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Explore Music! Kids Camp day camp registration now open



School is out, but the learning has just begun at the Lakes Area Music Festival. Audiences of all ages will find numerous opportunities to experience music and the arts in a new way through the programs of the 2019 season this August. As part of the Festival event

lineup, registration is now open for Explore Music!, the Festival's annual week long day camp for students entering grades 1 through 5. Now in its eighth year, the program will take place July 29 through August 2, from 9 a.m. to noon at Washington Educational building in Brainerd. Participants will learn about music and the arts through numerous creative outlets including movement, dance, singing and playing instruments – all while exercising their creative muscles through guided improvisation.

The program often fills to capacity well in advance and early registration is encouraged. Need-based scholarships are available by contacting Brainerd Community Education.

This invigorating musical exploration will be led by Alexander Peña, a classical musician and teaching artist now on faculty at the 'olani School in Honolulu, along with his team of teachers from Chicago and New York. "The Lakes Area Music Festival understands the importance of inspiring our youth and is committed to music educa-

tion. Explore Music! provides Lakes Area children and their families an unparalleled week of orchestral-music exploration through the lens of engaging activities in theater arts, instrumental study, visual arts, movement, voice and more," Peña said.

At the end of the camp, participants will have a chance to share what they have discovered by participating in a special performance preceding the Lakes Area Music Festival's family concert on Sunday, August 4 at 2 p.m. This concert, titled I

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Pottery, photography a nature collaboration



Clay basket by Butch Holden.

Where does an artist find inspiration? For Butch Holden it comes from his continual fascination with the similarities of gardening and ceramics. Holden's pottery and digital paintings will be featured at Ripple River Gallery near Bay Lake, June

12 through July 14. The gallery will host a reception for the artist on Friday evening, June 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend, enjoy refreshments and view Holden's work.

"My art is about looking in different directions and reacting by making a pot, a painting or a photograph," Holden said. "When I garden, I am manipulating all sorts of variables — soil, location, timing, temperature, water — all in the hopes of achieving a thriving plant. Pottery making is incredibly similar. I manipulate all sorts of variables — minerals, temperature, timing, water, location in the kiln — all in the hopes of achieving a desirable ceramic outcome."

While the goal of both gardening and art making is a colorful and meaningful outcome, natural surprises and setbacks can occur. Holden approaches his work with optimism. "Patience, knowledge and work fuels my optimism. My photographs of plants and pots are hybrids of what I feel are collaborations with nature."

Butch Holden has a Bachelor of Arts degree in art from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in ceramics from Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. He taught drawing and ceramics at Mount Senario College and currently is a Professor Emerita at Bemidji State University, where he has taught since

1983. Holden has exhibited in local, regional and national competitions, and also has had many solo exhibitions. In addition to having juried many shows, he has served on numerous art grant panels.

He lives, works and gardens at his home in Bemidji, MN.

Ripple River Gallery is located five miles south of Deerwood on Highway 6, then 3 miles east of Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge on County Road 14 to Partridge Avenue. For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail rippleverriversgallery@gmail.com.

Pickleball

Whether new or experienced, you are invited to play pickleball from 9 a.m. until noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. The cost is \$22.00 for a day (\$2.00 for day pass and \$20.00 for a pickleball t-shirt), \$30.00 for a month (\$15.00 for a monthly pass and \$15.00 for a pickleball t-shirt) or a season pass for \$55.00 (this includes a pickleball t-shirt.) Registration not required, just show up at the Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge tennis courts. For more information, contact Ron Mogen, u-equity@usa.net.



The 'Purple One

Cherrywood Fabrics of Brainerd manufactures hand-dyed fabric. It chose The Purple One, Minnesota's late musician Prince, as the subject for its latest Fiber Art Contest. Contestants had to use five prescribed fabrics in their works, which they could supplement with other fabrics and embellishments such as ribbons, sequins, beads, etc. Fiber artists created 388 entries of 20-inch pieces made entirely by hand. The collection being exhibited is one of three that highlights the most outstanding works made by people from all over the world. The exhibit can be seen at the Crossing Arts Alliance in downtown Brainerd through June 8 (10-5 Friday and 10-2 Saturday). It will reappear at the Pine Tree Patchworkers Quilt Show on June 21 and 22 at the curling club at 13th Avenue Southeast in Brainerd. That show is open from 10-4 and the Brainerd Lakes Curling Club is located at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. Ann Schwartz photo

Explore Music! Kids Camp | Continued from Page 1



Got Rhythm, is designed to entertain audiences of all ages and will feature

conductor Edwin Outwater leading an orchestra of world-class artists in familiar

pieces like Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and Gershwin's American in Paris. Like all concerts presented by the Festival, the family concert is presented free of charge ensuring complete access to any person or family interested in attending.

Explore Music! is co-sponsored by Brainerd Community Education with support from the Twin Cities Opera Guild. To register, visit the LAMF website, lakesareamusic.org/explore or sign up through Brainerd Community Education.

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Ongoing Events:

AA - Aitkin - 322 1st Ave. NE 218-927-6240 Sun. Women's Meeting 5:30, Mon. Step Study 7:00pm Open, Tue. Big Book Discussion Meeting 6:30pm Open, Open Meeting 8:00pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9am.

AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.

Aitkin IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm

Aitkin Lions meet on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm at the Aitkin Forty Club restaurant. Call 218-839-3954 for more info.

Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting

Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!

Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m.

Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm

"Ask An Attorney" Workforce Center - 20-3rd St. NE, Aitkin, 4th Tuesday of month at noon

Pre-registration required call 218-723-4005

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.

Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-927-1383.

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.

Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Ave. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex. Social begins at 5:30pm followed by Dinner/Meeting at 6:00pm. We are very involved in community events and would love to have you join us. If you would like to come to a meeting and see what we do or going to be doing, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165 and let me know by the Thursday before our meeting.

Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.

Emily Community Care N Share is serving meals on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at the Wesleyan Church, Highway 6, Emily

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf (Emily) First Wednesday of the month for produce and bakery only, 9:30 - 11:00 am. Third Wednesday distribution 9:30 - 11:00 am, followed by Thursday distribution 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Enter from south door.

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

Food Shelf (Jacobson) Carmel Lutheran Church 60346 240th Ave, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 4 - 6 pm

Food Shelf (McGregor) 45898 Hwy 65 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month 9 am - Noon

Garrison Fire Auxilliary meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.

Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, Mon. 5:30 pm in Pequot Lakes, for more info call Brett 651-270-5648 or facebook/Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal sponsored by ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6), 218-768-2340 for more info.

McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.

National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland Chapter #122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark. 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin, MN

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanice.com.

Overeaters Anonymous 9:30am at Aitkin Library, 7:00pm at 112 1st Ave SW - house next to New Life Church. Everyone is welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12 step program fashioned after AA. Not a diet club, no dues or fees or weigh-ins. For more info: OA.org, or call meeting contact Cheryl at 770-576-5984.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

Pickleball 9 a.m. - noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge. For more information, contact Ron Mogen, u-eq-uity@usa.net.

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmø Evangelical Free Church, Malmø & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmø. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

TOPS Iron-ton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information.

Weight Watchers (now called WW) meets at Hallett Center in Crosby every Wednesday at 5:45 pm.

Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information call 218-820-9725.

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

June

8th - Crossing Arts Alliance Worldwide Knit in Public Day 11-3 in downtown Brainerd. The event will be held in the parking lot on Laurel Street, next to Sage restaurant. There is no fee to join, just come out and enjoy the company of other fiber workers. In the case of rain, knitters are invited to join us at The Crossing Arts Alliance classroom at 711 Laurel St from 1 - 3pm. For more information contact The Crossing Arts Alliance at 218-833-0416 or visit crossingarts.org

8th - Crossing Arts Kids art 10:00 - 11:30 and 12:00 - 1:30 Pre-registration is required, space is limited. A \$3 per child/\$5 per family materials donation is requested but no child will be turned away due to need. Featured Member Artist, Karen Smith, 10- noon. The Prince Cherrywood Challenge exhibit is on display in the gallery All activities are held at The Crossing Arts Alliance at Seven One One Laurel Street in downtown Brainerd. Call 218-833-0416 or visit crossingarts.org for more information.

8th - 2nd Annual Legends of the Road Classic Car Show at Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge in Deerwood noon - 4 p.m. 8th - Woodtick Races at the Woodtick Inn in downtown Cuyuna. For more information call 218-772-0252.

8th - Vigilant Guardians Motorcycle Club Until Valhalla Run' 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Registration at the Midway Bar in Crosby.

9th - Cuyuna Off-Road Triathlon. Paddle, Shred & Tread the Red. Visit www.ci.12.mn.us/elementary/CRES_PTO.

9th - Meal with a Mission Fundrasier for the Cuyuna Range Youth Center in Crosby at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby at 10 a.m.

11th - Teens (ages 13-18) will have a blast with making cosmic bath bombs at East Central Regional Library Aitkin starting at 2:30 p.m. Each participant will be able to make and take home at least 2 bath bombs. Essential oils will be used, so please note any allergies at registration. The library is located at 110 First Ave. NE in downtown Aitkin and can be reached at 218-927-2339.

11th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning: The Most Magical Birdin the World: the Common Loon, Heartwood Senior Living Community, Crosby, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

13th - Music in the Park 5 - 8 p.m. Admission is free at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake sponsored by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Call 218-546-8131 for more details.

14th - Salute to the Arts exhibit opening reception 5 - 7 pm. Wine and refreshments will be served. Michelle Sakry-Winkleman will play piano during the event. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. Admission fee is \$5 for Crossing Arts members, \$10 for non-members. This signature exhibit is sponsored by Riverwood Financial. The Crossing Arts Alliance, located at 711 Laurel St in downtown Brainerd.

14th & 15th - Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge Beer and Bacon Bonanza Friday night includes live pig races, movie Footloose (rated PG) Saturday includes Beer / Bacon Games, Craft Beer Tasting, PIGnic and Tail Gunners in Concert



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Saturday, July 13

9 pm - Terri Clark
7 pm - David Ball
5 pm - Shane Martin
4 pm - Gates Open

Friday, July 12

9 pm - Kentucky Headhunters
7 pm - Head East
5 PM - Rock-A-Billy Revue
4 pm - Gates Open



Go “Whole Hog” at Ruttger’s Bay Lake Lodge! Beer and Bacon Bonanza is back

Two of the world’s most delicious things collide in one zany weekend when Ruttger’s Bay Lake Lodge hosts the third annual Beer and Bacon Bonanza June 14 and 15. The event is open to the public.

This weekend-long celebration of bacon and beer includes live pig races, a craft beer sampling featuring beers from 15 area and regional craft breweries, a pig feast (a PIGNic), a concert from Tail Gunners, a special Moonlight Movie Night Showing of “Footloose” starring Kevin BACON, and a collection of whacky fun and games, including a pork belly flop contest, a Mr. Bacon pageant and pig races, and a beer and bacon mile relay.

“There will be a lot of bacon and beer. I mean a lot a lot,” Ruttger’s President Chris Ruttger said. “It will not be a great weekend to be a vegetarian or on a diet, but it’ll be worth every calorie.”

Beer and Bacon Bonanza Schedule of Events

- Friday, June 14**
- Live Pig Races 5 p.m. | \$5 for adults/\$2 for kids
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Guest Opinion – Crosby creates sewer district woes

By KELLY AVELSGARD, Concerned Observer

At a May 23rd Serpent Lake Sanitary Sewer District meeting the tension was palpable. Under threats from MNDOT and duress from the city of Crosby, the board unanimously voted to accept a bid to move forward on the Hwy 6 tunnel project. The members continued to express concern over the process and the highly unusual time constraint the district has been given to make such a major financial decision.

The sewer district is not accustomed to quick, risky, ultimatum situations, when making their financial decisions. They will now have to budget for the tunnel and catastrophic events in case the main breaks and causes damage to the tunnel, this is not a one-time expense and the citizens will continue to pay.

Without any input since 2017, when the district informed the parties of this project, the sewer force main was present. The district rightfully so, must be diligent in their efforts. This is not and was not a part of the district budget plan and will add budgeting concerns for years to come.

The sewer force main has been along Hwy. 6 for 32 years, and MNDOT was aware of its placement. In the interest of cooperation, MNDOT allowed Crosby’s engineer to plan and lay the project out and both Crosby and their engineer pled

ignorant to the sewer main location. MNDOT sends a threatening letter stating the main will be moved regardless and the cost could be billed back to the district. The district is in a lose, lose situation that is a direct result of incompetence of the Crosby city administrator and mayor.

In January of 2019, the sewer district was told they would have to move the force main at full expense to the district. The district did the right thing and said no.

Crosby then promised, if the district would participate, they would virtually guarantee IRRRB funds in the amount of \$120,000 — a false promise because funding is not guaranteed.

The bid the sewer district voted on was in the amount of \$226,493.50. The Mayor of Crosby falsely stated the sewer district has healthy reserves and should not have to incur any costs to the project.

Crosby too has healthy reserves and should pay for the entire project individually.

Crosby has left multiple legitimate questions unanswered or ignored and the district is concerned.

- Why, when knowledge the force main was an issue in 2017 and in place for 32 years, was the tunnel located in this place creating this issue?

- Why, when a location 300 ft. north of the proposed location ties the tunnel in with

a multi-use purpose, including snowmobiles, ATV’s, and UTV’s not considered?

- Why was a bridge not presented as an option?

At an earlier meeting, one Crosby representative on the sewer district embarrassed themselves by prematurely asking the board to praise, thank and appreciate the efforts of the mayor and city administrator for the time and effort they have shown to this project — obviously not able to understand the dire circumstances Crosby placed the district in.

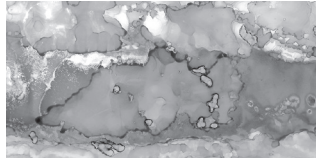
In the financial interests of Crosby, the tunnel plan has been modified to no longer include lighting or cameras as an original agreement with MNDOT indicated.

The sewer district has every right to question and fight this project, as people of the community and with the community’s interests in mind they are struggling with dealing with Crosby and it’s current leadership — who once again has shown, it won’t be transparent, won’t be inclusive, and can’t be trusted.

Crosby needs to wake up quickly, deal with their own problems, stop bullying other cities and entities and realize — the end does not justify the means.

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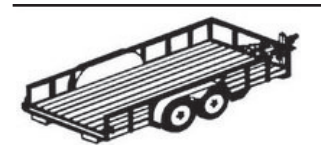
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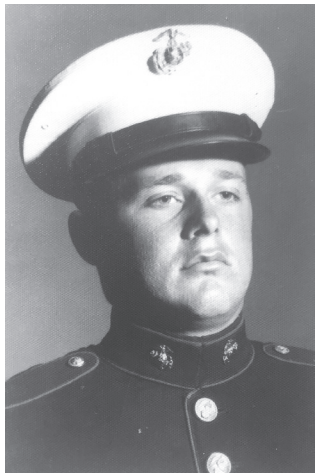
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50 years ago Marine pinned down by Vietnamese gunfire...



Bob Lake today with a map of where he served in Vietnam, near the demilitarized zone.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
Healing comes in many ways. Flung into heated battle in the Vietnam War at a young age is something that Bob Lake, 70, Aitkin, has taken a lifetime trying to heal from.



Lake's official Marine portrait. They are advised not to smile.

Part of the healing process involved members of the American Beauty Marine Reconnaissance team visiting a war memorial at the Apostle Islands. The trip was chronicled by the American

Heroes Outdoors show and broadcast in May. The video can be watched at <http://americanheroesoutdoors.com/team-american-beauty-story/>. [American Heroes Outdoors is in the process of changing their website, so if the link doesn't work try searching for American Heroes Outdoors, Bob Lake].

The show chronicles how Bob and a fellow American Beauty team member took a fishing trip on Lake Superior and then visited a memorial that the Allen family had established on an island in memory of Merlin Raye Allen, who was shot down in Vietnam.

While there, they raised flags and dedicated a ceremony to the members of the American Beauty unit. The battle was chronicled on the TV show; in a book and in an issue of Vietnam magazine which was published in August 2003. It was all classified as "secret" at the time and in later years was declassified and Lake obtained the written

records.

"I wouldn't wish for anyone to do what I did," said Lake. The experience turned him off from war and he wonders why he survived and others didn't. "I do attend a group through the VA for my post-traumatic stress disorder," he said.

In 1969, only 24 men, many of whom were inexperienced, were dropped behind enemy lines amongst a battalion of 1,200 enemy soldiers. They spent two days shooting and getting shot at, lobbing and dodging hand grenades, getting wounded, and, for some, getting killed. All left ragged and spent with shrapnel or bullet wounds and they killed a prisoner of war in the process.

Lake went on to teach students at Aitkin. "I taught students under the guise of agriculture," he said. He was especially drawn to troubled students who were struggling because he could identify with them.

"I was a rascal when I was young."

He later returned to Aitkin and taught, farmed, was active with the State Fair Board and is now frequently invited to give the Memorial Day address in Aitkin. In 2001, he was awarded a Purple Heart.

Lake and his wife Sharon, a retired teacher, have two grown children and six grandchildren. Son Ryan and his wife Molly (Cummings) live in the Twin Cities. Ryan, a designer, works on exhibit booths for such firms as Target and the couple has three daughters.

Lake's daughter Shauna married Josh Heggem, who is a lawyer. They live in Fergus Falls and Shauna teaches English at Battle Lake. The couple has three boys.

In 1985, when Lake found out, through an article in Good Housekeeping, that one of those killed on the mission was a stepson of the actor Jimmy Stewart, it really got to him and he had somewhat of a breakdown reliving all the bad memories.

Taking trips such as the one to Apostle Islands help, but Lake still struggles, trying to understand the Vietnam War and the losses that he witnessed.

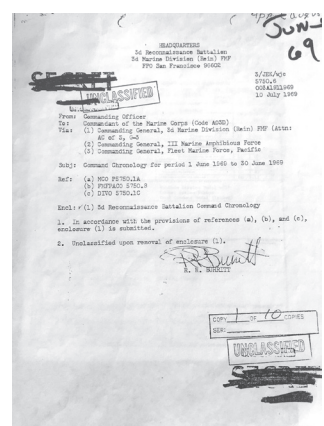
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Bob Lake (back left) with his recon team. Three of the guys didn't make it out alive. Photos courtesy of Bob Lake



Lake (right) and other Marines with enemy souvenirs after battle. Psychological warfare engaged in includes Americans leaving the Ace of Spades death card on the foreheads of enemy soldiers. Bicycle playing cards made special decks. The North Vietnamese taunted the Americans by distributing weird Christmas cards and with pamphlets aimed at blacks to stir up racial hatred.



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