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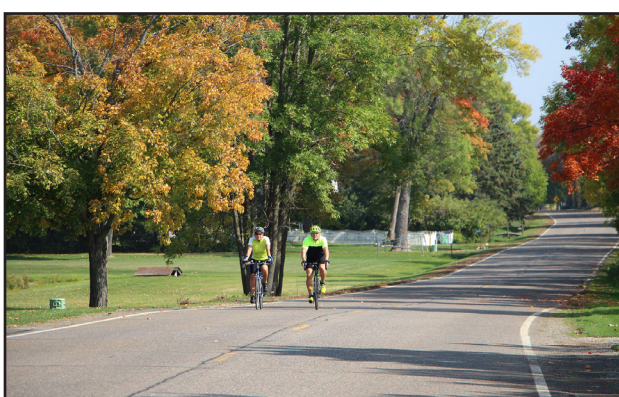
Virtual photo tour around the lake

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Beauty of the lake
 Pictured left is the shallow, sandy shore of the Hogsback on the north end of Mille Lacs. On right, is a dock in Wahkon Bay.

Below are chairs waiting for their occupants to view the north end of the lake in Wealthwood.

Below right is a rustic bridge surrounded by sugar maples also on the north end of the lake.



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Fall splendor

Pictured above are bikers taking in the fall splendor on the north end of Mille Lacs in Wealthwood. Below is one of the many cabin backroads on the lake. On right and left, seagulls aren't ready to call it quits on Mille Lacs just yet.



Conservation officer reports

CO Dustie Speldrich (Willow River) responded to a dog chasing deer complaint and nuisance beaver complaints. Moose sighting calls in Willow River, and Askov have been a daily occurrence. A young bull has been spotted several times. Speldrich also assisted with a Presidential security detail in Duluth.



CO Bret Grundmeier (Hinckley) spent time checking duck hunters, small game hunters, and a few archery deer hunters. Waterfowl hunters that put in the effort to paddle their way into remote river backwaters did fairly well finding Wood Ducks. Bow hunters that were checked, reported seeing a lot of deer coming into oak stands looking for acorns. Assistance was also provided with the apprehension of a group of thieves that ran and hid in a corn field after crashing their car. In addition to stealing property and running from cops, the suspects also made poor decisions by running into a corn field on a cold rainy morning while wearing flip-flops and pajama bottoms.

CO Mikeena Mattson (Wealthwood) primarily spent the week working hunting activity. Calls were fielded regarding duck hunting, hunting stands, trespass, and navigation hazards on Mille Lacs Lake. Violations encountered included: take small game without license, take migratory waterfowl with toxic shot, operate unregistered ATV, fail to transfer ATV ownership, operate ATV without headlights on, and exceed passenger capacity on ATV.

CO Ben Karon (Pine City) continued checking waterfowl hunters and boaters. Limited success has been found by small game hunters looking for grouse. Patrol from kayak was also conducted.

Mille Lacs Lake Level

Latest recorded level

Oct. 5, 8 a.m. 125162 ft.
 17-year low (2007) 1249.93 ft.
 17-year high (2002) 1253.08 ft.
 17-year average 1251.39 ft.
 Sept. 28 1251.33 ft.
 Sept. 21 1251.69 ft.
 Sept. 14 1251.86 ft.

Water level facts

Height: Buck Moore Dam 1250.50 ft.
 Ordinary high water mark 1252.80 ft.
 Record high (Aug. 1972) 1253.87 ft.
 Record low (Oct. 1936) 1245.63 ft.

Measurements taken from Cove Bay public access on the south side of Mille Lacs Lake by the U.S. Geological Survey. Recent statistics are estimates based on the median level for the day.

DAY	HIGH/LOW	DESCRIPTION	PRECIP	WIND
Wed 07	59°/38°	Sunny	0%	NW 11 mph
Thu 08	61°/48°	Mostly Sunny	10%	SE 6 mph
Fri 09	73°/43°	Partly Cloudy	0%	SW 10 mph
Sat 10	60°/42°	Mostly Sunny	10%	NNE 6 mph
Sun 11	64°/51°	Partly Cloudy	10%	SSE 12 mph