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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Coffee & Conversation at the Preston Library
(First Friday of each month)
Chatfield Chili Fest

FEBRUARY

Whalan Candlelight Ski | Whalan & Lanesboro

MARCH

Hesper-Mabel Area Historical Society Pancake
Breakfast | Mable
International Festival of Owls | Houston
Annual Swing into Spring Benefit | Harmony

APRI

Preston Pride Clean Up Day
SEMBA's Annual Spring Bluegrass Festival |
Houston
Fly-in Drive-in Breakfast at the Airport (April-July)
| Preston

MAY

City Wide Garage Sales | Preston
Trout Days | Preston
Farmers Market (May-Aug) | Lanesboro
Root River Triathlon
Syttende Mai | Spring Grove
Mystery Cave Opens for the season | Preston
Bluff Country Gathering | Lanesboro
Spring Boutique & Business Crawl | Lanesboro
Memorial Day Program | Lanesboro
Runin' with my Gnomies 5k | Spring Grove
Farmers Market (May-Oct) | Caledonia

JUNE

Gammel Dag Fest | Peterson
Rhubarb Festival | Lanesboro
Founder's Day Celebration | Caledonia
Rhythm By The River (June-July) | Preston
Harmony in the Park | Harmony
Art in the Park | Lanesboro
Lobsterfest | Caledonia

JULY

4th of July Celebration | Harmony
Independence Day | Forestville
Fillmore County Fair | Preston
Houston Hoedown Days | Houston
Root River Engine & Tractor Show | Spring Valley
Fun Fest | Eitzen

AUGUST

Houston County Fair | Caledonia
Buffalo Bill Days | Lanesboro
Western Days | Chatfield
Ag Days | Spring Valley
Wilder Fest | Spring Valley
Lanesboro Area Art Trail (Aug-Sept)
50's & 60's Days | Mable

SEPTEMBER

Apple Fest | La Crescent
Hesper-Mabel Steam Engine Days | Mabel
Fall Fest | Wykoff
Farmers Market (May-Sept) | Preston
Rendezvous Days | Fort Atkinson
Taste of the Trail | Preston
Fall For Harmony
The Fall Craft Beer & Wine Fest | Lanesboro
Fall Boutique & Business Crawl | Lanesboro

OCTOBER

Haunted Harmony Weekend
UffDa Fest | Spring Grove
Annual St. Mary's Parish Holiday Bazaar | Caledonia
Wild Turkey Fest & Balloon Rally | Caledonia
Fall into Lanesboro
Arts & Heritage Days | Chatfield

NOVEMBER

Festival of Trees | Spring Grove
Light up Caledonia | Caledonia
Breakfast with Santa & Tree Lighting | Harmony
Fall Foliage Fest | Harmony
Experience the Magic of Lanesboro

DECEMBER

Houston Hollidazzle
Christmas on Historic Broadway | Spring Valley
Lighted Christmas Parade | Caledonia
Winter Wonderland | Caledonia
Christmas in the Village | Spring Grove
Breakfast With Santa | Preston, Harmony
Christmas in Peterson
Holiday Dinner Dance | Lanesboro

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MN Extension	765-3896
Recorder	765-3852
Sheriff.....	765-3874
Social Services.....	765-2175
Soil & Water Conservation	887-0240
Surveyor	765-3205
Treasurer.....	765-4701
Veterans Services.....	765-4937

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Attorney	725-5802
Auditor/Treasurer.....	725-5803
Economic Development	725-5836
Emergency Management	725-5834
Highway Department	725-3925
Human Services	725-5811
Information Systems.....	725-5809
Maintenance.....	725-5804
MN Extension	725-5807
Recorder	725-5813
Sheriff.....	725-3379
Soil & Water Conservation.....	724-5261 Ext.#1
Surveyor	725-5814
Veterans Services.....	725-5805

TICKS



Diseases & Prevention

You can get a tickborne disease if you are bitten by a tick that is infected • Tickborne diseases are increasing throughout the United States. • Personal protection methods can help reduce the odds of a tick bite while enjoying the outdoors

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

- Many tickborne diseases have similar symptoms
 - Symptoms usually show up within 2-4 weeks of being bitten
- Watch for symptoms like:

- Rash
- Fever
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or joint aches



Tick Removal



Prompt tick removal is important. Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to its mouth. Gently and slowly pull the tick straight outward. Do not squeeze the ticks' body. Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite. Watch for early signs and symptoms of a tickborne disease. Don't use folk remedies like Petroleum Jelly or a burnt match.



Blacklegged (Deer) Tick Lyme disease Anaplasmosis Babesiosis Ehrlichiosis Powassan virus disease	American Dog (Wood) Tick Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Tularemia	Lone Star Tick Ehrlichiosis Tularemia Heartland virus disease Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness (STARI)
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Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

- 1-Know when and where you're at risk
 - Primarily Mid-May through Mid-July
 - Wooded and brushy areas – Blacklegged Tick
 - Grassy or wooded areas – American Dog Tick
- 2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent
 - DEET 20-30% on skin or clothing
 - Permethrin 0.5% on clothing
- 3-Check yourself for ticks
 - Shower after being outdoors
 - Check at least once a day
 - Remove ticks ASAP!





Fillmore County was established in 1853 and named in honor of President Millard Fillmore. Chatfield was the original county seat in 1855 until it was moved to Carimona. In 1856 Preston was selected as the county seat and a courthouse was built in 1863. As rail lines were built in southern Minnesota, Fillmore County began to grow and communities were established near railway junctions. Early industry included lumbering, milling, mining and agriculture. Today Fillmore County is home to approximately 20,850 residents.

CITIES:

CANTON – pop. 323
 CHATFIELD – pop. 2,518
 FOUNTAIN – pop. 340
 HARMONY – pop. 1,076
 LANESBORO – pop. 728
 MABEL – pop. 709
 OSTRANDER – pop. 199
 PETERSON – pop. 254
 PRESTON (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 1,324
 RUSHFORD – pop. 1,727
 RUSHFORD VILLAGE – pop. 771
 SPRING VALLEY – pop. 2,355
 WHALAN – pop. 60
 WYKOFF – pop. 433

TOWNSHIPS:

AMHERST – pop. 411
 ARENDAHL – pop. 339
 BEAVER – pop. 255
 BLOOMFIELD – pop. 418
 BRISTOL – pop. 498
 CANTON – pop. 674
 CARIMONA – pop. 279
 CARROLTON – pop. 329
 CHATFIELD – pop. 489
 CHERRY GROVE – pop. 472
 FILLMORE – pop. 481
 FORESTVILLE – pop. 388
 FOUNTAIN – pop. 321
 HARMONY – pop. 400
 HOLT – pop. 311

TOWNSHIPS (CONTD):

JORDAN – pop. 417
 NEWBURG – pop. 442
 NORWAY – pop. 341
 PILOT MOUND – pop. 369
 PREBLE – pop. 281
 PRESTON – pop. 381
 SPRING VALLEY – pop. 580
 SUMNER – pop. 441
 YORK – pop. 410

**Populations are approximate.*

CANTON

The Canton area was settled in 1851 and originally known as Boomer. In 1879 Canton was platted and a post office was founded. The community was incorporated in 1887 and as the railroad arrived in 1903, Canton continued to develop. Today Canton is home to approximately 323 residents.

CHATFIELD

Settled in 1853 by Thomas Twiford, the community was named in honor of Judge Chatfield. By 1900 Chatfield housed a sawmill, hotel, newspaper, specialty shops and a variety of manufacturing centers. The community was incorporated in 1857 and originally selected as the county seat. Today Chatfield is home to approximately 2,518 residents.

FOUNTAIN

Fountain was settled in 1853 and platted in 1858. The community was named after a large fountain spring that was the village water supply. As the railroad was constructed in 1870, a post office was established. Fountain was incorporated in 1876 and has continued to grow. Today Fountain is home to approximately 340 residents.

HARMONY

Settled in 1852, Harmony was first known as Windom. The community was organized in 1858 and a post office was built in 1862. Harmony was incorporated in 1896 and businesses were established. With construction of the railroad in 1903, Harmony continued to thrive and is now the center of a large Amish community. Today Harmony is home to approximately 1,076 residents.

LANESBORO

Located in Carrolton and Holt Townships, Lanesboro was platted in 1868. The community was incorporated in 1869 and as the railroad arrived in 1870, Lanesboro continued to grow. Mills, churches, general stores, lumberyards and factories were built and Lanesboro now is recognized as the “Rhubarb Capital of the World.” Today Lanesboro is home to approximately 728 residents.

MABEL

Settled in the 1850s, Mabel was first known as Bellville. A post office was established in 1855 and the community was incorporated in 1893. With construction of the railroad, Mabel grew dramatically and is now known as “Rural America’s Steam Engine Capital.” Today Mabel is home to approximately 709 residents.

OSTRANDER

Ostrander was named in honor of early settlers William and Charles Ostrander. The community was platted as a railway village in 1890 and in 1891 a post office was constructed. It was later the site of an iron mining operation during World War II. Today Ostrander is home to approximately 199 residents.

PETERSON

Peterson was settled in 1853 and founded in 1867. The community was named in honor of Peter Peterson Haslerud, who donated land for the construction of the railroad. The community was incorporated in 1909 and has continued to grow. One of Minnesota's first trout hatcheries was established here. Today Peterson is home to approximately 254 residents.

PRESTON (COUNTY SEAT)

Preston was settled in 1853 and was named in honor of Luther Preston, a mill worker and the community's first postmaster. In 1855 streets were platted by John Kaercher and in 1856 Preston was selected as the county seat. In 1871 the community was incorporated and has continued to develop, becoming the county seat. Due to the high concentration of trout found here, Preston is recognized as "Minnesota's Trout Capital." Today Preston is home to approximately 1,324 residents.

RUSHFORD

Named after Rush Creek, Rushford was founded in 1854. A post office was established in 1856 and a variety of businesses were founded. Because of intersecting Indian foot paths, Rushford was known as the "Trail City" and was incorporated in 1868. As the railroad was constructed, the community became an important shipping and trade center. Today Rushford is home to approximately 1,727 residents.

RUSHFORD VILLAGE

Established in 1854, Rushford Village was originally part of Rushford until 1869. Located east of Rushford, the community was incorporated in 1885. Early settlers were attracted to the ample resources and fertile soil. Today Rushford Village is home to approximately 771 residents.

SPRING VALLEY

Spring Valley was settled in 1852 and named after the large local springs found in the area. The community was organized in 1858 with a post office, and incorporated in 1872. Because of its proximity to a junction of railway lines, Spring Valley grew quickly. Today Spring Valley is home to approximately 2,355 residents.

WHALAN

Settled in 1868, Whalan was named in honor of local landowner John Whalan. A post office was built in 1869 and residents donated over 200 acres of land to the railroad. The community was incorporated in 1876 and by 1900 Whalan housed a church, school, social hall and general stores. Today Whalan is home to approximately 60 residents.

WYKOFF

First known as Free Soil Prairie, Wykoff was platted in 1871. As the community grew, Wykoff was incorporated in 1876 and named in honor of Cyrus G. Wykoff, a railroad surveyor and community leader. Today Wykoff is home to approximately 433 residents.

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Houston County was established in 1854 and named after Sam Houston of Texas. Caledonia was selected as the county seat and a courthouse was built in 1874. Early industry included lumbering, milling, mining and agriculture. As the railroad was established, Houston County continued to grow and by 1900 its population had reached 15,400. These old railway lines have since been redeveloped into hiking and biking trails, attracting many outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Today Houston County is home to approximately 19,245 residents.

CITIES:

BROWNSVILLE – pop. 518
 CALEDONIA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 2,821
 EITZEN – pop. 228
 HOKAH – pop. 561
 HOUSTON – pop. 956
 LA CRESCENT – pop. 4,912
 SPRING GROVE – pop. 1,239

TOWNSHIPS:

BLACK HAMMER – pop. 325
 BROWNSVILLE – pop. 449
 CALEDONIA – pop. 610
 CROOKED CREEK – pop. 322
 HOKAH – pop. 531
 HOUSTON – pop. 430
 JEFFERSON – pop. 138
 LA CRESCENT – pop. 1,446
 MAYVILLE – pop. 423
 MONEY CREEK – pop. 536

TOWNSHIPS (CONTD):

MOUND PRAIRIE – pop. 646
 SHELDON – pop. 289
 SPRING GROVE – pop. 417
 UNION – pop. 379
 WILMINGTON – pop. 464
 WINNEBAGO – pop. 260
 YUCATAN – pop. 354

**Populations are approximate.*

BROWNSVILLE

First known as Wild Cat Bluff, Brownsville was settled in 1848 and named in honor of local surveyors job and Charles Brown. Located near the Mississippi River, the community was platted in 1854 by the Browns. As the railroad arrived in 1871, Brownsville continued to grow and churches and schools were established. Today Brownsville is home to approximately 518 residents.

CALEDONIA (COUNTY SEAT)

Located in Caledonia and Mayville Townships, the community was settled in 1851 and a post office was established in 1855. Platted by Samuel McPhail in 1858, Caledonia was incorporated in 1870 and named after an ancient Roman word for Scotland. Selected as the county seat, Caledonia continued to develop as the railroad was built in 1879. It is widely known as the “Wild Turkey Capital of Minnesota,” attracting a variety of outdoor enthusiasts. Today Caledonia is home to approximately 2,821 residents.

EITZEN

Settled in 1866, Eitzen was named after a German town. Located in Winnebago Township, Eitzen housed a blacksmith shop, mill, general store, saloon and post office, with C. Bunge Jr. serving as the area’s first postmaster. Today Eitzen is home to approximately 228 residents.

HOKAH

Hokah was first settled by Edward Thompson in 1851. The community was named in honor of Indian Chief Wecheschatope Hokah and by 1870 mills, shops and a brewery were established. As the railroad was constructed, Hokah’s population grew dramatically from 100 to 1,500 in 1875. Today Hokah is home to approximately 561 residents.

HOUSTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES

HOUSTON

Platted by William McSpadden in 1852, Houston was named after Sam Houston of Texas. By 1858 the community was organized with businesses and a school established. In 1874 Houston was incorporated and as railway lines were built, the area continued to thrive. Today Houston is home to approximately 956 residents.

LA CRESCENT

Established by Peter Cameron in 1851, La Crescent was first known as Camerons. The community was then renamed La Crescent after the crescent shape of the Mississippi River. John S. Harris established apple orchards throughout the area and La Crescent has been known as the "Apple Capital of Minnesota" since 1856. Today La Crescent is home to approximately 4,912 residents.

SPRING GROVE

Attracted to the abundant natural resources of the area, Spring Grove was settled in 1852 by James Smith. Smith established a post office in 1854 and named the community after its proximity to a spring and a grove. Today Spring Grove is home to approximately 1,239 residents.

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Community/Home Gardens: Really good at absorbing carbon dioxide. Cuts down on pesticides/fertilizers. Also benefits mental health and provides fresh food.

Composting: Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

Plant Trees: Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.

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- ◆ **Wear Blaze Orange!** *Being mistaken for a deer, can be deadly*
- ◆ **Scout the Area:** *Before the hunting season begins, spend time scouting the hunting area. Look for deer signs such as tracks, droppings, rubs, and scrapes*
- ◆ **Practice Stealth and Scent Control:** *Deer have an excellent sense of smell and can be easily spooked by human scent*
- ◆ **Know the Local Regulations and Laws:** *Before you head out on your hunting trip, familiarize yourself with the local hunting regulations and laws.*



Remember that ethical hunting practices, respect for wildlife, and safety should always be paramount while participating in any hunting activity. Additionally, always make sure to follow local hunting guidelines and regulations to protect the environment and wildlife populations.  **HAPPY HUNTING!**

HUNTING SEASONS

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HUNTING

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08/16/24 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area
09/1/24 - 10/13/24 Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

09/14/24 - 12/31/24 Archery - Statewide
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Early Antlerless
10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Youth - Statewide
11/9/24 - 11/24/24 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas
11/9/24 - 11/17/24 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/23/24 - 12/1/24 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas
11/30/24 - 12/15/24 Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone
10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25
North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

Fox, Gray & Red

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide
09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Gray & Fox - Statewide

Grouse

09/14/24 - 01/1/25 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide
09/21/24 - 12/4/24 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone

Pheasant

10/12/24 - 01/1/25 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Youth - Statewide
04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Archery - Statewide
04/17/24 - 04/23/24 Spring - A season - Statewide
04/24/24 - 04/30/24 Spring - B season - Statewide
05/1/24 - 05/7/24 Spring - C season - Statewide
05/8/24 - 05/14/24 Spring - D season - Statewide
05/15/24 - 05/21/24 Spring - E season - Statewide
05/22/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - F season - Statewide
09/28/24 - 10/27/24 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone
10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/14/24 - 01/19/25 North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

Fox

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 Gray & Red - South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide
09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone
10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

Squirrel

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Emerald Ash Borer

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

Preventing the Spread

- Buy local firewood.
- Burn all firewood completely at each destination.
- Move only Certified firewood out of a quarantine county or across state boundaries.
- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
- Tell your friends and family about the importance of not moving firewood.
- Don't move hardwood firewood out of a quarantine county, unless it is state or USDA certified.
- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

Invasive Pests are a Problem!

FISHING SEASONS

INLAND WATERS

- Lake Trout**
12/30/23 - 03/31/24
Lakes entirely within the BWCA
- Lake Trout**
01/13/24 - 03/31/24
Lakes partially or completely outside the BWCA
- Bullhead**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- Burbot (eelpout)**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- Channel Catfish**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- Cisco (tullibee), whitefish**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- Crappie**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- Gar**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- Other**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- Perch**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- Rock Bass**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- Smelt**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- Sunfish**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25
- White Bass**
03/01/24 - 02/28/25

- Flathead Catfish**
04/01/24 - 11/30/24
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- Sauger**
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- Smallmouth Bass** - catch-and-release
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(Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. A fishing license for the current 2024-25 license year is effective until Feb. 29, 2025.)

YOUR Help is NEEDED!

Do **NOT** Transport Invasive:
• Fish
• Invertebrates
• Aquatic Plants



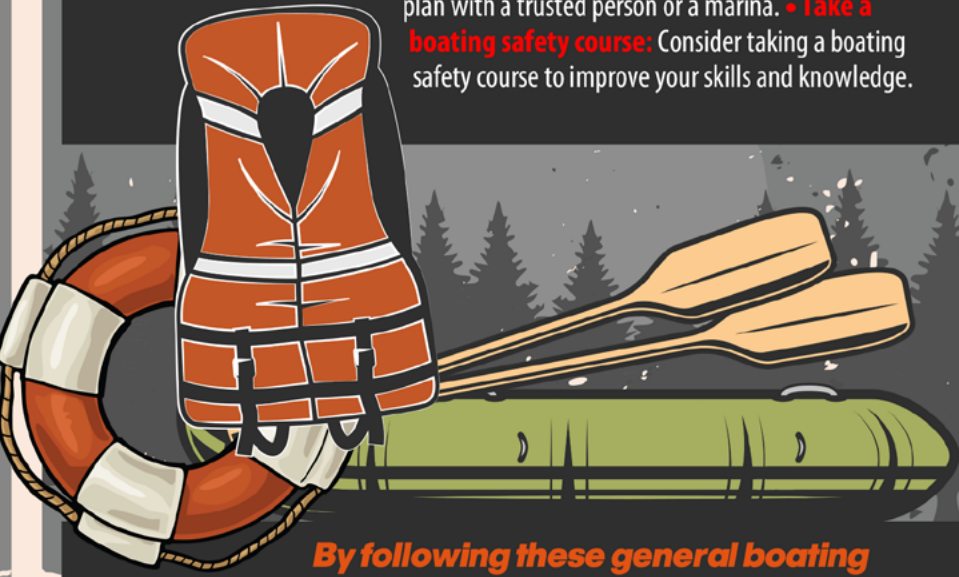
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KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

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- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:

- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water.
- **Use navigation aids:** Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely.
- **Maintain your boat:** Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly.
- **Avoid alcohol:** Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- **Watch your speed:** Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather.
- **Be aware of other boats:** Watch for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you.
- **Know the rules:** Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way.
- **File a float plan:** Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float plan with a trusted person or a marina.
- **Take a boating safety course:** Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.



By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.



MIDWEST FISH QUIZ

Do you know the Midwest fish species? Identify the fish below.

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2. _____

3. _____

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9. _____

10. _____

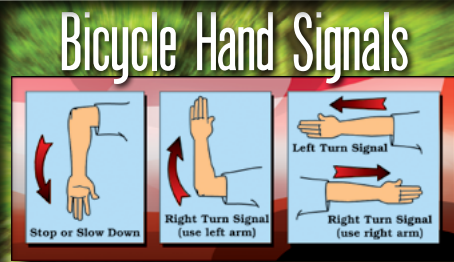
11. _____

12. _____

Answers: 1. Bass 2. Crappie 3. Sunfish 4. Catfish 5. Herring 6. Muskellung 7. Trout 8. Carp 9. Northern Pike 10. Salmon 11. Walleye 12. Smelt

Be Aware of your Surroundings

- 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!



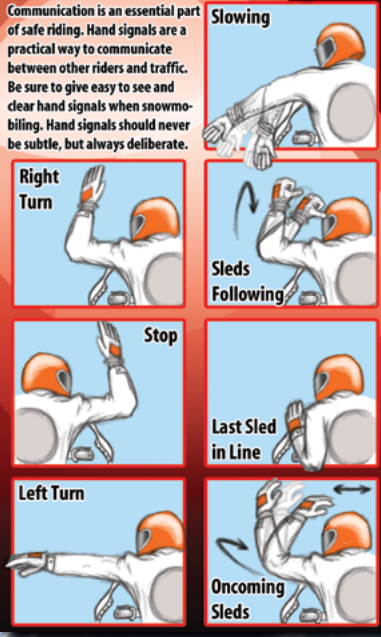
Know Your ATV

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.

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.



- 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.

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/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

BUTTERED-UP

Steak



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Take the steaks out of the refrigerator and let them come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This helps the steak cook more evenly.

2 Preheat your oven to 400°F.

3 Season the steaks generously with salt and pepper on both sides.

4 Heat a large skillet over high heat until very hot. Add the steaks and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side, until nicely browned.

5 Remove the steaks from the skillet and place them on a baking sheet.

6 In the same skillet, add the butter and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring constantly, until the garlic is fragrant.

7 Pour the garlic butter over the steaks on the baking sheet.

8 Place the baking sheet in the oven and cook for about 5-7 minutes for medium-rare doneness, or longer if you prefer your steak more well-done.

9 Remove the steaks from the oven and let them rest for a few minutes before slicing.

10 Serve the steak with any remaining butter from the baking sheet and fresh herbs if desired.

Barbecue



BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

BARBECUE DON'TS:

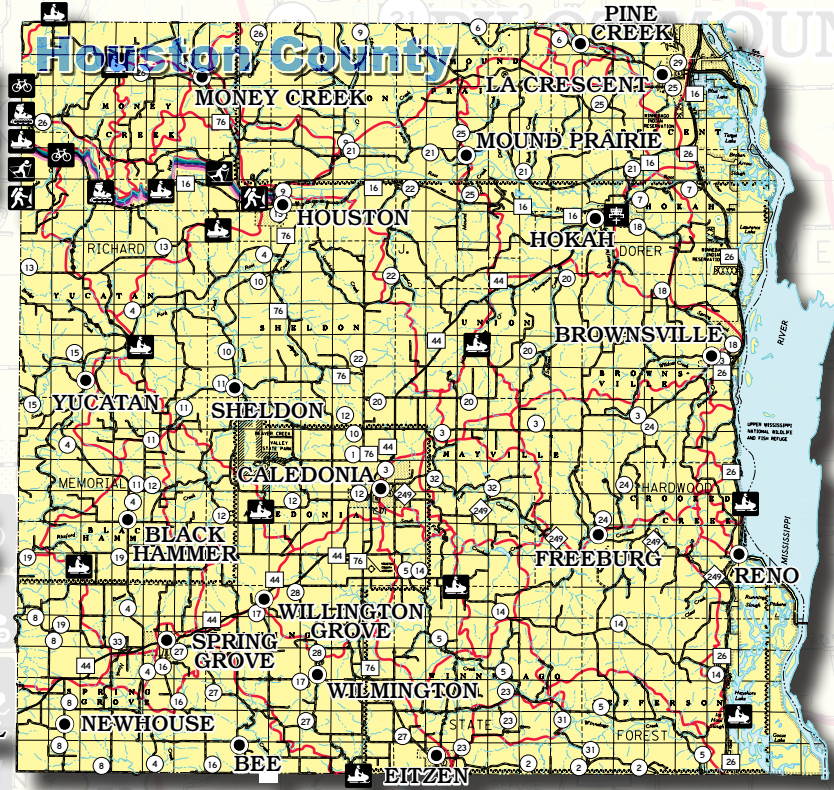
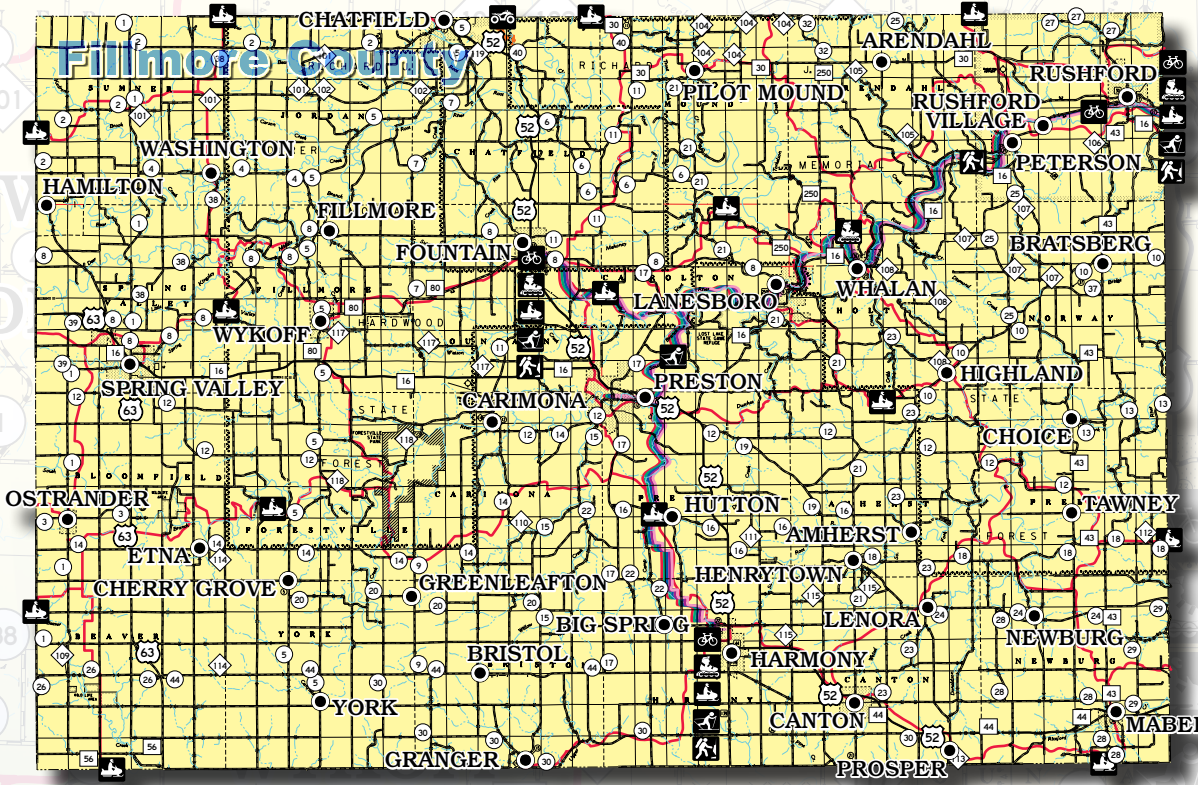
- use lighter fluid to start your grill. Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



Enjoy your delicious buttered-up steak!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN

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Before heading out on a hike, make sure you are prepared. Determine the length of the hike you're going on and the type of terrain you are going to traverse. Make sure to wear suitable footwear depending on the weather and terrain. Pack an appropriate size backpack and proper gear for your hike. Let a friend or family member know when and where you are going and how long you plan on being gone.

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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.



So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

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Let Wildlife be Wild

✦ Bringing a wild animal home will stress it out. The stress can cause health problems or even death. Most wild animals see people and domestic animals as a threat.

✦ Wild animals can carry diseases and parasites that can affect humans and domestic animals.



✦ The diet requirements of a wild animal are very hard to replicate in captivity. With out a complete diet wild animals run a high risk of having nutritional deficiencies that can lead to deformations or death. On the other hand for local birds providing supplemental food and water may be beneficial with correct practice.

✦ Wild animals raised by humans don't learn their normal behaviors or survival skills and shouldn't be released into the wild.

✦ If you come across a injured animal don't try and help it until contacting your local wildlife agency to see what they recommend.

✦ It's illegal for an unauthorized citizen to raise wild animals in most states.

- **A healthy animal in its natural environment has the best chance of survival.**
- **A young wild animal by itself does not mean it's an orphan. It is common for adults to leave their young unattended while they forage or hunt.**
- **Wild animals are not very safe as pets.**
- **It is false that the human scent on a wild animal will make the parents reject it.**



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