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We remember part-time lake resident Kim Matusiak who passed away May 1 after a courageous battle with cancer.

From the Editor

It took a while but summer has burst upon Moon Lake with wildlife, fishing, and the forest being as green as it can be. It's also time for many fun events around the area. In short, it's a great time in the Northwoods!

This newsletter edition takes a quick look at our crazy weather this year, provides some excellent information on our loons, lists some ideas on things to do throughout the summer and takes a look back 100 years ago (amazing how some things luckily don't change). See you around Moon Lake!

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Loon Report

By Carol Youmans

Let spring begin! And so it did with the arrival of four loons on May 8th, just one day after ice out on Moon Lake. Settling a squabble for territory the more mature, (previous?) pair prevailed. A big welcome to our Moon Lake loons for the season!

The pair wasted no time in finding the nest and laying their first egg May 20th. Such a tense week, as incubation of eggs are so important for the success of hatching. The black flies were making it almost impossible for the pair to stay on the nest. Sitting on the egg for only short periods at a time, all the while tossing their head, then off the nest and into the water, diving to escape those dreaded biting flies.

Four days later, May 24th, a second egg was laid next to the first and what a difference in the flies! They are not altogether gone but the loon pair are able to tolerate the leftover pests and it is looking promising for hatching again this year on Moon Lake.

Incubation times for the loon eggs are 26 – 28 days. As mentioned in the Loon Crier EXTRA edition, expect to see baby or babies around the week of June 16th. Don't forget to check out the loon pair LIVE 24/7 at [Moonlake Web Cam](#)

Some reminders while fishing around loons... These are divers and chase fish as they are their prime food. Loons have been known to swallow leads and sinkers left by people fishing. Please pick up tangled line and be aware of loons if they come around you while fishing your favorite fishing hole.

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Loon Calls Explained

- **One-wail:** One of the most common sounds heard from loons and is used to alert others of trouble or to tell others to regroup.
- **Two-wail:** Used specifically to warn others of a bald eagle sighting. Bald eagles are natural predators of loons and their chicks.
- **Hoot:** "Hello, it's me." The hoot is a contact call used by adults to calmly notify chicks and others of their presence.
- **Tremolo:** "Distress!" The tremolo call is made when a loon feels threatened and is sounded when predators or people get too close.
- **Yodel:** "Back off!" The yodel is produced only by males and is used in territorial disputes when one male tries to take over another's territory on a lake. In these territorial battles, it is common for males to fight each other, sometimes with deadly results.

Loon Fact: Many of you have seen the wagging of a foot out of the water. This is said to be a way for them to cool off in the summer sun.

Did You Know... that the female black fly is the one that bites? Same as a mosquito. They are very similar in fact. They both lay their eggs in the water and marshy areas. Although they have a different look they look very similar. Doing more research on these pesky Black Flies I have found the following to be very interesting...

The black fly causes a double whammy when it comes to the loon. Causing both widespread abandonment of nests as well as those nests not abandoned suffer more from reduced hatching rate.

Although there are many factors that come to this conclusion, the pattern is strong and it has been found that cool weather seems to lengthen the period when these pests harass loons. Cool water temps slow the beginning life of the flies, and cool air temps stretch out their lives.

I know we accept things we cannot control ...which include outside temps and Mother Nature! I might be wrong but I see the late ice out this year and then the warm weather perhaps a blessing for our loon nesters, as there was a shorter, maybe 5-7 days, of

sitting on the nest with unbearable black fly conditions vs evacuation of the nest.

It will be interesting to see at end of the year the number of Chicks hatched on the surrounding lakes as well as our own here at Moon Lake.

In closing I share the "Sound of Summer" – to me it is the call of the Common Loon. An enchanted melancholy! Sometime even lonely, but important between loons. Be still and listen - you can hear their talk too.

Happy Summer,

Carol

A link for you to hear yourself:

https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Common_Loon/sounds

Ottawa Visitor Center 2018 Summer Program Schedule

Provided by Frank Kuchevar

Click here [Ottawa Visitor Center 2018 Summer Program Schedule](#) for the subject program schedule that is put on every summer by the US Forest Service Ottawa Interpretive Association. Location is in Watersmeet at the Ottawa Visitors Center.

Calendar of Events

Not an all-inclusive list! Please contact the editor with any special events that are not listed here and we'll let everyone know!

- Summer Farmers Market, Thursdays in Land O' Lakes 9am-2pm rain or shine!
- Ottawa National Forest Visitor Center Summer Program Series, Thursdays thru Aug 30th, 7pm (see schedule link on page 1)
- Story Hour, Land O' Lakes Library, every Tuesday 10:30-11:30 am
- Chain Skimmers Water Ski Show. Tues/Thurs/Sat thru Aug 18th. Lake Pleasant, Conover. 7-8:30 pm
- June 23rd - "Ride with Leinie", Land O' Lakes 11am-3pm. Forest Lake Country Store, to benefit the Wilderness bike trail system
- June 30th - Watersmeet 4th of July Events. Parade 2pm, craft/farmers market downtown, fireworks at dusk
- June 30th - Gateway Lodge 80th Anniversary celebration
- Library Movie Mondays, Land O' Lakes Library, July 2 – Aug 13 10:30-12noon (popcorn included!)
- Fireworks, Land O' Lakes Airport, July 3rd, dusk
- 4th of July Parade, Land O' Lakes, downtown at noon
- July 7th - Fifth Annual Moonlight 5K Run/ Walk Festival, Eagle River. 6-11:30pm. Run starts at 10pm
- July 10th – Annual Big Bang Golf Outing, Gateway Golf Club Land O' Lakes, to benefit the LOL fireworks show
- July 28th – Summer Classics Art Impressions Show, Land O' Lakes 9am-3pm
- July 28th - Annual Land O'Lakes Library Fundraiser Book Sale/Silent Auction/Raffle 9am-4pm. Silent Auction ends at 3pm. See prize items to be raffled at the library and to purchase tickets
- August 4th – Land O' Lakes Community Wide Garage Sale. 8am-4pm. Pick up maps at Chamber of Commerce the week of sale

FUN FACT: Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly like a helicopter... up, down, sideways, front, and back!

Ladies of the Lake Kick off Summer

Not only for Moon Lake gals, but friends, family and neighbors alike are invited to get together. What a great way to meet up with old friends and make new ones! Dates are scheduled whenever a group can go out, communication is via email, so if you are not on the distribution and would like to be, send an email to the editor and we'll make sure you get included.



The Ladies celebrating birthdays at White Spruce Inn, Eagle River

P.S. Hey Men, don't feel left out! The guys get together too, (but probably won't take pictures 😊) so also send us your email if you want to join them!

Thanks to the 32 households who have paid their 2018 MLRA dues. Its not too late! \$20 to Treasurer Sheila McConaghy at
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The Land O'Lakes of Yester-Year

The following article was written in 1914:

The Town of State Line (Township whose name was changed to Land O'Lakes)
By Chas Bent, Chairman, Donaldson

On the boundary line between Michigan and Wisconsin in the northern end of Vilas county is a town fittingly called State Line. This town was organized about eight years ago. It contains two and one-half townships of land covered largely with virgin timber of such quality and size that shows the most fertile of soil, while here and there throughout the town the forests are broken by many streams and large numbers of beautiful lakes. Lake Mamie, Island Lake, Goose Lake, Mill Lake, Black Oak Lake, are some of the larger bodies of water that today are known and patronized by thousands of sportsmen from all over the United States who find in the town of State Line, the rest and recreation they seek, with fishing and hunting that makes anyone's trip to this region memorable and most pleasurable.

The lakes of this town are alive with the gamiest fish that swim, the Woods in hunting season furnish hunting opportunities of most unusual character and the lakes connected as they are with each other, provide trips with the canoe or motor boat that cannot be appreciated unless once taken. Through this paradise for the sportsmen and summer resorter can be found various resorts that afford rest, good food and comforts.

Bent's resort has long been established in the town and attracts tourists and sportsmen from many parts of the United States. It is located on Lake Mamie, one of the Cisco chain of lakes that the Northwestern railroad runs its Pullman trains to direct from Chicago. Dairying and gardening has been carried on successfully by the resort for many years.

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In the town is located the Black Oak resort owned by George St. Clair and also the White Birch resort owned by Fred Goeltz. On Black Oak Lake there are a number of summer homes being built by Chicago people and one of them is starting fruit raising on a good-sized scale.

Located across the state line in Michigan from the town of State Line are some of the most noted private rustic resorts in the United States including those of the head officials of the United States Steel Company and also of officials of the Northwestern railroad, and as various trips that can be made by boat afford opportunity to witness these show places in the midst of the forests the various resorts in the town of State Line are able to provide ample attractions for the visitor.

FUN FACT: The Northern White Pine is the largest conifer in the area. It can live as long as 250 years and is nicknamed The Monarch of the North.

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Moon Lake Family Recipe Corner:



This recipe comes to us from Moon Lake's very own Prudy Caudill! The ladies had the pleasure of enjoying this light and yummy cupcake at our last outing. It's the perfect desert when you want to serve something just a little more special. Thanks, Prudy for sharing!

BUTTERFLY CUPCAKES

Mix up a boxed mix of white cake mix according to the directions on the box. Put cupcake papers in about 15 or 16 cupcake spots in the tins and fill them with the cake mix. Put water in the empty cupcake holders of the pan and bake according to the directions on the box. You want some nice fluffy cupcakes, so do not make 24 cupcakes as directed on the box - make a few less - depending on just how many cupcakes you want to have.

After they are baked, remove them to a rack to cool.

In the meantime, mix a Jello lemon pudding and pie filling mix and let it cool completely, or use a can of lemon pie filling.

Once the cupcakes are cool, and the pudding is cool (or the canned lemon pie filling mix is handy) - cut a circle out of the top of each cupcake - going down a little deeper in the center of the cupcake.

Fill the hole you just created with the lemon filling.

Take the little circle piece, and cut it in half, placing the two halves on top of the filling to make it look like butterfly wings.

Once you have all cupcakes filled and the "wings" in placed, and are ready to serve the cupcakes, sprinkle the tops with powdered sugar, and then put a little dab of raspberry jam in the center of the wings. Enjoy 😊

What a Difference a Month Makes!

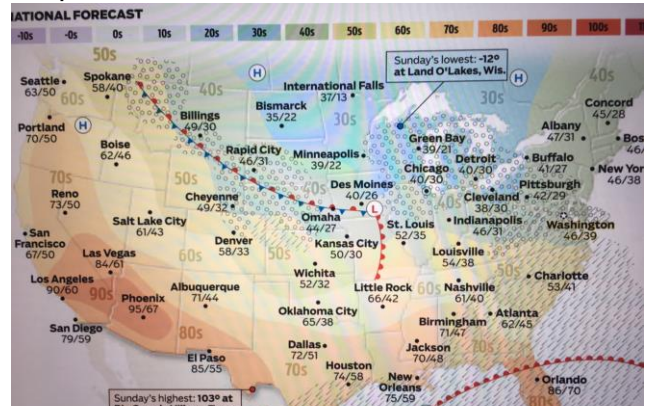
A Pictorial View of our Strange and Beautiful Weather on Moon Lake

APRIL 2018:

Unique ice crystal formations near Moon Lake.
Photo provided by Sheila McConaghy



Chicago Tribune, April 8th. Notice who has the low temp!



MAY 2018:



Loon Nesting on Moon Lake



...and voila! Summer is here

Have a Great Summer!
Respectfully Submitted,
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