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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Polar Bear Plunge | Spicer Winterfest | Spicer

FEBRUARY

Buffalo Lake Winterfest
February Frost Festival | Olivia
Sno-Skippers Speed/Radar Run | Spicer
Sno-Skippers Vintage Drage Race | Spicer
Sno-Skippers All Class Drag Run | Spicer
Radar Run | Green Lake

MARCH - APRIL

Relay for Life | Willmar 5th Annual Novice Bonspiel-Olympic Addition | Willmar USA Curling Mixed Nationals | Willmar St. Patrick's Day Red Beard Run/Walk | Willmar

MAY

Spring Feast | Spicer Memorial Day Spring Festival | New London Memorial Day Parade | Raymond Willmar Car Club Car Show and Swap Meet | Willmar Memorial Day/Law Day 5k Run | Willmar

JUNE

Kandi is Dandy Days | Kandiyohi
Atwater Festival Days
Studio Hop | Willmar
Willmar Fest
Bird Island Wing Ding Days
Antique Power Collectors Show | Blomkest
Fairfax Summer Celebration
MN Invention & Ideas Show | Redwood Falls
West Central Dairy Days | Willmar
Willmar Fests
Foot Lake 4 Walk/Run | Willmar

JULY

4th of July Celebration | Spicer, Prinsburg Independence Day Celebration | Morton Litchfield Watercade

Lake Lillian Fun Days
Corn Chaff Days | Hector
Danube Fun Days
Corn Capital Days | Olivia
Sacred Heart Summerfest
Franklin Catfish Derby Days
Cosmos Space Festival

AUGUST

Kandiyohi County Fair | Willmar New London Music Festival | Spicer New London to Brighton Antique Car Run Pennock Fun Days Renville County Fair | Bird Island Meeker County Fair | Litchfield Raymond Harvest Festival

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

Glacial Ridge Winery's Grape Stomp | Spicer Atwater Threshing Days Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! | Willmar Pumpkin Festival | Litchfield Red Rooster Days | Dassel Scarecrow Festival | Morton Redwood Falls Festival

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Holidaze Parade | Willmar
Holiday Happenings | Hector
Beneath the Village Wreath | Morton
Christmas by Candlelight | Redwood Falls
Unforgettable Christmas | Hector
Old Fashioned Christmas | Bird Island
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Kandiyohi County History (Willmar, County Seat)

Once home to Indians, Kandiyohi County was established in 1858 with the city of Kandiyohi as its original county seat. The area was comprised of Kandiyohi and then Monongalia Counties until 1870 when the two counties were merged. Willmar was selected as the new county seat in 1871 due to its central location and the name Kandiyohi, a Dakota word for buffalo fish, was selected for the new territory. Railroad development allowed for growth and industry was dominated by agriculture. Kandiyohi County continued to grow and by 1900 its population reached 18,146. It has since become a popular region for recreational activities due to the many lakes found within its borders. Today Kandiyohi County is home to approximately 41,123 residents.

ATWATER – pop. 1,036 BLOMKEST – pop. 173 KANDIYOHI – pop. 533 LAKE LILLIAN – pop. 247 NEW LONDON – pop. 1,343 PENNOCK – pop. 500 PRINSBURG – pop. 454 RAYMOND – pop. 771

REGAL – pop. 38

SPICER – pop. 1,098

SUNBURG – pop. 101

WILLMAR (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 17,907

*Populations are approximate.

Kandiyohi County Communities

ATWATER

First known as Summit Lake, Atwater was established in 1869. The community was renamed in honor of E.D. Atwater, railroad secretary and the area grew dramatically with the arrival of the railroad. By 1880 the community was incorporated and housed grain elevators and a variety of businesses. A fire in 1891 nearly destroyed the community, but residents quickly rebuilt. Today Atwater is home to approximately 1,036 residents.

BLOMKEST

Blomkest was originally known as Kester and established as a railway village. Streets were platted in 1926 and the community was renamed Blomkest. The name Blomkest commemorates the original townsite and early settler Ole Blomquist. Blomkest was incorporated in 1952 and has remained an agricultural community. Today Blomkest is home to approximately 173 residents.

KANDIYOHI

Kandiyohi was established in 1868 and named after the nearby lakes. As the railroad was constructed in 1869 the community was almost selected to be the state capital for Minnesota, but was vetoed by Governor William Rainey Marshall. Streets were platted, a post office was founded and the community was incorporated in 1904. Today Kandiyohi is home to approximately 533 residents.

LAKE LILLIAN

Lake Lillian was first explored in 1856 and a post office was established in 1868. The community was named after Lillian Whitefield, wife of Edwin Whitefield, an artist and author who had settled in the area. As rail lines were constructed, the area began to grow and in 1926 Lake Lillian was incorporated. Today Lake Lillian is home to approximately 247 residents.

NEW LONDON

The construction of a sawmill in 1856 sparked the development of New London and a post office was established in 1867. The name New London was suggested by Louis Larson in honor of his Wisconsin hometown and the community was selected as a temporary county seat. In 1889 New London was incorporated and construction of the railroad allowed for growth. Today New London is home to approximately 1,343 residents.

Kandiyohi County Communities

PENNOCK

Originally known as St. John's, Pennock was established in 1870 as a railway village. A post office was established the following year with Erick G. Berglund serving as its first postmaster. The community was renamed in 1891 after railway superintendent George Pennock and in 1903 Pennock was incorporated. Today Pennock is home to approximately 500 residents.

PRINSBURG

Prinsburg was founded in 1884 as Martin Prins and Theodore Koch purchased over 35,000 acres of land for the railroad. Prins offered to partially fund a church as long as at least 20 families arrived to stake land claims. Over 40 lots were sold and the community was named in his honor. Streets were platted in 1886 and a post office was established the following year. Today Prinsburg is home to approximately 454 residents.

RAYMOND

Raymond was platted in 1887 and named in honor of Raymond Spicer, son of John M. Spicer who founded Willmar. The community was incorporated in 1897 and the area continued to grow. It is known as being the birthplace of chemist William A. Mitchell, who patented over 70 products including Tang, Pop Rocks, and Jell-O. Today Raymond is home to approximately 771 residents.

REGAL

First known as Lintonville, the community was settled in 1886 as the railroad was constructed. A post office was established in 1887 and the area continued to grow. The name Regal was suggested by George Weidner and the community was renamed by popular vote in 1915 and incorporated in 1940. Today Regal is home to approximately 38 residents.

SPICER

Founded on the abandoned townsite of Columbia, Spicer was platted in 1886 and named in honor of president of the railroad construction company, John M. Spicer. A post office was established with Burton B. Swetland serving as the first postmaster, who also operated the first general store and tourist boat on Green Lake. Spicer was incorporated in 1904 and has since become a haven for recreational enthusiasts. Today Spicer is home to approximately 1,098 residents.

Kandiyohi County Communities

SUNBURG

The community of Sunburg was established by settlers in 1870 that had anticipated the arrival of the railroad. The name Sunburg, suggested by postmaster John Sandvigen, was derived from the Norwegian word sund, meaning a strait between two lakes. Sunburg was incorporated in 1951 and has remained an agricultural community. Today Sunburg is home to approximately 101 residents.

WILLMAR (COUNTY SEAT)

Willmar was founded in 1869 as the railroad was constructed. The community was named by railroad president George Becker, in honor of European investor Leon Willmar. In 1871 Willmar was selected as the county seat and incorporated in 1874. The community continued to develop as businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. It has since become a destination for recreational enthusiasts, with its many parks and proximity to a variety of lakes. Today Willmar is home to approximately 17,907 residents.





Meeker County History (Litchfield, County Seat)

Originally home to Indians, Meeker County was established in 1856 and named in honor of Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, Bradley B. Meeker. Forest City was originally selected as the county seat and the area began to grow with construction of the railroad. Early industry was dominated by agriculture with residents raising wheat, oats, flax and barley. The county seat was moved to Litchfield in 1869 and by 1900 the population of Meeker County had reached 17,773. After 1920 agriculture began to shift towards dairy production with many residents joining the Land O'Lakes Creamery. It has remained a close-knit community and is now one of Minnesota's top poultry and dairy producing regions. Today Meeker County is home to approximately 23,154 residents.

CEDAR MILLS – pop. 53
COSMOS – pop. 553
DARWIN – pop. 308
DASSEL – pop. 1,326
EDEN VALLEY – pop. 951

GROVE CITY — pop. 579
KINGSTON — pop. 120
LITCHFIELD (COUNTY SEAT) — pop. 6,555
WATKINS — pop. 927

*Populations are approximate.

Meeker County Communities

CEDAR MILLS

Cedar Mills was founded in 1860 and named after nearby Cedar Lake. The community was organized in 1870 with a post office and railroad development sparked growth. In 1922 streets were platted and by 1950 Cedar Mills was incorporated. Today Cedar Mills is home to approximately 53 residents.

COSMOS

Cosmos was first settled in 1867 and the community was named by Daniel Hoyt, a local resident and surveyor, after the Greek word for harmony and order. The first post office was established in 1870 and the community began to develop with the arrival of the railroad. Streets were platted in 1923 and the community was incorporated in 1926. Today Cosmos is home to approximately 553 residents.

DARWIN

First known as Rice City, Darwin was organized in 1858. In 1862 a post office was founded and the construction of the railroad allowed for growth. Streets were platted in 1869 and the community was renamed in honor of railroad promoter and stockholder E. Darwin Litchfield. Darwin is now widely recognized for having the world's largest ball of twine, built by Francis A. Johnson. Today Darwin is home to approximately 308 residents.

DASSEL

Settled in 1856, Dassel was first recognized as Swan Lake. Streets were platted in 1869 by Parker Simmons and the community was renamed in 1871 after Bernard Dassel, railroad secretary. A post office was established and the area continued to grow as the railroad was developed. By 1890 Dassel housed a hotel, sawmill, general store and a variety of specialty shops. Today Dassel is home to approximately 1,326 residents.

EDEN VALLEY

Located in Meeker and Stearns Counties, Eden Valley was settled in 1856. The community was first known as Pappelbush and was renamed by officers of the railroad. Eden Valley was organized in 1867 and streets were platted in 1886. By 1894 the community was incorporated and housed a post office, general store and assortment of specialty shops. Today Eden Valley is home to approximately 951 residents.

Meeker County Communities

GROVE CITY

Grove City was first settled in 1869 and recognized as Swede Grove. Streets were platted in 1870 and as the railroad arrived, the community was renamed Grove City. In 1878 Grove City was incorporated and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the area. Today Grove City is home to approximately 579 residents.

KINGSTON

Settlers arrived to the Kingston area in 1856 as they traveled along the Crow River. The first post office was established the following year and the name Kingston was suggested by George A. Nourse, a lawyer from St. Anthony. Streets were platted in 1871 and the community was incorporated in 1961. Today Kingston is home to approximately 120 residents.

LITCHFIELD (COUNTY SEAT)

First recognized as Ripley and later Ness, Litchfield was founded in 1856. The community was renamed Litchfield in honor of the Litchfield family who helped finance the construction of the railroad in 1862 and were avid with the development of the area. Streets were platted in 1869 and the community was selected as the county seat. A post office was established and Litchfield was incorporated in 1872. Litchfield continued to grow as the fertile soil and ample water of nearby Lake Ripley attracted new residents. Today Litchfield is home to approximately 6,555 residents.

WATKINS

Watkins was established as a railway village in 1886 on land owned by Danville D. Spaulding. The community was named by the railroad company and the first post office was established in 1887. In 1893 Watkins was incorporated and the area continued to develop. Today Watkins is home to approximately 927 residents.



Renville County History (Olivia, County Seat)

Originally home to Indians, Renville County was established in 1855 and named in honor of Joseph Renville, a local explorer, trader, scout, interpreter and soldier. Beaver Falls was originally selected as the county seat and the region began to develop upon construction of the railroad. Agriculture led the area's industry and due to the marshy soil, drainage ditches were built to make the land more tillable. By 1900 its population had reached 23,693 and the county seat was moved to Olivia after much controversy. The area is now comprised of over 3,000 miles of drainage ditch to allow for better farming and is home to one of the oldest known rocks in Minnesota, the Rainbow Gneiss. Today Renville County is home to approximately 15,718 residents.

BIRD ISLAND — pop. 1,100 BUFFALO LAKE — pop. 725 DANUBE — pop. 472 FAIRFAX — pop. 1,195 FRANKLIN — pop. 461 HECTOR — pop. 1,062

MORTON – pop. 398
OLIVIA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 2,341
REDWOOD FALLS – pop. 5,088
RENVILLE – pop. 1,194
SACRED HEART – pop. 487
*Populations are approximate.

Renville County Communities

BIRD ISLAND

Attracted to the ample timber, Bird Island was first settled in 1872. Its name was derived from a nearby island that was a refuge for birds and streets were platted in 1878. The arrival of the railroad sparked growth and a post office and general store were established. As ditches were constructed, the island for which it was named slowly disappeared, leaving behind fertile soil. Today Bird Island is home to approximately 1,100 residents.

BUFFALO LAKE

Buffalo Lake originated as a popular stopping place for troops traveling from Hutchinson to Fort Ridgely and was first settled in 1855. The community was named after nearby Buffalo Lake and streets were platted in 1881 on land owned by Aurasa Ackley, who also served as the area's first postmaster. Railroad development aided the area's growth and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Today Buffalo Lake is home to approximately 725 residents.

DANUBE

First known as Miles, Danube was settled in 1899 as pioneers were attracted to the fertile soil. Railroad construction allowed for growth and Danube began to develop as a trading center for farmers. The community was incorporated in 1901 and then renamed after the Danube River in Europe. A post office was established and businesses soon followed. Today Danube is home to approximately 472 residents.

FAIRFAX

Fairfax was founded on land owned by Edmond O'Hara and first known as Cairo. Streets were platted in 1882 and the first post office was established by Luke T. Grady. The community was incorporated in 1888 and as the railroad was constructed, the community was renamed Fairfax by Eben Ryder, railroad president. Today Fairfax is home to approximately 1,195 residents.

FRANKLIN

Franklin was platted in 1882 and a post office was established in 1869 with Holder Jacobus serving as the first postmaster. The community was incorporated in 1888 and continued to grow with the arrival of the railroad. Franklin is now widely recognized as the Catfish Capital of Minnesota, celebrating Catfish Derby Days annually. Today Franklin is home to approximately 461 residents.

Renville County Communities

HECTOR

Hector was settled in 1873 and first known as Milford. The community was renamed after Hector, New York, the birthplace of many settlers. The first post office was established in 1875 with John Baker serving as postmaster. As the railroad arrived in 1878, streets were platted and Hector was incorporated in 1881. Today Hector is home to approximately 1,062 residents.

MORTON

Morton was platted in 1882 as a railway village and named by the railroad company. The community was incorporated in 1887 and the area began to grow as deposits of granite were discovered and quarried. As rail lines were constructed, Morton continued to develop and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. The area is now recognized for the Rainbow Gneiss, one of the oldest rocks in Minnesota, dating to over 3 billion years old. Today Morton is home to approximately 398 residents.

OLIVIA (COUNTY SEAT)

Settlers arrived to the Olivia area in 1878 as they were attracted to the fertile soil. Streets were platted and the community was named by Albert Bowman Rogers, a railroad engineer. The development of the railroad allowed for growth and businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community. Isaac Lincoln served as the area's first postmaster in 1879 and in 1901 Olivia successfully battled Beaver Falls. Olivia is now widely recognized as the Corn Capital of the World, celebrating Corn Capital Days annually. Today Olivia is home to approximately 2,341 residents.

REDWOOD FALLS

Located in Redwood and Renville Counties, Redwood Falls was first settled in 1864 by Colonel Sam McPhail. Streets were platted the following year and the community was named after the falls of the Redwood River. Redwood Falls was incorporated in 1876 and the area grew with the development of the railroad. By 1900 the area boasted a post office, newspaper, a variety of businesses and was selected as the county seat for Redwood County. Today Redwood Falls is home to approximately 5,088 residents.

Renville County Communities

RENVILLE

Renville was established as a railway village and platted in 1878. The community was named in honor of Joseph Renville, whom which the county is also named. By 1900 its population had reached 250 and in 1906 Renville was incorporated. It is now widely recognized as having the largest sugar beet processing plant in the world. Today Renville is home to approximately 1,194 residents.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart was first settled in 1866 and a post office was established in 1870 with G.P. Greene serving as the area's first postmaster. Railroad development sparked growth and in 1878 streets were platted. By 1883 Sacred Heart was incorporated and housed grain elevators, general stores, hardware stores, hotels and a saloon. Today Sacred Heart is home to approximately 487 residents.



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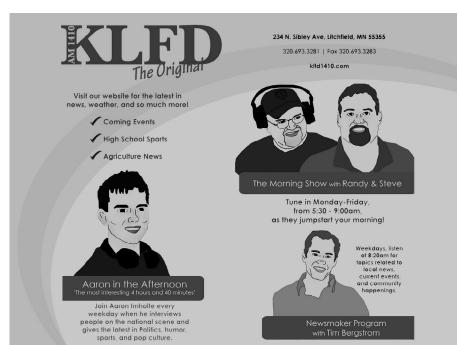
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Beaver Falls County Park features a campground and picnic areas.

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Lake Lillian | (320) 995-6599

Big Kandiyohi Lake Park #1 features a campground, boat launch and rentals, bait shop, swimming beach, game room, playground equipment and picnic areas.

BIG KANDIYOHI LAKE COUNTY PARK #2

Lake Lillian | (320) 664-4707

Big Kandiyohi Lake Park #2 features a campground, boat launch and rentals, bait shop, swimming beach, playground equipment and picnic areas.

BIRCH COULEE COUNTY PARK

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CLEAR LAKE COUNTY PARK

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Clear Lake Park features a boat launch, fishing pier, picnic areas and recreational trails.

DARWIN-DASSEL COUNTY PARK

Darwin | (320) 693-5450

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DIAMOND LAKE COUNTY PARK

Kandiyohi | (320) 974-8520

Diamond Lake County Park features a campground, boat launch, bait shop, swimming beach, playground equipment and picnic areas.

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GAMES LAKE COUNTY PARK

New London | (320) 354-4453

Games Lake County Park features a campground, boat launch and rentals, bait shop, swimming beach, game room, playground equipment and picnic areas.

LAKE ALLIE COUNTY PARK

Buffalo Lake | (320) 523-3768

Lake Allie County Park features a campground, fishing pier and picnic areas.

Parks & Recreation

LAKE KORONIS REGIONAL PARK

Paynesville | (320) 276-8843

Lake Koronis Regional Park features a campground, boat launch, swimming beach, playground equipment, ball fields, sand volleyball courts, shuffleboard and horseshoe courts, observation tower, auditorium, picnic areas and recreational trails.

LAKE MANUELLA COUNTY PARK

Darwin | (320) 693-5450

Lake Manuella County Park features a swimming beach and picnic areas.

MACK LAKE COUNTY PARK

Fairfax | (320) 523-3768

Mack Lake County Park features a campground, fishing pier and picnic areas.

MONSON LAKE STATE PARK

Sunburg | (320) 366-3797

Monson Lake State Park features a campground, picnic areas and recreational trails.

NORTH GREEN LAKE COUNTY PARK

Spicer | (320) 796-5564

North Green Lake County Park features a campground, boat launch and rentals, bait shop, swimming beach, game room, playground equipment and picnic areas.

SHAW MEMORIAL COUNTY PARK

Litchfield | (320) 693-5450

Shaw Memorial County Park features a ball field, basketball court, ice-skating rink, playground equipment and picnic areas.

SIBLEY STATE PARK

New London | (320) 354-2055

Sibley State Park features a campground, boat launch and fishing pier, interpretive center, picnic areas and recreational trails.

SKALBEKKEN COUNTY PARK

Sacred Heart | (320) 523-3768

Skalbekken County Park features a campground, fishing pier and picnic areas.

SOUTH GREEN LAKE COUNTY PARK

Spicer | (320) 796-5564

South Green Lake County Park features a boat launch, swimming beach and picnic areas.

SPRING LAKE COUNTY PARK

Dassel | (320) 693-5450

Spring Lake County Park features a boat launch, fishing pier, ball field and picnic areas.

THOMPSON COUNTY PARK

Cosmos | (320) 693-5289

Thompson County Park features a fishing dock, sand volleyball court, playground equipment and picnic areas.

VICKSBURG COUNTY PARK

Renville | (320) 523-3768

Vicksburg County Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing pier and picnic areas.

WEST RIPLEY COUNTY PARK

Litchfield | (320) 693-5289

West Ripley County Park features a boat launch, fishing pier, sand volleyball court, horseshoe court, playground equipment, picnic areas and recreational trails.

WOODLAND COUNTY PARK

Dassel | (320) 693-5450

Woodland County Park features picnic areas and recreational trails.

Kandiyohi County Parks: (320) 231-6229 Meeker County Parks: (320) 693-5450 Renville County Parks: (320) 523-3768



DNR License Centers

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System.

Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll-Free: (888) 665-4236 or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout Kandiyohi, Meeker & Renville Counties:

<u>ATWATER</u>

SCHMIDTY'S ATWATER

309 Pleasant Ave. | Atwater | (320) 974-3111

BIRD ISLAND

BECKLER'S HARDWARE, INC.

245 S Main St. | Bird Island | (320) 365-3310

BLOMKEST

MEL'S 7-71 TRUCK STOP

9450 Hwy. 71 S | Blomkest | (320) 995-6166

BUFFALO LAKE

MAIN STREET MARKET

123 Main St. | Buffalo Lake | (320) 833-1063

COSMOS

SCHMIDTY'S COSMOS

100 Astro Blvd. W | Cosmos | (320) 877-7628

DASSEL

RON'S SERVICE OF DASSEL

150 Parker Ave. W | Dassel | (320) 275-3149

EDEN VALLEY

MIKE'S BAIT & TACKLE

169 Meeker Ave. | Eden Valley | (320) 453-2248

FAIRFAX

CASEY'S GENERAL STORE (#2887)

111 Lincoln Ave. | Fairfax | (507) 426-7372

FARM MERCANTILE

110 SE 1st St. | Fairfax | (507) 426-8120

FRANKLIN

FRANKLIN BP

350 Hwy. 19 | Franklin | (507) 557-2231

GROVE CITY

ROGER'S GROVE CITY LIQUOR

316 Atlantic Av. W | Grove City | (320) 857-2155

HECTOR

HECTOR HARDWARE HANK

107 Main St. | Hector | (320) 848-2522

DNR License Centers

LITCHFIELD

LAKE RIPLEY BAIT & TACKLE

1203 Sibley Ave. S | Litchfield | (320) 593-2248

LITCHFIELD OUTFPOST

914 Sibley Ave. | Litchfield | (320) 593-0025

MEEKER COUNTY LICENSE BUREAU

325 N Sibley Ave. | Litchfield | (320) 693-5345

RUNNINGS FARM & FLEET

975 E Frontage Rd. | Litchfield | (320) 593-0009

SUPER AMERICA (#4613)

225 E Depot St. | Litchfield | (320) 693-8938

WALMART SUPERCENTER (#4374)

2301 E Frontage Rd. | Litchfield | (320) 693-1022

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MORTON INN BP

400 Kokesch Dr. | Morton | (507) 697-6205

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PETE'S SURPLUS

2630 Hwy. 9 E | New London | (320) 354-2626

SKINDELIEN OIL COMPANY

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OLIVIA

ALCO DISCOUNT STORE (#299)

1829 W Lincoln Ave. | Olivia | (320) 523-5638

RENVILLE COUNTY LICENSE BUREAU

500 E Depue Ave. | Olivia | (320) 523-3612

OLIVIA, CONTD.

OLIVIA HARDWARE, INC.

124 S 9th St. | Olivia | (320) 523-1011

SUPER AMERICA (#4830)

1311 W Lincoln Ave. | Olivia | (320) 523-2748

RENVILLE

RENVILLE HARDWARE RENTAL, INC.

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ISLAND VIEW RESORT

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EAGLE LAKE COUNTRY STORE

6647 Hwy. 71 | Willmar | (320) 231-9708

HOLIDAY STATION STORE (#18)

817 W Litchfield Ave. SW | Willmar | (320) 231-0034

J'S BAIT & SPORT

148 25th St. SE | Willmar | (320) 222-7883

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3031 S 1st St. | Willmar | (320) 235-1325

WALMART SUPERCENTER (#1470)

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2013 Minnesota Hunting Seasons

For general information on firearm safety training call: 1 (888) 646-6367 or (651) 296-6157. Contact the MN DNR for specific zone areas:

Online: www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll Free: 1 (888) 665-4236.

You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses by phone: 1 (888) 665-4236.

HUNTING

RABBIT & SQUIRREL

09/15/12 - 02/28/13; 09/14/13 - 02/28/14

GRAY & RED FOX, BADGER, OPOSSUM & RACCOON

(North) 10/20/12 - 03/15/13; 10/19/13 - 03/13/14 (South) 10/20/12 - 03/15/13; 10/19/13 - 03/15/14

GOOSE

(Spring Light Goose) 03/01/13 - 04/30/13 (Early Canada Goose) 09/01/13 - 09/20/13

CROW

03/01/13 - 03/31/13: 07/15/13 - 10/15/13

BEAR

09/01/13 - 10/13/13

MOURNING DOVE

09/01/13 - 10/30/13

SNIPE & RAIL

09/01/13 - 11/04/13

DEER

(Archery) 09/14/13 - 12/31/13 (Youth) 10/17/13 - 10/20/13 (Camp Ripley Archery) 10/17/13 - 10/18/13 (Firearm 2A & 3A) 11/09/13 - 11/17/13 (Firearm 1A) 11/09/13 - 11/24/13 (Firearm 3B) 11/23/13 - 12/01/13 (Muzzleloader) 11/30/13 - 12/15/13

SHARPTAILED GROUSE

09/14/13 - 11/30/13

HUNTING, CONTD.

GROUSE & GRAY PARTRIDGE

09/15/12 - 01/01/13; 09/14/13 - 01/01/14

MOOSE

(Northeast Zone) 09/28/13 - 10/13/13

TURKEY

09/28/13 - 10/27/13

PHEASANT

10/12/13 - 01/01/14

PRAIRIE CHICKEN

10/19/13 - 10/23/13

FISHER & PINE MARTEN

11/30/13 - 12/05/13

FURBEARER TRAPPING

BFAVER

(North) 10/26/13 - 04/30/14 (South) 11/02/13 - 04/30/14

MINK & MUSKRAT

(North) 10/26/13 - 02/28/14 (South) 11/02/13- 02/28/14

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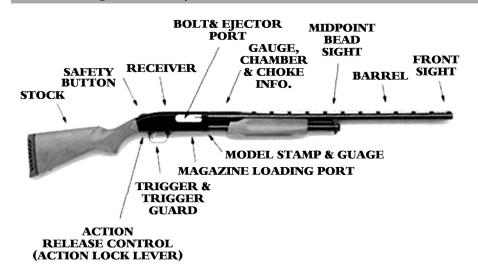
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BOBCAT

11/24/12 - 01/05/13: 11/30/13 - 12/05/13

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Hunting Safety





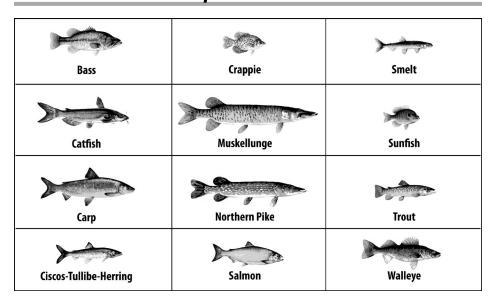
All hunters should consider taking an advanced hunter education class to learn the latest hunting techniques along with tips on coming home alive.

Here are five suggestions for a safe and successful hunting experience:

- Get a detailed map of the area you are hunting, review it before you leave, and carry it with you in the field.
- **2.** Carry a compass and know how to use it. Decide ahead of time the direction to head for if you get lost or disoriented.
- 3. Weather can change quickly so hunters should carry a simple survival kit and be prepared for an unexpected overnight stay in the field. The survival kit should contain a rope, a knife, water, waterproof matches, an emergency shelter, and first aid supnlies
- **4.** If you are on the water, make sure to wear a personal flotation device (life preserver).
- Know your hunting partners' physical and emotional limitations, as well as your own, and don't push your partners or yourself beyond those limits.

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Common Fish Species



2013 Minnesota Fishing Seasons

BOWFISHING

05/01/12 - 02/24/13

WALLEYE, SAUGER & NORTHERN PIKE

05/12/12 - 02/24/13; 05/11/13 - 02/23/14

LARGEMOUTH BASS*

05/12/12 - 02/24/13

SMALLMOUTH BASS*

(Catch & Release)09/10/12 - 02/24/13

LAKE TROUT*

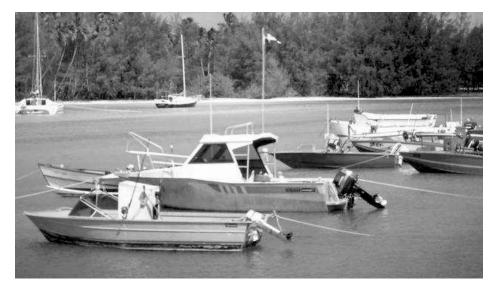
(BWCA) 12/31/11 - 03/31/12 (Outside BWCA) 01/14/12 - 03/31/12 05/12/12 - 09/30/12

STREAM TROUT*

(Southeast) 01/01/12 - 03/31/12; 04/01/12 - 01/13/12 (Catch & Release) 01/14/12 - 03/31/12 (All Lakes) 01/14/12 - 03/31/12; 05/12/12 - 10/31/12

• At time of publication, not all 2013 seasons were posted.

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Boating Safety

Operating Watercraft

Follow these guidelines to help prevent and prepare for capsizing, swamping, or someone falling overboard.

Make sure that you and your passengers are wearing life jackets while the boat is moving.

Attach the ignition safety lanyard to your wrist, clothes, or life jacket.

Don't allow anyone to sit on the gunwale, bow, seat backs, motor cover, or areas not designed for seating. Also, don't let anyone sit on pedestal seats when craft is not in idle.

Don't overload your boat. Balance the load of passengers and gear stored on-board.

Keep your center of gravity low by not allowing people to stand up or move around while craft is in motion.

In small boats, don't allow anyone to lean beyond the gunwale.

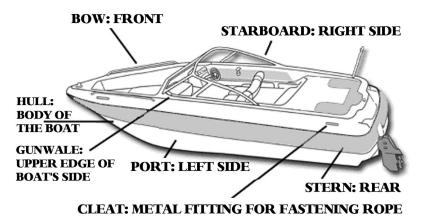
Turn boat at slow rates of speed.

Secure the anchor line to the bow, never to the stern.

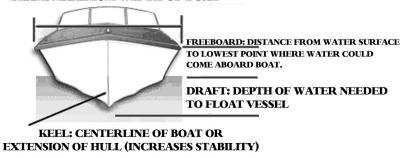
Don't risk operating water craft in rough conditions or bad weather.

Boating Safety

Know Your Craft



BEAM: MAXIMUM WIDTH OF BOAT



Who May Operate a Motorboat (Other Than a Personal Watercraft)

For engines 25 horsepower or less:

Those under age 12 may operate without restrictions.

For engines over 25 horsepower through 75 horsepower:

Those under age 12 must have someone 21 years of age or older on board within reach of the controls.

For engines over 75 horsepower:

No children under age 12 may operate, even with an adult on board.

Other restrictions apply to boat operators 12 to 17 years old:

Operators from 12 to 17 years of age may operate enqines of 25 horsepower or lower with no restrictions.

For engines over 25 horsepower:

Operators 12 to 17 years of age must have:

A watercraft operator's permit, or someone age 21 years or older old on board within reach of the controls.

Boating Safety

Flotation Devices



Offshore Life Jackets - Type 1:

For rough or remote waters where rescue may take awhile. Provide the most buoyancy, excellent for flotation, turns most unconscious persons face up in the water.



Near-Shore Vests - Type 2:

Good for calm waters when quick assistance or rescue is likely. Turns some unconscious wearers face up in the water, but not as efficiently as offshore life jackets.



Flotation Aids - Type 3:

Vests or full-sleeved jackets good for calm waters when quick assistance is likely. Not for rough waters. They will not turn most unconscious persons face up. Used for sports, such as water-skiing. Some inflate in water.



Unwearable / Throwable Devices - Type 4:

Cushions and ring buoys designed to be thrown to someone in trouble. Type 4 is not designed to be worn. Not for rough waters - not for anyone unable to hold on to it.



Special Use - Type 5:

Vests, hybrids/others designed for specific activities, for example windsurfing, kayaking, water-skiing. Some Type 5 devices inflate when entering the water. To be acceptable, Type 5 must be used in compliance with their label instructions.

All watercraft must have at least one Coast Guard Approved Type 1, 2, 3 or 5 flotation device that is the proper size for each person on board or being towed.

All devices must be in good condition and easily accessible.

Children under age 10 must wear a device when on board a boat that is underway unless:

in an enclosed cabin or below deck or on an anchored boat that is being used for swimming or diving or passenger craft with a licensed captain.

Along with the above at least one approved Type 4 must be on board boats 16 ft. or longer (except canoes and kayaks) and immediately available.

A Coast Guard approved Type 5 device may be substituted for any other Coast Guard approved device if it meets the same requirements and is noted on the label.

Anyone riding a jet ski or other Personal Water Craft must wear an approved -non inflating flotation device, as well as anyone being towed by a water craft.





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Bicycle Safety

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.

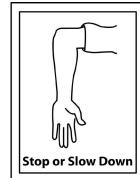
Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.

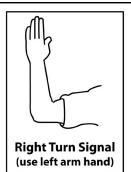
Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.

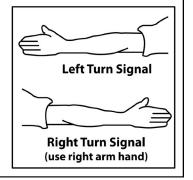
When biking with friends, ride in a single file.

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.







ATV Safety

- 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.

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Snowmobile Safety

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.

Common Trail Signs

































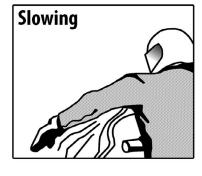


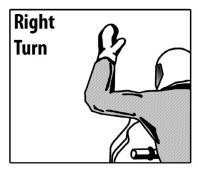


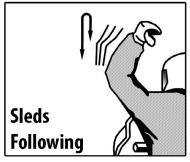
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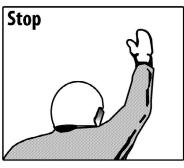
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic.

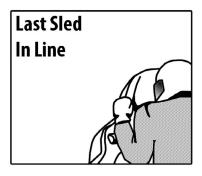
Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.

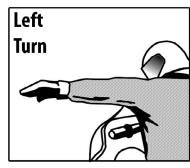






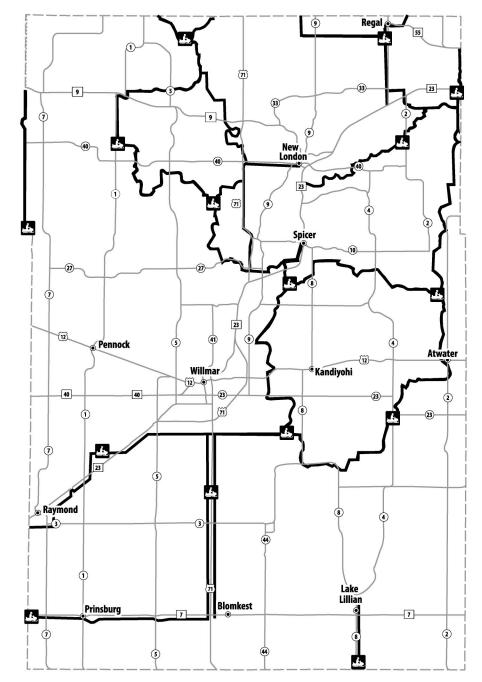




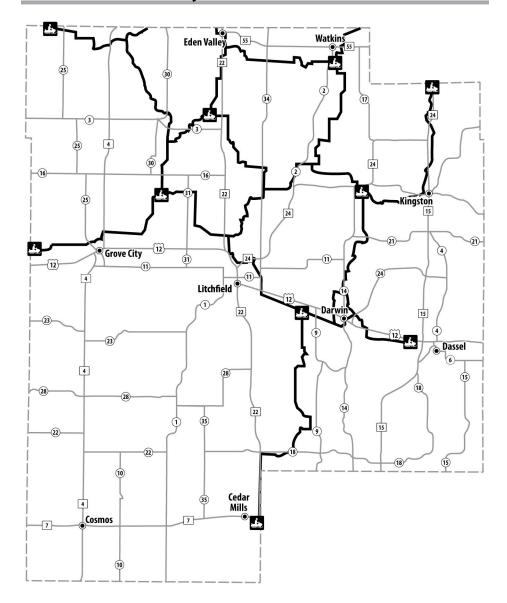




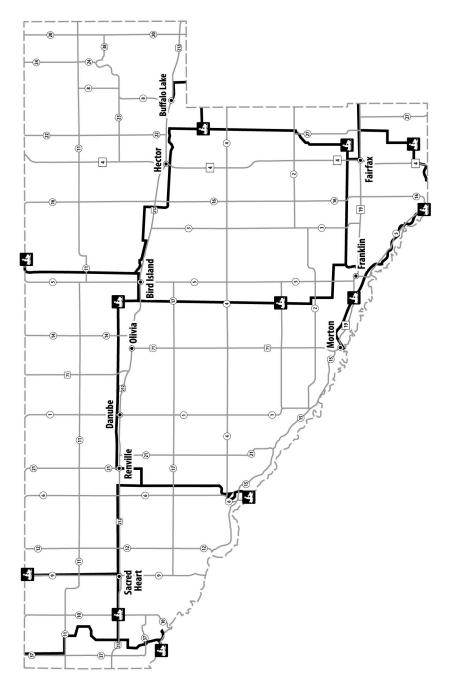
Kandiyohi County Snowmobile Trails



Meeker County Snowmobile Trails



Renville County Snowmobile Trails



Home Safety

- Keep the outside of your home well-lit. Motion sensors and timers help deter burglars.
- Dead-bolts and peep-holes should be placed on all outside doors.
- Windows and sliding glass doors should have locks and be in good working order.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Use an engraver to mark computers, cameras, stereos, TV's, tools, yard equipment, etc.
- Never leave valuables, expensive jewelry, or large amounts of cash at home. If you must, keep
 a list of your valuables with serial numbers to assist in insurance claims.
- Keep your car locked at all times and store all valuables out of sight.
- Guns should always be stored unloaded and with a gunlock.
- Become part of a neighborhood watch or program that is similar.
- Be suspicious of unusual people or vehicles in your neighborhood. Document the date, time, description and license plate number to give to law enforcement if needed.
- When on vacation, do not advertise your absence. Stop mail and newspaper delivery. Have a trusted friend or neighbor to give the impression you are home by stopping by to take out trash, shovel snow, mow the lawn, etc.



Carbon Monoxide Safety

PREVENTION

- Install carbon monoxide detectors near every bedroom, gas appliance and in your RV, camper or motor home and test them monthly.
- Have flues, chimneys and all fuel-burning appliances inspected by a professional annually.
- Make sure fireplaces, wood stoves, dryers, furnaces and water heaters are properly vented to the outside.
- Only burn clean and untreated wood.
- Never idle your car or gas powered vehicle in the garage, with or without the garage door open.
- Toxic fumes build up quickly and can easily contaminate your home.
- Never use gas-powered engines like weed trimmers, snow blowers, chain saws, lawnmowers or portable generators in enclosed areas.
- Never use a charcoal grill indoors or in any closed area.
- Never use a gas oven to heat your home.
- Never sleep in a room or area heated with a gas or kerosene space heater that does not have proper ventilation.

SYMPTOMS

- Headaches, severe fatigue, vomiting, nausea, muscle and joint pain, dizziness, tingling, vertigo
- $\bullet \ \ Attention \ and \ multi-tasking \ problems, short-term \ memory \ problems, word-finding \ problems\\$
- Irritability, temper, loss of interest, sleep disturbance, anxiety, lack of motivation
- Eating and swallowing difficulties, vision problems, lack of muscular coordination, speaking difficulty, ringing in the ears
- Seizures, tremors, balancing problems, shortness of breath

Carbon monoxide poisoning is easily confused with flu-like symptoms. Serious longterm health risks or death can result if warning signs are ignored. Carbon monoxide can affect you for days, weeks, months or years. High levels of carbon monoxide can be fatal within minutes.

TREATMENT

- Immediately take the victim out to fresh air.
- If the victim cannot be removed, open every window and door.
- All appliances should be turned off.
- Take the victim to an emergency room as quickly as fast as possible, or call 911.

Emergency Planning

ESCAPE ROUTES

Everyone in your family should know the best ways to exit the house in case of a disaster. Teach your young children how to open sliding doors, windows and other exits. Designate a meeting place where the family can gather after escaping from the house.

FLASHLIGHTS

The whole family needs to know where to find flashlights. Periodically check the batteries.

FULLY CHARGED CELL PHONES

All family members should keep their cell phones charged. Make a habit of charging them, while everyone is asleep. Cell phones can be lifesavers in emergencies.

LIST OF VALUABLES

Keep this document listing your possessions (and if possible, a video of your home interior) in a fireproof safe, or in a safe deposit box at a bank.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANS

Familiarize yourself with community evacuation plans and neighborhood escape routes. Post a copy of them in a highly visible place in your home.



THUNDERSTORM/TORNADO

- Remove dead branches from trees beforehand to avoid injury or damage.
- After seeing lightning, if you hear thunder in less than 30 seconds, it is recommended that you stay inside for 30 minutes after the thunder has ceased.
- The inside of a car is safer than the outside, as a lightning strike will simply pass through the car as long as you aren't in contact with any metal.
- Unplug all major appliances, as a power surge can cause serious damage.
- Avoid all tall structures and elevated areas as well as large amounts of metal.



FIRES

- Make sure that every level of your house has a smoke detector, and be sure to test them once a month. Have the family plan an emergency exit route.
- Always keep track of any stoves or high-temperature/ high-voltage appliances that are running. Be sure to never leave any cooking unattended.
- · Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- If a burn occurs, soak the skin in cool water. If the skin blisters, seek medical assistance.

• Emergency First-Aid Tips •

FIRST AID FOR CPR & HEART ATTACK

CPR

CPR is to be administered when a person is not breathing or has no pulse. Be quick to act by remembering the A,B,C's: Airway, Breathing & Circulation.

Airway:

Place the person on a firm surface, on their back. Kneel next to the person's neck and shoulders. Open the person's airway by tilting back the head and lifting the chin.

Breathing:

With the head tilted and chin lifted, pinch the nostrils shut and cover the person's mouth with yours. Give two slow breaths.

Circulation:

Find the hand position on the center of the breastbone. Place the heel of your hand on that position, with your other hand on top of the first hand. Use your upper body weight to push down. Give two compressions per second. Compress the chest at a rate equal to 100/minute. Perform 30 compressions at this rate. Repeat until an ambulance arrives.

HEART ATTACK

Symptoms of a heart attack may include any of the following:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest.
- Expanded pain in the upper abdomen.
- · Shortness of breath.
- Pain or numbness in either arms, shoulders, neck, jaw or teeth.
- · Dizziness or fainting.
- Nausea and sweating.

If you or someone else may be having a heart attack - follow these steps immediately:

- DIAL 911
- Chew and swallow Aspirin (unless you are allergic/not allowed to)
- Take Nitroglycerin (only if prescribed)
- Begin CPR if the person is unconscious

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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 Acetominophen 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.

 ${\it Check for signs of breathing/coughing/movement.}$

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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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 with these symptoms:

CALL 911.

Administer emergency prescription medication. See if the person is carrying special emergency allergy medicine and give it to them according to the directions.

Loosen tight clothing.

Lay the person down. The person should lay down on their back with feet elevated. Turn them on their side if they are vomiting or bleeding from their mouth to prevent them from choking. **If they are not breathing - administer CPR.** Most insect bite reactions are mild and cause no allergic reaction. If stung by a bee, use a straight edged object, like a credit card, to scrape away the stinger. Don't use tweezers - they can pinch more venom out of the stinger. Apply an ice pack to the area and take an over the counter pain reliever.

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.

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Safety Tips for Parents & For Kids

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 ask 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.

