

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Why do bridge decks freeze faster?

Q: Why do bridge decks freeze up faster than the rest of the roadway?

A: Bridges are made of steel and concrete which conduct heat well and the heat within the structure is released rapidly from all sides when temperatures drop. When the bridge loses heat while being hit with freezing wind and air from all sides, it quickly responds matching the dropping temperatures; leaving icy bridge decks. I might add that bridges, by purpose, are often built above cold spots, like rivers, adding to this quick cool system.

A road doesn't have as many avenues for the heat to escape and thus doesn't cool as fast being insulated from the earth below. Additionally, asphalt roads do not conduct heat well and the response to frigid



Sgt. Neil
DICKENSON

MINNESOTA STATE PATROL

temperature is slower.

Do not use cruise control on snow/icy/wet roads and make sure to turns those headlights on when it is snowing/sleeting/raining/ or foggy.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Neil Dickenson, Minnesota State Patrol, 1131 Mesaba Ave., Duluth, MN 55811. Or at neil.dickenson@state.mn.us.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

JOURNAL ENEWS DISTRIBUTION

The Journal's eNews starting next week will be distributed at 11 a.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays and a new Lifestyle eNews will be distributed at 11 a.m. each Friday.

KNUDSON FUND DEADLINE

The next quarterly deadline for application to the Marshall N. Knudson Family Community Fund is Jan.1. Nonprofit organizations may apply for up to \$5,000 in funds to support community needs in the International Falls area and Koochiching County. Applications are available from Randy Pozniak LTD, 213 Third St. Call 283-8148 for more information.

LIBRARY HOURS

International Falls Public Library will close at 1 p.m. Wednesday and remain closed until 10 a.m. Friday in observance of Christmas.

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

Rainy Lake Medical Center and Koochiching County Public Health will provide free childbirth classes for expectant mothers. Class will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 8, 15 and 22 at Rainy Lake Medical Center. To register or for more information, call 283-5524.

BODY ART PRESENTATION

Henna Body Art: art, history and hands-on at the International Falls Public Library is planned for 1 p.m. Monday. Participants may find out how different cultures have used henna as body decoration, where it comes from and how it's grown. Learn how to prepare the perfect batch of pure natural henna paste, application techniques and the importance of choosing natural henna. There will be opportunity to create and practice traditional designs on paper, yourself or friends. For ages 12 and up.

POLICE REPORT

Koochiching County Sheriff's Office

Burglary: Jewelry valued at about \$5,000 and \$500 cash was reported taken Tuesday from a safe at the Brian Horne residence, Town Road 397, Littlefork. According to the report, the following items were taken: Silver diamond earrings, silver diamond

heart-shaped necklace, a wedding ring, pearl earrings and a pearl necklace.

Warrant for escapee: A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Paula J. Anderson, 45, who ran on foot Tuesday from St. Cloud recovery center after leaving the building while doing chores, according to the report. She

is wanted in Koochiching County on three separate drug charges.

International Falls Police Department

Scam: Cpt. Tom Lynch said the department has received four or five calls about a telephone scam in which the caller claims to be from the FBI and asks for money to pay unpaid

taxes or a warrant for an arrest will be issued. The caller provides a telephone number to call to pay the money. Lynch urged people not to provide any information. "If you are confident there is no warrant for you in the continental United States, you can be pretty sure it's a scam," he said. The department

has attempted to trace the calls, and has contacted the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, but because the calls are usually made from another country, they cannot be traced. Questions about whether a call is a scam can be directed to the police department, he said.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard's.
- Bingo, 1 p.m.; adult Christmas party, 6, potluck and turkey Bingo, Moose Lodge.
- 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.
- Concert in The Dungeon, Community Band and Christmas laser show, 2 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- OverEaters Anonymous support group, 4 p.m., Evolve Fitness Center, 1301 Third St.(no fees/dues).
- Longest Night/Reflection Service, 7 p.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.

MONDAY

- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission, 8 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse, Commissioners' Boardroom.
- 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.
- Henna Body Art presentation, 1 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- International Falls Economic Development Authority, 5 p.m., City Hall.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- 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, 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).
- 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., baked ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, honey glazed carrots, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Guys' Boiled Dinner and Ham Salad Sandwiches Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Moose Lodge events – 7 p.m., Texas Hold 'Em; House, 7; Officers, 7:30; Lodge, 7:45, Legion, 8.
- 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.

FRIDAY

- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Serenity Sisters, Women's A.A., noon, Backus, Rational Alternatives, Room 101.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., shrimp and fries.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- For Those in Need, Addiction Recovery, 7 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1340 Keenan Drive.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

LOTTERY

Wednesday's Daily 3

9, 5, 6

Wednesday's Northstar Cash

5, 10, 25, 27, 30

Wednesday's Gopher 5

9, 36, 38, 39, 46

Wednesday's Hot Lotto

3, 5, 14, 34, 47

Hot Ball

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Saturday's Mega Millions

41, 58, 68, 72, 73

Mega Ball

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Wednesday's Powerball

22, 31, 38, 47, 48

Powerball

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