Public Notices

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.:

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO **CREDITORS (INTESTATE)**

In Re: Estate of:

Keegan Zane Brink, a/k/a Keegan Z. Brink, a/k/a Keegan Brink,

Decedent.

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. No Will has been presented for probate. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Pamela Brink-Winskowski, whose address is 22447 Patch Lake Road, Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after twenty-eight (28) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: August 7, 2025 Lea Hippe Registrar

Dated: August 7, 2025 George Lock Court Administrator

Filed in District Court State of Minnesota Dated August 7, 2025

JEDDELOH SNYDER STOMMES, P.A.

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Attorney for Personal Representative

(Publish Aug. 19 & 26, 2025)

STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF STEARNS**

DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT **Probate Court Division** Court File No.:

73-PR-25-6224

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of

Jeanette Spanier **Decedent**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS: It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of September, 2025, at 8:45 A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at St. Cloud, Minnesota, for the appointment of Randy Spanier, whose address is 27238 County Road 23, Albany, MN 56307, as special administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, a special administrator will be appointed to address the specific tasks re-

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator 73-PR-25-6446 within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

This hearing will be held administratively and no appearances are required unless objections are filed. If objections are filed a new hearing date will be set.

(COURT SEAL)

Dated: July 22, 2025 William Cashman Judge

Filed in District Court State of Minnesota Dated July 22, 2025

Attorney for Petitioner Willenbring, Dahl, Wocken & Zimmermann, PLLC Kelly A. Springer (0387850)318 Main Street - Box 417 Cold Spring, MN 56320 Telephone: (320) 685-3678 File: 24275-002

(Publish Aug. 19 & 26, 2025)

Notice of Public Hearing Stearns County,

Board of Adjustment Notice is hereby given that the Stearns County Board of Adjustment, in and for the County of Stearns, will conduct the following public hearings to consider variance applica-

1. To consider a request from Alexander Schaefer, Cold Spring, MN, from Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance 439 to construct a residential accessory structure that does not meet the lake setback and exceeds the maximum accessory building area. Affected property: Lots 11 and 12 of Hasling's 2nd Addition, Section 28 T123N R30W Wakefield Town-**Property** Adship. dress:16427 Knaus Lake Circle, Cold Spring MN

2. To consider an After-thefact request from Thomas and Diane Holsinger, Avon, MN, from Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance 439 to leave as constructed an attached garage that does not meet the side property line. Affected Property: Lot 5, Block 1 of Wiechmann's Farmdale Estates, Section 5, T124N R30W, Collegeville Township. Property Address: 17885 County Road 9, Avon MN 56310.

3. To consider an administrative appeal from Julie N. Nagorski, Minneapolis MN, on behalf of Susan A. Muller Revocable Trust, of the decision by Stearns County Environmental Services that a Conditional Use Permit is required to construct an accessory structure outside of the designated 2-acre building envelope. Affected Property: 79.95 acres of the North ½ of the NW ¼ and part of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, T124 N R29W, St. Joseph Township. Property Address: 12940 County Road 160, St. Joseph MN 56374.

When and where is the meeting?

Date and Time: Thursday, September 11, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. Location: Stearns County Service Center, Room 1104 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387

How do I participate? Public Testimony: If you would like to provide public testimony, you may do so by appearing at the above hearing, you are invited to do so by attending said hearing in person or by joining virtually. To participate virtually, please contact Brian Krippner at Brian.Krippner@stearnscountymn.gov, or call 320-656-3613

preceding the meeting date. Written Testimony: You may submit written testimony by emailing Brian Krippner at Brian.Krippner@stearnscountymn.gov, by 3pm on the hearing date. Written testimony may also be mailed to the Stearns County Environmental Services Department, Service Center, 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387

by Noon on the Wednesday

Comments on this public hearing are not limited to those persons receiving copies of this notice. If you know of any interested person who for any reason has not received a copy of this notice, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hear-

Where can I view the application?

Copies of the applications [UNANIMOUS]

can be viewed approximately one week prior to the meeting at https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/ Action taken on this request will be available shortly after the meeting at the same website location.

What if the meeting changes?

This meeting is subject to change. Please sign up for automatic updates for this meeting at https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/ Call the Department for assistance.

Stearns County Board of Adjustment

Barrier Free Status: This meeting will be accessible to the handicapped. Attempts will be made to accommodate any other individual need for special services. Please call (320) 656-3613 early so arrangements can be made.

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Stearns County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Call to Order

9:00 AM Meeting called to order by Jeff Bertram, Chair, on July 29, 2025 in the Board Room of the Stearns County Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioner District 1 Tarryl Clark, Commissioner District 2 Joe Perske, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and Commissioner District 5 Steve

Approve Agenda D.1. Motion was made to

approve the agenda. RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl SECONDER: District 5

Steve Notch Consent Agenda

E.1. Approve Minutes of July 8, 2025 County Board

Meeting. E.2. Approve public hearing date of August 26th, 2025 for consideration of revisions to Stearns County Ordinance #593 to reflect usage of Chain

of Lakes County Park. E.3. Approve the plat entitled "Justin Boys Addition" consisting of three (3) residential lots in the Residential 10 (R-10) zoning district and adopt the Planning Commission's 5 Findingsof-Fact The plat was submitted by Roger C. Justin, St. Cloud MN on behalf of Jeanette Justin, Rice MN according to Stearns County Subdivision Ordinance #230 dinance #439. The 9.32 acre plat is part of the SW1/4NW1/4 and part of the SE1/4 NW1/4 in Section 28, lying west of County Road 1, Brockway Township (126/28). Property is subject to 11 conditions.

E.4. Accept Inspection reports for Stearns County Ditch 30, 13, 22 and 14 into the official drainage record in accor-

dance with MN 103E. E.5. Approve award of Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Employment Services Agreement to Avivo for the period of 2 years beginning in 2026.

E.6. Approve and Authorize Final Payment for SP 073-596-010; County Road 120 Roundabout Reconstruction and Resurfacing to Knife River Corporation.

E.7. Approve Stearns County Right of Way Plat No. 74 Related to CP 073-612-025; CSAH 12 Improvements between St Martin and CSAH 14.

E.8. Approve Design Services Agreement with Stonebrooke Engineering for the Deofan Transportation Project along CSAH 2 in Cold Spring consisting of a sidewalk, pedestrian refuge islands, and added signage not-to-exceed the amount of \$89,396.00

E.9. Approve Advertising for Bids for SAP 073-590-007 and CP 073-157-21A; County Road 157 Improvements Between 500 Feet West of 14th Street and Trunk Highway 238 in Albany with a bid opening date of August 14, 2025.

E.10. Approve new On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Application and License submitted by Mike Lutgen on behalf of The Store, LLC dba The Store Saloon for his establishment located in Luxemburg Township for the period August 8, 2025 through June 30, 2026 contingent on approval by County Attorney and Sheriff.

E.11. For Informational Purposes Only, Claims Paid for June 28th, 2025, through July 18th, 2025, amounted to \$27,250,766.93, Excluding Investment Purchases.

Consent Agenda Vote: Motion was made to ap-

prove the Consent Agenda. RESULT: APPROVED

SECONDER: District 2 Joe Perske

Auditor-Treasurer

F.1. Conduct Public Hearing for Consideration of a New Off-Sale Liquor License for Trail Ends Bar & Grill in Holdingford

A public hearing was held for consideration of a new Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Trail Ends Bar and Grill f/k/a Bialka's Bar & Store located in Brockway Township. Sierra Lorbeski, Office Services Supervisor, provided a brief overview and stated the liquor application has been approved by the County Attorney and Sheriff, license fee has been paid and no correspondences were received. Chair Bertram opened the public hearing for public comment. No one came forth to be heard, therefore Chair Bertram closed the public hearing. Motion was made to approve the Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Application and License submitted by Tina Curtis on behalf of Trail Ends LLC dba Trail Ends Bar & Grill for the period August 1st, 2025 through June 30th, 2026. RESULT: APPROVED

[UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 2 Joe

SECONDER: District 5 Steve Notch

Recess Regular Meeting Chair Bertram recessed the Regular County Board Meeting at 9:05 a.m. to conduct the Human Services Board Meeting.

Consent Items

H.1. Approve the Community Living Infrastructure Grant animal units or more. Contract with the Department of Human Services, through its Homelessness, Housing, and Support Services Administration, to support .86 FTE, effective for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$250,000.

H.2. For Informational Purposes Only Human Services calf pairs for 24 AU held in Claims Paid June 6, 2025, open pasture. 380 slaughter through July 18, 2025, in Amount of \$184,514.87

Human Services Consent Vote:

Motion was made to approve the Human Services Consent Agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] **MOVER:** District 1 Tarryl

SECONDER: District 5

Steve Notch Close Human Services Board

Human Services Board Meeting at 9:09 a.m. Reconvene

ounty Board Meeting the Regular County Board

Building Facilities

K.1. Approve Advertisement of Bids for Courthouse Stone Wall, Step, and Concrete Maintenance Project and Authorize Project.

After some discussion, motion was made to approve advertisement of bids for exterior restoration and repairs of the historic Stearns County Courthouse and authorize said proj-

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: District 5 Steve

Notch SECONDER: District 1

Tarryl Clark Administration

L.1. Approve a Resolution in Support of an Application for EDD Funding from the Economic Development Administration to Form a Region 7W $Economic\ Development\ District$ to be Submitted on Behalf of the Counties by the Initiative Foundation.

County Assistant Administrator, and Brian Voerding, Initiative Foundation President, provided a brief overview. The counties of Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns have worked together for several years toward establishing a 7W Economic Development District (EDD). This designation is needed in order for local governments to access Federal EDA Funds to encourage economic growth. After some discussion, motion was made to approve Resolution 25-31 supporting the cre-7W Economic Development

RESULT: APPROVED [3

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl

Clark SECONDER: District 5

Steve Notch AYES: District 1 Tarryl

Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, and District 5 Steve Notch **NAYS:** District 3 Jeff town Area Fees will be: Bertram

L.2. Review Performance Measures and Budget Status Overview

The Budget Committee consisting of Mike Williams, County Administrator, Jill Su-

MOVER: District 5 Steve urmeyer, Assistant County Administrator, Randy Schreifels, County Auditor-Treasurer, and Sarah Utsch, Financial Director, provided an overview of the 2026 proposed budget. Departments heads were also present and provided a summary of their performance measures

RESULT: NO VOTE - IN-FORMATIONAL ONLY Adjournment

N.1 Chair Bertram adjourned the County Board Meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Work Session

J.1. Board Work Session Regarding Federal and State Legislative Impacts on County Human Services

Discuss Federal and State Legislative Impacts on County Human Services and the Stearns County Personnel Policy on Work Arrangements.

Respectfully submitted, Randy R. Schreifels, MBA, CPA

Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer Clerk

Stearns County Board of Commissioners

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT EXPANSION

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116, that Brandon and Jennifer Dingmann, have made application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Human Services Board the County of Stearns for a permit to construct or expand a feedlot with a capacity of 500 The existing feedlot is locat-

ed in SE ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 36 R030W T124N of Collegeville Township in Stearns County. The existing facility consists of; 45,000 broiler chickens which is 225 animal units (AU) and housed in a total confinement barn. 20 cow steers and 380 feeder cattle for 646 AU housed in total and partial confinement barns and an open lot. Total AU on exiting facilities is 895 AU. One barn is over a LMSA along with dry permanent manure storage/stockpile areas, compost barn on site and feed pad storage areas. The proposed expansion consists of the above listed items regarding housing, manure storage and etc with additions or changes consisting of; 42,000 broiler chickens for Chair Bertram closed the 210 AU, 5 cow calf pairs for 6 AU. 200 calves for 40 AU kept in individual housing/small Regular huts on an open lot area. 600 slaughter steers and 190 feed-Chair Bertram reconvened er steers for 733 AU. Besides the proposed individual housing/small huts on an open lot area, a building being added is a total confinement barn to house feeder cattle. There will be additional feed pad storage proposed as well. The final ca-

pacity will be 989 AU. This publication shall constitute as a notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

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Stearns County

Surplus Auction Notice of upcoming Auction of Stearns County surplus, seized and forfeited assets located at Jeff Martin Auctioneers, 2910 9th St. East, Glen-

coe, MN 55336. 844-450-6200 They will be sold in the Upper Midwest Public Automobile Auction on September 11,

2025, at 5:30pm CST. More information can be Dan Weber, Sherburne found at JeffMartinAuction-

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NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING** CITY OF ROCKVILLE TO WHOM IT MAY CON-

CERN: Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Rockville will meet in the council chambers (Rockville City Hall -229 Broadway Street East) at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September ation and hosting of the Region 10th, 2025, to consider approval of:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-130- Amending of the Sewer Rate in 2026.

The Rockville City Council hereby amends Ordinance No. 2025-128 2025 City Fees and Charges -Sewer rates with the following:

Gravity Fed Sewer Down-

A. Sewer Availability Fees \$30.00-month Flat Rate -OM & R (Operations, Maintenance & Replacement) + \$4.45/1000 gallons

Gravity Fed Sewer Lake Area Fees will be:

B. Sewer Availability Fees \$32.00-month Flat Rate -OM & R (Operations, Maintenance & Replacement) + \$4.45/1000 gallons

Grinder Station Sewer Lake Area Fees will be:

C. Sewer Availability Fees \$66.30-month Flat Rate -OM & R (Operations, Maintenance & Replacement)

Any people wanting to be heard with reference to the proposed ordinance must attend this meeting.

Bobbi Kessel Administrator/Clerk

(Pub. Aug. 26 & Sept. 2, 2025)

CITY OF ROCKVILLE REQUEST FOR QUOTES

The City of Rockville is requesting quotes to perform ditch mowing services in the City of Rockville for a two-year period on portions of the approximate 37 miles (75 lane miles) of the top cut. Looking for no less than an 8ft. cut per pass (barring terrain).

Public Works Director will direct you as to when to cut

the ditches during the year. Please bid according to the per cut for the 37miles (75 lane miles), fuel, and your time all

in one bid. Please contact Barry at 320-251-1664 if you have any

Please submit your proposal By 09/04/25 - 12:00

noon to: City of Rockville Attn: Barry PW Director P.O. Box 93

229 Broadway Street East Rockville, MN 56369 Email: cityhall@rockvillecity.org

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in the best interest of the city. Certificate of insurance must be provided upon acceptance of

(Pub. Aug. 26 & Sept. 2, 2025)

CITY COUNCIL **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25**

WHEREAS, the Petition for Annexation dated March 24, 2025, requesting certain territory described therein be annexed to the City of Rockville, Minnesota, was duly presented to the City Council on August 13th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, no objections to the annexation were received by the Council at its meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rockville: A public hearing will be held at the Rockville City Hall, Rockville, Minnesota, on Octo-

consider the matter of annexing the territory described as follows to the City: See Exhibit A, attached

ber 8th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to

and incorporated by reference. (30 acres) The City Administrator is hereby directed to give notice of such hearing in the manner

provided by law. Adopted by the City Council on this 13th day of August

EXHIBIT A (Parcel 1) Lot One (1), Block One (1) Wimmer Addition, Steams County, Minnesota.

(Parcel 2)

The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 124 North, Range 29 West, Steams County, Minnesota;

LESS AND EXCEPT: The South 330 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35. Township 124 North, Range 29 West, Steams County, Minnesota;

CEPT: That land platted as Wimmer Addition, Steams County, Minnesota.

ALSO LESS AND EX-

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF MEEKER

DISTRICT COURT 8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT **Probate Court Division Court File No.:** 47-PR-25-824

ORDER AND NOTICE OF **HEARING ON PETITION** FOR FORMAL ADJUDICA-TION OF INTESTACY, **DETERMINATION OF**

HEIRSHIP AND APPOINT-MENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMIN-ISTRATION AND NOTICE

TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of

Payton C. Hanan Decedent

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, 2025, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Litchfield, Minnesota, on petition of Tracy Hanan, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the above named decedent, and for the appointment of Tracy Hanan, whose address is 36616 707th Avenue, Kimball, MN 55353, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, a personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

This hearing will be held administratively and no appearances are required unless objections are filed. If objections are filed a new hearing date will be set.

(COURT SEAL)

Dated: August 12, 2025 Amy Doll Judge

Filed in District Court State of Minnesota Dated August 12, 2025

Attorney

Willenbring, Dahl, Wocken & Zimmermann, PLLC Kelly A. Springer (0387850)318 Main Street - Box 417 Cold Spring, MN 56320 Telephone: (320) 685-3678

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Richmond News

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For more information about values, special discount days and bargains at the Minnesota State Fair, visit mnstatefair.org or call 651-288-4400.

Enjoy a Safe Labor Day Weekend: The **Last Summer Hurrah!**

The first observance of Labor Day was likely on September 5, 1882, according to the US Census Bureau. On that day 10,000 workers assembled in New York City for a parade. The parade kicked off and later inspired similar events across the country, and by 1894 more than half the states were observing the "workingmen's holiday" on one day or another. Later that year, Congress passed legislation and President Grover Cleveland signed the bill on June 29th, declaring that the first Monday in September was designated "Labor Day." This national holiday is a creation of the labor movement in the late 19th century and pays tribute to the social and economic achievements of American workers.

As time has passed, most also recognize Labor Day as the "Last Hurrah" of the summer. Some visit cabins or camp for one final time before school begins, while some take advantage of the long weekend to travel. In any case, across the country, there usually is a whole lot of partying going on! With that being said, keep something very important in mind: Drunk driving kills. Drunk driving seriously injures. Drunk driving is preventable, and law enforcement statewide will be focusing on keeping Min-

nesotans safe as they celebrate the final weeks of summer. More than 300 agencies will be taking drunk drivers off the road as part of the extra DWI enforcement campaign through September 3, 2017.

Driving while impaired is a choice that too many people are making again and again: 41 percent of drivers arrested for a DWI in 2015 in Minnesota had at least one previous drunk driving conviction. As part of the broader effort to protect Minnesotans from the dangers of drunk driving, the DWI Court program focuses on eliminating repeat DWI offenses. The program, bringing together drug and alcohol treatment and the criminal justice system, has shown to be effective in reducing rearrests and jail time for repeat offenders. An evaluation of Minnesota's DWI courts found the program has reduced recidivism up to 69 percent, and participant completion rates were well above the national average.

More Minnesotans need to plan ahead as summer winds down. On average, drunk driving will be a contributing factor in one fatality, and alcohol will be involved in two life-changing injuries during the Labor Day holiday period.

Labels for Schools!

Please Save Labels and Receipts for Area schools! They benefit greatly from these donations, so please, clip, save and pass along to the group/groups of your choosing!

Richmond Elementary collects the following throughout the entire

- Plantenberg's/Richmond Market and Teals Market Receipts
- Campbell's UPC Labels through December 31, 2025 or later

- "Box tops for Education"
- Laser and Ink Jet Ink Cartridges
- · Cashwise and Coborn's-Labels for Learning, from register receipts
- Our Family UPC Bar-

code Labels

Sts. Peter and Paul School collect the following and only accept from November to the end of the school year in spring:

- Plantenberg's/Richmond Market receipts only dated from November through the end of the school year
- Our Family UPC Barcode Labels
- "Box tops for Educa-
- Aluminum cans these can be placed in the grey bin outside of the kitchen door
- Country Hearth Bread UPC codes

Simply save in an envelope and drop off to: Cyndy: Office at Sts. Pe-

ter and Paul Elementary Dana: Office at Rich-

mond Elementary Remember, Pennies Make Dollars!

Remember: Hands Free!

Remember the "Hands Free Law" went into effect on August 1, 2019, but that hasn't stopped some people from putting your life as well as others on the road in danger! This simply serves as a reminder to address this issue. Likewise, if you're riding with someone that fails to observe the law, remind them as well! The life you save could be your own!

Hands-Free Law Do's and Don'ts

- You can't hold your phone while driving.
- You can place your phone anywhere in the vehicle as long as you are not holding it with your hand.

- Land O' Lake Milk If mounted on the windshield, it must be in the lower part of the windshield, not obstructing your
 - The new law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single-touch activation without holding the phone.
 - Drivers may not use their phone at any time for video calling, video livestreaming, Snapchat, gaming, looking at video or photos stored on the phone, using non-navigation apps, reading texts and scrolling or typing on the phone.
 - GPS devices and other systems that can only be used for navigation are exempt from the hands-free law. In-car screens and systems are also exempt. In both cases, most of these systems lock when the vehicle is moving.
 - Hand-held phone use is allowed to obtain emergency assistance, if there is an immediate threat to life and safety, or when in an authorized emergency vehicle while performing official
 - More FAQs are available at HandsFreeMN.org Hands-Free Conse-

quences • Penalties for this vio-

- lation can include:
- More than \$120 that includes the fine plus court costs for a first offense.
- More than \$300 that includes fine plus court costs for a first offense second and/or subsequent offense.

• Potential for increased

- insurance rates. • If you injure or kill
- someone under the handsfree law, you can face a felony charge of criminal vehicular operation or

Make a Safe and Sober Plan for Labor Day Weekend! "Driving High, is also a DWI"!

From fairs to backyard grilling, Minnesotans know how to make the most of summer by choosing any number of fun activities. Choosing safe and sober rides should be at the top of the list as the Labor Day holiday approaches.

"Impaired is impaired, regardless of the substance, and the effects are dangerous and tragic for motorists and their loved ones," said OTS Director Mike Hanson. "Labor Day caps off a wonderful summer season. We want people to stay safe, whether they're driving across town or logging extra miles to a favorite getaway. Always plan ahead for a safe and sober ride."

Impaired is impaired Law enforcement will be looking for drivers who appear impaired by alcohol, cannabis, prescription medications or other substances.

- During the last five summers (May-August, 2018-2022), 197 people died in drunk driving-related crashes.
- In the last five years (2018-2022), there were 412 drunk driving-related traffic deaths in Minnesota.
- Alcohol-related crashes contribute to an average of 376 life-changing injuries each year (2018-2022).
- Drugged driving accounted for 8,069 DWI incidents from 2013-2017 compared with 15,810 from 2018-2022 — that's a 96 percent increase.

Learn the new cannabis law to stay safe on the road Just like how drinking alcohol in a vehicle is ille-

gal, it's illegal under the new cannabis law for: • Drivers or passengers

- to open any cannabis packaging, use marijuana or consume other cannabis products in a vehicle.
- Drivers or passengers to have an unsealed or open container of marijuana (for example, 2 ounces in a zipclose bag). Just like with al-

- cohol, the only exception is an unsealed container or other opened products must be kept in the trunk of a car or another area not accessible by the driver or passen-
- The driver to be impaired by marijuana or other cannabis products. Driving high is a DWI.

DWI consequences

- Loss of license for up to a year, thousands of dollars in financial costs and possible jail time.
- Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above blood alcohol concentration, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges or face at least one year without a driver's license.
- Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

Make a plan

- Designate a sober driver, use a safe, alternative transportation option, or stay at the location of the celebration.
- Speak up. Offer to be a designated driver or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere. If you see an impaired person about to get behind the wheel, get them a safe ride home.
- If you plan to drive, refrain from drugs, whether legally or illegally obtained. If you feel different, you drive different.
- If you don't yet know how a medication will affect your judgment, coordination and reaction time, either have someone else drive or wait to take it until after you get home.
- Buckle up. It's the best defense against impaired drivers.

Out and About!

37th Annual GSTA Muscle Car Shootout -August 29th-31st in Brainerd, MN!

The 37th Annual GSTA Muscle Car Shootout Labor Day weekend is an excellent way to cap off your summer. It's the third and final drag race in the Muscle Car Series, with drag cars that can run 6-7 onds at over 200 mph. This race will determine series champions, so the intensity level will be red-lining. The 2.5-mile Competition Road Course will be busy with the SCCA Jack Pine Sprints. Off track, fans will be treated to a classic car show, live music and fireworks Saturday night by the Northern Lighter Pyrotechnics. One ticket gets you in for both races, and every ticket includes a pit pass. On-site camping available. Don't miss it. Kids 12 and under FREE! Visit www.birmn.com/musclecar-shootout for more information and pre-purchase tickets!

Raptor Release September 27, 2025!

The Carpenter Nature Center is the host for the fall raptor release which is presented by the 3M Foundation in partnership with The Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota and Carpenter Nature Center. Visitors will enjoy watching 4-6 wild birds of prey take to the air after being rehabilitated by The Raptor Center's veterinarians. The day is full of fun including orchard hay wagon tours, educational raptors on display from The Raptor Center, kids activities and more. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the day! For more information, please call 651-437-4359.

Please Continue to Support Our **Businesses!** It is Greatly Appreciated!

If you drink, please don't drive- vehicle or watercraft!

Til Next Time~



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Letterhead

- Flyers
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