COMMUNITY NEWS

Preliminary work on Highway 2 begins

MNDOT REPORT

Preliminary work to construct new passing and turning lanes on Highway 2 between Cass Lake and Deer River began this week, kicking off a $9.8 million dollar Corridors of Commerce project that will improve one of the major thoroughfares in northern Minnesota.

Work this fall includes grading, tree clearing and surveying activities. Some of this work may have minor, short-term impacts to traffic. Motorists are advised to use caution in work zones and obey all posted signs.

In 2015, work will proceed to construction of the passing lanes and turning lanes. Periodic lane shifts and closures will be present, requiring flaggers and pilot cars.

When complete, the project will provide a safer roadway with improved passing opportunities and more turn lanes.

Enacted during the 2013 legislative session, the $330 million Corridors of Commerce program is intended to increase highway capacity on areas where bottlenecks occur, improve freight movement and reduce barriers to commerce.

For more information, see www.mndot.gov/corridorsofcommerce/.

For project information, see www.mndot.gov/d2/projects/hwy2passinglanes/index.html.

For statewide travel information, visit www.511mn.org.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

TOP THE TATER DINNER

Top the Tater dinner is scheduled for 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Backus Community Center. $6 per person includes baked potato, toppings, salad, dessert and beverage. The dinner precedes Border Concert Association Tony DeSare Trio, "My Generation" concert at 7 at Backus Auditorium. Dinner ticket value packs are available for sale at the door. Dinners available "to go." Call Backus at 285-7225 for information.

'GREAT DECISIONS' GROUP

The community group "Great Decisions" of citizen education and discussion programs about foreign policy issues will meet from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at International Falls Public llibrary in the lower level meeting room. Topic will be "Israel and the U.S.," with Leanne and Bob Crompton facilitating. If a group of students or individuals plan to attend, contact Diane Adams at the library or Sue Nordquist at 283-8687. Information will be provided if notified in advance.

HOLIDAY PREVIEW

Holiday Preview at Faith United Church is planned for Nov. 8. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with brunch at 11. Program will feature holiday fashion ideas and table décor, as well as a holiday bake sale and gift table.

BORDER CONCERT BUS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars-sponsored bus to the Border Concert scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Backus Auditorium, Tony DeSare Trio, will pick up at the following times: Hampton Court, 6:05; West Falls Estates and Robb-Ross, 6:10; River's Edge Villa, 6:15; and Woodland, 6:20.

POLICE REPORT

Koochiching County Sheriff's Office

Fire: The Littlefork Fire Department and deputies responded Wednesday to fire at a house owned by Seth R. Almquist, Eighth Avenue, Littlefork. According to the report, the fire was extinguished by the department and was the result of a short in an electrical panel. Damage was estimated at $2,500 to $3,000.

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CALENDAR

TODAY

- Northland Art Society workshop, Beginners Clay with Jim Reid, 10 a.m-4 p.m., Backus Community Center, Art Room 114.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Moose Lodge events – Bingo, 1 p.m.; cornish game hen supper, 6; 7 Generations Finale (reservations, 283-3615).
- Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous Open, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- 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.
- Sing and Play, 9-10 a.m., Ranier Community Center.
- 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.
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers class, 1-3:30 p.m., Forestland Annex.
- International Falls City Council, 4:30 p.m., Falls Municipal Building, council chambers.
- Borealis Bards, Children's Drama Club, 4:30-6 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 205.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- International Falls Lions Club, 6 p.m., Lenard's.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Indus Recreation Association, 7 p.m., Indus School library.
- 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.
- 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.
- WIC Clinic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- Koochiching County Board of Commissioners, 9:30 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse.
- 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.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).
- "Great Decisions," 4-5:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library, lower level meeting room.
- TOPS MN34, 5 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Flu clinic, 5-6 p.m., Big Falls Community Center.
- Top the Tater dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Women's Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., Top the Tater supper — baked potato with toppings, tossed salad, cookie, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Liz' Turkey Noodle Soup Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Greater International Falls Jaycees, 6 p.m., AmericInn.
- Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Border Concert, Tony DeSare Trio, 7 p.m., Backus Auditorium.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Koochiching Men's Garden Club, 7 p.m., Hampton Court (Tom Sakry, host).
- Littlefork Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9641 and Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Post Home.
- International Early Iron Car Club, 7 p.m.; Leon, 283-9773/ Sandy, 807-274-2345.
- 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

- Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary, 10 a.m., hospital campus, meeting room.
- 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.
- Falls High School Class of 1963, 11:30 a.m., Lenard's.
- Test of emergency sirens – 1 p.m., International Falls; 2, Fort Frances.
- 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.
- After Loss Group, 5:30 p.m., Margarita's Mexican Grill.
- 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., wild rice meatballs.
- Little Lambs (3 years to kindergarten) and King's Kids (1-5th grades), Youth Group (6th grade-up), 6:30-7:30 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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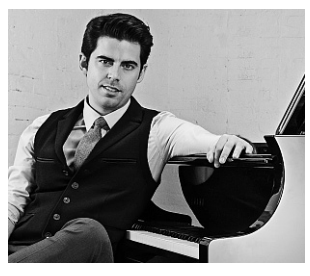
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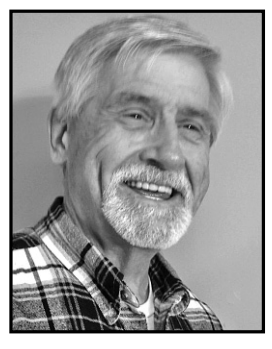
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