

Moose Lake News

Memories from the past.

Two years ago, this past Saturday on August 3, 2019 the Moose Lake Festival opened its doors at 12 noon with beautiful summer type weather and blue skies above. Hundreds of people were waiting in line to cash in on all the bargains there were on display for the White Elephant Sale. There were over a thousand items on sale within the tent. Outside the tent and on three large pontoon trailers that were covered with plywood to make up three large tables that were loaded with items. By the end of the day, most of the items were all sold.

Kids were building their own bird houses to take home which was a lot of fun according to several of the children I talked to. Bill Vogel started this event with the kids several years ago. A bean bag tournament went on all afternoon for the adults. Raffles went on all day, for many items. Some items were handcrafted by Moose Lake residents.

The large sweepstakes drawing took place later in the day with the winners as follows. \$500 first place went to the Zych Family, second place \$200 went to Wendell Kautz of Moose Lake and Mary Ann Churchill of Moose Lake won third place of \$100. As things progressed Marilyn Karns was keeping things running at an exceptionally smooth pace, like my old grandfather's gold pocket watch. She kept everything write on time.

The Pie auction was a big hit like it always has been in the past. Dave Sanders was the auctioneer doing an excellent job as always. I assisted with this event by collecting bids from the crowd. My high bid that I received from someone was \$115. This was for a pecan pie. Many of the seventy-nine donated pies sold for over \$100. One reason for a few of these pies bringing that much money was because of five donated hand-made cutting boards by Jim Henchel. Joan Henchel the wife of our late town chairperson and good friend Jim Henchel donated these to be auctioned off. These were the last items that Jim crafted (made) prior to his death. Our two auctioneers Dave Sanders and Harry Maranowicz did a wonderful job. Thank you.

Another item that was auctioned off was a Float Plane ride for up to four people. This was donated by Mike Williams. The top bidder was the Blinkhorn family for \$550.

The food was a big part of the Fest. Fred & Sharon Haak of the Lions spent many long hours organizing the food for event. Pulled pork, Brats, hotdogs, along with beans, chips, ice cream and sweet corn was served. The sweetcorn, 60 dozen ears, was donated by part time Moose Lake residents Mike & Amy Scharberg. Their cabin is located next to Louie's. Thank you.

The Moose Lake Festival in 2019 was a remarkable success with over 800 people in attendance. The weather was beautiful up until 4 PM. Then for about ½ hour we received a down pour that totaled ½ in of rain. Everyone was running for cover. The tents were not even keeping people dry. The wind blew in off the lake and made a wet mess out of everything. When the rain stopped, there was a beautiful rainbow. This was two years ago.

This year we did not have a Moose Lake Festival, but we did have an excellent substitute event at Moose Lake. On Saturday August 7th. The Town of Round Lake Fire Department Auxiliary along with Jack Brown,

Maggie Owens Cliff Earle & Marion Off of Louie's Landing held a Brat & hotdog feed along with several raffles of donated items. Everything started at Noon.

Jack Brown of Louie's Landing wrote the following. Donations to the Round Lake Fire Department totaled \$1750.00 that will be directly donated to The Round Lake Fire Department and will go to equipment needs that they may have.

Maggie Owens, Jack Brown, Clifford Earl and Marion off collected \$558.00 in food sales, This money was all donated to the fire department. Ken & Robin Woodie donated a Burl Bowl that was raffled off and collected \$465.00. Laura Dahlstrom donated \$175.00 from sales of Sugarland Moonshine. Viking Coca Cola donated a bean bag set, air buds & a monster skateboard that was raffled off for a total of \$365.00. The Bean Bag tournament collected \$150.00, and the visitors added \$37.00. This brought our total to the \$1750.00. We thank Dave & Sandy Wells for helping us setup and serve the food as well as helping bartend. We also want to thank Rudy for playing music for us. We also give a huge shout out to Jim Onarheim for his help with selling tickets, bartending and helping us clean tables. This was put together quickly, and we were able to pull it off despite the rain. We also thank the visitors and the community that came out to support this great cause. — with Jack Brown and Clifford Earle.

Pat Feldner of the Round Lake Fire Dept. auxiliary wrote: The results from the drawing for the 2021 Sweepstakes. The \$500 cash won by Sue Fox. Second prize \$200, was won by George Wilson and the \$100 prize won by Tom Viertel. The Auxiliary and Fire Department would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2021 Sweepstakes for their generous support of our volunteer fire department. The funds raised are being earmarked to help equip a new fire engine. We would also like to thank the gang at Louie's Landing, Ken Woodie, the Viking Coca Cola distributor and everyone who came out for the fundraiser on Saturday. The support shown by our community is exceptional!

Happy Birthday to David Egge on the 13th, Peggy Rafferty & Irene Trettin on the 15th & Betty Greene on the 16th. There are no anniversaires this week. Happy Birthday to all.

That is it for another week. Send anything you have that may be newsworthy to me as soon as possible. We need news! Stay Safe everyone and enjoy your week. jonarheim@centurytel.net or 715-462-4448.