

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

Activity on Moose Lake this summer was fantastic. Reports from the area resort owners & private vacation home rentals owners have been, incredibly positive. Joel Miller from Mystic Moose Resort told me that this is the best year they had since they took over. They thought their first year in the business was great, but this year will keep them busy way into October with many cabin, boat, and pontoon rentals.

Virgin Timber Resort reports that September was a fabulous month along with the entire summer being above average. Tammy stated that they have a lot of ATV riders still coming to the resort this fall along with fisherman. They invite anyone to stop in, even if it is just to relax and visit for a while.

The bar and restaurant owners have had a good year also. Jack at Louie's Landing said it was good year despite having limited seating that they had to adhere to.

I think with people being very limited on their activities this year, including the Canadian border being closed, and people not able to go a Cruise Ships this had a lot to do with the increase in business in the Hayward area. Many people that have businesses in downtown have commented about the excellent year they have had also.

For some of you that want your town back I am sure it will slow down within the next month. Deer Hunting will be coming upon us in November along with Thanksgiving. Then people will start to think about Christmas and New Year. The one thing about tourism, this is what keeps the Hayward area financially healthy. Hayward has been a tourist destination spot for many years.

A large amount of the .5% sales tax that comes back to the County helps keep our property taxes down along with the thousands of dollars that tourism generates for the area. Thousands of people in this part of the state rely on the tourism dollar for their income. I love it up here and would not trade it for anything.

Eight ladies played pinochle last Thursday at Louie's Landing. The ladies met at 11:30 to decide what they were going to eat for lunch and place their orders. They then got into some serious card playing only to stop to eat their lunch when it was served.

After a few hours of card playing, and when everything was tallied the winner was one of our new Moose Lake residents, Joanie Linahon who has beautiful home on Pine Point Rd. Joanie is new pinochle player. The, ladies are all happy for her. Margie McCormick took second place and the boobie prize went to Carolyn Viertel, she won all the dimes.

I can never figure it out, why they call it a boobie prize when the only place is last, that wins money. I would love to come in last every time if I am going to win money. I guess I never will be a pinochle player.

Fishing on Moose Lake was starting to pick up, but then this past week it dropped off again. I talked to several friends of mine and they had a rough time on the walleyes and crappies this past week. This past weekend should have been the tenth annual Youth Musky Hunt but because of Covid-19 Kevin Bushnick

felt it was best to cancel the event. He said it is best to be safe instead of taking a chance. Next year we should be back either on Moose or Big Round Lake for the event.

Speaking of fishing I am sure elsewhere in this paper you can find the story & results of the PMTT Musky Tournament. This event was held last weekend on the Chippewa Flowage. I do know two local fisherman Ty Sennett and his brother Tait Sennett took second place. You can also go to the PMTT face Book page for the results. PMTT stands for Professional Musky tournament Trail. This is the Granddaddy of them all in the United States. Please check it out.

The Round Lake Fire Department would like to Thank Lonnie Hillman of Hillman's grocery store for allowing us to put up a DNR Smokey Bear Fire Danger Sign on his property. The exposure that this sign will get in one week will be fantastic. This sign is located on County Highway B on the North side of the highway in front of Hillman's Store. I sign will keep you informed on the most current level of fire danger in our area. Presently the fire danger in LOW.

Several people have asked me when my birthday is. They have commented that they have never seen it in the Moose Lake news. I said it is not proper to wish myself a happy birthday. I will just answer their question one time for these few people, my birthday is Oct 1st. I guess we got through that. I will wish Kathy McCoy a Happy Birthday on Oct 2nd, Michelle Koehler on the 3rd, Dan Ogren the 4th, George Duewerth on the 5th & Jim Martin on October 6th.

Anniversary wishes this week are extended out to just one couple, Dan & Marge McCormick on October 7th. Happy anniversary.

That is, it for this week. Please send your articles of interest to jonarheim@centurytel.net or call me at 715-462-4448. Stay Safe everyone. Jim Onarheim