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Political campaign, advertisement signs not permitted on public highway rights of way

DULUTH, Minn. - The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds everyone that the placement of campaign and other advertising signage on any highway rights of way is not allowed under state law. All state, county, city and township roads and highways fall under the same state law.

As political campaigns increase their efforts toward the Nov. 3 election, it's important to know and follow the state laws regarding placement of signs off of state property and only on land where there landowner has agreed to its placement.

Highway rights of way include driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches and sight corners at intersections.

Also, landowner consent is needed before signs are placed on private property outside of the right of way.

MnDOT is required to remove unlawfully placed signs and impound them at a local maintenance truck station.

Violation of the law (Minn. Stat. 160.27) is a misdemeanor. Civil penalties also may apply if the placement of signage contributes to a motor vehicle crash and injures a person or damages a motor vehicle that runs off the road.

The Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act (Minn. Stat. 173.15) also prohibits placing advertising materials on public utility poles, trees and shrubs, and painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

When improperly placed signs are removed by MnDOT, every effort is made to

temporarily store the sign and notify the owner where the signs can be retrieved.

For information about the proper placement of campaign signs or where to retrieve signs, contact the local MnDOT office at 218-725-2700. See also mndot.gov/govrel/rw_signs.html.

When placing signs, the best way to avoid an emergency or unintentionally striking an underground facility is to call 811 before digging, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Go to the Gopher State One Call website and request that underground utilities be marked near the area of the digging.



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Kindred Paths Nature School Opens

By Kitty Mayo

Co-owners of French River's new nature school, Zach McAlear and Lane Schnaufnagel, are flinging their doors open, and taking the kids outside.

Schnaufnagel grew up on the outskirts of Duluth, and returned to her home area after attending Northland Community College in Ashland, Wisc.

Schnaufnagel and McAlear met at Northland, and after running a youth summer program on Madeline Island together, they brought their nature-based education skills back to the north shore.

"We had realized we could teach using the environmental education skills from our degrees in any setting, and here the early childhood area had the most space for the way we want to connect students to nature," Schnaufnagel said.

The duo connected with the Duluth Nature Play Collaborative, a group of several nature-

based preschools in the area. Acting as sort of traveling teachers in Duluth, Esko, and Cloquet, they did enrichment activities such as music, storytelling and cooking, as well as substituting.

Then, last year, they found that the French River Lutheran Church, practically their next-door neighbors, wanted to add a daycare or preschool to their community.

"Things fell into place, a nature school made sense with the church right along the French River, and really close to the Lake, there is so much natural space," said McAlear.

Licensed as a group family day care, so far Kindred Paths Nature School has six children in the four-to-six year old age range on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, but still have room in that group and are planning to add more groups. Their license allows them to have up to 14 children at a time, of varying ages.

Originally intending to run just a nature preschool, Kindred has found that in these times parents are seeking a variety of schedules for a range of ages, and they are adapting to accept older children, as well.

"A nature school is where learning is natural, and just goes with the flow of the learner, including play-based learning that lets kids explore," said Schnaufnagel, adding that when an interest is expressed education is supplemented with reading material and projects around those themes.

If you think Winter is any obstacle to learning outdoors with McAlear and Schnaufnagel, you'll have to guess again.

"As long as it's not frigid cold we'll be able to get bundled up and spend most of our time outside, with little fires and we keep the kids moving," said McAlear, adding that quick indoor trips to warm up are all that's needed be-

fore heading out again.

Finding that moving (jumping, running, and falling down) and expressing themselves (being loud!) are all kid-friendly activities that McAlear and Schnaufnagel say eventually help kids find what they want to learn about.

"Kids can spend a whole day outside even in winter and be easily engrossed in a forest that seems like it has nothing in it," said McAlear.

Kindred Paths has openings for two-and-a-half to four-year-olds for a Monday/Wednesday preschool class. An afternoon playgroup for elementary age children (over 6 years) is also taking new students.

For more information call Kindred Paths Nature School at (607)342-3377, or email Lane and Zach at: kindredpathsllc@gmail.com.