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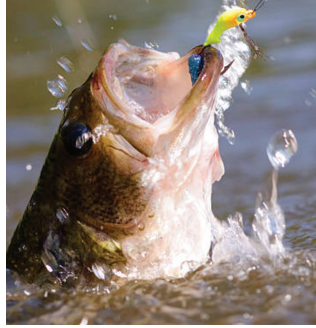
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Cast a line during bass fishing opener—a highlight of spring



The bass fishing catch-and-keep season (mndnr.gov/regulations/fishing) open today, Saturday, May 25, and spring is a great time to cast a line for these fun-to-catch fish. Largemouth and smallmouth bass can be easier to catch in spring and early summer when they spend more time in shallow water. Later, as water temperatures rise, many bass move to deeper water in search of sunken points, rocky humps and aquatic plant edges that offer protection from larger fish and hiding places for prey. Learn more about how to fish for bass and other species at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' learn to fish webpage (mndnr.gov/gofishing/how-catch-fish.html).

Minnesota DNR casts around for favorite fish recipes

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is invit-

ing anglers to share their favorite Minnesota fish recipes through the Wild Minnesota Recipe Exchange (mndnr.gov/recipe).

People can submit recipes through June 30 for the chance to be featured on DNR website and social media platforms.

"The recipe exchange is a fun way to inspire and be inspired when it comes to delicious recipes for fish caught in Minnesota," said Cara Hanson, DNR marketing coordinator. "It's easy to share recipes online, and we'll be posting some of these for everyone to see later this summer."



Recipes carry special meaning. Whether passed down generations, emblematic of culture or newly created, wild game recipes give anglers a chance to fully appreciate their harvest, share with friends and family and connect with the outdoors on a deeper level.

The recipe exchanges allow

for sharing the recipe in an online form where people can submit the recipe, a photo of the meal and even a background story.

The DNR also reminds

anglers that they can find fish consumption guidance (health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/fish) on the Minnesota Department of Health website. Anglers

should check for site-specific consumption guidance that pertains to the water they're fishing, when that is available. If it is not, anglers should follow the statewide guidelines.

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Roadwork begins May 28 on Highway 169 south of Garrison

Motorists can expect periodic lane closures and short-term delays as roadwork begins on Highway 169 along west Mille Lacs Lake, south of Garrison, on Tuesday, May 28, reports the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The \$4.6 million project will resurface and improve seven miles of Highway 169 from Crow Wing County Road 26 to a half-mile north of Ojibwe Drive. Work includes new left turn lanes at County Road 25 (Timber

Trail Road) and Swing-A-Way/South Port and guardrail upgrades. In early May, crews replaced three culverts beneath the road.
Here's what to expect May 28 to mid-July:
Weekdays: Short segments of alternate one lane, one-way traffic with flaggers, Monday-noon Friday, during daylight hours.
Summer recreational travel is upon us in central Min-

nesota. Those who travel through the work area should plan ahead and be prepared for delays, especially at peak travel times.
Weekends/holidays: All lanes open.
In mid-June, motorists will encounter nighttime work and lane closures for two weeks. More details to be released once scheduled.
When complete in mid-July, travelers will benefit from

a smoother road surface; improved safety, access and traffic flow; and updated drainage.
Work zone safety reminders:
• Slow down when approaching every work zone.
• Stay alert; watch for workers and slow-moving equipment.

- Never enter a roadway that has been blocked with barriers or cones.
- Obey posted speed limits. Fine for a violation in a work zone is \$300.
- Minimize distractions behind the wheel.
- Be patient; expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

Learn more about this Highway 169 project, contact the project team and sign-up for email updates at mndot.gov/d3/projects/millelacs/h169/. Visit 511mn.org or get the free smartphone app at Google Play or the App Store for real-time travel information anywhere in Minnesota.



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May
 25th - Bird Hike at the Northland Arboretum , 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. 14250 Conservation Drive, Baxter, sponsored by the Brainerd Lakes Audubon Society. Free for members, \$5 gate fee for non-members. Binoculars provided or bring your own.
 26th - Pequot Lakes American Legion Post #49 Omelet Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.-noon , 4435 Main Street
 26th - Crosslake Lutheran Church Memorial Day Community Observance. A more traditional worship service will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary at Crosslake Lutheran Church across from the campground. The 10 a.m. Outdoor Worship will feature a larger 'community-wide' Memorial Weekend observance. This is located at 14019 Daggett Pine Road, across from the Crosslake Community Center baseball field. Both services are open to the public. The outdoor service will feature an aerial fly-over, weather permitting, the Crosslake-Fifty Lakes American Legion Post 500 Color Guard will provide appropriate honors to the colors and to the dead, including a bugler playing "TAPS."
 27th - Brainerd Memorial Day, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery, 1105 Third Avenue NE, Brainerd, 9:00 a.m. wreath thrown in the Mississippi River at the Laurel Street Bridge. 9:45 a.m. short ceremony at the All-Veterans Memorial, 4th and Laurel St. 10:30 a.m. Parade on 3rd Avenue NE to Evergreen Cemetery. 11:00 a.m. Main ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery with the High School Band, 1105 Third Avenue NE, Brainerd, In case of rain, the 11 a.m. ceremony will be at the Brainerd National Guard Armory at 1115 Wright Street in south Brainerd. Lunch at the Brainerd American Legion, 708 Front Street, until 1 p.m. for veterans and their families. 3:00 p.m. Taps Across America at the All-Veterans Memorial, 4th & Laurel St.
 27th - All are welcome to attend the Memorial Day Service, which will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post #557 in Deerwood as the American flag will be lowered to half-mast. Legionnaires will then march from the legion to the Deerwood Auditorium. At 9 a.m. the service will begin at the auditorium with music and speaker Sergeant James Rude, chaplain of Post #557. Refreshments will be served by the Post Auxiliary following the service.
 27th - Memorial Day Service at Lakewood Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. Following the service on Memorial Day, all are invited to the Ironton American Legion for a complimentary meal of pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, chips and dessert from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. (dine-in only) Everyone is invited; free-will donations are welcome. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at Mayberry Auditorium in the Crosby-Ironton High School located at 711 Poplar in Crosby
 27th - Memorial Day Service at Pine Ridge Cemetery on Evergreen Drive in Emily at 9 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held indoors at the Emily City Hall gymnasium. Please bring a chair for use during the ceremony. Contact Janis at 612-245-3796, if you know of a name that should be added to the Memorial list.
 27th - Memorial Day Ceremony at Pequot Lakes High School, Pequot Lakes Cemetery, and Sibley Lake, 10:00 a.m.- noon Followed with a lunch and a Quilts of Honor presentation at Pequot Lakes American

READER RIBBETS

Ben Davis legislative update

The Minnesota Legislature has left the Capitol for the year after adjourning Monday. It puts to rest a two-year cycle full of reckless spending, needless tax increases, extreme policies and broken promises with Democrats in full control of the Capitol.
More balance needed
 With the record \$18 billion surplus last year, Minnesotans deserved meaningful tax cuts at a time when inflation and rising costs of living have family budgets stretched thin. Instead, Democrats went on a spending spree, increasing the budget by 40% – the largest budget increase in Minnesota history – and raising taxes by \$10 billion in the process.
 When the 2024 session began, it was more of the same, including raising the cost of a new worker leave program by half a billion dollars before it even begins, and many other unpopular and unnecessary tax and fee increases on Minnesotans. Along the way, Minnesota taxpayers were put on the hook for a \$730 million State Office Building remodel despite Republicans proposing more reasonably priced alternatives.
 The thin majority at the Capitol has used its full control

to cater to the radical extreme instead of serving the best interests of all Minnesotans. We desperately need more balance at the Capitol before the far-left extremists do any more damage.
Ice rescue bill passes
 Legislation I personally authored to reimburse local law enforcement for performing ice rescues received final approval this session, standing as a bipartisan achievement. It was an absolute honor working with our local sheriffs to get them some much needed reimbursement funds for unsafe ice rescues. They put their lives at risk in so many ways and this bill was one way I was able to properly recognize their efforts.
Fixing bad laws
 Republicans worked in the 2024 session to correct problems created by laws passed in 2023. Most notably, this includes a fix to the tax bill, getting school resource officers back in all the buildings they had been serving, and correcting a net-operating loss issue. Legislation Republicans championed to provide an additional \$30 million for Emergency Ambulance Service Aid also received legislative approval.

Extreme policies
 Democrats enacted several highly controversial, partisan policy measures with one party in control the last two years. This includes adopting some of the world's most extreme abortion policy, enacting a state-funded speech registry that could undermine First Amendment rights, passing anti-gun bills, and declaring Minnesota a sanctuary state for transgender healthcare – for children.
 The attacks on our civil and religious liberties along with our right to bear arms needs to end. I will continue being a voice of truth for our district to expose these attacks so we can get our state back on the right path.
Key victory for religious freedom
 Religious freedom was another high-profile issue this session after Democrats last year eliminated religious protections against discrimination claims that had been in our state for decades. A variation of Republican legislation was enacted into law this session re-establishing protections for religious entities. I will be back with more soon. Until then, please stay in touch and let me know how I can help.
 State Rep. Ben Davis
 District 6A

OBITUARIES

KATHLEEN BUCKHOLTZ



Kathleen (Kathy) Emily Buckholtz, 76, died peacefully on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at her home in Aitkin.
 There will be an informal gathering to "Remember Kathy" at the Blomberg cabin on Hickory Lake located at 29245-421st Place, Aitkin on Saturday, July 6, 2024 to share memories from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will not be a burial, as she donated her body to the University of Minnesota for research.
 She was born on February 28, 1948, to Richard Gustav and Mabel Ann King Buckholtz, in Glendive, Montana. When the family moved to Aitkin County, they first lived in Tamarack. Then they moved to Birchcrest Resort on Hickory Lake where Kathy grew up and graduated from Aitkin High School in 1966. She attended her first through sixth grades at the Farm Island Country School. In seventh grade, she rode the school bus that her Dad drove to school in Aitkin. She attended Hamlin University and sang in the choir touring overseas. She worked

for a telephone company for several years and then decided to move to Alaska. She moved back home for a while to help her Dad run the resort. She then returned to Alaska as a nurse's aide for several years, she loved it there. She moved home to Aitkin again in her later years to be close to family and friends. She was the first one in the Midwest to receive a small new pacemaker that needed no leads or wires and the first person in the world with an artificial heart valve to have a new device implanted. In Aitkin, she has worked with Central Minnesota Jobs and Training, first in the Aitkin County CARE office and then at the Depot Museum. She also served as a volunteer for Rides for Health and CARE. She loved playing Bingo, games, singing, and was an avid reader. She had a big heart, and one of her mission projects was supporting a couple of boys in a foreign country.
 She is survived by her niece, Ashlee Buckholtz, of Isle.
 She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Mabel Buckholtz and brother, Richard Thomas Buckholtz.

JUNE RONO

June Marie Rono, 71, of Brainerd died on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at Essential St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

A Celebration of June's life is being planned for June 10, 2024. Arrangement are with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

JANICE PAULSON



Janice Romayne Paulson, 86, of Crosby died on Friday, May 17, 2024 at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby.
 Per Janice's request, there will be no public funeral service. Instead, her family will have a private celebration of life at her favorite place on earth, the family cabin. In lieu of flowers, please direct donations in Janice's memory, to the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Foundation.
 She was born on March 11, 1938 in Fergus Falls to Raymond and Jeanette (Lundberg) Torgerson. Janice obtained her nursing degree and became a scrub nurse at General Hospital, in Minneapolis, during the early part of her professional life. Her love for the healthcare industry led her daughter Kristin, and granddaughters, Emily and Jana, to follow in her footsteps. Janice was married to Harvey Paulson, who was President of Scorpion Snowmobiles in Crosby, and later, General Manager for Arctic Enterprises in Thief River Falls. Janice enjoyed traveling. Her love for travel led her to open, own and operate

Paulson Travel Service with her husband, Harvey, in Brainerd for more than 20 years. PTS Tours, the motorcoach division of Paulson Travel, is now owned and operated by Janice's son and wife, Erik and Tam Paulson. Janice shared her knowledge, curiosity and adventurous spirit with thousands of other travelers in the area. But, her favorite place in the world always remained her cabin on Stark Lake in Aitkin, Minnesota. She enjoyed painting, watching the Food Network, and reading about American History. She was an active member of the communities where she lived in Iowa, New York, and Minnesota.
 Janice is survived by her sons: Erik (Tam) Paulson of Brainerd, Thor (Mari) Paulson of Orland Park, IL; daughter, Kristin (Ted) Blasko of Plymouth; two sisters: Carolee Hokanson of Ashby and Randi (Dennis) Hockett of Ashby and five grandchildren.
 She was preceded in death by her beloved husband and the many dogs they had throughout their lifetime.
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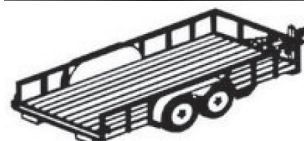
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Walleye catch-and-release reminder for anglers fishing Mille Lacs Lake

Mille Lacs Lake walleye fishing will be catch-and-release during the spring and summer with the opportunity to harvest a walleye starting

on Friday, Aug. 16. During the open water harvest opportunity beginning on Aug. 16, anglers will be able to keep one walleye that

is 21-23 inches in length or that is greater than 28 inches. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources designed the regulation to keep

the state's walleye take within the limit agreed upon with tribal nations.

Anglers are reminded to protect Mille Lacs Lake and

all Minnesota waters from aquatic invasive species by cleaning and draining watercraft and equipment and disposing of unwanted bait in the trash. A decontamination station is available 24/7 at the Shaw-Bosh-Kung Bay public access on the west side of Mille Lacs Lake about 8 miles south of Garrison.

Complete Mille Lacs Lake fishing regulations and regularly updated surveys showing ongoing state-licensed angler catches of walleye, northern pike and yellow

perch are available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/millelacs/ index.html).

Get fishing questions answered on DNR fishing webpage

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has a fishing webpage (mndnr.gov/ fishing) to help answer angler questions. The page answers questions like:

- What species can I fish for?
- What kind of bait is legal?
- What kind of fish can I keep?

Check area buildings for missing property

The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office is asking property owners to check their buildings for signs of forced entry and missing property.

Aitkin County Sheriff's Deputy Friesner responded to suspicious activity in Nordland Township on Wednesday, May 15. After arriving on scene, he located multiple burglarized buildings.

Deputy Friesner observed fresh ATV and vehicle tracks down a minimum maintenance road on the way back to the property, and he located items/equipment in the ditch believed to have come from the buildings. Deputy Friesner spoke with the property owner and they were able to compile a list of items that were missing. The

Sheriff's Office was provided pictures of vehicles and suspects from a property owner with a camera in the area. Sergeant/Investigator Aaron Cook identified the vehicle from a small sticker on the topper door, which connected the vehicle to a residence in Mille Lacs County. With the assistance of Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office, dep-

uties were able to locate the suspect vehicle in Mille Lacs County and all of the stolen items.

This case remains under investigation with arrest warrants pending.

Please report any suspicious activity to the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, direct dial to Dispatch is 218-927-7400.

Deerwood Technologies Scholarship Award

Deerwood Technologies announced the presentation of \$1,000 Scholarships to two area Graduating Seniors - Isabella J. Henline of Aitkin High School and Enoch Anderson of Crosby-Ironton High School.

These students exemplify

the best of our area schools through their exceptional community involvement, volunteer activities and scholastic achievement. To qualify for the scholarship, the students also had to submit an essay on how technology benefits disad-

vantaged individuals, societies, and countries.

Scholarships were presented at each school's annual senior awards event in May. Scholarship payments will be issued to the institution of choice after the student has successfully

completed his or her first academic term.

Deerwood Technologies' scholarships are 100% funded through events promoted, coordinated, and staffed by employees, their families as well as many community volunteers.

Exhibit at Jacques Art



Mary Nelson, left, and Jan Hasselius, talk to the crowd at the opening of their exhibit at the Jaques Art Center on May 4. Stop in Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Jaques Art Center on Hwy. 210 in Aitkin next to the water tower. The exhibit features paintings, mixed-media artwork and photographs. It runs through June 15. Get your two-and-three-dimensional artwork ready to enter in the juried exhibit, Head in the Clouds, which opens on June 21.

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