

Moose Lake News

By Jim Onarheim

As many of you have noticed, our summer is slipping away very quickly. We just had our Moose Lake Fire Fest and now we are looking at Labor Day weekend which is just around the corner. This year's Moose Lake Improvement association annual meeting was canceled because of severe weather. Our main speaker at the meeting was going to be Mike Dombeck. He was going to share insights about our local national forest plan. The MLIA knew that Mike's presentation was going to be remarkably interesting, so they came up with the idea of Mike giving his special presentation on Labor Day weekend, Saturday August 30th. Mike's presentation will be held at Christina's Y-Pines at 9:00 AM. Please mark it on your calendar.

A Moose Lake native and resident, Mike will give a 20-minute overview of the Chequamegon National Forest and upcoming projects in our area – covering the following.

- What is going to happen to our forest in the future?
- Why these changes are being made.
- How you can get involved in managing our National Forest.

Mike's talk, "The Moose-Two Axe Project Plans: What's Happening on the National Forest in Our Backyard," will provide valuable, practical information for anyone who cares about the future of our forest. We know you will enjoy the information that he will provide. We hope to see you there!

On this week's Pod Cast episode of John Myhre's Northland Bass'in #9 John and Ken Milender speak with pro bass tournament angler Matt Stefan. They will have many great bass fishing tips and valuable information that Matt uses while fishing in tournaments. Tune in for some valuable fishing information. Go to wnoradio.com or go to northlandbassin.podbean.com

This past weekend I saw several people from the Moose Lake area working or just visiting the Sawyer County Fair. I spent most of the afternoon last Friday and Sunday at the fair. I volunteered to work at the 4-H Ice Cream food stand. This is where the Sawyer County 4-H members can make money to support their area projects. The weather was extremely comfortable on both days, which brought out a nice crowd for the horse activities in the afternoon and the small rodeo that started at 7 PM on Friday. On Sunday there were horse activities in the morning and at 1 PM Figure 8 and 5 turn Dirt Track Racing followed by the Demo Derby.

The Rice Rodeo Company put on the Bulls and Barrels event Friday evening. This event brings back a lot of memories for me. During the Bull riding Sawyer County Record's News Reporter

Terrell Boettcher took some photos of the Bull Riding. You normally can always get some good photos of the Brahma Bull riding. They can be very unpredictable because of their strength and not knowing what they are going to do next. Terrell told me that two of the rodeo contestants from a previous rodeo are in the hospital because of injuries they received from two of these bulls. They had to miss this rodeo because of their injuries. Yes, a Brahma Bull is nothing to fool around with.

Another event that you may see at some of the other rodeos is bareback bronc riding or a horse that is trained to buck a rider off without wearing a western saddle. Because of my past experience they can also be an incredibly challenging to ride.

When I was in my 20's I rode in many rodeos on a part time basis. I traveled throughout the Midwest every weekend trying to challenge myself against a 3000 lb. bull or a 1200 – 1500 pound horse.

I have participated in both events Brahma bull riding and bare back bronc riding. I traveled as far west as Newcastle Wyoming but most of the time I spent my time riding in Minnesota and Wisconsin. At one rodeo I had drawn the world Champion Brahma bull. His name was Colonel B. In 1967 this bull was the best of the best. He was selected to go to the World Championship competition in Las Vegas where he threw off the Cowboy who was crowned the world champion bull rider for 1967, Larry Mahan.

Yes, as far as my ride on Colonel B the World Champion Brahma Bull for 1967, I lasted 3 seconds of an 8 second qualified ride. This was the most powerful bull I have ever been on. Luckily in my 8- year rodeo career I only broke one bone in my body which was in my R. arm. I still to this day, have a problem with my range of motion in my right arm. It was fun but very challenging. The memories will always be there. I will never forget that ride.

Birthday greetings this week go to Rudy Seeger on the 21st of August, John Myhre on the 22nd, Jodi Hotvet and Jane Galles also have their birthdays on the 22nd. Bill O'brien on the 24th, Tommy Briggs and Christopher Seeger on the 25th Janet Bajek on the 26th, Zanna McFerson on the 27th, Jim Manning and Tom McFerson both on the 28th of August. Mike Williams will have his birthday on the 29th, Jan Stapleton and Jean Lair both have birthdays on the 30th of the month. In the month of September Christine Henschel and Koki Williams both have birthdays on the 1st. Gary Hostetler, Jane Bidwell, and Amanda Brug (Cole) on the 3rd of the month. Happy Birthday to all of you.

Anniversary wishes this week are extended to Tom and Chris Jablonski and Dave and Marilyn (Snook) Sanders both couples have their anniversary on the 20th. Dean and Penny Broberg & Fred and Joan Taylor both on the 21st, Ric and Jon Miller on the 27th John and Janice Levis on the

28th, Duff and Denise Melhus and Kari and Dave Slotten both on the 29th of August. Happy Anniversary to all of you.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy your week with beautiful weather, wonderful comfortable temperatures, and possibly some moisture in the forecast. Please send your items of interest to my new e-mail address emta984@gmail.com or call my landline at 715-462-4448 or my cell at 715-577-8880. Moose Lake Improvement association website is <http://mliahaywardwi.org> The Town of Round Lake Web site is <https://www.townofroundlakewi.org> and the Round Lake Fire Department website is <https://townofroundlakefire-rescue.org> JO.