

Moose Lake News by

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After being on vacation for a little over two weeks It feels good to be back in Hayward. My second trip to N.W. Ontario was fantastic. I did a lot more fishing this time than I had time for back in May. My friend Mike Henry needed to do camp check's the week of June 7th. Mike and I flew up to his six fly-In camps in Wabakimi Provincial Park on Sunday the 7th. Mike checks with his guests at each cabin to make sure everything is working properly including all outboard motors, the refrigerators, freezers, toilet, and anything else that may need attending to. I was with Mike when some of the guests had a little trouble either finding or catching fish. Mike has told his guests, let's jump in the boat and I will take you out fishing for a couple of hours. Mike is very adamant about having his guest catch fish. I have seen where Mike getting in the boat has made a big difference. Showing people where to fish and what to use makes a huge difference. Mike has said by doing this, it retains a lot of good customers.

After a two-hour flight we had enough time to do one-camp check before dinner. After that we then flew to Lake Rock Cliff. This is the location of Mike's new cabin that was built last spring during the months of May and June 2025. This week the cabin was not going to be occupied until Thursday, so we had the cabin to ourselves during our camp checks.

It took all day, Monday, to complete the camp checks on the remaining cabins. There were a few small issues that had to be delt with but nothing major. Monday evening, we flew back to Rock Cliff. On Tuesday and Wednesday Mike had a grocery list of items that had to be taken care of at that camp. He had an employee come up to help him on Tuesday and Wednesday. By 3 PM Wednesday both men had everything taken care of. Mike then told me that him and I were going fishing for the remainder of the day. Andy, his employee, does not fish so he stayed back.

Mike and I went to a small bay located below a waterfall where we caught many walleyes last year at this same time. Mike and I fished for two hours. At the end of two hours Mike and I had caught and released 81 walleyes that were between 16 and 28 inches. The majority of the fish were 22-25 inches. My largest walleye was 28 inches. This turned out to be the second-best day of fishing that Mike has ever experienced. It was the best day that I have ever experienced. It was a fantastic evening of catching walleyes one right after another. One of the things that turned these fish on was a storm front was moving in. Temperatures were at 80 degrees. Conditions were perfect for catching walleyes. We could not ask for anything better.

The remainder of my vacation was at the Air Base. Mike and I ran errands just about every day. We had to go on grocery shopping trips for his guests that were flying out within the next few days. We also had to pick up equipment for the business. Mike had many flights that brought guests back from the camps and brought new guests from the Air Base to the camps. As far as

fishing I fished Clear Water Lake which the Air Base is located on. Surprising enough, I caught many walleyes right from Mike's dock. Many 16-and17-inch walleyes. A few small Northern Pike also.

After two weeks of fishing in N.W. Ontario, I was ready to go home when it came time. I was looking forward to getting back to Hayward. On Wednesday afternoon June 17th, I arrived in Hayward at 5:30 PM. I picked up a few things at the store then drove home.

I will say this trip to Canada gave me the best fishing day that I have ever experienced in my lifetime. I will never forget June 10th, 81 walleyes between Mike and I in two hours. Yes, I have caught over 100 walleyes in a day. A day being 8 to12 hours. But this fishing was nonstop action. I will do at least one more fishing trip this summer.

The 2026 Fire Fest will be held on the first Saturday in August, which falls on August 1 this year. If you are interested in raffle tickets, please call or text me at, 715-577-8880. The Big Money Raffle prizes are \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000. The Fire Fest Gun Raffle prize is a Henry H10X .45-70. There is a limited number of tickets being sold. The Fest will be held at Louies Landing on Moose Lake.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Dean Broberg on the 18th of June, Bill Nielsen on the 19th, Don Rossiter on the 22nd, Marilyn Sanders and Carly Toder both have their birthdays on the 24th, Mark Dahlstrom on the 27th, Dana Tonelli and Dee Gillund both on July 2nd Karen Blodgett (Arnett) on the 3rd, Frank Lueschen III on the 5th, Laura Schroeder and Ron Kvamme on the 7th of July. Happy Birthday to all of you. Anniversary wishes this week go to Wayne and Muriel Janitschke on the 29th of June. Happy Anniversary to both of you.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy our beautiful weather. Please send your items of interest to my e-mail address at 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