

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

Don't forget the Round Lake Fire Department Friday night Fish Fry Fund Raiser at R & R Bayview Resort and Restaurant. It is this Friday Sept. 13th from 3 PM to 9 PM. R & R Bayview is located at 10630W Twin Bay Rd. Hayward. Take County Rd CC south off County Rd. B about 1 mile to Twin Bay Rd. Take Twin Bay Rd about 1 mile east to the resort. All proceeds from the food will go to the Round Lake Fire Dept. Auxiliary for new equipment purchases for our new Fire Truck.

The Moose Lake Improvement Association board of directors monthly meeting was held last Saturday September 7th at Charlies Restaurant at 9 AM. Mary Ann Churchill was invited to give a report on the annual NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference which she attended. The conference was held in Hayward this past summer. It apparently was a very informative conference with many good speakers from the DNR and other organizations.

The NW Wisconsin Lakes Association looks at our area lakes as treasures and is always looking for ways to protect them. The speakers covered a wide variety of topics including Aquatic Invasive Species (ASI) Fish management by Max Wolter, Loon Ecology and Loon Watch was covered by Barb Sabatke Long Lake Loon Ranger Washburn County. She spoke about these fascinating creatures, including how everyday activities and a changing environment on our lakes are threatening their existence.

Joe Nohner from the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership (MGLP) spoke on Partnering across state lines to help our lakes and Lake Management. The MGLP includes eight states working together to protect, rehabilitate and enhance sustainable fish habitats in our glacial lakes of the Midwest. This is done so we can continue to use and enjoy our lakes for many generations to come.

Mary Ann gave a very good report about the conference. Thank you for representing Moose Lake Improvement Association.

It was reported by Dr. Dave Wiltrout that our Fish Crib project was a big success and he wanted to thank all the volunteers for helping. This project started in 2018 and concluded in August of this year. Hopefully within a few years we will see an improvement with our fish population. These cribs should give our smaller fish more protection and not have them so concentrated in one area especially during the winter.

Doc Grayson reported that the Hazard Buoy removal should take place within the first two weeks of October. Volunteers are needed. More information will be coming on this as we get closer to the time.

Speaking of the buoys. There are several buoys that will need to be replaced soon. Most of our Hazard Buoys are 10 years old and are close to the end of their life. The Adopt a Buoy program that started 10 years ago will continue. If you adopted a buoy initially you will have first chance to continue using the same location with a new buoy for the donation price of \$175.00. Doc Grayson oversees this program.

Doc Grayson also reported that the Moose lake Festival was a great success this year, in fact the biggest it has ever been. The weather played a big part in this. Sunny skies until late in the day with a large attendance. Thanks to all of you for your help. Your hard work, all paid off.

There have been several reports that Northern Pike are showing up in Moose Lake. If you catch a Northern Pike please take a photo of it and e-mail it to me. We are just trying to keep on top of this influx of Pike into our lake.

Fishing has been a little challenging to say the least. A very good friend of mine and I took the 6.5-mile canoe trip down the West Fork last Friday the 6th of September. The fishing was very slow until we got about half-way down to Moose Lake. We then caught a 28-inch musky and several smallmouth bass. It was a beautiful day for a canoe trip and some fishing.

On the following day we fished Moose Lake for about 4 hours. I will say it was the toughest fishing I have ever had on Moose Lake. We did catch a few but it was slow.

Next week Jan will take my spot with writing the Moose Lake News. I have one more final trip to NW Ontario for 12 days of fishing. When I get back I have a very good story about one of our Moose Lake residents who flew his own Float Plane to what use to be called the Northwest Territories or about 200 miles NW of Hudson Bay. It will be an interesting story.

Birthday wishes this week, go out to Jerome Johnson on the 12th, Ann Berlage on the 13th, Nancy Frisbee the 14th & Ryan Ross on Sept. 15th.

Anniversaries this week there is only two. Anniversary wishes, go out to Rich and Lori Good on the 16th and Eric & Kristy Licciardi on the 18th of September.

I must apologize we missed wishing Tom & Mary Steinmetz a Happy Anniversary last week. Their anniversary was Sept. 9th.

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 so I can include it in the column. 715-462-4448 or jonarheim@centurytel.net Have a great week & Stay safe!

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