

## Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

With the 4<sup>th</sup> of July just around the corner we must give you this last reminder. There is an ordinance that is in place that it is illegal to shoot off fireworks that explode or propel into the air. The Town of Round Lake will enforce the use of illegal fireworks this year. Restricted fireworks include: Anything that explodes or propels into the sky. These include but not limited to, Firecrackers, Roman Candles, Bottle Rockets & Mortars. Please be considerate of everyone else in your neighborhood by using only fireworks that area allowed by law. This would be snakes smoke bombs, fountains, and small sparklers. Please refer to the town of Round Lake website for more details. <https://www.townofroundlakewi.org>

I took a friend of mine out fishing this past Sunday afternoon and evening (June 28<sup>th</sup>). John Figlewicz and his family have a cabin on the far south end of Moose Lake. John and his family live in Palatine Illinois but have been coming up here for 30 years. John told me that he and a friend of his built his cabin from the ground on up 30 years ago. John recently retired from teaching High School so now his wife Barb and he have a little more time on their hands.

I met John at his dock about 3:45 Sunday afternoon. I showed John several spots that I have fished in the past that I always had good luck with. Because of his retirement, John now wants to learn a few more fishing spots on Moose Lake. He asked me if I would not mind sharing some of my spots with him. I told him I would love to help him out. John is a catch and release man also like myself, so I had no problem doing this. After fishing for an hour and only catching a few small fish I went to reliable spot where I have caught several nice size smallmouth bass in the past.

My spot did not let us down, we had some excellent action. John had two good bites but lost both fish. The third bite that John had the fish did not get away. He caught a nice smallmouth bass. It measured 18 ½ inches and was a very heavy fish. A few minutes later John had another big smallmouth on. He fought it for about 5 minutes and ended up losing it right at the boat. John was extremely disappointed because this fish seemed a lot bigger than his first one. Smallmouth many times will come right out the water and jump trying to throw the hook. I always call smallmouth the acrobats of the north because they always put on a good show for you when you hook them. They are very entertaining.

A few minutes later It was my turn to catch a few bass. My first fish measured 19 inches. She put up a particularly good fight. John netted the fish right at the boat. After about 15 minutes we both had caught another 2 fish each. We had a good time fishing this special spot that has never let me down. It sure was fun. All bass were released without any harm to the fish.

John and I then went for a 15 minutes boat ride to fish for some walleyes. We both caught a few walleyes but nothing real large. As most of you may know they were Moose Lake size walleyes. Our largest was about 15 inches. John did catch a nice walleye with one of my favorite baits, a Beetle spin. I put an orange twister tail on the jig which is part of the Beetle spin. Fish in Moose Lake love orange.

Most of our fish were caught were on a 1/8 oz. jig, with a half nightcrawler. This seemed to work the best. The bass just love crawlers this time of the year. When the weather gets hot most of the walleyes switch from eating minnows to leaches or crawlers. John and I got done fishing at about 8:30 PM. It was a fun time on the water together. We will have to do it again sometime soon.

There were 4 ladies playing pinochle at Louie's on Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Marge McCormick was lucky lady to win first place with Penny Broberg taking second. Audrey Pearson got the T.P. award which did not bother her because she got first last week. The ladies had to change their schedule in July. They will play on July 16th and July 30th.

Last Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> several Fire Departments in the area including the Round Lake Department participated in a special Birthday Parade for a Town of Hayward resident by the name of Nolan Bearheart. Nolan had been diagnosed with a rare disease at the Saint Paul Children's Hospital. The disease is a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy called Lamin AC. which is life threatening.

Nolan loves fire trucks so many people who are members of several area departments felt it would be great to put on a special birthday parade for Nolan. The parade went by the front of his house on Anderson Rd so he could enjoy seeing all the fire trucks. There were over 15 firetrucks from many area departments including many older cars from an area antique car club. All firefighters & people that attended enjoyed making Nolan's birthday special. Nolan will turn 5 years old on July 6th. Please look elsewhere in this paper for a complete story & photos on the parade written by Terrell Boettcher.

Birthday greeting this week are extended to Dana Tonelli and Dee Gillund both on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Karen Blodgett on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Frank Lueschen III on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Pat Nelson and Lily Metcalf both will be celebrating on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. One special person in my life & my wife Barb is the birthday of our grandson Marcus Weeks. He will turn 8 on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. Happy birthday to everyone. There are no anniversaries this week.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July.