



THE VOICE OF THE CHAIN OF LAKES

The Misquah Pilot-Independent

“Where the coffee’s hot, the lakes are cold, and all the children are above average.” — Serving the Chain since 1897.

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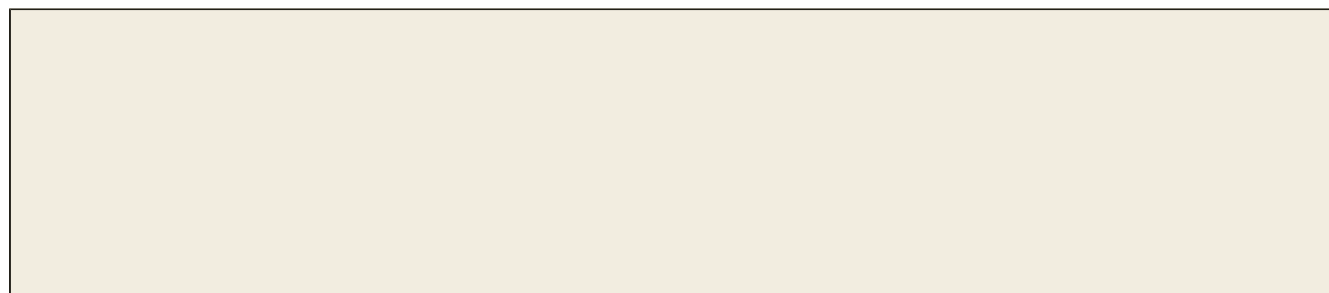
Memorial Day Week

LAKES & OUTDOORS

Fishing Opener Draws Hundreds to the Chain

The fish were selective, the coffee was steady, and every dock produced at least one report of a near-keeper.

BY TIM BREVIK, FISHING & WEATHER CORRESPONDENT • THE CHAIN • MAY 26, 2026





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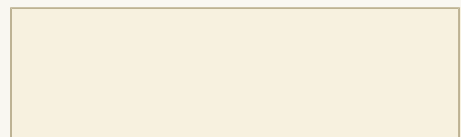
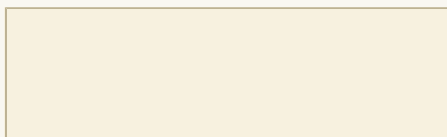
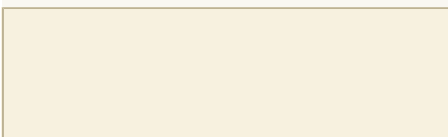
The second full week of fishing season has brought the Chain into its proper rhythm: boats on Big Pelican before breakfast, coffee at Tim's by midmorning, reports of selective fish by noon, and the first confidently contradictory theories before supper.

Tim Brevik estimates several hundred anglers visited the Chain

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over the opener stretch and the days that followed, though he cautioned that counting anglers is like counting blackbirds. "You can do it," he said, "but by the time you finish, half of them have moved and the rest deny they were there."

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geese with tenure.

East shore of Big Pelican

Local sponsorships are kept quiet, clearly labeled, and out of the middle of the story.

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NEWS

Pavilion Roof Fund Reaches Year Fourteen

The community fund gains \$38.12 and a coffee can with a better lid.

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SCHOOLS

Pike Track Team Places at Regionals

Lakeside sends three runners and one pole vaulter to sections, along with two coolers of sandwiches.

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OPINION

Our View: Let the Dock Committee Be a Dock Committee

Not every civic body needs a subcommittee, even if the coffee is already made.

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THE KLATCH

Memorial Day Program Moved Indoors, Then Back Out

A band, a breeze, and an unsettled sky produce the traditional shuffle.

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Loon Pair Claims Buoy, Ignores Resort Brochure

A pair on Big Pelican reminds boaters that signs are for people.

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SPORTS

Legion Practice Begins Under One Working Light

Coach Halvorsen calls the field 'playable in spirit.'

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OBITUARIES

Marian Olson, 96

A church pianist, pie judge, and formidable left-handed cribbage player.

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THE BLOTTER



Cooler Found, Contents Disputed

Owner identified after naming three items inside and criticizing the mustard.

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Wanted: Someone With a Trailer and a Morning

No pay, but coffee and community standing offered.

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CALENDAR

Memorial Garden Cleanup Set for Thursday

Bring gloves, buckets, and your own certainty about what is a weed.

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