

## Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

It's time to move those items that you've been saving in your basement or garage. I have an idea; you can donate them to the Moose Lake Festival's White Elephant Sale! You'll feel so good about that spring cleaning knowing that you donated items to such a worthwhile event. Also, just think about all the great new space you'll have in your garage, home, and basement. Yes, the Moose Lake Festival is only 2 months away. This fun filled event, helps benefit the Round Lake Fire Department and the Chequamegon Lions Club each year.

Donations for the Moose Lake Festival's White Elephant Sale may be dropped off at the Town of Round Lake Recycling Center on County Road A on Wednesdays and Saturdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, beginning on June 8. Please do not leave items when the facility is closed. Items not accepted include large appliances, clothing, luggage, Styrofoam coolers, televisions, computers or electronic equipment, phones, upholstered furniture, mattresses, tires, cribs, strollers, car seats, or any electrical equipment unless it is in working condition. Please, no junk, broken, or dirty items! If you have any questions, please contact Lou Grayson at 715-462-9538.

There are many items that are donated every year for the Moose Lake Festival "bucket" raffles. These items are normally new purchased items or craft type items that are made by members of our community. Champion Lumber Jill, Nancy Zalewski, has once again donated a "Welcome Bear", expertly carved by Champion Lumber Jack, Dave Jewett, from NY state. Tim and Larry Dallman have donated a unique white pine bench, constructed of locally harvested wood, from our recently departed good friend Bill Vogel's wood working shop.

If you are interested in donating something for the Bucket Raffle, Contact Sally Myers, 715-462-3027, or Penny Broberg, 715-462-3113 for donations.

The Moose Lake Festival will be held on Saturday, August 3, from noon until 6 p.m. on the beautiful shores of Moose Lake in front of Louie's Landing. This annual event benefits the Town of Round Lake Fire Department and the Chequamegon Lions Club. Sign up to volunteer now for your favorite spot at the Moose Lake fest website: [www.mooselakefest.org](http://www.mooselakefest.org).

The MLIA monthly board of directors met at Charlies Fine Foods last Saturday. There were several interesting items discussed. The minutes from the meeting will be posted of the MLIA website shortly.

Last week I talked about the Swift water rescue training that we were going to have on Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> on the West Fork of the Chippewa River. Well it happened, with many volunteer Firefighters from both the Round Lake, Spider Lake Fire Department & Sawyer County EMT's were participating. It is always good to have multi agency training. We work together so we should train together.

We met at 5:30 PM that evening at the canoe landing next to the bridge on Moose Lake Rd. and County Hwy. S. There were 16 firefighters in attendance. We used our new inflatable rescue boat that we call Stormy. This boat is equipped with a small 5 HP motor and canoe paddles. Four people were put in the boat so we could have as many people experience how to handle and maneuver the rescue boat in swift water.

We had a canoe in the water also that was to represent two individuals that were in trouble that needed to be rescued. We made three trips down the river about two miles to the Jerry and Lynn Overman property. This was our take-out spot. We want to thank Jerry and Lynn for their generosity of letting us use their property for this most valuable training.

All firefighters learned some very valuable things that evening when it come to swift water

rescue. Water has a lot of force and will push you where it wants to. Sometimes it is very hard to control yourself or boat. Hopefully we will never have to use this training, but if we do get called to help someone, we will be now be more prepared for this type of rescue.

The panfish, crappies, bluegills and perch have been active. I have talked to people that have been out fishing for panfish and there has been some good action especially on nice sunny warm days. Moose Lake and the Chippewa Flowage both have shown some good action. Moose Lake being a dark water lake, normally warms up very fast and this warmer water will help trigger this action. Now is the time to get out & fish for the panfish if you are thinking about it. Don't wait, the bite or action may be over before you know it.

Things are getting a little safer in our fields & forests and far as the fire danger. These areas are greening up with all the moisture we have recently had. We have been very fortunate this year as far as the number of fires that we have had. Thank you very much, for being careful and concerned about the fire danger this year.

Birthday greeting this week go out to Gustavo Williams on June 7<sup>th</sup>, Barbara Williams on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Joel Miller and Bryan Duray both on June 12<sup>th</sup>. There is only one anniversary this week.

Anniversary greetings go out to Tom & Marion Off on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all who will be celebrating this week.