

## Moose lake News by Jim Onarheim

Last week I was talking with Peggy Perry and her husband at Louie's Landing. She told me that on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May they woke up to find a new baby fawn lying next to their garage which is located on Wolf Island Rd. She told me she felt that the fawn was just born within the last couple of hours. She said it laid there for a few hours then wandered off into the woods looking for her/his mother. The Perry's live across the lake from Lou and Doc Grayson so she said she told the deer that her and her mother could come back to visit once in a while as long as they eat all of their meals at the Grayson's or elsewhere. Neighbors & Lou and Doc you better keep your flowers and vegetables covered with a wire mesh screen.

I mentioned this in an earlier Moose Lake News, but I will mention it again. Please watch out for these small little creatures along the highways and our town roads. Normally the mother deer will cross the roadway and then the little one will follow just behind. Please watch closely now and throughout the summer. It is not only deer, but it could be baby elk, turkeys, or geese. Be careful.

Fishing on Moose Lake has picked up. The walleye bite has improved along with the Crappies. I have been getting some good reports of several walleyes being caught on Moose. Yes, there has been many smaller ones being caught but there has also been a few nice 16 - 17-inch fish being pulled out. I think the slot size is working. The small size jig tipped with a fathead minnow seems to be the best lure to use. Some people have been also picking up some fish trolling crank baits. Vary your speed if you are trolling. We never know how fast or how slow we must troll until we experiment with different speeds.

Last Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> I had two good friends of mine come up from Eau Claire to fish with me for the day. Lyle Koerner retired Fire Chief from Eau Claire Fire and Kim Nessel retired Deputy Chief also from E.C. Fire spent the day with me on the Chippewa Flowage. We had a fabulous day on the water. The three of us caught and release 347 panfish. We did keep 30 bluegills and 6 crappies between the three of us so we could have a meal with our wives.

The fish were in 3-5 feet of water biting on garden worms, a small piece of a night crawler or the wax worm. It was a lot of fun just catching that many fish. Many of the fish were on the smaller size 5-7 inches, but there were some 9-inch fish caught also.

The bite stayed consistent throughout the week until the cold front came through on Saturday evening. The fish apparently then moved out to deeper water. The panfish bite per some people that I talked with slowed down on Sunday. That was true with the walleye bite on Moose also.

This Saturday is the Moose Lake Improvement Associations Monthly Board of Directors meeting at Louie's Landing. There are several interesting things on the agenda which I will report on in next week's column. The meeting will start at 9 AM.

Let us hope it is safe to plant those tomato plants and our annual flowers. The cold evening that we had last Saturday night was a little bit of a scare for me. I love flowers and always planted many flower gardens at our resort (Mystic Moose). I had \$300 worth of flowers that I had just bought sitting outside of where we now live in our flower garden just waiting to be planted when I heard the weather forecast for

Saturday evening. I was watching the news and weather out of Duluth at 10 PM Saturday evening when I heard about a possible freeze warning for Sawyer along with many other counties in northern Wisconsin. I quickly went outside and moved everything into our garage for the evening. I think it only got down to 35 degrees but that is too close for this time of year. I hope it is now safe to plant. I'm doing that today.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Tom Metcalf on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. There is only one anniversary this week. Greetings go out to Tom and Marion Off on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to anyone that I may have missed.

That is all I have for this week everyone please stay safe, keep 6 feet apart and continue wearing your masks. Remember if you have any news items please give me a call at 715-462-4448 or send it to me by e-mail at [jonarheim@centurytel.net](mailto:jonarheim@centurytel.net) so I can include it in the column. Have a great week enjoy our beautiful spring like weather.