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Harvest slot relaxed for fall walleye fishing on Mille Lacs

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Mille Lacs Lake walleye anglers now have a relaxed harvest slot for walleye fishing which began Thursday, Sept. 1.

As announced in March of this year, the one-fish walleye limit will resume on Mille Lacs on Sept. 1. In an expansion of the harvest slot, anglers will be able to harvest one walleye 20-23 inches or one longer than 26 inches, with fishing allowed from 6 a.m. to midnight. The original walleye harvest slot for fall fishing on Mille Lacs this year was one fish 21-23 inches or one longer than 28 inches.

"Given the current size structure of Mille Lacs' walleye population, this regulation change will meaningfully increase the amount of wall-

eye available for anglers to harvest," said Brad Parsons, fisheries section manager for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "Catch rates may not improve this season, but there will be a better chance to keep a fish."

The recent lower catch rate of walleye in Mille Lacs Lake is less a reflection of the number of walleye in the lake than it is how hungry those fish are. The number of walleye longer than 14 inches has been similar each year from 2020 to 2022. But an abundance of yellow perch from a strong 2020 year class has created more natural food for walleye, which consequently are not as willing to bite on anglers' baits.

Each year, the state and the eight Ojibwe bands that

Lake Mille Lacs establish a safe harvest level for walleye in Mille Lacs Lake. That total is split between the state and bands.

The DNR sets regulations to keep the harvest within the state's share based on projections using recent data. If actual conditions differ substantially from the projections, the number of walleye

have treaty fishing rights on taken can be lower or higher than expected.

> "We're seeing that this year," Parsons said. "With actual state angler catch rates and harvest significantly lower than expected, we're adjusting the regulation to provide more opportunity without significant risk to the long-term sustainability of Mille Lacs' walleye population."

Regulations for all other species remain unchanged. Walleye regulations for the winter season, which begins Thursday, Dec. 1, will be announced in November.

Information explaining DNR fisheries management and research, citizen engagement and Mille Lacs area recreation opportunities is available on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/Mille LacsLake.

Stump Trophy stays in Aitkin

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Football season.. gotta love it. You start the first game of the season under the hot sun, sweating in shorts. By the last game you are huddled under blankets blinking away snowflakes.

Crosby-Ironton's offense was pretty much non-existent as the Aitkin Gobblers defeated the Crosby-Ironton Rangers 34 to 0 on September 1. The first game of the season was played on Atkins Veterans Field and The Stump Trophy now remains in Aitkin for another year.

rushed for nearly 225 yards and scored four touchdowns. The Gobblers led 16-0 at halftime and went on to rack

up 18 more points in the second half.

A party atmosphere permeated the evening with a pre-game cookout at the field. The bleachers were packed with fans from both teams.



Martin Henke shows how hot it was on the field and shows off the Stump Trophy, in the possession of Aitkin for another vear. Jason Henke photo



Aitkin's Jacob Williams



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Extension of free nursing assistant training program in Minnesota



On Sept. Thursday. Sept. 1, Governor Tim Walz announced a \$2.4 million investment to continue Minnesota's free nursing assistant training program. The Next Generation Nursing Assistant initiative provides Minnesotans with free training, books, uniforms, and covers the cost of the certification exam. The initiative has so far recruited and trained 1,370 Minnesotans, strengthening the state's health care workforce pipeline.

"By bolstering our health care workforce and providing pathways to life-long careers, this initiative continues to benefit Minnesotans in the short- and long-term. I'm proud to invest in a program that strengthens our health care workforce, eliminates barriers to entry into high-demand careers, and supports the health of our state," said Governor Walz. "The success of this program is a testament to Minnesota's ability to collaboratively address complex problems."

According to employment data from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, nursing assistants are the sixth highest demand job in the state. The COVID-19 pandemic only exacerbated the need for qualified nursing assistants. This initiative invests in the future health of our state by providing trained workers who will fill vacant positions at hospitals, long-term care facilities, and veterans' homes throughout Minnesota.

"We are continuing to build our long-term care workforce, so that Minnesota families can continue to rely on talented, highly qualified nursing assistants to provide critical care for their loved ones. Thank you to the Minnesotans who are taking advantage of this initiative and providing quality care for their communities," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "I am grateful for the leadership of Commissioner Olson and the collaboration among our partners in hospitals, long-term care facilities, and higher education to creatively address this critical need."

In December 2021 Governor Tim Walz set a goal for the state to recruit and train 1,000 new nursing assistants. The State of Minnesota surpassed this goal in less than three months. The initial investment was made with Federal American Recovery Plan funds. The \$2.4 million investment announced today comes from the state's COVID-19 Management Appropriation fund.

Achieving that goal required a public-private partnership of state agencies, higher education institutions, and long-term care providers. This work is led by Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) Commissioner Dennis Olson.

"I am incredibly proud of this initiative's success, and look forward to continuing the work," OHE Commissioner Dennis Olson said. "This work not only breaks down financial barriers to postsecondary education, connecting more Minnesotans with the skills they need to start a new career, it bolsters our workforce pipeline and supports the state's health-

care industry. This initiative is truly a new model for how we can invest in workers and the economy while filling vacancies in high-need career areas."

"The Next Generation Nursing Assistant program is symbolic of how responsive our colleges and universities are when meeting critical workforce needs in Minnesota," said Devinder Malhotra, chancellor of Minnesota State. "I am very grateful for the hard work of our faculty, our staff, and our students. We deeply appreciate the leadership of Commissioner Olson and our partnership with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education that made the success of this program possible."

The new funding will allow the Next Generation Nursing Assistant initiative to run until February 2023.

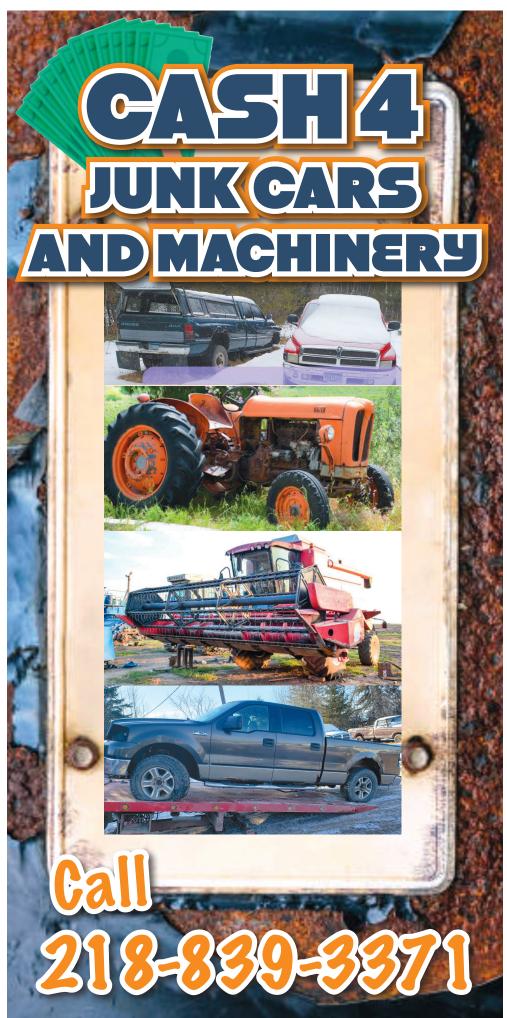
What partner organizations and the health care industry are saying about this investment:

"With unprecedented numbers of vacant nursing assistant positions throughout the long-term care sector, we are pleased to hear there will be additional funding for no barrier, nursing assistant training via this initiative," Patti Cullen, president and CEO, Care Providers of Minnesota said. "We need to do all we can to prepare the next generation of professional caregivers to meet the increasing demands of Minnesota's aging population. We look forward to working with the Administration to ensure that newly certified nursing assistants find meaningful employment in Minnesota's nursing facilities and assisted living facilities."

"Over 4,000 USW represented health care workers in Minnesota are invigorated by Governor Walz's investment in improving care in our state by bolstering the ranks of qualified nursing assistants," said United Steelworkers District 11 Director Emil Ramirez. "Providing education and opportunities for the next generation of union health care workers will have important, long-term benefits for all of us."

"SEIU members provide essential services every day to keep Minnesotans safe and healthy," said Brenda Hilbrich, Executive Vice President of SEIU Healthcare Minnesota & Iowa. "Even before COVID, this work was challenging and too often under appreciated. It has become even harder with the ongoing staffing shortages. Frontline healthcare workers with our Union appreciate Governor Walz taking executive action to step in and take action to help bring nursing assistants into our field."

Available courses can be found on the OHE website. Those interested in enrolling in the free training are encouraged to check back often as new courses will continue to be added as they are made available. Courses will be offered throughout the state, in-person and hybrid, on Minnesota State campuses and at many private training providers.







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Rollover seriously injures toddler

A three-year-old McGregor boy suffered life-threatening injuries in a one-vehicle rollover on Labor Day.

The Minnesota State Patrol reported Ernest Roy Vendermey was flown to Children's Minnesota Hospital in St. Paul after the vehicle he was in rolled over at 12:43 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5.

Sally Ann Vandermey, 31 of McGregor, was driving a 2006 GMC Sierra west on Highway 210 near 230th Avenue, according to the state patrol. The vehicle was pulling a Bobcat when it lost control, entered the north ditch and came to a rest on its roof.

Sally Vandermey and the other passenger, infant Elsy

Beck Vandermey, suffered non-life-threatening injuries. All three people were wearing seat belts, the state patrol reported, but the vehicle's airbag did not deploy.

The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, McGregor Fire and Ambulance and North Memorial Health Air Care assisted at the scene.

Man drowned at summer camp

A 30-year-old man from Hutchinson drowned at a youth summer camp near Brainerd on Labor Day.

At approximately 1:37 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office responded to Northstar Camp, located at 11287

Eagleview Drive in Brainerd, with the group, was able on the report that a staff member from a school in southern Minnesota that was with a group of students on a weekend retreat, had gone underwater.

Upon arrival, Deputies learned a student, who was

to retrieve Alan Garcia and attempted to administer life-saving measures. Garcia was transported to Essentia Health - St Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd, where he was later pronounced deceased.

Deerwood Motel closed for reno



Karin and Tony Nelson of Deerwood are now the new owners of the Deerwood Motel. The motel will be closed for a couple months, while the Nelson's make renovations and updates to the 1960's era building.

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it to hopper@crosbyironton.net, along with your name, city and a description of the photo. We also accept news and community events. And who knows, you may see your submission next week in the NewsHopper!

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September

10th - Smoke on the Range at the Deerstand in Deerwood. Cash prizes, trophies, live music by Mudcat Melby, meat raffle, delicious ribs and more! Call 218-534-9253 to register or for more info.

- 10th Cuyuna Range Youth Center back-to-school dance, 6-10pm. Do Help Wanted Ad ors open at 5pm. Admission is \$3 and includes door prizes and food.
- 12th Unlimited Learning "Pipes of Power: The cultural and historical significance of the sacred pipes" program, 1:30pm at the Crosby-Ironton High School Forum Room The fee is \$5 for non-members, and it's free for members. For more information, contact Sally Ihne at sihne@charter.net or call 218-829-2544.
- 13th Ripple River Quilters Garage Sale at the Hazelton Town hall beginning at 12:30pm.
- 13th The public is invited to hear details about the new proposed state-of-the-art, multimillion-dollar nursing home to be built on the Heartwood Senior Living Community campus in Crosby at a public forum 5-6:30pm at Heartwood's Conference Room. Attendees must use the entrance to the right of Heartwood's main entrance and wear a face mask. Refreshments will be served.
- 16th Smiles for Jake suicide prevention documentary and discussion at Mayberry Auditorium, 5:30pm.
- 16th Grassroots Concerts at the Journey Church in Nisswa, \$10, featuring Claudia Schmidt at 7:30pm. For more information, go online to GrassrootsConcerts.org or call 218-838-4266.
- 17th Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale in Outing, 9:30am-12:30pm.The luncheon includes sloppy joe sandwich, chips, pickle, slice of pie and a beverage for \$9. Hand-made craft items, guilted, knit and crocheted pieces, greeting cards and more. The church is located on the hill at 525 State Hwy. 6 NE, in Outing
- 17th Car Show from 11am-1pm at Heartwood Senior Living in Crosby. No registration fee. Free mini burger basket, root beer and cupcakes will be served. Call Sarah at 218-545-8531 for more info.
- 17th Cascade United Methodist Church of Deerwood Annual Harvest Supper 4:30-6:30pm at the church located on Hwy 6/210. The menu includes meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, seasonal vegetables and dessert. All are welcome to attend this fall celebration of the harvest and a free will offering will be accepted for the meal. Proceeds benefit local missions.

Pine Lake Autumn Picnic Supper

On September 23 at 3 169 in south Aitkin County.

p.m. Pine Lake Chapel, in south Aitkin County, is excited to present A Musical Stroll Down Memory Lane with a concert by Beth and Les Hazelton. You will enjoy timeless classics performed in an intimate and simple acoustic style. Following the concert the Chapel will entice you with an Autumn Picnic Supper complete with hot dogs, brats and more delicious picnic fixings. A freewill offering will be accepted which will help to eliminate debt reduction on the Chapel's new Fellowship Hall.

Pine Lake Chapel is located at 43472 240th Street just 1/4 mile west from Highway

Beth and Les Hazelton come from Duluth where they live with family and pets. They are delighted and feeling honored to be able to share a special afternoon of music with the Pine Lake Chapel,

the church of Lester

and his siblings up-

bringing! Since their musical collaboration began in Duluth in 2010, vocalist Beth and guitarist Les have been performing regularly at night clubs, music venues, house concerts, retirement communities, conventions, benefits for charities and festivals in the region. Both draw on formal musical training and



years of performing, for the joy of it. Together, they aim to soulfully present a variety of styles, the song selection blending familiar with less well-known musical gems.

Listen for jazz standards, a nostalgic seventies pop tune, a room-quieting a'capella rendition, something flirty, toe-tappers, hip folk, sacred, modern alternative, all sea-





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OBITUARIES



EDWARD ERICKSON

Edward Gordon "Gordie" Erickson, 89, of Nisswa died on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at noon, Friday, September 9, 2022, at St. Christopher's Catholic Church (25574 Church Street



Nisswa, MN 56468). Visitation took place one hour prior and a

Crosby died on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at

the Cuyuna Regional Care

A Memorial Service will be

held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday,

September 24, 2022 at the

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Center in Crosby.

in Crosby. A visitation will be held on Friday,

September 23, 2022 at Koop Funeral Home

in Crosby from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on

Saturday one hour prior to the service at the

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cember 26, 1934 to Ernest and Birdie (Bass)

luncheon followed. Gordie was a 1952 graduate of

St. Paul Johnson High School, served in the US Army from 1953 to 1955 and was a dedicated employee of 3M for 40 years. In retirement, he belonged to the American Legion, was an active member of the Nisswa Lions Club and enjoyed many travel experiences with Maryann and their friends. He had a passion for his yard and gardens and was an avid reader of local newspapers. Gordie loved spending time with his family, especially at holiday gatherings, family reunions, and treasured moments at the lake. Memories made with his grandchildren were always cherished and something he truly enjoyed.

Gordie is survived by loving wife of 57 years, Maryann; children, Jeffrey (Kim) Erickson, Daniel (Dana) Erickson, and Christine (Wayne) Casura; five grandchildren: Maja, Paige, Maddie, Callie and Will; sister, Beverly Irons and many other beloved relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by parents, Edward and Ruth Erickson.

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Virginia Prushek, 87, of Vanderberry. Virginia married Arnold Prushek on August 8, 1954 in Norfolk, VA. Together with her husband Arnie they owned and operated Prushek Plumbing and Heating. She was an auxiliary member of the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, Ironton.

> Virginia is survived by her son, Ron (Teri) Prushek of Crosby; two daughters, Leeann Kelley (Brad Hanson) of Crosby and Kathy (Bill) Laughton of Cuyuna; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

> Preceding Virginia in death are her parents, husband Arnold; and son-in-law, Keven Kelley.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

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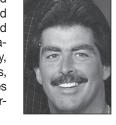
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Baxter, died on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, in Brainerd, A Celebration of Craig's life will be held at Dunmire's on the Lake in Brainerd on Sunday September 11, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Craig was born on July 30, 1954, in Seattle, WA to Lester and Patricia (Drtina) Dunmire. After graduating high school, he went on to the restaurant business, serving over 50 years in the industry. Craig's impressive list of restaurant ownership include The Warf in Alexandria, MN for 12 years, Ron's Steakhouse (now known as Ernie's on Gull) for 13 years, and

> Leslie Paul Gendron, Sr., 87, a resident of Pine City, MN died on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at the Burnett Medical Center in Grantsburg, WI. A Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St.

Francis Catholic Church in Brainerd. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) A luncheon will follow the service at the church.

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Leslie was born on July 12, 1935 in Brainerd, MN to parents Leslie and Virginia (Bahma) Gendron. After graduating from high school Leslie attended St. Cloud State University and Brainerd Technical College where he received a degree in Mathematics and Accounting. Leslie married the love of his life, Alice Bridges in Great Lakes, IL. Leslie was a career Navy man, he was deployed on many tours to the

Craig A. Dunmire, 68, of the Y Club in Garrison, Hassies in Brainerd, and The Village Inn in Outing, all for the last four years. His passion was giving his customers a dining experience like no other, and he was proud of the service he gave at each restaurant. Although he was a workaholic, Craig made sure to make time for his family, whom he loved so much. He enjoyed a peaceful day on the lake out boating, and a good game of golf out on the area courses.

> Craig is survived by his children, Aaron Dunmire and Chris Dunmire (Alyssa Abrego); grandchildren, Elaina and Aerabella Dunmire; brothers, Mick and Tracy, the mother of his children, Cathy Dunmire, and his former wife, Desi.

> He is preceded in death by his parents, and brother Gary.

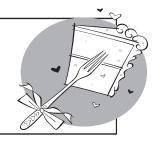
LESLIE GENDRON, SR.

CRAIG DUNMIRE

Mediterranean and 1 year in Vietnam, where he served his country valiantly. He served many years on the Brainerd Color Guard. He loved our god faithfully and served his country wholehearted. Leslie was a social butterfly and helpful to everyone he met. His passions were playing cards, bingo and the casino, along with visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by his children: Theresa Bartel, Leslie P. Gendron Jr., Mark (Amy) Gendron, Roxanne (Dan) Foster, Lisa (Dan) Anderson, Denise (Randy) Manlick, Cindy (Jeff) Heltemes and Renee Olson: siblings: Janice Mather, Lavonne (Tom) Paulson, Joni Gendron and Alta Gendron.

Leslie was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Alice; son, Robert; daughter-in-law, Kimberly Engelhardt; two grandchildren, Luke Heltemes and Anna Anderson; siblings: Phyllis (Marce) Welzant, Maxine (Bob) Marohn, Beverly (Vernon) Leibold, Gene Gendon, Charles (Marilyn) Gendron, Virginia (Ken) Wasnie, Mary Jo Gendron, Tom Austin and Emmett Mather.



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* Indicates handicap accessible. NOTE: All times are Sunday morning (a.m.) unless indicated otherwise.

ALLIANCE

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- Aitkin* New Life; Larry Burg & John Baker, pastors; Worship in the church building 10:15 am & 5:30 pm, check the website for the time of service NewLifeAitkin.com; youth group for 7th-12th graders Wed 6:15 pm; 112 - 1st Ave. SW 218-927-2823.
- Baxter* Pointway Alliance Church: Rev. Charles Bolstridge, 218-537-6505; 7756 Highland Scenic Road; Worship 10; www.pointway.org
- Garrison* Worship 10:30am
- Onamia Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

- Aitkin Interim Pastor Andrew Jergenson; Sunday Morning Service 10.
- Baxter Heritage Church, Pastor Heath Beard; 9 & 10:45 Sundays, 6:30p Wednesdays, iamheritage.org
- Crosby Pastor Dustin McCaleb; Worship 10:30
- LATTER-DAY SAINTS Aitkin - Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Kevin Haffner 218-792-5684; Sacrament Mtg. 10

COMMUNITY

- Aitkin Nondenominational; 927-2749; at 219-1st Ave. NE., Aitkin, Services Sun.10, 218-927-6959
- Brainerd Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene-Pastor Dave McGaffey Sunday worship at 10, SS 9; 16549 Johnson Rd -church phone 218-829-9005
- Glen Pastor R. F. Stauter, 218-838-1981; Worship 9 May-Oct.
- Grand Rapids Solid Rock Church of God, Pastor Robert Kimberling; 218-326-0711; Sun. BS 9:30, Worship 10:30; Wed. BS 6:30 pm
- Jacobson Jacobson Community Church, Pastor George Collins, 218-252-5938, Sun. SS (All ages) 9:30, Worship
- 10:30; Family Time 2nd & 4th Sundays; Wed. BS 7 pm Kimperi - Nature Ave. Hev. Hick Perry; worship 9; Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30; 218-927-6256. McGregor — Amazing Grace Christian Church: Worship 10: 99 South 1st Street (at the McGregor United Methodist church [shared] in downtown McGregor) Pastor Joel Seibel.
- Baxter Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.princeofpeacelutheran.church
- Beaver Township - Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
- Brainerd First Lutheran Church (ELCA) Pastors: Patty Bjorklund and Jordan Gades, Sunday worship 9, Sunday School following worship. Services also available on YouTube and Facebook. 218-829-9552 FLCBrinerd.com 424 8th Street South, Brainerd
- Brainerd* Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC). Pastor David Franz, find service info at www.goodshepherdfreelutheran.church, 5878 Pine Beach Road, Brainerd, 218-824-3052
- Brainerd Laestadian Lutheran Church, 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 10:30 am. (www.llchurch.org)
- Brainerd Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th St. Brainerd, Worship time September through May 8:15am & 10:30am: worship (June through August) 9 am.
- Pequot Lakes* Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Stephen Blenkush Worship 9:00 a.m., SS 9:15 a.m., Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA); Comm. 1st & 3rd Sunday each month.
- Tamarack (AFLC) Pastor Ron Staudinger; 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays 10 am; 41163 Kestrel Ave 3.3 mi. South of Hwy 210
- Thor Zion, Worship 11; 1st and 3rd Sun. April through December.
- Wright Bethlehem, Worship: SS 9.
- Wright St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua Reinke; Worship 10:30; Bible Study and Sunday School Sun. 9:30: Lent services Wed. 5:30 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

- Brainerd-Oak Street Chapel, Pastor Todd Wooden, Worship service is Sunday at 9:30 am, 523 SE 11th Street, Brainerd, 218-454-0984
- Brainerd—Remnant Ministry Center, Pastor Ben Davis



- Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espesetn; 55 Cros at 9:30, Worship at 10:45
- Hill City Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurch@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
- Palisade Pastor Charlie Bell; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

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- Aitkin The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 10:30, thejourneynorth.com
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Oak trees showing signs of drought stress, beetle infestation

Oak trees stressed by recent drought have been showing symptoms of infestation by twolined chestnut borer, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Twolined chestnut borer is a native wood-boring beetle. The larvae feed beneath the bark of oak trees. Trees stressed and weakened by drought are especially vulnerable, while healthy trees are usually not infested.

"Even when hot, dry weather is replaced by rainy days, it can take years for trees to recover after a drought," said Val Cervenka, DNR forest health coordinator. "After two consecutive years of drought conditions in 2021 and 2022, we expect to see oak trees dying from twolined chestnut borer attack for the next few years."

Symptoms of an infestation often begin in mid-July and initially include dead and dying leaves at the top of the tree. Dead leaves can stay on branches for months. During the year following the attack, the top of the oak tree will be dead and leafless; leaves

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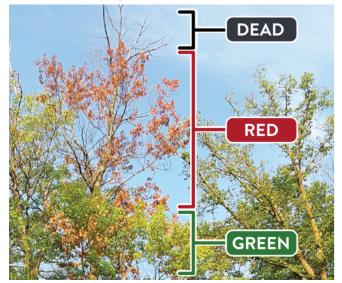
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in the middle section die, become orange-brown and stay on the tree; leaves at the bottom will still be green. If the tree has been infested for more than a year or two, it might be possible to find small, D-shaped exit holes in the trunk where the adult borers have come out of the tree.

Oak wilt and twolined chestnut borer symptoms can

be similar: red oaks with oak wilt will rapidly drop most of their leaves within six to eight weeks, and leaves may be green or only partly brown when they fall from the tree. In contrast, dead leaves on trees attacked by twolined chestnut borer will hang on to the tree and remain brown. For more information, head to the forest health page of the

DNR website (mndnr.gov/ TreeCare/Forest_Health).

"Unfortunately, preventing an attack of twolined chestnut borer on stressed oaks is difficult," Cervenka said. "However, you can take steps to reduce stress during drought, which decreases the likelihood of twolined chestnut borer attack."

To reduce stress in yard trees:

Mulch and water trees properly. If rainfall is inadequate, watering oaks weekly may be the best method to prevent twolined chestnut borer attack.

Avoid adding soil over roots, do not fertilize stressed oaks, and do not allow herbicides to contact oak leaves. To reduce stress in wood-

lands:

Thin trees crowding oaks to reduce stress caused by competition for resources. However, wait until the trees have recovered from recent

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drought because thinning during or shortly after a stress event can increase the chance of attack from twolined chestnut borer.

Avoid wounding oaks from April to July when oak wilt spreads easily.

Add a diversity of tree species to make woodlands more resilient to change.

Eradication of twolined chestnut borer in woodlands is not possible. However, over time, borer populations will naturally decline. If many, high-quality oaks are affected, landowners can work with a forester to set up a salvage harvest during the winter before the trees degrade. Contact a local DNR forester (mndnr.gov/ Woodlands/CFM-Map.html) for questions about managing oaks in woodlands.

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