

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

Last week we had plenty of things to write about so this Moose Lake fishing story got put on the back burner for a week. Most of you that live on Moose Lake or live close by know Tom and Ann Hendrickson who live off Wolf Island Rd. From the lake they live in the bay located north of Folsom Island or what is referred to as the Picnic Island.

Tom was fishing on Saturday August 8th around 4 PM close to Folsom Island when his lure got hit by a big fish. After a short period of time he landed this beautiful 36-inch Moose Lake Musky. Looking at the photo it appears to be well over 40 inches. With fishing many times, the truth gets stretched a little but not this time. You could tell someone that this fish measured 45 inches, and everyone would believe you because it looks that big. Tom said it was only 36 inches. I am sure Tom had a fun time catching the fish. After a quick photo it went back in the water to fight another day. Congratulations Tom on a beautiful fish.

I spoke to Joel Miller from Mystic Moose Resort and Chris and Tammy from Virgin Timber last Sunday. Both reported that the tourism business has been phenomenal this year. Everyone else totally agrees that this perhaps may be a record year. Fishing has been very tough on Moose Lake but perhaps because of the hot weather. But as we know, fishing during the summer months is always challenging.

Jack at Louie's has been extremely busy also. He told me that his Thursdays through Sundays have been the best or the weekend business. As a reminder, he is open Tuesday through Sunday 10 AM to close each day. He is serving off the menu to dine in or carry out. His famous Friday fish fry is every Friday. He has other daily specials also.

I also spoke with Charlie at Charlie's Fine Foods. His hours of operation are Thursday through Monday. They open at 4 PM and close at 9 PM. They have Full menu with daily features. You can dine in or do a carry out.

Last week on Monday August 17th many area firefighters from area Fire Departments attended a class on ropes and tying of different knots for rescue work. The class was held at the Town of Hayward Fire Department in Hayward. The class was taught by WITC Fire Instructor Mike Spencer from New Richmond, WI.

We had 15 students in the class that were taught 8 different knots along with several other ways to help with rescuing people that were in need. This includes people that have fallen down a steep embankment or high angle rescue. There were many different types of rope that are used for this type of work. The common type of rope that you can buy in the hardware store is not approved for rescue rope and cannot be used for this purpose. We use a special rope that is designed for rescue work. It is tested for over 3000 lbs. of capacity.

This week on Wednesday August 26th many Round Lake Firefighters and other area firefighters attended a class on electrical hazards around Power lines at Jump River Electric. Some of the power lines that run along the side of our highways are 7200 volts. These wires are nothing to fool around with and you must know what you are doing. I am looking forward to this class. By the time you read this we will already have had the class so I will have to give you more information in next weeks news.

With another reminder the MLIA is looking for projects that they can do yet this summer or before winter. One suggestion was to repair the Little Moose River shelter and dock. As most of you may know the MLIA has two shelters that we take care of on our lake. The one is located on Folsom Island or the Picnic Island and the other is located up the Little Moose River. If you have any other ideas please let one of our Board members know as soon as possible. You can contact me also. My information is at the end of my column.

Birthday greetings this week are extended to Zanna McFerson on August 27th, Jim Manning, and Tom McFerson both on the 28th. Mike Williams birthday is on August 29th, Jean C. Laier and Jan Stapleton will both be celebrating on the 30th. Christine Henschel and Koki Williams both have birthdays on September 1. Happy Birthday to all of you. Happy Anniversary this week to Eric and Joan Tamm on the 27th, John and Janice Levis & Dave and Donna Arbs both on August 28th.

Well that is all we have for this week. Keep the news coming my way so we have things to write about. Enjoy the beautiful summer weather with the cool nights which are good for sleeping. Remember, wear your mask, keep your distance, and stay safe. Any News that you have can be sent to me at jonarheim@centurytel.net or 715-462-4448.