

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

Two friends of mine Lyle Koerner and Tim Buckley both from Eau Claire came up last Wednesday. Lyle and I worked together at the Eau Claire Fire Department for several years. Lyle was our Fire Chief. The two of them met me for breakfast at the Robbins Nest Restaurant on Wednesday morning. I went over a lake map with them and pointed out some fishing spots that I thought, would help them catch walleyes. They tried for Crappies also. They fished along the river channel in about 20 to 25 feet of water, with little luck. They caught a few but the walleyes were small. Lyle told me it was fun and beautiful, because of the fall colors. The colors were at the tail end, but it was very enjoyable 3 days. Even though the fishing was slow they did have an exceptionally good time. They watched many other people fishing near them did not see anyone pulling in very many fish. That is why they did not feel so bad. They said they will be back next year when I can fish with them on Moose. I think next year I will also invite Dave Arbs along. Dave and his wife Donna have lived part time on Moose lake for many years. Dave, Lyle, and I all worked together at the Eau Claire Fire Department for many years. It should be a good time if the three of us should get together.

On Sunday afternoon Oct. 4th many Moose Lakers got together to have a small going away party for Marilyn Kern's. I wrote about Marilyn in last week's article. I wrote about her leaving Moose Lake after living on the lake for so many years, and everything she has done for our little community. The get together was from 2 PM – 4 PM at Louie's Landing. Everyone had a great time. The only thing, it was awfully hard for everyone to say goodbye. Marilyn will be moving back to Virginia next Monday. Her e-mail will remain the same if you want to stay in touch.

This week is **National Fire Prevention Week**. October 4-10th.

“Serve Up Fire Safety, in the Kitchen!” This is the theme for National Fire Prevention Week (NFPA). NFPA, says Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires. Learn important fire safety tips to keep your home and family safe: <https://bit.ly/2SdAkBz> Kick off fire prevention week by testing your smoke alarms and reviewing your family response plans. Roughly half of all home fire deaths occur when everyone is sleeping, between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., says the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA). This week is National Fire Prevention Week, and it is a great time to remind everyone of the life-saving importance of having working smoke alarms. The NFPA, Red Cross and U.S. Fire Administration all recommend installing smoke alarms in every bedroom and one outside each separate sleeping area (for instance, one outside the master bedroom if it's in a different section of the house from the other bedrooms). Additionally, they say, install one on every level of your home – even your basement. Interconnected alarms are the best. When one goes off they all go off.

The NFPA is offering these facts. Home fires killed an average of eight people every day in 2013. Smoking materials are the leading cause of home fire deaths. 25% of home fire deaths were caused by fires that started in the bedroom. Another 25% resulted from fires in the living room, family room or den. 60% of home fire deaths were in homes with either no smoke alarms, or non-working ones. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

Remember the five causes of home fires are as follows. Cooking is the number one cause. Always monitor what you are cooking. Heating is the second cause of home fires. Each year have your furnace inspected and serviced. Clean your chimney each year if you use a wood stove or fireplace. The third leading cause is electrical misuse or from electrical appliance. Smoking material is the fourth cause.

Never smoke in bed. Never leave smoking material on attended. Candles are the fifth leading cause of home fires. Candles should never be left unattended or near open windows where a drapery can be blown into the candle.

Keep in mind that Fire Prevention Week is set aside by the US Government & the National Fire Prevention Association to remind people about Fire Safety. More than 2000 people die in home fires each year. Fires injured more than 11,000 people in 2015 because of over 360,000 home fires that year. Remember to test your smoke detectors monthly by pushing the button. Batteries should be changed annually or follow the manufacturers recommendation. 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.

Birthday greetings this week are sent out to, Ed Metcalf and Rick Schiffer both on Oct. 8th. Gaitlin Gunn on the 9th, Jon Sorenson & Sharon Bratud on the 12th. There is only one wedding anniversary this week. Wishes are extended to Paul and Bonnie Miller on October 12th.

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!