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Moose Lake Fourth of July weekend festivities that took place, and some that did not take place.

July 4th Annual Boat Parade lined up prior to 1 PM on Friday. Everyone met at the bay in front of Louie's Landing to get organized. The parade procession started off at 1:00 pm sharp with about 35 - 40 people participating. Each boat or pontoon had 5 or 6 people on board each watercraft. The parade went around Moose Lake so everyone could get a good look at all of the decorated boats that were involved.

Fireworks Reminder – It seems that people in the area still have left over fireworks and are still shooting them off. I must still remind everyone that some fireworks in Wisconsin are illegal while some are permitted. The difference is this. Fireworks that explode or leave the ground without a valid permit issued by the town are illegal in the state of Wisconsin and in the Town of Round Lake. This includes firecrackers, bottle rockets, roman candles, and mortars. Selling these to Wisconsin residents without a permit is also illegal. (Wis. Stat. §167.10; Sawyer County Ordinance 1.04). Additional information about fireworks can be found on the Town of Round Lake's website: https://townofroundlakewi.org.

The July 4th Fireworks started last Friday at 10:00 pm. In the past, a "safety zone" was designated on the lawn in front of Louie's Landing. This year, the "safety zone" was extended from shore into the water. A perimeter will be set up in the water, marked by buoys. Spectators had to stay outside of the area marked by these buoys for their own safety. Some of the fireworks were designed to explode in the water. They were called pancake fireworks. Everything went very well with no problems. I hope everyone enjoyed the activities.

The Moose Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting set to start at 9:00 AM on Saturday was canceled for the very first time because of wet weather.

A Cautionary Note...There has been a concern about the removal of aquatic plants and wood around some of the islands in Moose Lake for beaching boats and pontoons. Such activity is illegal and can harm the environmental integrity of the lake. Please be careful.

On Saturday August 2^{nd,} the Moose Lake Fire Fest will take place at Louies Landing. This entire event benefits the Round Lake Fire Department. The Fun starts at 11:00 AM on the shoreline in front of Louies Landing. There will be Big Money Raffles. Your chance to win \$3000, \$2000 or \$1000. Tickets are \$20 each. There will be two Gun Raffles. Gun One Savage Axis 30-06 Gun two Staeger Condor 20 ga. OU Tickets are \$10 each. Drawings are per state statute 563-93-WI Need not be present to win.

Louie's Landing Bar and Grill will be serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats and Grilled Sweet Corn. There will also be Kids Activities, Pie, and cake auction at 1 PM. Bucket Raffles drawings at 3 PM. Gun Raffle drawings at 4 PM. Big Money raffle drawings at 4 PM. Plus lots of entertainment at Christina's Y Pines. Friday afternoon August 1st at 4 PM Y-Pines will have Hamburgers and Brats with Live music starting at 4 PM. Saturday August 2nd at 3 PM Music prizes and more at Christinas Y-Pines. All proceeds go to the Round Lake Fire Department. Hope to see everyone at this year's Fire Fest.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Dana Tonelli and Gee Gillund both on July 2nd. Karen Blodgett on the 3rd Frank Lueschen III on the 5th Laura Schroeder and Ron Kvamme both on the seventh. Lily Metcalf on the eighth. Bill DeLeonardis on the ninth, Frank Riley, Lisa Walczak, Linda Briggs Greer, and Don Netwal Jr. all have birthdays on the 10th of July. Jeff Hotvet birthday is on the 11th, Kathy Stonehouse on the 13th, Daryl Neibauer, and Joyce McCarthy both have birthdays on the 14th. Happy Birthday to all of you. Anniversaries that will be celebrated in the next two weeks are Chuck and Anita Halbleib and Bill and Barb Nielsen, both couples have their anniversary on July 11th. Dennis and Jean Laier on the 13th and Doug and Kathy Laier on the 14th. Rusty and Angie Kiser on the 16th of July. Happy anniversary to all of you.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy your week with beautiful weather, wonderfully comfortable temperatures, with some moisture in the forecast. Please send your items of interest to my new e-mail address emta984@gmail.com or call my landline at 715-462-4448 or my cell at 715-577-8880. Moose Lake Improvement association website is http://mliahaywardwi.org The Town of Round Lake Web site is https://www.townofroundlakewi.org and the Round Lake Fire Department website is https://townofroundlakefire-rescue.org JO.