

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Be prepared when stopped by an officer

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Q.: What items do police officers ask you for when you are stopped? I see on television that it is different sometimes like in different states. I was stopped many years ago, and I don't plan on getting stopped anytime soon but I just want to make sure I am prepared.

A.: "License and registration Ma'am" isn't always the case, that's for sure. I am asked this question frequently, and I am happy to answer it for you yet once again, especially since we have so many enforcement projects going on.

In Minnesota, officers typically ask you for two things. The first thing is a valid Minnesota driver license. The second thing is your current proof of insurance. If you don't have your driver license with you as required by law, then the officer will ask for another form of picture identification and will run your information on the computer for status, warrants and other issues.

As for the insurance proof, the law requires you to carry proof of current insurance for the vehicle you are operating, so that if you are stopped by an officer you will have it available when asked. The insurance

proof must contain the vehicle identification information (including make, model and year) as well as the effective and expiration dates of the policy. The date you are stopped has to be within those dates. Carrying around the same card for long periods of time after expiration does not satisfy the law requirements. Officers typically cite you for not having proof of insurance, then you have to settle with the court on the matter, so it pays to keep the current insurance proof in your vehicle, so it can be shown to police by the driver if stopped. If you don't have it now, get a copy from your insurance agent. Electronic proof is now acceptable by law.

Registration cards do not need to be carried in a regular passenger vehicle. If you are operating a commercial motor vehicle, then they do and an officer will ask for that as well. Any other information that is asked of a motorist on a traffic stop will depend on the totality of the circumstances surrounding the contact incident.

After giving you all of this information, I just want to say that of course, driving at safe speeds and always buckling up (including your passengers) are simple ways to avoid a roadside chat with an officer!

Thanks for asking.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

THEATER GAMES AND ACTING

The newly-formed Borealis Bards welcomes the community to its second night of theater games and acting set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Backus Community Center, Room 101/102. Plans for a community play will be discussed. There is no charge. Everyone is welcome.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Arrowhead Ultra 135 Marathon spaghetti dinner is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Backus Community Center. The public is welcome to attend and meet participants of the marathon. \$9 per person includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert and beverage. Dinners are available to go.

GIRL SCOUTS FUNDRAISER

The public is welcome to a Girl Scouts-hosted fundraiser set for Saturday, with donations going to Borderland Humane Society. A movie will be featured at 10 a.m. at Cine 5, with doors opening at 9:30. Concession stand will be open.

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CALENDAR

TODAY

- Retired Boise Cascade Papermakers Local 159, 9 a.m., Lenard's.
- 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, 10:30 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- 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., meatloaf dinner.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King's Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- Women of the Moose, 7 p.m., clubrooms.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.
- Line Dancing, 8 p.m., Moose Lodge.

THURSDAY

- International Falls-Koochiching Conty Airport Commission, 8 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse, commissioners' boardroom.
- 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.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Storytime, 10:30 a.m., International Falls Public Library.
- New Year Party, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Don Hughes musical entertainment; noon, lunch, Koochiching County Senior Center.

- Cardiac support group, 11:30 a.m., Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Flu Clinic, noon-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 4-8 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Adventure Corps, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
- Borderland Humane Society, 5:30 p.m., River's Edge Villa, dining room.
- Burgers Supper, 5:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Falls Trap Club, trap shooting, 5:30 p.m., Moonlight Rock Road.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., deli sandwiches, vegetable barley soup, banana bread, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- The Lamplighters, women's support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse, 407 Fourth St.
- St. Thomas Catholic School-sponsored Bingo, 7 p.m.; Bonanza, 6:45; doors open 5:45, Aquinas Hall (Lic. No. 01336).
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Fresh Start, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

FRIDAY

- 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.
- Elks Lodge Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., Sawmill Saloon smoked turkey.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Beer Tasting, 6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Grape Vine Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- Girl Scouts-hosted Borderland Humane Society fundraiser, movie, 10 a.m.; doors open, 9:30, Cine 5.
- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon, Bingo, 1 p.m.; Lasagna with toast and salad Supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- Open Gym, free, 3-5 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

LOTTERY

SUNDAY'S DAILY 3
3, 1, 9

SUNDAY'S NORTHSTAR CASH
8, 18, 21, 27, 31

FRIDAY'S GOPHER 5
1, 6, 7, 26, 45

SATURDAY'S HOT LOTTO
3, 6, 7, 33, 38

HOT BALL
5

FRIDAY'S MEGA MILLIONS
1, 10, 26, 31, 51

MEGA BALL
11

SATURDAY'S POWERBALL
13, 14, 19, 31, 38

POWERBALL
25

CORRECTION

A story in Saturday's edition provided inaccurate information about the the Rainy Lake Medical Center clinic campus on Keenan Drive. The clinic is not now operated by Essentia Health. However, it will be once an unwinding process is completed, which is expected to occur in March.

CLARIFICATION

The map and chart that appeared with the precinct caucuses story in the Jan. 15 edition should have clarified that it was for the DFL Party.

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SUPER ONE CORRECTION

In the January 18th Journal the prices were incorrect for Xtra Liquid Laundry Detergent and Essential Everyday Bathroom Tissue

THE CORRECT PRICES ARE:
Xtra Liquid Laundry Detergent 75 oz.
\$1.88
Essential Everyday Bathroom Tissue 24 dbl. rolls
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