

## Moose Lake News

We are still waiting patiently for a good amount of snow so the snowmobilers can be happy. Long range forecast is for some snow, but it is too early to tell if the next storm will come our direction. With the temperatures as mild and they were last weekend I am getting a little worried about the American Birkebeiner ski race. I hope we get snow soon so the trail can be groomed, so we have a nice base for the race.

Speaking about the Birkie ski race that is just a few weeks away. They still do need a lot of volunteers this year. Because of COVID the race must be altered this year. The race will be spread over several days because of the pandemic. Please call the Birkie office at 715-634-5025 to volunteer.

All the Moose Lake notes that have been previously written by Mike Williams and the partial history pertaining to Dorothy Hogan's family, are posted in on the MLIA website.

Second story & conclusion written by Dorothy Hogan,

A few weeks ago, I included a little history from Dorothy Hogan (owner of Hayward Bait) about how her and her family got into the bait shop business. If you remember from my previous article Dorothy's family had a bait shop in the 1940's next to Charlie's Restaurant in the Moose Lake area. Dorothy sent another bit of history that involved her family. This is her second article.

Dorothy wrote, If, you want another surprise, my mother-in-law, Thelma had the Chippewa Inn, then called the De Shanty back in the 40's. That is how Eddie met Thelma. Eddie eventually became my father in-law & Thelma my mother-in-law. My dad had a small old-time band and played for dances there and my mom waitressed. I lived on a farm on Round Lake School Road and many years later, when I was 17, I worked the summer at Johnson's Resort which was next door was Clements Resort. This was owned by Thelma's sister Lois and Roland Brinkman. Lois would take me to Hayward to St. Joseph's Church and then stopped at Hayward Bait to visit her sister Thelma. That is how I met Donnie Hogan in 1959. Donnie had just gotten out of the Navy. In 1960 I got married to Donnie Hogan. The guys started building a new bait shop in Hayward in 1958-59 and I remember going by on the school bus wondering what that was going to be. They opened it up, the Spring of 1959.

Donnie Hogan's father Eddie and his stepmother Thelma got married in 1949. I remember them talking about living at the fur or mink farm, somewhere in Moose Lake before they built the house by the old bait shop on Hwy S.

Thelma had the Chippewa Inn remodeled extensively; I do not know when. The bar was across the dining room and the kitchen in back like now. The living area was to the left where the extra dining area is and maybe farther back. When Ethel gets her book written, I am sure she will have more information on this.

The Round Lake and Spider Lake Fire Departments had a joint cold water rescue training event on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>. The training was held at the Round Lake narrows by Round Lake Marina. The training was to prepare firefighters for a cold-water rescue when needed. The firefighters would take turns dressing up in a, special designed cold-water suit. They would go into the open water that was flowing under the bridge. One person would be the person in need of help and the other two would rescue that person. This would be repeated several times. It turned out to be valuable training. Both

departments gained quite a lot of knowledge about how dangerous and challenging cold-water rescue can be. The special suits that each firefighter had on is what kept them warm and buoyant, so they did not have to wear a life jacket. The suits were air-tight so the air inside the suit was trapped inside and kept every firefighter safe. All firefighters that were on the ice as safety officers had to wear a personal floatation device or life jacket. There was also a rescue rope attached to each person for safety. A special thank you is extended to Round Lake Marine for allowing us to park in their parking lot.

Speaking of cold-water rescue. A Side-by-Side ATV apparently did not follow the directions or markers by R & R Bayview Resort's boat landing. I spoke to Tony from R & R and he informed me that they had one unit go through the ice off their boat landing. Tony said that there are a few springs in that area along the shoreline. People must be careful when going on or coming off the ice. Riders must follow the directions or the markings to stay safe. Someone either moved the markers or this person got too far off to one side and went through the ice this past Sunday. The Side by Side was only in 2 feet of water, but it was also in 2 feet of mud. They struggled for several hours trying to get it out but had a difficult time. As of Monday morning, Tony thought the unit was still in the water. The Round Lake Fire Department did not get called to this incident. There were no injuries.

Birthday greetings this week go out to one of our excellent pool players Roger Winters who will be celebrating on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Paige Raymond's birthday on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Dave Sanders on the 6<sup>th</sup> and Kristina Sorenson on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday to all. There are no anniversaries.

That is all I have for this week. Enjoy our pleasant weather and stay safe. Please send your items of interest to Jim Onarheim at [jonarheim@centurytel.net](mailto:jonarheim@centurytel.net) or call me at 715-462-4448.