

Moose Lake News

With all the rain we have received within the last week the water level on Moose Lake has come up quickly. From all reports the rain total for the Moose Lake area is only 1.5 inches but there is water running into our lake from a wide area. Reports also say that perhaps by the time that you are reading this article Moose Lake should be close to full pool.

Joe Dwyer and I were having a conversation on Sunday afternoon about the water level on Moose Lake. Joe stated that with the water in Moose Lake being at full pool this early it should give the fish time to settle down and move to their spawning areas. He asked me what I thought. I totally agreed with him. I feel the fishing opener should be a great one. The reports that I have received from people fishing the Chippewa flowage has been great. The crappies have been highly active hitting on plastics according to John Myhre. If we get some sunshine this week I may have to check my boat out.

Don Rossiter has scheduled this year's road cleanup for Saturday, April 17th. We will assemble at 9:00 AM at Louie's Landing and Don will assign segments of Moose Lake Road and County Road "S" to each crew of volunteers. It usually takes 1 to 1-1/2 hours to complete each segment and keeps the access roads to our lake looking good. If you could contact Don (drossiter@centurytel.net) or me (tomkoehler@jrecoop.com) to confirm your participation, we can get our game plan put together for that day. We are looking for at least 12 volunteers. The more volunteers we have the more roads we can clean. Let us keep our area roads leading to Moose Lake looking clean and respectable. See you Saturday.

Pool League is now over for the year. It was a fantastic year with many nights of good comradery and fun. The year end pool party will be held on Thursday April 29th at 6:30 for all pool players that have participated through this past year. Please give me a call to confirm your reservation. 715-462-4448.

Louie's Landing will close for spring cleaning from April 19th through April 26th. Louie's will open back up at 10:00 AM on Tuesday April 27th.

I have sad news to share with you. Julie and Charlie Oldenburg have sold their business, Charlie's Fine Food & Spirt. They will close on their property at the end of the month. A young couple who now live in Florida purchased the restaurant. Charlie told me last Sunday afternoon that today, Sunday April 11th is their last day of business. I guess you can call it bittersweet for Charlie and Julie. They are going to miss all their good friends and customer and the Moose Lake area. The good thing is that they can now be able to move back to the La Crosse area where they are originally from to be by their family. Charlie said they would like to thank everyone for a wonderful 17 years. Moose Lake people are special people. "We will miss all of you." Barb Onarheim said that the ladies who played Pinochle every Thursday would like to thank Charlie and Julie for the great lunches and hospitality over many years that they hosted the Thursday event. "We will miss you." Dave and Snook Sanders said, Charlie's has been a mainstay in the neighborhood for many years. They have owned an upscale restaurant for a long time in the Moose Lake area. We wish Charlie and Julie the best of luck in their new venture. We hope the new owners keep up the fine dining tradition that we all enjoyed with The Oldenburg's. Jack Brown from Louie's told me that Charlie and Julie were great neighbors and a wonderful friend. Jack wants to thank Charlie especially for all the many hours that Charlie dedicated himself to grooming our area Moose Lake Snowmobile trails. Charlie spent many late nights and many hours in the early morning grooming our area trails. He was

very devoted to helping us out with the grooming duties. Jack said, "Thanks Charlie for all you have done."

On behalf of the MLIA, we want to thank Charlie and Julie for their service and dedication to the MLIA and the entire Moose Lake Community. I must note that they both were MLIA Board members. For all the years we enjoyed the great food at Charlies Finer Foods, the MLIA Annual Meetings and the Moose Lake Festival we are extremely appreciative. We wish you all the best on your move back to the La Crosse area. Tom Koehler President.

Ever spend a quiet day, floating around our beautiful Moose Lake and see a hazard buoy and think, "am I glad I saw that". Then you notice a name, a neighbor's name. How did that get there? How can you be a part of this program? From time to time, we need new buoy sponsors. Over a period of time, the present buoys that we have need to be replaced. Here is how to get your name on a buoy and help keep boating safe on Moose Lake. Go to the MLIA website <https://mliahaywardwi.org> Then look for buoy sponsorship program. This will explain everything to you.

Birthday greetings this week are extended to, Jack Brown on the 16th, Mike Seeger & Jackie Olson on the 18th of April. Marge McCormick on the 19th, Tammy Graham on the 20th Brianne Sanders, Chris Graham & Lori Good on the 21st. There is one anniversary this week. Happy anniversary to Mike & Linda Seeger. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all.

Well, that wraps it up for another week. Spring has sprung, watch for the flowers to be popping up. I have some that are just a few days away from blooming. I also saw my first loon of the season. I was at Beaver Lake just walking distance from Moose. Have a great week. and stay safe! I can be reached at jonarheim@centurytel.net or 715-462-4448.