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# Launching boats difficult as drought conditions persist



Minnesota boaters could find launching watercraft difficult this spring due to low water levels on many lakes and rivers. The lack of snow this winter and persistent dry conditions have left lakes without the normal spring recharge.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is working to repair boat ramps damaged over winter and will extend boat ramps when possible. However, it is not possible to extend boat ramps on waterbodies that are naturally shallow beyond the ramp. Boat ramps damaged by power loading are also a challenge to repair. A boater might be able to launch into the space at the end of the boat ramp — however, a buildup of the material moved by power loading settles beyond the ramp can prevent boaters from getting to deeper water.

In addition to repair work, DNR crews will use the month of April to put docks in. For DNR public access sites, dock-in dates are shown on LakeFinder (mndnr.gov/lakefinder); search for the lake then click on water access sites noted on the lake map to find dock details on the water access site webpage.

Spring boaters should always anticipate and prepare for cold water conditions. This year, they should also watch out for obstructions such as rocks and sand bars that typically are not an issue for spring boaters.

Tips for launching boats in low water conditions:

• Launch slowly. Have a spotter in the boat while launching so trailer tires and boat axles don't fall off the last plank where an existing blowhole might be present. • Have hip boots or waders and a life jacket as it might help to get in the water and guide the boat or check the ramp for firmness and water depth.

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- Lower the motor only after making sure there is enough water depth.
- Use a lake map as a guide to avoid shallow areas and watch for obstructions.
- Boaters who encounter problems at a DNR public access site can contact their local DNR office or the DNR Information Center at 888-646-6367. For public water access maps, state water trail maps and boating informa-

tion, go to the DNR's public

water access webpage (mnd-

nr.gov/wateraccess).

\$35 million for access and accessibility improvements The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has identified more than 100 access and accessibility projects throughout the state as part of the once-in-a-generation Get Out MORE (Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences) investments approved by the legislature and signed by Gov. Tim Walz in 2023. These projects will serve new and existing users by making it easier to get to recreational opportunities, and easier for people to enjoy outdoor recreation.

"Access and accessibility are vital to bringing new users to state parks, state forests and wildlife management areas to enjoy outdoor recreation and to improve the experiences of existing users," DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen said. "These investments show Minnesota's commitment to ensuring people of all abilities and interests enjoy a world-class recreation system."

The DNR manages 74 state parks and recreation areas, 60 state forests and more than 1,500 wildlife management areas that encompass nearly 5 million acres throughout the state. Of the \$149.9 million in Get Out MORE investments, \$35.4 million will go toward enhancing access and accessibility, including:

• \$15 million for accessibility improvements in state parks and wildlife management areas, which includes:

-Three comprehensive accessibility projects at key state parks — William O'Brien, Sibley and Fort Snelling — and 11 smaller scale projects across the state. These comprehensive projects will in-

volve improving accessibility of park amenities, bathrooms, and other facilities throughout the park, bringing greater accessibility park-wide.

-Over 70 projects will focus on access improvements at wildlife management areas statewide, including building new accessible trailheads and ensuring existing hunting blinds, overlooks and trails are fully accessible.

• \$9.4 million for road improvements.

-Road modernization will enhance more than 35 roads across Minnesota that provide access to recreational opportunities in state forests, wildlife management areas, state recreation areas, and state parks.

-Projects in this category include bridge replacements, road reconstruction, erosion control and resurfacing.

-These improvements will make it easier for more people to reach and enjoy outdoor recreation opportunities.

• \$8 million for improvements to hiking and paved trails at state parks and hunter walking trails at wildlife management areas.

-These projects include improvements at more than a **Continued on Page 2** 

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#### dozen state parks to improve accessibility and long-term sustainability.

-Improvements will focus on increased access to hunter walking trails at wildlife management areas across the state.

• \$2 million for improved wayfinding and signage.

-These projects will create or improve trailhead signage at priority wildlife management areas and hunter walking trail networks.

-Additionally, the DNR will update maps for four state forests, including creating maps that users can download using various map apps and access even without cell service. These maps will in-

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clude a high level of detail and highlight nearby recreation opportunities like trails and public water accesses as well as state forest amenities.

-Wildlife management areas will receive improved signage and wayfinding at access points and hunter walking trails to increase function and accessibility for all users.

• \$1 million for adaptive equipment, including track chairs and accessible hunting blinds, and supporting infrastructure. This includes:

-Purchasing nine more track chairs and other items needed to support the track chair program, such as storage sheds and trailers.

-Purchasing 65 pairs of

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-Adding of kayaks and adaptive accessories.

-Purchasing several mobile, fully accessible hunting stands for use during wildlife management area special and traditional hunts.

The historic, one-time Get Out MORE investment of \$149.9 million centers on five key areas:

-Enhancing fisheries and fishing infrastructure (\$60 million)

-Enhancing access and welcoming new users to public lands and outdoor recreation facilities (\$35.4 million)

-Modernizing boating access (\$35 million)

-Restoring streams and modernizing water-related infrastructure to support out-

door recreation (\$10 million)

-Modernizing camping and related infrastructure (\$9.5 million)

As further details are avail-

able about these projects, information will be added to the Get Out MORE webpage of the DNR website (mndnr. gov/aboutdnr/get-out-more).

# **Northland Arboretum birdwatching**

An introduction to birdwatching class will be held at the Northland Arboretum from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

The class is designed for adults or youth ages 12-16 may attend, when accompanied by an adult.

Class presenters LeAnn and Ron Plinske have been avid "Bird Nerds" since 2007. They

are also MN Master Naturalist Volunteers, Northland Arboretum members and volunteers, and Brainerd Lakes Area Audubon Society members.

There will be an indoor presentation with techniques, tips and tools and depending on the weather, a short trail walk.

The cost for the class is \$10 per day for Northland Arboretum members and \$5 per

day for non-members. Bring your own binoculars or loaner binoculars will be available.

Pre-registration is required at northlandarb.org or call 218-829-8770. Space is limited so register early. The class fee is non-refundable.

Northland Arboretum is located at 14250 Conservation Drive in Brainerd.

# **Protecting groundwater grants**

Crow Wing County has the Clean Water Fund. been awarded over \$50,000 in grants, empowering residents to seal unused wells and upgrade septic systems. These measures are crucial in safeguarding our groundwater, which many county residents rely on for drinking water. Grant funds have been provided by the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and

An unused or abandoned well is not just a dormant structure; it's a potential threat to our groundwater. It can become a direct path for surface water runoff, contaminated water, or improperly disposed waste to reach an uncontaminated groundwater source. Additionally, larger-diameter wells can be a safety hazard for children and animals, underscoring

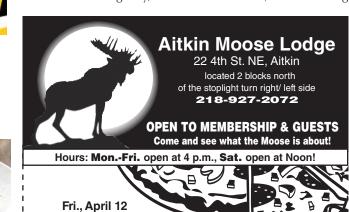
the urgency of sealing them.

The County will provide up to a maximum of \$1,000 in cost-share funds per well. A state-licensed well contractor must conduct the work. Residents must contact a licensed well driller to begin the application process.

Funds are also available to assist low-income residents upgrade septic systems that are not working properly and failing to protect groundwater. These funds can only be used to replace existing septic systems, not for new septic systems.

Grant applications can be found at https://www.crowwing.gov/242/Grants.

Funding is allocated on a first-come, first-served, basis. Households that meet the low-income standards may be funded up to 50% of the SSTS replacement cost and those that meet the very low-income standards may be funded up to 75% of the SSTS replacement cost. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Land Services Office at 218-824-1010 or landservices@crowwing.gov to discuss groundwater protection or other land use-related activities.



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# READER RIBBETS

# **Revised teacher licensing standards**

educators from years gone by to the present who love our children and have labored for their best outcomes. Without them I would have no hope today. Knowing that pastors, churches, moms and dads have been praying regularly for school students and staff is good news. Let us take a laser light on education today.

School districts in Minnesota are in grave danger. Because school boards represent voters and taxpayers, start talking about how communities can stand together with schools to push back on the upcoming and current policies that are undermining education. Our children are our inheritance, not school buildings or a government agenda.

In the last year policies decided by a governor-appointed board, Professional Education Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB), has set revised teacher licensing standards for new and renewing teachers which include a mandate to teach Marxist activism. This PELSB mandate is now being taught in Minnesota colleges and universities so when they are required to sign for a license in 2025 they will be ready to teach our children socialism integrated in all areas of study and thought. For more information check the website Child Protection League https://cplaction.com/ and search PELSB.

School boards and administrators are not the culprits yet they are complicit in allowing this injustice. Unions are another factor. In 2008 Minnesota had 50 education lobbyists while corporations had one or less on average. The strength of their organizing is evident financially, academically, and autocratically.

Highlighting our needs, we must keep our eyes on the Minnesota legislature. They are advancing an agenda at lightning speed. Start contacting state officials heading up education and human rights act committees; watch their live broadcasts of committees, house and senate proceedings on the state website https:// www.leg.mn.gov/.

Let's pray and encourage school administrators and school boards to speak to other school districts about standing up against this takeover of our schools. If enough of them work together other districts will rally with them. It only takes a few brave people to start a new American Revolution. For the sake of our children the battle is worth it. Ordinary citizens, we must speak now! Administrators are not standing alone with no recourse but need our truth to protect and save our local schools and for us together to save our children! They need parents, taxpayers, voters, and faith leaders to STAND with them NOW!

We saw how the comprehensive sex ed curriculum works. Now it is a grooming process to sexualize children. Schools need to show the public any CASEL-style SEL programming they are using on our children and why. Allow yourselves to be vulnerable, like each innocent child, to fix this adult problem. It is up to each one of us to fix this agenda quickly. Home schooling is a very serious option!

Patricia Moulton, Rush City

# Benefits to illegal immigrants

Since taking complete control of state government, Democrats have done everything they can to make Minnesota an even more attractive destination to illegal immigrants.

Last year, they provided driver's licenses to illegal aliens. They had proposals to give illegal immigrants property tax relief using the homestead tax credit and access to the 'Working Family Credit', which provides money to people who aren't earning enough through their current work. This year they renewed efforts to turn

Minnesota into an official sanctuary state. In addition, Minnesota has experienced a surge of migrants from New

I wanted to let you know about another troubling bill the Democrats want to pass. It's called the "Worker Opportunity Act," and it would provide illegal immigrants with unemployment benefits.

This \$10 million bill would provide \$300 weekly payments for up to 13 weeks. Yes, your tax dollars would pay unemployment benefits to people

living in our state illegally.

This is why what happens at the border is important to all of us, even here in Minnesota. We cannot keep putting illegal immigrants ahead of our own citizens, many of whom are struggling with high prices for daily life. And we certainly shouldn't spend millions handing out unemployment money to people who are here illegally.

If you have any questions, please reach out any time. State Senator Justin D. Eichorn

# Ben Davis legislative update

Greetings from the House where, come Monday, we'll be entering the final [five] weeks of the legislative session.

On one hand, that's for the better that adjournment is near because it will put a stop to the parade of radical proposals Democrats have been pushing this biennium.

On the other hand, it means some important, bipartisan bills could die on the vine as time runs out. For example, a bill I have authored to bring consistency to search-and-rescue efforts so local agencies are compensated for ice rescues the same as they are for water rescues has not received a hearing in the House despite requests. It would be a shame for this bill to stall despite bipartisan support. When common-sense proposals like this fall by the wayside, it's the kind of thing that sours people on politics and it also speaks volumes regarding mismanagement of our state these days.

In other news: More spending

It was just last spring when Democrats used their full control of the Capitol to blow the \$18 billion surplus and raise taxes by \$10 billion to increase state spending by 40 percent. The Democrats in St. Paul

recently announced they have reached an agreement to spend at least \$512.5 million more in 2024-25. Yes, as ridiculous as it sounds, they are back for even more of your money – even as we face a shortfall in the next biennium.

This additional spending is irresponsible and unaffordable. It is the exact opposite of what we should be doing to address our potential deficit and acknowledging warnings from state officials to be cautious when budgeting.

But, instead of getting spending under control the Democrats want to spend all they can while they still have total control of the Capitol, once again increasing spending at an even more unsustainable pace.

Minnesotans deserve better

and we need more balance at the Capitol. If we've learned one thing over the last year or so, it's that today's Democrats are NOT your parents' DFLers. Instead, this is a group of extreme legislators which is catering to radical activists from the left at the expense of most Minnesotans. Greater MN ambulance fund-

Despite that half a billion dollars in new state spending, the new proposal fails to fully fund the critical needs of our emergency medical services across the state, providing \$16 million for rural EMS – far short of what is needed. Ambulance providers are struggling under the current "fee-for-service" model, which has left rural areas of the state with decreasing access to ambulances and other EMS options.

I will continue working with fellow legislators to advocate for more aid to licensed ambulance service providers in Greater Minnesota. One bill establishes an aid program for licensed ambulance service providers, administered by the commissioner of revenue and makes a one-time appropriation for the program.

If the Democrats must spend more money, the least they can do is put it toward core public safety services such as EMS instead of handing it out to more non-profit political allies and other pet projects.

Until next time, have a good weekend and please stay in

> State Rep. Ben Davis District 6A

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

April

13th - Lakes Area Homeschool Conference, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Deerwood Auditorium with four Heppners Legacy Workshops: where to start homeschooling; exploring homeschool methods; time and home management while homeschooling and homescholing throughout high school. The cost for all four workshops is \$25. Workshop tickets may be ordered at https://calendly.com/cuyunalakesacademy/lakes-area-homeschool-conference?month=2024-04 or for more information visit https://legacyhomeschool.com/

13th - Spaghetti Dinner Vipperman Fund-raiser at the Ironton American Legion, 3:30-6:30 p.m., \$9 per plate. There will also be a bake sale and fill the boot donations will also be accepted. Ironton fireman Bud Vipperman and his wife Lisa are both dealing with major medical issues. Proceeds from the benefit will help the Vipperman's. The event is hosted by the Ironton Fire Department, IFD Auxiliary and the Ironton American Legion

15th - Participants will discuss the book "Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard" by author Douglas Tallamy at the Northland Arboretum book club from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. . Attendees must obtain their own book in advance. Please note that are two versions of the book and one is written for young readers. Although the event is free and open to the public, pre-registration is required at northlandarb.org or call 218-829-8770. Space is limited so register early to receive discussion questions in advance. Northland Arboretum is located at 14250 Conservation Drive in Brainerd.

16th - 18th - Friends of the Brainerd Public Library Big Spring Book Sale at the Westgate Mall (next to Claire's), 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 16th - 20th - Almighty Yahuah's commanded yearly Sacred Festival Pesach (Passover - Lev. 23) locally host-

ed by Proverbs 6:23 Ministry, Call 218-533-6029 for information and directions. 17th - Free Supper, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Cascade United Methodist Church. The free meal is designed to bring families and neighbors to enjoy a home cooked meal together. The meal is held the third Wednesday of each month. If you wish to attend, please call 218-534-3507. Cascade is located between Deer-

wood and Crosby at 22781 Black Lake Road, Deerwood on Highway 6 and 210.

4th - Cuyuna Lakes Expo 2024 at the Hallett Center of Crosby, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact Aubrey at Cuyuna Lakes Chamber for additional information 218-546-8131.

# **Send Us Your** Photos and **Community Events!**

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#### Saturday, April 6, 13, and April 20, 2024) LIBBY TOWNSHIP

**BOARD MEETING** The Libby Township Board will meet online at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 to discuss matters that may come before the board and to continue the Board of Audit meeting that was tabled on March 12, 2024. The April 23 meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Contact Jane Jewett. clerk, at willowsedge.janesfarm@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2024 Jane Grimsbo Jewett, Clerk Libby Township

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#### **CITY OF CUYUNA** NOTICE TO **RESIDENTS**

All cities are required by law to monitor their drinking

water for each year. For the period from January 1 to December 31, 2023, no violations of federal drinking water standards were found

for the Cuyuna city water. The full report of the City of Cuyuna's 2023 Drinking Water Report will not be sent to individual users but is available upon request.

Please contact: Bill Bedard, Clerk-Treasurer City of Cuyuna P.O. Box 536 Deerwood, MN 56444

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#### **WEALTHWOOD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL** AND EQUALIZATION **PLUS ROAD REVIEW NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the Township of Wealthwood in Aitkin County, Minnesota, will meet at the Wealthwood Town Hall on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said Township for the year 2024.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the Township has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization.

The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

Road Review to follow the Dated: April 1, 2023

LINDA WENDLANDT, Clerk Wealthwood Township



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### **BEVERLY TROYER** Beverly Jayne Troyer, 97, of

Crosby died at the Cuyuna Regional Care Center in Crosby on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

No services will be held. Burial will be at the Lakewood

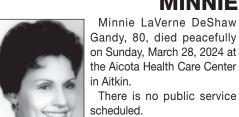
Minnie was born on May

Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born on May 6, 1926 in Crosby to Stanley and Mildred (Young) Troyer.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home of Crosby. To leave a message of condolence go to www.koopfuneralhome.com.

#### MINNIE GANDY



30, 1943, in Iowa City, Iowa to Harold and Neta (Fenstermaker) DeShaw. She was raised in the Central City, Iowa area up through her early teen years when her parents moved the family to Aitkin County, Minnesota. Minnie married Douglas Ogreen in 1959 and she gave birth to twin boys, Douglas and Dennis Ogreen. The young family moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Minnie divorced Douglas Ogreen after two years of marriage and was united in marriage to Curtis Gandy on March 22,1962 in Cedar Rapids. She and Curt had four children together: Curtis, Lea Anne, Jeffery, and Don. Their marriage was blessed with all six children growing up together on the Northwest side of Cedar Rapids. Minnie was born into a large family of musicians and she enjoyed playing guitar and fiddle

and singing country, gospel, and bluegrass music.

She had a beautiful voice and was often asked

to sing and yodel at family gatherings. She also

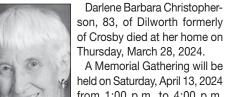
enjoyed fishing, camping, reading, dancing, crocheting, cooking, baking, and gardening. She was well known for her baked goods and spent each fall canning vegetables harvested from her garden. She was baptized in her youth and throughout her life she maintained her love for Jesus Christ. Minnie worked a variety of jobs during her lifetime including as a bartender, meat processing technician, and electronics circuit board assembler. She would tell you that her most notable job was as homemaker and caretaker of her family.

She is survived by her six children and their spouses: Douglas Ogreen, Dennis Ogreen (Ronda), Curtis Gandy II (JoAnne), Lea Anne Beeson (Jim), Jeffery Gandy (Rhonda), and Don Gandy (Tonie); 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; six siblings: Harold "Buck" DeShaw (Beverly), Patricia Aswegan (Al), Richard "Dick" DeShaw, Carol DeShaw Thompson, George DeShaw (Lissy), and Ronald DeShaw (Connie); and her dear cat, Foxy.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Curtis.

Arrangements were with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Aitkin. Leave online condolences at www.srtfuneral.com.

#### DARLENE CHRISTOPHERSON



OBITUARIES

held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443, Ironton. Burial will be at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby.

She was born in Crosby on February 15, 1941 to Leslie and Irene (George) Lueck. Darlene married Curt Christopherson on December 19, 1981 in Deerwood. For 28 years she was employed at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center in Crosby. She was a former member at the Immanuel Lutheran

Church in Crosby; and was an assistant Scout Master and Den Leader with Troop 100 of the Boy Scouts of America.

Darlene is survived by her husband, Curt; three sons: Scott (Angela) Figgins of Everett, WA; Mark (Melanie) Christopherson of Fargo, ND and Jon Christopherson of Dilworth; daughter, Debbie (Steve) Bitner of Chippawa Falls, WI; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister, Karen Lane of Brainerd.

Preceding Darlene in death are her parents; brother, Bob Lueck and sister Carol Holland.

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Aitkin - Northwoods Community Church (formerly The Journey North) Tom Hoffman, interim pastor, Worship 10:30, northwoodscommunitychurch.org

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Hill City — Pastor Lonnie Lee; 218-697-2645; Adult SS 9; Worship 10 am; Bible Study, Fri., 7 pm.

Isle — Pastor Nick Skogen; 676-3171; SS 9:30; Service 10:30; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.

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Crosby — Immanuel (LCMC, NALC) Rev. Paul Mattson; Sun. 9 & 10:30 worship: SS (Sept.-May) 10:40. Crosby —Zion (LC-MS) Pastor Dean Stolz; Worship 8:30;

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10, Service 11, fellowship follows. Lake Shore — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Rd.; Worship 9 Sunday mornings, followed by

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9; SS 9. McGregor/Big Sandy Lake — Grace Lutheran Log Church (LCMC), Pastor Lorelie Robinson; Worship 9, Fellowship follows, SS 10.

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Ironton — Iron Range Christian Center; Pastor Dwight Semler; 218-546-6523; meeting at Irondale Town Hall\*, Co. Rd. 12, (Deerwood Shortcut), Worship 10 & Wed. 7 pm. Tamarack — Warriors of the Rainbow Ministry, Pastors Ken and Ron Fairbanks, Sat. 11. 218-768-3585

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