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FEBRUARY

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MARCH

Osakis Ice Tee Golf Tournament

APRIL

Miles for Meals Walk | Osakis

Garfield Fish Fry

MAY

Awake the Lakes Festival | Alexandria

Heritage Fest | Alexandria

Memorial Day Parade | Osakis

JUNE

Browerville Heritage Days

Clarissa Summer Fest

Osakis Festival

Runestone Days | Kensington

Prairie Days Heritage Festival | Long Prairie

Vikingland Band Festival | Alexandria

JULY

Bertha Bear Country Days

Hewitt Days

Minnesota Senior Games | Alexandria

Alexandria Circus

Star Storm Fireworks Display | Alexandria

Hockey Fest | Alexandria

MN Chain of Lakes Boat Show | Alexandria

Milona Tornado Days

Relay for Life | Alexandria

Art in the Park | Alexandria

Eagle Bend Summer Festival

Great Alexandria Bike Race

JULY, CONTD.

Tour of Gardens | Alexandria

GEM Fest | Grey Eagle

State Trapshooting Tournament | Alexandria

AUGUST

Todd County Fair | Long Prairie

Douglas County Fair | Alexandria

Boats, Blues & BBQ | Alexandria

Downtown Crazy Days | Alexandria

Garfield Day

Parkers Prairie Fall Festival

Forada Days

Mid-Summer Fest | Brandon

Festival of the Lakes | Alexandria

SEPTEMBER

Minnesota Food & Wine Festival | Alexandria

Alexandria Fall Arts & Crafts Show

Lake Hospice Motorcycle Ride | Alexandria

Humane Society 5K & 10K | Alexandria

Scandinavian Fall Bazaar | Garfield

Fall in Love with Downtown | Alexandria

OCTOBER

Fall Apple Festival | Alexandria

Applefest & Catapult Contest | Alexandria

Clarissa Haunted House

Long Prairie Halloween Parade

NOVEMBER

Christmas in the Fort | Alexandria

Clarissa Christmas Tree Lighting

DECEMBER

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Once home to Dakota, Ojibwe and Winnebago Indians, Todd County was settled in the 1840s. It was established in 1856 and organized in 1867. Todd County was named in honor of John Blair Smith Todd who was a general at Fort Ripley and territorial governor. Settlers were attracted to the ample timber and fertile prairie soil and construction of the railroad promoted development. Long Prairie was selected as the county seat and the first courthouse was built in 1883. By 1900 its population had reached 22,214 and the area continued to thrive. Today Todd County is home to approximately 23,869 residents and over 27,000 acres of lakes.

BERTHA – pop. 426

BROWERVILLE – pop. 691

BURTRUM – pop. 132

CLARISSA – pop. 592

EAGLE BEND – pop. 567

GREY EAGLE – pop. 326

HEWITT – pop. 259

LONG PRAIRIE (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 2,809

OSAKIS – pop. 1,572

STAPLES – pop. 3,019

WEST UNION – pop. 89

**Populations are approximate.*

BERTHA

Bertha was organized in 1878 and a post office was established in 1880 by John C. Ristau. The community was named in honor of Mr. Ristau's wife, Bertha, who was one of the first female settlers in the area. Construction of the railroad sparked growth and streets were platted by Francis and Louis Riggs in 1891. Bertha was incorporated in 1897 and has continued to thrive. Today Bertha is home to approximately 426 residents.

BROWERVILLE

Browerville was first recognized as Hartford as the area was settled in 1865. It was renamed in honor of land owner and surveyor, Jacob Vradenberg Brower, who platted streets in 1882. Browerville was incorporated in 1884 and churches and schools were constructed to meet the growing needs of the community. Today Browerville is home to approximately 691 residents.

BURTRUM

Located in Burnhamville Township, Burtrum was settled in the 1880s and first recognized as Hansen. The development of the railroad attracted new residents and streets were platted in 1884. A post office was established in 1888 and the community was incorporated in 1894 as it began to grow and develop. Today Burtrum is home to approximately 132 residents.

CLARISSA

The land Clarissa was founded upon was donated by Lewis Bischoffsheim and his wife Clarissa in 1877. Streets were platted by George G. Howe in 1879 and Mr. Howe named the community in honor of Mrs. Bischoffsheim. A post office was established in 1880 and as railroad lines were constructed, Clarissa began to thrive. Today Clarissa is home to approximately 592 residents.

EAGLE BEND

Eagle Bend was founded in 1883 and named after the bend of nearby Eagle Creek. The community was platted on land belonging to Benjamin F. Abbott. Mr. Abbott played an integral role with the development of the community and assisted with the establishment of a post office. Eagle Bend was incorporated in 1890 and businesses were organized to meet the growing needs of the community. Today Eagle Bend is home to approximately 567 residents.

GREY EAGLE

Grey Eagle was first settled by the Huffman brothers in 1873 and the community was named after an eagle shot in the area in 1868. James Huffman served as Grey Eagle's first postmaster in 1877 and Joseph Huffman established the first hotel. Streets were platted in 1882 and the community was incorporated in 1898. Construction of the railroad allowed for development as its proximity to the nearby lakes attracted residents. Today Grey Eagle is home to approximately 326 residents.

HEWITT

Located in Stowe Prairie Township, Hewitt was named in honor of local farmer Henry Hewitt who was one of its earliest settlers. Mr. Hewitt donated land for the community. George Hildreth served as the first postmaster in 1880. Streets were platted in 1891 and Hewitt was incorporated in 1899. As rail lines were established Hewitt continued to grow. Today Hewitt is home to approximately 259 residents.

LONG PRAIRIE (COUNTY SEAT)

Long Prairie was settled in the 1850s and was once home to a Winnebago Indian reservation. Ample natural resources and access to water attracted many settlers. It was named after nearby Long Prairie River and streets were then platted in 1867. David Olmsted served as the area's first postmaster and was highly influential in the development in Todd County. Long Prairie was selected as the county seat and by 1870 its population had reached 3,000. Businesses were established and the community was incorporated in 1883. Today Long Prairie is home to approximately 2,809 residents.

STAPLES

In the late 1800s the Dower and Staples families, who were prominent in the lumber industry, settled in present day Staples. The local lake was named after the Dower family and the community was named after the Staples family. As the area began to develop, schools, churches, stores, mills and blacksmith shops were built and the area continued to grow. Today Staples is home to approximately 3,019 residents.

WEST UNION

West Union was settled in the 1860s and named after West Union, Iowa, where many settlers originated. A post office was established in 1860 and the community was organized in 1867. Streets were platted in 1881 on land owned by Joel Myers and the development of the railroad allowed for growth. Today West Union is home to approximately 89 residents.



Once home to Dakota and Ojibwe Indians, Douglas County was settled and established in 1858. The area was organized in 1866 and named in honor of Supreme Court Judge and Senator Stephen A. Douglas. Settlers were attracted to the ample natural resources and construction of a military road and the railroad prompted development. Alexandria was selected as the county seat and the first courthouse was built in 1876. By 1900 its population had reached 17,964 and the area continued to thrive. Today Douglas County is home to approximately 36,390 residents and home to over 250 lakes.

ALEXANDRIA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 11,237

BRANDON – pop. 439

CARLOS – pop. 421

EVANSVILLE – pop. 568

FORADA – pop. 193

GARFIELD – pop. 242

KENSINGTON – pop. 267

MILLERVILLE – pop. 111

MILTONA – pop. 370

NELSON – pop. 164

OSAKIS – pop. 1,572

**Populations are approximate.*

ALEXANDRIA (COUNTY SEAT)

Alexandria was settled in 1858 and named in honor of early settler Alexander Kinkead. Mr. Kinkead served as the area's first postmaster and as a road was constructed in 1859, Alexandria grew dramatically. Streets were platted in 1866 and the community was incorporated in 1877. Alexandria was selected as the county seat and as the railroad was built in 1878, the area continued to develop. The community became popular for summer travelers due to its proximity to a variety of lakes and has continued to thrive. Today Alexandria is home to approximately 11,237 residents.

BRANDON

Brandon was first settled in 1860 and a post office was established in 1861. Streets were platted by Lt. George A. Freudenrich in 1879 and the community was named after Brandon, Vermont, birthplace of settler Stephen Douglas. Brandon was incorporated in 1881 and as rail lines were constructed, the area began to grow and businesses began to thrive. Today Brandon is home to approximately 439 residents.

CARLOS

Settled in 1863, Carlos was named after nearby Carlos Lake. Settlers were attracted to the ample natural resources and access to water. Businesses and a school were established to meet the growing needs of the community and the development of the railroad added to its growth. Carlos was incorporated in 1904 and the area has continued to flourish. Today Carlos is home to approximately 421 residents.

EVANSVILLE

Evansville was settled in 1858 and named in honor of Evan Evanson who was one of the first postmasters in the area. Streets were platted in 1872 by Jacob Shanar and the railroad arrived in 1879. Evansville was incorporated in 1881 and the first newspaper was published the following year. Businesses, churches and a school were founded and the community began to grow. Today Evansville is home to approximately 568 residents.

FORADA

The name Forada was derived from the first name of early settler Ada Campbell and streets were platted by Cyrus A. Campbell in 1903. Residents were attracted to nearby Maple Lake and a post office was established in 1904. Forada was incorporated in 1905 and construction of the railroad allowed for growth. Today Forada is home to approximately 193 residents.

GARFIELD

Garfield was settled in the 1880s as the rail lines were built and the community was named in honor of President James A. Garfield. Streets were platted in 1882 and Torgels Knutson served as the first mayor. Garfield was incorporated in 1905 and the area continued to develop. A fire nearly destroyed the community in 1928, but residents quickly rebuilt. Today Garfield is home to approximately 242 residents.

KENSINGTON

Located in Solem Township, Kensington was named after Kensington, England, where several settlers originated. Streets were platted by William D. Washburn in 1887 and the first post office was founded. Kensington was incorporated in 1891 and the community continued to grow. The Kensington Runestone, a 200 pound controversial grey rock, was discovered in the area in 1898 which was believed to bear Scandinavian markings. Today Kensington is home to approximately 267 residents.

MILLERVILLE

Millerville was settled in the 1860s as fertile soil and ample natural resources attracted residents. The community was named in honor of John Miller, an influential pioneer and a post office was established in 1869. Millerville was incorporated in 1903 and early industry was dominated by agriculture. Today Millerville is home to approximately 111 residents.

MILTONA

Miltona was named in honor of Florence Miltona Roadruck, wife of one of the area's earliest settlers. The community began as a railway station and then relocated to land belonging to John Hintzen. Mr. Hintzen was influential in the platting and organization of Miltona and the community began to thrive. In 1970 a tornado almost destroyed Miltona, but residents quickly rebuilt and now celebrate Tornado Days annually. Today Miltona is home to approximately 370 residents.

OSAKIS

Osakis was first settled by the Mary Gordon family in 1857. Mrs. Gordon established an inn which became a popular stopping place for travelers. The area began to grow and mills were constructed, attracting new residents. As the railroad arrived in 1878, Osakis continued to develop and the area was a popular trade center for agricultural products. Today Osakis is home to approximately 1,572 residents.

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- KNOW WHERE YOU CAN TAKE SHELTER IN SECONDS.
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- FLYING DEBRIS IS THE BIGGEST DANGER DURING A TORNADO. YOUR SHELTER SPACE SHOULD HAVE MATTRESSES OR THICK BLANKETS AROUND, TO PROTECT YOURSELVES.
- DO NOT OPEN YOUR WINDOWS TO TRY & "EQUALIZE THE PRESSURE." THIS ONLY MAKES IT EASIER FOR DEBRIS TO INJURE YOU.
- ALSO, STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS!

Things to Look and Listen for:

- CONSTANT ROTATION OF THE CLOUDS BASE.
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- Clean or replace dirty furnace filters.
- Clean humidifiers by replacing old filters and clean the inside compartment.

- Drain and winterize outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- Winterize air conditioning unit (depending on climate).
- Remove fallen leaves from the lawn and fertilize.
- Service sprinklers and irrigation system.
- Put away seasonal furniture.
- Put up storm windows.

- Repair damaged sidewalks, driveways and steps.
- Seal windows and cracks around the house.
- Insulate the duct work in your home.

- Test smoke and CO monitors also inspect fire extinguishers.
- Get the furnace and water heater checked by a professional.
- Check fireplaces for soot or creosote build-up.
- Get your winter equipment ready.
- Inspect your roof for damage.

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Bear season 09/01/16 - 10/15/16	Prairie Chicken season 09/24/16 - 10/02/16
Statewide Wild Rice Harvesting 08/15/16 - 09/30/16	Take-a-Kid Hunting weekend 09/24/16 - 09/25/16
Snipe and Rail Hunting season 09/01/16 - 11/07/16	Antlerless Deer and Special Hunt Lottery Deadline 09/08/16
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Pheasant season 10/15/16 - 01/01/17	Deer Hunt - Firearm season - 1A 11/05/16 - 11/20/16
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zone
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10/29/16 - 01/08/17

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ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



Did you know?

- Ice always forms unevenly. It can be 2 feet thick in one spot, and just a few inches thick a couple feet away.
- The most dangerous ice is formed over flowing water. It's especially dangerous near streams, culverts and bridges. Also, the faster the water is running, usually means the weaker the ice will be.
- Snow insulates the ice and slows the freezing process. The added weight of the snow reduces the strength of the ice. Also, ice that is closer to shore is usually weaker than ice farther out.
- Cracking and rumbling ice isn't always bad. The ice expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls.
- Fish and birds/wildlife can also effect the ice. Schools of fish can bring warm water from the bottom of lakes, and open holes in seemingly thick ice.
- **ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS WHEN YOU ARE ON ICE!**



FISHING SEASONS

Species	Season	Possession Limit
Walleye and Sauger	5/14/16 - 2/26/17	6 combined, not more than one walleye over 20"
Northern Pike	5/14/16 - 2/26/17	3, not more than one over 30"
Muskellunge	6/4/16 - 12/1/16	1, minimum size 54"
Northeast zone, north and east of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County.		
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	5/14/16 - 2/26/17	6 combined
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	5/14/16 - 5/27/16	Catch-and-release only
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	5/28/16 - 9/11/16	6 combined
Largemouth Bass	9/12/16 - 2/26/17	6
Smallmouth Bass	9/12/16 - 2/26/17	Catch-and-release only
Crappie	Continuous	10
Sunfish	Continuous	20
Rock Bass	Continuous	30
White Bass	Continuous	30
Channel Catfish	Continuous	5 in combination with Flathead Catfish, only 1 fish over 24"
Flathead Catfish	4/1/16 - 11/30/16	2, only 1 fish over 24" in combination with Channel Catfish
Perch	Continuous	20 daily and 40 in possession
Bullhead	Continuous	100
Whitefish and Under-Utilized Fish	Continuous	No limit
Smelt	Continuous	No limit
Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River		
Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon	3/1/16 - 4/14/16	Catch-and-release only, no tag needed
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Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon	6/16/16 - 4/14/17	Catch-and-release only, no tag needed
Paddlefish	No open season	

*Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information by calling: 1 (888) 646-6367 or go to www.dnr.state.mn.us

The winter can be tough for everyone. During these months you find yourself dealing with cold temperatures, ice, and snow. Here are a few ways to make your winter safer and more enjoyable.

Prevent slips and falls on ice.

- Wear cleats on your boots or shoes while outdoors.
- Take your boots or shoes off when indoors. They may have snow or ice on the bottom making them slick on smooth surfaces.
- Salt and sand driveway and sidewalks or have someone do it for you.
- Step down when getting out of a car or off a curb instead of stepping out.

Keeping warm

Before going outside in the wintertime you need to prepare yourself to prevent things like hypothermia or frostbite. Warning signs of hypothermia include, lots of shivering, cold skin that is pale or ashy, feeling very tired, confused and sleepy, feeling weak, problems walking, slowed breathing or heart rate. Warning signs of frostbite include, skin that's white or ashy (for darker skin) or grayish-yellow (for lighter skin), skin that feels hard or waxy, and numbness. Dress in Layers when going outside. For the best results, wear polypropylene or another man-made fabric next to the skin, a knit middle layer, and a man-made outer layer. Never stay in the cold if you have wet or damp clothing, it cools the body more quickly. Depending on the temperature or wind chill you may want to cover all exposed skin to reduce the risk of hypothermia or frostbite.

Carbon monoxide poisoning and fires

During the winter months the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning and fires is much greater due to the different heating methods used to stay warm. While trying to stay warm we are heating our houses with fire places, furnaces, electric heaters, and boilers. When one of these heating methods fail or stop working properly there are potential safety hazards.

- Make sure carbon monoxide detector and fire alarms are working properly.
- Have fireplace and chimney cleaned or furnace and boiler inspected.
- Make sure electric heaters are working properly and not too close to anything flammable.
- Keep a fire extinguisher easily accessible in the areas of your home that have a potential fire hazard.
- Never try heating your home with things that are not made for it like, a stove, oven, or grill.

Winter Driving

- Don't drive in bad weather unless you have to.
- Never use cruise control on snowy, icy, or wet surfaces.
- Increase your following distance.
- Have a phone on you and let someone know your plans.
- Check your car or get it inspected to make sure things like the tires, antifreeze, window wipers, window washer fluid, oil, battery, and other components are up to date and working properly.
- Stock your car with emergency supplies like a first aid kit, extra warm clothes or blankets, jumper cables, shovel, window scraper, a warning device like a flare or caution lights and a material like kitty litter or sand in case you get stuck on ice.
- Keep your gas tank close to full in case you end up stuck or stranded and to prevent gas line freeze.
- Clear off the entire car for increased visibility.
- Never warm up your vehicle in an enclosed area like a garage.

Bicycle Hand Signals



Snowmobile Hand Signals

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.

Right Turn 	Slowing
Stop 	Sleds Following
Left Turn 	Last Sled in Line
Left Turn 	Oncoming Sleds



Read the owner's manual

and know your vehicle thoroughly.

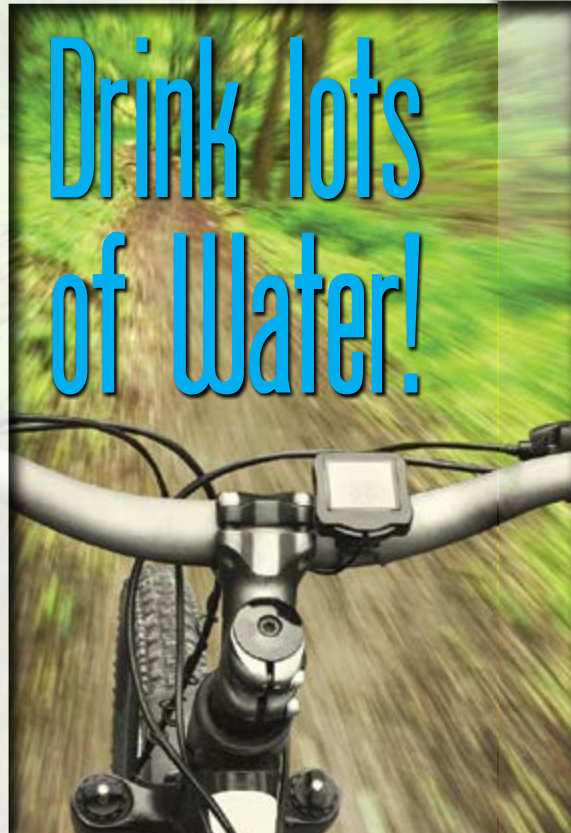
- Check your vehicle before you ride.
- Wear protective equipment and clothing.
- Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders.
- Supervise young or inexperienced riders.
- Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider.
- Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions.
- Stay to the right on trails.
- Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands.
- Know the weather forecast.
- Make sure headlights and taillights work properly.
- Maintain safe distances between other riders.
- Reduce your speed when riding at night.
- Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users.
- Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

Know Your ATV

Be Cautious of Other Bikers

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.

Drink lots of Water!



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county roads or state highways.

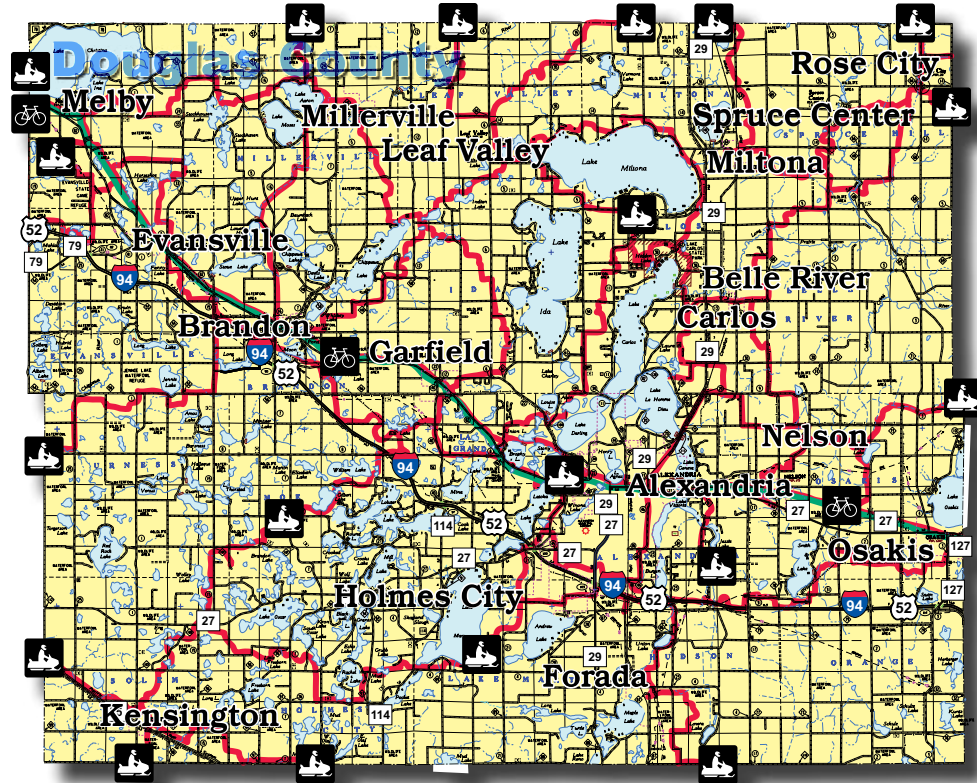
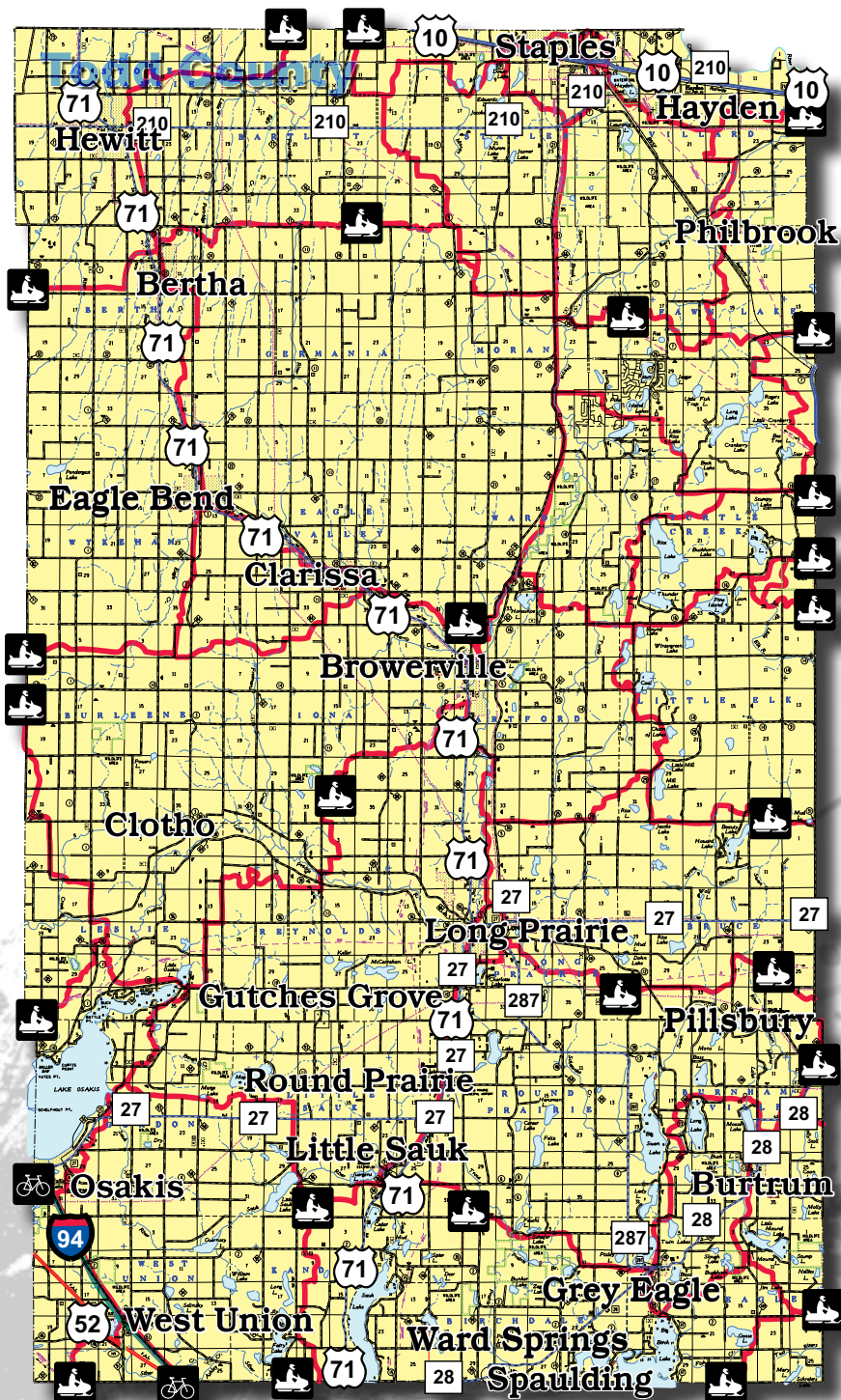


- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Slow Down!

Snowmobiling is fun. Going to the hospital isn't.

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10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate. Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.



Spray vegetable oil on your string trimmer to help prevent jamming or breaking (Treat before installing string in trimmer).



Make a convenient measuring tool out of a long handled garden tool by laying it on the ground next to a tape measure. Use a permanent marker to copy the inches and feet. Next time you are spacing plants you already have a dual-purpose measuring tool in your hand!

Write the names of your plants (with a permanent marker) on the flat parts of stones of any size and lay them in front of your plants for natural looking markers.



The next time you boil or steam vegetables, use the leftover water to water potted patio plants, and you'll be surprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."

You can use leftover tea and coffee grounds to help acidify the soil of acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries. A light sprinkle of about 1/4 of an inch applied once a month will help keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.



You can use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add some tea to the soil around the soil of seedlings once a week for healthy plant.

Here is a really quick way to dry out your herbs: Just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and shut the car doors. Your herbs will be dry in no time!



Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.

Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



PARENTS:

- Teach your kids that an emergency is when you need help from a doctor, a police officer or a firefighter.
- Designate a safe place by your house that a child can go to if they need help right away.
- Have your kids memorize your address and phone numbers. They should also know your full name and where you work.

KIDS:

FIRE SAFETY

- If you or someone else is on fire - remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Wrap a blanket on the person to help put out the fire.
- If there is a fire, leave the house as fast as you can! Crawl on the floor to avoid smoke and if the door is hot, don't open it - find another way out.
- Learn all the fire exits in your house. Assign a safe place outside for everyone to meet in case of a fire emergency.

HOME ALONE

- Never tell anyone that you are home alone.
- If someone calls and asks for your mom and dad, tell them "They cannot come to the phone right now, can you please call back later?"
- Do not answer the door, unless it is someone that you know your parents have okay'd them to come over.



FIRST AID FOR INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS & POISON SAFETY

INSECT BITES/ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction from insect bites (latex, food and drug allergies can also cause Anaphylaxis). Typical symptoms include hives, the swelling of lips or eyes, swollen throat, drop in blood pressure, light headedness, confusion, nausea or diarrhea. If someone is having an allergic reaction from an insect bite seek medical attention immediately.

POISON PREVENTION

Teach your children about poison and how it can look like a food or drink. They should always ask an adult before eating or drinking anything. Have them learn the poison control phone number: 1-800-222-1222 and keep it programmed or posted near all your phones. Here are some prevention tips.

Lock up your poisons and medications. Keep them out of the reach of children, lock them up if possible. Make sure your children understand that medicine is not candy.

Follow directions carefully. Read your labels. Be sure to use and store all poisons and medications properly according to recommendations.

Keep your pets safe from household chemicals, too. Don't allow pets near areas that have just been cleaned with chemicals, such as freshly mopped floors or bleached bathtubs and sinks. Clean up any antifreeze/coolant spills. Pets like the flavor but they can die if they ingest it. Store poisonous foods or plants in areas that your pets cannot access. Call your local emergency veterinary hospital if you believe your pet has been poisoned.



SAFETY TIPS

FIRST AID FOR BURNS & CHOKING

BURNS

For minor 1st and 2nd degree burns smaller than 3" in diameter: Cool the Burn. Run cool water over the burned area for 5 minutes, or until the pain diminishes. Never put ice on a burn!

Bandage the burn with sterile gauze:

It is important to use loosely wrapped gauze. This will avoid pressure and the bandage protects blisters. NEVER put lotions, vaseline, ointments or butter on burn. Do not break any blisters, which can cause infection.

Take Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen or Acetaminophen to relieve pain:

Minor burns usually heal with these basic treatments. Be aware for signs of infection which may include: increased pain, redness, fever, swelling or oozing. If symptoms develop, seek medical help. Avoid tanning the burned area for at least a year. Protect the area with sunscreen outdoors. Avoid giving aspirin to children.

For 3rd degree burns/all major burns - DIAL 911

DO NOT run cold water over large severe burns - this can cause shock.

DO NOT remove burnt clothing.

Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.

If there are no signs of breathing begin CPR.

Elevate burned areas above heart level, if possible.

Cover the burn(s) with cool, sterile, moist bandages, towels or cloth.

CHOKING

Most people clutch at their throats when choking, an obvious symbol for help. However, if a person isn't giving that signal, be alert for these indications. Inability to talk, difficulty breathing or noisy breathing, inability to cough forcefully, skin/lips/nails turning blue, loss of consciousness.

The Red Cross recommends a "five-and-five" method for first aid: First give five blows between the person's shoulders with the heel of your hand. Second, perform the Heimlich maneuver (abdominal thrusts) five times. Alternate between five back blows and five abdominal thrusts until the blockage is dislodged.



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