

Buffalo Lake 2023 Fish Stocking

Buffalo Lake gives special THANKS to Bill Lind

On May 26th, 2023, the Buffalo Lake Fish Committee held a fish stocking event in memory of Bill Lind. Bill Lind, the owner of Holliday Shopping Center, passed away late last year. Bill was a founding member of the fish committee and a huge contributor towards everything on Buffalo Lake.

His daughter, Rhonda Hughes, was present in appreciation of the recognition. Rhonda operates Holliday Shopping Center.

Wisconsin Senator Joan Ballweg and Wisconsin Representative Jon Plumer were also on hand in support of Buffalo Lake and Bill Lind.

Over 3,800 fish were stocked, including 2,450 perch, 450 bass, 780 crappie.

The following area businesses support Buffalo Lake by contributing to an annual advertising fund used to stock the lake with fish. Everyone can show their support by patronizing these businesses -- and be sure to mention your appreciation. Area businesses include:

Northside Auto, Weezie's Town Pump, Walker Agency, Tween the Lakes Motel, Rendezvous, Piers Plus, Kathleen's Flour Bin, Johnson's Boats & Motors, Holliday Shopping Center, Hoffmann Tree Service, Cotter Realty - Gina Burmania, Buffalo Lake Camping Resort, Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource.

Fish Committee Co-Chair Paul Ratzburg commented, "Buffalo Lake is an important part of the local economy; it's good to see the cooperation, as this event benefits everyone in Marquette County."



Freedom Landing:

Frank Behling, Mike & family, Drake Schachtner, Paul Ratzburg, Clark Adams, Larry & Merry Haygood, Joe, Gary & Rose Kershaw (Photo submitted)



Montello Landing:

Back row: William Faulkner - Tween the Lakes Hotel, Gary Douda - Buffalo Lake Campground & Fish Committee Co-Chair, State Rep. Jon Plumer, Paul Ratzburg - Fish Committee Co-Chair, Bernie Sosinsky - District Chair, Rhonda Hughes - Holliday Shopping Center, Randy Polk - Walker Insurance, Dan Braaksma - Fish Committee

Front row: Wisconsin State Senator Joan Ballweg, Al Rosenthal - Marquette County Board Vice Chair. (Photo submitted)

Ticks are out in force this spring, make sure to check yourself after time outside

Submitted by Gundersen Health System

Lately, it seems as if every month is tick season in Wisconsin. Because of their prevalence, it's important to remember that when you've been outdoors in the garden or in the woods, you should always do a thorough check of your body once you get inside. Be especially on the lookout for baby ticks.

"When doing tick checks, it's really easy to spot adult ticks," said Megan Meller, an Infection Preventionist at Gundersen Health System. "But one of the things we see is that many people report being around ticks, but they don't recall having a tick bite before they go on to develop symptoms."

Ticks of all sizes can transmit Lyme's disease -- including nymph ticks, which are the size of a period at the end of this sentence. That's why, Meller said, even small black specs on your body shouldn't be overlooked. And when checking for ticks, make sure to look at the warm spots like behind your knees and in your underarms. Ticks also like to burrow around the pant line and in the hair.

"I always recommend running your fingers through your hair and feeling for things. It's good way to shake them out as well," Meller said.

It takes the bacteria that causes Lyme's disease about 24 hours to be passed from a tick to a person, so picking them off in a timely fashion is important. When removing it, make sure you get the entire body, including the head. A tweezers

may come in handy.

If you don't catch them in time and get bitten, pay attention to developing symptoms over the next couple days. Symptoms may include a rash around the bitten area, muscle aches and joint pain, headaches and fatigue -- anything that seems out of the norm.

"It's good to make sure you're seen by your healthcare provider because Lyme's disease is very easy to treat, especially early on," Meller said.

The number of Lyme's disease cases in Wisconsin has increased sharply through 2021, the last year data is available. That's due to not only a higher tick count, but also because they thrive in the state's climate and can find available hosts in deer and other common outdoor animals.

And speaking of animals, pets are no less susceptible to tick bites. Because dogs and cats are so low to the ground, it's easier for a tick to hop on and burrow in.

"Once you start brushing them, it's like the ticks just come out of the woodwork," Meller said. "Make sure you're checking them over, because once ticks get inside the house, they can find their way onto you and infect you that way."

To learn more about ticks and how to remove one if found, visit gundersenhealth.org/health-wellness/be-well/how-to-remove-an-embedded-tick.



Buffalo Lake Campground:

Calven Wood, Bernie Sosinsky, Gary Doudna, and Drake Schachtner loading fish for distribution into Buffalo Lake. (Photo submitted)



County C Landing:

Larry Haygood, Frank Behling, Paul Ratzburg, Dan Braaksma, Clark Adams, Drake Schachtner (Photo submitted)

Garden Walk to benefit NAMI

The 2nd Annual Garden Walk, Plant Sale, Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, June 17th, 8:00 to 1:00. All proceeds go to NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness). Marquette County will also be supplying material and resources for mental health. These are helpful resources for you or your loved one suffering from Mental Illness. We all need hope for a healthy future. Mental illnesses are treatable. Never give up hope for a bright tomorrow. Hope to see you in my gardens on Saturday, June 17th. There will be many good bakers preparing baked goods. Thank you, Dina Johnson, 229 South Oxford Street, Oxford.



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