

KQKK PROGRAMS AND ISSUES October, November, December 2023

1. We continue to make announcements issued by the PD and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.
2. 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.
3. Missing people and Silver Alerts when they are in our listening area.
4. In the winter we announce school closings and other schedule changes due to weather.
5. Regional and local news in our morning live time.

We keep our listeners up to date on health, employment, outdoor safety and traffic safety issues by reading Press Releases from MN Deed, MN Dot, Public Safety and Department of Human Services.

Additional information on public service announcements

Community Programs and Issues on the Air KQKK

10/3/23 City of Park Rapids Water Tower Notice
10/5/23 Bemidji Veterans Event
10/18/23 & 10/24/23 MN Dot Open Houses
11/13/23 Turkey and Wild Rice Giveaway
11/27/23 Coffee and Conversation
11/30/23 Food Recall
12/11/23 Hubbard County Property Tax Correction
12/13/23 Walker City Notice
12/23/23 Transit Notice from Brainerd and Crow Wing Public Transit
12/28/23 Ice Safety

Respectfully Submitted:

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IMPORTANT NOTICE



What: Mandatory dry tank inspection.

When: Wednesday, October 4th 2023.

Effect: Loss of water pressure, water discoloration, and potential unfavorable smell

The City of Park Rapids needs to have a mandatory inspection done on one of the water towers. This requires the water to be drained from the tower leading to potential issues for a couple of days. Once the inspection is complete the water tank will again be filled.

MINNESOTA VETERANS GATHER IN BEMIDJI TO HELP PREVENT SUICIDE

October 4, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oct. 5, 2023

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WHAT : Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Day – a Community Gathering to raise awareness, support families, and come together to prevent suicide among Veterans.

WHO : Veterans from across the region
Therapist and trauma survivor [Mindy Broden](https://www.sanfordhealth.org/doctors/melinda-broden) (<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/doctors/melinda-broden>).
Author [Wendell Affield](https://www.wendellaffield.com/) (<https://www.wendellaffield.com/>).
Tribal, State and Local officials

WHEN : Saturday, Oct. 7
10 a.m.

WHERE: Paul Bunyan Park
Paul Bunyan Drive/Hwy 197
Bemidji, Minnesota

Preventing suicide among Veterans is a priority in Minnesota. By gathering our community together, sharing stories and showing support, together we can better understand the resources available to help those who served their country in their time of need – and show support for families affected by Veteran suicide.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:

[Mindy Broden](https://www.sanfordhealth.org/doctors/melinda-broden) (<https://www.sanfordhealth.org/doctors/melinda-broden>), MA, LPCC, LADC, is an Army combat Veteran and who entered the field of substance use counseling more than 12 years ago after a lived experience of addiction and trauma during her time in the military. It is her great desire to provide excellent services, instill hope and give compassion to those who are struggling—in particular Veterans. Married for 17 years to another combat Veteran, Mindy has two teenage boys and loves the outdoors including hunting, fishing, ATVs, snowmobiling and camping. She and her husband enjoy entertaining and cooking for others and it seems like their house is always filled with neighbors, friends and family.

Subject: Open house on Oct. 19 for Hwy 371 and Hwy 34 study in Walker

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News Release

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Open house on Oct. 19 for Hwy 371 and Hwy 34 study in Walker

BEMIDJI, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation invites residents and business owners to an open house on Thursday, Oct. 19 to learn more about a new corridor study on Highway 371 and Highway 34 in Walker.

The open house will be held 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Walker Fire Hall, 710 Elm Avenue. There will be no formal presentation and attendees are welcome to attend at their convenience. Participants can meet the project team and ask questions about the upcoming study. Individuals unable to attend the open house can give feedback via a short survey by visiting the project website <https://talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-371-walker>.

About the project

The study will identify transportation improvements that could be implemented on Highway 371 and Highway 34 in Walker when these corridors are reconstructed in 2029-2030.

To learn more about the project visit the [study webpage](#) where you can sign up for email updates, review information and submit comments and questions.

MnDOT and the City of Walker invite and encourage participation by all. If you need an ASL, foreign language interpreter, or other reasonable accommodation, or need documents in an alternative format (such as braille or large print), email your request to ADArequest@state.mn.us or call 651-366-4720.

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Reminder: Nisswa, Baxter communities invited to Highway 371 open houses Oct. 25

BAXTER, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation invites the traveling public, area residents and businesses to public meetings in both Nisswa and Baxter on **Wednesday, Oct. 25**, to provide feedback and learn more about an ongoing Highway 371 study of the area.

Two sessions will be held:

- **11 a.m.–1 p.m.** at Baxter City Hall, 13190 Memorywood Dr., Baxter
- **5–7 p.m.** at Nisswa City Hall, 5442 City Hall St., Nisswa

There will not be a formal presentation; attendees are encouraged to come and go at their leisure. The same information and materials will be available at both events.

Highway 371 between Nisswa and Baxter is a critical roadway for both the local community and the greater Brainerd Lakes region. The purpose of the study is to gain an understanding of transportation needs, identify potential future improvements, and determine how and when these improvements should be implemented. The study will include an analysis of traffic, safety, land use and demographics.

Visit the MnDOT Let's Talk Transportation project web page to learn more about the project and sign up for email updates at <https://talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-371-nisswa-baxter-study>.

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[Highway 371 Nisswa to Baxter – Study Area](#)
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COFFE AND CONVERSATION

Keep up to date:

Bryan Welk - Cass County Sherriff

Peter Anderley - Walker City Police Chief

Jerecho Worth -City of Walker Mayor

Chase on the Lake

November 29

8 am - 10 am



Join us for open conversation & questions

11/30

Beltrami County Public Health wanted to ensure our local/regional media received a Press Release from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding lead discovered in "WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree Pouches" that were sold in Minnesota. While the release is from November 3, there have been 3 confirmed cases in Minnesota of children with elevated blood lead levels linked to the product announced this week.

Health officials urge people not to eat WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit pouches

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is advising parents and caregivers not to buy or feed WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches to children because the product may contain elevated levels of lead.

WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches are sold nationally and are available through multiple retailers, including Sam's Club, Amazon and Dollar Tree.

Parents and caregivers of toddlers and young children who may have consumed WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches should contact their child's health care provider about getting a blood-lead test.

There is no safe level of lead and children are most at risk for negative health effects from exposure to lead, such as decreased IQ. This is why health officials are encouraging parents to check for this product and not consume it.

The investigation into this product is ongoing. More information, including the product recall announcement, can be found on the FDA's website.



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Press release

12/11/2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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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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Subject: MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 371 CONSTRUCTION MEETING

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NOTICE: The City of Walker will hold a work session beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 to listen to the presentation from MnDOT regarding the Highway 371/34 Corridor Study. The work session will take place in the Walker Fire Hall meeting room, located at 701 Elm Avenue, Walker, Minnesota.



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Subject: Brainerd and Crow Wing Public Transit Closed December 25, 2023 and January 1, 2024

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December 21, 2023 08:00 AM

Brainerd and Crow Wing Public Transit Closed December 25, 2023 and January 1, 2024

Brainerd and Crow Wing Public Transit will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023 and Monday, January 1, 2024 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. There... [Read on](#)

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The Hubbard County Sheriff's Office is advising the public to use extreme caution when going on our area lakes. Recent rain has deteriorated certain areas of ice causing areas to open up and some fish houses to start sinking. Existing holes and cracks in the ice are getting larger causing dangerous ice conditions for fisherman. Lakes with rivers flowing through them are seeing larger areas of open water than normal. Until we have substantially colder temperatures for an extended period of time, ice conditions will not improve.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office shares The recent month-long freeze/thaw cycles, wind and rain have contributed to poor ice conditions in several areas. Traditionally, the Christmas and New Year holiday week and weekend is a popular time for many forms of outdoor recreation including snowmobiling and ice activities, however this year is very different as conditions are not allowing many popular forms of recreation. We ask that if you do venture on the ice please use extreme caution and know and understand the conditions. The Cass County Sheriff's Office wishes you a safe and happy holiday season.

Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office. Ice conditions have been deteriorating the last few days. Please use caution if venturing out on the ice. Please be mindful that we would like to avoid tying up valuable resources and placing first responders in unnecessary danger.