

Moose Lake News

Things have cooled off a little last Thursday evening. We had the windows open and noticed that the air conditioner did not have to be on. It felt good to sleep with just the fresh air coming in through the window. When you read this over half of the month of August will be behind us. Shorter days and cooler temperatures are here. With the cooler evenings that may help improve the fishing. When the water starts to cool just a little, it should help the fish get a little more active.

Speaking of fishing. I talked to a good friend of mine Mike Henry a few weeks ago. Mike is from Eau Claire like me. Mike's father Steve Henry lives in Chippewa Falls. Steve has connections with Hayward from a long time back. Steve was involved with the construction of the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame. He tells many stories of when they were helping with the construction of the Big Fish or the Big Musky which is a great landmark for Hayward. Steve has been an outdoor writer for many years and was inducted into the Fishing Hall of Fame several years ago. Like father like son. Steve's son Mike is in the fishing business big time in NW Ontario. Mike has a Fly-in business in NW Ontario called Pipestone Fly-In Outposts. Mikes Air Base is located about seventy-five miles north of the border or just north of EMO Ontario. He then flies his guest to one of his several outposts camps 250 miles north of his Airbase. These cabins/camps are in Wabakimi Provincial Park. Mike will not open his camps this year because with the Canadian Border was just opened to US residents last week. Mike feels there will not be enough time to get everything ready and to cover his expenses because the season winds down the end of September. His insurance for his plains runs over \$40,000.00 for the season. Mike has been in Canada since May working on projects just waiting and hoping the Canadian government would open things sooner than what they did. I have helped Mike in the past with many sports shows promoting his business prior to owning Mystic Moose. I took a break from helping him promote his business while we had our own business here in Hayward. But now I have more time to spend with my close friend because of the sale of our resort. Last Saturday the 14th I left for Mikes Camps to spend some good quality time with one of my best friends whom I have not seen in close to 2 years. At this time as you read this article I am approx. 300 hundred miles North of US border fishing for trophy walleyes and Northern Pike on either Smoothrock Lake, Wabakimi, Oliver, Kenoji Lake (Kenoji means Big Pike in the native language) Slender, Pipestone, & Coles Lake. The only access to five of these lakes is by air. On most of these lakes, Mike has the only cabin on the lake. Some of these lakes average 50,000 acres. Twenty-five-inch walleyes are very common. I have caught many 30-inch walleyes up there. 40-inch Northerners are also very plentiful. One hundred walleyes a day is very easy to do when the fish are active. What is going to be interesting, these fish have not had any fishing pressure at all over the past 2 years. WOW, I am excited. We will talk more when I get back. I will be taking next week off from writing this column. I will be back in the paper on Sept. 2nd. Yes my wife Barb is excited for me but I will stay behind with her daughter while I'm gone.

Mark Gritzmacher and I decided to bring to attention that the town of Round Lake Board that they should start to investigate the possibility of trying to find for more Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) for our Township. We presently have a Sawyer County ambulance stationed at the Round Lake Fire station located on Hwy. A. Mark and I told the Board at last Thursdays meeting that because our age we will not be around forever. We are both winding down and we feel the board should be proactive and aggressively pursue getting more EMT's for our township. Mark and I along with one or two other EMT's are the only ones who respond within our area. We also take care of the town of Hunter and Spider Lake. Hopefully we can maybe put together a plan to get more EMT's trained for our area. There

may be individuals that are already in our area that we do not know about. If anyone is interested in becoming a EMT or are an EMT already and would like to get actively involved with working parttime on our ambulance please get in touch with us. You do, get paid for you time. You do not have to donate your time. Please give us a call. Mark Gritzmacher 715-462-4007 or Jim Onarheim 715-462-4448. Thank you. Our Fire Department is also looking for help.

Happy Birthday to John Levis, Pam Dahlstrom-Jorgenson, Tom Koontz Jr all on the 19th. Judy Seeger on the 20th Rudy Seeger on the 21st, John Myhre and Jane Galles both on the 22nd. Bill O'Btian on the 24th Tommy Briggs & Christopher Seeger on the 25th, Janet Bajek 26th, Zanna Mcfersson 27th, Jim Manning & Tom Mcferson both on the 28th. Mike Williams birthday is on Aug. 29th Jean Laier and Jan Stapleton both have birthdays on the 30th. Septembers 1st birthday greetings go to Christine Henchel and Koki Williams. Happy Birthday to all. Anniversary greetings go out to Tom & Chris Jablonski & Dave and Marilyn Sanders both on August 20th. Dean & Penny Broberg has their anniversary on 21st along with Fred and Joan Taylor. Bill O'brian and Carrie Jo will have their anniversary on the 24th Eric & Joan Tamm on the 27th. John & Janice Levis on the 28th along with Dave and Donna Arbs will celebrate on the same day the 28th Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all. Enjoy your day with family and friends.

That is, it for this week. See you in two weeks. Enjoy the wonderful weather and the Northland outdoors. Send your items of interest to Jim Onarheim 715-462-4448 or jonarheim@centurytel.net
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