

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

Holiday number 2 of our three main summer holidays is now behind us. Thousands of people visited NW Wisconsin this past weekend. There were several hundred people who were in the Round Lake township/Moose Lake area. I volunteered to help Jack Brown at Louie's last Friday night in the kitchen for his fish fry. It was fun for me to help him out because the fish recipe that he uses I came up with many years ago when I was working for the Eau Claire Fire Dept. I always have called it my Fire House Fish recipe because that is where it all started. I have been using that recipe for over 30 years.

I do not have a count on the number of fish orders we served that night, but it was a lot. We served until we ran out. Jack told me Sunday morning when I stopped in that Saturday evening was a busy night also. I am sure everyone missed the fireworks at Louie's but there is always next year.

I also spoke to Chris from the Robbins Nest Restaurant Saturday afternoon when I was responding to a power outage just west of their restaurant. He was concerned about what time Jump River Electric would have the power back on. They still had about 1 ½ hours to go until they closed at 2PM. I told him it appeared that it would be perhaps around 3 PM before the power would be back on. A 7200-volt transmission line had snapped about one tenth of a mile west of their restaurant. Many homes and businesses were without power for over 2 hours.

It appeared that Robbins Nest Restaurant may have made up for the loss of business from Saturday afternoon, on Sunday morning. They had many cars parked in their parking lot steady all Sunday morning until around 1:30. Barb and I waited until then before we went for a late breakfast.

If some of you monitor the emergency channels of EMS, Police, and Fire in the county you may have heard the dispatch for 2 fireworks accidents within the county. One person had a severe leg injury the dispatcher said. They also said they needed a helicopter for an emergency transport. The second injury was reported as a hand injury. It seems like every year there are some type of serious injuries. In 2017 12,900 injuries and 8 deaths were reported in our country from fireworks. One death was a 4 - year old Wisconsin girl. Need I say that we must be more careful, or should we leave it up to the professionals to shoot the big stuff off.

Last Thursday I was fishing with two friends when I was told by the younger of the two Zach Woodbury of Illinois a good fishing story. Zach shared a photo of a 20 - inch northern pike that he caught on Moose Lake earlier in the week. I hope we have room in the paper to print the photo. If not I will have it on the MLIA Website and have a copy posted at Louie's.

In the past no one thought there were any northerners in Moose Lake. Over the past few years, I have been getting reports that a few have been getting caught now and then. Zach has the proof with his photo that there are northern pike in Moose lake.

My wife Barb is always up before me, so she gets a chance to see wildlife early in the morning around 5 AM. Several times she has seen a newborn fawn in our backyard playing around running and jumping over downed tree branches and just having fun. She has said it is very entertaining to watch the little guy/gal. She has always said see what you miss when you sleep in.

I was talking with one of our Sawyer County Game Wardens Rick Peters about some of the violations that he has been dealing with this summer. He said that running boats with out illumined lights at dusk was a big problem. Boaters must have their lights on if they are on the water at sunset. He also told me that if an ATV is not built for 2 people even if the seat is large enough only one person is allowed on the ATV. He also told me if the town or county road is open for ATV use both wheels should be on the blacktop.

The use of life jackets was another problem that they have been experiencing. Life jackets do not have to be on a person or child but must be readily available. This means not tucked away in a compartment. They must easily be ready to grab in an emergency. He also said the life jacket must be the correct size for the person. An adult life jacket does not properly fit a small child. On Federally controlled waters Children must always have a life jacket on. Mississippi River as an example and possible parts the Great Lakes. Please check with the Coast Guard pertaining to the Great Lakes.

Sawyer county EMTs will be doing more training pertaining to water emergencies. Friday July 10th starting at 9:30 at 12553 twin lake road. This is the residence of one of our EMT's who has graciously allowed us to come train on the Tiger Cat Flowage. It should be a good training exercise. We will have more on this training in next week news.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Bill Deleonardis on the 9th, Lisa Walczak, Linda Briggs Greer, and Don Netwal Jr. Daryl Neibauer will be celebrating on Tuesday the 14th and Dan Frame on the 15th of the month. Happy Birthday to all. Happy Anniversary to Bob & Beth Taticek (Richter) on the 9th of July, Chuck, and Anita Halbleib the 11th. Bill & Barb Nielsen will be celebrating 39 years of marriage on the 11th of July. Dennis & Jean Laier on the 13th of July along with Dough and Kathy Laier on the 14th. Happy Anniversary to all of you.