

COMMUNITY NEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Child car seat issues

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Q: I know people who have been involved in a couple of minor crashes who had child car seats in the vehicle with children in them at the time of the crashes. Do they automatically have to replace those seats? Or can they bring them to a police station or fire hall to have them checked out for safety reasons? Thanks for whatever information you can provide.

A: According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, they recommend that car seats be replaced following a moderate or severe crash in order to ensure a continued high level of crash protection for child passengers. Car seats do not automatically need to be replaced following a minor crash. What defines a minor crash? A minor crash

is one in which ALL of the following apply:

- The vehicle was able to be driven away from the crash site.
- The vehicle door nearest the car seat was not damaged.
- None of the passengers in the vehicle sustained any injuries in the crash.
- If the vehicle has air bags, the air bags did not deploy during the crash and
- There is no visible damage to the car seat.

Never use a car seat that has been involved in a moderate to severe crash. Always follow manufacturer's instructions. There are many sources in Minnesota for information about car seats, but I found all this on the NHTSA site at <http://www.safercar.gov/parents/GetHelp.htm>.

Visit www.buckleup-kids.mn.gov to find a car seat check near you to have an expert help you install your child car seat(s) correctly.

Make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly belted at all times, on all trips. Thanks for asking.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE NIGHT

Documentary Movie Night is back on the last Monday of the month at International Falls Public Library. At 6:30 p.m. Monday at Backus Auditorium, "A Place at the Table." co-sponsored with the Falls Hunger Coalition, will be shown. As it is reported 50 million Americans – one in four children — don't know where their next meal is coming from, participants may learn how the issue of hunger in America could be solved forever once it is decided that ending hunger is in the best interest of everyone. Discussion and refreshments will follow the movie, which is about 90 minutes in length.

PHOTO SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for photo submissions in the monthly International Falls Public Library's Pictures and Pens contest is Monday. The writing photographers are asked to provide an illustration for can be found at <http://ifallslibrary.blogspot.com>. Submit up to two 8x10 photos to the library or digital images in high enough quality to print an 8x10 to dadams@arrowhead.lib.mn.us.

AFTER LOSS GROUP

The After Loss Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Almost Lindy's. Meet at 5 at City Drug to carpool.

CRAFT VENDORS

The Big Falls CERC is looking for craft vendors and artists interested in participating in the Nov. 16 Craft Fair. Spaces are limited. Call Kelly at 218-966-8802.

GARDEN CLUB

Koochiching Men's Garden Club will meet for the annual election gathering Tuesday at AmericInn. Happy hour begins at 6 p.m. with meeting at 7. Spouses or guests are welcome. Speaker to be announced.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Falls High School teachers will be available for parent-teacher conferences from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Stop in the office upon arrival to pick up information.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Backus Community Market, 9 a.m.-noon, Backus/AB Third Street parking lot.
- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard's.
- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; Roast Pork Supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- Top the Tater dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Chris Koza "Rogue Valley" concert, 7 p.m., Backus Community Center Auditorium.
- Ghosts of Voyageurs program, 7 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

SUNDAY

- Open Discussion, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- Falls Trap Club, skeet shooting, 1 p.m., Moonlight Rock Road.
- Healing Service, 6:30 p.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- Sunday Night Into Action Group, Step and Tradition Study, (bring Big Book and Twelve by Twelve), 7:30-9 p.m., Borderland Alano Club.

MONDAY

- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Community Band, 4 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Rainy Rustic Riders Vintage Snowmobile Club, 7 p.m., Thunderbird Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Borderland Substance Abuse Court Alumni Recovery support group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous, "How It Works" step gathering, 7:30-9 p.m., Alanon Club.

TUESDAY

- St. Paul Lutheran Church men, 8:30 a.m., Lenard's.
- Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus present and former employees, 9 a.m., Lenard's.
- Boise Cascade retirees and former employees – paper test, beater room and ChemLab, 9 a.m., Grandma's Pantry, Ranier.
- Koochiching County Board of Commissioners, 9:30 a.m.; Committee on Budget, 10, Koochiching County Courthouse.
- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary, 10 a.m., hospital campus, meeting room.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church

(283-3739, 283-8540).

- Craft Night, 3:30-7:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Parent Involvement Committee, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Falls Elementary School library.
- TOPS MN34, 5 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Life Skills Group for Teen Boys, 5-6 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office (285-7220).
- Women's Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- After Loss Group, 5:30 p.m., Almost Lindy's; carpool, 5, City Drug.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Sloppy Joes Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Greater International Falls Jaycees, 6 p.m., AmericInn.
- Koochiching Men's Garden Club, 6 p.m., happy hour; 7, meeting, AmericInn.
- Microsoft Word Course, 6-8 p.m., Falls High School, Room 218.
- Life Skills Group for Teen Girls, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office (285-7220).
- Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Littlefork Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9641 and Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Post Home.
- International Early Iron Car Club, 7 p.m., (Leon, 283-9773; Sandy, 807-274-2345).
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- A.A./N.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- BigBook Study, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.
- Non-smoking Alcoholics Anonymous Group, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

WEDNESDAY

- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Wednesday Study Group, 10:30 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- Falls High School Class of 1963, 11:30 a.m., AmericInn.
- Test of emergency sirens — 1 p.m., International Falls; 2, Fort Frances.
- Backus Community Market, 4-6:30 p.m., Backus/AB Third Street parking lot.
- Sunbeams and Girl Guards, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Free At Last, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Forestland Annex, lower level conference room.
- Community Band, 5 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Parent-teacher conferences, 5-8 p.m., Falls High School.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., wild rice meatballs, taters and gravy.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King's Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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