

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

The Moose Lake Festival is getting close. One month away. There have been some very nice donations that have been given for the bucket raffles. The Challeens, Cucullus, Koehlers, Niensens and Winters families have donated a beautiful hand-crafted bluegill" wood sculpture for one of the bucket prizes. You will also have a chance to win 2 cedar Adirondack chairs designed and crafted by Cary McDonald. If you feel comfortable in donating something please call Sally Myers at 715-462-3027 or Penny Broberg, 715-462-3113. Thank you in advance.

The Fireworks this year was rained out on the 4th of July, but we did get them shot off the following night on Friday July 5th. They had to be shot off in between the rain drops but we got it done. As always Larry Hofacker of Boot Hill Pyrotechnics did a fabulous job.

Larry spends 3 -4 hours wiring all the 3-inch shells & also what is called fireworks cakes (multiple shells) to an electronic firing device. Two or three of us assist him with this wiring. This is the safest way to shoot fireworks today. Larry sits back in a lawn chair about 100 feet away and just turns switches on when he is ready to shoot. The show lasted about ½ hour with a spectacular ending. Thank you to all who donated money toward the fireworks annual event. MLIA was a large contributor along with Mystic Moose Resort and Louie's Landing.

The Annual Moose Lake Improvement Associations meeting was held on Saturday morning July 6th at 9:30 AM on the lawn of Louie's Landing. Many things of interest were reported on and details of the meeting will be put on the MLIA website. One new board member was elected to a term on the board. Cary Mc Donald who lives on River Rd was elected.

Our new President Tom Koehler gave a lengthy report on the Regulatory Flood Elevation. Tom also had Ellen Faulkner of Ayers and Associates from Eau Claire give a detailed presentation at the end of the meeting on the Flood Plain and Dam Failure study. Ellen was our guest speaker. I introduced our Wisconsin Conservation Warden from the Wisconsin DNR, Tom Heisler. With Tom was Sawyer County Sheriff Deputy and Recreational officer Craig Depew. Tom talked about a couple of changes in the law pertaining to water skiing. He also reminded people about having life jackets easily available. You must have one jacket per person on every boat. He also talked about the no wake law and what it means.

It is always nice to meet your area warden in person, so you know who he/she is if you were to see them. It has been several years since Tom has been to one of our meetings. Tom has offered to come back next year to talk in more detail to our members. Thanks Tom and Craig for being here. You are always welcome.

Complete details and the minutes from the meeting will be posted on the MLIA website very soon. <https://mliahaywardwi.org>

On a sunny Saturday afternoon, July 6, about 86 people met at Louie's Landing to honor an uncle, a friend and a man who always said, how can I help you. Leslie Marshall MILLER had nieces and nephews that came from Florida, North Carolina, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania. Many friends came from the Chicago area and neighbors from the Moose Lake area joined in the celebration of his life. His elder brother Ed (88 years old) came from Pennsylvania. Les was a well-liked man. These people traveled many miles to join his family to honor Les. Many kind words and memories of his generosity, his love of Mark Twain and Tolkien and his belief in higher education and learning was remembered. Les passed away April 22nd of this year at the age of

I knew Les from the many games of pool that him and I played together as partners or as competitors at Louie's on the cold Thursday winter nights. Les was quit the pool player. He

loved the game. I enjoyed meeting many of his relatives last Saturday. Most of them have been to Moose Lake many times to visit Les, Dave and Snook Sanders over the years.

It was a beautiful day for this get together. Even though we have lost a good friend relative or family member, one thing that we will never lose, is all the good memories that we will always have of Les. We will never, lose them. Rest in peace my friend.

On June 1st Ken Loeffler of Moose Lake participated in the Rumble on the Lake Motorcycle ride. The ride had about 100 riders participating. The ride started in Cable, stopped in Hayward, and then continued through several small towns south of here. At the end of the ride the organizers raffled a new 2018 Harley Davidson motorcycle. The bike was won by Ken. He was very surprised and would just like to thank, Harley Davidson and the organizers of the event. I'm sure next year he will be riding his new motorcycle.

Happy Birthday to Daryl Neibauer on the 14th, Dan Frame on the 15th. Happy Anniversary to Bill & Barb Nielson & Chuck and Anita Halbleib both on July 11th. Dennis & Jean Laier on the 13th & Doug & Kathy Laier on the 14th of July. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all.

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!

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