

## **KPRM PROGRAMS AND ISSUES January, February, March 2024**

- We continue to make announcements on missing persons, dogs, cats and other announcements that are issued by the PD and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension or found on official police communication.
- Many community announcements when time permits during the news. This includes news on services (especially those that cater to older area residents), meeting announcements for the Park Rapids City Council and Minnesota Department of Transportation, traffic advisories, safety news from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Crime Alerts.
- We have had many community leaders on Coffeetime, see list below.
- Coaches Corner recognizing the achievements of athletes, Coaches, Athletic Directors and clubs were given access to airwaves on Saturday mornings.
- We keep our listeners up to date on health, employment and traffic safety issues by reading Press Releases from MN Deed, MN Dot, Public Safety and Department of Human Services.
- Ice conditions on area lakes, multiple reports from Sheriff's Offices and the DNR.
- School Closings in the area

### **Additional information on public service announcements**

January - March

#### **Coffee time Interviews KDKK and KPRM 9:30 – 10:00 AM**

1/4/24 PR Superintendent Lance Bagsted, Food Manager JT Clark

2/1/24 PR Superintendent Lance Bagsted, School Nurse Tia

2/13/24, 2/20/24, 2/27/24, 3/19/24 Matt Bliss

2/20/24 Senator Paul Utke

2/29/24 PR Superintendent Lance Bagsted, Joe Ritgers Resource Officer

3/1/24 Senator Paul Utke, Representative Steve Green

3/12/24, 3/15/24, 3/26/24, 3/29/24 Representative Mike Wiener

3/21/24 PR Superintendent Lance Bagsted, Justin Maninga, Joe – ICS

3/28/24 Representative Krista Knudsen

#### **Monthly Erin in the Morning Guests**

Heartland Lakes Development Mary Tompson – Third Thursday Monthly

Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce Derek Ricki – Third Tuesday Monthly

### **Local News and Community Announcements Attached**

1/1/24 Local Blood Drive

Monthly Announcements: Coffee Talks

1/23/24 Local Race Postponed

1/27/24 MN Dot Open House

1/30/24 Property Tax Correction

2/13/24 Hat & Glove Drive

2/13/24 – 2/27/24 Caucus Call

2/13/24 Cancer Research Fundraiser

2/26/24 Prescribed Burns

3/8/24 United Way Grants

3/12/24 – 3/13/24 Missing Teen

3/21/24 Aerial Photography Notice from MnDOT

Area School Closings

**Because of you, life doesn't stop.**



## **PARK RAPIDS 3 DAY COMMUNITY EVENT**

**BLOOD  
DRIVE**

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**TUES. JAN 2ND 12:00PM-6:00PM**

**WED. JAN 3RD 12:15PM-6:00PM**

To sign up to donate blood, go to [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org), use blood drive code: parkrapids or call Kathy @ 218-255-4098.

**ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS?**

**CALL 1-800-289-4923.**

For more information or to schedule a donation, call **877-258-4825** or visit us at [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org)

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# Coffee Talks

**Northwood's Bank | 10am – 11am**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month**

This event takes place monthly, with themed discussions led by local leaders / experts, and all are welcome. Interested in a topic below? Please join us! There will be a short presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions and participate in conversation.

## Topics:

**January 9th - Youth Mentoring**

Molly London, Kinship Director and  
Emily Gray, Mentor MN

**February 13th - Intimate Partner Crime**

Victim Panel  
Speakers

**March 12th - Homeless and Housing**

Speakers

**April 9th - The New "Alcohol" (THC infused drinks)**

Speakers

**May 14th - Mental Wellbeing**

Speakers

## Organizers:

Angela Graham - Hubbard In Prevention Coalition

Marlee Morrison - CHI St. Joseph's Health Community Health

Brina Ellison - Stellher Human Services

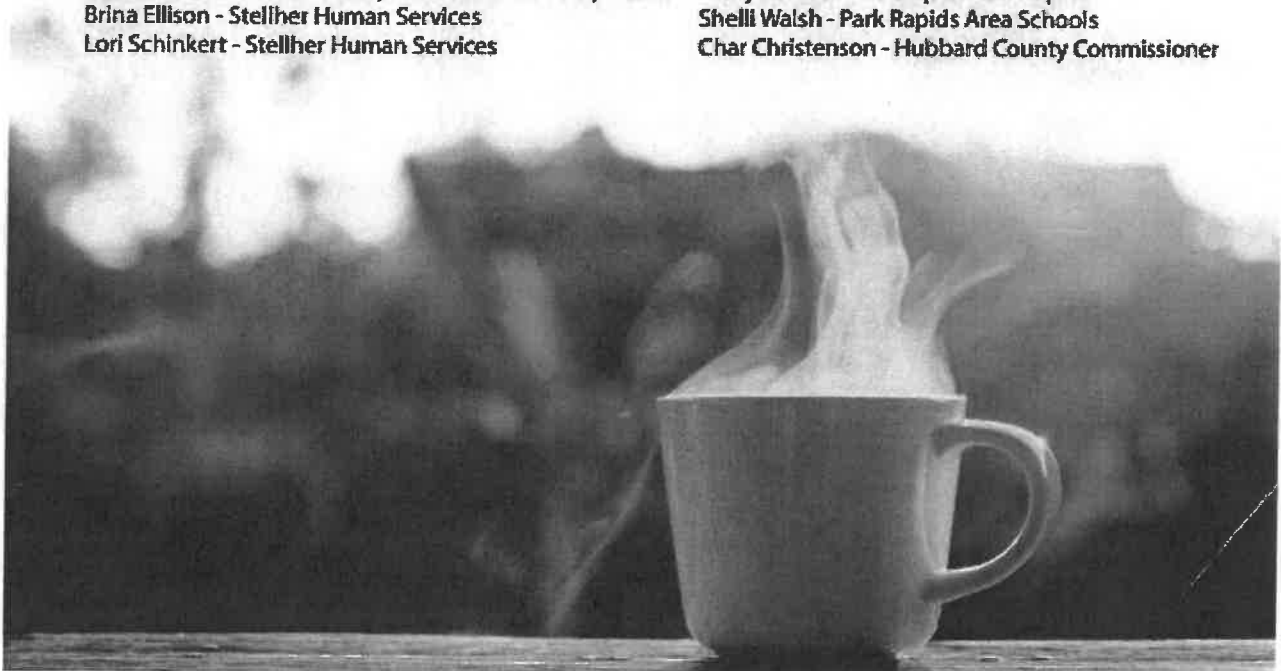
Lori Schinkert - Stellher Human Services

Misty Bjerkeley - Family Safety Network

Molly London - Kinship of Park Rapids

Shelli Walsh - Park Rapids Area Schools

Char Christenson - Hubbard County Commissioner





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***Your Chamber. Your Source.***

Contact: Derek Ricke, President/CEO • Phone: (218) 732-4111 • Email: [president@parkrapids.com](mailto:president@parkrapids.com)

## **Heartland 200 Snowmobile Race Postponed**

**Park Rapids, MN – January 22, 2024** – The Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce announced today the Heartland 200 snowmobile race has been postponed. In cooperation with Cor PowerSports and the Hubbard County Sheriff’s Office, the local organizing committee has determined there is insufficient ice conditions to safely host the race as initially scheduled.

Cor PowerSports and the local organizing committee are in the process of determining another weekend in February to host the Heartland 200. Additional details will be announced as soon as the dates are finalized.

“Safety is our number one priority in hosting this event, and there just isn’t enough ice to confidently host this event safely with the number of large trucks and trailers involved in it.” said Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, Derek Ricke. “We will continue to do everything in our power to host the event in February as we know it has a significant impact on our community.”

To stay up to date on the Heartland 200 schedule and race details, visit [parkrapids.com](http://parkrapids.com).

Presenting sponsors of the 2024 Heartland 200 snowmobile race include the Park Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau, Hugo’s Family Marketplace, Paul Bunyan Communications, and De La Hunt Media.

**Subject:** MnDOT to host Feb 8 public open house for 2024 Hwy 34 Osage to Park Rapids project

**From:** "Seitz, Leslie (DOT)" <Leslie.Seitz@state.mn.us>

**Date:** 1/25/2024, 11:44 AM

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## News Release

Jan. 25, 2024

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## MnDOT to host Feb 8 public open house for 2024 Hwy 34 Osage to Park Rapids project

**BEMIDJI, Minn.**—The Minnesota Department of Transportation invites the public to an open house on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., to get more information about the upcoming shoulder-widening project on Highway 34 between County Road 47 near Osage to Western Avenue in Park Rapids. The open house will be held at Northwoods Bank of Minnesota, 1200 First Street East in Park Rapids.

Residents, business owners, and area visitors and commuters are encouraged to attend. There will be no formal presentation. Please stop in whenever it is convenient. Project staff will be available to share information and answer questions about the upcoming work, detours and construction plans.

Construction on Highway 34 between Osage and Park Rapids is currently scheduled to begin in May, and will address pavement concerns, shoulder widening, culvert replacements, snow fence installation and some sidewalk improvements in Osage. For more information about the project, visit [mndot.gov/d4/projects/hwy34osage](http://mndot.gov/d4/projects/hwy34osage).

*MnDOT invites and encourages participation by all. If you need a reasonable accommodation in order to fully participate in this event, such as an ASL or spoken language interpreter, or need documents in an alternate format, such as braille or large print, please contact Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or email [ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us) as soon as possible.*

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## Hubbard County Administrator

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## Press release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kay Rave, Hubbard County Auditor

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<https://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/>

**2024 Property Taxes will include correction for 2023 collections for cross-county school districts.**

Property owners in Bemidji, Cass Lake-Bena, Walker, and Menahga School districts will see a correction to their 2023 taxes on their 2024 tax statement distributed in March 2024. The property tax rates collected in 2023 were not updated with the correct tax rates, leaving a shortfall in the levies these school districts approved in 2022.

The preliminary tax estimates sent in November of 2023 for proposed taxes in 2024 showed a correction to these rates that unfortunately collected tax based on 2023 values often resulting in excess increases.

The 2024 rates have been corrected, and the actual shortfall from 2023 will show up on 2024 tax statements as a separate line item "2023 school tax correction" and will be based on 2022 values. In most cases, the taxes assessed for school district levies will be less than what appeared on the preliminary statements received in November.

Please contact the Hubbard County Auditor with specific questions.

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# hat + glove

## D R I V E

**WHAT:** The Menahga FFA Chapter is organizing a hat and glove drive and looking for donations of any clean, new, or gently used, hats, gloves/ mittens of any size.

**WHEN:** Until February 20, 2024

**WHERE:** Donation Boxes in:

- Menahga High School Office
- Menahga Elementary Office
- Menahga District Office
- Community First Bank of Menahga





**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*(Insert Date of Release)*

**Contact:**Hubbard County DFL, [hubbardcountyclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hubbardcountyclerk@gmail.com), P.O. Box 814 Park Rapids, MN 56470

**\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\***

***Hubbard County DFL Announces February 27th Precinct Caucus Location(s)***

Hubbard County Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) members will gather on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at the Park Rapids High School, Laporte School, Nevis High School or Helga Township Hall to learn about this year's candidates, debate resolutions for the Party Platform, elect new precinct chairs, and select delegates for the upcoming conventions.

**“Our precinct caucuses signal the start of the 2024 elections in Minnesota and offer all Minnesotans the opportunity to get involved,”** said DFL Chairman Ken Martin. **“The DFL Party runs on the dedication of grassroots organizers and community members, and precinct caucuses are where it begins. Across Minnesota, DFLers will gather in community centers and school gymnasiums to shape the future of the party by discussing the DFL platform, electing local leaders, and beginning the process of candidate endorsement. Caucuses offer Minnesotans a voice in the DFL Party, and I encourage all Minnesotans to attend their precinct caucuses and advocate for the change they want to see in their communities.”**

**What:**Hubbard County DFL Precinct Caucuses

**When:**Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM(Registration at 6:30 PM)

**Where:**Park Rapids High School, Laporte School, Nevis High School, Helga Township Hall

Please contact [hubbardcountyclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hubbardcountyclerk@gmail.com) for more information regarding the Caucuses on February 27, 2024. The Minnesota Secretary of State will have a precinct finder available after Feb. 7. <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/>

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**Subject:** Official 2024 Caucus Call  
**From:** Hubbard County Republicans <info@hubbardcountygop.com>  
**Date:** 2/7/2024, 10:11 PM  
**To:** kprmkdkk@unitelc.com

**OFFICIAL CAUCUS CALL**

**TO: HUBBARD COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota State statute 202A.14, the Hubbard County Republican BPOU Caucus is hereby called to meet at:

**Park Rapids Century School (Cafetorium) - 501 Helton Avenue, Park Rapids**  
Argo Twp, Clay Twp, Clover Twp, Henrietta Twp, Hubbard Twp, Lake Emma Twp, Park Rapids City P-Park Rapids City P-2, Straight River Twp, Todd Twp P-1, Todd Twp P-2

**Akeley Regional Community Center - 210 Pleasant Avenue SE, Akeley**  
Akeley City, Akeley Twp, Badoura Twp, Crow Wing Twp, Mantrap Twp, Nevis City, Nevis Twp, Steamboat River Twp, Thorpe Twp, White Oak Twp

**Laporte School (Community Room) - 315 Main Street West, Laporte**  
Farden Twp, Fern Twp, Guthrie Twp, Hart Lake Twp, Helga Twp, Hendrickson Twp, Lake Alice Twp, Lake George Twp, Lake Hattie Twp, Lakeport Twp, Laporte City, Rockwood Twp, Schoolcraft Twp

on

**Tuesday February 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Registration opens at 6:30

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Let your voice be heard. Attend your Republican Caucus!

February 27th is caucus night for Republicans in Minnesota. A government of the people, by the people, and for the people starts with you! Political party actions and candidates are shaped directly by the people that show up and participate. Our governmental policy and success depend on your participation.

The Hubbard County Republican Caucus shall be held for the purpose of:

1. Election of precinct officers.
2. Election of delegates and alternates to Hubbard County Republican BPOU Convention.
3. Management of resolutions.
4. Visits from candidates or their representatives.
5. Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Issued at the City of Park Rapids, County of Hubbard, State of Minnesota, this 7th day of February, 2024.

Ben England  
Chairman  
Hubbard County Republican BPOU

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# RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR CANCER SILENT AUCTION THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH



The Silent Auction will conclude at the Wadena-Deer Creek and Menahga Girls & Boys Doubleheader Basketball games.

Please consider making a donation!! Proceeds will be split equally between Kyah and Anna's Student Visionary of the Year campaign.

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Hi! I'm Anna Fiemeyer, a WDC sophomore, and I'm competing to be Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's 2024 Student Visionary of the year! This is a fundraising and awareness campaign for blood cancers. I'm participating because my sister, Jane, sadly passed away from blood cancer at the young age of eight. Her goal was to find a

cure for cancer, and it's my goal to help see that come true!

I sadly know of way too many kids including Kyah, a Menahga High School 9th grader, and adults in our area with cancer. I know what it's like to be a family member of someone who has cancer, and that's something I don't want anyone else to experience!!!

And, because I know that Jane would want us to help Kyah, I have decided that I would like to share this Silent Auction event with Kyah. All donations to be split equally between Kyah in her brave fight against Hodgkins Lymphoma and my Student Visionary of the Year campaign.

Please consider donating to help Kyah through her journey and so that maybe, just maybe, our generation can be the last one to know the cruelty of cancer!

Thank you!

*Anna Fiemeyer*

If you would like to make a Venmo donation that will be split between these two, please scan the QR Code



BRAVELY FIGHTING  
HODGKINS LYMPHOMA



**Kyah Jantz,**  
MENAHGA 9TH GRADER

## Ways To Donate:

**If you would like to donate a silent auction item:**

- Bring your item or basket to the WDC High School Office by Tuesday, Feb. 13th
- Give your item to Anna Fiemeyer or any Cure Seeker team member before Tuesday, Feb. 13th

**If you would like to purchase a silent auction item:**

Join us from 4 pm to 8 pm at WDC High School Commons

600 Colfax Ave SW  
Wadena, Mn 56482

## Contact Me:

☎ 218-640-0635 (call or text)

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**Subject:** Prescribed burns planned for Feb. 26 on Highway 10 near Perham, New York Mills

**From:** "Olson, Emma (DOT)" <emma.olson@state.mn.us>

**Date:** 2/22/2024, 2:57 PM

## News Release

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Feb. 22, 2024

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## Prescribed burns planned for Feb. 26 on Highway 10 near Perham, New York Mills

**DETROIT LAKES, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Transportation will be conducting prescribed burns along Highway 10 in areas east of Perham and near New York Mills on Monday, Feb. 26, weather permitting.

Traffic will be directed to slow down in the area, but all roads will remain open. Motorists will encounter signs as they approach the burn areas warning of the potential of smoke. Motorists should be attentive, obey traffic control and watch for the burn crews, who are monitoring these efforts.

Prescribed burns are scheduled during optimal weather conditions to ensure safety and effectiveness. There is no need to report fires that are attended by a burn crew or when "Controlled Burn Ahead" signs are placed beside the road.

Healthy roadside vegetation is necessary to prevent weed infestations, control erosion, protect water quality and keep roadways safe. Fire is an important aspect of vegetation management because it enhances native plant communities and stimulates growth. For more information on MnDOT's prescribed fire vegetation management program, visit [www.mndot.gov/roadsides/vegetation/fire.html](http://www.mndot.gov/roadsides/vegetation/fire.html).

MnDOT urges motorists to always be attentive, drive with caution, slowdown in [work zones](#) and never enter a road blocked with barriers or cones.

For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org) or get the free smartphone app at [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#).

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### UNITED WAY GRANT APPLICATION FOR HUBBARD COUNTY NON-PROFITS - OPEN THROUGH MARCH 29, 2024

The 2024 United Way of Bemidji Area grant application process is now open for non-profits who serve clients in Hubbard County. Guidelines and the application materials are available online at [www.UnitedWayBemidji.org/grant-opportunities](http://www.UnitedWayBemidji.org/grant-opportunities).

United Way funds non-profits who provide a local community service based on documented need(s) within one or more of United Way's community impact areas: Education - helping children, youth, and adults achieve their full potential; Basic Needs - promoting financial stability, increasing self-sufficiency, and providing crisis emergency services; or Health - improving people's health and social well-being.

Applications, including financials, will be reviewed by a local volunteer committee, the Community Investment Cabinet, to ensure donor dollars are well spent and results are delivered. Final investment decisions will be approved by the United Way of Bemidji Area Board of Directors in June.

Funding for this cycle comes from dollars raised in Hubbard County through the 2023 Campaign for the Community.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2024.** - The completed applications must be emailed to [grants@unitedwaybemidji.org](mailto:grants@unitedwaybemidji.org).

Applicants will be notified of grant results in June 2024.

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**Subject:** Search continues for missing Minnesota teen

**From:** "Halley B. Gillespie" <hbgillespie@ncmec.org>

**Date:** 3/12/2024, 3:14 PM

**To:** "Halley B. Gillespie" <hbgillespie@ncmec.org>

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children is seeking the public's assistance in locating missing teen Ohara Workcuff.

Ohara is only 14 years old and has been missing from her home in Prior Lake, Minnesota since March 1, 2024. Ohara is described as 5'10", weighs 125 lbs., and has brown eyes with brown hair. Authorities believe that she may travel to the Bloomington, Richfield, Shoreview, Champlin, or South Saint Paul, Minnesota area.

Ohara is being featured on the [Ring's Neighbors app](#) which has a partnership with NCMEC to increase awareness of missing children and bring them home. This feature reaches millions of users, providing real-time assistance in locating missing children.



Photos of Ohara (NCMEC)

If you have any information about Ohara or her disappearance, please contact NCMEC at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or the Prior Lake Police Department (Minnesota) at 1-952-440-3555.

[Ohara Workcuff Missing Poster](#)

Media Advisory

[Media@NCMEC.org](mailto:Media@NCMEC.org)

Thank you,

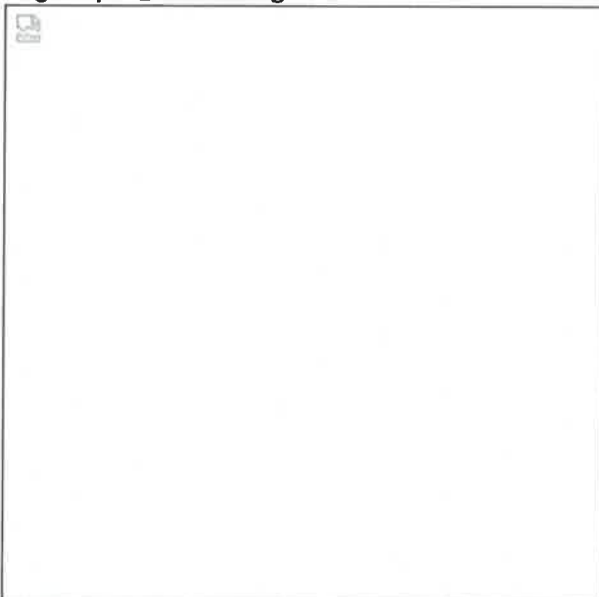
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**Subject:** MnDOT conducts aerial photography on highways in northwest Minnesota beginning in April  
**From:** "Seitz, Leslie (DOT)" <Leslie.Seitz@state.mn.us>  
**Date:** 3/21/2024, 3:40 PM

## News Release

March 21, 2024

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**\*\*Editor's note: Photos attached show examples of aerial photography targets**

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### MnDOT conducts aerial photography on highways in northwest Minnesota beginning in April

*Residents asked not to disturb temporary targets*

**Bemidji, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Transportation is asking residents not to disturb aerial photography targets as crews begin aerial mapping in northwestern Minnesota. Landowners in the area that will have targets placed on or near their property will be contacted directly. Weather permitting, work will begin mid-April and conclude in late May. The mapping will take place in the following locations:

- Highway 2 – Ball Club to Itasca CR 89
- Highway 11 – Williams
- Highway 59 – Thief River Falls
- Highway 89 – Wannaska to Roseau

The aerial survey process relies on clear observations, and must be conducted after the spring melt and before the trees leaf out. To begin the process crews place an "X" on the ground as a reference point for the aerial photographer.

Aerial mapping is used to create a record of existing infrastructure and landscape along MnDOT right of way for transportation planning and highway design. In order to obtain accurate aerial mapping, MnDOT crews paint large white "X" targets on paved surfaces, and place plastic or fabric "X" targets on unpaved surfaces.

A survey crew then records the coordinate position and elevation of the temporary targets for the aerial photography company. The plastic and fabric targets are temporary and will be removed when the photography is completed.

MnDOT requests that landowners not remove or disturb the targets, if possible, until the photography is completed. If a target must be moved, please contact the District 2 survey office at 218-755-6509 or by email at [drew.mistic@state.mn.us](mailto:drew.mistic@state.mn.us).

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Northland Technical College  
NDSU Campus  
Thief River Falls  
University of Minnesota Crookston

Community Businesses  
East Polk County DAC Closed  
Meals on Wheels DGF Cancelled

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Kelliher Schools