

Moose Lake News

On Halloween Mark Gritzmacher and myself represented Sawyer County Ambulance by parking Unit 6, or the Round Lake Ambulance on Main St. while we handed out over 1000 pieces of candy to the little trick or treaters that came by in their parents vehicle. Wesleyan Church along with many other area Churches sponsored the annual Trunk or treat event for kids. Business or organizations would park along both sides of Main St from People Bank to the Court House and put candy in the pails that were to be in an open trunk of a vehicle or pickup box of a truck. The kids were inside the car all dressed up. It was a fun event. Mark Gritzmacher and I had a great time. This way we could practice our social distancing.

I would like to remind everyone that the deer herd will be going into the breeding season or what is referred to as the rut very soon. This may even have started already. When this happens, you will perhaps see a lot more deer on or next to our roadways. They will be acting very strange and crossing in front of us without warning. Please drive very defensively this month. Also, this month is the start of the deer gun season. This begins on Saturday November 21 to the 29th. The hunt will push deer in all directions during the daylight hours. So, no matter when you drive be careful.

Steve Suman who writes our outdoor news for the Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention Bureau shared this bit of information with me. Hayward Rod & Gun Club, three miles east of Hayward on County Road B, will host its annual rifle sight-in days for the public Nov. 14-20, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., rain, snow, or shine. The club requires shooters to wear masks. The sight-in fee is \$6/rifle. The club is also holding a fundraiser rifle raffle for a Ruger .308 Win. American Predator bolt action rifle with 4-12x scope. Raffle tickets cost \$10/each or 3/\$20. The drawing is at 4 p.m. November 20, and the winner need not be present. For more information, call (715) 634-4912.

Tim Leith a resident of Moose Lake on Wolf Island Rd drew an Elk Bull tag for the state of Kentucky earlier this year. Kentucky gives out 150 Bull gun tags, 200 cow tags and 150 archery tags. Kentucky has an estimated heard of 11,000 elk. They started their program in 2001 the same time Wisconsin introduced elk to the Clam lake are. Wisconsin brought in 25 elk just to see if it would be manageable. Kentucky brought in 1500 elk with the idea they were going to bring them back. Being that aggressive their population has grown very rapidly. They now have about 11,000 animals Because the lack of predators their elk population has grown fairly fast. Tim told me on the 29th of September he shot a 5X5 Bull elk on the 4th day of a 5-day season. Tim was an incredibly happy man.

Tim said that Wisconsin does not offer a tag to out of state residents like Kentucky does. Tim informed me that Wisconsin charges \$10 for each tag application. Out of this year's 10 total tags, 5 tags go the area Tribes 1 tag goes to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the remaining 4 are part of the Statewide lottery. Of the \$10, \$7 goes back towards the elk program, and the \$3.00 that remains is used for administration cost. The other thing Tim said was Wisconsin is bull only hunt. Accordingly, to the DNR they feel that we have a larger amount of bulls compared to cows. By reducing some of bulls, it also reduces the amount of competition between the bulls, so more cows get bred during the breeding season.

The Moose Lake Improvement Association will be meeting this Thursday at Louie's Landing for its monthly Board of Directors meeting. Some of the items that will be discussed are building Osprey platforms, repairing the dock and shelter on the Little Moose river, a report on our buoys from Doc

Grayson and a report from our Town of Round Lake liaison Sharon Haak. I will report next week on what was voted upon.

Our lake is on the way down. We are about 3 feet down from full pool. We received some very cold temperatures this past week, so it did make some ice on the lake. I feel by the time you read this the ice should be gone. Temperatures this week are to be in the 50-degree range. I knew it was to early for our cold weather to start. I may even get out and fish a day or two.

Birthday wishes this week are extended to, Betty Parish on the 7th, Beth Taticek and Desiree Ogren both on the 8th & Michelle Briggs on the 11th of November. Happy Birthday to all. There is only one anniversary this week. Greetings are extended to Mark & Patti Stuetgen on November 10th. Happy Anniversary.

With the type of weather that is forecasted for this week, please get outside, and enjoy it. Stay safe everyone and have a great week.