

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

On the morning of October 17 Marilyn Karns left Moose Lake for the last time. She got in her car and headed east to Virginia which is her home. She was born, raised, and went to school out there. She wanted to move back with her family. Prior to leaving she informed me that she had a large amount of furniture that she did not want to move to her new home. She told me that she wanted to donate a good share of her furniture to someone that could really use it. I told her that I would take on the project of moving it from her home on Moose Lake to my storage garage until I found a new home for it. On Saturday October 3rd we held our monthly Moose Lake Improvement Association meeting at Louie's Landing. After our meeting, several board members & myself went to Marilyn's home and started loading my large trailer. After about one hour we had half of the furniture loaded. We moved it to my storage building where it was unloaded. After two more trips over the next two weeks we had it all moved.

I had two people lined up already to receive a few pieces of the furniture. On October 12th I received a call from a good friend of mine by the name of Larry Taylor. Larry gave me the name of two ladies from the LCO Tribal office that may be interested in the remainder of the furniture. I called Rebecca St. Germaine who is involved with the LCO Men's shelter, which is located on Hwy K. Rebecca and Cindy Carmicle who manages the shelter both stopped over to look at the remaining 12 pieces of furniture. Chairs, beds, dressers, tables, and many miscellaneous items were remaining. Rebecca said they could use everything that remained. She said it was like their prayers were answered. The shelter was so in need of items like what Marilyn has given us. Thank you she said!

I can only say Marilyn's wish came true. She just wanted all her donated furniture to go to someone who was really in need of it. What an end for a lady that has given so much to our community over the years. She gave one more time as she walked away from the Moose Lake community. Thanks once again Marilyn.

Open water 2020 fishing season on Moose Lake is coming to end. With the cold temperatures many fishermen have been staying off the water. I have talked to a few fishing guides and they have told me that they have had several guide trips canceled because of the weather. If you look onto the lake you will not find too many boats on the water. The weather forecast is not good for the next 14 days. Yes, sunny skies but colder temperatures than normal.

I talked with our Dam keeper Frank Leuschen last Friday. He informed me that last Sunday morning Oct. 18th, he started to pull our water level down, to the winter level. He started the draw down slow, to give the fish that are in shallow water time to move to deeper water. The other thing this will do is to allow the fish that are below our dam to move to a safer area. Once the extra water starts to flow out the dam, this creates a lot of current. Fish normally do not like to fight the current. I asked Frank if the water flowing out of our dam would make a big difference on the level of the Chippewa Flowage. As most of us know the Flowage is presently down about 4 feet from normal level. Frank informed me that if no water were flowing out of the dam on the Chippewa Flowage our total discharged amount which brings our lake down 5 feet would bring the Flowage up only 6 inches.

On Wednesday, October 14, Joel Miller, Cary McDonald, & Doc Grayson removed all Moose Lake buoys, replacing them with a 4 inch by 16-inch temporary winter float that marks their permanent anchors and chains. Our buoys, 20 in all, are "stewards of the lake" keeping all boaters safe from hazards that are the natural result of a dammed lake where irregular rock and wood contours are flooded. On Sunday, October 18, on a cold and sunny day, volunteers gathered at Dan and Marge McCormick's cabin to scrub and store 11 of those buoys. Many thanks to Dan McCormick, Ron Kvamme, Cary McDonald, Dave Wilttrout, Fred Haak, Jan and Joe Dwyer, Bonnie Miller, and Doc for their dedication. To complete the operation, the first five pulled buoys were cleaned by Joel Miller of the Mystic Moose Resort who every year plays a very crucial in all buoy aspects--thank you very much. The final four buoys stored at Mary Anne Churchill's were scrubbed by Ron, Cary & Doc, and as a result, we are now well prepared for the cold, ice, and snow of winter.

Birthday Greetings for this week are extended out to Kathy Marks on the 22nd, John Everett on the 23rd Patti Stuetgen on the 24th. I was just sent a belated birthday greeting that goes out to Jackie Mann who had her birthday on October 20th. There is only one anniversary this week, wishes go out to Dave and Betty Greene who will be celebrating on October 25th. Happy birthday and Anniversary to everyone.

That is, it for this week. Please send your articles of interest to jonarheim@centurytel.net or call me at 715-462-4448. Mask up and keep your distance everyone, Stay Safe!