

## Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

Dr Paul and Bonnie Miller long time Moose Lake residents for over 30 years are very proud to announce, that their grandson, Patrick Rafferty has recently become an Eagle Scout in troop 1in St Charles IL. Patrick is also a member of the Order of The Arrow. He is now attending Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

His mother, Peggy (Miller) now has a father who is an Eagle as well a son. Peggy's husband is a scout leader. I'm sure you have seen Pat around Moose Lake His mother Peggy has been coming to Moose Lake since she was 7 years old. Patrick made his first trip up here when he was 1 months old. Congratulations Patrick! Go Scouts!

With the festival behind us we can now focus on other things. Lt. Gary Hosler of the Round Lake Fire Department told me that Lori De Joode of R&R Bayview Resort was interested in doing a Friday night Fish Fry as a benefit for our Fire Department. The Round Lake Fire Department provides Fire Protection for the Town of Hunter as well as the Town of Round Lake. We are contracted by the Town of Hunter to provide Fire Protection and do Fire Inspections for their township.

They were not able to help with the Moose Lake Festival so Laurie and her husband Tony asked Gary if the Round Lake Fire Department would be interested in doing a Friday night fund raiser fish fry. I knew Laurie from working with her on the board of directors for the Hayward Lakes Visitor and Convention Bureau. I told Gary that I would stop over and talk with her about the fund raiser. After our conversation it was decided to have the fish fry on Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>. As we get closer I will have more information on this event at the R & R Bayview Resort and Restaurant.

Last Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> the Moose Lake Improvement Association (MLIA) completed a 2 year lake improvement project that was approved by the Wisconsin DNR. A year ago approximately 30+ volunteers built and put in Moose Lake many new Fish Cribs. The second part of the project was completed last Thursday by these 30+ volunteers. At 8 AM these volunteers started building fish cribs that were then moved from shore to 13 different locations on Moose Lake.

These Fish Cribs were constructed of 10 wooden pallets and 8 concrete blocks. These blocks are the same ones that can be used to build a basement of a home. The blocks add weight to the cribs to make sure that they sink to the bottom of the lake. The wooden pallets came from Walters Lumber Company in Radisson and the cement blocks came from Rice Lake.

We started building the cribs at 8 AM on Thursday and completed our construction by 11 AM. We stacked the pallets one on top of another. The concrete blocks were put inside the first three pallets. The 7 remaining pallets were then stacked on top of them. We then banded all the 10 pallets together with 6 individual fiberglass bands that would hold everything together. The 4 foot by 5-foot cribs were then moved by a forklift that was owned by Dean Broberg down to the water's edge. They then were moved out to their final resting place in Moose Lake by a very large pontoon. By 1 PM the project was totally complete. Everyone had a good lunch that was provided by the MLIA.

The purpose of the fish crib project is to give additional protection to the smaller fish, especially during the winter months. The smaller fish can swim in and out of the wooden pallets to escape from the larger fish. We hope to see a difference within the next few years in the size structure and the fish population in Moose Lake.

Dr Dave Wiltrout was in charge of the project and he needs to be commended for the many hours that he invested toward this worth-while project. This was a huge undertaking that extended totally over 3 years. We also want to thank the many volunteers that helped last year and this year. A big thank you also goes out to Dean Broberg for the use of his skid steer with the forklift attachment. The MLIA wants to thank Dominic Marchese for allowing us to use his property and boat launch to build and move the fish cribs unto the lake. This was a team effort to complete this project.

Birthday wishes this week, go out to, Ken Loeffler Jr., Irene Trettin & Peggy Rafferty (Miller) all on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. Betty Greene on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug. John Levis, Pam Dahlstrom (Jorgenson) & Tom Koontz all on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Judy Seeger on Aug. 20 & Rudy Seeger on the following day, the 21<sup>st</sup>. Anniversary greeting this week go out to Julie & Charlie Oldenburg who were married on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Tom & Chris Jablonski and the Sanders, Dave and Marilyn (Snook) both couples will be celebrating on Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all.

I must admit that last week I forgot to wish a Happy Anniversary to a very good friend of mine who I worked with for many years in the fire service in Eau Claire. Dave and Donna Arbs celebrated their anniversary on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. I apologize for omitting this from last weeks news.

Well that is all we have for this week. Remember if you have any news items please give me a call or send it to me by e-mail, 715-462-4448 or jonarheim@centurytel.net so I can include it in the column.

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