

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

I was talking to Jack at Louie's last Thursday morning (June 27th) over a cup of coffee as he was telling me about his most recent fishing trip to NW Ontario. Jack, Dave Maina, Tom Okane and Pilot Mike Williams flew from Moose Lake Wednesday morning June 19th in Mike's single engine floatplane to NW Ontario Canada. They flew about one hour north of the US border to several lakes that they have fished in the past. This is an annual trip that these guys normally go on each year.

They crossed the border just west of International Falls MN. going through customs and continued another 125 miles north to their destination. The cabin they stayed at was on Phyllis Lake just west of, Ignace Ontario. Besides fishing Phyllis Lake, they also fished Done Lake, Catherine, and the northern end of Rainy Lake. Three of these lakes are very good walleye lakes. Jack told me he caught a 28, 27 and a 26-inch fish right away. All three of these fish were caught within a few minutes of each other. Jack said a jig and a minnow was the best bait. All 4 of them had an excellent time.

Jack said they also fished a good smallmouth lake. They were catching beautiful smallmouth one after another on jigs and twister tails & shallow running crank baits. These fish were on their spawning beds. Jack told me you could see the smallmouth bass come right up off their beds and grab their lures. They had a great time and really enjoyed themselves. They did not want to leave, but all good things eventually, have to come to an end. When you think about it, we live a very beautiful part of the world to come back to.

The same day that I was talking to Jack at Louie's, I introduced myself to two young men that were on a coffee break from their job. The two men by the first names of Evan and Eric work for Fahrner Asphalt out of Plover and Eau Claire, WI. Their company was hired by the Town of Round Lake to resurface the three bridges that we have in the Moose Lake area.

They explained to me that they resurface bridge decks throughout the Midwest. They just got down working in South Dakota and now are working in Sawyer County. The three bridges in our township that will be resurfaced is on the Moose Lake Rd. bridge, the bridge over the Moose Lake Dam on Louie's Landing Rd. & the Pine Point bridge.

They told me their first step in the process is to clean the deck thoroughly and prep it prior to putting down a two-part epoxy. After putting down the epoxy they then blow a Platinum Granite aggregate over the epoxy. They put two coats of epoxy and the Platinum Granite aggregate down on one lane of the bridge at a time. They must let the epoxy dry for at one least day.

They then come back the following day and coat the other lane of the bridge. It's done this way so one lane, is always open to traffic. I was told that the Platinum Granite aggregate is the hardest aggregate that you can find. The little stones if you were to call it that, are about 1/8 inch in diameter. This is a very small type gravel that is the finish product when dry. Eric and Evan said that this treatment to our three bridges will last well over 20 years. It is the most durable product that can be put on a bridge deck. He said their company guarantees their work 100%.

The men should be done working in Round Lake Township by Wednesday July 3rd. They will be doing some other bridges in the county after the 4th of July. The next time you drive over one of our bridges you will be driving over one of the most durable surfaces that there is available. I thought this was very interesting information so I thought I would share it with you.

Just a reminder of the Fireworks at Louie's Landing July 4th at dusk. This is made possible by donations from Mystic Moose Resort, Louie's Landing, Louie's Landing Resort, Virgin Timber, Moose Lake Improvement Association and the many donation that have been put in the donation

jars at Louie's. Each year the cost keeps going up, so thank you for helping us out. Speaking of fireworks. A cabin located in the township of Lenroot was started on fire by fireworks last Wednesday evening June 26th. The fire was confined to the rain gutter on one side of the cabin. The pine needles were burning in the rain gutter. Damage was held to a minimum. The fire at the unoccupied cabin was noticed by a neighbor. The owners of the cabin were very lucky that the fire was noticed early on. The fireworks that started this fire were being shot off three houses away. Please be careful if you are going to be using fireworks this 4th of July. Thousands of people are injured each year & millions of dollars in property damage is done by fireworks in the United States.

There were 8 ladies that played Pinochle at Louie's. last Thursday June 27th. They had an excellent lunch before many hands of cards. Last week's winner was Dottie Stassen. Second place went to Audrey Pearson and the Booby Prize a pocket full of dimes went to Betsy Vogel. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks Jack for having us.

Happy Birthday this week to Frank Lueschen III on July 5th, Patricia Nelson and Lily Metcalf both on the 8th of July. Bill De Leonardis the 9th, Lisa Walczak, Linda Briggs Geer and Don Netwal Jr. all on the 10th of July. Happy Birthday to all. There is one anniversary this week.

Greetings go out to Bob and Beth Taticek on July 9th.

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 this 4th of July.

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