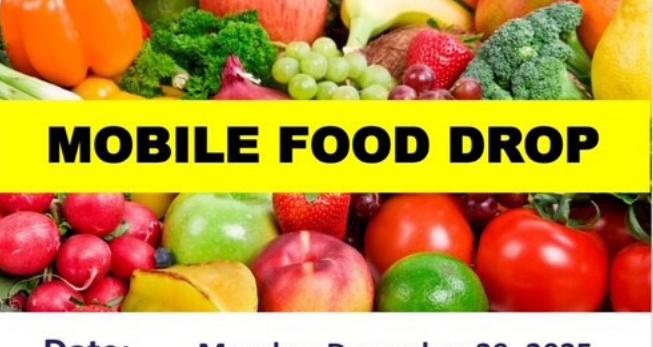


Public & Legal Notices



MOBILE FOOD DROP

Date: Monday, December 29, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
or until food runs out

Location: Great Northern Drive, Bagley, MN

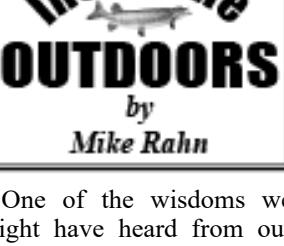
Food will be available for drive through pickup.

Questions: Contact Kristin Osowski @ 218-399-7360

***Please make sure not to block driveways!!



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Clearwater County
Food Shelf



Early Snow Brings

Both Cheers and

Fears

might call "a good old-fashioned Minnesota winter."

Those whose livelihood is directly tied to this sort of winter are understandably enthusiastic. If you're a snowmobile dealer, a retailer who sells cross-country ski or snowshoe gear, a hardware or big box store that sells snow-throwers and shovels, or if you operate a plowing and snow removal business, you're excited about the look of winter thus far.

The enthusiasm will be mutual if you're an avid snowmobiler, skier, or snowshoer. Groomed snowmobile and cross-country trails in those areas blessed by the abundant snowfall should be in great condition. Many downhill ski areas have snow making equipment, but for snowboarders and downhill skiers, there's no such thing as too much snow.

Also anticipating hearing the "cha-ching" of their cash register are travel agents who sell getaway vacation packages to destinations like Arizona, the Gulf Coast, or the Bahamas. By February there will probably be a growing number of MINOS—Minnesotan In Name Only—who will eagerly trade their scarves and neck warmers for tee-shirts, shorts, and sunblock!

Ice fishermen are not enthusiastic about heavy snow events that occur early, before there is substantial ice thickness. On the lake where I do most of my open water fishing, the main portion achieved a covering of ice less than a week before heavy snow arrived the second week of December. The consequence of too much snow over too little

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

~ Eden Township ~

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: To the qualified voter(s) of Eden Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, that the annual election of town officers and annual town meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2026. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday on March 17, 2026, and in case of inclement weather the election and meeting will be held March 24, 2026.

The election poll hours will be open from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at which time the voter will elect.

1 township supervisor for a 3 year term
1 clerk-treasurer for a 2 year term.

The annual meeting will commence at 8:00 pm to conduct all necessary business provided by law.

Filing for township office opens on December 27, 2025, and will continue until January 13, 2026, until 5:00 pm.

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk-treasurer Dennis Erickson, 39741 320th St. SE Gully, MN 56646. Phone 218-268-4590. A \$2.00 filing fee is required by law.

~ Dennis Erickson Clerk-Treasurer

ice can be a slush layer on the surface—making on-ice travel difficult—and more time needed before the ice is uniformly solid enough to support the weight of vehicles, especially heavier ones pulling wheelhouse-type angling shelters.

Wildlife also absorbs the impacts and consequences of the weather that comes with a Minnesota winter. Coming immediately to mind are whitetail deer, big game that is still in-season through the end of December if you hunt with a bow.

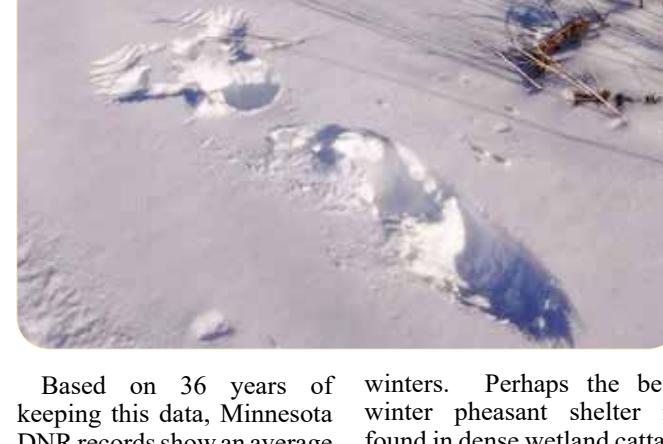
Following two winters in a row with modest snow depths—widely believed to have led to better winter deer survival—the first two weeks of the 2025 general firearms deer season saw a harvest increase of roughly 9% over 2024. When the total deer harvest during all firearm and archery season frameworks is finally tallied, there's little doubt that 2025 will be a plus over 2024.

But what the 2026 season will bring could be influenced by the Minnesota weather from now through spring. When snow reaches 15 inches it begins to impact deer movement and the effort they must expend in their travels between feeding and security areas; not to mention their efforts to escape a primary predator, the Eastern gray wolf. When deer movement is too greatly restricted for too long a period, starvation can be the outcome. As you might expect, the difficulty may be greatest for younger, smaller deer.

Our Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other wildlife agencies in the snow belt states use a measurement called the winter severity index, or WSI, to anticipate the likely

impact of deep snow and cold temperatures on deer survival. The WSI counts the number of days throughout the winter with 15 or more inches of snow on the ground, and days with temperatures of zero, or below, Fahrenheit. A total of 50 or fewer such days is considered a mild winter, 120 or more days severe, and WSI totals in between a moderate winter.

Like whitetail deer, pheasants do best during mild



Based on 36 years of keeping this data, Minnesota DNR records show an average of about one out of every four winters to be severe in terms of deer survival. This doesn't mean that severe winters can't occur back-to-back, as did the last two moderate winters. The timing of thawing weather in late winter and spring has a direct bearing on how severe the winter will prove to be for deer survival. An early spring can be a boon to winter-stressed deer.

That said, the earlier those deep snow and sub-zero days begin—like this year—the higher the probability of a deer-stressing winter.

While deep snow is generally the bane of Minnesota's whitetail deer, it's a boon to ruffed grouse, the most sought-after upland game bird in Central and

Clearbrook-Gonvick School Menu

December 22 - 26

Monday: Cook's choice
SNACK: Assorted

Tuesday: Cook's choice
SNACK: Assorted

Wednesday: No School -
Christmas break

Thursday: No School -
Christmas break
Friday: No School -
Christmas break

Breakfast

Monday: Waffle sticks,
syrup, yogurt, fruit, juice and
milk

Tuesday: Biscuit with gravy,
fruit, juice and milk

Wednesday: Breakfast
sandwich, fruit, juice and
milk

Thursday: French toast
sticks with syrup, sausage
links, fruit, juice and milk

Friday: Breakfast roll, string
cheese, fruit, juice and milk

Bagley Senior Center Menu

December 22 - 26

Monday: Country fried
steak, mashed potatoes
with gravy, mixed
vegetables and cookie

Tuesday: Italian chicken
breast, baked potato,
California blend and Jell-o

Wednesday: Cook's
Choice

Thursday: Closed - Merry
Christmas!!

Friday: Closed

- Low fat milk, margarine and Bread included with meals.
- Meals are subject to change.
- Reservations by 10 am
- Meals Served at 11:30 am

Call Kay 9:30-1:00
Mon-Fri 218-694-6873

Suggested Donation
for Seniors is \$6.00.
Under 60 is \$10.00

Senior Transportation Service

Clearwater County
residents who are 60 &
over. Rides are scheduled
Monday-Friday. 48-hour
notice required. Call 218-
888-2320 to schedule.

**This project is made
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Act through an award from the
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Minnesota Board on Aging.

Clearwater County Food Shelf Hours

Clearwater County Food Shelf
is open every Wednesday from 10
a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the basement of
the Bagley American Legion (go
to the back door).

Monetary contributions can
be mailed to Clearwater County
Food Shelf, PO Box 578, Bagley,
MN 56621.

Food donations can be
dropped off at the Food Shelf on
Wednesdays.

Bemidji DAV Van

The Bemidji DAV Van
runs through Shevlin,
Bagley, Fosston,
Clearbrook, and Leonard
at no cost to Veterans 5
days a week except on
holidays.

Call 855-277-9787 for
your free ride: Clearwater
CVSO has our schedules
with names and numbers.

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