

Benton County Free Fair August 1-6

Special Events Going On Daily

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ATV Safety Course Aug. 20

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is hosting an ATV Safety Course on Sunday, August 20th, 2017, at the Benton County Court Facility for students interested in earning their ATV Safety Certification. Registration starts at 12:30, followed by 1pm training and testing. Students must be at least 11 years of age by August 20, 2017, and have completed the online portion of the training available at the MN DNR web site PRIOR to class. Class size is limited to 25 students, so register early by sending the student's name, date of birth and contact information to atvsafety@co.benton.mn.us. Students must be PRE-REGISTERED.

A parent or guardian will also need to be present at the beginning of the course to complete the registration paperwork. Students must bring a copy of the signed certificate of completion from the online class to the course. Students are encouraged to bring their own ATV to the course but arrangements can be made if necessary in advance through email correspondence at atvsafety@co.benton.mn.us.

If you have any other questions please feel free to send them to the email address above.



Early League Standings

	Wk 2	Total
J. DeRocher/G. Wenner	10	20
N. Hogendorf/J. Moshier	9	19
Grd. Bettendorf/Ger. Bettendorf	9	9
E. Lombard/T.Washa	4	8
J. Blank/J. Panek	1	7
S. O'Brien/S. DeMarais	1	7
R. Zillmer/H. Olson	6	6
A. Pekarek/K. Lee	0	4

Low Gross:

Jeff DeRocher - 37

Low Net:

Eric Jensen, Denny Dierkes, Chris Winkelman - 30

Closest to Pin

#9: Gerard Bettendorf

Longest Drive

#7 - Steve O'Brien

Long Putt

#2 - Greg Wenner

Skins

Jason Blank 4 on #1

Jeff DeRocher 3 on #5

Jeff DeRocher 4 on #7

Bob Orton 3 on #8

Late League Standings

	Wk 2	Total
S. O'Brien/P. Driessen	10	19
J. DeRocher/G. Wenner	10	14
J. Blank/J. Panek	9	13
B. Orton/D. Dierkes	8	13
A. Pekarek/M. Zych	3	12
E. Jensen/S. Grove	10	11
R. Zimmer/R. Spiczka	0	10
D. Roehl/T. Templin	2	8
N. Hood/C. Winkelman	7	7
D. Kampa/M. Ferschweiler	0	6
L. Barthelemy/B. Stevens	0	5
J. Ratke/T. Ranweiler	1	2

Conserving Mille Lacs Walleye Population Requires Regulation Changes

Walleye fishing on Mille Lacs Lake will remain closed until Aug. 11 to protect the walleye fishery, and ensure its long-term health and sustainability into the future

To extend the walleye fishing season through Labor Day, the state will allow for an additional 11,000 pounds of walleye harvest on Mille Lacs

New solutions are being sought to rebuild and sustain a healthy Mille Lacs walleye fishery

New fisheries data collected by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources show the total safe harvest allocation for walleyes on Mille Lacs Lake (44,800 pounds) has already been exceeded this season. To protect the fishery and ensure the long-term sustainability of Mille Lacs Lake's walleye population, the DNR announced today that walleye fishing will remain closed until Friday, Aug. 11.

In order to extend the walleye fishing season through Labor Day, the state will allow for an additional 11,000 pounds of walleye harvest. Catch-and-release walleye fishing will run from Friday, Aug. 11, through Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day weekend. Walleye fishing will then be closed from Tuesday, Sept. 5, through Thursday, Nov. 30.

As these regulation changes were announced, Minnesota DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr reiterated the state's commitment to rebuilding and sustaining a healthy walleye fishery in Mille Lacs Lake.

"Improving the walleye population in Mille Lacs is a top priority for the DNR," Landwehr said. "We deeply regret the hardships these new regulations will cause for anglers and business owners. But they are essential to protect and enhance the future of walleye fishing in the lake for future generations. We will continue doing everything we can to understand the challenges facing the walleye fishery, and take whatever actions we can to resolve this very difficult situation."

Landwehr and DNR fisheries chief Don Pereira noted that allowing for additional catch-and-release fishing in August is essential for area anglers, businesses, and Mille Lacs area communities. The decision to allow for this additional harvest was made with input from the Mille Lacs Fisheries Advisory Committee.

"We want to allow as much walleye fishing on Mille Lacs as possible," Pereira said. "So even though state anglers already have caught their quota of fish, the DNR will dip into the allowed conservation overage to reopen the season on Aug. 11."

Through the closure, anglers on Mille Lacs Lake may

fish for all other species in the lake including bass, muskellunge and northern pike. When fishing for other species, only artificial baits and lures will be allowed in possession, except for anglers targeting northern pike or muskie, who may fish with sucker minnows longer than 8 inches.

A prohibition on night fishing will remain in place from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Nov. 30. However, anglers may fish for muskie and northern pike at night, but may only use artificial lures longer than 8 inches or sucker minnows longer than 8 inches. Bowfishing for rough fish also is allowed at night but possession of angling equipment is not allowed and only rough fish may be in possession.

Understanding walleye fishing quotas on Mille Lacs this year, and why that quota was reached earlier than predicted

The DNR and the Chippewa bands that cooperatively manage Mille Lacs Lake agreed this year to harvest quotas of 44,800 pounds for state anglers and 19,200 pounds for tribal fishing. They also agreed that up to 75,000 pounds of walleye could be harvested from the lake from Dec. 1, 2016 to Nov. 30, 2017.

That agreement allows the state to use a built-in buffer – the 11,000 pounds difference between the 75,000 pounds conservation cap and the 64,000 pounds combined harvest quotas – in an attempt to allow catch-and-release walleye fishing through Labor Day, following the mid-summer closure. Bi-weekly creel surveys show that state anglers already have reached their quota.

"The DNR is using its full allotment to maximize opportunities to fish for walleye on Mille Lacs without violating our agreement," Pereira said. "The DNR, just like area businesses, would greatly prefer to not have fishing restrictions in place. But sustaining and stabilizing Mille Lacs' walleye population is our primary obligation and public responsibility."

Continuing the walleye fishing closure will reduce the number of fish that die after being caught and released, a condition known as hooking mortality. The likelihood of fish suffering hooking mortality increases as water temperatures warm.

High walleye catch rates on Mille Lacs have increased DNR fishing projections. A hot walleye bite attracted more anglers to the lake, resulting in angler effort that is about double what it was in 2016.

"Cooler than normal temperatures kept hooking mortality rates low, but more anglers fished Mille Lacs, particularly catching walleye longer than 20 inches," Pereira said. "That increased the poundage of fish caught and put us over our

walleye quota."

According to the DNR, bigger fish are biting, in part, because there is a shortage of food for larger walleye. Last fall's assessment showed that larger walleye were thinner than average.

Mille Lacs' hot bite also reflects the findings of studies done in many other fisheries that show catchability actually increases when fish population drops. In Mille Lacs, walleye congregate in preferred spots rather than disperse evenly throughout the lake. Fewer fish in the lake means there is more room in the preferred spots for fish to gather, creating a situation where a larger percentage of the population is in position to be caught rather than gathering in a less preferred but less fished area.

More information about Mille Lacs Lake, the regulation adjustments and management of the fishery is available on the DNR website at www.mndnr.gov/millelacslake.

New solutions are being sought to improve and sustain a healthy walleye fishery

The DNR announced in June that a new external review team of scientists will take a fresh look at Mille Lacs Lake's walleye fishery, using all of the best science available to gain a better understanding of the lake. This new review, led by walleye expert Dr. Chris Vandergoot of the U.S. Geological Survey, will provide additional recommendations to improve fisheries management of the lake, and contribute to a long-term solution to improving and sustaining a healthy walleye fishery for future generations. The group's report is expected in time to help guide and inform fisheries management decisions for the 2018 season.

DNR encourages Minnesotans to fish for other abundant species on Mille Lacs Lake

As today's walleye fishing regulation changes were announced, the DNR encouraged all Minnesotans to visit Mille Lacs Lake to fish the other abundant species that the lake has to offer. Mille Lacs Lake's other opportunities for top-notch fishing will not be affected by the regulation adjustment.

Bassmaster Magazine named Mille Lacs the nation's best bass lake in June and will send 50 of the country's best anglers to the lake in September for its Angler of the Year tournament. Northern pike abound in Mille Lacs, along with muskellunge. In early July, a woman from southern Minnesota caught and released in Mille Lacs what may have been Minnesota's largest-ever muskellunge.

To learn more about Mille Lacs Lake and its many great fishing opportunities, visit the DNR website. To plan visit to the Mille Lacs area, visit the Mille Lacs Area Tourism Council website.

Public Notices

Notice of Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Benton County Planning Commission will conduct public hearings on August 10th, 2017 in the Commissioner's Room, Benton County Government Center, Foley, and beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Planning Commission will hear the following:

- 7:00 p.m. Ken and Pam Schlagheck requesting a conditional use permit to construct a storage structure on a lot less than 10 acres without a single family dwelling or other principal building in the Agricultural District. Pursuant to Sections 6.3.3, 6.3.5, 6.3.6, 7.1.23 and 11.6 of the Development Code. The affected property is described as follows: Lot 1, Block 1, Oak Bend Estates, Section 5, Minden Township.
- 7:10 p.m. Travis Heinen and Tyler Heinen requesting a conditional use permit to operate a repair garage in the Agricultural District. Pursuant to Sections 7.1.23 and 11.6. The affected property is described as follows: Part of S1/2 N1/2 NE1/4, Section 25, Watab Township.
- 7:20 p.m. Justin and Amber Wolfrom requesting a conditional use permit for retail sales in the Agricultural District. Pursuant to Sections 7.1.23 and 11.6. The affected property is described as follows: SE1/4 SE1/4, Section 24, Watab Township.
- 7:30 p.m. Jeff Kuberka and Gail Shafer requesting a conditional use permit to allow a storage structure without a principal building on a lot in the R-2

Residential District. Pursuant to Sections 6.2.7, 6.2.8, 6.2.9, 7.4.2 and 11.6. The affected property is described as follows: Lot 3, Block 1, Lakeview Oaks, Section 11, Watab Township.

5. 7:40 p.m. Public hearing to consider Ord. 459.

6. 7:50 p.m. Public hearing to consider Ord. 460.

ANYONE wishing to be heard with reference to the above will be heard at this meeting.

July 25, 2017

Notice of Request for Proposals

IP-BASED COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTION FOR BENTON COUNTY

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by Benton County Auditor Treasurer, until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 31st, 2017, for a premise-based countywide IP-Based Communications solution for Benton County. The requirements outlining the proposal can be viewed on Benton County's website at www.co.benton.mn.us, on the main page.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2017 in the County Board Room, Government Center, Foley, Minnesota by the County Auditor Treasurer.

The County reserves the right to modify the scope and specifications as circumstances require, including but not limited to adding, changing, or deleting proposed locations. The County also reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in bidding.

July 25, Aug. 1, 2017

MAYHEW LAKE TOWNSHIP Meeting Change

The August monthly meeting of Mayhew Lake Township will be the second Tuesday, August 8th, at 8:00pm at the Clerk's home.

Lawrence Thell, Clerk
Mayhew Lake Township

July 25, Aug. 1, 2017

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT Notice of Public Hearings

TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE BENTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pursuant to Section 11.8 of the Benton County Development Code, the Benton County Board of Commissioners and the Benton County Planning Commission will conduct public hearings to consider Ordinance #460 to amend Section 7S of the Benton County Development Code Ordinance #185.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the public hearings will be held in the Commissioner's Room, Courthouse, Foley. The Planning Commission hearing will be held on August 10, 2017 at 7:50 p.m. The Board of Commissioners hearing will be held on August 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

ANYONE wishing to be heard in regard to the proposed ordinance is hereby notified and will be heard at above public hearings.

July 25, 2017

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT Notice of Public Hearings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the authorization and policies contained in Minn. Stat. §103F.48 and the county planning and zoning enabling legislation in Minn. Stat. Chapter 394 the Benton County Planning Commission and the Benton County Board of Commissioners will conduct public hearings to consider adoption of Ordinance #459, relating to the enforcement of the Minnesota Buffer Law.

A printed copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review by any person during regular office hours at the office of the Department of Development.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the public hearings will be held in the Commissioner's Room, Courthouse, Foley. The Planning Commission hearing will be held on August 10, 2017 at 7:40 p.m. The Board of Commissioners hearing will be held on August 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

ANYONE wishing to be heard in regard to the proposed ordinance is hereby notified and will be heard at above public hearings.

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