

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

Things have really quieted down in Moose Lake Country. There will be no Pot-Luck Dinners & no Pool League until further notice. Last week the State of Wisconsin ordered all restaurants and Bars to close. They do allow drive up business or carry outs only. This order from the State has slowed the activities down in our area like it has all over. It's even hard to find a fisherman out on the lake. The most important thing to look at is, the decisions that are being made are for the safety of our community and the wonderful people that we have in the Moose Lake / Hayward Lakes area.

COVID-19 is something that we know very little about so we must always error on the side of safety. We are always better to be proactive instead of reactive. We have been asked to do many things by the County, State and Federal Government to protect ourselves and the people around us. Staying inside or sheltering in place, quarantine for 14 days if exposed, social distancing of at least 6 feet, washing our hands very frequently, sanitizing our business and our homes and cars. Asking us not to go to work unless necessary & staying at home is not the norm. These are all things that things that we are not use to.

The one thing that Sawyer County came out with last Saturday evening was a travel advisory by asking the people who have a second home or cabin here in Sawyer County to stay at home, at their permanent residence. Please don't travel up here or to Sawyer County. This is especially important if you come from a high-risk area like Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison, Minneapolis & etc. Sawyer County has somewhat of a large older population, who may be very vulnerable to this virus.

One thing that is very hard for people to comprehend is, this virus is like carbon monoxide (CO) which is referred to as the invisible killer. Like CO this virus is odorless, colorless & it is not visible. You don't know it is around you because you can't see it. Because people can't see the danger, people are not taking this threat seriously.

Unlike people who see a tornado coming toward them, or if they had to escape from a burning building, or they were standing in front of a person who is pointing a loaded gun at them. These are dangers that people can see and do take seriously. When you look outside to a beautiful day of sunshine, people think it is business as usual and forget about the hidden danger that is around them.

I have talked to some people that have said they think this pandemic is being blown out of proportion. They are wrong! I have just read an article where people have picked the virus up from a gas pump. Not to alarm people, but just be careful and protect yourself. Many gas stations have hand sanitizer /cleaner dispensers by their pumps. After using this go into the bathroom and wash your hands. If possible try not to put your bare hands on door opening devices that are mounted on doors that lead in and out of commercial buildings. Push the door open with your arm not your bare hand.

Sawyer County Ambulance service has made many major changes to the way we do business to protect our ambulance staff. We have spent many hours of sealing all our equipment in plastic to keep everything clean. Keeping our equipment just in cabinets is not acceptable anymore. All ambulance employees have gone through a FIT test or a special test to make sure that the N95 mask that has been issued to all members fits properly and allows for no leaks. This test was preformed, at the Hayward Hospital. I had mine done last Friday.

One thing that this Pandemic has done is bring most countries together to work on a solution to this major world-wide problem. This proves that we can work together if we need to. We will over-come this virus.

Louie's Landing and other area bars and restaurants have closed or are open to just carry-out orders only. I have been informed that Louie's has a limited menu. Jack Brown at Louie's Landing has Broasted Chicken on Thursdays. They will have their popular Fish Fry on Fridays. Saturday evening, they will serve Broasted Chicken, Barbeque Baby Back Ribs or Prime Rib. Serving is from 4 to 8:00 PM or until further notice all three nights. These are carry-out orders only.

Hopefully we will get through this with it making just a small impact on our area. Stay positive and follow the guidelines that are set for us by Sawyer County, the State of Wisconsin and the U.S. Government. Remember one thing: Don't Roam, Stay at Home. We will get through this if we work together. It will make us stronger when it is over.

Birthday wishes this week, go out to Tex & Pat Mania both on the 26th of March. Fred Duray on the 27th, Dave Galles on the 28th, Rich Good on the 29th Wendy Duray Olson on the 31st of March. Linda Myhre will have her birthday on April 1st. Happy Birthday to all. There are no anniversaries this week.

That is all I have for this week, everyone. Send your items of interest to myself Jim Onarheim at 715-462-4448 or jonarheim@centurytel.net Stay Safe! and remember- Don't Roam Stay at Home!