

Moose Lake News

I must sadly report that one of our close by, outboard motor and boat repair shops will be closing for good at the end of the month. Mel's Outdoor Power has been in operation for many years, I believe since 1995 at the intersection of county Highway B & county Highway CC in the town of Round Lake. Mel Vanway lost his wife a few years ago and was left working the shop by himself. Mel is an extremely hard worker and is at the point of retirement. You can only do it for so long. Mel would like to find someone to take over the business but sometimes that is easier to talk about than to do. His days have really slowed down to where he may be only working mornings until the end of the month. Many of us are going to miss Mel because he is person who is always willing to take 5 minutes to answer a question to help someone out. Mel you will be missed. We wish you the best in your retirement.

I spoke with Marjorie McCormick on Sunday afternoon the 18th. Marjorie as most of you may know has been extremely sick. She was transferred from Hayward Hospital to Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire for many days of treatment. A week ago, Wednesday July 14th Marjorie was picked up at the hospital by her daughter and husband Dan. They brought her to their home on Illinois where she is resting comfortable. She is on oxygen but otherwise is doing ok. Marjorie said that their 5 children have been incredibly supportive to both her and Dan. She told me that she has a long road to recovery but hopes to be back up to the cabin yet this year.

On Sunday afternoon the 11th of July Tom Hendrickson who lives on Wolf Island Rd came to the rescue of an almost full-grown goose. Tom and his wife Ann live next door to Karen and Daryl ENK on Wolf Island Rd.. Karen was watching all the commotion in their bay on Moose Lake like Tom was. Approximately 25 geese were making all kinds of noise flapping their wings and squawking. Tom noticed that this one goose appeared to be in trouble. He was trying to swim away from this one area but kept getting pulled back into this same spot. The goose went under water and then came back up. Karen offered to help her neighbor Tom rescue the goose, but Tom told her he thought he could do it alone. Tom got into his paddle boat and paddled out to the goose. Obviously, the goose was very scared of Tom but could not fly or swim away. It appeared that the goose had a fishing line wrapped around his leg. The other end of the line appeared to perhaps to be tied to a musky bait that was caught on a stump under the water. Tom had a boat paddle with him that he was reaching out to the goose trying to hook the fishing line and maybe break it. The goose was very scared but did calm down perhaps when he knew Tom was trying to help him. After several tries Tom broke the line, and the goose took off diving under the water and swimming towards shore. The other geese did not know what to think. Tom then paddled towards shore where the goose had gone. Tom could not see him anywhere. After a several minutes of searching Tom saw the goose hiding out behind some brush. The goose then got up on shore and walked out of the water. Karen told me that she felt the goose seemed totally exhausted. She felt Tom came to the rescue just in time. Tom said he felt the goose should be ok. The line appeared to entirely off his leg. I feel this story did come to a happy ending. Good work Tom.

A little over a week ago fishing guide John Myhre from Moose Lake was a guiding a family which consisted of a father and his 10-year-old son, grandfather, and uncle. They were from Florida, Arizona & Texas. They wanted to fish Moose Lake for muskies because this is a fish that they do not have back in their home states. The most important thing was to get the 10-year-old boy a musky. It was a fish that he has never caught before. They started working some of the known musky spots on the far end of the lake. With no luck at first, they then moved to another area that John has fished many times. It was

getting late in the afternoon normally a good time for muskies. With no warning the 10-year-old had one on. He was coached to keep the line tight and his rod up. After a few minutes, the fish broke loose and got away. The 10-year-old was told not to get discouraged. A few minutes later the 10-year-old landed a 41-inch musky which they boated. A short time later he landed a 34-inch musky. Then it was grandpas turn. He landed a 30-inch fish. The uncle got into the action also by landing a 40-inch musky. By the time they were done they caught and boated 5 muskies and lost one. What an evening of fishing. This all happened within 1 ½ hours on Moose Lake and in an area about the size of a football field. WOW! They had quite the stories to tell I am sure when they got back to Florida. What an experience.

In last weeks article I referred to Grassy Island in one of my stories. This is named State Island by the State of Wisconsin and not Grassy Island. I am sorry for any confusion.

Birthdays this week. Diana Harris on the 22nd, Dorothea Haegle & Ben Niemann both on the 23rd. Joyce Zubrod has her birthday on the 25th. Happy Birthday to all. There is only one anniversary this week. Greetings are extended to Gil & Betty Krohn on July 28th. Happy Anniversary.

This is all we have for this week. We should have a story next week about some Moose Lake Men who took a trip to Alaska. Look for it in our news. Please send anything that is newsworthy to jonarheim@centurytel.net or call me at 715-462-4448.