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Walleye slot limit expands Aug. 1 for Mille Lacs anglers Allowing harvest of smaller fish offers more opportunity to keep a walleye

The minimum length of walleye Mille Lacs Lake anglers can keep drops from 21 to 20 inches beginning Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Mille Lacs' one-fish limit will remain in place, but the change allows anglers to keep one walleye between 20-23 inches or one longer than 28. The previous limit was one walleye 21-23 inches or one longer than 28.

"With the catch rates we've had this spring and early summer, we can expand opportunity a bit for the rest of the open water season without harm to the long-term sustainability of the lake's walleye population," said Brian Nerbonne, central region fisheries manager for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The recent lower catch rate of Mille Lacs walleye is less a reflection of the number of walleyes in the lake than the abundance of natural forage. Minnesota DNR population models that incorporate test netting done each fall indicate that the number of walleyes in the lake longer than 14 inches has been similar from 2020-2023, but test

netting shows an increase in the abundance of yellow perch from strong recent year classes. With more forage fish to eat, walleye have not been as willing to bite on anglers' lines.

"Although the relaxed slot limit may not seem like a big change, the current size structure of walleye in the lake means this will increase anglers' chances of catching a harvestable fish," Nerbonne said.

Regulations for all other species on the lake remain unchanged. New walleye regulations will be announced in November for the winter season, which begins Friday, Dec. 1.

Report a tagged fish

Anglers may catch a fish with a tag sticking out of it. In order to estimate tag loss, fish frequently get double tagged so don't be surprised if you catch a fish that has two tags in it.

Most recently, as part of a walleye population estimation effort in 2018, nearly 20,000 walleye were given two yellow tags. In addition to walleye, smallmouth bass, northern pike and muskel-

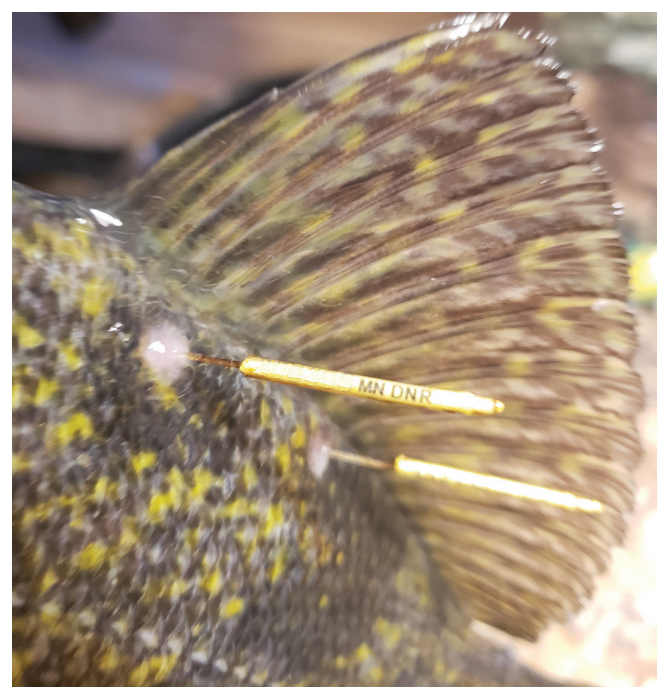
lunge have all been tagged on Mille Lacs Lake in the past.

You may find a fish with an orange tag. If you do, these are reward tags that must be removed from the fish and mailed back to Minnesota DNR to get the reward.

Green-tagged fish also can be found on Mille Lacs. These are fish that biologists from the 1837 bands have tagged. If you report the information from these fish to us, we will forward it for their research.

If you catch a tagged fish record the following:

- Tag number.
- Species. A common mistake is to report sauger caught in Mille Lacs when reporting tag returns. During our sampling efforts, Minnesota DNR has never observed sauger in Mille Lacs.
- Fish length.
- Date the fish was caught.
- Area of the lake where you caught the fish. On your certificate, Minnesota DNR will provide information on fish movement so be sure to zoom into the map of Mille Lacs to get a better idea of where the fish has moved.



Double yellow DNR tags.

Whether it was released (leave tag attached) or kept. Report your tag online at https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/tagged_fish_reporting/index.html.

What happens after I report my tagged fish?

You will receive a certificate that contains information about the fish you caught sent to you via e-mail. Please be patient as there

often are many fish caught.

What do we do with the information you provide?

Initially, most fish are tagged to conduct population estimates for walleye and other fish. Once the population estimate is complete, there are still tagged fish out in the lake which offer a great opportunity to track movements and monitor growth.

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Fiery crash on Highway 371 injures Sheriff's deputy and three others

A Crow Wing County Sheriff's deputy and three others were injured in a three-vehicle, accident Monday, July 24, on Highway 371 north of Baxter.

The crash happened about 2 p.m. in the southbound lane of Highway 371, just south of Barbeau Road, and blocked that side of the highway for more than an hour.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, a Buick

Regal driven by Charlotte Elaine Zimmerman, 78, Brainerd, was stopped in the left lane on southbound Highway 371 near Barbeau Road. A Dodge Durango, driven by Jeffrey Alan Miller, 59, Minneapolis, was stopped behind the Regal. A Crow Wing County Sheriff's Ford Explorer squad vehicle, driven by Matthew Wayne Jorgens, 42, of Nisswa, rear-ended the Durango, pushing the Durango into the Regal.

According to the Crow Wing County Sheriff's office, the squad car did start on fire and was a total loss

and the deputy involved did have minor injuries and was transported to the St. Joseph Hospital.

Zimmerman, Jeffrey Miller and a passenger in Jeffrey Miller's vehicle, Ronda Rae Miller, 58, Minneapolis, were also transported by North Ambulance to Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd for treatment of non life-threatening injuries.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office, Baxter Police Department and Brainerd Fire Department also responded to the crash.



Crosby roundabout to finish Aug. 30

The roundabout under construction at Hwy. 210 east of Crosby near SuperOne is on track to finish up on August 30. Steve Stroschein, Crow Wing County senior engineer, reported on July 24: "The roundabout project is on schedule. All the concrete work is complete and Anderson Brothers Construction of Brainerd was paving today. Remaining work to complete includes final grading, turf establishment, signs and paint striping." The traveling public may watch the construction progress on the Crosby roundabout on this link: https://portal.cam-do.com/image-file/UpBlink_441E39/latest.jpg. The image updates ever 15 minutes.

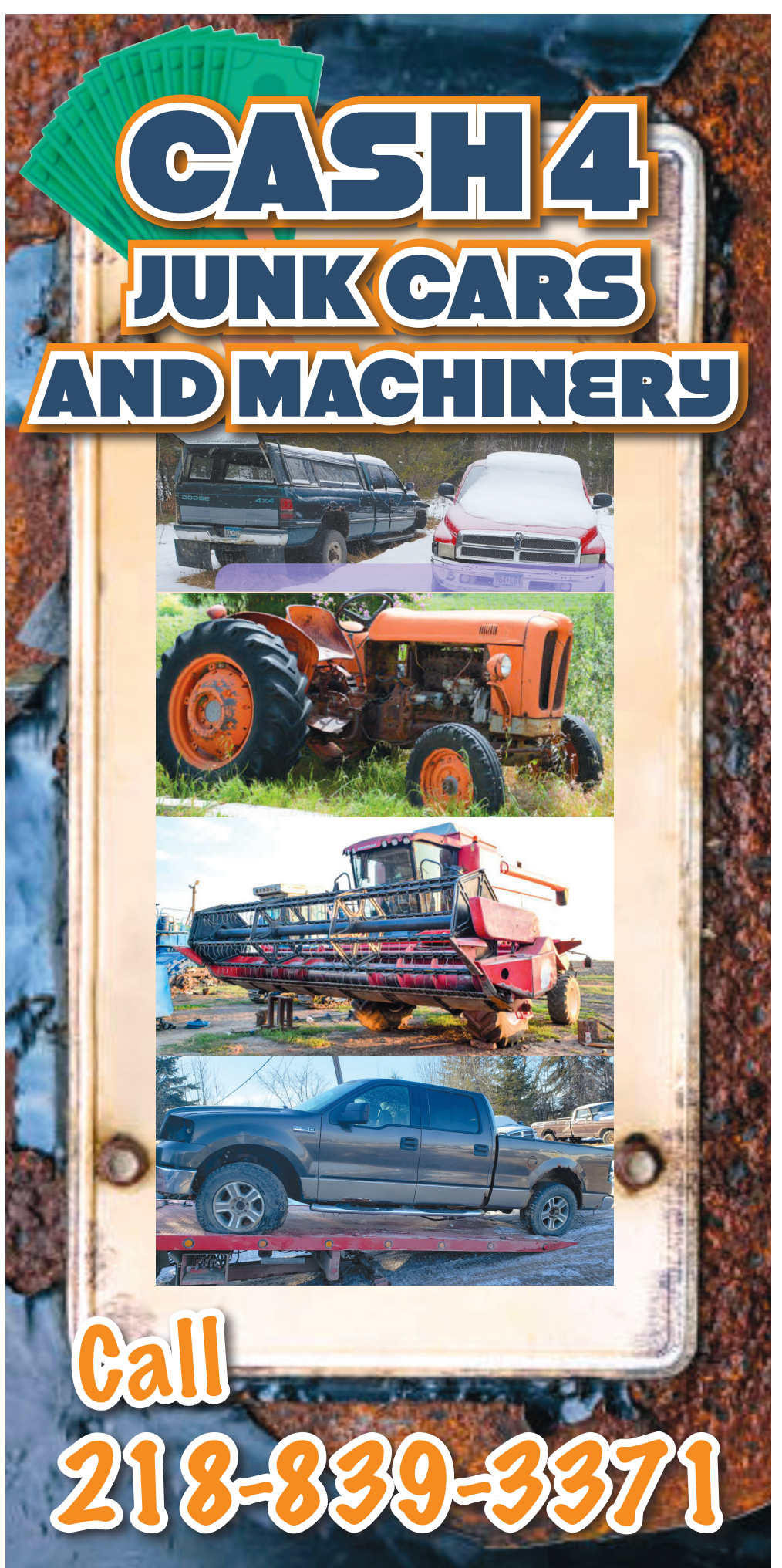


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All regular Township business will be conducted at the Bay Lake Town Hall property in the Baratto Brother's Construction trailer.

CAROL PUNDT
Clerk, Town of Bay Lake
Dated July 19, 2023
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- Demolition materials may be disposed in the demolition landfill for a fee
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July

28th & 29th - Powerboat racing Serpent Lake at Crosby's Memorial Park, noon-4 pm, no admittance fee. Concessions will be available. For more information, visit cuyunalakes.com or call 218-546-8131.

29th - Erin's Wish at the Town Tavern in Ironton, benefit for the Courage Cabinet at CRMC. Motorcycle run, dunk tank, food, live music, bags tournament, cash raffle, meat raffle, door prizes and more.

29th - Malmo Evangelical Free Church Outdoor Gospel Concerts, with Higher Call - a Men's Gospel Quartet from the Twin Cities Area, at 7pm. Come as you are and bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the concert will be inside the air-conditioned church. A free-will offering will be taken to help pay for the concerts. Malmo church is located at 21927 - 322nd Ave., Isle (near the junction of Highways 47 and 18 on Highway 18 near the northeast corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

29th - Lamont Cranston Band will take the stage at the Music in the Square event on Saturday July 29. The Minneapolis-based band has a history after recording 14 albums and opening for the Rolling Stones. Sponsored by Crosslake Ideal Lions Club the performance runs 6-8 pm at Crosslake Town Square. Bring your lawn chairs (or blankets) and enjoy the music with your neighbors.

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August

1st - 5th - Crow Wing County Fair. Parade of Colors, midway, grandstand events, entry judging, live animals, baja rally races, horse racing, barrel racing, chainsaw carvings, coloring contest, beer garden and more! www.crowwingcountyfair.com

3rd - 5th - Aitkin County Historical Garage Sale, 9am-4pm at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds.

5th - Emily Wesleyan Church Community Market in the church parking lot, 9 am- pm.

6th - Free Summer Farm Festival celebrates all things local at 11am-3pm at Clear Lake Gardens, 31213 292nd St. Aitkin, Glen Township. For more info contact Kelley Rajala 707-331-6850, clearlakegardens.org/events.

10th - Music in the Park at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake. Hosted by the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

11th -12th - Summerfest in Deerwood. Live music, food, vendors line the streets of Deerwood, bake sale, meat raffles, bag tournament, pull tab extravaganza and so much more! Contact the Deerwood Civic and Commerce at info@deerwoodcommerce.org or leave a message at 218-534-2936.

READER RIBBETS

Loyalty to opportunistic chamber

For nearly a decade, the city of Crosby's Economic Development Comm. has overseen the installation and decorating of the Christmas tree in the mall plaza. Generous efforts from public works employees, youth center and elementary students, former elected officials, police, fire and committee members, etc. have all contributed to making this a bit of a blessing for our community. But on Friday I read the city council's upcoming agenda and noticed our city administrator was suddenly bringing forth that this privileged responsibility be handed over to the chamber. WHY?

In reality this will just become another chamber publicity stunt and feel good photo opportunity. Their mission, I thought is to promote their paid members businesses interests, not overtaking or intervening in city endorsed activities. I humbly remind you how this chamber previously abandoned Christmas in the park and the Serpent

Lake boat races. What would happen when history repeats itself and they run out of glory hounds and volunteers to participate in this? Its also in poor taste for our city administrator to even ask our council to once again support an organization that not long ago had members publicly criticize our city's council for not catering fully to their idealistic financial desires. Even though our city is one of their major advertising donors, this chamber has chosen a path to attract tax payers revenue to build their headquarters elsewhere. The problem though isn't as much as an unappreciative, but opportunistic chamber, its that our city administrator is yet again demonstrating his loyalty towards a special interest group that he continuously participates with and pushes support for over our residents and community members.

Thankfully, on this matter, the city council finally went against his and the chamber's misguided wishes. Hopefully

this is the start towards ending his personal agendas unrestrained forward momentum. As we have witnessed, the council has previously given to this administrator total authority by almost always voting for his recommendations without doing their own research or considering future consequences. Our mayor even appears to work for him. Its just more supposed good governance only with a different dictator, one that we cant vote out.

Chris Ryan, Crosby

OBITUARIES

ROGER OSTROWSKI



Roger Niel Ostrowski, 89, of Ironton died on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.

He was born in Moran Township, MN on June 5, 1934 to Andrew and May (Salisbury) Ostrowski.

Roger is survived by his wife, Betty; four sons: Joseph (Lori) Ostrowski of Ironton, Wayne (Carla) Ostrowski of Deerwood, Mark (Kathy) Ostrowski of Deerwood; daughter, Karin (Tony) Nelson of Deerwood; daughter-in-law, Lori Ostrowski of Brainerd; one brother, Larry (Carol) Ostrowski

of Brainerd; two sisters, Carol (Jerry) Thull of Alexandria and Sheila (Bob) Plemel of Brainerd; 21 grandchildren and 53 great grandchildren.

Preceding Roger in death are his parents; one son, Clark Ostrowski; one sister, Dolores Ebinger; one grandchild, Andy Nelson; and great grandchildren, Ainsley and Olivia Systad;

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crosby. Burial will be at the Scandia Cemetery in Deerwood. Visitation will be on Thursday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Arrangements are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

JANIE MARTZ



Janie Lou (Johnson) Martz, 69, of Aitkin, died peacefully on Saturday, July 22, 2023. She was born July 31, 1953 in Aitkin to Elwin and Ruth (Swehla) Johnson.

Services will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Aitkin with visitation one hour prior to the service, followed by a gathering for family and friends to celebrate Janie from noon to 4 p.m. at The Moose in Aitkin.

Janie was a cosmetologist co-owning Jeanie & Co, Hair, Skin and Body Shop with her twin sister, Jeanie. After that chapter ended she ventured off to be a part of the growing hair removal industry to help teach and sell sugar. Not too long after, Janie then started her own sugar hair removal business called Sugar It! She recently sold her business where her sugar recipe will continue. Janie loved the outdoors and especially helping her son, Shawn with his guide hunting business in Idaho, as the spunky and resourceful camp cook. She loved getting to see Shawn in his element, meet hunters from all over, enjoying the majestic Bitterroot Mountains and making sure the hunter's bellies were always full. When her granddaughters were six months old, she packed up 53 years of her life

on Lone Lake to move next door to her daughter Tara. She spent the next seven years being the best Grammie to her little girls. She loved to think of new things to show and teach them every day and the girls loved to help Grammie with making and packing sugar to ship. While in Michigan, she continued her volunteer work with Women of The Moose at the South Lyon Moose Lodge 2685. Janie was a natural caregiver and volunteer. She loved to make everyone happy with her love of cooking and sharing recipes. Janie loved to fish, especially during her annual birthday trip to the Lake of the Woods, reading, birdwatching and enjoying her pets, cats, Larry, Poppy and granddog Zoe.

Janie is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Marilyn Ferlita; brother, Cory Johnson and her brother-in-law, Thomas Thompson.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

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Intimate “Songs without Words” at the Lakes Area Music Festival

The theme of the 2023 Lakes Area Music Festival season is “Bel canto”, Italian for “beautiful singing”. On Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 7:30 p.m. the Lakes Area Music Festival will present a chamber music concert titled “Songs without Words” at the Gichi-zibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd. Instead of relying on the human voice for singing, this program will feature how musicians “sing” through their instruments.

Pianist Henry Kramer will present a set of “Songs without Words” by Felix Mendelssohn, as well as his sister Fanny Hensel Mendelssohn. A string quartet will perform the middle movement of George Walkers “Lyric” Quartet; vi-

olinists Suliman Tekalli and Qianwen Shen of New York City, and violist Samantha Rodriguez and cellist Madeline Kabat of Milwaukee. Prize-winning trumpeter Ansel Norris will then play his own arrangements of songs by the French composer Claude Debussy.

The second half of the program will feature the piano quintet by Robert Schumann. A German composer of the 19th century, Schumann wrote many songs for voice and piano and the songlike characteristics weave their way into this melodic and joyful quintet for piano and strings.

Audiences can arrive early for the concert to enjoy a



Violinist Suliman Tekalli

pre-concert talk given by one of LAMF’s artistic advisors, Loki Karuna (formerly Garrett McQueen). He will talk about the historical context and themes of the repertoire being performed, on stage beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Leading up to the performance, on Monday, July 31, all are welcome to participate in an open rehearsal. From 1:15-1:45 p.m. there will be a Q&A discussion in the

Gichi-zibi Center lobby with LAMF founding artist, violist Samantha Rodriguez, of the Milwaukee Symphony. This will be followed by the first rehearsal of Schumann’s piano quintet at 2 p.m. in the concert hall. Participants will observe how an ensemble works together to in rehearsal leading up to the performances just a few days later. These are free of charge and no tickets are required.

The Lakes Area Music Festival is Minnesota’s summer home for world-class opera, orchestra, and chamber music. Celebrating its 15th anniversary season, over 200 artists from the nation’s top orchestras and opera companies will present over 50

concert, education, and community outreach activities in July and August. Name-your-price tickets for mainstage performances at downtown Brainerd’s Gichi-zibi Center for the Arts can be reserved.. For assistance, please call 218-831-0765.

Raise your SundaySing!



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Crosslake Community Center). This uplifting sing-along service is for all ages and all singing abilities, so feel free to invite your family, friends and neighbors too!

Song sheets will be provided as Michael Culloton, conductor of the F-M Choral Artists and The Concordia College Choir (Moorhead), will lead various hymns, patriotic music, folk songs, show tunes, and more. Crosslake Lutheran Choir will participate as song leaders and provide special music. Don’t miss out on this summer opportunity to enjoy musical fellowship in the inviting outdoors of Minnesota!

All are welcome to attend Raise your SundaySing! on Sunday, Aug. 6 at 10 a.m., Crosslake Lutheran Church Outdoor location, 14019 Daggett Pine Road, Crosslake, MN (across from the

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Nature Notes:
 • Arrowhead is in bloom. Emerging from the water along the edges of wetlands. The flowers are small white clusters. Take a look at their leaves and you will understand where their name “arrowhead” comes from.
 • The buzzing of the male cicadas can be heard from the treetops.
 • While most birds are wrapping up nesting and raising young for the summer, the late nesting American goldfinches are just getting started. They wait for the fluffy down of the thistles to be ready to be used as the perfect nest lining. Watch for them gathering their preferred nesting material.
STARGAZING NOTES, provided by the Minnesota Astronomical Society
What’s happening in the starry sky this week?
 • Full moon is on August 1. For the Ojibwe people, this is the time of Manoominike-giizis, the “Wild Ricing Moon.”
 • On the evening of August 2 look for the planet Saturn near the almost full moon. They’ll be even closer by morning.
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