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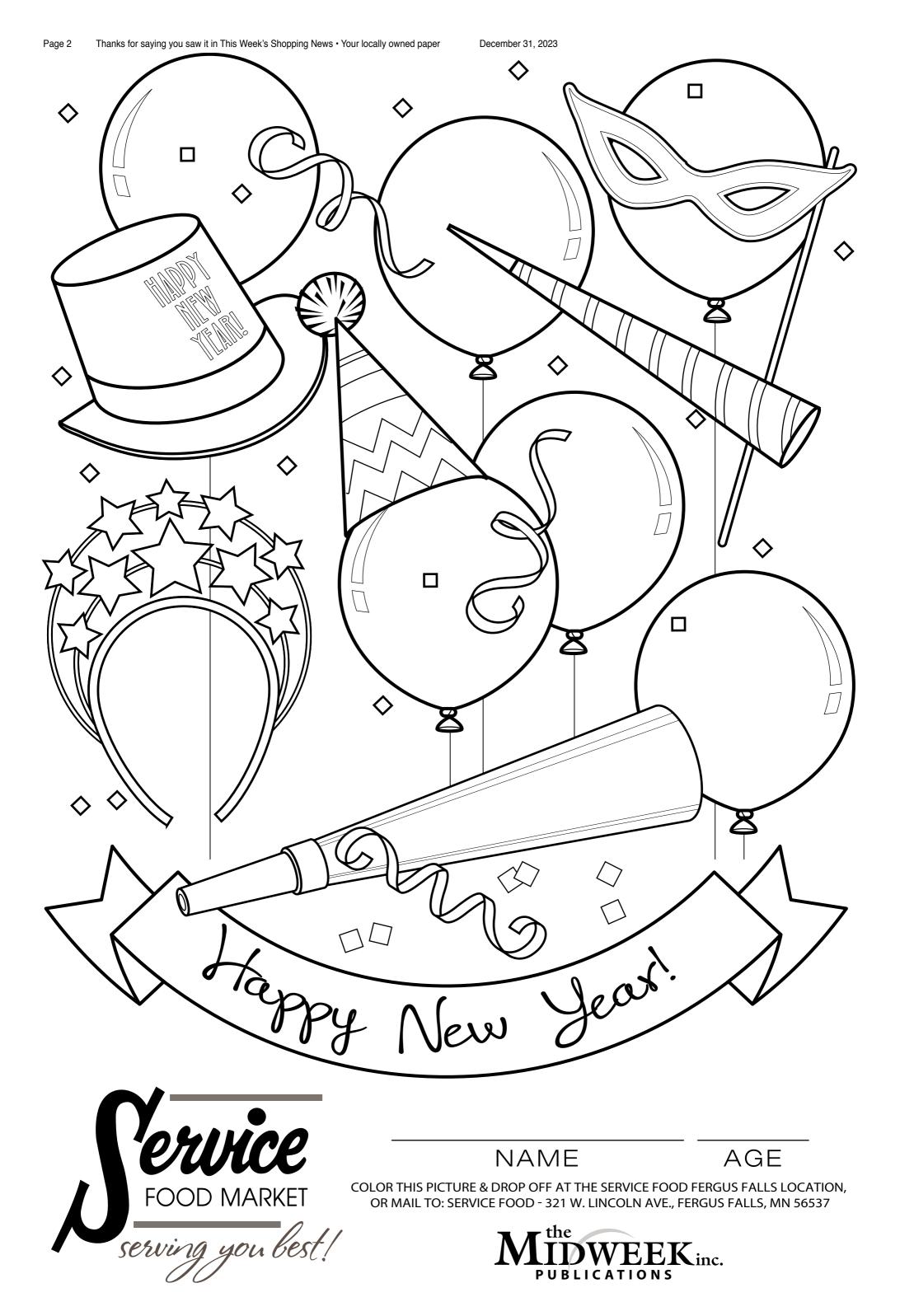
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Traveling On Ice

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Before traveling on ice...

- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Evaluate ice conditions and possible hazards.
- Know your plan of escape and have your safety gear accessible.
- Measure ice thickness.
- No matter how cautious you are when traveling on ice, there is always a risk of falling through. By following the ice thickness guidelines and being prepared with safety gear and an escape plan, your risk will be reduced.

On foot

Mom with four kids, two are skating and two on in a sled. While ice fishing is the most common activity we see on frozen waters in Minnesota, that is not the only way to explore our frozen lakes on foot. Many Minnesotans enjoy snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice skating, iceboating, windsurfing, and kiteboarding among other activities on the ice.

Communities around the state hold annual winter festivals with a huge range of out-of-the-box, familyfriendly activities on the ice. Visit Explore Minnesota (link is external) to find a new frozen festival in your

Recommendations:

- · Wait for at least 4 inches of solid, clear ice.
- Wear a foam life jacket or other buoyant gear.
- Carry ice picks and make sure they are always accessible.



On a snowmobile or ATV

Snowmobiles are the smallest motorized vehicle that we see on the ice and one of the safest options if you choose to drive on the ice. Still, people break through the ice every year on snowmobiles, and on average, there are about two fatal breaks through each year on a

Recently, we see more and more side-by-side ATVs on the ice because they can comfortably hold at least two people sitting side-by-side and still have room to haul equipment. While these larger vehicles can be a great option, it is important to remember that they weigh more than the standard snowmobile or ATV, and therefore require thicker ice.

Recommendations:

- Snowmobile or small ATV Wait for 5 to 7 inches of solid, clear ice.
- · Side-by-side ATV Wait for 7 to 8 inches of solid,
- · Wear a foam life jacket or other buoyant gear.
- Carry ice picks and make sure they are always accessible
- · Don't override your headlights.



In a car, truck, or SUV

When solid, clear ice gets thick enough, it can support the weight of a vehicle. However, it's important to remember that ice thickness can vary drastically on a single body of water. Driving an enclosed vehicle on ice always involves added

If you choose to drive a car, truck, or SUV on the ice, be sure to follow these recommendations:



Recommendations:

- · Stay on plowed ice roads whenever possible.
- Talk to local experts about ice conditions and known hazards.
- · Roll down windows and unlock doors.
- Bring a life jacket or buoyant gear and ice picks in your car. Do NOT wear the life jacket or buoyant gear inside your vehicle. It could make escaping the vehicle very difficult if you break through the
- Have a simple emergency escape plan you have discussed with your passengers.
- · Don't override your headlights.
- Avoid pressure ridges, channels, and under bridges.
- Park at least 50 feet away from other vehicles and move your vehicle every two hours.

Overriding your headlights

SUV on a frozen lake with the front end in a water hole. It is never a good idea to drive too fast on the ice, but it is especially dangerous at night or in blizzard conditions. If you drive too fast at night, it may cause you to override your headlights, meaning by the time your headlights illuminate an obstacle in your path, you will not have enough time to stop.



At even 30 miles per hour, it can take a much longer distance to stop on ice than your headlights shine. Many fatal snowmobile through-the-ice accidents occur because the machine was traveling too fast for the operator to stop when the headlamp illuminated the hole in the ice. Another common obstacle for snowmobiles is pressure ridges which can be hard to see during both day and night. Colliding with a solid wall of ice can cause serious



Snowmobile driving too fast at night and overriding its headlights. At 35 mph, there is not enough time to safely stop after the headlights illuminate the obstacle. Photo credit: Fresh Air Educators

Snowmobile driving at a safe speed at night. At 15 mph. there is usually enough time to safely stop after the headlights illuminate the obstacle. Photo credit: Fresh Air Educators





— OBITUARIES

David R. Andree

Age: 88 From: Clitherall, MN Passed Away: Tues., Dec. 19 Where: At his home Visitation: Tues., Dec. 26, 4-6pm with prayers at 5:30pm at Eagle

Lake Lutheran Church, one hour prior to the memorial service Memorial Service: Wed., Dec. 27, 11am

Location: Eagle Lake Lutheran Church, Battle Lake, MN Funeral Home: Glende-Nilson Funeral Home

Online condolences may be sent to www.GlendeNilson.com

Dennis Schmidt

From: Rural Battle Lake, MN Passed Away: Thurs., Dec. 21 Where: At his home

Visitation: Wed., Dec. 27, 5-7pm at Seven Dolors Church with a prayer service at 5pm, and the Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary at 7pm. one hour prior to the service

Mass of Christian Burial: Thurs., Dec. 28, 11am Location: Our Lady of Seven

Dolors Catholic Church,

Burial: Our Lady of Seven Dolors Cemetery

Funeral Home: Glende-Nilson Funeral Home, Evansville, MN Online condolences may be sent to www GlendeNilson com

Wayne C. Shol

From: Underwood, MN Passed Away: Thurs., Dec. 21 Arrangements are pending Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

Michael Hale

Age: 66 From: Hoffman, MN Passed Away: Sat., Dec. 23 Where: At his home Memorial Service: Will be held at a later date

Funeral Home: Erickson-Smith Funeral Home of Elbow Lake Online condolences may be sent to www.ericksonsmithfh.com

Betty J. Mattfeld

Passed Away: Wed., Dec. 20 Where: At her home Visitation: One hour prior to the service at the church Memorial Service: Wed., Jan. 3,

Location: Sverdrup Lutheran Church, Underwood, MN Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN Online condolences may be sent to

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Gail Meyer Age: 88 From: Fergus Falls, MN Passed Away: Mon., Dec. 25 Where: Lake Region Healthcare, Fergus Falls, MN Visitation: One hour prior to the service at the church Service: Sat., Dec. 30, 1pm Location: Swan Lake Lutheran Church, rural Fergus Falls, MN Interment: Swan Lake Lutheran Cemetery, rural Fergus Falls, MN Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

Lyle K. Sanstead

Age: 88 From: Evansville, MN Passed Away: Sat., Dec. 23 Visitation: Thurs., Dec. 28, 4-6pm at the church Funeral: Thurs., Dec. 28, 6pm with reception to follow Location: Faith Lutheran Church, Evansville, MN Funeral Home: Glende-Nilson Funeral Home Online condolences may be sent to www.GlendeNilson.com

Paul D. Winkler

Age: 72 From: Wadena, MN Passed Away: Sun., Dec. 17 Where: St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, MN

Celebration of Life: Sat., Jan. 20, Location: Oakwood Supper Club,

rural Henning, MN Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral Home

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Richard Koski

From: Park Rapids, MN Passed Away: Thurs., Dec. 21 Where: St. Joseph's Hospital, Park Rapids, MN Memorial Service: Sat., Dec. 30,

11am Location: Karvonen Funeral Home,

Wadena, MN Burial to follow at Grace Lutheran Cemetery, rural Sebeka Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral Home

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Elizabeth Schroeder

Age: 93 From: Elbow Lake, MN Passed Away: Sun., Dec. 24 Where: At her home Memorial Service: Fri., Dec. 29, 11am

Location: United Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN Interment: Held at a later date in Union Cemetery, Elbow Lake, MN Funeral Home: Erickson-Smith Funeral Home of Elbow Lake Online condolences may be sent to www.ericksonsmithfh.com





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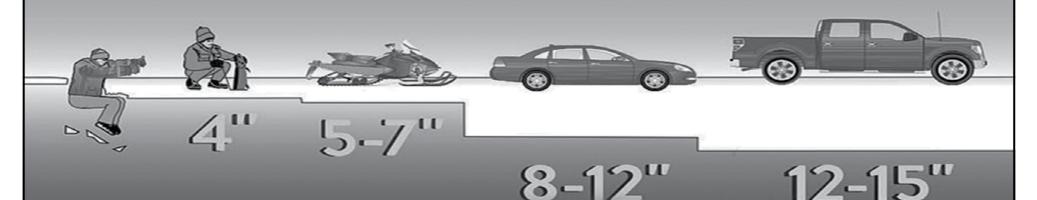


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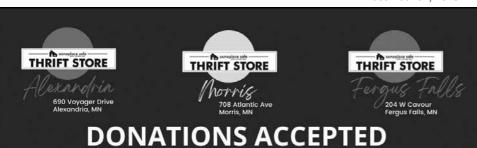
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GARDENER'S ITCH

By Bev Johnson, WOT Master Gardener

Gardeners get itchy this time of year. cold water for 24 to 48 hours. This can be Some of them have started collecting more houseplants, even though their housemates are complaining they can't see out the windows because of all the plants on the windowsills. Others are knee deep in seed catalogs, graphs, a list of what did well last year, what seeds they have, how old, etc. They get upset when they have to clear the kitchen table so the family can eat.

If you recognize yourself in one of these pictures, there is another way to go to scratch that gardening itch; it's growing mushrooms. The people at the University of Minnesota Extension service insist it's pretty easy, and not really weird at all. Of course, first you have to like eating mushrooms.

The biggest mental block preventing people from growing mushrooms is that they grow from spores, not seeds and you can't just buy a packet of spores and dump them in the ground and get mushrooms. Spores must be collected in a relatively sterile environment, then used to inoculate grains, seeds, or dowels to produce spawn. This is the "vegetatively growing fungal tissue scientists call mycelia." Spawn is the "seed" to the mushroom grower.

Now that you have the spawn, you have to have something for it to grow on. Different mushrooms require different growing conditions or different "substrate" or growing medium. Since mushrooms have no chlorophyll, they must get all their nutrients from whatever organic medium they are growing in. This can be corncobs, cotton seed, sawdust, straw, logs, gypsum and nitrogen supplements. The medium is sterilized then the spawn is either worked into the compost or the spawn covered dowel is inoculated into the log.

Getting the mycelia to fruit requires as little as watering, (or for the white button mushroom) submerging the log or block in a real log, or a bag inoculated with shitake or other types that need this treatment. Fruiting can take from 2 weeks to 2 months. You can't go by size to determine ripeness as they vary from very small buttons to large caps. Crops can be harvested over a period of several weeks to as long as several months.

Now that you have decided to try growing your own mushrooms, the next question is how to get started. You can buy a kit that has everything you need, or buy starter culture (spawn), and getting the medium separately. For the first timer, the kit is the way to go.

The easiest to grow are the common grocery store mushrooms. Kits have spawn usually covered by sphagnum moss to keep the compost moist. You just need to get the compost wet then mist it daily. After the mycelium has covered most of the compost, you briefly chill the box. Mushrooms will pop up in about 1 to 3 weeks.

For the more gastronomically daring, try oyster mushrooms. This kit will have a bag containing a mycelial covered block in a bag. You water the bag well then stick dowels or sticks under the bag to tent it, so it doesn't touch the block. The fungi are alive and need to "breathe". A fluorescent light, or daylight, not direct sunlight will encourage fruiting. Small bumps will start pushing through in 1 to 2 weeks. As the mushrooms start to form continue to mist lightly. Too wet will make them rot. After the first crop, continue to mist as the mycelium will digest more compost getting ready for the next "flush" of mushrooms.

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'15 Chevy Silverado 1500 LTZ 5.3L 8 cvl...

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6 cyl., 6.5' box, pano roof, backup camera NAV, heated/cooled front seats, space white 42,293 mi



5.0L, 8 cyl., comes with a lot of great options, \$27,990



3rd row seating, climate control, keyless start, p. liftgate, dark moss, \$37,990 40,481 mi



Cab 5.3L V8, heated bucket seats, p. seat, eated steering whl., running \$42.990 oards, fog lights, 15k, blue



'23 Frod Bronco Big Bend 2.7L, 6 cyl., hard top, backup camera, bluetooth connection fog lamps, keyless start, NAV, carbonized gra netallic, 1,815 mi \$52.500



'19 Ram Ram Pickup 1500 Classic SLT 5.71 8 cvl., satellite radio, backup camera silver, 24,770 mi. \$32,990



cyl., line-x spray in bed liner, backup camera heated/cooled front seats, \$39,990





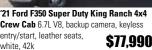
'19 Ford Flex Limited 3.5L 6 cyl., 3rd row seat, backup camera, heated front seats p. driver seat, p. liftgate, \$25,490 black, 62,707 mi



\$41,990









'79 Ford Thunderhird XT 2 door one family owned, well maintained, always kep in the garage, dark orange, \$17,000



'21 Ford F150 Lariat 3.5L 6 cyl., EcoBoos eng., keyless start, Bluetooth, heated/ cooled front seats, NAV, star \$48,990



'22 Ford F150 Lariat 4WD Super Crew 5.5' box, 2.7L V6, 6 cyl., adaptive cruise control keyless start, NAV, agat \$48,490 black metallic, 28,151 mi



'17 Ford F250 Super Duty Platinum 6.7L, 8 cyl., heated front/rear seats, keyless start CALL FOR PRICE white, 93,500 mi.



'19 Ford Explorer Limited 3.5L 6 cvl., blind spot monitor, keyless start, climate control, \$27,990