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Abandoned tribal gill net exasperates conservation group

PERM President urges voters to pick candidates to end co-management mess at Mille Lacs Lake

A tip from a resident alerted officials to an abandoned tribal gill net on Lake Mille Lacs, which contained 67 dead walleye weighing 112.4 pounds.

The forgotten gill net was registered to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

The State of Minnesota and eight bands of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians co-manage Mille Lacs Lake.

On May 20, the net was removed by a Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission game warden with assistance from MN DNR Conservation Officer. It was estimated that the gill net had been unattended from at least Thursday, May 17.

A Proper Economic Resource Management (PERM) press release on the incident states that “the wanton waste

of natural resources is especially galling to Minnesotans, who support a conservation record that’s second to none.”

PERM’s President Doug Meyenburg feels that co-management of Mille Lacs Lake does not work. He said, “DNR’s co-management has a very ‘light touch’ when it comes to tribal interests. Which opens the door to treaty harvest rights exploitation [including] gillnetting during the spawn, wanton waste, science made-to-order, politically-driven lop-sided allocations.”

“What makes this waste especially offensive is how it highlights the failure of co-management,” Meyenburg said. “That failure is leaving non-tribal anglers, resorters and related businesses in the Mille Lacs fishery feeling as trapped as those wasted

walleye.”

Meyenburg noted the importance of upcoming elections for addressing this issue, saying “This is the year to ask candidates for elected office exactly what will they do to end the co-management mess at Mille Lacs.”

About PERM

PERM is a non-partisan conservation group dedicated to balanced solutions for natural resource management.

The next PERM Board Meeting will be Monday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the boardroom at the Cinema Professional Bldg., 657 Main St., Suite 102, Elk River, MN 55330. Their phone number is 763-441-6869.

For more information log on to www.perm.org. Treaty information can be found at www.perm.org/frames/articles.htm.

Walleye estimates on Mille Lacs Lake on Page 5



An abandoned Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa gill net with 67 dead walleyes being removed from Mille Lacs Lake on Sunday, May 20. The laden gill net was extracted by a Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission game warden with assistance from MN DNR Conservation Officer.

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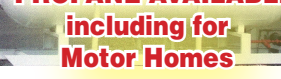
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Ice cream, brownies, plants for sale at June 2 Jaques Art Center opening day Images of Aitkin showcases items from all over Aitkin County



Winning postcard from "Images of Aitkin" show at the Jaques Art Center include Kimberly Heft Cook's "Greetings From Aitkin, Minnesota," an old time photographic postcard.

By ANN SCHWARTZ

See a championship Aitkin football from years ago or photos of men logging with horses.

"Images of Aitkin" shows at the Jaques Art Center from June 1 to July 14. The exhibit promises to roll history, high school fun, local business

specialties and more in to a visual product to delight you. The center is located in downtown Aitkin right by the water tower.

Come for the history but walk up and down memory lane as virtually every hamlet in this vast county is covered.

"The gist of it is a show of images of the entire Aitkin County," said Barden Heft. Heft is a gifted designer and architect. He designs and hangs all the exhibits at the center.

"It includes Aitkin, Hill City, Swatara, McGregor,

McGrath, Tamarack, Jacobson, Glen, Palisade and all



Another limited-edition postcard include Linda Causton's "Summer Graces," Photos of postcards courtesy of Jaques Center.

the rural areas of the county."

Heft and Curator Joel Holz of the exhibit committee have scoured locations getting photos, artifacts and objects. John Woodrow has contributed much and helped with Gobbler items.

"We have about 100 photographs of Aitkin County – the earliest dating to the 1880s and several from the 1890s."

For sports, they highlight everything from Don Hasselius's Gobbler wrestling career in the 1960s to present day Aitkin All Starz dance trophies and much in between.

There will be objects from when barrels were manufactured in Hill City and foundry items from logging days. The exhibit will also feature lots of photos of early logging scenes.

Heft and Holz were excited to uncover historical buried treasure in Hill City. A citizen there has been storing items in anticipation of opening a Hill City Museum and lent many items to the show.

To add to the fun, at the exhibit opening of Images of Aitkin, on Saturday, June 2, there will be free ice cream

and a brownie station from noon to 3 p.m. Check out the exhibit and also the plant sale by the Lakes and Woods Garden Club. The Jaques Center will also be selling postcards designed by artists of images of Aitkin and the Jaques will also be selling fine art prints. Winning designers of the limited-edition postcards include James Bzura's "Rootin Tootin You Can Toucan Aitkin Fish House Parade," Linda Causton's "Summer Graces," and Kimberly Heft Cook's "Greetings From Aitkin, Minnesota," an old time photographic postcard.

All in all it should be one great day with one great exhibit rolled in. Step into the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin from June 1 to July 14 and see photos, painting and memorabilia from all around Aitkin County – there is so much about the community that may surprise you!

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The Jaques Center will be selling postcards and fine art prints. Above is James Bzura's "Rootin Tootin You Can Toucan Aitkin Fish House Parade."

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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 Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1 st 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,' Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 4th Tues. of month at noon.
Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.
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. 218-9271383.
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 Av. 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 every month, 5:30pm social, 6:00 pm dinner/meeting, at the Heartwood Senior Living. Call 218-831-5683, if you need more information or would like to join our club. Lions affordable hearings aids available to those who qualify. For more information, call Diann Bates 218-546-5237 or 218-838-4768 cell.
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.
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.
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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 Auxiliary 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
OperationMinnesotaNice 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 Open Meeting, Sat. 9:35am, Aitkin Library. Everyone welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12-step fellowship of people recovering from compulsive eating. OA is not a diet club. We are dedicated to helping individuals recovering from compulsive eating, anorexia, bulimia, food addiction and obesity. If you are struggling, you are not alone any more. For more info: OA.org, or call Cheryl, meeting contact, 770-576-5984.
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 Ironton (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 meets every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at

the Deerwood VFW. 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
2nd - 120th Anniversary Celebration at Rutger's Bay Lake Lodge. Open house and all employee reunion, Rutger's museum (antique road show type of event), car show, hickory shaft long-drive contest, a giant slip n' slide, 50's Malt/Soda Shop Burger Lunch, wacky hat contest, and talent show featuring the triumphant return to the stage of magician Chris Rutger!
4th - Widow friends will meet at 11a.m. at the Sawmill Inn in Brainerd. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend. Questions please contact Linda at 218-829-7289.
6th - American Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Central Lakes College's Brainerd campus gym. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "Central Lakes College-Brainerd"
6th -Summer preschool storytime at the Mille Lacs Lake Community Library in downtown Isle. Storytime runs from 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, June 6 through Aug. 1. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Sponsored by the Mille Lacs Friends of the Library. Find the library at 285 2nd Ave. S., Isle. For more information, visit www.ecrlib.org.
9th - Annual Woodtick Races Downtown Cuyuna. Call 772-0252 for information.
10th - Cuyuna Off-Road Triathlon. Paddle two miles, shred 8.5 miles on mountain bike and tread (run) three miles in the State Recreation Area. Visit www.CuyunaOffRoadTri.com for details.
12th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning presents Life Experiences: Alan Page, former justice Man. Supreme Court, Heartwood Senior Living, 500 Heartwood Dr., Crosby, 1:30-3:30 p.m., non-members welcome \$5.



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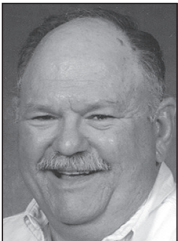


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OBITUARIES

DENNIS KOHLGRAF



Dennis Herbert Kohlgraf, 71, of McGregor died Sunday, May 27, 2018 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis surrounded by his wife, daughter and sons.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rice River Community Center on Hwy. 65 south of McGregor. Memorials are preferred to the Riverwood Health Care Infusion Center.



Dennis was born January 5, 1947 to Herbert and Audrey Kohlgraf. Dennis had a traveling childhood with his brothers David and Jerome, grew up living and traveling the country in a silver stream trailer to wherever the work his father was doing at the time. All of the family then settled in McGrath. Once out of school, Dennis spent

time in the military and upon being honorably discharged; he met Louise Stahl and were married May 3, 1969 at McGrath. He then went to school and became an automotive mechanic. He helped raise his three children Joseph, Kristine and Nicholas and supported and backed his family for many years. Dennis was involved in many community and civic groups ranging from large too small. After moving to McGregor, he worked for the Minnesota Department of Transportation for 41 years. He was very involved in his church throughout the years and enjoyed woodworking, cars, ATVing, and time with family and friends.

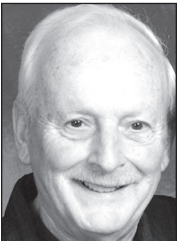
He is survived by his wife, Louise Kohlgraf; sons and daughters-in-law: Joseph and Michelle Kohlgraf; and Nicholas and Hollie Kohlgraf; daughter and son-in-law, Kristine and Thomas Nelson; many grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law: David and Angela Kohlgraf; and Jerome and Eunice Kohlgraf; many nieces, nephews and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest register.

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HOWARD MICHEL



Howard Anthony Michels, 83, of Aitkin died Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in 1934 in Black River Falls, WI to John and Bernadette Michels.



Funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Saint James Catholic Church, 299 Red Oak Drive, Aitkin, MN with Father David Forsman officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at a later date. Military honors will be accorded by Aitkin American Legion Lee Post #86 and Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad Post #1727.

After graduating high school from McCahill Catholic School in Lake City he met Betty Frances Erkel, his wife of 63 years. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. Upon returning home to Lake City, he joined his father in farming. Howard and Betty were united in marriage in 1955 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Lake City. He went on to study computer programming at Brown Institute and became a systems analyst for 3M where he worked until retirement. Howard cherished spending time with his family and friends. He was known for his colorful stories,

Grandpa Howard's irresistible cookies, and for giving back to his community. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church and volunteered for a variety of organizations including Rides for Health, Tax Aide for AARP and the US Census Bureau. He frequently visited residence at the local nursing home and enjoyed talking and visiting with family, friends, and complete strangers alike. Using his own words, "My definition of a neighbor is the person next to you. So visit with your neighbor and make him smile. The world will be a happier place." He also enjoyed traveling, fishing, card games, Sunday drives, and the casino.

Howard is survived by his wife, Betty Michels, Aitkin; seven children: Sharon O'Neill (Jimmy Hehn) of Oakdale; Bill (Mary) Michels, Minneapolis; Ron (Jean) Michels, Lake City; Sue (Bob) Meier, Oakdale; Dan (Kristen) Michels, Cooper Landing, Alaska; Teresa (Jeff) Ripley, Anchorage, Alaska; Dave Michels (Jennifer Wilbanks), Soldotna, Alaska; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters and brothers-in-law: Alice (Donald) Schad and Marie (Butch) Rothgarn.

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Onamia — Vineland Native American Chapel, Hwy. 169 north of casino; Worship 11; Pastor Boeringa 320-532-4449

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Aitkin — Heritage Church, Rev. Jason Erickson; Sunday Morning Service 9:30
Crosby — Rev. Michael Towers; Worship 10:30
Crosslake — Crossroads Christian, Rev. Gary Espeseth; SS at 9:30, Worship at 10:45
Hill City — Interim Pastor John Koppel, Staff Pastor Lisa Jordan; Worship 10; hillcityagchurc@gmail.com; 218-697-2662
Palisade — Pastor Ed Sornberger; SS 9; Worship 10; Kids Church; Small groups during the week 218-845-2726

BAPTIST
Aitkin - The Journey North, Pastor Lynfield Hines, 218-824-5617, Worship 9 and 10:30, thejourneynorth.com
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Brainerd* - Faith Baptist Church, Pastor Chris Erickson, 218-829-3191; SS 9:00, Worship 10:30 and 6 p.m., Wed. Classes and Clubs 6:30 p.m.; fbcbrainerd.com
Brainerd- The Church On The Wise Road, Pastor Terry Stumbo 218-829-4673, Worship 11:00, SS 9:45 www.thechurchonthewiseroad.org
Brainerd — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-829-4673, Worship 11, SS 9:45.
Breezy Point — Eagles Nest, Pastor Bob Stockland 218-562-5252, Worship 9:30, SS 9:30.
Crosby — Bible Baptist, Pastor G. Fisher; SS 9:45; Service 10:45 and 6 p.m., Bible Study and Our Kids for Christ Wed. 7 pm
Deerwood* — Pastor W. Skog; SS 9:30; Worship 10:30 and 6 pm; Wed. Service, 6:30 pm.
Glory* — Pastor Chris Meirose; 927-3678; SS 9:15; Worship 10:30 am.; Wed 6pm Glory Family night, KidMin grades kindergarten - 6, Mad4Christ grades 7-12.
Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.
Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
Opstead — 676-8859; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Bible Study Wed., 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC
Aitkin — St. James, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 am.
Brainerd — St. Andrew's, Fr. Daniel Weiske, Sat.4:30; Sun. 10:00 and St. Mathias Sunday 8:00.
Brainerd — St. Francis, Fr. Anthony Wroblewski, Sat. 5:00; Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 and All Saints Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 10:30.
Cromwell/Wright — Immaculate Conception, Mass: Sat. 5 p.m.
Crosby — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun 10:30.
Crosslake — Immaculate Heart, 218-692-3731; www.ihmstemilys.org; Mass: Sat. 4 pm; Sun. 8:30; Confession Sat. 3 pm.
Deerwood — St. Joseph's, Mass: Sun 8:30.
Emily* — St. Emily, Mass: Mon. & Wed. 8; Sun. 10:30; Confession 1st Sat. 11 or by appt. 218-763-2101.
Garrison — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 8 am.; Sat. 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day)
Grand Rapids — St. Joseph's, Fr. Jerry Weiss, Mass: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 8 & 10:30, 218-326-2483
Hillman — Holy Family, Fr. David Forsman, 218-927-6581; Mass Sun. 10
McGrath — Our Lady of Fatima, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sun. 11:15 am.
McGregor — Holy Family, Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala (Fr. KK), Mass: Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 am

Vineland — St. Therese, Mass Sun. 11; Holy Days 8:30.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Baxter, Lakes Area — Nondenominational; 7001 Highland Scenic Road; Bible Study every Wed. 7 pm; Worship 10:30-11:30. 218-828-1362
Tamarack — Pastor Terry Banker, 608-475-1528, Worship 9:30; SS 10:45; Wed Youth 4 pm.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Aitkin — Co. Rd. 12, Chapel Ph. 218-927-4454; Gentz Franz 217-371-4977; Sacrament Mtg. 10 , SS 11; 10 Priesthood/Relief Society noon

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 10:45, SS 9:30 -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
Kimberly — Nature Ave. Rev. Rick 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.
McGregor — Victory Mission, Pastor J. Gould, 218-768-2160; Sun. 10; Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 pm.
Merrifield — Community Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Ron Christenson; Service 11 & 6 pm. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 218-829-7536.
Merrifield — Ossipee Community, SS 10; Service 11; Wed. Bible Study Prayer, 7:00 p.m.
Nisswa — Christ Community Church, Pastor Dave Uhrich; Service 10; Fellowship 9:30-10
Outing* - Narrows Community Church, Pastor Stanley Mikles, 218-792-5530 Worship 9:30; Children's Sunday School 9:30; Clothes Closet 8 am - noon 4th Saturday, 6297 Woods Bay NE, just north of Hwy. 6 bridge
Palisade/Waukenabo Twp. — Hilltop Chapel, Pastor B. Hite; Service 10 a.m.; Adult and Children's SS 9 a.m.; between Esquagama & Round Lake. Handicap Accessible.
Tamarack — Church of Christ, 218-768-3898; Service 9:30; SS 10:45.

CONGREGATIONAL
Aitkin — First (UCC) Rev. Susan Cline; Sun.10; Comm. 1st Sun; Council Mtg. 2nd Sun. Spiritual fellowship, Sun. 9.

EPISCOPAL
Aitkin — St. John's, Holy Communion or Morning Prayer 9
*Brainerd - St. Paul's, Holy Communion Sunday 10

EVANGELICAL FREE
Crosslake — Interim Pastor Mark Holmen; Call for Service Times at 218-692-4141, email thelogchurc@crosslake.net
Isle — Pastor Kerry Johnston; Worship 9; SS 10:15; Wed. Youth Group 6 pm; Adult Prayer 6:30 pm
Malmo — Pastor Glenn Browning; SS 9:30; Fellowship 10; Worship 10:15
Wright — Pastor Ken Mitchell, 218-426-5115; SS 9:30; Worship, 10:30; Thu., Bible Study, 7 pm.

HEBREW/MESSIANIC
Glen — Beth Shalom Tabernacle of Truth, Rabi Frank Dell, for information 320-684-2804

LUTHERAN
Aitkin — Bethlehem (ELCA), Rev. Kari Foss; Worship 9:30; Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun each month.
Aitkin - First* (ELCA) Pastor Darrell Pedersen, Pastor Jordan Gades; worship Sat. 5pm, Sun. 8:15 & 10am, Wed. 5:30pm w/supper; communion every Sat. and 1st & 3rd Sun.; contemporary services 2nd & 5th Sun.; staffed

nursery during 10am Sun. & Wed. services. Sun. school 10:30am, Wed. night youth activities grades 3rd – 9th. Sunday service broadcast on KKIN (94.3FM) at 10am, and on TV cable channel 181 at 9am on Wed.; community meal every Mon. & Thurs. 5pm; food shelf 2nd & 4th Thurs. each month 9:30am – 5pm.
Aitkin — St. John's (Missouri Synod), Pastor D. Becker; Worship Sun. 9, SS 10
Baxter — Christ Lutheran Church (WELS). Pastor Bill Werth. Sunday Worship 9. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:15. 13815 Cherrywood Dr. in Baxter. (Corner of Inglewood and Cherrywood). 218-829-4105. www.christbaxter.com.
Baxter — Prince of Peace (LCMS); Communion every Sunday 9, Fellowship 10:15, Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am 218-829-7092 www.popbaxter.org
Beaver Township — Finnish EA, Hwy. 27, Worship 1st & 3rd Sun., 10:30.
Brainerd — Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church, AFLC, 5878 Pine Beach Rd, Brainerd - Pastor David Franz. Summer Schedule Worship 9, Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Brainerd - Laestadian Lutheran Church; 1501 So. 8th St. - Sunday Worship Services 11 am. (www.lhchurch.org)
Brainerd - Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1420 South 6th Street Brainerd — Pastor David P. Holte and Pastor Hans Anderson - Summer Sunday Worship Time is 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. – Phone: 218-829-5147 Website: www.trinitybrainerd.org Email: trinity@trinitybrainerd.org
Brainerd — Truth Lutheran Church (LCMC, Pastor James Walth, Corner of 5th and Kingwood, Worship 9
Breezy Point* – Eagles Nest, Pastor Jonathan Lemaster, 218-562-5252, Worship 10:30 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m.
Cedar Lake, Norwegian Lutheran — Third Sun 11, May - Oct. Cedarbrook — St. John's (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 8:30; SS 9:30; Saturday SS: Holy Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship; SS (Sept.-May) 10:40.
Crosby — Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30; SS 10; Bible Study Wed. 7 pm; handicap accessible. 218-546-6910
Crosslake — (ELCA), Indoor worship 8:30; Coffee Fellowship 9:30; outdoor worship 10. 218-692-3682.
Crosslake — Mission of the Cross (LCMS), Pastor Leslie Uhrinak; Worship 9:30 with every Sunday Communion, Fellowship 10:30, Adult Bible Class 11, 218-692-4228, www.missionofthecross.org
Deerwood — Salem (ELCA), Pastor Michael Briggs; Worship: 8:15 (traditional) & 10 (contemporary); Sunday School 9:15.
Garrison — Light of the Cross (ELCA), Pastor Juli Sutton-Deem; Worship 9 SS 9; 320-692-4773 or 877-406-9101.
Garrison — Shepherd of the Lake (LCMS), Rev. Tom Petersen. Worship 10 with Communion Every Sunday. Adult Bible Study 8:30am, Sunday School Sept-May, 8:30am. Fellowship 11am. 320-692-4581. www.shepherdofthelake.org.
Giese — Immanuel, Rev. R. Langhorst & Rev. R. Lovaa; Worship 9; SS 10; Holy Communion 1st Sun. of month 8:45.
Hill City — Trinity, (Missouri Synod), Pastor M. Eckert; Worship 9; Bible Study 10:15.
Hillman — Immanuel, (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9:30, SS 10. Located on the corner of Hwy. 27 and Co. Rd. 47. (Handicap accessible)
Iron Hub — Immanuel (LC-MS), Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 10:30; 218-534-3069.
Isle — Faith (ELCA), Interim Pastor Rev. Henry French; Worship 9:30; handicapped accessible.
Isle — Holden (ELCA), SS 9:30; Worship 10:30.
Isle — Trinity (Missouri Synod), Rev. Mark Maunula; Worship 8:30; Fellowship follows; SS 9:45; Adult Bible 10.
Jacobson — Carmel, Vicar Mark Wagner; SS 1st & 3rd Sun. 10, Service 11, fellowship follows.
Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9:00 Sunday mornings, followed by fellowship and Bible study. (Located on Co. Rd. #77 N)
Malmo — Bethesda (ELCA) Sun. Worship 9 (winter) 8:30 & 10 (summer); Fellowship after first service; Comm. 1st & 3rd Sun.
McGrath — Grace; Wed. potluck 5 pm, Bible study 6 p.m.;

SS 10; Worship 11.
McGrath — Zion (ELCA), Pastor Elliott Malm; Worship 9; SS 9.
McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (ELCA), Pastor Ericka Foss; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.
McGregor — Our Savior's (Missouri Synod), Pastor Joshua C. Reinke; Worship 9; SS 10; Bible Study Tue. 9, Wed. 7 pm
Outing — Our Saviors ELCA; Pastor Michael Gustafson, Worship 9.
Palisade* — Bethel (ELCA), Rev. Wm. J. Sass; Worship 9:30; Wed. School classes 4:15 p.m.
Pequot Lakes* - Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rev. Peter Rosenkvist, Worship 9:00 a.m. SS 9:15 am. Adult Ed — 10:15 am. Wed. Worship 5:45 pm. Free Community Supper Wednesdays at 5 pm.
Rossburg — Bethesda (ELCA), Rev. Sandy Berg-Holte; Worship 10:30; SS 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:30; 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, Pastor G. Salmonson; 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.

PENTECOSTAL
Emily — Cornerstone Church; Pastor Earl Ready; Worship 10, 41536 Birchwood Drive, Emily; 218-763-2939.
Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irontale Town Hall", Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut); Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm.
Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

PRESBYTERIAN
Crosslake — Rev. Mark Ford from 1st Presbyterian Church of Brainerd will be preaching at the 9:00 service; Bible study on Wednesdays at 10; 14444 Daggett Pine Road; 218-692-4769
McGrath — Calvary, Pastor - Todd Oltmann; Worship 9.
McGregor/Round Lake — Pastor Talley; Worship Sat. 5 pm.
Tamarack — First, Rev. J. Yingling; Worship 11.

REFORMED
Crosby — Lifespring Church, a member of Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals, 9:30, 30 Hallett Ave NE 218-545-5433, www.visitlifespring.com
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Aitkin — Pastor J. Scoggins; Worship, Sat. 9:10; Sabbath School 10:30; Prayer Mtg. Tue. 7 p.m.; www.aitkinadventist.org; 218-927-4107

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Pequot Lakes — 28877 State Hwy 371, Pequot Lakes 10:30 1st and 4th Sundays. 218-330-3476

UNITED METHODIST
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Crosby/Deerwood — Cascade, Rev. Brian Hazard; Worship 9:45; fellowship follows.
Cutler — Pine Lake Chapel, Rev. Laurence Foote; Worship 9.
Cromwell — Pastor Tim Homstad; Worship 10; SS 9
Emily — Pastor Dawn Houser; Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Fleming--(Northern Lights Parish) SS 9:15; Worship 10:30; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Hill City — Pastor Roger Lynn; Worship 10
McGregor--(Northern Lights Parish) Worship 8:45; fellowship follows; handicapped accessible.
Onamia — Pastor Rick & Judy Wilder; Worship 11; fellowship 10, 2 blks north of Post Office; handicap ramp; 320-532-3150; office: 218-546-7656; cell: 218-360-1947
WESLEYAN
Emily — Pastor Ryan Fish; Worship 9; Friendship Time 10; SS 10:30; Wed. Activities 6:30 p.m.; 218-763-HOPE.

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DNR estimate of Mille Lacs Lake walleye population underway

In early May, more than 20,000 walleye were tagged in Lake Mille Lacs. The effort will provide a better estimate of the lake’s population of walleye 14 inches or longer and help guide how many fish can safely be harvested in future seasons, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The DNR has conducted similar population estimates six times on Lake Mille Lacs. Those estimates have placed the lake’s walleye population as high as 1.1 million fish in 2002 and as low as 249,000 fish in 2014. A decline in the walleye population has led to restrictive regulations aimed at protecting existing adult fish and a particularly abundant year class of walleye that hatched in 2013. Fish from that 2013 year class are now large enough to be counted in the population estimate.

“We understand the importance of Lake Mille Lacs. Gathering this information will enhance our knowledge

of walleye populations and allow us to provide the best walleye angling opportunities possible,” said DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr.

Tagging concluded on May 10 and was conducted by the DNR, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and citizen volunteers. Walleye were caught in trap nets and via electrofishing. Each fish 14 inches or longer was outfitted with two yellow tags near the base of its dorsal fin.

Since May 20, DNR fisheries staff have been recapturing tagged walleye using gill nets that are set for less than an hour. As the nets are retrieved, tag data is recorded, and all fish are released.

Based on the number of walleye that were originally tagged and the total number of tagged fish that turn up during the recapture, the DNR can make an accurate

estimate of the lake’s wall-eye population. This type of population estimate is used in addition to the gillnet survey conducted each fall.

“We anticipate the population estimate being conducted will show a stable walleye population dominated by the 2013 year class,” said Don Pereira, DNR fisheries chief. “The population estimate that is underway also will give us valuable information to help evaluate how well our population model is working.”

Recapture work will continue until late June, so anglers should be aware of DNR-netting activity, which may be occurring during the evening. DNR nets are marked with labelled buoys.

Anglers who catch a tagged walleye are asked to leave the tags in the fish and record numbers on both tags by writing down the numbers or by photographing the tags. Consider recording the length of the fish and the location where it was caught. This

information can be reported at mndnr.gov/tagged-fish. In return, anglers will receive information collected at the time the fish was tagged and any information submitted by anglers who may have

previously reported the fish.

Walleye fishing on Lake Mille Lacs is open to catch-and-release angling only through the summer 2018 season. Handling fish gently and releasing them as quickly as possible will increase chances that released walleye will survive to be caught again.

More information about Lake Mille Lacs can be found at mndnr.gov/millelacslake.

DNR cautions lakeshore property owners about using hydraulic jets

Using hydraulic jets to get rid of “muck” or to uproot aquatic plants in public waters is illegal, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

“We remind lakeshore property owners that just because you can buy a hydraulic jet does not make them legal to use in all situations,” said Jon Hansen, aquatic plant management consultant. “You may not use them in any way that disturbs the lake bottom or destroys rooted aquatic plants.”

Aquatic plants help keep water clean and fish populations healthy. Misusing

hydraulic jets can destroy fish habitat and muddy the water.

Hydraulic jets, including products like HydroSweep, Aqua Blaster, Aqua Thruster and Aquasweep, can resemble a fan or trolling motor contained in a short tube and create strong currents of moving water. These products are often advertised to control or remove “muck” and “weeds” from a lake bottom; however, using hydraulic jets in this manner is not allowed in Minnesota.

A person may legally operate a hydraulic jet if it is placed high enough off the lake bed so that it does not

disturb the bottom or destroy rooted aquatic plants. It should be directed upward toward the water’s surface, which can prevent dead vegetation and duckweed from collecting around docks and boat lifts. Any displacement of sediment or removal of aquatic plants as a result of operating a hydraulic jet would be deemed a violation and may result in a fine.

Aquatic plant regulations and a guide to aquatic plants can be found at mndnr.gov/shorelandplants. For information on DNR water permits, visit mndnr.gov/permits.

Memorial Day ceremony at Aitkin VFW



Early rain cleared on Memorial Day and area cemeteries flowed with families honoring loved ones. Here the Aitkin joint Memorial Day ceremony was held at Roberts Glad VFW, north of Aitkin. With lilacs in full bloom for Memorial Day weekend, it’s almost impossible to believe that five weeks ago there was a blizzard and January temps. That’s Minnesota! Terry Roehl photos

Pickleballers wanted

Crosby-Ironton now has outdoor pickleball courts and nets at the high school.

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Clay works at Ripple River Gallery celebrate artists' love affair with nature

A clever raven clutching a string of beads or a crow's wing sheltering an egg; a terra cotta vase that explores patterns made by erosion; or a triptych textured with a blush of color that evokes dusk or dawn on a rock face. Clay sculptors Ken and Pat Larson explore the endless possibilities of their medium to tell the story of the land and animals that surround their home in Sturgeon Lake, MN.

Ripple River Gallery near Bay Lake will feature sculpture by the Larsons from June 6 through July 8. The public is invited to a reception to meet the artists on Saturday, June 9 from 2 to 5 p.m.



"Erosion II," terra cotta clay, Ken and Pat Larson

For more than 40 years the Ken and Pat Larson have explored the properties of clay to create "sculptural representations that elicit an imaginative response." Pat Larson explains, "Clay is a flexible medium. All the things you can do with it—roll, fold, paddle, add, subtract, texture, burnish—offer virtually endless possibilities.

Combine that with the different firings of raku and terra cotta and you have a lot of room to explore."

Recipients of numerous awards, the Larsons work as a collaborative team to create their clay sculptures.

Both artists began their work with clay at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, first creating functional stoneware and then over the years transitioning to sculptural work. "The collaboration allows each of us to work in the areas of greatest expertise," Pat Larson said. Pat works mainly on handbuilding and low relief decoration, while Ken's focus is on the main elements of a sculpture which may be either wheel-thrown and altered, or completely hand-built. Both work on design, passing ideas back and forth.

Ken Larson says their artwork is about their lives, experiences and interests. "It is a reflection of the wild land we live on as well as our backpacking experiences in the mountain and desert wilderness areas in the western United States."

An ongoing love affair with birds and other animals influences the Larsons' sculpture; their focus on the land and its inhabitants has led to an exploration of the interaction between humans and the natural world.

"Virtually every piece we make has some kind of story behind it which gives the finished work added meaning beyond the decorative aesthetic," Pat Larson said.

Ripple River Gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday

through Saturday; and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. The 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; or south of Aitkin on Highway 169 to Bennettville, then 3.2

miles west on County Road 11 to Partridge Avenue.

For more information call 218-678-2575 or e-mail ripplerivergallery@gmail.com.



"Aldo," raku clay, Ken and Pat Larson

You are always on my mind



This photo came from the home of Harlan and Harriet Simonson. The photo was taken by their daughter, Cris on May 19 at 10 a.m.

Harriet explained, it is a male oriole checking out the plant on their deck. "We have a couple of pairs [of orioles] here at Thor (Glen Township)," she said. "I put out grape jelly which they seem to love!"



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