

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

The Moose Lake Festival will be held on Saturday, August 3, from noon until 6 p.m. on the shore of our beautiful Moose Lake in front of Louie's Landing. This fun-filled annual event benefits the Town of Round Lake Fire Department and the Chequamegon Lions Club. The White Elephant Sale at the Moose Lake Festival is a big revenue generator for the fest. As you're doing spring cleaning, please donate some of your treasures to the sale.

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.

For all interested people the annual Hayward Flee Market starts for the summer on Monday May 27th. This is Memorial Day. The Flee Market runs every Monday from 9 AM until 3 PM until Sunday, of Labor Day weekend which is Sept. 1st this year. Many vendors will again be in attendance this year. Ethel Richter from Moose Lake and Rob Sparhawk of Round Lake township have had a booth at the Flee Market for several years. Ethel really enjoys selling her crafts at the market and visiting with people and friends. Rob has a large booth which he sells sunglasses. Stop in and see them. I'm sure they would love to see some local friends.

On Friday May 10th I left for Canada see a good friend of mine and his wife who was recently diagnosed with dementia at the early age of 56. Because of her health, Renae must be in a nursing home which is in Fort Francis Ont. It is lonely at times for Mike, so I like to make a few trips a year to visit him and Renae.

Mike and his wife have a fly-in fishing camp in NW Ontario with 6 cabins. Their Air Base, and their home is located just one hour across the border from International Falls MN. They fly their guests, 225 miles NE of their airbase to Wabakimi Provincial Park. In the Park they have 5 cabins that are on 5 different lakes. The lakes are Coles Lake, Oliver, Smoothrock, Kenoji & Wabakimi Lake. The 6th camp is located just north of the airbase on the Pipestone Lake Clearwater chain.

The fishing opener for walleye was last Saturday May 18th. Mike was getting his camps ready for the up and coming summer season when I arrived on the 10th of May. I tagged along this year watching him and his crew get everything ready for the fishing opener. We spent 5 days up in the bush flying from camp to camp and doing as much fishing as possible but not for walleye because the season was not open yet.

There were a few lakes where the ice had not completely gone off the entire lake. We had a challenging time to set the Float Plane down of Lake Wabakimi, because of the ice, but we did find an open area in a small bay just next to the cabin that worked out for a safe landing. The wind was blowing away from the cabin so the ice that was remaining got blown away from us. This worked out great, so we did not get trapped by the ice. By Wednesday the 15th most of the ice was gone from all the area lakes.

We did do some Lake Trout fishing and fishing for Northern Pike. Both these species were open to the angler. Mike and I flew into a small Lake of about 4000 acres which was very deep. During this time of

the year, Lake Trout are very shallow because of the water temperature. Lake trout like cold water and our water temperatures was only 36 degrees. We caught many 24 to 30-inch fish. It was a lot of fun. I kept 2 for a fish fry.

By the end of the week (Thursday 16th) it was time to fly back to Mike's Base Camp. Mike and his dock hands had all the cabins ready for customers. Mike had his first and second group of men ready to fly out on Friday morning the 17th so we had to get back. It was a fun week living up in the bush with no cell phones, internet or TV for a week.

When I got back to Hayward late Friday night it was back into the Ambulance and Round Lake Fire mode. The next day Saturday the 18th Chief Mike Schmidt from the Round Lake Fire Dept. and firefighter Jack Brown and myself attended a Pierce Fire apparatus Road Show. This was held at the City of Hayward Fire Department. Pierce Fire Apparatus & Equipment is located, in Appleton WI. They manufacture Fire trucks for Fire Departments throughout the world.

They have a road show where they bring 5 different types of fire trucks to different communities throughout the Mid-west to show to many different departments. There perhaps were 12 to 15 departments throughout our area who attended the show Saturday afternoon. On Sunday Pierce took their show to Chippewa Falls. This is one way they try to promote their equipment. There were some very beautiful trucks.

The Round Lake Fire Department is in the planning stages of designing and purchasing a new Fire Engine within the next year. This was a very timely event for us to be able to look at these different types of trucks, so we know what is available. These ideas will help us in or design.

Happy Birthday this week to Joshua Walsh on the 24th, Marilyn Karns on May 25th and Faye Winters on the 26th. Happy Birthday to all. There is only one anniversary this week. Happy anniversary to Bill & Carrie Jo O'Brien. I believe I missed Carrie Jo's birthday last week which was on May 19th. Happy belated birthday Carrie Jo.

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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