

Crow Wing County election candidate filing period opens

BRAINERD — The candidate filing period for public office in Crow Wing County for the 2022 election is May 17–31 for the following offices with filing fees also noted:

- **Federal offices:** U.S. Representative for District 8 (\$300).
- **State offices:** State Senator District 6 (\$100), State Senator District 10 (\$100), State Representative District 6A (\$100), State Representative District 6B (\$100), State Representative District 10A (\$100), governor and lieutenant governor (\$300), secretary of state (\$300), attorney general (\$300), state auditor (\$300), judges (\$300).
- **County offices:** County Commissioner Districts 2, 3 and 4 (\$50), county attorney (\$50), county sheriff (\$50), Soil & Water Supervisor Districts 2 and 3 (\$20).

City of Brainerd offices will also have filing dates of May 17–31. City of Brainerd filing fees are \$5. Candidates for the city of Brainerd will file at Brainerd City Hall. City of Brainerd offices up for election in 2022 include Alderman Wards 2 and 4, Alderman At-Large (1 seat) and mayor.

For all other cities and those townships with November elections the filing period is Aug. 2–16. Candidates interested in city or township office should contact their local clerk to find out what offices are up for election in 2022.

Filing fees for city and township offices is \$2.

School board candidate filing periods for the Brainerd, Crosby-Ironton and Pequot Lakes school districts are Aug. 2–16. Those interested in running for school board should contact the business office at their district for more information.

Candidates for federal office must file at the Office of the Secretary of State. Candidates for state office may file with the secretary of state or with the county auditor in the county where they reside.

Candidates for Crow Wing County office must file at the elections office at the Historic Courthouse at 326 Laurel St., Brainerd. Candidates for city or township office must file with their city or town clerk. Candidates for school board file with the school district clerk or designated officer.

To run for office, a candidate must meet all of these requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be an eligible voter.
- Be 21 years or older upon assuming office.
- Maintained residence in their district for at least 30 days before the general election.
- Pay all filing fees or present a petition in place of filing fee as allowed by statute.
- Complete and file an affidavit of candidacy.
- Complete and file campaign finance reports.

Redistricting may have adjusted candidates’ legislative or commissioner districts. Candidates are encouraged to visit www.crowwing.us for more information.

The primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 9, and the general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

For more information, check out CWCFFilingForOffice.

Elections Office: 218-824-1051 or email elections@crowwing.us.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Pequot Lakes, Crosslake seek donations for fireworks shows

The Pequot Lakes and Crosslake chambers are seeking donations for their respective fireworks shows in July.

People can now donate to either fireworks show with Venmo. Search “Pequot Lakes Chamber of Commerce” or “@PequotLakesChamber;” or “Crosslake Chamber of Commerce” or “@CrosslakeChamber.”

The Pequot Lakes Chamber has a fundraising goal of \$12,000 for a roughly 12-minute fireworks show Sunday, July 3, as part of Stars & Stripes Days.

On average, professional fireworks shows cost \$1,000 per minute. Funds currently total \$4,050.

The 52nd annual Celebrate America fireworks display in Crosslake will take place at dusk Saturday, July 2, over Sand Island on Cross Lake.

The city of Crosslake is funding 75% of the show, and the Crosslake Chamber needs help to raise another \$5,000.

Donors who submit payments by Friday, June 24, will receive radio recognition.

WAPOA shoreline restoration open house set June 11

CROSSLAKE — The annual Whitefish Area Property Owners Association shoreline restoration open house will be from 9:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at Moonlite Bay Family Restaurant in Crosslake.

Participants have the option to join online via Zoom or attend in person.

Shelley Larson and Laura Mendoza will be guest speakers, along with several property owners who have completed shoreline restoration projects in the past or are in the process of completing projects. Some vendors who are familiar with shoreline restoration projects with willow wattle, coir logs and native plants will speak.

Staff from the Crow Wing Soil and

Water Conservation District will speak on the benefit of site visits and possible future funding opportunities.

The goal is to educate and empower property owners about how important it is to protect shoreline from future erosion and help the pollinators by planting native flowers with deep roots to hold the soil in place. Land next to the shoreline planted with native flowers acts as a buffer to protect the lake from lawn runoff and hopefully reduces the phosphorus level and weed growth in the lake.

Buffers planted with native flowers do not have to look “messy” or be too tall to block the view.

Opportunities to participate in community build shoreline restoration projects in 2022 will be presented.

Those interested in attending should email Kristie Roedl, WAPOA’s shoreline restoration director, at Kristieplummerroedl@gmail.com.

Clamshell Lake boat landing temporarily closes for maintenance

PEQUOT LAKES — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, is temporarily closing its Clamshell Lake boat landing located on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes near Pequot Lakes.

The closure began Monday, May 16, and will last about a week and a half.

The Corps of Engineers will perform maintenance on the ramp and parking lot to ensure it is safe for everyone who uses it.

An alternative ramp for the public is the Lower Hay access point off County Road 145 and Rustic Point Road near Pequot Lakes.

Over time, heavy boat ramp usage and activities such as power loading boats onto trailers damages the ramps. The activity often creates large holes at the end of the ramp that can become extremely dangerous.

GODDARD

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Goddard said a great source of pride is his staff’s willingness to give back to the community.

“They continue to find new ways to help by donating their time and resources at local

events, charities, cleaning ditches, making and serving meals, any and all ways to make Crow Wing County a better place,” he said.

Goddard said looking to the future, mental health concerns continue to be the office’s biggest challenge.

“This is evident in the calls we receive and respond to and

those we house in our jail and serve in our court system. Our partnership with our local and state partners, volunteer organizations, courts and community services will continue to be a vital part of how we better serve this segment of our community,” he said.

Goddard said another focus must be who will be the next

generation of law enforcement.

“It is challenging to find candidates for our deputies, correctional officers, dispatchers and support staff. I have lived here all my life and love what Crow Wing County offers. We need to ensure that we can find the personnel that can afford to find a house

in our community and enjoy what many of us call home,” he said.

“Carla, Jordan, Paxton and I appreciate your support and pledge to continue our message of providing service that is beneficial to all members of the community through leadership, experience and compassion.”

PRIESTS

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Father Miller currently is a priest at St. Francis, All Saints and St. Thomas of the Pines.

Father Garry, the son of Bill and Theresa Garry, grew up attending St. Christopher’s Church.

“It’s my home parish so naturally I have a special affection for the community and the people. They fostered and cultivated my vocation,” he said. “So to be able to go back and celebrate Mass and to be present to the people up there is a way I can give back for the moment.”

Father Miller is also excited for his new assignment.

“There’s certainly a lot of life at those parishes,” he said.

Father Miller will be entering his third year of priesthood when he joins the Our Lady of the Lakes Parish.

He was ordained in June 2020 and spent his first year as a priest in

Duluth. He moved to Brainerd in the summer of 2021, where he’d spent a summer on assignment in 2019.

He grew up in Hinckley.

Father Garry explained some of the reasoning behind the new assignments.

“At this time, we didn’t have the right guy to follow Father Mike and to be able to do the capital campaign and building project,” he said of the Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, which is in the midst of a campaign to build a new church off County Road 29 for Nisswa and Pequot Lakes parishioners.

“We want to make sure that the right guy gets in that position,” Father Garry said. “We just don’t have anybody available at this time.”

So these new clergy assignments will take place for the next year.

“With all the priests in the (Duluth) diocese it’s like a chess board. There’s all kinds of needs and various assignments with different guys,”

Father Garry said.

Those priests have different talents, and with different things happening in each parish, the bishop assigns priests where their talents are most needed.

“I’m happy to be of what service I can be in this next year and I look forward to seeing where Our Lady of the Lakes goes from here,” Father Garry said.

Also as part of the clergy assignments Bishop Daniel Felton recently announced:

- Father David Forsman, pastor at the Aikin, McGregor and McGrath churches, will become pastor of Immaculate Heart Church in Crosslake and St. Emily

Church in Emily effective July 13. Crosslake’s current priest, Father Dale Nau, will retire.

- Deacon Rick Paine of Our Lady of the Lakes continues in that role and became administrator of St. Edward Catholic Church in Longville effective May 16.
- Deacon Scott Padrnos, the son of Dan and Sue Padrnos of Nisswa, will become parochial vicar at St. Francis, All Saints and St. Thomas of the Pines churches effective July 13, after being ordained a priest.

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BURNING

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“Some people may be somewhat unaware of the elevated fire danger risk, even though it can fluctuate from day to day,” Schultz

said. “There have been some busy days in the area with wildfires in the recent past.”

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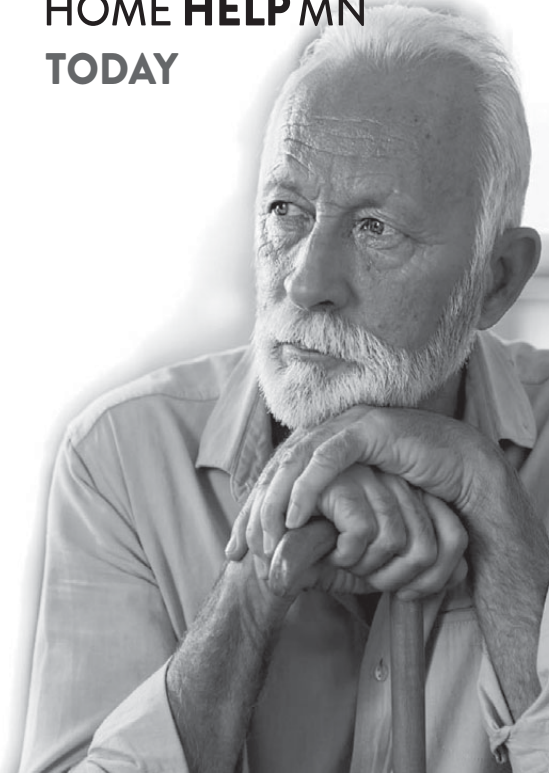
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