

Moose Lake News

The Bear that came for a Fish Dinner who was not invited.

On Friday the 23rd of July I was working a 24-hour shift at the Sawyer County Ambulance Ojibwa Station. I felt that Friday would be a good day to treat everyone to a fish dinner. I love cooking fish, especially when I caught the fish. I put together deep-fried bluegills from the Chippewa Flowage, coleslaw, baked beans and French fries. If some of you Moose Lakes have had Louie's Landing fish on Friday night well this is the same recipe called my Firehouse Fish recipe. This is the recipe that I came up with while working at the fire station in Eau Claire.

I started cooking about 4 :30. It was such a beautiful day we cooked outside. This way we did not smell up the station. After our everything was cooked, all five of us sat down to a wonderful meal. About a half hour later it was time to clean everything up. Some cleaned up the kitchen and I and one other person went outside to clean thing there. We do have a lot of wildlife in the area including racoons, bear, coyotes, deer, wolves or whatever you can imagine. We have a little feeding area where we put out some food scraps occasionally. I took my now cooled off deep frier to the feeding area to get rid of the used cooking oil. As I was walking around the back side of the station I saw this 250 -300-pound black bear. He was about 100 feet away from me. He was sniffing the air with his nose. He would walk a few steps and then sniff the air, walk a few steps and then sniff again. He had not seen me yet, so I slowly backed up not disturb him. I went back inside the station to inform the other EMT's. The cameras all came out. Everyone wanted to get a photo. Rob Sparhawk got the best photo from a window in the back of the station. Everyone else went running around the side of building making too much noise. Because with seconds the bear saw everyone and turned as fast as he could running for the brush. I knew the fish fry sent out the invitation to him to attend our fish fry. Bear, have a fantastic sense of smell. I'm sure if I had not gone outside to empty my used grease when I did he would have found it and helped himself to what ever was left. That would have been a mess. I posted the photo of the bear on my Facebook page.

I recently stopped into the previous Charlies restaurant to visit with the new owners Jared & Lian Burton who are the new owners. Oh, we cannot forget the youngest family member little Jemma. She is a cutie. Jarred's parents are helping with this project. Jared's father Bryan and Jared are doing most of the carpentry work. Jared's mother Dolly is also being a big help. From what I have seen on the inside it is going to be a big change. A beautiful interior with 12-inch pine logs extending across the ceiling. Also, a beautiful bar that is close to being done. I know they wish they were open now but they want it to be done and done correctly. It all takes time. There is only the two of them doing the carpentry work. Please everyone, bear with them. Hopefully early this fall the project will be completed. You will be surprised at the beautiful change.

Eight ladies got together last Thursday to play Pinochle at Louie's Landing. It apparently is a lot more fun with a larger group like this past week. My wife Barb said they had a great time. There meal was served about 11:30 and after lunch the card playing began. When the dust settled Dottie Stassen won first place. Second place went to Carlene Dalesandro. All the dimes that were collected during the games that were played were won by Joan Taylor for coming in last place. I'm sure with 8 players the pot with all the dimes got very large. Your rewarded to take last place. I will have to suggest this rule for pool this fall. I wonder how far I will get with this suggestion. Hum

This year will be the first Clam Lake Elk Festival. The festival will be held in Clam Lake on September 25, 2021. There will be many activities including a Car Show, Vendor Booths, Exhibits, ATV Tours, Elk Walking Tours, Great Food and Elk Educations Sessions. This is a first for this event, but promoters feel this should be a great family type event. This is the time of the years when the Elk are bugling or the mating season. Experts will be on hand to explain where you can go to possible see or hear the male elk bugle. Bugling is the mating call for elk. Hope to see you in Clam Lake on the 25th of September.

Birthday wishes this week are extended to Ron Ross on the 29th of July, Don Friedrich on the 30th. In the month of August, we have three birthdays. Vickie Palya & Esper Lueschen both on the 1st. Paulette Ross has her birthday on Aug. 3rd. Happy birthday to all. We have one anniversary this week. Greetings go to Pete & Jean Vukovich on August 1st.

This is all we have the week. Enjoy our great weather & please send us any news that you may have. Stay safe. jonarheim@centurytel.net or 715-462-4448. Stay Safe everyone!