

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Train-rail safety

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Minnesota State Patrol

Q: In my defensive driving class recently, the instructor talked about trains and rail safety, and I thought this would be a good topic for you to inform the public about. Thanks!

A: I have responded to a few of these types of crashes during my career and they can bring a lot of unnecessary misery for sure. Collisions with trains are mostly preventable. Car driver inattention and impatience are cited as the most common factors contributing to motor vehicle/train crashes.

In the recent past, our partners at the Minnesota Department of Transportation have worked to share the following general rail safety tips with the public to make sure they are not in the way of a train:

Motorists should always stop their vehicle when crossing gates are down or lights are flashing; wait for the crossing gates to rise and lights to stop flashing; look both

ways, listen and proceed with caution.

Also, motorists need to obey all signs and signals at railroad crossings and never stop their car on railroad tracks; always keep their car behind the white lines when approaching an intersection at railroad tracks.

Motorists and passenger should get out of the car immediately if it stalls while crossing the tracks, then call 911 or the emergency notification number located on the railroad signal equipment. If a train is coming, abandon the car. Proceed quickly towards the train at a 45-degree angle, so that if the train strikes your car, you will be safe from flying debris.

Bicyclists and pedestrians should always look both ways before crossing railroad tracks, cross only in designated areas and avoid crossing when gates are down. They should be aware that trains may operate any time throughout the day and night in either direction, and please know that walking on the railroad tracks is illegal.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Moose Lodge events — 126th Anniversary of the Order – Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; Mary Johnson’s Special Party.
- Open Gym, free, 3-5 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Birchdale Church-hosted Swedish Meatballs Supper, 4-7 p.m., Birchdale Hall.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

SUNDAY

- American Legion Post 66 serving breakfast, 8-11 a.m., VFW Post.
- Open Discussion, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- Ranier Recreation Club-hosted Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m., Ranier Community Building.
- 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

- North Koochiching Area Sanitary District Board, 8 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Retired Minnesota, Dakota and Western Railroad employees, 8:30 a.m., Chocolate Moose Restaurant.
- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Red Hattitude Kats, 1 p.m., Lenard’s.
- Junior Broncos Introduction to Swimming and Diving, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Falls High School pool.
- After School Arts – KinderArt, 3:45-5 p.m., Backus, Room 205.
- 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.
- Post Secondary Enrollment Options informational gathering, 5:30 p.m., Rainy River Community College library.
- Texas Hold ‘Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- 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

- Water Testing, 8 a.m.-noon, Koochiching County Health Department.
- Boise Cascade retired welders and pipefitters, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- WIC Clinic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Koochiching County Board of Commissioners, 9:30 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse.
- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 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.
- Koochiching County Housing and

- Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors, 12:30 p.m., Lenard’s.
- Low or No Vision support group, 1:30 p.m., River’s Edge Villa.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).
- Crafty Science, 3-7:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Junior Broncos Introduction to Swimming and Diving, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Falls High School pool.
- TOPS MN34, 5 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Women’s Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., Spanish rice, fruit, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner’s Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Perogies and meatballs supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- I Falls Partners in Education, 6-7 p.m., Falls Elementary School library.
- Cradle Cafe, breastfeeding support group, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- Voyageurs National Park Ranger presentation, 6:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Women’s Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- International Voyageur Snowmobile Club, 7 p.m., Almost Lindy’s, banquet room.
- Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Trails End Chapter, 7 p.m, Elks Club.
- Garden Girls, 7 p.m., Northwoods Assisted Living.
- Texas Hold ‘Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- A.A./N.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- Adult mixed volleyball, 7-9 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Hall.
- “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

- Retired Boise Cascade electricians, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Wednesday Study Group, 10:15 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- Junior Broncos Introduction to Swimming and Diving, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Falls High School pool.
- 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.
- International Falls Recreation Commission Board, 5:45 p.m., city council chambers.
- Men’s Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., Swiss steak and mashed taters.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King’s Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club, 7 p.m., Americlnn.
- Texas Hold ‘Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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FUNDRAISING DINNER

A dinner to raise funds for Karsyn Wendt, daughter of Ken and Sheila Wendt, who will travel around the world with Up with People, is set for 5 to 8 p.m. April 26 at Littlefork Lutheran Church, 1210 Sixth Ave., Littlefork.

VNP RANGER AT LIBRARY

Voyageurs National Park Ranger at International Falls Public Library is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. The public is welcome to explore the world of animal adaptation. For ages 5 and up.

BCEC ANNUAL GATHERING

BCEC annual gathering is planned for Thursday at CIO Union Hall. Social hour is at 5 p.m., with supper at 6.

INTRO TO SWIMMING, DIVING

Junior Broncos Introduction to Swimming and Diving is planned for 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, April 14-25, at Falls High School pool. For grades 4 and up. Cost is \$35. Call 283-2571, ext. 186, for more information.

POLICE REPORT

International Falls Police Department

Vehicle tampering: Joseph F. Beitel, First Avenue West, reported April 1 that the lug nuts on his vehicle had been loosened while his vehicle was parked in his driveway.

Burglary:Christopher A. Worley, Ninth Street, reported March 30 that the door hasp to his garage had been broken and three car stereos and a set of small speakers taken.

Koochiching County Sheriff's Office

Burglary: Kitty L. Hall, International Falls, reported March 30 the door to a storage unit on County Road 24 was pried open, causing damage to the door, but nothing appeared taken.

Hit-and-run: Rana K. Thydean, County Road 78, Littlefork, reported March 30 that her vehicle sustained less than \$1,000 damage when it was struck by a vehicle that left the scene at McPherson Street and Seventh Avenue.

Celebrate Easter with us at our house.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH 2014



Call to reserve your seat at one of our designated seating times of 10:00 a.m., noon or 2:00 p.m.

Easter Buffet

• Scrambled Eggs • Sausages • American Fries • Assorted Muffins • Fruit
• Chef Carved Ham and Roast Beef • Mashed Potato with Gravy
• Honey Glazed Carrots • Sweet Corn • Perogie Casserole • Lasagna
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