

COMMUNITYNEWS

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

VETERANS VAN USE

A notice to all Koochiching County veterans that use the County Van transportation for VA appointments — due to the changeover of veterans service officers, call Candance Ritch at 283-1179 in advance to utilize the van services.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

A retirement celebration for Kathy Sikkila, outgoing Koochiching County Veterans Service Officer, is planned for 3 to 4:30 p.m. Monday at Koochiching County Courthouse in the third floor conference room. County veterans are encouraged to attend.

BAKE SALE

A bake sale is planned for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Littlefork VFW. Homemade baked goods and lefse will be available. Everyone is welcome.

NO BINGO

St. Thomas Catholic School-sponsored Bingo is canceled for Thanksgiving Thursday.

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

The monthly documentary movie is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday at Backus Auditorium. International Falls Public Library will present the film, “We Are Not Ghosts,” which interviews and documents the vision and changes of Detroit residents as they seek to rebuild and revitalize their communities.

FILL THE AMBULANCE EVENT

International Falls Fire/Rescue/EMS and International Falls Police Department are sponsoring a Fill The Ambulance event from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at Country Market, and again from 10 to 6 Dec. 14 at SuperOne Foods. All gifts received will be donated to The Salvation Army. Unwrapped toys, new child and teen clothing and non-perishable food items will be accepted.

NDSU REPRESENTATIVE

A representative from the Office of Admission at North Dakota State University will be at Falls High School at 9 a.m. Dec. 5. The representative will help high school students learn about earning a degree from NDSU. Information will be shared about academic programs, how students can get involved through nearly 300 student organizations and how the NDSU experience can help prepare them for career and life. For more information, visit www.ndsu.edu.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Borderland Humane Society will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at River’s Edge Villa.

LOTTERY

WEDNESDAY’S DAILY 3
0, 9, 2

WEDNESDAY’S NORTHSTAR CASH
11, 12, 15, 18, 25

WEDNESDAY’S GOPHER 5
2, 7, 13, 43, 46

WEDNESDAY’S HOT LOTTO
11, 12, 19, 30, 40

HOT BALL
2

SATURDAY’S MEGA MILLIONS
14, 15, 29, 49, 63

MEGA BALL
2

WEDNESDAY’S POWERBALL
4, 18, 23, 32, 45

POWERBALL
7

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Bake sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Littlefork VFW.
- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard’s.
- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; sausage and potatoes supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

SUNDAY

- 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

- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission, 8 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse, commissioners’ boardroom.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Outgoing Koochiching County Veterans Service Officer Kathy Sikkila retirement celebration, 3-4:30 p.m., Koochiching County Courthouse, third floor conference room.
- Community Band, 4 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Life Support Group for Teen Boys, 4:45-5:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office (285-7220).
- Women’s Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Borderland Humane Society, 6 p.m., River’s Edge Villa.
- 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

- Water Testing, 8 a.m.-noon, Koochiching County Health Department.
- 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.
- 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.
- Salvation Army Advisory Council, noon, Salvation Army building.
- Health Clinic, 1-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).
- Craft Night, 3:30-7:30 p.m., International Falls Public 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.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., tuna casserole, dinner rolls, fruit, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner’s Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Community Education Microsoft Advanced Excel 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.
- 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

- Recycled 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.
- 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.
- East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board, 11 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- 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., Pizza and Salad.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King’s Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Women of the Moose, 7 p.m., clubroom.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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ASK A TROOPER

The use of lights and sirens during emergencies

BY CURT S. MOWERS
Minnesota State Patrol

Q. Recently, I pulled over for a trooper who was coming up fast from behind traffic. The red lights were on and I could hear the siren. After he passed the traffic, I could see way up ahead that he turned his lights off (and siren) and

within a minute or so he pulled into a gas station pump on the other side of the road. Can troopers or other officers use their red lights and siren just to get to a gas station (or wherever)?

A. No, they can’t, and I am sure that is not what happened in that case. What you described actually happens often – we


get called to an incident or event only to have it canceled on the way there. It’s easy to see why you think that it was a misconduct of some type, but I assure you that it was not.

An exaggerated case like this happened to me and another trooper several years ago. We were just stopping for dinner before our evening got any busier, as it

was snowing. We received a call to a crash on a highway in the next county. Of course, we responded immediately (red lights and siren). We could not locate the crash and determined it was just a vehicle in the ditch. Whoever when in the vehicle got out and left, as is often the case in the winter. We decided to go into the nearest café and quick have

our dinner then.

As we were sitting there, an elderly female came in and started yelling and pointing at us, and making a big scene. I am sure she thought the same as you did, and was making sure everyone in there heard her yelling at us, and why. She then left without us being able to explain what happened.



FILL THE AMBULANCE

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Help us fill a Ambulance with new unwrapped toys, new child and teen clothing, and non-perishable food items.

County Market	Super One
November 29	December 14
6 am to 4 pm	10 am to 6 pm

All gifts received will be donated to the salvation army



HOT WATER WARDEN

Keeps a watchful eye on water heating costs.

Free kits containing energy-saving showerheads and faucet aerators help you save on your home's water heating costs. To request your kit call 877-831-6050 or visit minnesotaenergyresources.com/freetkit. *It's Worth The Energy!*



Entertaining with Wine

Food and Wine Pairing Class

November 26th

With Scott Lindman of Paustis Wine

From 6-8pm

Food and Wine are included

\$15 per person

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Space is limited



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Main Street
Int'l Falls
283-4000