

MOOSE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Spring 2015 *Since 1970*



LETTER FROM THE MLIA PRESIDENT

SPRINGTIME AT THE MOOSE.

Happy Spring Time, fellow members of the Moose Lake Community! We enjoyed a more normal winter in 14-15 with real spring making a more timely entrance than last year. I am sure that you will remember that on this date in 2014 (4/26) the lake was still locked in ice.

It was a good winter for outdoor sport enthusiasts. Snow arrived early to provide for a long snowmobiling and cross country ski season. For the most part, the brutal cold stayed away allowing lots of opportunity to enjoy winter outdoors at the lake. The every other Tuesday potlucks at Louie's were lots of fun, a great time to socialize, and the food, as always, was

fantastic. We really have some creative cooks among our membership.

Recovery from the big storm of 9/4/14 still occupies many of our members. The MLIA takes care of the Folsom Island picnic site. A century old white pine next to the dock went down, dislodging the access dock, just missing the picnic shelter by a foot. A crew from Excel Energy, assisted by Don Rossiter, traveled across the ice in February and cut up the down trees. Just last week, a crew of dedicated and hard working MLIA volunteers righted the root ball which was horizontal into the vertical position. The dock has been repaired, allowing visitors to the island once again. Thanks to all who

Potluck, Raylene Mathany, Faye Winters, Sharon Bratrud

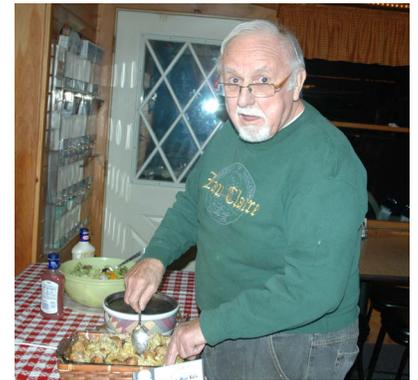


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Potluck, Jim Hagen

helped. In addition to this, many members have been busy with personal tree removal and landscape restoration.

This summer the dam will be renovated making it able to withstand a 1000 year flood. We are indeed fortunate that the dam owner, Excel Energy, is willing to do this, especially when you consider one of the options put forth at the public information meeting was dam removal. During the construction, which will take place over this summer, it will be necessary for the lake level to be lowered somewhat for the safety of the construction crew as well as to prevent a total dam blowout in the event of heavy rain fall. This will mean a slight inconvenience to the boating public. Some normally submerged navigation hazards will undoubtedly appear. So the watch word is "boater beware."

I am happy to report that your organization is fiscally sound. Last year
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NEWS FROM THE MLIA VICE PRESIDENT

It was nice to see our ice leave early this year. If some of you remember we had ice on Moose Lake for our fishing opener in 2014. What a change from a year ago. I spoke to several people who fished Moose on the opener. One group of 7 men who stayed with us caught over 100 walleyes on Saturday. They kept 15 for shore lunch and released the rest. Another group of two men and their wives caught 72 walleyes. They kept 10 and released the remainder. I spoke to several other individuals and everyone had a good day on Saturday. Sunday was a different story. It was very challenging to catch fish on Sunday. A small cold front came through and slowed things down. Hopefully, our summer is here to stay. I have been spoiled this past week with our 70 degree temperatures.

We have new fishing regulations on Moose Lake. You may only keep 3 walleyes with only one that can be over 14 inches. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a list of the DNR Fishing Regulations for Moose Lake.

Please remind all family members that jet skis must not create a wake when they are within 200 feet of shore or 100 feet of another boat. All boats must not create a wake when they are within 100 feet of a dock or a buoyed area. Meaning, when you approach a no wake buoyed restricted area you must slow down to a no wake 100 feet before you reach the marker. The area that is marked no wake zone is at the entrance to the West Fork of the Chippewa River. Another thing the wardens will be watching this summer is the use of running lights on your boat or pontoon.

You must have your lights turned on at sunset. The sunset table can be found the Wisconsin Boating Regulations hand book.

OUTSIDE BURNING:

With spring comes the danger of grass and forest fires. As the snow cover leaves, the brown dead grass and vegetation appears. During the spring the humidity levels are very low which helps push the fire danger very high. Even though we get significant rain it only takes a few hours of sunshine and low humidity and a little wind to turn some innocent outside burning into a raging forest fire. If you need to burn you must remember these things. You have to acquire a permit, don't burn on windy days, have fire-fighting tools, such as water and a shovel handy, never leave a fire unattended, and are certain your fire is dead out before you leave it. Most important of all, remember that you are responsible for all suppression costs and damage incurred from a wildfire caused by your negligence!!!!

TIP:

If you are going to fertilize your lawn this spring and live on or close to a lake use phosphorus-free fertilizer, 22-0-15. Polluted runoff is Wisconsin's number one water quality problem degrading or threatening an estimated 90% of inland lakes. Phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer is one easy way everyone can contribute to better water quality — regardless of where they live. This may be the only kind of fertilizer you may be able to purchase now.

Have a wonderful summer,

Jim Onarheim
MLIA Vice President



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(Cont. from page 1, News from the MLIA president)

Folsom dock repair, (above) Tom Koehler, Bill Nielsen, Josh Nielsen, Dean Broberg

at this time our membership and treasury were at an all time low. Due to the hard work of the membership committee of Lou Grayson and Katie George, our membership has almost doubled and we are in a much better place.

The backbone of the MLIA has always been its corps of hard working volunteers. While many are involved, there are always additional opportunities. In particular, we are looking for someone to run for the MLIA board of directors as well as help on the garden and membership committees. If you are interested in participating and getting to know your community better, please get in touch with me.

In conclusion, I have a request of you all. Our newly achieved, more stable fiscal condition puts us in the position to consider new projects. I am asking you provide your board with suggestions to improve the lake we all love.

Have a great summer on Moose Lake. Be sure to share our unique environment with friends!

Dave Wiltrout
MLIA Board President

MOOSE LAKE and the WEST FORK OF THE CHIPPEWA RIVER UPSTREAM FROM MOOSE LAKE TO FR 174 General Fishing Regulations			
Species	Season	Daily Bag Limit	Length Limit
Walleye	General gamefish*	3	No minimum length limit, but only 1 walleye over 14" may be kept
Northern Pike	General gamefish*	5	None
Muskellunge	Saturday before Memorial Day to November 30	1	40" minimum
Largemouth Bass	General gamefish*	5, both species combined	14" minimum
Smallmouth bass	Catch and release only from first weekend in May to third weekend in June		14" minimum
Panfish (Crappie, Bluegill, Yellow Perch, Sunfish)	Open Year Round	10 combined	None

*General gamefish season runs from the first Saturday in May through the first Sunday in March

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CHAIR

Here we are another winter gone by and spring is here. The Town has been relatively quiet. The winter was fairly mild. The roads came through in good shape and the fire department is functioning well. The recycling center is busy as ever and your Town Board is staying on top of things.

The big news is Excel Energy has decided to replace the dam on Moose Lake. Most of you have probably already heard this will cause some problems for all of us on the eastern part of the town. When construction begins in May, Louie's Landing Road will be closed to thru traffic. The lake was raised to full pool for the Fishing Opening and to allow time for the fish to spawn. Before dam construction begins, the

lake level will be dropped 18 inches. The message is BEWARE while navigating Moose Lake this summer. Many new navigation hazards will come into play. The Moose Lake Improvement Association will not be putting in the buoys this year so be aware of the lower lake level and the stumps that pop up when driving your boat.

When the dam is completed, hopefully this fall, the town will be constructing a new bridge and life will return to normal. A new two lane bridge with a no ton limit, like the Chippewa Bridge that we had replaced a few years ago, will be built.

Meanwhile regular summer road maintenance will continue with some new culverts shoulder improvements

and some new striping and seal coating are planned. The town will also be purchasing a new dump truck and has purchased a new blower to replace our old sweeper.

Fear not as the town is functioning within its budget.

Also the county road commissioner has informed us that the County Road S project from Moose Lake Road to Highway 77 has been postponed until 2016.

Reminder: the Town is still allowing the residents of the Town to take any debris from the storm last year to the town recycling center.

Hope to see everyone this summer.

Dave Sanders

Town of Round Lake Chairman

SPRING ROADSIDE CLEANUP

The MLIA held its annual spring road cleanup on April 18, clearing 16 miles of County Road S and Moose Lake Road of roadside litter and debris. The cleanup effort concentrated on these 16 miles because they are the "Gateway" roads into Moose Lake. We are blessed with a pristine wilderness setting and want the passage into our area to reflect that. We have many other volunteers who clean the many smaller roads surrounding Moose Lake during the year and they deserve praise for their efforts also! Please be safety conscious and be aware of oncoming traffic when cleaning roads at all times.

Our crew was Jack Brown, Addie Charlton, Mary Anne Churchill, Molly and Sarah Cox, George Dueworth, Joe Dwyer, Mike Feldner, Doc and Lou Grayson, Ernie Henkel, Tom Koehler, Sally Myers, Chuck and Carol Peters, Don Rossiter, Jan

Stapleton, Brad Wells, and Roger Winters. Thank You All!!

Addie, Molly, and Sarah had the best day, sighting seven Elk on Cty. S; Lucky Ladies! Special thanks go to Louie's Landing for early opening

and coffee, and Dave Wilttrout for two dozen great treats. Thank You to all the other locals who clean our Moose Lake roads throughout the year!

Don Rossiter

Roadside Cleanup Chair



The cleanup crew in front of Louie's

PHOTO BY JAN STAPLETON



LOONS ON THE MOOSE

2015 will probably be a poor season on our lake. We all remember the old physics class adage, "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction." So the lake was brought up to normal pool for fish spawn and fishing opener. Unfortunately this creates a Trojan horse for nesting loons as the water level drops and nest abandonment occurs.

We haven't had much loon nesting since the botulism die-off at the south end of Lake Michigan killed 600+ loons a couple of years ago. That area is a major migration route for our neighborhood loons. It appears Moose Lake is a secondary nesting pick per the population density and territorial nesting behavior.

I won't be putting in a boat this year as I won't be able to get in or out of our bay (reef) and can't get on the boat lift. Due to physical limitations, I am not going to launch, etc. just for two to three weeks. Please pass on loon sightings, nesting activity and information about chicks to me if we are to have a fall newsletter report and the annual LoonWatch report filed with Northland College.

It will seem strange not spending the 60+ hours (and gas) per summer on loon surveys after doing them for ten years. I will miss it. But here's to next year and more controllable lake levels!

Bill Czeskleba
Moose Lake Loon Ranger, LoonWatch

Moose Lake Motto for 2015: BOATER BEWARE

THE BUOY REPORT

The MLIA buoy committee will not be placing our hazard buoys in the Moose this year due to the planned dam construction. At the time of this article, the draw down is expected to be 18 inches. The draw down, which is necessary for the safety of the workers and the safety of the temporary dam, will position our expensive, DNR approved, GPS located buoys in harm's way. The wind and/or currents could easily agitate the buoys over the very rock hazards they are pinpointing, and could lead them to self-destruct.

The good news is that the small white PVC winter markers will remain in place all summer defining the 20 cement anchors on the lake bottom, so there is at least a little help to boaters orientating to some of the hazards, but which require much more attention to detail when under way.

All Moose Lake commercial establishments, resorts, and boat landings have appropriate signage warning boaters of this 2015 development.

Our buoy committee members have been redirected by President Wiltrout to help volunteer at our Folsom Island clean-up project (moving root balls, tree slash, rebuilding the dock, etc.) in lieu of buoy work.

We here on the Moose are so lucky and privileged to get this dam upgrade upon which the entire lake depends. As noted at our Town meeting, if the dam fails, Moose Lake goes away, and the Excel representative said, "and they may, or may NOT, rebuild (!)."

Doc Grayson
Buoy Committee Chair

BELOW: "A Day of Contrasts"
A canoe trip on a snowy morning.
Lou and Doc Grayson returning
from checking on the buoys

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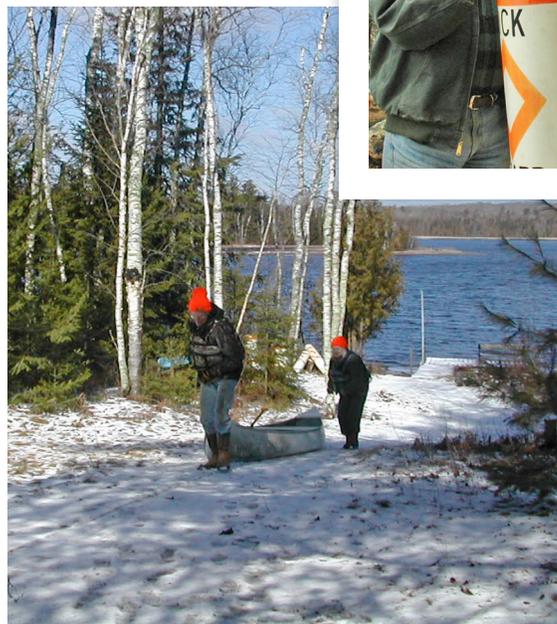


PHOTO BY MARY ANN CHURCHILL

ABOVE: "Buoy Boys"
Mike Feldner, Dave
Wiltrout, Doc Grayson



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MARILYN KARNIS

GARDEN COMMITTEE REPORT

The Garden Committee would like to thank retiring committee members Betsy Vogel and Katie George for their past service. Both of the gardens at Moose Lake Road and Pine Point Road are flourishing, putting on a midsummer show. The perennials at the Moose Lake Road garden are becoming established and should be particularly nice this year.

Because of the retirement of the above mentioned members, we are looking for new recruits. The gardens are established, small, and made up of primarily perennials thus making the task relatively easy. Usually all that is required is doing a spring clean-up, planting a few annuals, and monitoring things over the summer. If you like to grow things and are interested, please contact me.

*Dave Wiltrout,
Garden Committee Chair*

SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM

(Website: sawyer-county-lakes-forum.org)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNE, 2015

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

Sawyer County Lakes Forum Annual Meeting at Comfort Suites on HY "B" in Hayward 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.

Sign In, Coffee and Refreshments begin at 8:30 A.M.

Focus topic will be the importance of watersheds both large and small and their effect on our lakes, as water passes through our county. Guest speaker will be Frank Pratt, President of the Namekagon River Partnership and Watershed Educator/Advocate. We hope at least one representative from all lake associations in the county can come to get a new perspective about watersheds. Also there will be time to share your association successes and needs. No previous registration is necessary.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH

From 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference at the Hayward High School on Greenwood Lane

This is the first time it has been held in Hayward. At past conferences there have been over 200 attendees who come from several counties in this part of the state. If you cannot get to the Wisconsin Lakes State Conference at Steven Point this is a great way to keep up to date with the latest measures for taking care of your lake and knowing how to do it. Presenters will come from all parts of the state and will address topics about Muskies, Walleyes, Wetlands, Lakeshore Restoration and more. To see the complete listing find the brochure at the SCLF website or I can email one to you.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

ALL DAY: A Riparian Buffer Zone Demonstration set up at Shues Pond

So that all shore land homeowners can see what a buffer zone could be.

- Tall, Short, Green or Colorful
- many types of plants and materials can be used to help stop shore line erosion. Contributors to this project are the Namekagon River Partnership, COLA and Couderay Waters.

Plan to take in both of these events that day.

OTHER NEWS:

A countywide citizens group is being set up to develop an ordinance to cover Confined Animal Feed Operations in case such an operation would want to come to Sawyer County. SCLF will have a representative in this group.

Sawyer County AIS Coordinator Pat Brown of the S.C. Zoning and Conservation will be the new coordinator taking over the job formerly held by Kristi Maki.

*Submitted by
Mary Ann Churchill SCLF, V.P.
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A female pileated woodpecker at the Grayson's kitchen window

Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Committee Report

The Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring committee of the MLIA is happy to report that none of this lake destroying vegetation was identified last summer. The committee members make a once monthly survey of their assigned section of Moose Lake during the primary aquatic vegetation growth months of June, July, and August. We also follow up on any questionable water plant growth brought to our attention by lake residents.

I am sure that you are aware of the disastrous consequences of the establishment of these pests in a lake. They vastly reduce enjoyment of the lake and consequently make property values plummet. My terrific committee does a great job of monitoring the lake but we also depend on individual members to keep an eye on their own lakefront. We are primarily concerned with Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Pondweed. If you have the slightest doubt about any vegetation growing along the shore please contact me. This summer will be particularly interesting with the lower lake levels due to the dam construction project.

If you are interested in joining this effort please contact me. Remember to clean your boat if visiting other lakes.

David Wiltrout
MLIA AIS Monitoring Committee Chair



Curly Pondweed



Eurasian Milfoil



Elk Cow – one of 4 very pregnant females on Pine Point Road just north of Station 1. If she could talk, she might be saying “Am I really as big as a fire truck?”

TOWN OF ROUND LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AUXILIARY

The Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department is very thankful for your support throughout the years. You truly have helped make your fire department one of the best trained, best equipped departments in the area, and have helped to make Moose Lake a very special community.

The goals for this year are growth, in terms of volunteers, and continuing the efforts to see that all of the fire department personnel receive the tools necessary to do their valuable jobs. The super storm of September 4th reinforced how very important it is to have a viable volunteer fire department equipped with everything they need to respond to a crisis. Anyone interested in finding out more about joining the fire department should call Fire Chief Mike Schmidt at 715-462-3691. There are several areas where additional help is needed.

All of us hope that we will never have another disastrous event, but we would like to remind you of a few things. Both of the Round Lake Fire Stations (on Pine Point Road and on County Road A) as well as the Town Hall are equipped with generators and are able to provide residents with water, along with a heated place to shelter, if needed. **All residents and second home owners should have an emergency supply kit available. At the very least, every household should have the basics:**

- Water, one gallon per person per day for at least 3 days
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and extra batteries
- Battery-powered or hand crank flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities if needed

Remember, when the power goes off, it's not just the lights that don't work. You have no running water, no refrigerators or freezers, no computers, no radios, no television, and most likely, no heat. If you don't have a land line, chances are you won't have a phone, either, because of the poor cell reception at Moose Lake. **MAKE SURE YOU ARE READY, PREPARED, HAVE A PLAN, and STAY INFORMED!** For more information, visit these websites: www.townofroundlakewi.org, www.sawycountygov.org, and www.ready.gov. Second home owners, or people who have places they rent out, should always have emergency contact information on file with either the Fire Department or a neighbor.

Also, please remember that prior to conducting any outdoor burning, you must have a burn permit. You can either call the DNR or visit the DNR website (www.dnr.wi.gov). Once you are online, click on "Burn Permits" for the current burning restrictions, current fire danger, or to obtain a burning permit. You can also call 1-888-WIS-BURN (1-888-947-2876).

Living here at Moose Lake, out in the "boondocks", we are all aware of how important a quick response is to every emergency. Having an ambulance at Station 2 and an excellent group of EMS volunteers has substantially reduced the response time for medical emergencies at Moose Lake. In the event of a major fire in the Moose Lake area, however, it has been determined that Station 1 does not have an engine capable of pumping enough water. We are fortunate to have a very active and effective group of volunteer fire department personnel here at Moose Lake, more than there are at Station 2, so it makes sense that if there was a major event it would be most

advantageous to have an engine here. Every minute counts. The Town of Round Lake, Fire Department and Auxiliary are working together on a project to purchase a new engine for Station 2 and move the older engine to Station 1 on Pine Point Road. This may take a while to accomplish as it will require an addition to be built to Station 1.

To help the Fire Department reach its goals, the Auxiliary raises money in three ways – donations, the Moose Lake Festival, and the Round Lake Fire Department Sweepstakes. This year's Festival will be on Saturday, August 1. It is always a fun day, full of lots of things to do, so please mark your calendars!

The Auxiliary is about more than raising money to support the Fire Department. We help in other ways, such as providing support for our fire personnel when they are at scene for a long time. We provide them with food, water, soda, and coffee while they are fighting a fire or at an accident scene. Another mission of the Auxiliary is to help residents who have been victims of fire and other disasters. If you would like to help in these areas, please contact Marilyn Karns at 462-9445 or karnsmg@centurytel.net. Not everyone is cut out to be someone who fights fires or responds to medical emergencies, but there are lots of ways you can help. We are in need of more, especially youthful, volunteers to help with the Moose Lake Festival, Sweepstakes, and other endeavors. You don't need to be a full time resident. Please call. You can make a difference and help keep our efforts moving forward.

Thank you again for your tremendous support. The Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department is very grateful.

Marilyn Karns, Auxiliary President

PHOTOS BY PAT FELDNER



WINTER 2015 SNOWMOBILE REPORT

ABOVE AND RIGHT:
Around the lake
BELOW: *Groomer*
BOTTOM LEFT:
*Bob Bratrud with
the groomer*



During the winter of 2015, snowmobiling in the Moose Lake Area was surprisingly good. With very little snow accumulation and the September Superstorm, the Musky-Sno Groomers managed to keep our trails in good rideable shape. Riders heard about our good conditions and kept coming and coming from January through March. The groomers this year included Jack Brown, Chuck Oldenberg, Tom Kohler, Dean Broberg, Dave and Sandy Wells, Ken Woodie and Robin Egge.

Some of the most often heard comments were:

"We're surprised by how smooth the trails are."

"The devastation in the forest is unbelievable."

"Your groomers are the best around. We rode on freshly groomed trails all day."

"Our group plans trips to Moose Lake every winter. The snowmobiling is the best."

"Our kids are really enjoying the ride. It's good to get them active."

The Musky-Sno Club is open for new members. Applications are available at Louie's Landing.

Submitted by Jack Brown, Trail Boss

PHOTO BY PAM BROWN



PHOTO BY PAT FELDNER



PHOTO BY PAM BROWN

Snowmobiles at Louie's

CHEQUAMEGON LIONS. SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

The Chequamegon Lions Club is made up of 60 service-minded individuals from the townships of Round Lake, Spider Lake, and Hunter. Since the club's founding almost 20 years ago, it has given over a quarter of a million dollars that it raised back to the local community.

The club's officers for 2015-16 are Steve George, President; Kay Hucker, 1st VP; Nancy Schryer, 2nd VP; Diane Sosnowski, 3rd VP; Donna Nickel, Secretary; Mary Braddish, Treasurer; Sally Myers, Membership Chair; Jim Nickel, Tail Twister; George Duerwerth, Lion Tamer; and Dave Sanders, Past President.

The Lions motto is "We Serve," and that was true in January when over two

dozen Chequamegon Lions acted as welcoming hosts for the International Paralympics Competition opening ceremonies at Lakewoods near Cable. The IPC participants were very impressive in their bright jackets with their team country names spelled out across the backs. It was an honor for the club to be there and assist with this very inspirational international event.

The Chequamegon Lions love to serve the local lakes environment. For the fourth year, the club will be hosting a one-day-long Water Habitat Study Day for over 150 Hayward area third graders. The learning program takes place at The Landing and CC Campgrounds on the Chippewa Flowage. Small groups of students

move between a number of outdoor education stations throughout the day, where they have the opportunity to learn about fish identification, fish anatomy, water clarity and quality, invasive species, and lakeshore management. The learning stations are staffed by local DNR representatives, county environmental staff, and volunteer teachers, many of them members of the Lions Club. Northern Waters Environmental School students spend the day as teaching assistants. A healthy lunch with locally harvested foods is served to the students, accompanied by stories and songs of the lakes.

Each year, the Chequamegon Lions sponsor a free Health Clinic. This year it will be held on Friday morning, October 2nd, at the Spider Lake Town Hall. A variety of free screening tests will be offered, including diabetes, glaucoma, osteoporosis, hearing, sight, and blood pressure. Flu shots are available. There is no charge for any of the tests, and everyone is welcome.

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. One hundred percent of the money raised by the club is returned to the community. The club awards scholarships to local high school graduates, provides assistance to families in need, and relief for victims of fire and natural disasters.

*Submitted by Jan Stapleton
President and Publicity Committee Chair
Chequamegon Lions Club*



PHOTO BY JAN STAPLETON

Lions at the July meeting. Many of the members and leaders of the Club are Moose Lake residents, including officers, committee chairs, and Charter Members.



PHOTO BY BARB BETZ, FORENSICS

C.S.I. PINE POINT

The call came in a little after 3:00 p.m. There was trouble, dockside. A party of recreational divers – well, actually otters – were in the area when they discovered the body. They immediately called 911. By the time I arrived the medical examiner had already made her preliminary investigation. She was stumped. No obvious wounds or ligature marks. No sign of a struggle. We ruled out drowning because, well, mudpuppies are a completely aquatic salamander. Something didn't add up. This case was beginning to stink. (Seriously, don't get your nose close to one of these things.)

But then I noticed something. An eye was missing. Eye of newt.

Don't miss next week's episode: Toil and Trouble

Submitted by Terry Mullen



Doc & Lou volunteering for the Fat Bike Birkie at Bodecker Road.

Wisconsin is listed as second in the nation for volunteers and Moose Lakers are known for doing a lot for their community.

Save the Dates!

AUGUST 1:

Moose Lake Fest!

Noon to 6:00 PM at Louie's Landing

To benefit the Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department and the Chequamonegon Lions.

Great food and beverages, awesome pie auction, humonga white elephant, raffles, wheels of fortune, stuff for kids, and more!

PLEASE NOTE:

We always need more volunteers! Sign up on sheets at Charlies, Louie's, or Y-Pines or call 715-462-9538 or 715-462-9445

JUNE 6:

White Elephant Collection Begins

Collection begins every Wednesday and Saturday from 8am-noon at the Round Lake Recycling Center for the BIG sale August 1st at the Festival.

We will be accepting Treasures. These treasures should be clean, in working order and not broken.

We will accept items until July 25th. Do not bring clothes, old luggage, Styrofoam coolers, appliances, electronics (computers, TV's, etc.) or things that should be thrown away or recycled. If any questions of what to bring please call me or ask the volunteers at the recycling center.

See you at the Festival and the Recycling Center! Thank you!

Lou Grayson
Fest and WE Chair, 715-462-9538

An Open Invitation!

PICNIC LUNCH CATERED BY CHARLIE & JULIE OLDENBURG, JULY 4TH AT 9:30 AM ON THE LAWN AT LOUIE'S

Everyone please attend and enjoy the food and camaraderie at the Moose Lake Improvement Association's annual meeting and picnic, held rain or shine with a huge tent.

Family and lake guests are more than welcome.

PHOTOS BY DAVE WILTROUT



Century-old tree on Folsom Island that fell during the September storm.



WHY?

are our pines, balsam fir & spruces turning brown? Derek Sokolowski, forester at the Hayward DNR office has some thoughts.



PHOTO BY BARB BETZ

“There are probably not one, but two reasons. The first cause is the hail damage from the September Superstorm of 2014. If you look closely, you may be able to see dings and divots in the tree trunks and branches. We’ve also noticed that on many trees, the

damage is more obvious on the side of the tree that would have been facing the direction of the blowing hail and wind. They’ve seen this effect in the storm’s path from Minong all the way to Park Falls. The storm would have caused even more damage had it occurred before September when the trees were still actively growing.

“DNR foresters also suspect there may also be a biotic cause called *Rhizosphaera* needlecast, a fungal disease which is most obvious on the spruce. Trees suffering from environmental stresses are often more seriously attacked by *Rhizosphaera* needlecast. Our forestry staff is continuing to evaluate the situation and reaching out to other DNR offices in the northern Midwest for their experiences. In the meantime, don’t prune the trees now. The best we can hope for is some stress-free summer weather with adequate rainfall until the DNR advises on next steps.”

“In the meantime, don’t prune.”

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.