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Minnesota's regular waterfowl season begins this weekend



Minnesota's regular waterfowl season opens a half-hour before sunrise today with the same regulations as last year. Minnesota has three waterfowl hunting zones — north, central and south — that share the Sept. 24 season opener but have varying end dates. The central and south zones also have a mid-season closure Oct. 3-7.

Hunters should check the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's waterfowl hunting page (mndnr.gov/Hunting/Waterfowl) for complete information including season dates, regulations, a waterfowl identification guide and weekly waterfowl migration reports. Waterfowl hunting regulations are also available in Hmong, Karen, Somali and Spanish on the

DNR website (mndnr.gov/Regulations/Hunting).

The DNR is advising waterfowl hunters to take precautions for avian influenza when handling harvested birds to minimize the risk of spreading the virus. The virus poses a low risk to humans but can be spread by contact with sick birds and by hunting equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service makes these recommendations for hunters (fws.gov/avian-influenza) to protect themselves from avian influenza:

- Do not handle or eat sick game.
- Field dress and prepare game outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
- Wear rubber or disposable latex gloves while handling and cleaning game.

or carcasses from or going through Canada, under several conditions, and hunters should carefully review those conditions on the USDA website (aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info/sa_by_date/sa-2022/canada-wild-bird-game-carcasses).

Teach a kid to hunt small game during Take a Kid Hunting Weekend

Getting youth outdoors in pursuit of squirrels, rabbits and other small game is the focus of Take a Kid Hunting Weekend today and tomorrow— Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25. During the weekend, adult Minnesota residents accompanied by a youth younger than age 16 may hunt small game without

a license, although they must comply with open seasons, limits and other regulations. Hunting small game is a great way to introduce kids to hunting. Kids learn how to search for game sign, properly handle firearms and access hunting land — all without too much time sitting still and being quiet. Anyone who wants to learn how to hunt can find helpful how-to guides on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/GoHunting) including a recorded webinar about how to get started small game hunting (youtube.com/watch?v=Y-GP0ASgC0w).

Small game hunting regulations are available at the DNR small game hunting page (mndnr.gov/Hunting/SmallGame).

In a change, USDA allows hunter-harvested birds into U.S. from Canada

Hunter-harvested, unprocessed wild game bird meat or carcasses that originate in or go through Canada will be permitted to enter the United States, per a Sept. 12 update by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plant and Animal Health Inspection Service. The update lifts some restrictions that the USDA made effective Sept. 2.

The USDA worked with stakeholders and other federal agencies to provide options for importing hunter-harvested wild bird meat or carcasses that address the avian influenza transmission risk to domestic poultry. Hunters now are allowed to import hunter-harvested wild bird meat

or carcasses from or going through Canada, under several conditions, and hunters should carefully review those conditions on the USDA website (aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info/sa_by_date/sa-2022/canada-wild-bird-game-carcasses).

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Tales of Laughing Fox on Thursday



Cultural Thursday event "Tales of Laughing Fox: Anishinaabe Culture and History through Storytelling and Native American Flute Performance". The free event takes place at noon on Thursday, October 6 in the Chalberg Theatre, Brainerd campus.

The speaker is Michael Laughing Fox Charette, a Native American storyteller, poet and member of the Red Cliff

Band of Lake Superior Chipewewa, located in Northern Wisconsin. As a self-taught Native flute player, he enhances his stories with hauntingly beautiful flute and storytelling performance.

Growing up surrounded by the beauty of Lake Superior and the woods led him to dedicate his gifts as an artist to gently teaching about Indigenous history, culture and spirituality. His work as both a visual and performance artist is varied and tied together by the traditional wisdom of the Anishinaabe people, which is respectfully incorporated into his work. Charette captivates audiences with his authentic, relaxed style. His presentation will consist of stories, culture, history and music of the Anishinaabe peoples. He has over 20 flutes in his collection each with their own story, voice and song. Charette weaves traditional storytelling with his own experiences whose presentation consists of stories, culture, history and music of the Anishinaabe peoples.

For more information about Cultural Thursdays, please contact Jason Edens at jason.edens@clcmn.edu.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

September

24th - Crosslake Lutheran Church to host Jul Fest (Christmas Coffee Fest) in conjunction with Crosslake Days, 8:30am- 2 pm at the Crosslake Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, located on County Road 66 in Crosslake. A wide variety of crafts, sewing and knitted items, and Fall and Christmas decorations will be available for sale. Many other hand made items such as greeting cards and jewelry will be filling the Fellowship Hall. In the Bake and Candy Shop we will have a large variety of goodies such as Jul Bread, lefse, pies, candy and more. There will also be cinnamon rolls, coffee, and juice available. A beautiful quilt, Path to Grandma's House, made by the Crosslake Lutheran Quilters, will be raffled off at 2 pm. Raffle tickets will be available the day of the sale.

24th - National Public Lands Day (NPLD) Fee-Free-Day at the Nortland Arb when entrance fees are waived at national parks and other public lands, 9am - noon. Sign up to volunteer by calling 218-829-8770.

24th - Ripple River Gallery annual Fall Open House Be inspired with original work by more than 60 outstanding regional artisans and create an owl from natural materials or try your hand at weaving, take a walk in the woods and learn about natural dying, enjoy refreshments—all while supporting Wild and Free Wildlife Rehabilitation Program in Garrison.

29th - Brainerd Lakes Drug Education Coalition (BLADE) has partnered with the Northland Arboretum to hold a Recovery Walk at 5:30pm. The event will include music, activities, door prizes and fellowship. There will be a candlelight walk through the Arboretum at dusk to honor those in recovery and their loved ones. All ages are welcome at the event. Please bring friends and family and some lawn chairs. Recovery is for everyone: every person, every family, every community. For more information or to support the work of BLADE, please visit us at www.facebook.com/BLADEBrainerdLakes or email blade@crowwing.us

October

11th - Relationship Safety Alliance Annual Candlelight Vigil, 6:30pm, at the Kiwanis Park Fishing Pier. RSA hosts this memorial during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to honor the lives lost to domestic violence in the past year. For more information call 218-828-1216 or email: info@relationshipsafety.org www.relationshipsafety.org

22nd - Oktoberfest at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort with craft fair starting at 10am accompanied by traditional German food and entertainment all weekend. Call 218-678-2885 for more details.

23rd - Singers wanted for ecumenical Christmas cantata practice, "Appalachian Winter" directed by Kevin Edstrom. Anyone who loves to sing is invited to join the cantata choir. Rehearsals begin Sunday, Oct. 23 at 3:30pm at Salem Lutheran Church, in Deerwood. Cantata performances will be Dec. 10 at 7pm and Dec. 11 at 9am.

Order delicious hearty pasties now

Orders are now being taken for the Annual Pasty Project sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) of

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby available on the following Wednesdays: September 28, October 5, 12,

19, and 26.

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OBITUARIES

KATHERINE HURD



Katherine Elizabeth Maul Hurd, 95, of Aitkin, died of natural causes on Thursday, September 15, 2022 with her children by her side.

Services for immediate family will be held Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Glory Baptist Church, Aitkin with Pastor Chris Meirose officiating.

She was born on May 23, 1927, in Aitkin to Mary (Walsh) Maul and Wilder Maul.

had many flower beds and several huge vegetable gardens. She said she was born to work. She was a very happy person and laughed every day.

Katherine was preceded in death by her parents, grandson Mark Hurd, and her husband, Ken.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin.

CHRISTOPHER WEIMER



Christopher LeRoy Weimer, 40, of Aitkin, died unexpectedly Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at his home.

Services were held Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church of Cedarbrook with Pastor David Peterson officiating.

Christopher was born February 9, 1982 in Park Rapids to LeRoy and Carla (Coleman) Weimer.

the Carolina Panthers. Christopher especially enjoyed living and working on the farm.

Christopher is survived by his parents, LeRoy and Carla Weimer of Aitkin; children: Zoey, Hailey and Zander; siblings: Nancy Berube of Brainerd, Michael (Jennifer) Weimer of Pennsylvania and Rebecca Weimer of Aitkin.

Christopher is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Ray Weimer; maternal grandparents, John and Elda Coleman; uncle, Joe Weimer.

NEIL THON



Neil Allen Thon, 75, of McGregor died Friday, September 16, 2022 at his residence.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

He was born June 10, 1947 in Minneapolis to Frank and Delpha Thon. He graduated from Central High School in Minneapolis in 1966 and then attended Dunwoody Institute.

Neil is survived by his wife Lois; two daughters and son-in-law: Tami Thon of Ramsey and Molly (Tom) Krantz of Isanti; five grandchildren: Nathan, Jackson, Sophia, Aubrey, and Olivia; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara (Robert) Raudenbush;

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother John.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin.

CAROLYN WEBSTER



Carolyn (Carol) Joyce Webster died on Thursday, August 18, 2022 from complications resulting from a fall and a broken femur.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Christ in Brea, CA.

high and senior high school levels: three years in Tacoma, WA; three years in Eugene, OR; and 34 years at Valencia High School in Placencia, CA; and 25 years part-time at Fullerton Community College, CA.

She is survived by her spouse, Chris Enterline; sister, Bea (Bernie) Roscoe; sister-in-law, Sally Webster; nieces: Beth (Eric) Nelson, Heidi Bramley, Leah (Jeff) Bridger and Julie (Jerry) Donek; nephews: David (Pam) Webster, Matthew (Sherry) Roscoe, and Gary (Shari) Webster.

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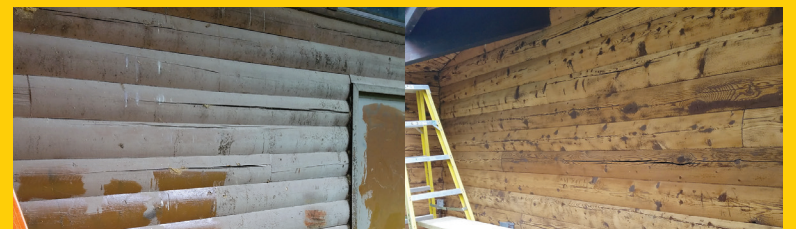
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