

MOOSE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Fall 2017



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Another summer has retreated and we are busily working on buttoning up the Moose Lake place

for the upcoming winter. It's time to put the boats away, make sure the leaves are off the lawn, the gardens are clean of debris, split enough wood for those warm winter fires, and prepare the winter toys for use. While not wishing for extreme cold, I sure hope we get more normal temps and snowfall this winter.

The Moose Lake Dam Historical Marker has been installed on the Louie's Landing side of the dam. Stop by and check it out, if you haven't already. Many thanks to everyone who donated to the project to help make it happen. A special thanks to Mike Feldner and Dave Wiltrout for coordinating the project.

The MLIA annual meeting was held Saturday, July 1, on the shores of Moose Lake in front of Louie's Landing. Attendance was great and the picnic lunch served afterwards was delicious. Mike Feldner decided not to run for the MLIA Board again this year. Thanks, Mike, for all you have done to make this community a great place to live and play. He was replaced by Fred Haak who has already jumped in and gotten his hands dirty! Next year's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2018. Mike

Dombeck, retired USDA Forest Service chief and a native of the Moose Lake area, will be our speaker after the business meeting is concluded.

Many of us head out to the woods to hike, run our dogs, bike, fish and hunt. It is easy to lose track of where we are. So here are a few safety pointers. Let someone know where you are going and when you will return. Bring a compass, small but bright flashlight, whistle, and GPS (if you have one). If you get lost and confused, stop moving and stay put. Blow that whistle as loud as you can every so often. Make sure that the person you informed of your excursion knows to call 911 if you don't return in a reasonable time. The County Search and Rescue Crew is great and skilled. They will find you sooner than you think.

We are going to change the Newsletter to an email format. By the time you get the Newsletter, it is already old news. In the future we will be sending out emails with updated information when it is still news. So, it is really important that we

have your current email. If you change it, let us know. If you haven't been getting emails, let us know and check your spam filter settings. Make sure that you allow emails from mliaupdate1@gmail.com

Thinking ahead to winter there are several activities to consider when wanting to stay mobile and social. Louie's hosts the Pot Luck starting in January on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month until April. Louie's also hosts the Pool League weekly on Thursday nights at 6:30pm starting in December. You don't have to be good to play; I'm a great example of that. It's a lot of fun. There is also the outdoors. Quiet sports, motor sports, races, ice fishing, and hunting opportunities abound.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MLIA VICE PRESIDENT



This past summer has come and gone so quickly that I did not get enough time to really enjoy it. Perhaps because our summer was a little

on the cooler side gave us the impression that summer has not arrived yet. I think we had our air conditioner on only two or three times.

This is the first summer we have not owned Mystic Moose Resort. As most of you may know, we sold the resort last January to Joel and Sara Miller from the La Crosse area. I still have been involved with helping them learn the business, but it is not the same without living on the property. Not seeing your neighbors stop in to get bait and fishing tips is something we really miss. Like I have always said, you can't do it forever. Some day you must make that decision. January 9th was our last day as owners of the resort.

We are still living in the area so I can fish and keep in touch with the Moose Lake people. We moved a little closer to the Round Lake Fire Station #2 and ambulance garage on County Road A. I'm spending a little more time taking additional ambulance calls now.

The Wisconsin DNR, with the help of Moose Lake volunteers that were enlisted by Dave Wiltrout, completed their netting of fish on Moose Lake the week of May 15th. Everything seemed to be equal with last year's netting as far as the species of fish and the size.



PHOTOS BY DAVE WILTROUT

For the last few years, the muskies netted here on the lake during the spring netting have an electronic chip embedded in their cheek. The DNR uses a scanning device to scan these fish so that they can be monitored from year to year. There was one male musky that was captured this May that was also netted last year. It had grown 2.5 inches in one year.

For the eighth year in a row, the annual Youth Musky Hunt event was held on Moose Lake from September 21-24. Fifty-five muskies were caught and released by the 70 youngsters, aged 6 to 17. Besides a few thunderstorms to start off the

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.



event on Thursday, most of that weekend was great for fishing. These kids were challenged not only with fishing, but ecosystem study, water quality testing, map reading, and boating safety. Again this year, special needs kids were involved with the event.

Many professional guides helped with the event, putting these kids right on the fish. Our local "Guide-Masters" included fishing guides Daryl Neibauer, Steve Gerson, Larry Ramsell, and John Myhre along with many other guides from northern Illinois and Wisconsin.

All the musky fishing programs encourage catch and release. This gives other kids a chance to catch "the big one."

Mystic Moose Resort served as the base-camp and command center. Charlie's Fine Foods served the group Thursday, and Louie's Landing set up the evening meals on Friday and Saturday. Breakfasts were served at Virgin

Timber Resort. Lunch and breakfast meals were catered by the Robins Nest Restaurant and Old Southern BBQ.

The entire event was filmed and footage will be used in schools to educate as youths about the great outdoors. The Youth Musky Hunt is sponsored by the Youth Conservation Alliance (YCA), with Round Lake resident Kevin Bushnick as its founder and coordinator. Next year's event is already in the planning stages. It will be held September 21-22, 2018.

Well that is it for now. I hope everyone has a wonderful fall and holiday season when it gets here.

By Jim Onarheim, Vice President MLIA



PHOTO BY DAVE WILTROUT

Fall Elk Encounter



It was a cloudy and cool September morning when Joe Dwyer and Dave Wiltrot embarked on a float trip down the West Fork of the Chippewa River. About one mile downstream, movement was spotted about 500 yards ahead on the right bank. As they drew closer, a group of five elk was identified grazing on vegetation. At that point the morning stillness was rent with the shrill report of an elk bugle originating from brush on the left bank. Almost immediately there was a reply bugle originating from the trees on the right bank. A mature cow elk emerged from the brush on the left bank followed by a magnificent 7- or 8-point mature bull. As they waded the river, the bull continued to bugle, warding off his competitor on the north bank. When Dwyer and Wiltrot got within 150 yards, the whole group silently disappeared into the brush on the north bank and the unique wildlife encounter ended.

Submitted by David Wiltrot

SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM NEWS

During the past 20 years as a board member of the Sawyer County Lakes Forum, I have collected many pamphlets which summarize all the best ideas for maintaining our county lakes and shoreland areas in the pristine condition that we know and appreciate. These include several that serve to identify the many invasive species that have traveled here and have cost many lake associations thousands of dollars to eradicate. Moose Lake is very fortunate to not have to deal with this problem. Other pamphlets concern erosion and the harm that water runoff can do to water quality when it is loaded with lawn fertilizer, overflow from a poorly maintained septic system, or even soil being washed off the land during heavy rains such as we have had this summer.

Additional titles include, "Lake Life Booklet", "Sensible Shoreland Lighting – Preserving the Night Sky", "Protecting Your Waterfront Investment – Best

Stewardship Practices", "Help Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species", "Elk in Wisconsin" which highlights our Clam Lake herd, "Keeping Wisconsin Deer Healthy" and, a map of Sawyer County that shows all the county lakes which have Eurasian Water Milfoil.

These are free. Contact me at 715-462-9149 or machu@centurytel.net if you'd like a copy of one of these.

In previous MLIA newsletter articles, the proposed county Short Term Rental Ordinance has been mentioned. It was passed by the County Board, but then withdrawn because of legal issues. Dale Olson reported at the SCLF Annual

Meeting that this ordinance will be revisited since it is deemed important because of the growing number of tourist rooming houses in the county – over 170 that are licensed and 300 unlicensed. The number grows every year and there needs to be an ordinance for compliance.

Mary Ann Churchill, machu@centurytel.net
Secretary for the Sawyer County Lake Forum



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GARDEN COMMITTEE CREATES ANEW

Your garden committee has the responsibility of caring for two gardens located at the Pine Point Road and Moose Lake Road entrances to our community. This spring we established a new garden at the Pine Point Road location due to the reconstruction of junction with Highway S in 2016.

Donations of planting media and soil amendments

made for a great environment to install the new perennials purchased by your organization. A group of enthusiastic volunteers made short work of the planting process. Timely rains this summer have firmly established this bed such that it should be a colorful welcome to our lake for years to come. The other garden planted four years ago at the Moose Lake Road Junction was somewhat of a disappointment. The soil used for that garden was not the best and thus the flowers there had a bit off a struggle this summer. This garden will need to be reinvigorated next spring. Any suggestions to improve this garden will be welcomed.

I would like to single out the Wells family for special thanks for their efforts in keeping both sites mowed during the summer months!

Submitted by Dave Wiltrout, Garden Committee Chair

Volunteer gardeners install new garden at Pine Point Road and County S last spring.



PHOTO BY PENNY BROBERG

MLIA Buoy Committee Update

Our much-anticipated buoy removal occurred over three different days this year, and is now complete (as of mid-October). It was much anticipated because we all wanted to evaluate the effectiveness of the buoy upgrades and repairs that we did this past winter in Mike Feldner's shop. We applied new reflective tape to all 20 buoys, and Mike did some extensive patching of some of the damaged end caps that were evident below the water line.

I am very pleased to report all the new tape and repairs came through with "flying colors," and all the buoys have been scrubbed and are now stored for the winter. Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped out: Chris Graham, Joel Miller, Danny and Margie McCormick, Mike and Pat Feldner, Jan Stapleton, Joe Dwyer, Paul and Bonnie Miller, Ron Kvamme, Don Rossiter, Fred and Sharon Haak, Dave Wiltrout, Dave Sanders, Ken Loeffler, Jim Onarheim, and Doc and Lou Grayson.

Doc Grayson, Buoy Committee Chair



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Fire fighter Tate Erickson and friend helped to auction pies at the fest.



Jim Onarheim auctions an amazing cake.



Marc Hoss bid \$155 for a Tennessee Whiskey Pie, displayed by Alex Sanders.

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MOOSE LAKE FESTIVAL 2017

Pie Auction Raised Over \$5000!



Dave Sanders, pie auctioneer for the umpteenth year with pie auction helper, Kendra Gunn.



Festival announcers, Bill O'Brien and Dave Sanders, entertained the crowd.

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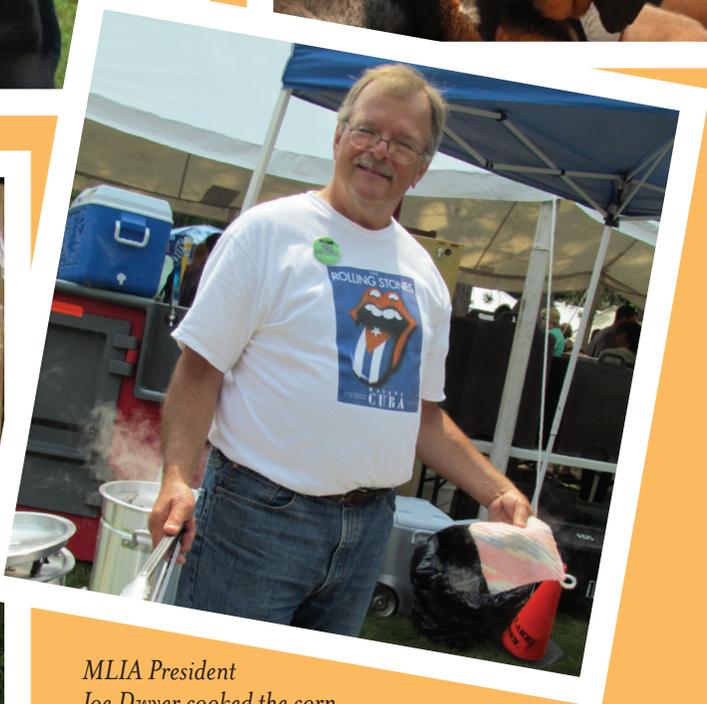


Jim Henchel crafted and donated this great swing for a bucket prize.

A great time was had by all at the annual Moose Lake Festival held on the shores of Moose Lake in front of Louie's Landing on Saturday, August 6th. Attendance and income exceeded all previous years, and the weather was perfect! The event benefits the Town of Round Lake Fire Department and Auxiliary, and the Chequamegon Lions Club. Fest chair Lou Grayson thanks all who attended and volunteered to make the 2017 festival the best ever!



Mark Gritzmacher and his search-and-rescue bloodhound Star shuttled guests to their cars.



MLIA President Joe Dwyer cooked the corn.



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Penny Broberg helped at the Wheel of Fortune.

Mark your calendars for the 2018 Moose Lake Festival on Saturday, August 4th from noon – 6pm!



Moose Lake ladies "womaned" the administration tent.



Dave Wiltout and Don Rossiter helped the kids build the birdhouses.



Barb Betz and Bonnie Miller assisted the young ones decorating their birdhouses.

ROUND LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

Most of you have seen the progress of the addition to Fire Station I on Pine Point Road. They are making great headway, despite the rain. Although construction is a few weeks behind, it should be completed this fall. We thank the Town of Round Lake for this addition and upgrade to our station here at Moose Lake.

But most of all, we want to thank everyone for their support of the sweepstakes and Moose Lake Festival throughout the years. The money you helped raise in the past few years is being used to put the finishing touches and amenities to Station I that will aid and assist our extraordinary firefighters and make the station more useful and accessible as an emergency shelter during a major disaster, such as the super storm in 2014.

We are hoping the town will allocate funds next year for a new fire engine which will allow both stations to be equipped with engines that are capable of pumping large quantities of water in the event of a major fire. At the present time, if a major event

did occur in our area, such as a forest fire or house fire, response time would be hindered because the fire engine has to be brought over from Station 2 located at the Town of Round Lake Town Hall on County Road A. It will also help all of the Town of Round Lake since we have more firefighters who work out of Station I than Station 2, which means they can get anywhere they are needed more quickly. When the new engine is purchased by the town, the funds raised this year and next year will be used to outfit it, turning it into a state of the art firefighting vehicle.

Additionally, with your help, we are able to make sure our firefighters have all of the equipment, training, and tools they need to do their valuable jobs. This helps tremendously when it comes to recruiting new members. We have two new Moose Lakers who will be joining the department soon.

Thank you also for helping to make this year's Moose Lake Festival the most successful one in history. We are so grateful to everyone who volunteered

their time, made donations, and came to the Fest. We hope everyone will mark their calendars for next year's Fest, which will be on Saturday, August 4, 2018. In order to keep the festival going, we need an infusion of new volunteers to help. We are especially looking for people who would like to be more involved in the planning and running of the event. If you are interested, please contact Lou Grayson, chairperson of the Fest. We would love to involve everyone. It doesn't matter if you are a full time or part time resident. Us old fogies are getting really close to retiring.

The auxiliary is selling Moose Lake tee shirts, sweatshirts, and hats. These are available at Charlie's Fine Dining and Louie's Landing. Lou and Doc Grayson helped create the design and Lou puts in a lot of time stocking the shelves at the area restaurants. All of the proceeds from the clothing go to the Fire Department.

Almost forty people attended the auxiliary meeting that was held in September at Charlie's, where everyone was treated to a scrumptious buffet of deep fried cod, broasted chicken, and thinly sliced prime rib in gravy. The salad bar was included, too. We got business taken care of in 45 minutes and then we had lots of time to enjoy our dinner. As you can see by the pictures from the meeting, our membership is made up of both men and women. I was asked, "how does one join the auxiliary?" All you have to do is show up at a meeting or volunteer at the Fest and your name goes on the roster. There are no dues and we have only two meetings a year, one in the spring where we put out the sweepstakes letter and tickets (and have a cookout), and one in the fall, where we wrap everything up



Fire Station #1's addition in progress in mid-October.



Fall Fire Department Auxiliary meeting at Charlie's Fine Foods was well attended.

(and have dinner.) Everyone always has a good time. If you want to be added to the list, please be sure to contact me.

In this article, I always like to remind everyone that that the auxiliary is about more than raising money. One of the functions of the auxiliary has always

been to provide support for our firefighters when they are at a fire scene for a long time. We support them by taking food (e.g., sandwiches), water, soda, and coffee to them while they are fighting a fire or are at an accident scene for a long time. Another mission of the auxiliary is to help residents who have

been victims of fire or other disasters. If you would like to help out in these areas, or in our fundraising activities, please contact Marilyn Karns at 462-9445 or karnsmg@centurytel.net. 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.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Town of Round Lake Fire Department, as a firefighter, EMT, Paramedic, or First Responder, please call Chief Mike Schmidt at 715-462-3691. All training, courses, etc., are paid for by either the Fire Department or Sawyer County Ambulance. Travel expenses are reimbursed. Full time residency is not a requirement!

The Round Lake Fire Department and Auxiliary are very grateful for your support.

Marilyn Karns, Auxiliary President

Fondly remembering our MLIA members who have passed away in 2017

Phyllis Charlton • Glenn Lemke • Chuck Peters • Ray Richter • Al Swanson • Goldie Kohut



This large black bear, estimated to be over 400 pounds, was captured on a trail camera in the Dwyer-Stapleton driveway at the end of Pine Point Road.

2018

Mark your calendar

MLIA ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, July 7

**MLIA WINTER POTLUCKS
AT LOUIE'S LANDING**
2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6pm,
January - April

MLIA BOARD MEETINGS
Check MLIA Website:
mliahaywardwi.org



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CHEQUAMEGON LIONS CLUB FALL UPDATE

Currently 54 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 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.

The club has been busy with service and fundraising projects since last spring. At a Water Habitat Study Day at The Landing on the Chippewa Flowage in May, the club hosted more than 150 Hayward area third graders from both the public and LCO schools. There, the students spent the day moving among learning stations to study fish identification, fish anatomy, water quality, soil erosion, little water critters, and invasive species. The kids were taught by Lions club members and locals from the

DNR and county staff. Lunch of wild rice soup, venison jerky, and clean, clear water was served by the club members. In its sixth year, this service event has been widely recognized in the Lions organization at the state and national level. The kids, their teaching staff, and the club members really enjoy this engaging learning experience.

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 local students Maisey Horsman and Frank Lazar.

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. Many Lions Club members who are also members of MLIA participate in a big way to make the Fest a success,

including Marilyn Karns, Dave and Snook Sanders, Pat Feldner, George Duewerth, Sally Myers, Sharon and Fred Haak, Mary Ann Churchill, Anita Zalewski, Lynn Schuman, and Jan Stapleton. A grill-out at Lynn's Custom Meats in Hayward in July let the club to raise extra money for community giving.

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 event in May, assisting in packing lunches for the Food 4 Kids program, hosting community meals, assisting the Senior Center with flu shots and bingo games, and ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

All the money raised by the Chequamegon Lions Club is returned to the community. Funds raised support scholarships, the Water



Lions clean roadside along Highway 77 each spring and fall.

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, 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. 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 membership chair Sally Myers at 715-462-3027.

By Jan Stapleton, Chequamegon Lions Club



Fall sunrise on Moose Lake



FOURTH OF JULY FUN ON MOOSE LAKE



*Have a
good winter!*