

Issues Report

KMFY-FM

96.9 FM

Quarter 2

2023

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Issues	Date	Length	Explanation			
Social	04/04/23	01:00	Story about a walk-out at the Grand Rapids High School. Students said they hoped to continue to shed a light on equality for GBTQI students.			
Environment	04/05/23	01:00	Story about a county-wide clean-up. Itasca County Environmental Services held clean-up days across 7 communities and disposed of nearly 114 tons of demolition and 222 tons of garbage. They hope to do more communities.			
Senior Health	04/04/23	01:00	Story about Ecumen dropping Grand Village Nursing Home from its services. The county-owned home will be looking for a new management company. How will residents be affected?			
Safety	04/19/23	01:00	Story about local flooding. Water run-off, rapid snow melt, and rain have damaged equipment, threatened public safety, and and public property. Itasca County asked non-profit entities to keep track of damage costs.			
Employment	04/26/23	01:00	Story about Itasca County remote workers. The county board asked for a spreadsheet of who is working from home and what services the county is no longer offering. Discussion about Covid restrictions also.			
Education	05/02/23	01:00	Story about school finances. ISD 318 made reductions of staff and programs of about \$2.4 million dollars at its last meeting. Continuing discussion about school financing.			
Economy	05/04/23	01:00	Story about mining rights and leases. The MN DNR is recommending that Cleveland Cliffs be awarded mining rights to 2264.45 acres of ining land near Nashwauk. The rights of Mesabi Minerals were terminated last last year for a variety of reasons. Hibbing Taconite majority-owner, Cliffs, says Hibbing Tac will run out of crude ore			
Safety	05/15/23	01:00	Story about the water levels in Canisteo Pit. Pit waters dropped as water was bring pumped out, but pumps are turned off as fears of zebra muscles rise. Muscles are active and breading when water temperatures reach 40 degrees. Money was allocated by the Minnesota legislature to design and fix the problem.			
Law Enforcement	05/12/23	01:00	Story about a police officer who went the extra mile. He was notified of a phone in the middle of the road. Officer brought it to a cell phone store, where residents who lost it was trying to buy a new one. Resident unlocked the phone and it was returned to him.			
Safety	05/23/23	01:00	Story about missing residents. Two residents went missing about the same time and media covered the airwaves helping residents become aware of it. Both were found, unharmed.			

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Nature	06/01/23	01:00	Story about Bike Rodeo at the Forest History Center. Encouraging kids to get on bikes. Talk about bike give-aways, helmets, bike rodeo course, and local trails.
Environment	06/03/23	01:00	Story about the Minnesota Wildfire Academy. The academy trains up to 500 firefighters to be safe while fighting wildfires. Education in media, equipment, and leadership
Safety	06/13/23	01:00	Story about the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. DNR recently had 3 canines and trainers graduate from the St. Paul Police Department's K9 school, bringing the number of DNR teams up to 5. Story on local team and job duties.
Information	06/12/23	01:00	Story about ICTV or watchictv.org recent award of Hometown Overall Excellence from the Alliance for Community Media Foundation. ICTV offers government and educational programming.
Environment	06/14/23	01:00	Story about Itasca County's Farm Family fo the Year. The county has gone for over 1000 farms to 337. Farm Family of the Year was awarded to the Lignal family.
Veterans	06/28/23	90 minutes	Station ran and Town Hall meeting regarding veterans. Panel of veterans spoke about their service, services available to them, and how to access services. Many spoke to enjoyable time in the service, but a lack of info available to them when they got out.

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2023

This is a list of local residents whose voice was used during a local newscast. Many were interviews live on air for our local community news program, "Today's Topic."

4-4 Tori Gunderson

4-4 Matt Grose	ISD 318 Superintendent School	Board Wrap
4-4 Spencer Igo	MN Rep Session	Wrap-Up
4-5 Amber Peratello	It Co Assessor	Property Tax
4-5 Brianna Roberts	It Co Public Health	Tobacco
4-5 Matt Grose	ISD 318 Superintendent	Boys & Girls Club
4-5 Burl Ives	It Co Commissioner	Covid Job Changes
4-6 Torri Gunerson		
4-12 Burl Ives	Itasca County Board Chair	Remote Work
4-12 Sasha Sash	ISD 318 School	
4-12 Mark Griner	Itasca County Sheriff Deputy	Retirement
4-12 Leanne Langeburg	Interagency Fire Center	Fire Danger
4-13 Leanne Langeberg	MN Interagency Fire Center	Red Flag Day
4-13 Dale Christy	Grand Rapids Mayor	Financial Award
4-13 Spencer Igo	Mn Representative	Omnibus Bills
4-14 Justin Eichorn	MN Senate	Omnibus Bills
4-14 Rob Wilkins	Lt. Col. US Army Corps Engineers	Flooding
4-17 Justin Eichorn	MN Senator	Legislation
4-17 Spencer Igo	MN Representative	Legislation
4-17 Helen Montgomery	Leech Lake College President	Opportunities
4-18 Pat Medure	ISD 318 School Board	Budget
4-18 Tori Gunderson	Student	Itaskin Center
4-18 Spencer Igo	MN Rep	Delivery Fee
4-18 Ben Davis	MN Rep	Education Bill
4-18 Spencer Igo	MN Rep	Mine Permitting

4-19 John Linder	It Co Emergency Manager	Flooding
4-19 Ben Davis	MN Rep MN	Election Bill
4-21 Brian Bissonette	PBTV Communications	Gaming Championship
4-25 Tom Pagel	Grand Rapids Admin.	Nelson Hire PD
4-25 Dale Christy	GR Mayor	Nelson Hire
4-25 Lorenzo Goncalves	Cliffs CEO	Steel for new cars
4-25 Ben Davis	MN Rep	Veterans
4-25 Spencer Igo	MN Rep	Mine Permits
4-26 Jeff Cook	Park Ranger- Pokegama Dam	River levels
4-26 Bonnie Amistadi	Flag Family Media	IM Care
4-27 Jeff Cook	Ranger Pokegama Dam	Water levels
4-27 Bryan Hackbarth	ISD 316 Superintendent	Meeting Wrap
4-28 Torri Gunderson	Student	FFA
4-28 Sean Linder	FFAAdvisor	Awards
5-2 Jeff Cook	Pokegama Dam Tender	Cresting water
5-2 David Marty	ISD 318 School board	Reductions
5-3 Dave Lislegaard	MN Rep.	Refineries
5-5 Lorenzo Gancalves	Pres. CEO Cliffs Cliffs	Car Contract
5-9 Andy Morgan	GR Police Chief	Swear In
5-9 Cheryl Pierzina	GR Human Resources	Hiring
5-9 Dale Christy	GR Mayor	IRA Project
5-9 Matt Grose	ISD 318 Superintendent	School Need Help
5-9 Spencer Igo	MN Rep	No bipartisan bills
5-9 Spencer Igo	MN Rep	Canisteo Pit Water
5-9 Justin Eichorn	MN Senator	Bonding
5-9 Justin Eichorn	MN Senator	Fishing Opener
5-9 Carrie Larson	Grand Rapids Area Chamber	Welcome Program
5-10 Andy MacDonnell	Coh. Mayor	Kootasca Housing Project
5-10 Cre Larson	First Call for Help	
5-11 Eric Villeneau	It Co Health and Human Services	YMCA Expansion

5-11 Justin Eichorn	MN State Senator	Legacy Bill
5-12 Tom Bakk	Former Senator	Nickel Mining
5-12 Katie Benes	It Co Environmental Services	Fish Guts
5-16 Malissa Bahr	ISD 318 School Board	Budget
5-16 Matt Grose	ISD 318 Superintendent	Meeting Wrap
5-16 Spencer	Igo MN Rep	Canisteo
5-16 Ben Davis	MN Rep	Session Wrap
5-23 Dale Christy	Grand Rapids Mayor	Meeting Wrap
5-23 Spencer Igo	MN Rep	Session Wrap
5-23 Ben Davis	MN Rep	Session Wrap
5-24 Ryan Sutherland	It Co Transportation	Roundabout Constr.
5-24 Gail Guck	It Co Treas.	Prop Taxes
5-24 Burl Ives	Co Commissioner	Fiscal Disp.
5-24 Burl Ives Burl	Ives It Co Board Chair	Canisteo
5-24 Stephanie Kessler	Coh. Activities	Mayor for a Day
6-6 Leanne Langeberg	Information Specialist	MN Interagency Fire Center
6-6 William (BJ) Glesener	Operations Supervisor	MN Interagency Fire Center
6-6 Heather Lovdahl	Bigfork Activities Director	Ground Breaking
6-8 Merrill Lowney	Lions Club Hill	City Playground
6-14 Andy McDonnel	Cohasset Mayor	Meeting Wrap
6-14 Terry Snyder	Itasca County Commissioner	Meeting Wrap
6-15 Rachael Newman	Farmer's Market	
6-15 Dale Christy	Grand Rapids Mayor	IRA Civic Center
6-15 Carrie Larson	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	
6-19 Merrill Lowney	Rapids Radio	Veterans Town Hall
6-19 Kim Brink Smith	UW Lakes	Day of Action
6-21 Hugh Quinn	VFW Post 1720 Commander	Veterans
6-22 Bill Johnson	MN DNR	Talon Mining
6-22 Ida Rukavina	IRRRB Commissioner	Funding
6-22 Matt Grose	ISD 318 Superintendent	Southwest School naming

Public Service Announcements

The following public service announcements were broadcast over KOZY-AM, KMFY-FM, and KBAJ-FM radio stations between April 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023.

Kill 5/7

Walk to fight MS- Sunday May 7th. The Itasca County MS Walk Team invites you to walk Crystal Lake Park on Sunday May 7th at 11am. Donations can be made day-of or at MS Society dot Donor Rive dot com. The walk starts at 803 North Pokegama Avenue. You can walk, or just stop by and say hello. For more information, check them out on Facebook.

Kill 4/18

The Second Harvest North Central Food Bank Pop-Up Pantry is hosting a number of distribution locations in April. They will be at Northhome at Fishers Petroleum April 20th from 10-11am and at the Ball Club Center April 27th from 11-12pm. Quantities are limited. Please attend only one pop up a month. For more information, visit the web site on Facebook.

Kill 5/6

Itasca Waters invites you to learn more about leaving a legacy of clean water for future generations. Itasca Waters offers a free virtual learning series called Practical Water Wisdom. It's free- at noon on the first Thursday of the month through the end of 2023. Learn more at Itasca Waters dot org. May 4th at noon, join Jeff Marr, a civil engineer and associate Director of Engineering at Saint Anthony Falls Labs to talk about what boat owners can do to protect lakes from erosion.

Kill 4/22

You and your family are invited to Bigfork Family Fun Fest- Saturday April 22nd at the Bigfork School. There will be a dunk tank, duck pond, face painting, bouncy house, and lots of fun for the whole family. The silent auction includes a 5-bird hunt, Safari North family fun ticket package, and lots more. Chad's Meat Wagon , Domo's Donuts and Kona Ice will be there too!

Kill 4/22

McGregor Zion Lutheran Church is hosting a fundraising dinner April 22nd. Enjoy a creamy baked chicken supper between 4:30 and 7pm on Saturday April 22nd at the church. Take out is available. Sign up for the Chicken Bucket Auction- need not be present to win. Tickets are \$15,00 for adults, ages 6-12 \$5, and kids 5 and under eat for free.

Kill 4/19

Save ten percent on your auto insurance. If you've completed the Defensive Driving Course and are ready for the refresher course, call 218-591-9640 and sign up. Cost is \$20 per person; pre-registration is required. The class runs from 9am to 1pm at the Itasca County Courthouse Board Room.

Kill 4/22

Itasca County Sheriff's Department will be accepting your unneeded and expired prescription medicine this Saturday, April 29th from 10am to 2pm. It's part of the D E A National Take-back Day. Check your

medicine cabinet and look to see if you have expired or unused medication and let the sheriff's office dispose of it properly.

Kill 5/3

If you are interested in the Quality of Minnesota waters and what role you can take in maintaining that quality, check out the free online series, Practical Water Wisdom- a virtual learning series, sponsored by Itasca Waters. It'll be held at noon- on the first Thursday of the month for one hour. Register at Itasca Waters dot org. May 4th, the guest will be Jeff Marr, Associate Director of Engineering and Facilities at Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory.

Kill 5/21

Help support our Itasca K-9 program and enjoy a great dinner, May 21st. The K-9 fundraiser will feature sloppy joe's, gun bingo, raffles, and auction, as well as great prizes! The meal, sloppy joes and sides, is just \$10.00 Sunday, May 21st from 1-3pm at the Grand Rapids Eagles Club. Meet the K-9 team and support the program.

4/29/23

You're invited to meet "The Three Old Guys Who Rose to Alaska". Rex Hibbert, Rob Hallstrom, and Paul Dick will be at the Timberlake Lodge on Saturday (April 29th) from 2-5pm. Come out and meet the snowmobilers who traveled from Grand Rapids to Alaska on snowmobile and met many people along the way. One of the sleds will also be onsite. That's Saturday from 2-5pm at the Timberlake.

Kill 5/21

Range Regional Animal Rescue will be holding a cleaning/rummage sale May 18th through the 21st. All proceeds benefit RRAR animals. Items have been donated by community members. Visit them on Facebook to see animals in need to loving homes.

Kill 5/18

Save money on your auto insurance by taking a Smart Driver class. Many classes are offered to area drivers 55 and older. The next class at the Itasca County Family YMCA is May 18th from 1-5pm. Call 327-5730 to sign up.

Kill 6/4

Support the Sarah Grell/Backer Memorial Scholarship Fund and have some fun. The "Fishing for Grell Day" Fundraiser Walleye Tournament is Sunday, June 4th. Fish either Lake Winnie or the Cutfoot Chain. Registration is \$50 per person for the tournament, meal, and door prizes OR \$25.00 per person for the meal and door prizes. Trophies for 1st through 3rd place. No monetary tournament prizes. All proceeds to the scholarship fund- for students interested in becoming a conservation officer. Pre-register at Little Winnie Resort or by emailing matt bothma at yahoo dot com. (mattbothma@yahoo.com)
Maximum of 50 boats.

Kill 5/5

The 51st annual Iron Range Get-Together for AA is May 5th and 6th at the Grand Rapids Eagles Club. Registration opens at 6:30 pm Friday. Speaker Paul G at Akron Ohio speaks at 8pm. Saturday, May 6th, at 10am, the Outstate Panel begins. Speakers include Kathy T from Duluth at 1pm and others. The 7th Tradition Ice Cream Social follows the final speaker. Visit district16online.org for details.

Kill 5/30

May is "Community Action Month". The Community Action Network was established in 1964 to help American Families overcome obstacles to poverty. Kootasca Community Action serves families in Itasca and Kootchiching counties with immediate needs, including food and shelter, and long-term goals like education and job placement. Building Community to end poverty.

Kill 5/8

Blandin Employees for Life will hold its annual "Spring Flower Basket Fundraiser" on May 8th and 9th. Proceeds will help local residents going through cancer. If you are some one you know is facing cancer, please contact the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation for more information. The Spring Flower Basket Fundraiser is May 8th from noon to 7pm and Tuesday, May 9th from 8am to 7pm- or until sold out. The fundraiser will be held at the Pokegama Plaza Strip Mall behind McDonalds.

Kill 5/6

Support Within Reach will host it's annuak "Karaoke for a Cause" Saturday May 6th at Zorbaz. There will be a silent auction and prizes every hour. A portion of the proceeds from the evening will be donated to Support within Reach. Support Within Reach is a private, non-profit, community service organization serving residents and those impacted by incidents of sexual violence in Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, and Itasca Counties.

Kill 5/18

The Arrowhead Library System (ALS) will be providing Paper Quilling Take & Create Art Kits to member public libraries to distribute May 1-31, 2023. This art experience has been designed by the Duluth Folk School. Create anything from animals to flowers, mosaics, or fun patterns that you can make into a card or wall art! Kits will be available at libraries in: Bovey, Calumet, Coleraine, Keewatin, Marble, Grand Rapids, and Virginia. Each location has a limited number of kits. Geared to ages 8 and up.

Kill 5/7

The Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus invites you to their spring show, "Broadway and Beyond, this Sunday (5/7). The show will feature show-stopping songs from Broadway. Guests include Katie Benes, Katie Smith and Marina Whight (white). The show will be at the Reif Center. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults. Students and children admitted free. Tickets at the door. Showtime is 2:30.

Kill 5/6

The 11th Annual Stomp on Stigma 5K this Saturday, May 6, at Tioga Beach in Cohasset. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the race starts at 10 a.m. Prizes will be available from area businesses and

beneficiaries include National Alliance on Mental Illness, Grace House, Cooperative Solutions, YMCA Youth Program and New Leaf. Visit cmhsreach.org for more information.

Kill 5/16

Squad cars and other law enforcement vehicles, K-9s and more will be on display during the second annual Kids, Cops and Cars event Thursday, May 16, 4:30-7 p.m., at the Hibbing Memorial Building. Kids, Cops and Cars is an opportunity for children and families to meet local law enforcement officers, see emergency vehicles up close, watch various demonstrations including from law enforcement K-9s, and more. Free goodie bags and a light meal will be provided while supplies last.

Kill 5/3

You're Invited To "The Club I Never Wanted To Join."

Build meaningful relationships and learn and share important information relating to breast cancer. Come and be a part of a very special group of people who are working to thrive while making their way through breast cancer. Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 3:30-5:30 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church, 2901 Highway 169 Grand Rapids. Meeting Topic: Introduction and What Cancer Has Taught Me!

Kill 5/5

Stroll the streets of Grand Rapids this Friday during the First Friday Art Walk. From 4-7pm, local businesses and artists will show-off their talent with goods, services, and entertainment. MacRostie Art Center will present The Little Big Show with Alyssa Swanson miniatures. Reception from 4-7 with an artist talk at 6pm. Enjoy music in Old Central School, Giinawind Creative Space exhibit is titled "Waiting for Beds". And the car clubs will show off in a "Show and Shine" in Kramer's Parking lot. That's Friday from 4-7pm downtown Grand Rapids.

Kill 5/21

The Second Annual Shred for Cody Fundraiser is Sunday, May 21st at the Cody Seim (Sime) Memorial Skate Park in Grand Rapids. There will be games, food, prizes, and music. For more information, check out the Cody Siem Memorial Park on Facebook.

5/10

The Arrowhead Regional Arts Council will offer a class on legal basics Wednesday, May 10th. Attorney Jessica Karp will answer all things legal, for both individual artists and arts organizations. The virtual workshop is offered free of charge. The workshop begins at 5:30pm Wednesday. Visit their website for more information.

Kill 5/31

United Way of 1000 Lakes hosts "Bonfire", an online volunteering portal. If you have a passion and a window of time, Bonfire can help you find a volunteer opportunity. Bonfire is free to use. Go to volunteer.uwlakes.org. (www.volunteer.uwlakes.org) to find opportunities to give back.

Kill 5/21

Get ready to Ride for Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity. Cars, trucks, motorcycles, and trikes will leave Aitkin at noon Sunday, May 21st, ride to Glen, McGregor, Palisade, then back to the American Legion in Aitkin for food, door prizes, auction items and more. There will be a silent auction, door prizes, and games. Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity builds and repairs homes in partnership with families and communities. Visit them on Facebook.

Kill 6/10

The EEA Chapter 412 invites you to the Grand Rapids/Itasca County Airport for the annual Fly-In Pancake breakfast and silent auction June 10th. The proceeds will help provide aviation scholarships to two area youth. Donations will be accepted. The Fly-in Pancake Breakfast is June 10th from 8am to noon.

Kill 6/8

You're invited to a benefit for Nate, Misty and Sebastian. The family lost their home to a fire mid-way through building their new home. The auction, raffles, and fun begins at 6pm with DJ Josh Coen at the Locker Room Bar in Coleraine. Join the fun in the outdoor pavilion and help the family rebuild. There will also be a taco bar- just \$10.00 a plate. Kids under 5 eat free. That's June 8th starting at 6pm at the Locker Room in Coleraine.

Kill 5/27

This weekend will be the last time local residents will be able to see the **Stop Soldier Suicide** Canoe before it makes its voyage down the Mississippi. MJ's in Penguilly will be holding a Stop soldier Suicide fundraiser this Saturday with Bingo starting at 3pm. There will be ten games, two dollars per card. Cash prizes and more. Any proceeds will go to the Stop Soldier Suicide fund. Food and drink specials starting at noon. Rolling Cones Ice Cream Truck will be there from noon to 7pm Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Kill 5/29

The City of Cohasset will hold a Memorial Day Social at the Cohasset Community Center for area veterans and their spouses. The FREE appreciation lunch is from 11am to 2pm. Thank you for your service.

Kill 7/1

The 42nd annual Tall Timber Days celebration will be here before you know it! The parade committee is accepting applications for this year's parade. Visit Tall Timber Days dot com and click the Join Our Parade" button. Parade entries are accepted through July 23rd. Tall Timber Days is August 4th, 5th, and 6th in downtown Grand Rapids.

7/2

You are invited to help break ground on the thirty-two thousand foot factory expansion of Yanmar (YAN-mar) Friday, June 2nd from 11am to 2pm. There will also be a celebration of ASV's 40 Anniversary, and 55th anniversary of Yanmar's mini excavator. Legacy machines will be there, get tours of the factory, light refreshments will be served. There will also be a bouncy house and activities for the kids. Free Give-aways too.

Kill 6/12

The Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce presents its June Luncheon at the Timberlake- featuring Mark Danielson. Danielson will present "FBI- 101 Facts, an Inside Look". Learn about investment fraud, money laundry laundering, Cost for the program is \$15 for Chamber members, \$20 for non-members. Call 218-326-6619 today to register.

Kill 6/1

The Itasca Public Health Department is offering an immunization clinic June 1st at the Itasca Resources Center. Immunizations are available for children with no health insurance, who have MA/IMCare, and for children with no coverage of vaccines. There is a \$20 administration fee per vaccine, but no one will be turned away. Call 218-327-2941 and ask for public health.

Kill 6/6

Eat at Culver's from 4 to 9 on June 6 and support the Grand Rapids Just for Kix Dancers! Proceeds donated to the dancers will go toward their trip to perform at the Relia-quest Bowl on New Years Day in Tampa Florida. That's June 6th at Culvers.

Kill 6/2

MacRostie Art Center (MAC) is pleased to announce the opening of its new exhibition. From June 2 until July 29, the MacRostie Gallery will host "50 Years and Beyond," an anniversary exhibition of works by Duluth Fiber Guild members. The public is invited to attend the First Friday reception on June 2 at MacRostie Art Center in downtown Grand Rapids or view online at macrostieartcenter.org. The exhibition is sponsored by Hawkinson Construction.

Kill 6/15

The Range Area Walk to End Alzheimer's Planning Committee announced they are partnering with VFW Post #1720 to host a BBQ Bash along with the Mega Meat Raffle! The event will be held at VFW Post #1720 in Grand Rapids on Thursday, June 15th from 4:00 to 7:00pm and will feature authentic smokehouse flavor from Chad's Meat Wagon.

Meals will be available for dine in or take-out for \$15.00 per person and will include: Pulled Pork Sandwich, beans and chips. The Mega Meat Raffle will be available for purchase inside only. All proceeds will benefit the Range Area Walk to End Alzheimer's.

6/15

The "Just Because" Sewing Group is holding a charity sew day to provide quilts to local charities. No experience necessary. Come for a great day of fun- helping others. Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing notions. The Charity Sew Day will be Saturday- July 15th from 9am to 4pm at the Balsam Hall (on Scenic Highway 7). Donations of cotton, flannel or fleece would be appreciated.

Kill 6/15

You're invited to a fund-raiser to support the Range Area Walk to End Alzheimers. The Barbecue Bash and Mega Meat Raffle is Thursday- June 15th at the Grand Rapids VFW Post #1720. Enjoy authentic

Smokehouse pulled pork sandwiches from Chad's Meat Wagon, beans and chips for \$15.00 a person. Take-out or dine in. Serving from 4-7pm at the VFW on 4th Street Grand Rapids.

Kill 6/20

Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry will be on Tuesday, June 20th in Grand Rapids. This is a change in date. The pantry offers a wide range of food and household items for a \$25.00 charge per share. Registration begins at 3:30 with food bundles available from 3:30 to 5:30pm. Bring your own boxes or baskets, please.

Kill 6/15

You're invited to KOOTASCA's (coo-TAS-ka) 3rd annual Juneteenth Freedom Walk on Friday, June 16th from 10:00-12:30 at Central School. The two and a half mile walk symbolizes the two and a half years it took for news of freedom to reach all enslaved in the United States. A picnic lunch will follow the walk catered by Glows Kitchen - chicken, burgers, mac & cheese, fried cabbage, cornbread. Please bring your own seating. The event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Please register by contacting Amy at Amyb@kootasca.org.

Kill 6/21

The United Way's Day of Action is coming up, June 21st in bovey! They have projects that could use your help! Day of Action is a community-wide effort that brings together volunteers and local businesses to provide short-term, project-focused volunteer service with non-profit and public organizations. Over 150 volunteers are needed to make this a success! See them on Facebook for details.

Kill 6/11

The Judy Garland Festival is this Thursday through Sunday in Grand Rapids. There will be Dress Up parties, Show and Tell, Open Mic events, and a showing of the Movie the Wizard of Oz. Visit judy garland museum dot com for event times. Kill 7-1

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank's home delivery program brings fresh, healthy groceries from our food shelf or our senior nutrition (CSFP) program to the front door of neighbors in need. Right now, they are looking for 3-4 volunteers to drive their delivery van from the Grand Rapids food bank to scheduled deliveries within 20 miles. Deliveries take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with shifts starting at 8:30 a.m. and lasting 3-4 hours. Visit their Facebook page for details.

Kill 6/13

The Tuesday Summer Concert Series is back! Every Tuesday, enjoy a free concert at an area church from 12-12:45. A bag lunch will be available for \$7.00 following the performance. June 13th, the music of "Vocal Perspective" at First Lutheran Church. Music by: Laurie Antonson (AN-

tun-sen) and Wayne Leeds. They are an acoustic Folk Duo featuring guitar, vocals, harmonica. Thought-provoking lyrics and pleasing harmonies.

Kill 7/15

Whether you are musical or not, you are invited to a Jam Session at Deer River Township Town Hall, every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm, June-Sept. The town hall is located at 401183 County Road 19 in Deer River.

Kill 6/13

The Tuesday Summer Concert Series is back! Every Tuesday, enjoy a free concert at an area church from 12-12:45. A bag lunch will be available for \$7.00 following the performance. June 20th, enjoy "Stories from Deer River's Uncle Ed". Daniel Johnson-Wilmot, baritone and Mary Ellen Hauptert on Piano.

Kill 6/20

Exciting times are ahead for Bovey and your help is needed. Sign up to help build the new Enstrom-Wilden Park playground, June 20-22nd. For more information, visit them on Facebook or call 218-245-1633.

Kill 6/15

A fund-raiser for the "Walk to End Alzheimers" for VFW Post 1720 in Grand Rapids is June 15th. Enjoy Chad's Meat Wagon pulled pork sandwiches, beans and chips for just \$15.00. All proceeds will benefit Range Area Walk to End Alzheimers. The fundraiser is Thursday, June 15th from 4-7pm at the Grand Rapids VFW.

Kill 6/28

A watercraft certification class will be offered in Grand Rapids for youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The course will include an on-the-lake operating session. Youth will operate outboard motors and a personal watercraft. The course will be held on Wednesday, June 28th, 2022, from 9:00am to 2:00 pm. All registered students will need to arrive at Tioga beach by 8:45 am and parents can pick up youth at the beach at 2:00pm. Tioga beach is located on Tioga Beach Road. Please bring lifejackets and appropriate clothing.

Kill 7/7

This Friday, stroll the streets of downtown Grand Rapids during the First Friday Art Walk! Events at Benders Shoes, Central School, MacRostie Art Center, Stained Glass with Class. Northern Cruisers and Itasca Vintage Car Club will host a Show and Shine at the Kramer's Parking lot during the show. First Friday art Walk, 4-7pm this Friday, downtown Grand Rapids.

Kill 8/12

Sign up today to Run for Hunger! All proceeds go toward the Child Hunger Program, addressing food insecurity for children living in north-central Minnesota. The Run for Hunger 5K is August

12th at the Itasca County fairgrounds. Register at [range events dot org](http://rangeeventsdotorg). Run starts at the County Fairgrounds 4H building. Cost is \$25.00 per runner. Run for Hunger 5K- August 12th starting at 9am.

Kill 7/4

Celebrate July 4th in Side Lake. The Side Lake Parade starts at 10am on Sturgeon Road. Line-up at 9am. Forms at [side lake dot org](http://side.lake.dot.org). Prizes for 1st – 3rd place. Celebrate the 4th in Side Lake!

Kill 7/24

The Grand Rapids Herald Review has partnered with the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and Deer River Chamber of Commerce to present, "The Best of Itasca County." "Best of" was created to let the community recognize and celebrate excellent dining, shopping, and services that make Itasca County a great place to live. Nominations now through July 24th! Visit [Grand Rapids MN dot com](http://GrandRapidsMN.com) to nominate today!

Kill July 1

Celebrate Family Fun in Keewatin July 1st! W-G-W Wrestling from 3-5pm on Main Street. "Shirts and Skins" street dance from 7:30-midnight! Teen games at 5:30, adult games at 6pm. Obstacle course and bounce house from 2-6pm. Saturday July 1st in Keewatin. On July 4th, Kiddie Parade at 1pm, Parade at 1:30pm on Main Street. Fireworks at dusk on July 4th!

Kill 7/4

Celebrate the 4th all weekend in Hill City! July 1st, vendors in Bear Park and "Hellrider" playing a street dance at Knuckleheads. Sunday, volleyball st 10am and a floatill on Hill Lake. July 4th, food booths open at 9. Parade starts at 11am. There will be an egg toss, pudding eating contest, turtle races, and Odessa and the Beat at Lake Avenue Pavillion from 7-10pm.

Kill 7/4

You're invited to watch the fireworks in Grand Rapids from the Pokegama Golf Course! Park at Essential Grand Rapids Clinic and take the FREE shuttle bus to the Golf course starting at 8pm. Food and beverage on sale at the course- no outside food or drink, please. Bathrooms on site, bring your own blanket or chair.

Kill 7/4

Celebrate the 3rd and 4th in Nashwauk! July 3rd is the annual Car Show 3-6pm. Breezy and Friends on the main stage 3:30-7pm. "Small Town Syndrome" from 8-midnight. On July 4th, the Grand Parade is at noon, Shriners parade at 11am! Races for all- and the Tractor pull, too! Celebrate July 3 and 4 in Nashwauk. No under-age drinking, no coolers no bicycles, glass, or pets.

Kill 7/11

The next concert in the Tuesday Summer Concert Series is July 11th at noon at Grand Rapids Alliance Church. Enjoy the music of Twentieth Century Music for Piano & Vocal with Ross

Larson & Friends. The concert begins at noon and runs 45 minutes. A lunch will be available for \$7.00 following the concert. It's a nice outing for live music lovers. No registration required.

Kill 7/13

The Arrowhead Library System's Bookmobile stops every three weeks at these locations in your area:

Deer River at City Offices at 10:00-11:30 on Tuesdays, July 11, August 1 & 22, September 12.

Taconite at Community Center at 10:00-10:30 on Wednesdays, July 12, August 2 & 23, September 13.

Pengilly at Post Office vicinity at 4:00-5:00 on Wednesdays, July 12, August 2 & 23, September 13

Nashwauk at Nashwauk School at 5:30-6:30 on Wednesdays, July 12, August 2 & 23, September 13

The Bookmobile offers print books, cookbooks, large print books, DVDs, audiobooks and video games. In addition, you can renew your library card, update your library account information, learn how to use library services and participate in special programs. Learn more about what your library can offer you at our website, alslib.info.

Kill 7/15

The "Just Because Sewing Group" is hosting a charity sew day to provide quilts to local charities. Bring your machine and sewing basics. The sewing open house will be July 15th from 9am to 4pm. Lunch will be available or bring you rown. Call Denise at 218-245-2873 for more information.

Kill 7/6

Learn more about "Water- borne disease and symptoms: Can swimming in the lake make me sick?". Itasca Waters presents, "Practical Water Wisdom, a free virtual learning series. The next program is Thursday July 6th at noon. The presenter will be Trisha Robinson. She is the Epidemiologist Supervisor of the Waterborne Diseases Unit at the MN Dept of Health, where she oversees the routine surveillance activities, outbreak investigations, and Health promotion activities for all waterborne pathogens. To register for this free on-line program go to itascawaters.org.

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Kill 7/18

The next concert in the Tuesday Summer Concert Series is July 18 at Community Presbyterian Church. Enjoy the music of The Grand Tango Third Coast Chamber Collective with guest pianist Mary Ellen Haupert performing music by Johannes Brahms and Astor Piazzolla. The concert begins at noon and runs 45 minutes. A lunch will be available for \$7.00 following the concert. It's a nice outing for live music lovers. No registration required.

Kill 7/17

Ruby's Pantry is for anyone that is looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. For a \$25 bundle donation, you will receive an abundance of groceries. There is no income or residency requirement. Guests can attend as many locations each month that work for their schedule. The next pantry in Grand Rapids will be July 17th. Registration begins at 3:30 with distribution from 3:30-5:30 at the Grand Rapids Armory.

Kill 7/22

Sign up today for the Scott Olson Memorial 5K. Each year, the 5K starts and ends at Ryan Park in LaPrairie. This years run will be held Saturday July 22, 2023. Registration can be done online through the Scott Olson Memorial 5k Facebook page or the day of the run. Breakfast will be provided following the run for all present, sponsored by the City of LaPrairie.

