

Moose Lake News

I am sad to report that Fire Prevention week which ended last Saturday was marred by a structure fire in the Town of Hayward on Hwy B just east of the Casino. The Jeff Crone family lost their entire home due to fire early Thursday morning October 8th. Oct 8 is the anniversary date of the great Chicago fire which occurred in 1871. The Crone fire started in the garage and spread to the family home. There were approximately 15 firefighters battling the fire for several hours. Firefighters from the town of Hayward Fire Department were assisted by the City of Hayward, Town of Bass Lake, and the Town of Round Lake. The Round Lake Fire Department sent trucks from the Pine Point station at Moose Lake and the Fire Station located on Hwy A. The Town of Round Lake Fire Department has several new firefighters, so it was good experience for them but a bad experience for the Crone family. Some of us are looking for ways to help the family with their loss. Please look elsewhere in this paper for more information on this fire.

As of Sunday October 11th, our fire danger has gone to **High**. Be careful with any outside burning. Please restrict burning of any campfires, brush piles, or the burning in barrels. Please discard smoking materials properly. We have several Smokey Bear fire danger signs throughout the County that will have the fire danger level posted on the sign daily. Thank you for your cooperation.

I was fishing with some friends on Moose Lake last Friday October 9th. I met John Figlewicz and his good friend Zach at John's cabin on the south end of Moose Lake about 10:30 AM. We rigged up several rods for the type of fishing we were going to do. Each of us rigged a walleye rod with a ½ ounce barrel sinker and a swivel tied to the end of the line so the sinker would not slide off. We then added a 14 inch of fluorocarbon line tied to the other end of the swivel. At the other end of the fishing line we tied a circle hook. We baited the hook with 5-inch, sucker minnows. We also had two rods for bottom bouncing and 3 rods for jigging.

It was beautiful day to be on the water with air temperatures in the mid 70's. Water temperatures were at 52 degrees. Maybe because it was such a beautiful day this is what kept the fish from biting. We caught only one nice walleye on our barrel swivel rig and lost perhaps another 4 or five. The walleye was released. We caught about 8 more fish, perch & rock bass and lost several more. It was just nice to be out on perhaps the last 70-degree day for the year. We did enjoy ourselves.

On late afternoon Saturday the 10th, my wife's daughter Cindy and her friend Jeff went fishing on a different lake in our area and caught over 30 bluegills from shore in 2 feet of water. Many of these fish were 8- 9 inches in length. They did not keep any fish either. On Sunday afternoon Jeff and Cindy went to Moose Lake and got skunked. Not one fish in a 4-hour period. They drove to their favorite spot where they caught the bluegills and could only catch a few perch. The bluegills were all gone. That is fishing, it can change fast.

Moose Lake has always been an excellent musky lake. A few weeks ago, I was talking about the high number of Northern Pike that have been caught in Moose Lake this year. Some people have been releasing the Northern Pike and some people have been harvesting the fish. I spoke with fishing guide John Myhre about this. He told me what Max Wolter DNR Fish Biologist shared with him. If we harvest these northers that get caught perhaps we can keep things under control & keep our lake with a good healthy musky population. A good musky lake is one that has a zero Northern Pike population and is self-sustaining.

Pinochle players met at Louie's Landing this past Thursday afternoon. October 8th. Eight players met at 11:00 AM for lunch and then some serious card playing, when it was over First place was awarded to Penny Broberg. Second place went to Joanie Linahon. Last place or the Boobie Prize went to Audrey Pearson. Everyone would like to thank Audrey for bringing apple strudel for dessert.

Mark Tamm has just informed me that he is taking orders for his hand made Christmas toys. Mark is an excellent craftsman or toy maker and does a beautiful job. I will be ordering mine next week for my 3 young grandsons. Mark lives on County Hwy S just south of Charlies. His phone number is 715-462-4883.

Birthday greetings this week go out to, Ken Woodie on the 15th, & Justin Picchietti on the 19th.

Anniversary wishes are extended to Barb and John Figlewicz who will be celebrating on October 21. Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all.

This is all the news we have for this week. Any information that you may have for the column please send it my way. Your news is what makes it happen. Please send it jonarheim@centurytel.net or call Jim Onarheim at 715-462-4448. Keep your distance and stay safe!