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Rice County



Steele County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Bold & Cold Winter Festival | Owatonna
Coyotes Fur Cancer | Blooming Prairie

MARCH

Evening for Kid's Sake Gala Fundraiser | Owatonna
Faribault Flannel Formal
Hometown Sampler | Owatonna
KOWZ-KRUE Home & Rec Show | Owatonna
North America Farm & Power Show | Owatonna

APRIL

Hops for Habitat | Owatonna
St. Mary's Night of Knights Auction | Owatonna
Steele County Young Life Cake Auction | Owatonna

MAY

Blooming Prairie City Wide Garage Sale
Business Awards Luncheon | Faribault
Corky's Softball Tournament | Rice & Steele County
Memorial Day Ceremony | Owatonna
Memorial Day Parade | Owatonna
Maple Syrup Fun Run | Faribault
Riverwalk Market Fair (Saturdays May-Oct) | Northfield
Rustic Mama's Spring Craft Show | Owatonna
Spring Fiber Fest Market & Rug Hook-in | Owatonna
Profinium's Drive-By Free Shred Day! | Owatonna
Farmers Market in Central Park (May-Oct) | Owatonna
Faribault Car Cruise Nights (May-Sept)
Faribault Concerts in the Park (Thursdays May-Aug)
Smokin' in Steele BBQ and Blues Festival | Owatonna
Morristown Dam Days (May-June)

JUNE

11 at 7 Concerts (Thursdays June-Aug) | Owatonna
Downtown Thursdays (June-Sept) | Owatonna
Ellendale Days
Faribault Heritage Days
Harry Wenger Marching Band Fest | Owatonna
Minnesota State Eagles Convention | Owatonna
Straight River Days | Medford
Juneteenth Celebration | Owatonna

JULY

4th of July 5K | Blooming Prairie
4th of July Fireworks | Owatonna, Blooming Prairie
Blooming Prairie Youth Club Rib Fest
Crazy Days | Northfield
Downtown Faribault Car Cruise Nights
Downtown Thursdays | Owatonna
Extravaganza at History Center | Owatonna
Gem Days | Owatonna
Golf Fun Day | Blooming Prairie
International Festival | Faribault
July 4th Flea Market in Ames Park | Northfield
Litomysl Summer Festival | Owatonna
Rice County Fair | Faribault
Vintage Band Festival | Northfield
Barnes Rodeo | Faribault
Red, White & Boom | Blooming Prairie

AUGUST

Blooming Prairie Fire Department Brat & Corn Feed
Blue Collar Festival | Faribault
Downtown Thursdays | Owatonna
Heaven's Angels Motorcycle Run | Faribault
Lonsdale Community Festival
Night to Unite | Northfield
Pet Parade | Faribault
Steele County Free Fair | Owatonna

SEPTEMBER

Blooming Prairie Fall City Wide Garage Sale
Rice County Steam & Gas Engine, Inc. Show | Dundas
Cornerstone Owatonna Car/Motorcycle/Tractor Show
Defeat of Jesse James Days | Northfield
Relay for Life | Owatonna
Outlaw Run/Walk | Northfield
Riverfront Fine Arts Festival | Northfield
Rustic Mama's Fall Craft Show | Owatonna
Taste of Faribault
Taste of Steele County | Owatonna
Oktoberfest (Sept-Oct) | Owatonna

OCTOBER

Fall Festival & Chili Contest | Faribault
Studio ARTour | Rice County, Faribault
A Haunting We Will Go | Owatonna
Spooktacular Festivities | Owatonna

NOVEMBER

Havana Lights (Nov 25 - Jan 1) | Owatonna
IRIS Turkey Trot & Gobble Wobble | Faribault
Pastimes Annual Art and Fine Craft Sale | Owatonna
Nearly North Pine Craft & Gift Expo | Northfield

DECEMBER

Lighted Parade & Lighting of the Lights | Owatonna
St. Olaf Christmas Festival | Northfield
Winterfest, Hometown Holidays & Parade in Faribault
Winter Walk | Northfield
Christmas in the Village | Owatonna
Hometown Holidays | Owatonna

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Solid Waste.....	332-6833
University of Minnesota Extension.....	(612)332-6109
Veteran Services.....	332-6117

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Board of Commissioners.....	444-7429
Corrections.....	446-7720
Court Administration.....	686-7012
Environmental Services.....	444-7475
Highway.....	444-7670
Human Resources.....	444-7401
Parks & Recreation.....	451-1093
Planning & Zoning.....	444-7475
Public Health.....	444-7650
Recorder.....	444-7450
Sheriff.....	444-3800
Social Services/Human Services.....	431-5600
Solid Waste.....	583-7766
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In 1844, a fur trader, Henry M. Rice arrived to the Rice County area and traveled with Alexander Faribault. Rice was elected as a senator in 1857 and the county was named in his honor. School districts were organized that same year and the construction of a courthouse followed in 1874 with Faribault as the county seat. Settlers were attracted to the rich farmland and ample water power from nearby rivers and streams. As the railroad arrived, communities began to grow where rail stations once stood. In 1931 a fire destroyed the original courthouse, but was soon rebuilt with the assistance of the Supreme Court. Today Rice County is home to approximately 62,390 residents.

CITIES:

DENNISON – pop. 164

DUNDAS – pop. 1,080

FARIBAULT (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 22,009

LONSDALE – pop. 3,041

MORRISTOWN – pop. 1,039

NERSTRAND – pop. 226

NORTHFIELD – pop. 19,633

TOWNSHIPS:

BRIDGEWATER – pop. 1,905

CANNON CITY – pop. 1,224

ERIN – pop. 838

FOREST – pop. 1,159

MORRISTOWN – pop. 688

NORTHFIELD – pop. 832

RICHLAND – pop. 526

SHIELDSVILLE – pop. 1,176

WALCOTT – pop. 1,001

WARSAW – pop. 1,462

WEBSTER – pop. 1,846

WELLS – pop. 1,680

WHEATLAND – pop. 1,327

WHEELING – pop. 596

**Populations are approximate.*

DUNDAS

Dundas was first settled in 1852 by James Irish. Attracted to the fertile soil and the Cannon River, John and George Archibald arrived in 1857 and named the community after their Canadian hometown. The Archibald brothers established the Archibald Flour Mill, nationally recognized for its fine grade flour. The mill was destroyed and rebuilt throughout history, and its ruins can now be visited. Today Dundas is home to approximately 1,080 residents.

FARIBAULT (COUNTY SEAT)

Established in 1852 by Alexander Faribault, a businessman and fur trader, Faribault quickly grew as a religious and educational center. A sawmill was constructed and the city was incorporated and platted in 1855. Upon development, many schools and churches were built, including the State Academies for the Blind and Deaf, giving Faribault the nickname "Athens of the West." In 1878 a large fire destroyed many downtown businesses and the community quickly rebuilt. Herbert Sellner, a Faribault native, invented the Tilt-A-Whirl in 1926, which is still produced within the city limits. The city is recognized for its woolen products and garden industry. Today Faribault is home to approximately 22,009 residents.

Fishing



Fishing is a good way to get out and relax. It can also be a time to bond with family or friends. Fishing is healthy as well, being outside and active is good for the body and eating fish can be beneficial. There's also the excitement of never knowing what kind of fish is going to take the bait or how big it is going to be. Plus fishing helps support wild life management.



Originally inhabited by Indians, settlement of Steele County began in the 1850s and land was surveyed and platted into townships in 1854. Steele County included land that was part of Waseca County until 1856. It is named after the Minneapolis settler, Franklin Steele, who was involved with the founding of Minneapolis and was a prominent figure with the construction of mills along St. Anthony Falls. Communities formed near rivers to utilize power and provide transportation. Owatonna was voted as the county seat and in 1891 the first county courthouse was built. Steele County has continued to grow with a population of 2,863 in 1860 and has grown to 21,155 within 100 years. Today Steele County is home to approximately 36,546 residents.

CITIES:

BLOOMING PRAIRIE – pop. 1,967

ELLENDALE – pop. 673

MEDFORD – pop. 1,222

OWATONNA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 24,855

TOWNSHIPS:

AURORA – pop. 1,746

BERLIN – pop. 519

BLOOMING PRAIRIE – pop. 536

CLINTON FALLS – pop. 431

DEERFIELD – pop. 716

HAVANA – pop. 622

LEMOND – pop. 527

MEDFORD – pop. 674

MERIDEN – pop. 648

MERTON – pop. 398

OWATONNA – pop. 726

SOMERSET – pop. 861

SUMMIT – pop. 534

**Populations are approximate.*

BLOOMING PRAIRIE

Blooming Prairie began as a rail center, built by railroad workers. The community was called Blooming Prairie by the wife of a rail worker and a flour mill was soon constructed. Settlers arrived to farm the land and Blooming Prairie was incorporated in 1873. By 1892, general stores, creameries and schools were established. Residents began celebrating 4th of July in the early 1900s, and continue this day with over 35,000 people in attendance. Today Blooming Prairie is home to approximately 1,967 residents.

ELLENDALE

Thomas H. Brown selected the area known as Ellendale for a community in 1900 because of its fertile soil and proximity to Owatonna and Albert Lea. Named after the wife of the railroad president, Ellen Dale Ives, Ellendale was incorporated in 1901. The Security State Bank was the first established business, and others soon followed including general stores, lumberyards, butcher shops, schools and a post office. Today Ellendale is home to approximately 673 residents.

MEDFORD

Settled in the mid 1800s, Medford began as an agricultural community founded by William Collins who named the community after the ship he was born on. Upon development, Medford continued to grow and now is the site of the Medford Outlet Center, a nationally recognized shopping center. Today Medford is home to approximately 1,222 residents.

OWATONNA (COUNTY SEAT)

The name Owatonna is derived from an Indian word meaning “straight river.” Settlement began in the mid 1800s as stories of the ill Indian Princess Owatonna spread. Legend has it that she was cured by the healing waters of the straight river and many flocked to the area. By 1883, Owatonna was the site of the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota State School for Dependent and Neglected Children was constructed three years later. The community became the county seat and with roots in agriculture, the industry of the community is now diverse, with manufacturing outlets, retail centers, colleges and medical institutions. Today Owatonna is home to approximately 24,855 residents.



GO GREEN

Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



Cut back on single-use plastics, conserve water, drive less



EVERY
DAY
is
EARTH
DAY

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.

Local Food: Buy local sustainable food.

Clean-Up Events: Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.

Upcycle Crafts: Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

Yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 15% to 30% of waste produced by the average household in USA. Composting leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps, creates a nice black dirt to use around your yard. It also can reduce what goes to landfills and your use of fertilizer and water around your yard.

How to get started composting

1. Make a compost bin or you can buy one
2. Place yard waste in and mix in kitchen scraps
3. Water as needed, to keep moist
4. Mix it with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while

What to compost

Food scraps such as banana peels and coffee grounds are good to compost. The best results come from mixing the right materials like, nitrogen-rich (greens), carbon-rich (browns), water, and air. Get the mixture correct and you will have good quality compost.

What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors.

Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

How long will it take?

Most likely you will produce compost in six months to a year depending on your management methods. To make compost faster keep the correct moisture levels and turn the pile every once in awhile.

Using the finished compost

Compost is not a fertilizer but it can contain nutrients which improves plant growth. By using compost, you can improve the soil around your plants, flowers and throughout your yard, it also reduces your use of fertilizer and water. Another good use for your compost is to use it for your potted plants.



Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are:

- Bats • Frogs • Fish • Turtles • Birds • Dragonflies

To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed:

- Citronella • Geranium • Eucalyptus • Rosemary • Basil • Anise • Mint • Marigolds • Catnip • Wormwood • Tansy • Lavender • Cedar • Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are:

- Dengue • Encephalitis • Malaria • Yellow Fever.

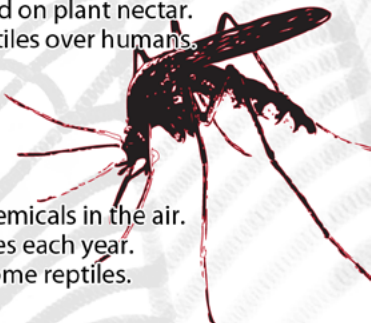
Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats) • Encephalitis.

To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- There are around 50 different mosquito species in the Upper Midwest.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans.
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch.
- Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.



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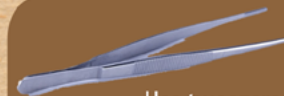
Diseases & Prevention

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 Tick Coverage

American Dog Tick Coverage

Lone Star Tick Coverage

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)

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!



ACKMAN PARK

4080 Cannon Lake Trail | Faribault

Located on 1 acre near Cannon and Wells Lakes, Ackman Park features a fishing pier, picnic areas and wildlife viewing.

ALBERS PARK

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BEAVER LAKE PARK

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CANNON LAKE

Warsaw Township

CANNON RIVER WILDERNESS AREA

3471 151st St. E | Faribault

Located on 850 acres near the Cannon River, the Cannon River Wilderness Area features a campground, reservable picnic shelter, boat launch, hiking and equestrian trails, horseshoe pits and wildlife viewing.

CARON PARK

6816 170th St. E | Faribault

Located on 60 acres, Caron Park features a waterfall, reservable picnic shelter, hiking trails and wildlife viewing.

CIRCLE LAKE PARK

4560 Circle Lake Trail | Faribault

Located on 2 acres near Circle Lake, Circle Lake Park features a boat launch, fishing pier and wildlife viewing.

DISC GOLF AT WAPACUTA

2nd Ave. SW | Faribault

FALLS CREEK PARK

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Located on 63 acres on Falls Creek, Falls Creek features a reservable picnic shelter, hiking trails and wildlife viewing.

FARIBAUT MILL

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HIRDLER PARK

15100 Gary Ave. | Faribault

Located on 5 acres near Lake Mazaska, Hirdler Park features a reservable picnic shelter, lake access, playground equipment, horseshoe pits and wildlife viewing.

KALINA PARK

11442 Cody Lake Trail | Faribault

Located on 1 acre near Phelps Lake, Kalina Park features picnic areas, lake access and wildlife viewing.

KELLY-DUDLEY LAKE

Wells Township

KING MILL PARK

2100 7th St. NW | Faribault

Located along the Cannon River, King Mill Park features the King Mill Dam, fishing pier, reservable picnic shelter and wildlife viewing.

MCCULLOUGH PARK

14398 Irwin Path | Lonsdale

Located on 104 acres near Shields Lake, McCullough Park features a campground, picnic areas, lake access, horseshoe pits and wildlife viewing.

MINERAL SPRINGS PARK

1025 Mineral Springs Pkwy. NE | Owatonna

Located on 48 acres, Mineral Springs Park features reservable picnic shelters, horseshoe pits, volleyball courts, playground equipment and wildlife viewing.

NERSTRAND BIG WOODS STATE PARK

9700 170th St. E | Nerstrand

Located on 2,882 acres, Nerstrand Big Woods State Park features a campground, hiking and snowmobile trails, picnic areas, playground equipment, visitor center and wildlife viewing.

RICE LAKE STATE PARK

8485 Rose St. | Owatonna

Located on 1,071 acres, Rice Lake State Park features a campground, picnic areas and wildlife viewing.

RIVER SPRINGS WATER PARK

3065 St. Paul Rd. | Owatonna

The River Springs Water Park features water slides, lazy river, lily pad walk, volleyball court and an activity pool with water basketball.

SAKATAH LAKE STATE PARK

50499 Sakatah Lake St. Park Rd. | Waterville

Located on 842 acres on Sakatah Lake, Sakatah Lake State Park features a campground, hiking trails, picnic areas, lake access and wildlife viewing.

SHAGER PARK

22399 Dalton Ave. | Faribault

Located on 3 acres near Cannon Lake, Shager Park features a campground, reservable picnic shelter, boat launch, fishing pier, swimming beach, hiking and snowmobiling trails and wildlife viewing.

STEELE COUNTY PARK

SE 18th St. | Owatonna

Located on 22 acres, Fairgrounds Park features a reservable picnic shelter with grills, softball and baseball fields, picnic areas, concessions, volleyball court and playground equipment.

VELZKE PARK

County Rd. 38 | Faribault

Located on 2 acres on Wells Lake, Velzke Park features picnic areas and wildlife viewing.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

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HUNTING

Bear

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

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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

Largemouth Bass
 05/11/24 - 02/23/25
 Northeastern Minnesota

Northern Pike
 05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Sauger
 05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Smallmouth Bass
 05/11/24 - 02/23/25
 Northeastern Minnesota

Walleye
 05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Largemouth Bass
 05/25/24 - 02/28/25,
 Statewide except the northeast

Smallmouth Bass
 05/25/24 - 09/08/24,
 Statewide except the northeast

Sturgeon - catch-and-release
 06/16/24 - 04/14/25

Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release
 09/09/24 - 02/23/25,
 Statewide except the northeast

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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.

YOUR Help is NEEDED!

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



CLEAN. DRAIN. DISPOSE.

KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

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- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
- TRANSPORT AQUATIC PLANTS, ZEBRA MUSSELS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SPECIES ON ANY ROADWAY.
- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.

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.

2. 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.

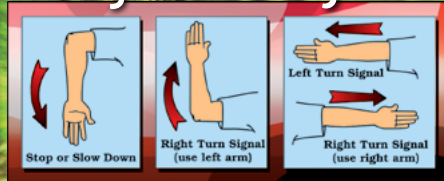
Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



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.

Bicycle Hand Signals



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

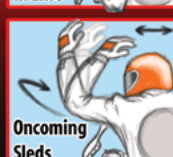
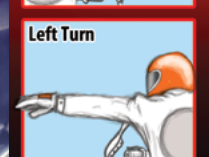
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of 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 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.

Snowmobile Hand Signals

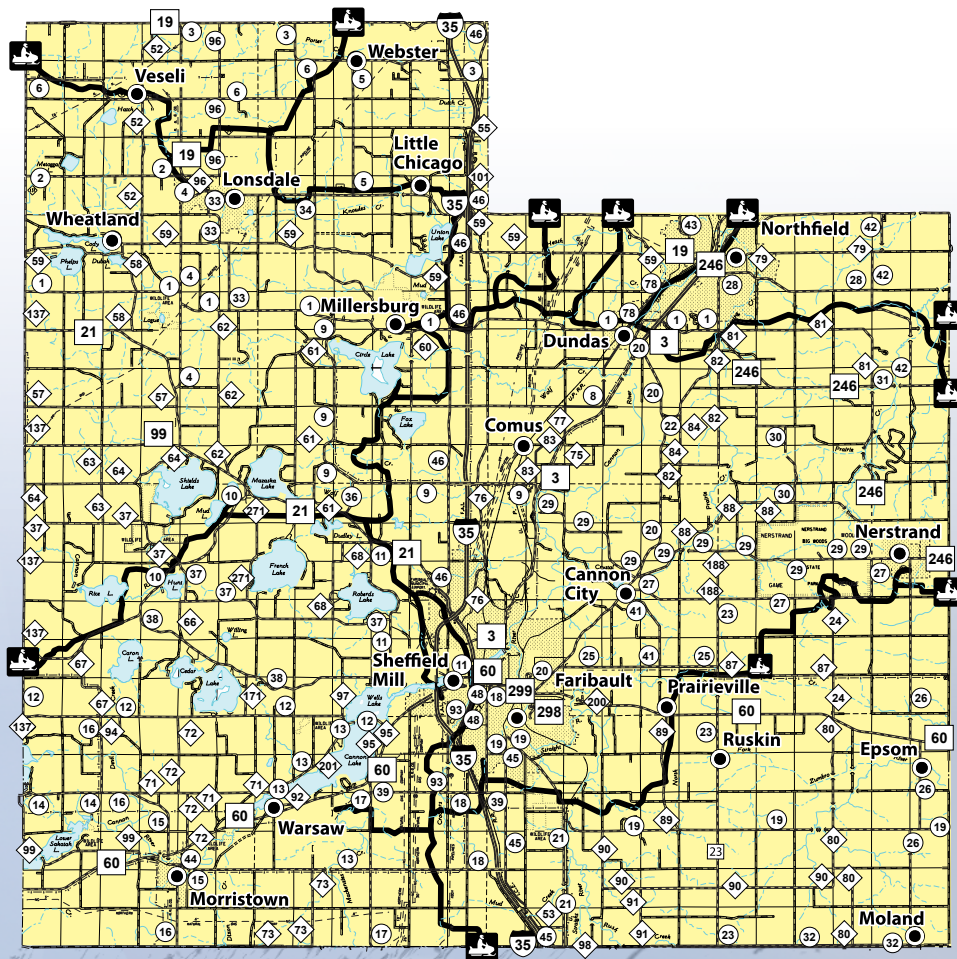
Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



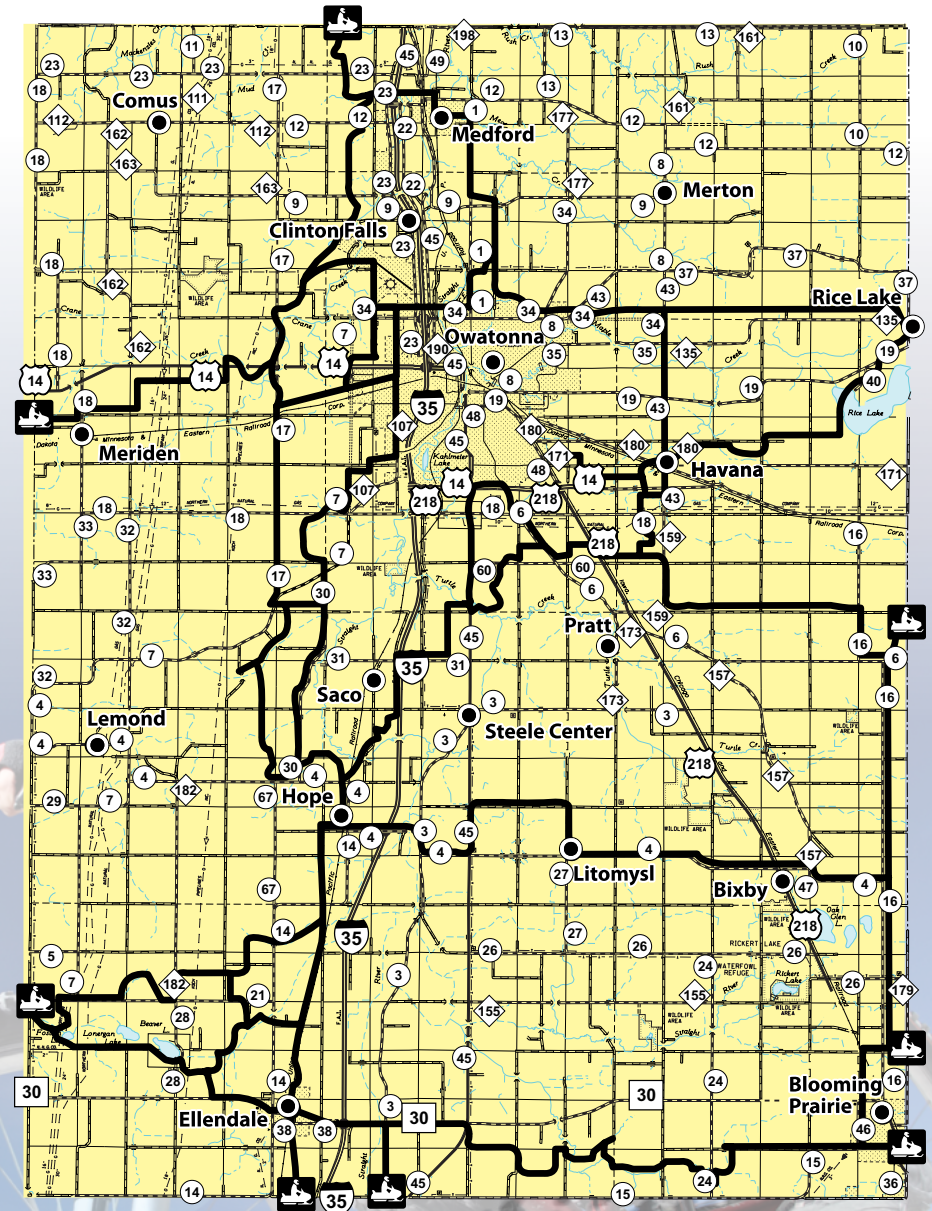
PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

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.

LOCAL AREA TRAILS



RICE COUNTY  ——— Snowmobile Trail



STEELE COUNTY



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HONEY *Glazed* CHICKEN



Simple meal with a *Gourmet* Feel

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 3 Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and pour the honey glaze over the chicken, making sure it's evenly coated.
- 4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
- 5 After 15 minutes of baking, remove the chicken from the oven and brush the remaining honey glaze over the chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and continue baking.
- 6 Once done, remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes before serving.
- 7 You can garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions if you like.

Enjoy your delicious
honey glazed chicken!

PREP: 10 MIN • TOTAL: 40 MIN

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.

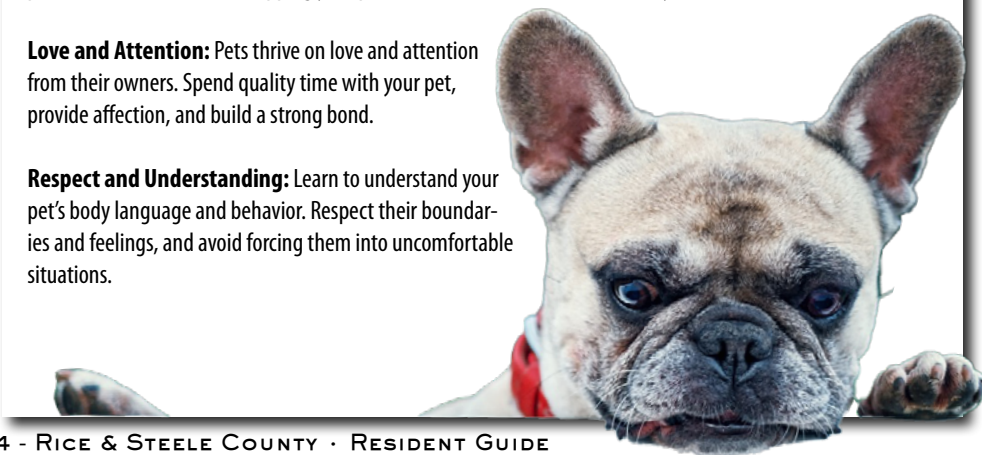
Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

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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Be smart...

Take good care of your skin



The skin is an organ and helps protect against heat, sunlight, injury, and infections. This is why it is important to always protect it. Overexposure to the sun can be linked to some skin cancers. Ultraviolet rays from the sun or sunlamps can also cause eye problems, weakened immune system, age spots, wrinkles, and leathery skin.

• Protect your skin

Wear proper clothing like long-sleeved shirts and pants. Also protect your head and eyes with a hat and UV-resistant sunglasses.

Remember that you can also fall victim to the sun on a cloudy day as well as in the winter.

Sunburns increase the risk of developing skin cancer. It is especially important that children don't get a sunburns.

Peak burning hours, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization, are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Reflective surfaces, like water, snow, and sand can reflect sun rays and make them more intense.

You experience more UV exposure at higher altitudes, because there is less atmosphere to absorb UV radiation.

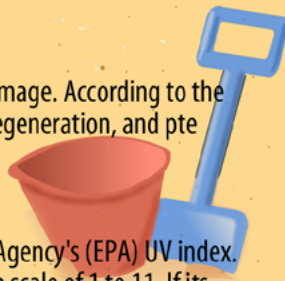
Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The FDA recommends using sunscreens that are broad spectrum and have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15. Re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

• Protect your eyes

UV rays can penetrate the structures of your eyes and cause cell damage. According to the CDC, some sun-related vision problems cause cataracts, macular degeneration, and pterygium.

• UV index

Before going outside you can check the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) UV index. To see the intensity of UV rays for the day. The index measures on a scale of 1 to 11. If it's low on the UV index you will require less protection and a high UV index will require a lot more protection.



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• Play
• Stay

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