

Moose Lake News

By Jim Onarheim

Halloween has come and gone, but I am sure all the candy the youngsters received will be around for some time. The Sawyer County Ambulance Service was invited to participate in the Trick or Treat activities at the LCO Head Start program and the Day Care on Halloween, Thursday the 31st. Rob Sparhawk and myself took our ambulance over to Head Start at 10 AM on that day to hand out trick or treat candy to the young kids. The only thing different this year, because of the rain/snow they had the event inside. This was the best move on their part. It would not have been any fun for the little ones to be outside like in the past years. With the number of Head Start kids and those that came from next door Day Care, we gave out candy to just over one hundred children. It was a lot of fun seeing all of the different costumes that the kids wore.

Later in the afternoon I moved the ambulance to the parking lot located behind the Fransen Bank on Dakota Ave. Mark Gritzmacher and myself participated in the annual Trunk or Treat event which started with that name when we had to deal with COVID. We just put candy in the trunk of a car as it drove down Main St. This was the safest way, back at that time.

This year's event was organized and sponsored entirely by the Wesleyan Church. Pastor Oetken is the pastor who works with Children and Family at the church. She is responsible for all the challenging work it takes to organize an event like this. There were many volunteers at the church that helped Pastor Oetken. This year there were approximately 1021 young people who attended the Trunk or Treat event. The event started at 4 PM and continued until 6 PM. The Church had twelve sponsors who donated \$150 each for sponsorship. This money helped offset the expense for additional candy that the church gave out to the many businesses, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire, and other individuals who participated. When someone ran out of their supply of candy there was always someone coming by from the church to restock our supply. Many participants bought several dollars' worth of candy, but when you are giving it out to over one thousand kids it does not go far. Thanks, Pastor Oetken, for looking out for us.

Last Tuesday October 29th it was such a beautiful day I had to go out fishing. My friend John Myhre called on that morning and had the bug also. At 1 PM I met John at his home on Moose Lake. We drove to Clam Lake where we launched his boat on Lower Clam Lake. We have fished this lake in the past, so we are getting to know the lake as far as fishing spots. We did not have the entire lake to ourselves, there were two other boats out enjoying the afternoon also.

We tried an area which was about ten feet deep. This spot was slow on that afternoon. We moved to an area where we caught many crappies one year ago. This area showed many crappies on the depth finder. It was just a matter of a few minutes, and they started to hit. I was using just a part of a night crawler. John was using plastic. The crawler was not producing the action that I wanted so I switched to Berkly Gulp 2-inch fish fry. Boy did they like that. I caught nine crappies on the same piece of bait before I had to replace it. Tough piece of artificial bait.

It was a fun afternoon just enjoying the sunshine with temperatures in the mid 70's and catching close to fifty fish. John brought home about twelve fish. I did the catch and release thing. It was a temptation to keep some of these 11-inch crappies, but I said to myself no, maybe another day. I guess the fish that I

caught, you can say it was their lucky day. We will get back here one more time before the boat has to be put away for the fall.

Just a reminder that the fire danger today Saturday the 2nd is low. One thing to remember is at this time of the year the fire danger can change very quickly. Some wind and sunshine can get the danger up to high overnight. Check with the Wisconsin DNR before you even think of doing any outside burning. If you start a wildfire, you are responsible for all expenses of extinguishing that fire.

The Sawyer County Ambulance Service and the Town of Round Lake Fire Department / First Responders have received permission to use a newly built Helicopter landing area located one tenth of a mile into Ashland along Hwy 77. I spoke to Town of Gordon Town Chairperson Doug Thorp a couple of weeks ago about using this landing zone in case we have a life threatening injury to a person in that area. If we need to transport the person by helicopter, we now can land the helicopter at this landing zone as a pickup location. This is the quickest way to get them to a Level 1 Trauma Center, either in Duluth or Eau Claire.

Birthday wishes this week would go to Betty Parish on the 7th of November, Desiree Ogren (Brock) on the 8th, Michelle Briggs on the 11th, and Stanley Olson on the 13th of November. Happy Birthday to all of you. Anniversaries this week, we have only one. Mark and Patti Stuetgen will celebrate on the 10th. Happy anniversary to both of you.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy your beautiful week with comfortable temperatures. 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 Improvement association website is <http://mliahaywardwi.org> The Town of Round Lake Web site is <https://www.townofroundlakewi.org> and the NEW Round Lake Fire Department website is <https://townofroundlakefire-rescue.org> JO