

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

A week ago, this past Tuesday evening July 21st, the Round Lake Fire Department had Pumper training with two of our fire engines at the intersection of Hwy. S and Moose Lake Rd. We have what is called a Dry Hydrant located at that intersection. This is next to the beautiful flower garden that the MLIA has located on that corner. It was excellent training that everyone participated in. The objective of the training was to draft water out the river with our Fire Engine/Pumper. In the rural area we do not have fire hydrants like they have in the city, so we must rely on Dry Hydrants that are connected to a river or a lake.

Rural Fire Departments must get water from wherever we can, at the time of a structure or wildland fire. The town of Round Lake has installed two of these Dry Hydrants in the township to help us out with our water supply. The second dry hydrant is located on Twin Lake Rd. on the Causeway over Twin Lake. We do have another Dry Hydrant located in the Town of Hunter just south of the CC North boat landing on Hwy CC that we use also.

While we were training on that Tuesday night at the hydrant on Hwy. S and Moose Lake Rd., I noticed the beautiful flower garden that Vicki Kvamme and Amy McDonald had been working on all spring & summer. The two ladies volunteered to plant and care for two flower gardens that the Moose Lake Improvement Association has in our township. The second garden is located on the corner of Hwy S and Pine Point Rd. Both gardens are simply gorgeous. You can tell that the two ladies really know what they are doing. We have taken some photos of both flower gardens and posted them on the Moose Lake Improvement Association Website for you to see. <https://mliahaywardwi.org/> Thanks for doing such a beautiful job Vicki and Amy.

Moose Lake residents Dave and Sandy Wells are proud parents of their son Brad who just graduated from the Hayward High School. Brad is now working for Bates Plumbing. He is working towards his Journeyman's License to become a Master Plumber. He also will be going to WITC Ashland once a week to complete the classroom requirements for this trade. Congratulations Brad we wish you the best.

Just a reminder that the deadline for sending in your MLIA dues is August 15th. We must have your \$25 in by that time to get you in our directory. The nice thing about the Moose Lake directory is the phone numbers that are listed along with e-mail addresses of all members. Many people do not have a land line, so the only way to get in touch with your friends or someone on the lake is through our directory.

If you have already sent in your dues please check your information to see if the spelling is correct, your phone number and e-mail address is printed correctly. You can find this information in last year's directory. There have been some mistakes that we have found. Please help support the MLIA by sending in your dues and information. Thank you.

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 they 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 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.

I was informed by Rita Fredenberg of Wolf Island Rd that on the morning of July 18 they had a severe windstorm that blew through a small area of Moose Lake in the Wolf Island Rd. area. Rita said that she

and her husband along with several of their neighbors had winds that were strong enough to blow over a pontoon that was owned by Daryl Enk and his wife. The wind took the pontoon off their pontoon lift and dumped it upside down in Moose Lake.

Dick and Cherie Coffman who live on Wolf Island Rd had two exceptionally large maple trees and two smaller pine trees get blown onto the roof of their house. They need a heavy piece of machinery (Crane) to lift the trees off their house. Damage was minor to their house, but Dick Coffman told me that they now have a different view of the lake from their home.

One good thing about this windstorm is that all the neighbors came together and helped each other out. The elderly people needed the help the most. Many people showed up to help everyone out. Things are now getting back to normal.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Don Friedrich whose birthday is July 30th, Vickie Palya and Esper Lueschen both have a birthday on Aug. 1st. Paulette Ross on the 3rd of July. Anniversary wishes are sent to Gil & Betty Krohn on July 28th & Pete and Jean Vukovich on Aug. 1st. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all.

Well that does it for this week. Enjoy the beautiful summer weather. 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.