

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Animals at large

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Q.: My neighbor has cattle and horses, and it seems like they are always getting out of their fences and many times out onto the road. In fact, a couple times, he has had them hit by cars. Isn't there some kind of law requiring animals to be kept a little more secure than that? Can he get into trouble with the law or get sued?

A.: Yes, there are laws, and yes, a person could get into trouble. I am sure a person also could get sued civilly by someone who was injured or sustained loss because of an incident like this. M.S.S. 346.16 says that: "It shall be unlawful for any owner or any person having the control of any such animal to permit the same to run at large in the state." There are other laws that could apply, but that one seems to fit what you are talking about more directly.

During my many years as a State Patrol trooper, I have seen a lot of farm animals on the roadway, and many people have been seriously injured or

killed hitting them. Some fences get in disarray and ill repair to the point that the animals get out once in a while. We are always getting calls on this, many times in the middle of the night. As far as I know, most police agencies are good about helping get the animal off the roadway and to the rightful owner before the animal(s) get hit. Also, they usually do this without taking enforcement action. However, I believe that repeated offenses would surely warrant enforcement action, especially if an officer knows there is a history of animals (being at large) involving the same farm animal owner.

We all need to work together and do our part to prevent these needless tragedies and make our roadways safer for everyone. If anyone reading this knows of this happening, you need to let law enforcement know as soon as possible, so they can at least talk with the owner. They probably already know about it if it's a chronic issue in that location. All animal fencing should be kept in adequate condition and maintained as often as necessary.

Thanks for asking.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

CLASS OF 1974

Falls High School Class of 1974 will gather at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Elks Club to begin planning the 40-year class reunion. Classmates interested in helping plan the event scheduled for July 5 at Thunderbird Lodge are encouraged to attend. Visit Facebook at International Falls Class of 1974 Reunion.

VNP HOURS

New winter hours at Voyageurs National Park's Rainy Lake Visitor Center begin Sunday. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, Feb. 2-March 30. Voyageurs National Park Association is providing financial support for the new hours.

EDA COMMISSION

A special Economic Development Authority Commission meeting is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall for the purpose of discussing refinancing the bonds for the Voyageurs National Park headquarters project.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Guided Snowshoe Hike, 2-3:30 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center.
- Open Gym, free, 3-5 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- 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.
- Women of the Moose, 1 p.m., clubrooms.
- 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.
- International Falls City Council, 4:30 p.m., Falls Municipal Building, council chambers.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- International Falls Lions Club, 6 p.m., Lenard's.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Indus Recreation Association, 7 p.m., Indus School library.
- 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.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church men, 8:30 a.m., Lenard's.
- Boise Cascade retirees and former employees – paper test, beater room and ChemLab, 9 a.m., Grandma's Pantry.
- Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus present and former employees, 9 a.m., Lenard's.
- Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary, 10 a.m., hospital campus, meeting room.
- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, 10-10:45 a.m., Rainy Lake Medical Center, clinic campus.
- 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.
- 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., baked honey mustard chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Greater International Falls Jaycees, 6 p.m., Americlenn.
- Falls High School Class of 1974, 40-year reunion planning gathering, 6:30 p.m., Elks Club.
- 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.
- Koochiching Men's Garden Club, 7 p.m., Hampton Court (Orin Simon, host).
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- International Early Iron Car Club, 7 p.m. (Leon, 283-9773; Sandy, 807-274-2345).
- 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

- 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.
- Falls High School Class of 1963, 11:30 a.m., Lenard's.
- Test of emergency sirens – 1 p.m., International Falls; 2, Fort Frances.
- 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.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., Ribeyes.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King's Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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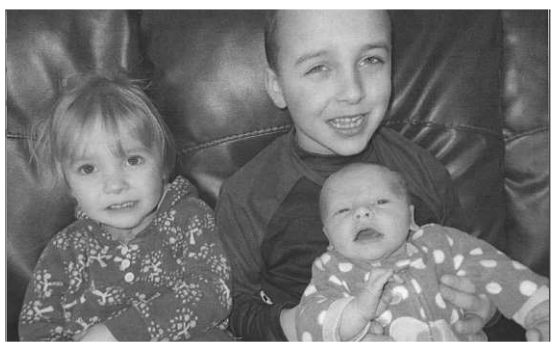
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