

COMMUNITYNEWS

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

JOURNAL HOURS

The Journal office will be closed Thursday due to Thanksgiving and will be open from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., will resume Monday.

VETERANS VAN USE

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

BACKUS CLOSINGS

Backus Community Center office and Backus Kids Club will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Call Backus at 285-7225 for information.

LIBRARY CLOSED

International Falls Public Library will be closed Thanksgiving Thursday and open regular hours, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 to 3 Saturday.

VFW BREAKFASTS

Beginning Sunday, American Legion Post 66 will serve breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Sundays at the VFW Post.

VFW PARADE FLOAT

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 will have a float in the ‘Twas the Lights Before Christmas parade Friday. Lineup is at 6:30 p.m., with the parade beginning at 7. VFW and Auxiliary members are encouraged to ride the float in show of support.

NO CAREGIVERS GROUP

Due to Thanksgiving Thursday, there will be no meeting of the Caring and Sharing ... A Time for Caregivers group this month.

SHOPPING, CRAFT FESTIVAL

The 10th annual Holiday Shopping and Craft Festival is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Backus Community Center. Lunch will be served from 11 to 2 by Servants of Shelter. Call Backus at 285-7225 for information.

MOVIES WITH SANTA

Free Movies with Santa will be featured Saturday at Cine 5. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. with movies beginning at 10. Features include “Arthur Christmas,” “Home for Christmas (A Golden Christmas 3)” and “Monster University.”

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

Koochiching County Senior Center, 307 Fourth St., will be closed and no meals served Friday.

LOTTERY

SUNDAY’S DAILY 3 1, 5, 8	FRIDAY’S MEGA MILLIONS 17, 23, 35, 36, 44
SUNDAY’S NORTHSTAR CASH 7, 8, 12, 18, 23	MEGA BALL 8
FRIDAY’S GOPHER 5 13, 17, 23, 26, 42	SATURDAY’S POWERBALL 5, 12, 43, 52, 55
SATURDAY’S HOT LOTTO 10, 12, 13, 20, 35	POWERBALL 10
HOT BALL 11	

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 16 edition of The Journal, in the story about the Koochiching Community Development Authority, the mayor of Mizpah should have been identified as Dave Steinhorst.

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CALENDAR

TODAY

- 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.

FRIDAY

- Backus Kids Club closed.

- Fill The Ambulance, 6 a.m.-4 p.m., Country Market.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium 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.
- Hometown Holiday Weekend events – 3:30 p.m., Cutest Holiday Pet Contest, Promenade, 4; 3:30-6:30., Mann’s old-fashioned wagon rides and community gathering, Centennial Park; 5-6:30, Visits with Santa, Elks Lodge; 5:30, sloppy joe feed, Elks Lodge; 6-6:30, lineup for holiday parade (Second Avenue, south of Falls Lumber); 7, ‘Twas the Lights Before Christmas parade; 7:30, live music, Elks Lodge.
- Elks Lodge Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., Parade Christmas Party, sloppy joes and hot dogs.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Grape Vine Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- Small Business Saturday events – 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; 10-3, Holiday Shopping and Craft Festival, 10-3 (lunch served, 11-2) Backus Community Center; 10, free movies for Kids, Cine 5 (doors open 9:30).
- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; Pasties from the Masons, 6, Restock Food Shelf for Christmas (reservations, 283-3615).
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

POLICE REPORT

Koochiching County Sheriff’s Office
Missing person: The public is asked to contact the Koochiching County Law Enforcement Center at 283-4416 if they know the whereabouts of Lonnie DeLack, 42, Littlefork, who was last seen in Littlefork Nov. 9. He is described as 6 feet tall, 170 pounds, with blue eyes and a long blonde ponytail.

International Falls Police Department
Burglary: Police are investigating a

burglary at Koerter’s Amoco, Highway 53 and 16th Street, reported Sunday. According to the report, entry was made after a brick was thrown through a window in the back of the building. Cigarettes were taken. Police continue to investigate an armed robbery that occurred there the evening of Oct. 20 when someone entered the business at about 7:15 p.m., produced a knife, demanded the money in the cash register and fled on foot. An unknown amount of money was taken.

ASK A TROOPER

Police and fire: Family employment

BY SGT. CURT S. MOWERS
Minnesota State Patrol

Q. Can married or dating couples be on the same police department or fire departments? If so, can they go on the same calls? Can they be on the same squads?

A. Yes. In fact, there are some married couples working for the State Patrol as troopers. They can and have ended up on the same calls. I am sure many other police departments around the state have couples sharing their voca-

tion as well; as a matter of fact, I know of a few. There is nothing in the law prohibiting this, but perhaps some departments have policies that dictate those kinds of issues. During my career, I have known of several married couples who are on the same fire department too, and they probably do go on the same calls for the most part, unless they take turns or something I don’t know.

If by saying, “squad” that you mean “team” or “detachment” or similar, then that also would be up to the

department’s internal regulations or policies. On a side note, I also know troopers married to city officers or deputies, and city officers married to deputies, etc.

I believe the military has had or does have some kind of rule about same family members going into the same battle or ship or something like that, so they are not all killed at the same time – which would make for a horrible tragedy for one family. That was an interesting question I had never had before, so thanks for asking.

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