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Super Bowl Host Committee Supports Active Play

Thanks to the Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee, students at all of Moorhead's elementary schools now have another way to stay active—and get creative! As part of the 52 Weeks of Giving campaign leading up to Super Bowl 52 in Minneapolis, the Super Bowl Legacy Fund worked with the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) to identify opportunities to fund projects that would support health and wellness for children, ultimately funding one project each week. SHIP was chosen for this role because of the important role the partnership plays for health and wellness in communities across the state. Three communities in PartnerSHIP 4 Health (PS4H)'s service area received grants: Moorhead, Detroit Lakes, and Fergus Falls. All told, the Super Bowl Legacy Fund distributed over \$5.5 million to communities across the state.

In Moorhead, a grant of \$38,000 allowed the school district to purchase an Imagination Playground for each elementary school. Thanks to an additional grant from the Minnesota Dairy Council, Red River Area Learning Center (ALC) in Moorhead also got to share in the excitement. The facility does not have its own kitchen, and food is usually prepared at another location. With \$10,000 in funding, the Center was able to purchase coolers and other equipment to make fresh, healthier breakfast items like fruit and yogurt available on-site.

Assistant Superintendent Missy Eidsness expressed gratitude for PS4H's involvement in providing suggestions for how the funds should be spent to have the greatest impact. "They (PS4H) brought some great ideas to the table for us to think differently."

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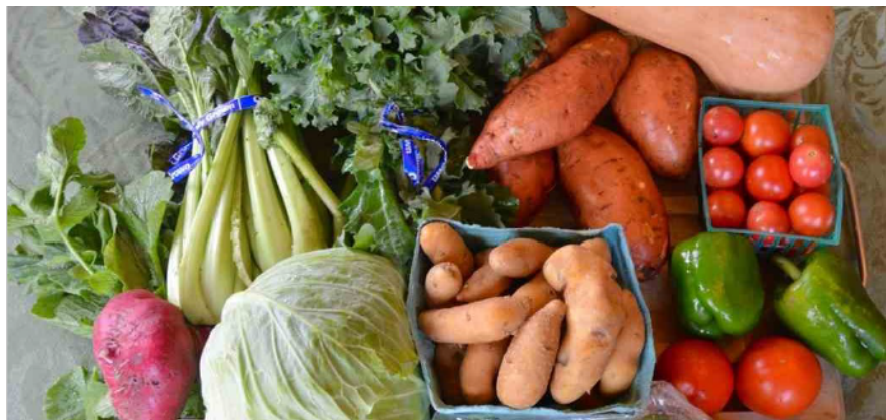
Share Your Thoughts on Bike Friendliness in Fargo–Moorhead, Frazee, and Battle Lake

Three communities in our region have recently submitted applications to gain or renew Bicycle–Friendly Community status from the League of American Bicyclists. As part of the process, residents are invited to complete an online survey to share their thoughts on the bike–friendliness of each community.

Do you bike in your community? Would you bike more if you felt safer? What is your community doing well? What could be better? Share your thoughts!

The deadline to submit responses is **Sunday, September 23rd**.

[Click Here to Access the Survey](#)



October is National Farm to School Month

PartnerSHIP 4 Health encourages schools, early child care centers, hospitals, farms, communities, and organizations across the region to join in the celebration by participating in the 2018 Great Lakes Apple Crunch Day. Everyone is invited to crunch into a regionally grown apple at noon on **Thursday, October 11, 2018**.

Last October over one million students, children, teachers, and good food supporters across the region crunched!

Registration is optional. You can click on the button below to register your site and help reach the one million crunch goal for this year!

Happy National Farm to School Month!

[Click Here to Register](#)

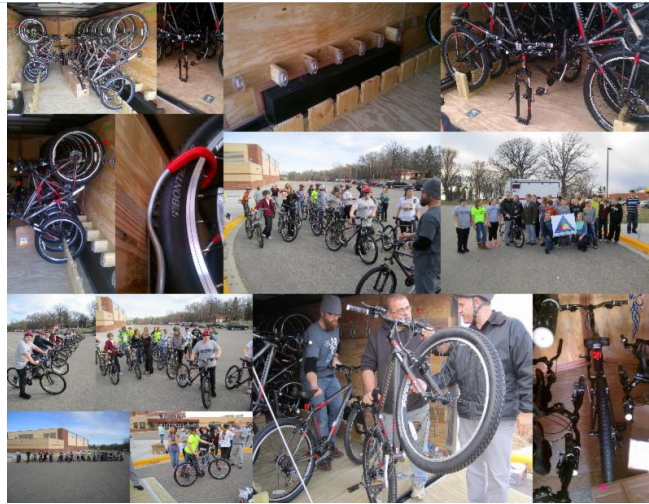


Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 10th!

Area schools will join students from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on Wednesday October 10th, 2018. Local schools that have participated in past events include: Perham, Detroit Lakes, Dilworth–Glyndon–Felton, Rothsay, Breckenridge, Battle Lake, Parkers Prairie, New York Mills, Barnesville, Hawley, Moorhead, Frazee and Lake Park Audubon.

Walk to School Day events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and concern for the environment. The events build connections between families, schools and the broader community while improving wellness.

If your school is participating, don't forget to register your event online at <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org>. To learn more about Walk to School Day in Minnesota, visit the [Minnesota Safe Routes to School Resource Center](#).



MnDOT Selects New York Mills for Bike Fleet Funding

Through the Safe Routes to School program, the Minnesota Department of Transportation awards grant funding to schools and organizations around the state to support safe biking and walking education. Bike fleet award recipients receive a fleet of bicycles, teaching supplies, and a trailer to store and transport the bikes. Access to bikes is a major barrier for school districts and community organizations working to teach these important lifelong skills, and MnDOT, PartnerSHIP 4 Health, and other organizations around the state are working to address the need. New York Mills is the latest local community to receive the award from MnDOT. Congratulations!

In our service area, the following school districts have received bike fleets through MnDOT or PartnerSHIP 4 Health: Detroit Lakes, Moorhead, Dilworth–Glyndon–Felton, Breckenridge, Perham, Battle Lake, and Fergus Falls.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

REGISTER NOW

Walk! Bike! Fun! Training

The Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota (BikeMN) will be hosting a special local training of the Minnesota *Walk! Bike! Fun! Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Curriculum*. *Walk! Bike! Fun!* encourages more children to walk or bike to school and throughout the community by providing educators with tools to teach them safe walking and biking.

Thinking about attending? Here's what educators can expect:

1. This training is FREE!
2. Teachers receive their own copy of the curriculum.
3. By participating, teachers earn 7 CEUs.
4. There will be classroom and outside on-bike instruction.
5. Breakfast and lunch are included.
6. A \$100 stipend to each school per participant to help pay substitute teachers.
7. Participating educators are eligible for ongoing technical assistance, including FREE use of the BikeMN bike fleet with helmets.

This curriculum is designed for physical education, health teachers and other educators. When taught to students, they engage in thoughtful, fun, and interactive lessons to learn safety tips and skills that will last them a lifetime.

To preview the curriculum, visit walkbikefun.org.



The mission of BikeMN is to unite and strengthen bicycle advocacy, provide education, and work for a more bicycle friendly Minnesota. Learn more at BikeMN.org.



TRAINING DETAILS

Date
September 21, 2018,
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location
New York Mills Schools
209 N Hayes Ave
New York Mills, MN 56567

Cost
Free, Breakfast and lunch
provided.

RSVP
<https://walkbikefun-newyorkmills.eventbrite.com>

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Otter Tail County Tobacco 21 Public Hearings



The Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners are considering testimony given during the two public hearings regarding the proposed tobacco 21 ordinance.

The proposed ordinance will:

1. Prohibit the provision of tobacco, tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, electronic delivery devices, and nicotine or lobelia delivery devices to a person under the age of 21.
2. Require verification that the person is at least 21 years of age prior to distributing a product.
3. Require clearly visible notice of the county minimum legal sales age to be posted at the location where products are available for purchase.

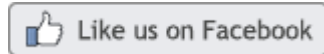
Want to share your opinion on the ordinance? Consider:

1. Talking to your circle of family and friends
2. Sending a letter to your County Commissioners

For more information and/or a free t-shirt, contact
Jason McCoy at Jason.mccoy@co.clay.mn.us or 218-299-7180

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