope everyone will mark their calendars for next year's Fest, which will be on August 6, 2016. Money raised this year will be used to make sure that the volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel receive all of the equipment and training that are needed to maintain the excellent standards that have been established.

We are tentatively planning a special community get together or Open House for early spring or summer, so that the Town of Round Lake Fire Department personnel can personally thank you for your support. In the meantime, they continue to be most grateful for your support.

As always, this year proves again that Moose Lake really is a special place!

Marilyn Karns, Auxiliary President



LEFT TO RIGHT FRONT ROW: Mark Gritzmacher, Dave Wells, Jim Hibbard, Brady Gunn and Chris Seeger. LEFT TO RIGHT BACK ROW: Robert Grayson, Steve Johnson, Jack Brown, Jim Onarheim, Mike Feldner, Mike Schmidt, Jordan Lopez and Tim Price. MISSING: Tracy Miles, Eric Gritzmacher, Jon Lopez, Rob Sparhawk, Frank Leuschen, Casey Lewandowski and Oliver Hanson.

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FD Department personnel Mike Feldner, Mark Gritzmacher, Jim Hibbard, Jim Onerheim and Dave Wells with the rescue sled.

ROUND LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT INNOVATIONS

Winter on Moose Lake chases many Moose Lakers to warmer climes, but many of us remain to revel in the snowy cold. So, too, many outsiders make the Moose Lake area a winter destination to experience the “remission from friction” snow provides. The slippery groomed surface is exhilarating, but also can lead to accidents when sudden stopping is required. Whether the parallel bun stop of the cross country skier proves inadequate, or the need to suddenly quell hundreds of snowmobile horse power is ignored, injury can, and does occur in ambulance inaccessible back country.

Much like The Tortoise and The Hare fable, our enclosed, tracked Kubota [tortoise] is slower but steady and reliable, and has room for both EMT and reclined patient. The newly purchased here [rescue snowmobile] pictured above with personnel, is the fastest way an EMT can respond to a patient off road. These two rescue vehicles do not compete as in the fable, instead they complement each other working as a team with leading edge technology the likes of which has not been seen in any other fire department or ambulance service in northern Wisconsin.

Next time you see Mike Feldner out and about in our community, you might want to give him a big thank you for the untold volunteer hours he has put in designing and fabricating both the rescue sled and the tracked Kubota. Mike is a very crucial element in the formula, but the other element is funding — not a penny of taxpayers’ money was utilized on either project. The dollars needed came from our Moose Fest coupled with the sweepstakes tickets and to all the compassionate, generous individuals who actually contributed more than the dollars that the 18 tickets required. Thank you, thank you. And thank you to Moose Fest Chair Lou and to Round Lake Fire Department Auxiliary Chair Marilyn for their untold volunteer hours, and most paramount, to their organizational skills without which the Moose Fest would be to me, near impossible.

Doc Grayson

Sawyer County Lakes Forum, October 16, 2015

The Sawyer County Lakes Forum has supported the effort to recall the section of the Wisconsin 2015-2017 State Budget that deals with county shoreline ordinances. As a result of this budget our Sawyer County shoreline ordinances have been changed and can no longer be stricter than those listed in the state statutes. This was done so that all lakes would be treated the same, even though all lakes are not the same.

The SCLF has written letters of support to other county lake associations and the Sawyer County Board urging them to support a repeal of this section of the budget. The Sawyer County Board did pass such a resolution at the October 15th meeting as well as a 180 day moratorium on boathouses.

It will now be up to the state legislators to listen to citizens from all over the state.

Submitted by Mary Ann Churchill



Jim Hibbard congratulating Mike Feldner on a job well done.

CHEQUAMEGON LIONS CLUB FALL UPDATE

Currently 55 members strong, the Chequamegon Lions Club celebrated its success over the past 12 months with a party at The Landing in September. The club shared some great social time and a fish fry dinner with 11 guests who had an interest in the club. A short skit presented by committee chairs entertained the crowd with a lively summary of the club's projects. A blueberry pie made by Anita Zalewski was auctioned off, reminiscent of the pie auction at the Moose Lake Festival. George Duewerth was the winning bidder for that pie, which he then donated to the crowd.

The Landing generously allows the club and 150 third graders to use its grounds and restaurant for the club's annual water habitat study day project. Now in its fourth year, the Hayward area students from the public and LCO schools are bussed to the Chippewa Flowage where they spend a day moving among learning stations to study fish identification, fish anatomy, water quality, soil erosion, little water critters, and invasive species. The kids are instructed by



PHOTO BY JAN STAPLETON

Winners of the Lions scholarships: Claire DiSera and Aaron Ostrander with Dave Sanders, Club President

Lions club members and locals from the DNR and county staff. They're also treated to a wild rice soup and venison jerky lunch. This service event has been widely recognized in the Lions organization at the state and national level, and an article about the day was published in the International Lions Club magazine in June.

The club's biggest fundraiser of the

year is the Moose Lake Festival, when it partners with the Town of Round Lake Fire Department Auxiliary to raise money for the local fire department and many other projects. Funds brought in this year were wonderful, so more resources can be returned to the community!

Another way that the club spends the money it raises is for scholarships to local high school seniors. This spring, the club awarded two \$1000 scholarships to Claire DiSera and Aaron Ostrander. Additionally, the club gives back to the community by sponsoring a free health clinic at the Spider Lake Town Hall each October offering a wide variety of free screening tests, education and information on pertinent health topics, and flu shots.

Each spring and fall, club members offer their energy to keep a section of Highway 77 clean through the Adopt-a-Highway program. You will also see the Lions cleaning the pontoons used in the Fishing Has No Boundaries



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Lions volunteering at the water habitat study day

event in May, assisting in packing lunches for the Food 4 Kids program, and ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

One hundred percent of the money raised by the Chequamegon Lions Club is returned to the community. Funds raised support scholarships, the annual Free Health Clinic, the Water Habitat Study Day, the Senior Center and its community meals, and the Hayward Community Food Shelf. Additional nonprofits that receive funding include Ventures Unlimited, Northwoods Humane Society, Weiss

Memorial Library, Regional Hospice, Fishing Has No Boundaries, Leader Dogs, Christmas 4 Kids, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Can Do Canines, Alzheimer's Association, and the Lions Wisconsin Camp for Kids with Disabilities.

The Chequamegon Lions Club is comprised of service minded individuals, most of whom reside in the townships of Round Lake, Spider Lake, and Hunter. The club's current board officers are Steve George, President; Kay Hucker, Vice President; Nancy Schryer, 2nd VP; Diane Sosnowski, 3rd VP; Donna Nickel, Secretary; Mary Braddish, Treasurer; Jim Nickel, Tail Twister; Sally Myers, Membership Chair; George Duewerth, Lion Tamer; and Dave Sanders, Past President.

The Chequamegon Lions is an inclusive group of area residents who truly enjoy each other's company and supporting community needs. You are invited to attend one of the club meetings held the first Wednesday evening of each month at the Round Lake Town Hall. For more information, contact Sally Myers at 715-462-3027.

*Submitted by Jan Stapleton,
Chequamegon Lions Club*



CASHING IN

Submitted by Terry Mullen

I'm reasonably certain I'm not the first to pen new lyrics to one of Johnny Cash's most famous hits, but as a fan of both the Man in Black and Moose Lake, I thought I'd give it a go.

(Sung to the tune "Folsom Prison Blues.")

Folsom Island Blues

*I hear my buddy leavin'
He's boatin' round the bend
He's prob'ly off to Louie's, meeting with a friend
I'm stuck on Folsom Island, left without a phone
As my buddy keeps on churnin,' through a no wake zone
When I was just a baby my mama told me. Son,
Always be a good boy, don't ever play with guns.
But I shot a buck off-season and I tanned its hide
When I heard a loon this morning, I hung my head and cried.
I bet my buddy's sittin' on a stool right by the bar
He's probably drinkin' Leinie's and smoking a big cigar.
Well I know I had it coming, made a castaway
While my pal's turned on the big screen
Chicago at Green Bay
Well if they freed me from this island,
If that pontoon boat was mine
I bet I'd move it on a little farther down the line
Far from Folsom Island, that's where I want to stay
And I'd let that lonesome loon blow my blues away...*