

# COMMUNITYNEWS

## Jury duty scam courts new victims

BBB STAFF REPORT

Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota warns the public about a jury duty scam which, regrettably, never goes out of style. Though most adults are aware they may be called for jury duty, not everyone is familiar with the bureaucracy surrounding this process; the exact manner in which people are summoned for jury duty. People also know that jury duty is both a civic duty and mandatory. Scammers, meanwhile, look to profit off situations where uncertainty exists.

“The jury duty scam is just clever enough to pay dividends for fraudsters,” said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota. “Our hope is that by spreading the word about this scheme it will reduce the pool of people who might get hooked by it.”

*How the jury duty scam works:*

Scammers contact you, claiming you’ve missed jury duty. The calls or messages threaten people with arrest or jail time if they don’t pay the fine for “missing” jury duty. Scammers will then seek personal information such as bank account or credit card numbers – even Social Security numbers. BBB advises the public that if you get a call from someone who claims to be a court official and asks for sensitive personal information or demands a payment, it’s a scam.

In Minnesota, jury duty notices/summonses are sent through the mail. Though Minnesota law requires people to serve on jury duty, if qualified, nobody will call

you – or email or text – demanding payment for missing jury duty.

*BBB Tips to avoid the jury duty scam:*

Don’t let scammers pressure you. If you get a call from alleged court officials asking for financial information, end the phone call and report the scam to BBB and your county’s jury office.

Be aware that scammers can mask their identity. Scammers have the ability to use software to disguise how they appear on your caller ID. So while calls might appear to be from your local courthouse, it could be a fraudster on the other end of the line.

Guard your personal information. Giving out sensitive personal or financial information over the phone is always a bad idea – don’t do it.

Have questions about the process? If you did indeed miss jury duty, you will be sent a notification in the mail. However, if you have any doubt that a mailing is legitimate, contact your county courthouse.

For the latest consumer news, fraud alerts and free BBB Business Reviews, visit bbb.org.

*The mission of Better Business Bureau is to be the leader in building marketplace trust by promoting, through self-regulation, the highest standards of business ethics and conduct, and to instill confidence in responsible businesses through programs of education and action that inform, assist and protect the general public. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact BBB at bbb.org or 651-699-1111, toll-free at 1-800-646-6222.*

## BORDERLAND BRIEFS

### AARP TAX PREPARATION

AARP tax preparers are moving to Backus Community Center, Rooms 208 and 209, this year. Appointments made by calling 283-5236 beginning the afternoon of Jan. 20.

### CLASS OF 1965 GIRLS

Falls High School Class of 1965 Girls will meet for lunch at noon Wednesday at Coffee Landing Cafe.

### VFW AUXILIARY

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Post Home dining room. A light lunch will follow the meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

### CLASS OF 1962

Falls High School Class of 1962 will meet for lunch at 11:43 a.m. Wednesday at Voyageur Restaurant.

### WELCOME 2015 PARTY

A Welcome 2015 Party is planned for Wednesday at Koochiching County Senior Center, 307 Fourth St. Music by Old Timer Don and Friends will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served at noon. For reservations, call 283-3460 by noon Tuesday.

## LOTTERY

<b>Wednesday’s Daily 3</b> 8, 2, 4	<b>Saturday’s Mega Millions</b> 12, 20, 27, 38, 75
<b>Wednesday’s Northstar Cash</b> 1, 2, 7, 15, 19	<b>Mega Ball</b> 4
<b>Wednesday’s Gopher 5</b> 1, 7, 25, 32, 42	<b>Wednesday’s Powerball</b> 14, 15, 47, 49, 59
<b>Wednesday’s Hot Lotto</b> 8, 13, 23, 31, 41	<b>Powerball</b> 10
<b>Hot Ball</b> 14	

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

- Bingo, 1 p.m.; District Legion, 1; Tom and Tara’s Surprise Dinner, Moose Lodge.
- Grandpa Magic entertainment, 2 p.m., Backus Community Center, dining room.
- Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

### SUNDAY

- American Legion Post 66 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary-hosted breakfast, 8-11 a.m., VFW Club.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Open, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- OverEaters Anonymous support group, 4 p.m., Evolve Fitness Center, 1301 Third St. (No fees/dues).
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.

### 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.
- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Women’s Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Borealis Bards, Children’s Drama Club, 4:30-6 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 201.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Texas Hold ‘Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women’s Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Narcotics Anonymous, “How It Works” step gathering, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

### TUESDAY

- Water Testing, 8 a.m.-noon, Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- Koochiching Development Authority, 9:30 a.m.; Koochiching County Board of Commissioners following, Koochiching County Courthouse.
- Women of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 9:30 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Bone Builders, 10-11:30 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.
- Flu and Immunizations, 1-5:30 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).
- TOPS MN34, 5-5:30 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., turkey gravy over biscuits, hash rounds, peas and carrots, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner’s Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Steak Sandwiches Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Women’s Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Peter Graham Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 and Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Post Home.
- Texas Hold ‘Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.
- “Celebrate Recovery,” 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

### WEDNESDAY

- Recycling curbside collection, 8 a.m., International Falls, Shorewood Drive and areas south of 11th Street and east of Highway 53; Ranier and lake district, east on Highway 11 to Almost Lindy’s.
- WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- Boise Cascade Machinists Union Local 760 retirees, 9 a.m., Lenard’s.
- Flu and Immunizations, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center 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.
- Welcome 2015 Party, 10:30 a.m.-noon, musical entertainment; noon, lunch, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Falls High School Class of 1962, 11:43 a.m., Voyageur Restaurant.
- Falls High School Class of 1965 Girls, noon, Coffee Landing Cafe.
- International Falls Public Library Board of Trustees, 4:30 p.m., library.
- Girl Guards, Sunbeams and Adventure Corps, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Free At Last, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Forestland Annex, lower level conference room.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 5:30-8 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Men’s Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., ribeye steak dinner.
- Little Lambs (3 years to kindergarten) and King’s Kids (1st-5th grades), Youth Group (6th grade-up), 6:30-7:30 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- American Legion Post 66, 7 p.m., VFW Club.
- Women of the Moose, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

## POLICE REPORT

### Minnesota State Patrol

**Rollover:** A southbound vehicle driven by Patrick N. Younds, 21, Marshalltown, Iowa, spun out Tuesday at Gamma Road and U.S. Highway 53, entered the ditch and rolled multiple times before stopping, according to the report. Younds suffered non-life threatening injury, the report said.

**International Falls Police Department**  
*Collision:* Vehicles driven

by Ronald L. Olson, 74, 11th Avenue, and Mark D. Nelson, 57, Chicago, Ill., collided Tuesday at Fifth Avenue West and Fifth Street causing more than \$1,000 damage.

*Collision:* Vehicles driven by David J. Jalbert, 42, Fifth Avenue, and Sandra K. Anderson, 62, Fifth Avenue, collided Tuesday on Third Street causing more than \$1,000 damage.

*Collision:* Vehicles driven by Mitchell Kapla, 16,

Third Avenue East, and Cienna Helderman, 17, Riverside Drive, collided at 11th Avenue and 15th Street causing more than \$1,000 damage.

*Arrest:* Nichole S. Austin, 35, was arrested Monday on a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension warrant from Missouri at an Eighth Street residence without incident. She was wanted by the Marshall’s Office on a criminal sexual charge.

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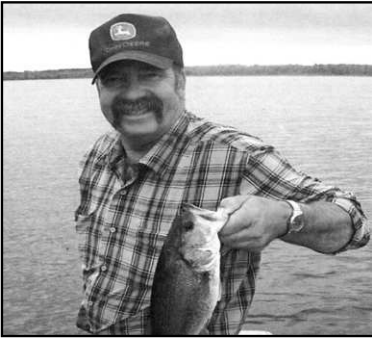
## NOTICE OF COUNTY TIMBER AUCTION SALE ON KOOCHICHING COUNTY TAX-FORFEITED LANDS

INTERMEDIATE AUCTION SALE  
10:00 AM  
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

REGULAR AUCTION SALE  
Immediately following Intermediate Auction  
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

RAINY RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE THEATER  
Int’l Falls, MN

Complete information may be obtained from the Land and Forestry Office located in the Courthouse in Int’l Falls, and from County Land and Forestry Offices in Littlefork, Big Falls and Northome.



**Scott Alleman’s Road to Recovery has been set up at**  
**http://www.gofundme.com/jfwa1c**

He has just undergone his 3rd surgery in 4 years to have another brain tumor removed and will be going to Mayo to start 6 weeks of Radiation. This tumor is now being graded at 3 which is Cancer. Asking for the publics help. Scott has lost his short term memory and is still having difficulty speaking. He is in constant pain and this is taking a financial toll on his family. His house is heated with fire wood and we are asking for any donations of firewood or money to help with anything his family is struggling with.

You can make donations to the link or send to:

**Scott’s Road to Recovery**  
**P.O. Box 345**

**South Int’l Falls, MN. 56679**

**Thank you in advance from the Alleman Family!**

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# Fireworks!!

*Under the Winter Sky*  
**See You There - SATURDAY EVENING**  
**JAN. 17 ABOUT 6 P.M.**  
**3rd Street - Smokey Bear Park Area**  
**See What’s Happening: www.freezebergizzardrun.com**  
**Call the Chamber of Commerce, 283-9400 for more info.**  
**THANK YOU CITY OF INT’L FALLS!!**