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DNR webinar to focus on late-season pheasant hunting

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is inviting outdoor enthusiasts to enhance their hunting skills with a webinar dedicated to late-season pheasant hunting. Scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, the session will feature Aaron Wilson, a senior Farm Bill biologist with Pheasants Forever, who will share expert tips on finding pheasants as winter approaches.

The pheasant hunting season in Minnesota runs through January 1, 2025, and Wilson's insights will

help hunters navigate changing conditions as crops come out and snow begins to fall. He will discuss effective strategies for locating pheasants in



predictable areas during the late season and how to prepare for hunting in colder weather.

This webinar is part of the Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series, a year-round program designed to foster interest in wildlife and outdoor skills.

All webinars in the series are free, but registration is required. Interested participants can visit the Minnesota DNR's Outdoor Skills and Stewardship webpage at mndnr.gov/discover for registration details

and to explore upcoming webinars.

In addition to the pheasant hunting webinar, the DNR is also addressing common concerns among deer hunters. Many hunters hesitate to harvest does with fawns, fearing for the young animals' survival. However, research indicates that by the time hunting seasons begin, fawns are typically old enough to thrive independently. Most fawns, born in late spring,

can be fully weaned by 10 weeks old and are capable of normal development even if orphaned.

The DNR emphasizes that harvesting does is crucial for maintaining healthy deer populations. Hunters can check antlerless harvest regulations in their specific deer permit area using the interactive DPA map on the DNR website at <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/deer/map.html>.

Land Use Ordinance revisions

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department is inviting residents to provide feedback on proposed revisions to the County Land Use Ordinance. The updated ordinance and accompanying information can be accessed on the county's official website at www.crowwing.gov/214/Ordinance-Policy.

Written comments on the proposed changes will be accepted until Friday, November 15 at 4:30 p.m. Submissions may be sent via email to land-services@crowwing.gov or mailed to the Land Services

Department at 322 Laurel Street, Suite 15, Brainerd, MN 56401, attention: "Ordinance."

The revisions include updates to the following articles in the Land Use Ordinance:

- Article 7: Conditional Use Permits
- Article 9: Subdivision of Land
- Article 10: Land Use Classification List
- Article 11: Shoreland District Standards
- Article 14: Rural Residential District Standards
- Article 15: Commercial

Cannabis Use (New Article)

• Article 46: Definitions
The Land Services Department is dedicated to providing exceptional customer service while assisting landowners in making informed decisions that safeguard Crow Wing County's valuable natural resources. Residents are encouraged to reach out to the Land Services Office at 218-824-1010 or via email at landservices@crowwing.gov to discuss land use activities. More information and resources related to Crow Wing County can be found at www.crowwing.gov.

Library's used book sale

The Friends of the Aitkin Library Annual Used Book Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2 in the Community Room at the Aitkin Library, located at 110 1st Ave NE.

From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day, book lovers of all ages can browse through a fantastic selection of softcover books, CDs, and DVDs, all priced at just 50¢ each. For those looking to add to their home library with some sturdy reads, hardcover books will be available for only \$1 each!

A special bag sale will start on Saturday, November 2, where you can fill a bag with as many books as you can fit for just \$3. It's the perfect opportunity to stock up on titles for those chilly winter nights ahead.



Every penny raised during this event goes directly to supporting the Aitkin Library, ensuring it remains a vibrant resource for our community. So, gather your friends, bring your favorite tote, and prepare for a weekend of literary exploration.

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ANGIE'S ACRES

Full circle completed as Brekken's returns to vibrant downtown Brainerd



By ANN SCHWARTZ
 In 1954, Brekken's began selling menswear in downtown Brainerd. They were located at the corner of 6th St. and Laurel, where the Coco Moon coffee shop is now. Downtown Brainerd saw many changes when at first the Old (East Mall) opened in the late 1960s, followed by the Westgate Mall, anchored by K-Mart, in the 1980s. Brekken's saw the light and moved to the mall for 40 years. Now, Isaac Brekken, the third generation of the family

to operate the store, has returned to downtown Brainerd and opened up in an historic building, the EL Menk building in downtown Brainerd. The iconic red building with the white trim still houses the jewelry store. But where Brekken's is open now, it was once You Trinket, and before that, the Bead Box. And for those with long memories, it is the old Scott's Five and Dime Store from the 1960s and 1970s. "It's just a beautiful old building," said Issac, looking around at the pressed tin

ceilings and terrazzo floor. One of the earlier tenants refurbished the space. He is adding historic touches, such as wood-grained doors that were yet to be installed on the dressing room. The store is tastefully designed with men and women's name-brand clothing and shoes. Uggs footwear is a best seller. "I lived in Vegas for 20 years, working as a news

reporter and photographer," said Issac. "We are pleased to be back downtown again after 40 years."



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Janet from Brekken's shows outerwear from Cotopaxi and Howler Bros. Ann Schwartz photos

READER RIBBETS

Minnesotans deserve transparency

Friends and neighbors, Minnesotans will see a Constitutional Amendment on their 2024 ballots which pertains to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF). The question posed to voters will be: "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to protect drinking water sources and the water quality of lakes, rivers, and streams; conserve wildlife habitat and natural areas; improve air quality; and expand access to parks and trails by extending the transfer of proceeds from the state-operated lottery to the environment and natural resources trust fund, and to dedicate the proceeds for these purposes?" As it currently stands, 40% of Minnesota's lottery proceeds go toward the ENRTF fund. The Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)

meets to dedicate ENRTF funds to specific projects, and the legislature approves those chosen projects. This amendment would reauthorize the process for 25 years – a drastic change from the usual 10 years – and increase the cap on the amount of funds that can be spent every biennium from 5.5% to 7%. While the language sounds wonderful, the implementation is very problematic for two reasons: it would remove the legislature from the decision-making process and overhaul how the funds are allocated, neither of which are explained in the ballot question language. Removing legislative oversight over ENRTF funds would make it hard for your elected lawmakers to adjust or redirect funds if necessary and would remove the voice of the people from the equation. It would put all the power in the

hands of unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats. Additionally, the new allocation process would exclude critical local projects aimed at improving water quality – all projects that should be funded through this program. As with many of the Legislative initiatives Minnesota has witnessed over the last two years, this is yet another extreme measure to remove the voice of the people and hand the reins over to appointed bureaucrats with their own agenda. When this ballot measure came before the legislature, I voted no. Minnesotans deserve transparency in the project selection process, and the way this measure is written, it would only limit public input and remove oversight over taxpayer dollars. If the amendment does not pass, the Trust Fund would remain; however, the money generated from the lottery would then be directed to the general fund for the legislature to allocate. **Important Tax Reminder** As a reminder, if the June flooding or storms prevented you or your business from filing your taxes on time, you can request a penalty abatement to get more time to file. Eligible taxpayers in Itasca County who had MN tax returns or payments due from June 16-Jul 4 have until November 1, 2024 to request an abatement to avoid penalties or interest. More information on how to request a penalty abatement can be found here. If you have any questions or comments about the issues we are working on, please contact me anytime. My email is sen.justin.eichorn@mnsenate.gov or you can call me at 651-296-7079. Don't forget to follow me on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SenatorJustinEichorn>. It is a privilege to serve you! Sincerely, **Justin D. Eichorn** Minnesota Senate District 6



Women of Today Pumpkin Patch fun

Autumn winds may have been blustery, but they didn't deter families from enjoying a fun-filled day at Aitkin's Women of Today Pumpkin Patch on October 13 held at the city park. Face painting was a highlight for many children, who eagerly transformed into whimsical characters as they donned vibrant designs. Ann Schwartz photos



A fierce dragon hosts a Pumpkin Patch game, as little ones tested their competitive spirit and creativity. Families also savored delicious food and baked goods available for purchase, adding a tasty touch to the day's activities.

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- Demolition materials may be disposed in the demolition landfill for a fee
- Large appliances, electronics, tires with or without rims, and scrap metals can be disposed at the site for a nominal fee for recycling.

The landfill is open only to residents of Crow Wing County for recycling and disposal needs.

For more information, please call 218-824-1010.

Hunting for the Holidays
 The Deerwood Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting Hunting for the Holidays Craft and Vendor Show at the Deerwood American Legion from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 16.

Oktoberfest
 Friday Saturday Sunday Oct. 18-20
 Call Now 1-800-450-4545 to reserve your spot!
Oktoberfest German Buffet
 Friday & Saturday 5:00-8:00 p.m.
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Friday, October 18

- Arts & Crafts Fair** 12:00-5:00 p.m. Over 150 booths located outside & inside the main lodge. **Specials at Auntie M's, Ann's Bay Lake Boutique, Bay Lake Boutique, The Garage, The Fine Line Salon & Spa**
- Picnick** 12:00-6:00 p.m. Located in the main parking area
- Ski's Mobile Petting Zoo** 12:00-5:00 p.m.
- Entertainment Tent** Bingo 1:15 - 2:15 p.m., 2:30-3:30 p.m., & 3:45-4:45 p.m. **Joey Johnson Band** 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Bear Pine Bar Tent** 12:00-9:00 p.m. **Live DJ** 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Helicopter Tours** Friday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. \$50/person Call 425-263-2379 to reserve your time.

Sunday, October 20

- Breakfast Buffet at Ruby's** 7:00-10:00 a.m. Reservations are not required.
- Parking & shuttle service available**
- More details at www.ruttgers.com/oktoberfest**

Fall Hours:
 Ruby's on the Lake 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. Open Daily through Sunday, Oct. 20 then CLOSED until Nov. 21.
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- Willing to Make Tough Decisions
- Cares About the Success of Crosby-Ironton School District
- Focused on Balancing the School Budget

✓ VOTE Laura Lee
 Crosby-Ironton School Board Member

Prepared and Paid for by Laura Lee on Her Behalf, P.O. Box 171, Deerwood, MN 56444

COMMUNITY EVENTS

October

- 17th, 18th & 19th- Northland Arboretum Haunted Trail, 7-9 p.m., Low scare, high scare & incense high scare trails.
- 18th & 19th -Join Ruttger's 38th Annual Oktoberfest for a weekend full of festivities: Arts & Crafts Fair Petting Zoo, Entertainment Tent, Bingo, Stein Holding Contest and much, much more. Parking and shuttle services available, and ID checks will be enforced.
- 18th & 19th- Babinski Foundation Haunted Trail, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. at 2825 76th Street SW, Pequot Lakes 19th - LWML Fall Bazaar and Lefse - Bake Sale - Crafts - Lunch All are Welcome S 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, 10583 U.S. Highway 169, 1 mile north of Garrison MN on Hwy. 169
- 19th - Babinski Foundation Fall Festival noon-4 p.m. at 2825 76th Street SW, Pequot Lakes. Enjoy face Painting, bouncy house, carnival games, pumpkin decorating station, petting zoo, and pedal tractor pull. Visit the adoption trailer and bring home a new furry friend. Make a purchase at the flea market, farmers market and silent auction. Music performance and food. Admission to the Fall Festival is free, but tickets will be for sale for carnival games and activities.
- 24th - CRMC's Kaleidoscope "Boot & Buckles" fundraiser at the Ironton American Legion, 5-7 p.m. For more information visit: www.cuyunamed.org.
- 25th - "They Would Not Be Moved" with Bruce White, 7 p.m. at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, 43411 Oodena Drive, Onamia
- 26th - Baby Moccasin Workshop, 10 a.m. at the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post, 43411 Oodena Dr., Onamia
- 26th - Halloween Event - Bonfire in the Park 10 a.m.-noon, Pequot Lakes
- 26th - Northland Arboretum Low Scare Trail & Trunk or Treat, 4-6 p.m., \$5 per person. Located at 14250 Conservation Drive, Brainerd, 218-829-8770
- 27th - 2nd Annual Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat event at Crosby Memorial Park on Serpent Lake from 1 to 3 p.m. Trunk-or-treat, face painting, pumpkin patch, local food vendors and more. For more information call the Cuyuna Lakes Chamber at 218-546-8131.
- 27th - World Ballet Series: Swan Lake , 6 p.m. at Gichi-ziiibi Center for the Arts, 602 S 5th S, Brainerd
- 29th - Care for the Caregiver This two-hour session will be held on 2-4 pm. This session looks at ways to support those who care for others. Hannah Jude, Licensed Social Worker for Crow wing County, will review resources available for caregivers and Gail Smith, Parish Nurse, will look at ways to create a self-care plan for those who care for others. Please call the church at 218-692-3682 to sign up. This event is open to the public.
- 31st - Ironton Fire Department Halloween Trunk-or-treat 4-6 p.m. Haunted Maze 5 -8 p.m. Contact Sarah for more information at 218-838-1822.
- 31st - Trick-or-Treat Parade at the new Care Center in Crosby 6- 7 p.m. for costumed children up to age 10 years old.
- 31st -The Crosby-Ironton High School Service and Leadership Team (SALT) WE Scare Hunger, 5-8 p.m. Students will be collecting items for the Cuyuna Food Shelf instead of candy. Cereal, peanut butter and cream soups are requested

November

- 1st & 2nd - The Friends of the Aitkin Library Used Book Sale 9am-3pm at the Aitkin Library Community room at 110 1st Ave NE in Aitkin. Soft cover books, CDs, and DVDs cost \$.50 and hard cover books \$1. Sat Nov 2 will be a bag sale; \$3 a bag. Proceeds go to the Aitkin library. 5th - Vote! General Election, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- 4th - 15th - Cuyuna Range Elementary kindergarten classes will be collecting non-perishable food items, and pet food for the Cuyuna Lakes Food Shelf. Bring items to CRES during regular school hours or during parent/teacher conferences. Boxes will be located in the hallway, next to the book fair.
- 9th - Creativity Kit Giveaway 10 a.m.- noon at Crossing Arts, 711 Laurel Street, Brainerd. Creativity Kits are free to the public. Kits are limited. First come, first served. For more information contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416, info@crossingarts.org.
- 16th - The Deerwood Legion Ladies Auxiliary Hunting for the Holidays 10th Annual Craft and vendor show, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the Deerwood Legion, 23659 Forest Road in Deerwood. A Walking Taco lunch available for \$7.

Tell 'em you saw it in the **NEWSHOPPER**

Deadlines are Mondays at Noon

Send your photos, stories and community events to hopper@crosbyironton.net

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Attention Crow Wing County seniors! Are you ready to simplify your mealtime? Mark your calendars for Monday, October 21, when you can receive the convenience of delicious frozen meals designed specifically for your nutritional needs.

From 11 a.m. to noon, head to the parking lot of Salem Lutheran Church at 21276 Archibald Road in Deerwood for a hassle-free, drive-through meal distribution. This monthly event is completely free for all residents over 60, with no need to pre-register—just sign up on-site.

Each senior will receive a prepackaged bag containing 10 frozen meals, and you can receive up to 30 meals

in a month. These healthy, nutritious options meet one-third of your daily dietary requirements and come in microwave and oven-safe containers for easy heating.

While the meals are provided at no cost, contributions are welcomed to help keep this fantastic program going. Sponsored by the Central Minnesota Council on Aging and administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Saint Cloud, this initiative is here to support our community's seniors.

For more details, feel free to contact Cuyuna Regional Medical Center Social Services at 218-546-2357. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to make mealtime a breeze.

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Mille Lacs Indian Museum event

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and determination.

Bruce White, a seasoned historian with over 40 years of experience in researching Native history across Minnesota and North America, brings his extensive knowledge to this discussion. He has authored expert reports that have played critical roles in court cases regarding treaties and laws affecting Native communities. His latest book, *They Would Not Be Moved: The Enduring Struggle of the*

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe to Keep Their Reservation, offers a detailed account of this ongoing struggle.

Attendees will gain valuable insights from White's extensive research and firsthand accounts.

For more information or to RSVP, contact millelacs@mnhs.org or call 320-532-3632 or 651-259-3000. Don't miss this chance to engage with a vital part of Minnesota's history.

LEGAL NOTICES

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., October 19 & 26, 2024)
COURT FILE NO. 18-PR-24-3058
 STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF CROW WING NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 Case Type: Probate
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY
 In Re the Estate of Kendall R Meyer, Decedent (Deceased Person)

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this court. The Petition states that the Decedent died more than three years ago leaving property in Minnesota. It requests the probate of Decedent's last Will, if any, and for the descent of such property to be determined and assigned by this court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the

petition may be granted.

It is ordered and notice is given that on November 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. a hearing will be held via Remote Zoom to hear the petition.

Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice (Minn. Stat. § 524.3-204).

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

BY THE COURT:
 /s/ ERIK ASKEGAARD
 District Court Judge

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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(Published in NewsHopper Saturday, October 19, 26, and November 2, 2024)

LIBBY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Libby Township, County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota, that the Election of Town Officers for Libby Township will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, and will be conducted by mail ballot. By mail ballot, voters will elect: one supervisor, supervisor position "C," for a four (4) year term; one clerk for a four (4) year term; and one treasurer for a two (2) year term to fill a vacancy in the position.

The ballot for Township Officer elections is included as part of the General Election ballot that has been mailed to all registered voters in Libby Township. Return your ballot to the Aitkin County Auditor's office by Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

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