

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

I would like to thank Jan Stapleton for doing the ML News last week in my absence. She always does a great job and I sure miss her from sharing the duties for so many years. Jack Brown & I were at the Milwaukee Sport Show promoting the Hayward Lakes area. We spoke to many of our neighbors and friends that visit Moose Lake during the summer. It is sure great to get out and talk about open water fishing and summer time activities.

I received some very good information from our neighbors to the west of Moose Lake. I received some very good information from Next door Callahan Mud Lakes association that I would like to pass along to you.

Flooding is one of the most devastating natural disasters Wisconsin faces each year, and several communities around the state are already dealing with the issue this week as warmer temperatures and rain melt the snow. ReadyWisconsin is encouraging everyone in the state to think about how to protect themselves and their property during Flood Safety Awareness Week, coming up March 18-22. Hayward had its share of flooding in the recent years. We have to be prepared for the worst should it happen again. We have 255 lakes in our county which totals to a lot of water flowing in and out of the county every day. Respect it!

“Flooding puts lives at risk and has the potential to do severe damage throughout a community,” said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Brian Satula. “Last year, it claimed two lives in Wisconsin and caused millions of dollars in property damage. Take steps now to help protect your home and to make sure you know what to do when the water is rising, so everyone in your family remains safe.”

Wisconsin had two federally declared disasters in 2018 following flooding in northwestern Wisconsin in June and across the state in August and September. Those disasters alone resulted in more than \$60 million in reported damage to individual properties and public infrastructure. However, those numbers represent only a portion of the damage done by flooding in the state each year.

ReadyWisconsin offers the following advice during Flood Safety Awareness Week:

Turn around, don't drown – Do not drive or walk through flooded areas. Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock over an adult, while 12 inches can carry away a small car. Even if the water is not moving, floodwaters can conceal damage to pavement or other hazards that may be lurking beneath the surface. If you encounter floodwaters, find a different route!

Know your flood risk – Do you live in a flood plain, have a basement, or live near a source of water? These are all things to consider when examining the potential for flooding on your property. Plan with your family for what you will do if the floodwaters begin to rise.

Make improvements to protect your property – If you have gutters, make sure they are kept clean and the downspouts are directing water away from your foundation. Repair cracks in your foundation and improve your grading so water flows away from your house. Cover window wells to keep water from building up inside them. Install safety valves on pipes bringing water into your home to help guard against backups.

Purchase flood insurance – Just an inch of water in a home can cause thousands of dollars in damage, which many homeowners and renters insurance policies will not cover. Evaluate your current coverage and consider purchasing a flood insurance policy. Most flood coverage takes effect 30 days after purchase, so don't wait until there's a risk of flooding to act! Stay Safe this spring!

Jack Brown of Louie's Landing had the annual duty of being called back into service for the Brooklyn Fire Department on Saturday March 16th. Every year on about the same time the Fire Dept. that Jack was a member of for many years has an appreciation dinner for its members. Jack is always invited back to cook Ribeye steaks and other fine food for the get together. Jack said it was fast trip to Madison and back, but he cooked about 75 meals. What dedication he has. He said it is always great see hi sold friends and firefighters.

Pool league this past Thursday night had Dean Broberg & Don Rossiter taking the top prize. Second place went to Roger Winters & Brad Daywitt. The TP award was proudly received by Doug Muchow and Terry Barnhill. There were 4 teams that participated.

Forty hungry Moose Lake area residents crowded the potluck buffet on Tuesday, March 12th. We literally ran out of room for all the food on the tables as if everyone brought extra dishes to share! The last potluck of the winter season will be held on Tuesday, March 26th, so be sure to attend this special event. Bring a dish to share.

Appetizers are laid out first a little after 6 p.m. Then come the entrées, side dishes, and desserts at 6:30 p.m. Please label your contribution with your name and the general contents of the dish. There are power strips available for plugging in your hot dish. The MLIA supplies the paper plates, and Louie's Landing provides the venue.

Note: Louie's will be closed April 1-15 so pool league will end on March 28th.

Sally Myers told me that Mary Ann Carlson who has the Scandinavian cabin on Blue Jay Lane passed away. She lived in Colorado Springs. Here's obit link:

Happy Birthday to our Fire Chief Mike Schmidt on the 22nd of March. Betsy Vogel will be celebrating her birthday on the same day. Happy Birthday Betsy from Barb and I. Curt Richter, Sally Myers & Bob Taticek will be celebrating on the 23rd. Tex & Pat Maina's birthday in on March 26th Happy Birthday to Fred Duray on the 27th. There are no anniversaries this week.

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 enjoy the melting snow and safe.

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