

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

The Moose Lake Festival opened its doors at 12 noon last Saturday August 3rd with hundreds of people waiting in line to cash in on all the bargains there were at 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 3 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. A bean bag tournament went on all afternoon for the adults. Many raffles went on all day for many beautiful items some that were handcrafted by Moose Lake residents.

The large sweepstakes drawing took place later in the day and the winners were 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.

The Pie auction was a big hit like it always has been in the past. 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 79 donated pies sold for over \$100. One reason for a few of these pies bringing that much money was because of 5 donated hand-made cutting boards by Jim Henchel. Joan Henchel the wife of our late town chairman 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 Plain ride for up to 4 people. This was donated by Float Plane pilot Mike Williams. The top bidder was the Blinkhorn family for \$550. They are from Oakdale MN but have a cabin on Spider Lake. A second Float Plan ride went to Shannon Utech of Hayward.

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

We would again like to thank Jack Brown owner of Louie's Landing and Brian and Alison Spindler who own Louie's Landing Cabin Rentals for the use of their property on beautiful Moose Lake.

Our Moose Lake Festival was a great 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 kind of made a wet mess out of everything. When the rain stopped, there was a beautiful rainbow that reminded us that it was only going to be short lived.

The Chequamegon Lions Club and the Round Lake Fire Department would like to thank all who volunteered, donated something towards the event and for those of you who attended our event. Without you it would not have been possible. See you next year.

Last week I again had the opportunity to fish with three of the nicest boys that I have had in my boat. Marti & Jen Murrell's son Maclane and two of Maclane's friends Kenny King of Bryant Iowa and Kole

Bailey of Clinton Iowa were staying with the Murrell's at their cabin which is located at the Club House, boat landing for the week. I fished with Maclane and Kole last year and very much enjoyed myself. This year they brought another friend up with them that had no fishing experience but wanted to learn what he could about the sport.

We left the dock about 4 PM on Tuesday the 30th. We fished some the fish cribs on Moose Lake. We caught some walleyes and a few Rock Bass. All three boys caught some fish but nothing very large. We then went to a favorite spot of mine on one of our three rivers that flow into Moose.

We got into some very nice Smallmouth Bass with the first one being 15 inches. Maclane caught a huge smallmouth that was 19 inches. Kenny who had not fished before caught three 16 to 17, inch (est.) smallmouth which he lost before I could net the fish for him. One fish broke the line and the other two spit the hook. He may have gotten a little excited.

A few minutes later Maclane caught and landed a 19 ½, inch smallmouth. This was the largest fish of the day. We also caught several other smallmouth bass in the 15- 16- inch range. Overall the boys had a great time and told me that they really enjoyed themselves and learned some more things about fishing that they did not know. I'm looking forward to fishing with them again.

Birthday wishes this week, go out to Jack Metcalf, Eli Geidel & Pete Vukovich all on Aug. 9th. Doug Sanders on Aug. 11th, David Egge on the 13th. Anniversary wishes this week, go out to Ray and Marcia Whaley on Aug. 10th, Stanley and Jackie Olson on August 10th. Happy birthday and anniversary to all.

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. Have a great week & Stay safe!

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