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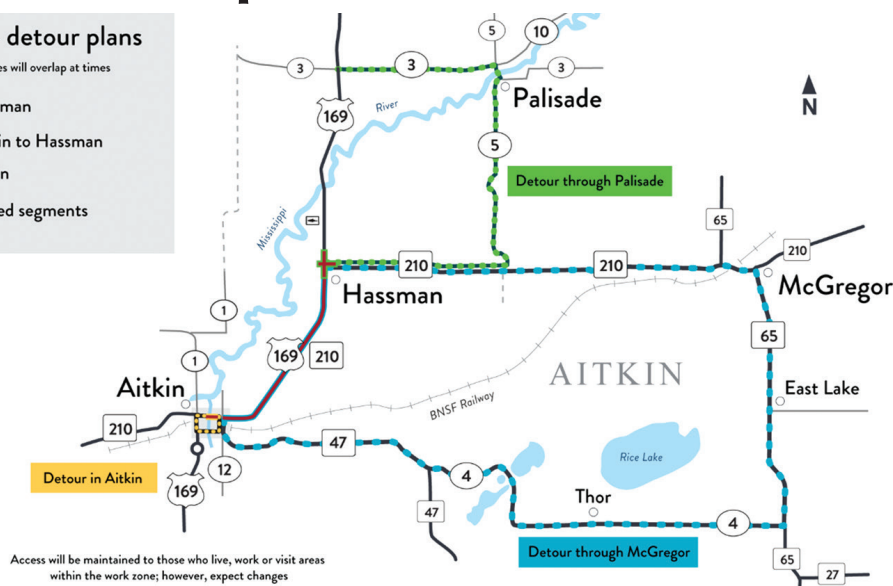
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As area temperatures increase, so does road construction

2024 detour plans

Detour routes will overlap at times

- Hassman
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Access will be maintained to those who live, work or visit areas within the work zone; however, expect changes

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has begun work on the Highway 169/210 Aitkin to Hassman project. Work will occur on Highway 169/210 between the Ripple River in Aitkin through to Highway 210 in Hassman. This year marks the second of the two-year, \$36.2 million project. The project requires segments of road closures with detours along with shoulder or lane closures with flaggers. Access will be open and maintained to those who live, work or visit those along the highway. Here's what to expect:

Aitkin to Hassman detour:

Late April to mid-October

- Reconstruct and close Highway 169/210 between Aitkin County Road 12 and

Highway 210, includes underground pipes

- Detour through McGregor: County Road 12 (400th Avenue) Aitkin, Highway



Hwy 169/210 Closed 2024 detour

47, County Road 4 (Dam Lake Street), Highway 65 McGregor, Highway 210

Aitkin detour in town:

Mid-May to mid-July

- Reconstruct and close Highway 169/210 between the Ripple River bridge and County Road 12 (400th Avenue)
- Detour in Aitkin: Highway 169 (Minnesota Avenue), Highway 47 (Fourth Street SE), County Road 12 (400th Avenue)

Drainage work

Hard closures will be necessary to replace drainage structures beneath Hwy 169. Overall crews will work south west to north east. More schedule details to come. Map of locations a-i:



- Pipe south of Co. Rd. 12/83
- Pipe north of Co. Rd. 12/83
- Box bridge between Co.

Rd. 12/83 and 390th St.

d. Pipe between 390th St. and 365th St.

e. Box bridge north of 370th Ln.

f. Pipe north of 370th Ln.

g. Box bridge south of Co. Rd. 54/56

h. Box bridge south of Co. Rd. 54/56

i. Pipe between 395th St and Rice River

Hassman: Late July to early September

- Reconstruct and close the Highway 169 and 210 intersection
- Detour through Palisade: Highway 210, County Road 5 (Nature Avenue), County Road 3 (480th Street)

When complete in November 2024, travelers will benefit from a wider, smoother and stronger road surface; improved safety, access and traffic flow; and updated drainage.

If you have any questions about the Highway 169/210 Aitkin to Hassman project, contact MnDOT Construction Project Manager Nathan Walton at 218-537-3144 or nathan.walton@state.mn.us.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Area road projects | Continued from Page 1

ment of Transportation also has a \$4.6 million roadwork project planned for Highway 169 south of Garrison along west Mille Lacs Lake in Crow Wing and Mille Lacs counties.

Garrison: April 29–May 3

Crews will close Highway 169 the week of April 29 to replace three pipes/culverts

beneath the roadway. Work is scheduled to take up to five days. All lanes will reopen by noon, Friday, May 3.

Garrison: Late May - Mid July

MnDOT will then resurface and improve seven miles of Highway 169 between Crow Wing Co. Rd. 26 south of Garrison to half-mile north

of Ojibwe Dr.; improvements will include a new storm sewer, guardrail upgrades and new left-turn lanes at Co. Rd. 26 Timber Trail and Swing-A-Way/S Port.

- Weekdays: Expect short segments of alternate one lane, one-way traffic with flaggers, during daylight hours.
- Overnights: Sunday night through Friday morning for approximately two weeks in June.
- Weekends/holidays: All lanes open

All traffic impacts are tentative and weather dependent. But wait, there's more!

Mille Lacs Lake "Hog's Back" Mid July- late October

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will wrap up the season with an estimated \$5.7 million project on Highway 18 along the

north side of Mille Lacs Lake, locally known as the "Hog's Back," west of Malmö which is scheduled for mid July to late October.

The 13 miles of road will receive a smoother road surface via cold in-place recycle, improved ditch drainage by replacing or repairing drainage pipes/culverts, and improved motorist safety with the installation of mumble/rumble strips and re-striping.

Motorist will need to use the Highway 169, Co. Rd. 28, Co. Rd. 12 and Highway 47 detour (see above map), which will add 24 miles to their route.

Access will be maintained and open to those who live, work or visit areas within the closed work zone. However, expect hard closures at times

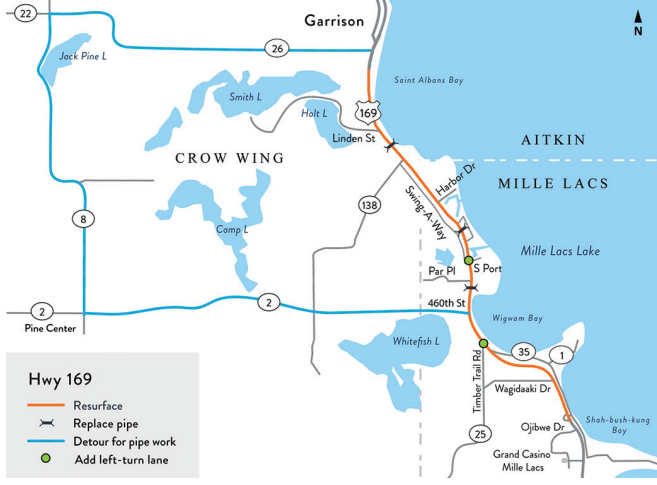


to replace pipes under the road. Information is tentative and subject to change

If you have any questions about the Highway 169 south of Garrison project or the "Hog's Back" project, contact MnDOT Construction Project Manager at 320-293-8512 or Kirk Allen kirk.allen@state.mn.us.

For more information and to sign up for email updates, visit the project webpage: www.mndot.gov/d3/projects/aitkin-hassman/.

For more information on projects in central Minnesota, go to mndot.gov/d3/projects, or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/MnDOTcentral.



CWC tree sale pick-up, May 2-3

According to Melissa Barrick, District Manager "This year the Tree Sale Pick-Up will be held in the Crow Wing County Fair Grounds, Curling Club Building. Please follow yellow signage to the Curling Building on the south side of the fairgrounds."

All plants, trees, and other

items must be picked up on Thursday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Friday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Unless you have made other arrangements with SWCD staff.)

The SWCD will only accept online orders only at <https://www.cwswcd.org/shop>.

"Help us reach our goal of one million trees for Crow Wing County. Over the years landowners have planted over 842,652 trees. We are grateful to all our customers that continue to plant trees each year. Little by little, we are making a big difference." Barrick said.

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Strictly Mushrooms Spicy Vodka Penne (V) Local sautéed mushrooms & penne pasta tossed in our house spicy vodka sauce,
Shrimp Cocktail (GF), Assortment of "Northern Waters Smokehaus" Smoked Salmon & Lake Trout (GF), Assortment of Danishes, Sweet Breads, Donuts, Caramel Rolls, Cream pies & Cakes (V), Chef's Salad with Assortment of Dressings (V), Pasta Salads (V), Yogurt Parfait & Fresh Fruit (V) (GF)

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READER RIBBETS

God gave us instincts and intuition

Wanted to give a BIG shout-out to the awesome people of MN House District 10A. We had a wonderful convention on Saturday, Apr. 20 in Pierz.

Some of the people in that room are the hardest working, passionate, and committed people dedicated to helping make MN and our country great again. Others are working hard to remain in control.

Misinformation is being spread far and wide....

I had a conversation with a gentleman and his wife that were told, "if they threw away their mail-in ballots, they couldn't vote". That isn't true. At any time, primary

or general elections, if you have not voted, if you spilled coffee on your ballot, if your dog EATS your ballot, go to your local courthouse/ election office and cast your vote. THIS is America and We The People get to have our voices heard.

Next subject, ballot names being switched around the ballot, for each round, as in our endorsing convention. I, as a township clerk, had never seen that before. So I called a long-time friend who has been an election official for 28 years at the local level, he explained, "he had never seen this before 2020" Hmm. what changed?? Also, I spoke with the Auditor's office and

this is what we found on the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.... <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/8220.0825/#rule.8220.0825.3> is a good link.

This is just a basic/short overview of these situations. I want the public to be aware and in the name of "Open and Fair" elections... that's the Best I can do....

Remember, if something smells "fishy" it probably IS "Fishy". God gave us instincts and intuition for a reason. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

God bless you and. God Bless America

Diane Webb-Skillings, Aitkin

Permitting process cumbersome

On Thursday, the Minnesota Senate passed the Minnesota Energy Infrastructure Permitting Act, which reforms the permitting process in Minnesota's electric energy sector. These improvements are expected to cut an average of one year off the current four-year permitting process for the electric energy sector, which is great, but why wouldn't Democrats include other industries in their bill?

With complete control of state government, Democrats could have expanded these improvements to include: construction, mining, oil/gas, and nuclear industries. Instead, they completely ignored these other sectors. Without reforms in all industries, important projects (and jobs) will continue to be abandoned in our state - just like with Huber Engineered Woods. Cohasset lost a \$439M

plant along with hundreds of new jobs because Minnesota's permitting process was so cumbersome that the company couldn't meet deadlines.

Democrats will claim their bill is a step in the right direction, but they blocked every single one of our efforts to include these other sectors. We have to stop this war on business and start making Minnesota a good place for companies

New Dunkin' under construction in Brainerd

By ANN SCHWARTZ Inspire brands, that owns Arby's, Baskin-Robbins, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dunkin', Jimmy John's and Sonic, has a new Dunkin' Donuts under construction in Brainerd.

On the corner of Washington Street and Gillis Avenue, Nor-Son is building the new building which replaces a vacant bread store that has been closed for a long time. The 1,072 square foot

building will house a drive-through and walk-up window, outdoor seating, and four parking spots.

The city of Brainerd has issued a building permit. Diners will turn in from Washington Street, follow a u-shaped drive through and leave via Gillis back to the spotlight on Washington.

Menu options will include a variety of drinks and breakfast sandwiches, along with donuts and coffee.



Dunkin' is rising from the rubble of a vacant bread store in Brainerd. Ann Schwartz photo

COMMUNITY EVENTS

May

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.

11th - Annual Electronic Recycling at Deerwood Technologies, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

11th - Authors Patty Wetterling and Joy Baker book signing and presentation at Crosby-Ironton High School, 2 p.m. Admission is \$30 (\$45 admission and hardcover copy). Purchase tickets in advance at www.ci.k12.mn.us/events?id=26510834. Call Community Ed Coordinator Abby Geotz 218-545-8822 with questions.

13th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning: Vietnam and the 1968 Presidential Election 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. in the Forum Room of Crosby-Ironton High School. Programs are free for members and \$10 for non-members. For more information about joining, contact Sally Ihne at sihnecharter.net or call 218-829-2544.

13th & 14th - Cuyuna Rock, Gem and Mineral Society Annual Rock Show at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds in Brainerd.

18th - Emily United Methodist Blooms, Books, Bazaar, and Bake Sale

18th - Glory Baptist Church Best Life Ministries Women's Event "Be the Light" with a light breakfast and lunch, three workshop speakers, times of worship and prayer, along with encouragement and motivation stories and Scriptures to lift up those around us in the difficult days we are experiencing. Cost is \$25. Purchase tickets at Glory Baptist or online at bestlifeministries.com.

June 6th - Music in the Park at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake from 5 to 8 p.m. Call Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218-546-8131 for more details.

8th - Annual Woodtick Races in Cuyuna. Beer garden, concessions, vendor show and meat raffle.

9th - Cuyuna Off-Road Triathlon. Paddle, shred and tread the red in the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. Visit www.cuyunaoffroadtri.com to register and for more details.

10th - Lakes Area Unlimited Learning: A review of the U.S. Supreme Court 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. in the Forum Room of Crosby-Ironton High School. Programs are free for members and \$10 for non-members. For more information about joining, contact Sally Ihne at sihnecharter.net or call 218-829-2544.

20th - Music in the Park at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake, 5-8 p.m. Call Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218-546-8131 for more details.

July

5th - Hallett Freedom 5K run/walk bib timing race hosted by Hallett Center of Crosby.

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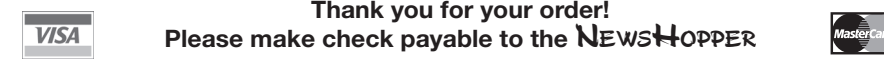
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