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Update



Pelican Lake, Ottertail Co, MN

Greetings!

Here's what's going on around the lake this fall.

Pelican Rapids School Board is at it again

There will be a \$21.9 Million Pelican Rapids School referendum vote Tuesday, November 5th.

The construction will focus on interior renovations including science spaces, junior high classrooms, bathrooms, multipurpose cafeteria, commons, kitchen, gymnasium new auditorium, locker rooms, dance area, wrestling area, safety features, security and improved accessibility and district wide repair and maintenance.

The current school tax is about \$224 per \$100,000 of residential value. The tax increase would add about \$96 per \$100,000 of residential value for a total school tax of about \$320 per \$100,000 of residential value.

Absentee ballots will be available on September 20, 2013 at the Otter Tail County Auditor's office at the Government Services Center in Fergus Falls. You may complete the application and vote at that location in person 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday Starting 9/20/13 and 10:00am to 3:00pm on November 2, 2013. You may also download absentee ballot applications [HERE](#).

Absentee voting may also be done through the mail, but please allow plenty of time for the auditor's office to receive the application, mail your ballot to you, and for you to return your ballot so it arrives on or before election day. Mail your application to: Otter Tail County Auditor, Absentee Ballot Application, 510 Fir Ave W, Fergus Falls, MN 56537. The county auditor's office will mail your ballot to you after September 20th after which you return the completed, signed and witnessed ballot to the county auditor.

Ottertail County looking at raising property taxes

Otter Tail County public meeting 7:00pm, Wednesday, December 4th to discuss and for the commissioners to vote on a budget increase of 3.65% for property owners.

Septic system money will be available for Ottertail Co. residents

Residents of Otter Tail County can apply for assistance when replacing their septic systems. The Otter Tail County Board voted Tuesday to approve a request to get funds from the Clean Water Partnership grant. The grant will cover up to \$270,000 to help upgrade sewage systems the county finds are not up to codes. For more information on how to apply, contact Resources Director, Bill Kalar

Progress continues on Natural Gas around the lake

The process continues to provide natural gas around Pelican Lake, as well as Sallie and

Mellisa Lakes. If things continue at the current pace, we could have natural gas around our lake as early as 2016. Initial project costing would involve voluntary participants paying a surcharge of \$40-\$50 per month for 15 years to put in the pipe system. After that, just the normal monthly "meter fee" and gas usage charges would remain. Please contact Pamela Sarvala (800-889-9508) at Minnesota Energy with any questions.

Sincerely,

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