

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Driving questions

BY SGT. CURT S. MOWERS
Minnesota State Patrol

Q.: I watch my neighbors almost every day pull up to their mailboxes on the shoulder. The road has a shoulder, but traffic still has to move over to center line. It looks very unsafe. I have watched traffic flash their lights and honk their horns, but they keep doing it. What is the rule of the road in this case? I know it would be a lot safer if they just pulled into their driveway and walked to the mailbox, but that doesn't work in a "me-me" society. Note: they pull into the oncoming shoulder.

Also, while driving home the other night, a car was turning left into a driveway. I was the third car behind the turning car. I slowed and moved a little onto the shoulder. The two cars in front of me passed on the right of the turning car. The truck that was behind me could not get pass me and was livid! Honking and yelling and flying the bird. I felt bad to slow him down but I know better than to pass on the right. Was I in the right to block shoulder of

the road?

Thank you.

A.: You can't lawfully drive over the center line (the wrong direction) for any reason except to make a safe and legal pass. If there is a crash, there is going to be trouble, for sure. It would be a lot safer (though technically not legal) if it was on a dead end road out in the middle of nowhere, or on a cul-de-sac or similar, but we see this being done on hills and in no-passing zones!

For the passing on the right part of your question, you can be over to the right of your lane, but if you are stopped and are parked on or over the white fog line (marking the shoulder), then you could be liable if in a crash. Worse yet, you could get hit and injured or killed (along with someone else). We advise not to do that. Passing on the right is against the law unless there is a lane provide — like a bypass lane — or if you are driving on a multi-laned highway. A driver can never use the shoulder of a road (paved or unpaved) or a turn lane for passing on the right. It is safe, and not legal, so we are asking drivers not to do that.

Thanks for the questions.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

COOKING CLASS

Passport to Cooking Lefse is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday at Backus Community Center with chefs James and Lisa Shipley. Cost is \$25 per person. Stop by Backus or call 285-7225 to register by Tuesday.

ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

The Galactic Cowboy Orchestra performs in concert at 7 tonight at Backus Community Center Auditorium. This is the final concert in the 2013-14 Backus Performing Arts Series. Tickets are available at the door – adult, \$12; student, \$6; and family, \$25. Admission also with a Backus Arts Series season ticket.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

The Women of the Moose will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the clubrooms. An election of officers will be conducted, followed by a brief meeting. The chapter's 93rd birthday will be celebrated. All senior regents will be honored.

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POWERBALL
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CALENDAR

TODAY

- Moose Lodge events — Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; ribeyes supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.
- Backus Performing Arts Series, Galactic Cowboy Orchestra, 7 p.m., Backus Auditorium.

SUNDAY

- American Legion Post 66 serving breakfast, 8-11 a.m., VFW Post.
- Open Discussion, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- 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

- 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 Hat Loon-a-Ticks, noon, Lenard's.
- Red Hattitude Kats, 1 p.m., Lenard's.
- Community Band, 4 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- After School Arts – Life Drawing, 4-6 p.m., Backus, Room 205.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- MooseRiders, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- After School Arts – Intro to Architecture, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Backus, Room 205.
- 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.
- 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.
- Congress Comes to You — 10 a.m.-noon, International Falls City Hall, council chambers; 1-3 p.m., Littlefork City Hall.
- 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.
- Welcome Spring Party, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Borderland Pioneers entertainment; noon, lunch, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Salvation Army Advisory Council, noon, Salvation Army building.
- Koochiching County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners, 12:30 p.m., HRA office, Northome.
- Falls High School Class of 1948, 1 p.m.,

- Lenard's.
- Health Screening, 1-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).
- Crafty Science, 3-7:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Economic Development Authority Commission, 5 p.m., City Hall.
- 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., taco skillet dinner, refried beans, fruit, 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.
- Borealis Bards, 6:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Nominations committee, 6:30 p.m.; House, 7; Lodge, 7:30; Legion, 8, Moose Lodge.
- Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- 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

- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission, 8 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse, Commissioners' Boardroom.
- Recycling curbside collection, 8 a.m., north of 11th Street and west of Highway 53 (includes Terrace Lane).
- Retired Boise Cascade Papermakers Local 159, 9 a.m., Lenard's.
- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
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- 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.
- After School Arts – Theater Games, 4-5:30 p.m., Backus, Room 101.
- 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.
- Women of the Moose, 6 p.m., clubrooms.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., ribeyes, baked potatoes and trimmings.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King's Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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Room 103 in International Falls

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Gladys Bacon, who left us one year ago, March 25.

*M is for the Many things she gave us
O is Only that she was growing old
T is for the Tears she often shed for us
H is for her Heart as pure as gold
E is for her Eyes that shone so brightly
R is for the many Riches she gave to us
Put them altogether they spell MOTHER,
The dearest one in all the world to us.
May she rest in peace.*

Sadly missed by
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