

Moose Lake News

Water level on Moose Lake as of Sunday October 25th is down approximately 1.5 feet from our normal summer level. Dam keeper, Frank Leuschen started to lower Moose Lake on Sunday October 18th. There are still a few fishermen trying to catch some fish. My experience from past years has told me, when the water is going down, things really get tough. This is especially true when the weather is this cold. Water temperatures are dropping fast, & this does send a message to the fish. Many of them are trying to find deeper water to live in. I have had some good luck after the water gets to the winter level which is about 5 feet below full pool. I have talked to Joel Miller from Mystic Moose Resort. Joel and I are planning a trip up to the other end of the lake when the water is at the winter level. We do plan on fishing along with checking the anchors that hold our buoys in place. We will keep you informed on how our fishing trip goes.

Several firefighters / EMT'S attended a Tree-stand rescue class at the Bass Lake Fire Department Saturday October 24th. The class was scheduled from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Because of a small attendance we finished early. There were two of us from the Round Lake Fire Dept. and one Round Lake EMT. The purpose of the class was to train as many people as possible so we would have the knowledge to remove someone from a tree-stand safely if they were having a heart while hunting. There were two instructors from WITC that taught the class. Both instructors were from ST. Croix Falls, WI. One is the St. Croix Falls Fire Chief and the other was his Assistant Chief. This class was an excellent experience.

The Moose Lake card playing ladies got together this past Thursday October 22nd for several hands of pinochle at Louie's Landing. Five ladies started at 11:00 AM with lunch and then played cards until 4:00 PM. When things were over, First place was awarded to Carolyn Viertel, 2nd place was won by Pam Musha and last place or the boobie prize went to Joan Taylor.

With this being Fire Prevention month, I must include some more fire prevention information for you. This month we have already had several structure fires in Sawyer County. Remember to test your smoke detectors monthly by pushing the button. Batteries should be changed annually unless the manufacture recommends something different. When you change your clock change your batteries. Daylight savings time ends November 1st. Smoke detectors should be located within 6 feet of each sleeping area or one detector in each sleeping area. Keep them close so you can hear them at night when you are asleep.

Have a family escape plan with a special meeting place outside. Once you are out, stay out. Remember In a fire seconds count. This year's Fire Prevention campaign theme is "Serve Up Fire Safety, in the Kitchen!" This is the theme for National Fire Prevention Week. The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) says Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere,"

LOOK

Look for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

LISTEN

Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

LEARN

Learn two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

In a fire, seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education is not just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of your home. Have everyone in your home take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week / month, to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

While children under 5 and adults over 65 are at the highest risk for injury or death in a fire, people of all ages are vulnerable. In fact, the risk of a nonfatal fire injury is highest for those between 20 and 49, showing that fire safety education is essential for everyone. Additional risk factors include race, socioeconomic status, education level, and geographic location.

The purpose of Fire Prevention Week / month is to bring awareness to the risk of death in case of a fire and provide educational resources to people of all ages, races, and socioeconomic status, to keep everyone safe. Hayward has already had one death from a fire this month.

I have added an address to an excellent fire safety video. Please take time to watch it. Close Before You Doze: See the dramatic, lifesaving difference a door can make during a fire. The video is from the UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute.

Follow <https://www.facebook.com/ULfirefightersafety/videos/151677799111677/>

Birthday greetings this week go out to Mark Snyder, Ryan Turner, Rebekah Taylor & Pat Cease all on Oct. 30th. Courtney Briggs will celebrate on Halloween, Oct. 31. Dorothy Briggs will have her birthday on November 1st. Happy Birthday to all. There are no anniversaries this week.

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 and Stay Safe!