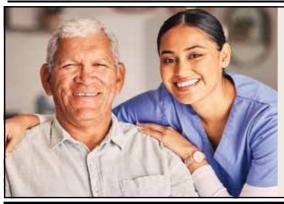
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#### Betty L. Davenport

Age: 79 From: Battle Lake, MN Passed Away: Tues., Feb. 13 Visitation: Thurs., Feb. 22, 5-7pm, one hour prior to the service Celebration of Life: Fri., Feb. 23, 11am, lunch at the church

following the service Location: Trefoldighed Lutheran Church, Battle Lake. MN Burial: Bethlehem Lutheran

Cemetery, Fergus Falls, MN Funeral Home: Glende-Nilson Funeral Home

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### Blake Johnson

Age: 56 From: Naples, FL Passed Away: Sun., Jan. 28 Visitation: Thurs., Feb. 22, 5-7pm at Olson Funeral Home in Fergus Falls, MN with prayer service at 6:30pm, one hour prior to the service at the funeral home

Memorial Service: Fri., Feb. 23 1:30pm

Location: Olson Funeral Home in Fergus Falls, MN Interment: Bethlehem Cemetery, Fergus Falls, MN Funeral Home: Olson Funeral

Home, Fergus Falls, MN Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

#### Karen R. Kantrud

Age: 77 From: Fergus Falls, MN Passed Away: Mon., Feb. 12 Where: At home Service: Private family service was

Location: Olson Funeral Home in Fergus Falls, MN

Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

#### Carma Oyloe

Age: 102 From: Fergus Falls, MN Passed Away: Sat., Feb. 10 Where: PioneerCare, Fergus Falls,

Service: No services are scheduled Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

#### James "Jim" Parks

Age: 63 Passed Away: Mon., Feb. 12 Where: At home in Perham, MN Sharing Time: Fri., Feb. 23, 2pm at Karvonen Funeral Home, New York Mills, MN

Celebration of Life Open House: Fri., Feb. 23, 1-3pm Location: Karvonen Funeral Home, New York Mills, MN Military Honors: Fri., Feb. 23, 2:30pm

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#### William C. "Bill" Knapp

Age: 82 From: Staples, MN, formerly of Henning, MN Passed Away: Sat., Feb. 10 Where: Anoka, MN Visitation: Fri., Feb. 16, 1-2pm at Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena, MN

Funeral Service: Fri., Feb. 16, 2pm Location: Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena, MN

Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Staples, MN Funeral Home: Karvonen Funeral

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## Richard M. Wynsteker

From: Battle Lake, MN Passed Away: Thurs., Feb. 15

Where: Elbow Lake, MN Celebration of Life: Will be held on a future date to be determined Funeral Home: Glende-Nilson

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# Roger J. Bratlien Age: 91

From: Fergus Falls, MN Passed Away: Sat., Feb. 17 Where: Lake Region Healthcare,

Fergus Falls, MN Visitation: One hour prior to the service at the funeral home Memorial Service: Sat., March 2,

Location: Olson Funeral and Cremation, Fergus Falls, MN Funeral Home: Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, MN Online condolences may be sent to www.olsonfuneralhome.com

#### Darlene J. Truax

Passed Away: Thurs., Feb. 15 Visitation: Thurs., Feb. 22, 10:30am-12pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Deer Creek Funeral Service: Thurs., Feb. 22,

12pm Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Deer Creek, MN

Burial: Thurs., Feb. 22, 12:45pm at Oak Hill Cemetery, Deer Creek,

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# **Traveling On Ice**

The DNR does not measure ice thickness on Minnesota lakes. Your safety is your responsibility.

Before traveling on ice...

- 1. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Evaluate ice conditions and possible hazards.
- 3. 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, family-friendly activities on the ice. Visit Explore Minnesota (link is external) to find a new frozen festival in your area.

#### 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 snowmobile or ATV.

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, clear ice.
- 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 risk.

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 ice
- · 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 injury or death.



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



Source: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/travel.html

# Humane Society YEAR IN REVIEW ... some facts that

Will surprise you!

What does it take to clean up after 55 dogs and cats each and every day? A LOT. For the past year, the Humane Society of Otter

every day? A LOT. For the past year, the Humane Society of Otter Tail County has been housing an average of 55 animals per day and the amount of cleaning supplies that has been used, and worn out, has been taxing on the general budget. Canine kennel pro staffer, Krystal Braton said the "floor scrubbers are worn down to nothing and we are down to one squeegee to use for the entire building". It seems items such as cleaning products, garbage bags, laundry detergent, bleach and paper towels are always on the HSOTC "wish list". And in addition to your product donations, the shelter spent \$2,052. on cleaning supplies this past year. Executive Director, Chris Cannon, also reminds the public of the ongoing need for cat litter. This past year, the shelter went through approximately 5,900 pounds of cat litter, or the equivalent of 2.9 tons!



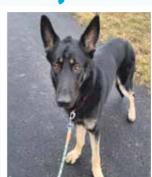
Some additional stats on the recap of this past year include: \* 257 surgeries completed

\* 1,183 vaccinations provided \* 1,102 volunteer hours given and almost \* 500 families created/reunited with pets. Most people truly do not realize the scope of the critical services provided by the Humane Society of Otter Tail County and the impact made by the passionate, hard-working people who help in so many ways. Ask yourself "what would happen if there were no safe haven for these animals?". Ask yourself "how can I be more involved in the solution?".

The need for reconfiguring space within the current shelter and the need for additional space is great and we are well on the way to making this dream a reality. We are have raised 75% of our project goal and are hoping to break ground later this Spring. We are truly humbled, blessed, and grateful for the support we have received and the trust placed in us but we still need to raise approximately \$470,000. We are counting on all of the citizens and communities of Otter Tail County to rally with us. Find out how you can help at: <a href="https://www.humanesocietyotc.org/build">www.humanesocietyotc.org/build</a>. We are an independent non-profit (501c3) and every gift matters.

And as we plan for the exciting construction phase of the new shelter, we also ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a temporary foster home for a cat, kitten, dog or puppy. We will need to relocate the animals for approximately 5 months and we will be looking for ideas/options and suggestions for how best to accomplish this with the lowest amount of stress on the animals as possible. All food and medical supplies are provided for our foster animals so there is no cost to you. If interested in learning more, please call the HSOTC at 218-739-3494. **Together, we can UNLEASH HOPE and make Otter Tail County PROUD.** 





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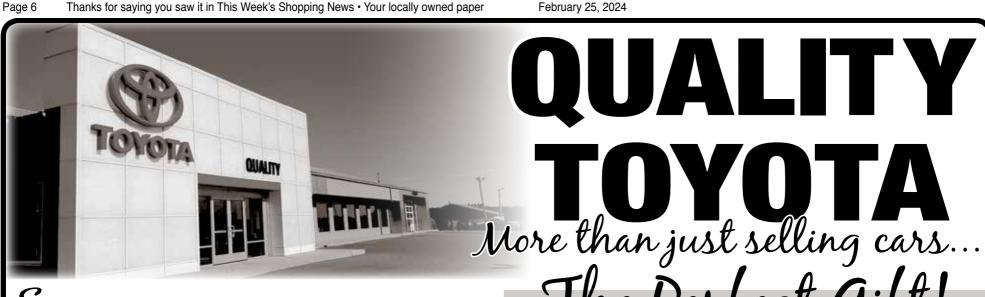
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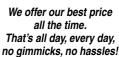
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### **SALAD DRESSING OR WEED CONTROL?**

By Bev Johnson, WOT Master Gardener

In 2006, the University Of Minnesota decided to test Organic week killers against Round Up and Finale. They laid out 2X2 foot squares of lawn grass that had a few dandelions here and there. The area was in full sun. It had been seeded two years earlier with mostly Kentucky blue grass and smaller quantities of fine fescue and perennial ryegrass. The plots had no warm season annual grasses and almost no broadleaf weeds in the plots. The soils were generally of a medium soil texture. That is, no heavy clay or mostly sandy soils. To make it fair, there were also plots that were not treated. The plots weren't irrigated although it did rain during the testing. All the plots were mowed with the mower set at 3 inches. The products evaluated were all acquired at local stores. Four were organic and 2 were chemical.

- 1. All Down Organic Grass and Weed Killer. The active ingredients in this one were 5% Citric acid, 2% garlic. Other ingredients were Acetic acid Yucca Extract and water to make up 94.8%.
- 2. Ground Force Organic Herbicide. The active ingredients were 10% Citric acid, and 0.2% garlic extract. The 89.8% left consisted of vinegar, yucca extract and water.
- 3. Burn Out 11- weed and Grass Killer. The active ingredients were 4% Clove Oil and 3% Sodium Lauryl Sulfate. 93% consisted of vinegar, Lecithin, Citric acid, mineral oil and water.
- 4. Everything Must Go. The active ingredients were 10% Citric acid, 5% garlic oil 1% Lauryl sulfate and the other 84%, acetic acid and water.

The two chemical products were Round Up Weed and Grass Killer and Finale.

- 1. Round Up has 2% glyphosate and 2% pelargonic acid and other fatty acids. No other ingredients were listed,
- 2. Finale lists 1% Gluconate ammonium as active ingredients and doesn't say

with the other 99% are.

All of the sprays were in ready to use sprayers. All of them were applied 3 times at 2-week intervals. The weather was sunny to mostly sunny with temperatures ranging from 75 to 85. Soil moisture was considered a bit on the dry side although it wasn't measured. All the plots were green and looked healthy.

The first week, all the organic plots showed very rapid browning and drying of the grasses within 24 hours, with the exception of Everything Must Go. It only damaged the tips of the grass. RoundUp damage wasn't as obvious, and Finale took about 4 days before damage to become really evident. By the second week, all the organic plots had improved significantly, the grass getting greener. The dandelions were still showing damage. They didn't look as good as the control plots, however. The two chemical weed killers had killed all the vegetation their plots. The Everything Must Go plot had completely recovered and had a normal green color that was no different from the control plot. By three weeks, all the organic plots sported nice healthy green grass and dandelions. The 2 chemical plots were brown. Seven weeks later, there was no change in any of the plots. The 2 chemical plots were still totally brown and dead. The organics showed no damage and had nice thick grass and blooming dandelions.

The scientists were not surprised by the test results. They felt that since the organics were considered contact herbicides, the active ingredients weren't taken up by the roots of the plants as the chemical killers were. The moral of the story is keep the garlic and vinegar for your salad, not your weeds.

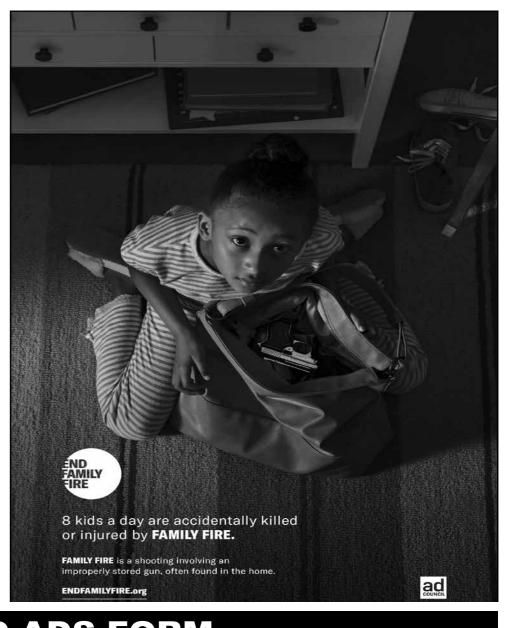
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