

Moose Lake News by

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The Town of Round Lake Fire Department Auxiliary held a wrap-up meeting for the 2025 Fire Fest. This is the primary fundraising event for the RLFD. Through the generosity of our community, the event and raffles raised over \$19,000. Special thanks to all the Pie Auction bakers and bidders!! The RLFD Auxiliary appreciates the extreme generosity of Christina's Y Pine Bar and Grill for their additional fundraising events and Louie's Landing Resort for allowing the use of their property for this event. The funds raised from the 2025 Fire Fest will be used to assist with the purchase of equipment that the department would not be able to purchase under their current budget. This includes the anticipated replacement of the fill site truck. The generous donations of all the businesses and individuals will have a major impact on supporting our firefighters and EMTs who volunteer their valuable time and skillset to the community.

The Auxiliary would also like to thank JB's Moose Lake Shack and its customers for participating in the year-round, round-up campaign supporting the RLFD. Those donations really do add up. So far this year, it has contributed over \$1,800 to the department.

The Auxiliary would like to thank you all for your generosity and continued support throughout the year. Please save the date for Fire Fest 2026. It will be held on August 1, 2026 (always the FIRST Saturday of August). For information on the Auxiliary, please visit <https://townofroundlakefire-rescue.org> or <https://www.townofroundlakewi.org>.

On Saturday October 11, 2025, Christina's Y-Pines will feature live music from 8 PM to 11 PM. A Husband Wife duet will be playing Country Western and Classical music. Braedon and Kayla Hoecherl are a couple in their 30's that will be very enjoyable to listen to.

Remember that every time you stop into Y-Pines between now and Halloween, your name will go into the bucket for the Halloween Raffle. On Friday the 31st of October Christina's Y-Pines will be having Karaoke from 8 PM to 1 AM. The Halloween party will be a lot of fun with some prizes for the best costumes. Food will be available, including Draft Haus Pizza, appetizers, chicken fingers, and chicken sandwiches. Within the next couple of weeks, Y-Pine's will be adding their favorite weekly soup and chili to their food menu for the fall and winter months.

Christina's Y-Pines will also be taking donations of gifts and cash for their annual Christmas event which is called, All for the Kid's. This has been an extremely popular event for the less fortunate children in the Moose Lake area at Christmas. This is a total tax deductible 501C program.

This past week I had the opportunity to do some ATV riding with some friends. Rob Sparhawk and very good friend of his and mine by the name of Loren Peterson came up from Nebraska for

five days. We went on a short ride to an area restaurant last Wednesday evening. I also went on a ride with them last Friday afternoon. I have owned an ATV for over 20 years but just have not taken the time to ride on our beautiful trails that we have in Sawyer County. On Friday afternoon we went on a 4.5-hour ride in the southern part of our county. Loren has a UTV which will hold four passengers. Around 1 PM the three of us met up with four other friends and covered many miles over the next 4.5 hours. The trails were great except for the dry conditions which created a lot of dust. After the ride I could hardly wait to take a shower.

I spoke with Joel Miller last Sunday afternoon about the removal of our hazard buoys on Moose Lake. Joel told me that he and Doc Grayson would like to remove them within one week. Once the buoys are removed, the hazard areas will be marked but only a small marker. The buoys will be put back in the lake next spring after ice-out.

Robins Nest Restaurant, which is a favorite among Moose Lake residents is now operating on winter hours. They now will be open on Saturday and Sunday only from 7 AM to 2 PM.

Birthday greetings this week go to Ed Metcalf on the 8th of October. Gaitlin Gunn on the 9th, Chad Schroeder on the 10th, Darin Carlson and Jon Sorensen both on the 12th of October. Ken Woodie birthday is on 15th, Pat Dombek has his birthday on the 16th and Jackie Mann's birthday is in the 20th. Happy Birthday to all of you and to anyone we may have missed.

Anniversaries for this week's paper are two. I must wish my wonderful wife Barb a Happy anniversary on October 10. Anniversary wishes are extended to Barb and John Figlewicz on the 21st of October. Happy anniversary to anyone that I may have missed.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy your week with beautiful weather, with some cooler temperatures, and possibly some moisture in the forecast. 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 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.