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Home, Improvement & Recreational Guide

FERGUS FALLS ROOSEVELT PARK Thursday nights at 9pm
(following *A Center for the Arts Concerts in the Park)*
FREE WIFI Available

DATE		MOVIE	RATING
Friday	June 8th	**Smurfs: The Lost Village**	PG
Thursday	June 14th	**Grease**	PG
Thursday	June 21st	**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2**	PG-13
Thursday	June 28th	**Back to the Future**	PG
Thursday	July 5th	**The Librarian: Quest for the Spear**	NR
Thursday	July 12th	**Despicable Me 3**	PG
Thursday	July 19th	**Brave**	PG
Thursday	July 26th	**Star Wars: The Last Jedi**	PG-13
Thursday	August 2nd	**Beauty & the Beast (2017)**	PG
Thursday	August 9th	**Honey, I Shrunk the Kids**	PG
Thursday	August 16th	**Ocean's Eleven (1960)**	NR
Thursday	August 23rd	**Justice League**	PG-13
Thursday	August 30th	**Now You See Me 2**	PG-13

MORE OUTDOOR MOVIE OPPORTUNITIES
Friday nights at 9pm

DATE		CITY	MOVIE	RATING
Friday	June 22nd	Browns Valley	**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2**	PG-13
Friday	June 29th	Battle Lake	**Back to the Future**	PG
Friday	July 13th	Battle Lake	**Despicable Me 3**	PG
Friday	July 20th	Ashby	**Brave**	PG
Friday	August 3rd	Battle Lake	**Beauty & the Beast (2017)**	PG
Friday	August 10th	Rothsay	**Honey, I Shrunk the Kids**	PG

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2018 Calendar of Events

June

Wed.: Farmers Market, OTCHS, FF
Thurs: BMX Racing, BMX Park, FF
Sat. Farmers Market, OTCHS, FF
21 Concert in the Park: Jim Whittelson, Roosevelt Park, FF
21 "Guardians of the Galaxy," Movie in Roosevelt Park, FF
22 I-94 Speedway Races, Meet the Race Drivers, FF
28-30 Children's Theatre "Peter Pan, Jr." AC4TA, FF
28 "Back to the Future," Movie in Roosevelt Park, FF
29 I-94 Speedway Races, Wissota Mod 4's & Super Stocks, FF
30 Paddlefest, Otter Tail River
30 Kinship Average Joe Triathlon, Perham

July

Wed.: Farmers Market, OTCHS, FF
Thurs: BMX Racing, BMX Park, FF
Sat. Farmers Market, OTCHS, FF
1 Children's Theatre "Peter Pan, Jr." AC4TA, FF
4 Erhard 4th of July Parade & Celebration
5 Concert in the Park: The Demasi Brothers, Roosevelt Park, FF
5 "The Librarian: Quest for the Spear," Movie in Roosevelt Park, FF
6 Stories from the State Hospital, OTCHS, FF
6 I-94 Speedway Races, Fireworks after the Races, dusk, FF
6 Summer Celebration, NYM
6 Fish House Festival, NYM
6 Lund Mania Fishing Tournament, OTL
6-8 Rothsay Prairie Days
6-15 Water Carnival, Detroit Lakes
10 Courthouse Lunch/Band Concert, FF
10 Music in the Park: Blue Wolf, Ottertail
12 Shop, Move N Groove, FF
12 Concert in the Street: The Fancy & The Functional, Downtown Lincoln Ave., FF
12 "Despicable Me 3," Movie in City Hall Park, FF
13 I-94 Speedway Races, King of the Dirt, FF
13 Legends Golf Tournament, PLGC, FF
13-14 Relay for Life, Perham
13-15 Henning Area Festival
13-15 Pelican Fest, Pelican Rapids
14-15 Phelps Mill Festival, Maine
18-21 West Otter Tail County Fair, FF
19-22 East Otter Tail County Fair, Perham
19 Concert in the Park: Bruce & Tiki D, Roosevelt Park, FF
19 "Brave," Movie in Roosevelt Park, FF
20 I-94 Speedway Races, "King of the Dirt" crowning, FF
20-22 Ashby Appreciation Days
20-22 Studio Tour, Battle Lake
21 Friendship Festival, Pelican Rapids
24 Music in the Park: Slew Foot Family Band, Ottertail
26 Concert in the Park: The Dreamers, Roosevelt Park, FF
26 "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," Movie in Roosevelt Park, FF
26-28 Dough 4 Joe Fun Run
27 I-94 Speedway Races, FF
27 Tuffy Nelson Golf Classic, Perham
27 Pebble Lake Youth Triathlon, FF
27-29 Turkey Days, Frazee
28 Hoot Lake Triathlon, FF
28 Art in the Park, Pelican Rapids
28-29 Wenonga Days, Battle Lake
31 Otter Tail 150 Community Picnic, OTCHS, FF
31 "The Music Man," AC4TA, FF

August

Wed.: Farmers Market, OTCHS, FF
Thurs: BMX Racing, BMX Park, FF
Sat. Farmers Market, OTCHS, FF
1-5 "The Music Man," AC4TA, FF
2 "Beauty & the Beast (2017)," Movie in Roosevelt Park, FF
2-4 WE Fest, Detroit Lakes
3 I-94 Speedway Races, $5 Adm., FF
3-4 Perham Crazy Days, Perham
3-5 Flekkefest, Elbow Lake
4 Rail Trails 100 Century Ride, Central Lakes Trail.com
5 Classic Car Show, Kirkbride Park, FF
7 Music in the Park: Greg Tiburzi, Ottertail
9-12 Looney Days, Vergas
9 4K & 7Beers Ago Fun Run, FF
9 Concert in the Park: Jack & Kitty, Roosevelt Park, FF
9 "Honey I Shrunk the Kids," Movie in Roosevelt Park, FF
10 I-94 Speedway Races, Kids Night, FF
10-11 Otterfest, Ottertail
11 100 Yr. Celebration for Amor Park, Amor
11 Art & Craft Affair, Battle Lake
16 Concert in the Park: Lakes Area All Stars, Roosevelt Park, FF
16 "Ocean's 11" (1960), Movie in Roosevelt Park, FF
17 Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, PLGC, FF
17 I-94 Speedway Races, AFCO Race of Champions, FF
17 World Famous Turkey BBQ, Henning
18 Watermelon Day, Vining
18-19 Pioneer Days, Perham
20-24 Tag Monarch Butterflies, PWLC, FF
21 Music in the Park: Doc & the Scrubs, Ottertail
23 Concert in the Street: Darrell Webb Band, Downtown Lincoln Ave., FF
23 "Justice League," Movie in the Park, City Hall Park, FF
24 I-94 Speedway Races, FF
24-25 Barnesville Potato Days
25-26 Finn Creek Festival
30 Concert in the Park: Front & Center Singers/aChord, Roosevelt Park, FF
30 "Now You See Me," Movie in Roosevelt Park, FF
31 I-94 Speedway Races, Season Championship, FF
31 Western MN Steam Threshers Reunion, Rollag

September

1 Gathering of the Airplanes, Battle Lake
1-3 Western MN Steam Threshers Reunion, Rollag
7-9 LRPTA, Dalton
12-16 I-94 Speedway Races, Wissota 100 Races
14-16 Fergus Falls Arts & History Weekend
22 Central Lakes Cycle Duathlon
29 National Public Lands Day, PWLC

AC4TA: a Center for the Arts, fergusarts.org
LRPTA: Lake Region Pioneer Thresherman Assn. lrpta-dalton.org
MSP: Maplewood State Park
OTCHS: Otter Tail County Historical Society, otchs.org
PLGC: Pebble Lake Golf Course, playpebblelake.com
PWLC: Prairie Wetlands Learning Center, friendsofprairiewetlands.com
FF: Fergus Falls, NYM: New York Mills, OTL: Otter Tail Lake

Summer Word Find

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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See page 10 & 13

Welcome to the lakes area! Home of many beautiful lakes, charming towns, tranquil shops and restaurants, endless miles of parks, and hours upon hours of entertainment for your whole family. Come and unwind, relax, put your sandals on, let life slow down, and have some fun!

Whether you're a first time visitor or someone who has been captured by the charm of the lakes area and returned for many years, the Lakes Country is your guide to upcoming festivals and events, attractions and entertainment, fabulous foods, unique shops, and all that the lakes area has to offer. It's all right at your fingertips. Now let the lakes area entertain you!

Erhard 4th of July Celebration Parade

As always, the big Erhard 4th of July parade will begin at 11am with units beginning to line up at 9:30am in the Erhard Community Park. We invite you to participate in the parade, free of charge.

Equine units are once again welcome, we just ask that you either diaper your animal, clean up after them or remain near the end of the parade!

There is no registration needed to be in our parade, simply show up that morning to line up! If you have any questions or concerns please contact our parade staff at erhardparade@outlook.com, or Arica 218-205-0063.

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Activities In The Park After The Parade...

- Food and refreshments
- Live music from 12-4pm
- Announcement of raffle prize winners throughout day
- Bingo with proceeds going to the Grace Lutheran Church youth group
- Bean bag tournament
- Horseshoe tournament
- Inflatable games for the kids including water slides, so be sure to bring swimsuits and towels.

We hope to see you at this year's 42nd Anniversary of the Erhard 4th of July Celebration!

Find A Safe Fit For Your Child

How do I make sure I'm using the right life jacket?

The Minnesota DNR site says if you own a boat or plan on renting a boat or boating with a friend, you need to buy your child their own life jacket. Life jackets come in various types and sizes and there may not be a life jacket of the proper size and type to rent or borrow.

When buying a child's life jacket, check for:

- U.S. Coast Guard approved label.
- A snug fit. Check weight and chest size on the label and try the life jacket on your child right at the store. Pick up your child by the shoulders of the life jacket; and tell them to raise their arms and relax. The child's chin and ears won't slip through a properly fitting jacket. Do NOT buy a jacket that is too large, hoping the child will grow into it.
- Head support for younger children. A well designed life jacket will support the child's head when the child is in the water. The head support also serves to roll the child face up.
- A strap between the legs for younger children. This helps prevent the jacket from coming off over the child's head.
- Comfort and appearance. This is especially important for teens, who are less likely to wear a life jacket.

Remember: life jackets only work when they are worn, and they do not take the place of adult supervision!

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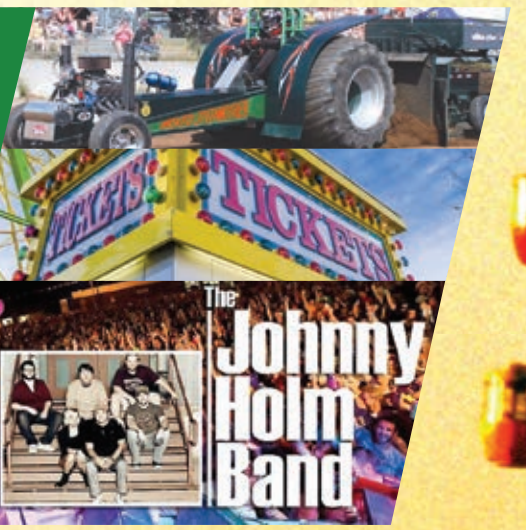

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JULY 20
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SATURDAY
JULY 21
Demo Derby &
Lawn Mower Derby

Vinyl Siding Cleaning & Maintenance Tips

(StatePoint) The type of siding you have on your home can affect how you spend your weekends, as some options require more maintenance and upkeep than others.

"While stucco, wood siding, fiber cement siding and engineered wood all require regular painting and caulking to look their best, today's vinyl siding needs only periodic cleaning with mild soap and water from a garden hose to achieve the same result," says Kevin Mickle, product manager at ProVia, a manufacturer of siding and other exterior building products.

For maximum curb appeal, the experts at ProVia are offering the following tips for maintaining and selecting vinyl siding.

• To clean vinyl siding, use a soft cloth or ordinary long-handled, soft bristle brush. For textured surfaces, use only a soft bristle brush to keep the grooves in the texture stain-free. For best results, start at the bottom of the house and work your way up, taking care to rinse the cleaning solution completely before it dries. During this process, cover any brick facing so it's not affected by the runoff. To remove mold and mildew, use a solution of 30 percent vinegar and 70 percent water.

• Before using a power washer, read the washer's instructions carefully, as well as the recommendations of the siding manufacturer. Some manufacturers advise against the use of pressure washers on their products or have limitations on the amount of pressure and the cleaners that can be used. If you do choose to use a power washer, hold it at eye level to keep water on top of the siding where it can clean most effectively.

• Ensure your cleaner of choice won't harm your siding. Spot check a small area first. Never use cleaners containing organic solvents, undiluted chlorine bleach, liquid grease remover, nail polish remover or furniture polish.

• When doing any home maintenance project involving stains, sealants and wet concrete, or when spraying the lawn with insecticides or herbicides, cover vinyl siding to protect its color.

• Keeping siding away from significant heat sources -- do your barbecuing many paces away from the house and keep readily ignitable materials such as dry leaves, mulch and trash away from the structure.

• Whether you're building a home or upgrading your current exterior cladding, make an informed selection. Look for the VSI Product Certification Program label. This means the vinyl siding has gone through a third-party inspection process and was independently verified to meet or exceed the industry standard for quality. One brand meeting these rigorous standards is ProVia, which specializes in elegance and endurance and offers three types of professional-class vinyl siding to choose from: insulated, traditional and decorative. All of their cladding is created with a Super Polymer Formulation for enhanced durability. To learn more, visit provia.com/siding.

Want to take your weekends back? By selecting vinyl siding for your home, you can get all the charm and curb appeal that traditional materials offer with a simpler maintenance routine.

Glendalough State Park

Nestled in the transition zone between prairie and hardwood forest, Glendalough offers a true respite from civilization. Crystal clear Annie Battle Lake is a 335-acre, non-motorized "Heritage Fishery" that provides a tranquil fishing experience second to none. Special regulations sustain a steady supply of large sunfish, crappie, and the occasional walleye for the frying pan, and large bass for the camera. Near the pristine shores of this lake are a cart-in campground and canoe-in campsites, all free from the traffic and noise of traditional drive-in camping.

Annie can also be the starting point for an exploration of the park by canoe or kayak on the connecting creeks. The restored historic Glendalough Lodge on the north side of the lake details the park's history as a private retreat and game farm for the Minneapolis Tribune.

Numerous hiking trails, including two interpretive trails, meander along five lakes, through rich woods and blooming prairies. Wildlife abounds year-round, and there are many observation decks along the trails. Trails are groomed in winter for skiing and snowshoeing. Picnicking and swimming is available on two sandy lakes.

Summer

- Picnic Area, Molly Stark Lake - *Includes picnic tables and shelter.*
- Picnic Shelter, Open Shelter

  Located near Molly Stark Lake Available for rent by calling the park. Shelter has electricity and accommodates 100 people. Handicapped accessible.
- Canoe Access

  Carry-in access only.
- Golf Course *Within 10 miles*

2 Wildlife Observation Areas

1 observation area located on Battle Creek, the other is on Lake Emma. Binoculars and field guides available from the park office for free use.

PARK HIGHLIGHTS

- Cart-in Tent Camping
- Hiking
- Wildlife Observation
- Heritage Fishing/Large Panfish
- Canoeing on Chain of Lakes
- Sandy Swimming Beach
- Equipment Rentals Available

VIRTUAL TOUR

Take a panoramic virtual tour of Glendalough State Park. Peek inside the Glendalough Lodge, marvel at a vibrant prairie sunset, check out the unique canoe-in group campsite, and more. It's a great tool to help you plan your next trip to the park! Take the high speed panoramic tour or the low speed/accessible tour. www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/glendalough click on the Panoramic Tour or the Snapshot Tour under Park Notes.

Events:

Beginning Canoing*

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am.

June 20
July 4
July 18
August 1
August 15

Meet at the fishing dock at Molly Stark Lake to learn canoing basics from a Naturalist. We will cover safety, parts of the canoe and paddles, and learn strokes before heading out on to the water to practice our skills. Equipment will be provided, so come enjoy a paddle on a quiet lake. Please call the park, 218-864-0110, for more information and to register for this event.

Nature Explorations: Wild Wednesday Junior Naturalist Programs*

Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30pm

June 20
July 4
July 18
August 1
August 15

Meet near the picnic tables by the beach at Molly Stark Lake for a kids and family nature program. These programs are designed for children aged 5-15, but all are welcome. We will be exploring topics like frogs and toads, insects, fish, and more. Call the park at 218-864-0110 to register. Check online for more specific information regarding a specific date.

Archery in the Park

Saturday, 12:30pm-3pm

June 30
July 21

The sport of shooting arrows has been around for thousands of years. First humans used archery as a way to hunt animals and later as a way to compete against each other. Archery is an activity that people from all walks of life and almost every size and ability can participate and have fun. This program covers the basics of archery (safety, proper care of the equipment and how to use a bow). Participants will be able to practice their new skills on the range by taking a turn shooting arrows at targets.

All equipment is provided and no personal or outside equipment will be allowed on the range. Must be 8 years and older. Adult must accompany younger participants. Amount of shooting time varies on number of participants. The program is held outside, so dress appropriately. Meet at the Molly Stark Picnic Shelter.

There is no cost for this event, but a Minnesota state parks vehicle permit is required to enter the park.

Paddle the Glendalough Chain of Lakes*

Saturday, July 14,10am-3pm

Explore the three lakes in the park and the streams connecting them. These sections are appropriate for beginners through experts, and participants will be under the guidance of experienced instructors. We will start at Molly Stark Lake and paddle to Lake Blanche. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is $15 per canoe, which includes a shuttle, equipment, and life jackets. Bring a lunch, sunscreen, bug spray, a hat and come have some fun on these beautiful streams and lakes. Registration is required for all participants. Space is limited to 10 paddlers and 5 duffers/riders (15 people) or (5 canoes). For more information or to register, call (320) 852-7200.

**A MN state park vehicle permit is required to attend this event. Permits can be purchased at the park office for $7/day or $35/annual.*

Best time to contact the park is: Daily from 9am - 4pm
218-864-0110
email: glendalough.statepark@state.mn.us
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25287 Whitetail Lane, Battle Lake, MN 56515
From the town of Battle Lake, go 1.5 miles north on State Hwy. #78 and 1.8 miles east on Otter Tail Co. Hwy #16 to the park entrance.

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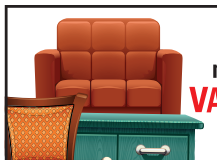

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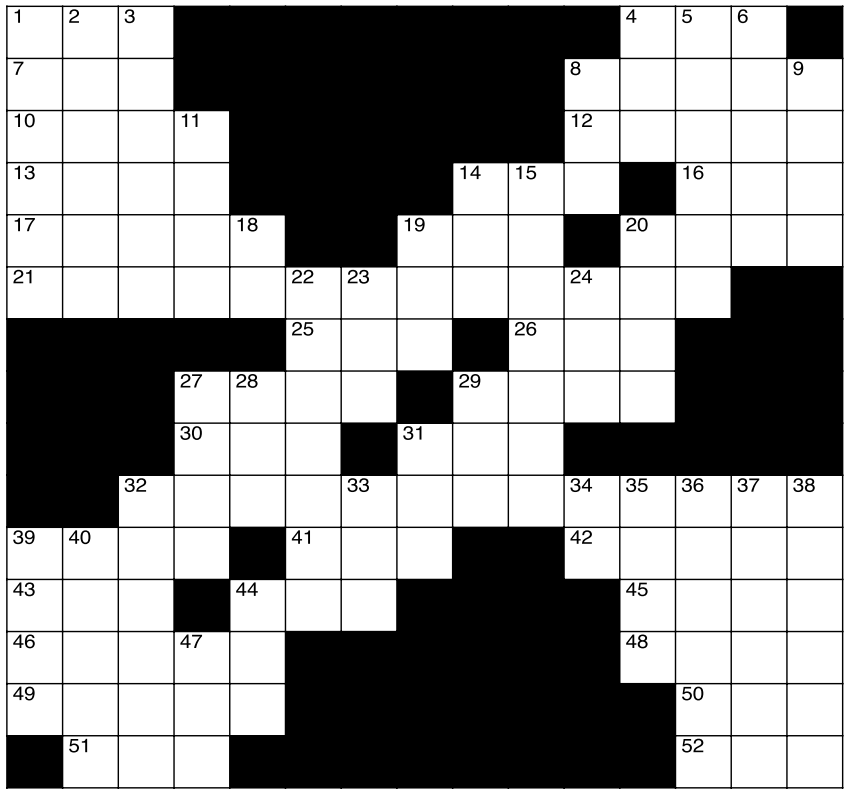

CLUES ACROSS

1. Rated horsepower (abbr.)
4. What a cow says
7. Snake-like fish
8. Spiritual leader
10. Catch
12. Car part
13. Extremely small amount
14. Nucleic acid
16. The Greatest of All Time
17. Lustrous
19. India's least populated district
20. Muckraking journalist Jacob
21. Medicine
25. S. American plant
26. Small amount
27. Dry or withered
29. Where construction takes place
30. Russian river
31. Supervises flying
32. "City of Brotherly Love" native
39. Greeting at meeting
41. Common gibbon
42. Type of TV
43. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
44. Scottish port
45. Computer company
46. One from Asia
48. Former significant others
49. Woven fabrics or garments
50. One's sense of self-esteem
51. The Science Guy
52. Monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

1. "The Leftovers" actress King
2. Epic
3. Missouri county
4. Chinese revolutionary
5. Get
6. Ancient Greek coin
8. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
9. Part of the human eye
11. A fisherman's accessory
14. Brazilian state
15. Of a wedding
18. Prosecutor
19. The main constituent of chromosomes
20. Advice
22. Principles of right and wrong
23. Decorate a cake with frosting
24. Headgear
27. New York art district
28. __ Lilly, drug company
29. Car mechanics group
31. Influential U.S. president
32. Quell the anger
33. Swiss river
34. Personal computer
35. Incline from the vertical
36. Wild goats
37. Assert that someone has done wrong
38. Anti-apartheid leader __ Mandela
39. Crop of a bird
40. "A Doll's House" playwright
44. Autonomic nervous system
47. Consumed

Answers on page 14

Identity Theft

Identity theft is a serious concern that affects millions of people. The 2017 Identity Fraud Study, released by Javelin Strategy & Research, found that 15.4 million consumers in the United States were affected by identity theft of some form in 2016. In those instances, $16 billion was stolen. Protecting one's identity is not as complicated as it may seem, and it can safeguard consumers against fraud and theft.

• Password protect all smartphones and other digital devices. Many are used to transmit sensitive information and may store passwords and other data that connects to financial institutions.

• Do not click on links in unsolicited emails. Such links may contain malware or computer viruses.

• Don't provide Social Security numbers, birth dates or other personal information to unsolicited callers, no matter how official they may sound.

• Don't use the same password or PIN number on multiple sites. Vary the password and use a combination of numbers, symbols and uppercase letters to make it more difficult for thieves to decode.

• Do not keep all credit cards or important identification cards in a wallet at all times.

• Shred or destroy private records and statements.

• Monitor your credit report. Consumers can receive a free credit report from the three major credit agencies free of charge each year. Address any inconsistencies and report them promptly

The 26th Habitat 500 Bike Ride Will Travel 500 Miles To Benefit Habitat For Humanity

For over a quarter of a century, Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota's Habitat 500 Bike Ride has sent cyclists across Minnesota, biking 500 miles to raise funds and awareness to help Habitat for Humanity build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. This year marks the 26th anniversary of the ride, which runs from July 15th through July 21st. Cyclists will begin in Becker with overnight stops in Royalton, Alexandria, Staples, Pierz before returning to Becker.

Since Habitat Minnesota took over coordination of the ride in 2002, the Habitat 500 Bike Ride has raised nearly $5 million to support Habitat for Humanity home construction. The ride has contributed to Minnesota's local Habitat for Humanity offices building 2,500 homes with families across the state. Every rider, every donation, and every home is a bold action taken towards a world where everyone has a decent and affordable place to live. Habitat homes help families build financial stability, invest in education, and reach new education and employment opportunities. Such success would not have been possible without the dedication and support of the riders, volunteers, and local towns.

On July 18th, Habitat 500 riders will visit Fergus Falls during the 100-mile Century Ride. Fergus Falls Area Habitat for Humanity was established in 1991 and has built 50 Habitat homes in its surrounding communities. Riders who choose to participate in the 100-mile ride will cycle from Alexandria to Fergus Falls and back to Alexandria on July 18th. The rest of the participants will spend their day working on the bike.home. build. The bike.home. project embraces participants' passion for cycling and their desire to create homeownership opportunities for those in need. The 2018 bike.home., located between Fergus Falls and Alexandria in Brandon, MN, is hosted by Douglas County Habitat for Humanity. The home will be built and sponsored by riders and bikes will be donated to the family to help share the Habitat 500 riders' love and passion for cycling.

Katie, Robert, and their five children are this year's bike.home. family. Katie says, "I am so grateful for this opportunity. I can't even begin to explain the relief I have. I already feel the support from everyone who wants us to succeed." Driven by their goal of increased independence and the desire for a space of their own, Katie and Robert were encouraged by friends and family to apply for a Habitat home. Currently, the family lives in a three-bedroom apartment where the radiators are always hot and present a safety concern for the children. To alleviate the heat in the apartment, they open windows, which end up freezing open in the cold Minnesota winters.

In March 2018, Katie, Robert and their children learned that their dream would soon become a reality: a yard for the kids to play, a place to wash laundry, and a safe place for the whole family to be together. The family was so excited when they found out they were going to be Habitat homeowners. The couple shared, "We are so excited, God is so good! This is the beginning of something absolutely amazing."

Craig Sterle, a 16-year rider, remembers the happiness of the family members at past bike.home. build celebrations when they receive their own bicycles, a special touch for the bike.home. "The looks on the faces of the children make the day all worth it," he says. Other riders name the home builds as the most impactful part of the whole ride. 16-year rider Randy Oppelt remembers his third ride when he watched a little girl lead a rider through her partially constructed new house. "It was more than a structure, more than a roof over her head," he recalls. "It was her pathway into a new, more secure, and more opportunity-filled future. That is why I do [the ride], because of her and all the other children like her!"

For more information on how to get involved, please visit www.habitat500.org.

About Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota

Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota, Inc. (Habitat Minnesota) is a statewide resource development and support organization that serves, advocates for and advances the work of Minnesota's Habitat for Humanity affiliates who build simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need. Habitat Minnesota was created in October of 1997 by the Minnesota Habitat affiliates it serves for the initial purpose of applying for funding and providing funders with a single contact for the distribution of resources. Since that time, we have added a range of programs to support these affiliates. For more information, visit hfhmn.org.

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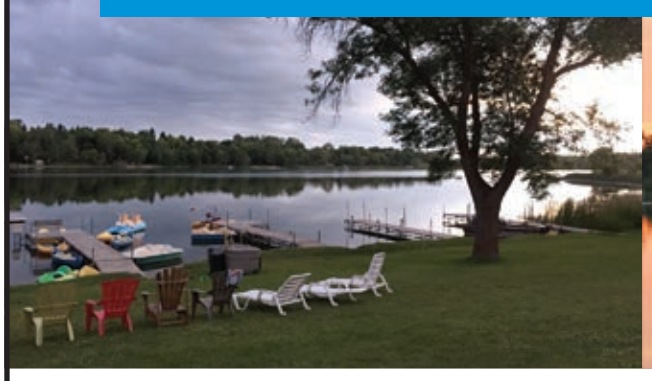

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Make The Most Of A Visit To The Zoo

A trip to the zoo is a great way to enjoy an afternoon as a family. Visiting the zoo involves spending time in the great outdoors and introduces adults and children to non-native animals and their habitats.

Today's zoos are committed to conservation efforts, educational pursuits and breeding animals - particularly endangered species - to replenish their numbers. Many animal exhibits seek to replicate natural environments as much as possible so animals are as healthy and happy as they would be in the wild.

North America is home to a variety of zoos. The largest zoo in the United States is the The Bronx Zoo, located in a borough of New York City. This zoo encompasses 265 acres and features 4,000 animals.

Even though a trip to the zoo can seem easy enough, there are ways to improve a visit and make the most of time spent seeing and learning about the animals that live there.

· Start your trip before you get to the zoo. Find out which animals are featured at the zoo and do some research prior to your visit. While at the zoo, enjoy observing the animals and putting your newfound knowledge to use.

· Explore special features. Plan to visit the zoo on a day when there is a special exhibit or hands-on learning experience, such as a feeding or meet-and-greet with animals.

· Plan ahead. Visit the zoo website to print a map and get schedules so you don't waste any time looking for exhibits.

· Mimic the animals. Children can tour the zoo while imitating the sounds and movements of the animals they see. This will make the day more entertaining and reinforce lessons.

· Plan a picnic beside a favorite outdoor exhibit. Just don't share lunch with the wildlife, which are on specialized diets.

Days at the zoo can be exciting excursions that are easy to plan and even easier to enjoy.

Salsa and Cornmeal Crackers

Makes 30 to 36 2-inch circles

Tastes great with a slice of cheddar cheese on top and is a slightly spicier take on traditional tortilla chips.

3/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
1/2 cup cornmeal
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons canola oil
3 tablespoons hot salsa (puree with a food processor for a smoother texture to the cracker)
3 tablespoons water
Extra all-purpose flour for rolling

Mix together all-purpose flour, cornmeal and salt.

Add canola oil, salsa and water.

Blend wet ingredients into dry ingredients until a soft dough is formed.

Sprinkle rolling area with all-purpose flour and roll dough to 1/8-inch thickness.

Cut dough into 2-inch circles.

Place circles on ungreased cookie sheets.

Re-form dough scraps into a ball, re-roll and cut into circles until all dough is used.

Prick each circle two or three times with a fork.

Bake at 350 F for 15 to 18 minutes until golden brown on the bottom

4 Popular Grilling Techniques

Just like some people insist that charcoal grills trump gas grills or vice versa, some backyard barbecue devotees swear by particular grilling techniques. Such lighthearted debates may never end, and novice grillmasters who want to join the fray can study up on the various grilling techniques before trying them out and forming their own opinions.

1. Smoking

Smoking is one grilling technique that is growing in popularity, as products such as the Big Green Egg inspire more people to smoke their foods. Smoking involves cooking foods in closed chambers at low temperatures. Smoking is not the quickest way to whip up a meal, as the low temperatures require foods be cooked for lengthy periods of time. People who prefer their foods have a smoky flavor would no doubt prefer smoking over any other grilling technique.

2. Spit roasting

Also known as rotisserie grilling, spit roasting may call to mind pig roasts in which food placed in a chamber with a rotating, often motorized spit. Indirect heat is used to cook the foods placed on the spit or skewer, and spit roasting is often a go-to method for cooking whole birds or ribs.

3. Indirect grilling

When employing this technique to grill foods, cooks will not place their foods over a direct heat source, such as an open flame. Instead, the foods are placed in a chamber away from the heat source before the lid is closed. The lid will remain closed while the food cooks, which can take a long time. Some people prefer indirect grilling because it tends to produce foods that are well cooked on the inside but do not have the charred exterior that foods grilled by other means may have.

4. Plank grilling

Popular among people who like to grill fish, plank grilling involves putting food on top of a plank of wood and then placing the plank over a direct heat source. In addition to the flavor imparted to the food from the heat source, such as charcoal, the plank itself can add its own unique flavor. Though fish is perhaps the food most widely associated with plank grilling, this technique also can be a great way to grill vegetables

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33	8.6
34	9.4
35	10.3
36	11.2
37	12.2
38	13.3
39	14.4
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41	16.8
42	18.1

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15	3.0
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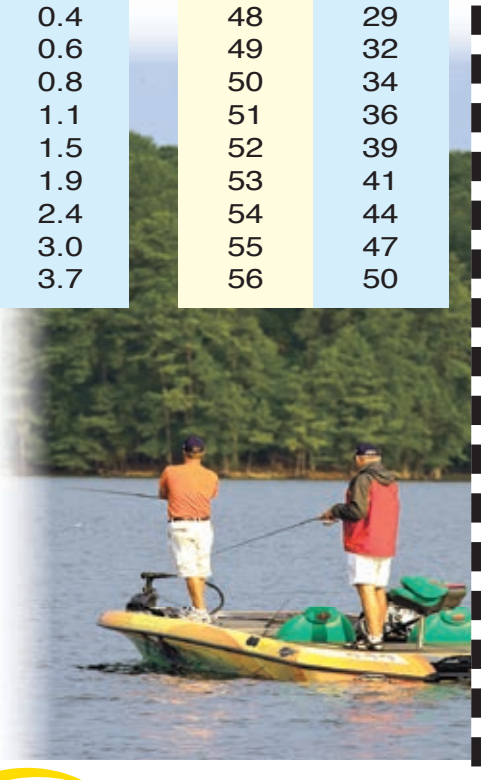

WEIGH YOUR FISH WITH A RULER

Fish are sometimes damaged when weighed. With this chart, you can quickly determine the approximate weight of your fish using a ruler or tape measure.

Be sure to check with Minnesota DNR for current fishing regulations. Many area lakes have special or experimental regulations regarding harvest of fish.

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Top 4 Summertime Septic Tank Maintenance Tips

Summer is the time for vacations, backyard barbeques, and relaxing by the pool—not the time you want to be worrying about your septic tank system. If you frequently entertain guests and have more people using your water facilities (toilets, dishwasher, showers, washing machine, etc.) then you may be unknowingly putting a strain on your septic tank system. This could lead to septic tank overflow, a saturated disposal area, unpleasant odors, and/or water pollution. Keep these tips in mind as you enjoy a healthy and safe summer.

1. If it didn't go through your mouth – Don't flush it.

A good rule of thumb is not to flush things into the septic that did not go through your mouth (except toilet paper). Your system likes items that will easily decompose. In the long term it will help your septic system to work longer with less maintenance. Summer is a great time for you and your family to review the list and share it with your guest. Avoid flushing:

- Cat litter (even "flushable" types)
- Cigarette butts
- Coffee grounds
- Condoms
- Grease and Oils
- Cotton swabs
- Dental floss
- Static cling sheets
- Diapers
- Disposable Wipes
- Feminine hygiene products/tampons
- Hair
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Plastics

These items will quickly fill your septic tank with solids, decreasing its efficiency, and require it to be pumped out more frequently. They could also clog your septic system components or otherwise cause a system failure and a big mess.

2. Park vehicles away from the septic system.

Be sure you know where your septic system is located. And keep all vehicle traffic off the tank, pipes, and drain field/soil treatment area. The only exception is the lawn mower.

The area should remain clear of all heavy equipment, vehicles (including 4-wheelers), livestock, boats, and motor homes. The pressure from the vehicles can compact the soil or damage the system pipes resulting in costly repairs.

3. Pump your system before the party.

Check to see when the last time your septic tank was pumped. If you don't know or if it has been more than three years, chances are it's time for a cleaning. You can greatly reduce the likelihood of failure, avoid costly repairs, and gain peace of mind by having your system regularly pumped as needed. If you are hosting a large number of people, consider pumping your septic system prior to the party.

4. Landscape with love.

Summer may be the right time to do some landscaping renovations in your yard. But be mindful of any new plantings. Grass is the ideal cover for drain fields. You can also plant other very shallow-rooted plants or flowers. However keep in mind that if you don't have risers installed, you will need to dig up the ground to access the tanks for inspection and pumping—generally every 2 to 3 years.

Avoid deep rooted plants, trees, shrubs, and vegetables over your system. As a general rule, trees and large shrubs should be kept at least 30 feet away from your drain field (depending on the root structure and soil type). Do not fertilize over the drain field.

Summer may come and go but proper maintenance can lead to a healthy and happy septic system that will last throughout the year. For more septic care tips to practice year-round visit www.naturescallsepticservice.com.

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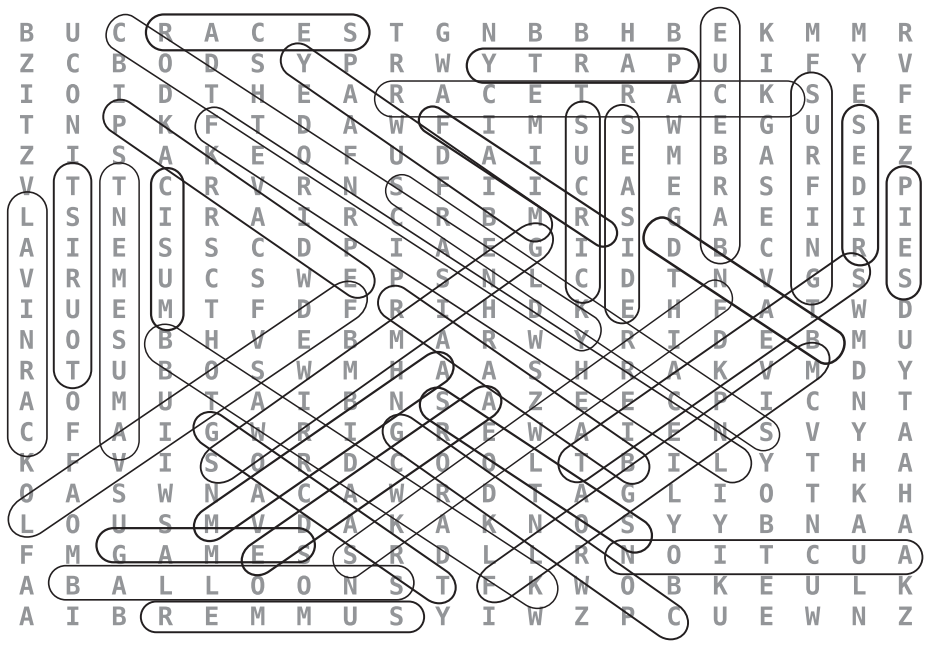

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