

Hello to my Sacheen Lake Neighbors,

My name is George Jackson and I have a cabin on Sacheen Terrace Drive. I know this story may seem unbelievable, but I have witnesses that saw evidence of the attack! My grandson Miles and I decided we were going to brave the chilly waters last spring and start our swimming season early. It was mid-May and I started wading into the lake to let him know that it wasn't so bad! As I got up to my waist, I was dangling my fingers in the water and suddenly something bit my pinky finger. I hurried back towards the shore, and I told my grandson about the attack, but he didn't believe me. I showed him my pinky and how it was bleeding. He told me to go back out to see if it happened again. The water was murky, so it was hard to see anything in the water. As I started to approach that area again, I could see a good-sized fish coming towards me. I hurried back toward shore and told Miles a fish was coming after me. He didn't want to come into the water with me at that point, so I went to get a mask and snorkel. When I went back into the water and swam toward that spot and sure enough, Billy/Bertha the Bass swam right up to my face and practically bumped into my mask! I screamed and frantically swam back toward shore! He/she had to be about 3 pounds and I figure was protecting eggs. The moral of the story is that if you decide to swim in the springtime, keep your fingers and any other dangling parts above the surface! You too may come in contact with a protective Mama!