COMMUNITY NEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Winter driving tips

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Q: Could you talk about winter driving?

A: Driving on the highway during the winter months requires more attention than ever. While summer months are the deadliest on Minnesota roads, wintertime leads to the most crashes and poses safety risks and hazards. Here are some winter driving tips:

■ Avoid unnecessary travel if conditions are too poor.

■ Buckle up, and make sure child restraints are secured tight. It is recommended to use bulky clothes and blankets on top of the child restraint harness, not beneath, to ensure harness restraints fit properly.

■ Drive at safe speeds according to road conditions, and provide for plenty of travel time.

■ Increase safe stopping distance between vehicles.

■ Use extra precautions when driving around snowplows by keeping at least five car-lengths behind plows.

■ If skidding, remain calm, ease foot off the gas, and turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go.

■ If vehicle has an anti-lock braking system, apply a steady firm pressure to the brake pedal. Never pump ABS brakes.

■ Clear snow and ice from vehicle windows, hood, headlights, brake lights and directional signals.

■ Headlights must be turned on when it is snowing or sleeting.

■ Do not use cruise control on snow/icy/wet roads. Conditions can change over every hill and around every curve. Be very aware of bridge decks and overpasses.

■ Equip vehicles with a scraper/brush, small shovel, jumper cables, tow chain, and a bag of sand or cat litter for tire traction. Blanket(s), heavy boots, warm clothing and flashlights are also important, as are storing high-energy foods such as chocolate or energy bars.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

LIBRARY SPEAKER

Henry Boucha, hockey legend and Ojibwa native, will talk about his career and how his cultural traditions allowed him to succeed at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the International Falls Public Library. The program is made possible by funding from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

'MUSIC IN THE DUNGEON'

"Music in The Dungeon" continues at 2 p.m. Sunday with a concert presented by Anthony Faith. The public is welcome to attend and listen to vocal and guitar music — old favorites and easy listening music of today. Donations of $10 are accepted; proceeds to benefit the promotion of music in the community. Elevator will be open for use (watch for direction signs). Refreshments will be served. For information, visit mrfaithslasers.com or Facebook "Faiths Dungeon."

STORYTIME AT LIBRARY

Storytime at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the International Falls Public Library will feature stories about transportation and things that go. Each 20- to 30-minute storytime of stories, rhymes and song is followed by about 30 minutes of early science play and learning. All are welcome.

BIRCHDALE CHURCH SUPPER

The Birchdale Church-hosted roast beef and pork supper is planned for 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Birchdale Hall. Mashed potatoes, beets, carrots, squash, rutabagas, coleslaw, homemade pies and bread will be served. Free will offering. Bake sale will be featured. Everyone welcome.

DIVA DAYS

Diva Days are planned for Friday and Saturday at International Falls businesses. Special deals and displays will be featured and prize registrations available.

DRESS EXCHANGE

The Falls High School 2015 Prom committee will sponsor a dress exchange Saturday at Coffee Landing Cafe. Drops offs are from 10 to 11 a.m., with shopping from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Any formal dresses will be accepted. A donation is required to display, and if dress is sold. For more information, call Gina Roche at 283-2133 or Audra Smith, 244-2082.

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Thursdays, November 6, 13 & 20

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CALENDAR

TODAY

■ 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.

THURSDAY

■ Hospital retirees, 8 a.m., Lenard's.
■ Bone Builders, 10-11:30 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
■ 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.
■ NAPS pick up, 1:30-3 p.m., Falls Hunger Coalition.
■ Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
■ Dominoes Pizza Supper, 5:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
■ Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., pasta hotdish, calico bean salad, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
■ Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
■ Northland Art Society, 6 p.m., Backus building, art room.
■ The Lamplighters, women's support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse, 407 Fourth St.
■ Borealis Bards, Adult Script Readings, 6:30-8 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 205.
■ St. Thomas Bingo — Bonanza, 6:45 p.m.; Bingo, 7, Aquinas Hall.
■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

FRIDAY

■ Diva Days, International Falls businesses.
■ 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.
■ Flu shots, noon-4 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
■ Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., wild rice soup and chicken croissant.
■ 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.

SATURDAY

■ Diva Days, International Falls businesses.
■ Falls High School 2015 Prom committee-sponsored formal dress exchange, 10-11 a.m., drop-offs; 11 a.m.-3 p.m., shopping, Coffee Landing Cafe.
■ Holiday Preview, doors open, 10:30 a.m.; brunch, 11, Faith United Church.
■ Bingo, open at noon, Moose Lodge.
■ Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., Backus Community Center.
■ Birchdale Church-hosted roast beef/pork supper, 4-7 p.m., Birchdale Hall.
■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

LOTTERY

Sunday's Daily 3
1, 2, 9
Sunday's Northstar Cash
15, 17, 19, 20, 23
Friday's Gopher 5
1, 3, 6, 15, 29
Saturday's Hot Lotto
5, 18, 27, 31, 42
Hot Ball
18
Friday's Mega Millions
11, 29, 36, 58, 67
Mega Ball
15
Saturday's Powerball
1, 3, 13, 25, 38
Powerball
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POLICE REPORT

Koochiching County Sheriff's Office

Property damage: A vehicle driven by Vanessa Harper, Miromar, Fla., sustained more than $1,000 damage Oct. 30 when it struck a railroad sign at Spruce Street in Ranier.

Theft: Virginia J. Johnson reported Oct. 30 the theft Oct. 21 of six rings from a residence on County Road 76 near Littlefork.

International Falls Fire Department

Scene control: Firefighters responded to a gas leak on County Road 20 Monday when construction workers struck a gas line. Firefighters were at the scene until the gas line was shut off, said department officials.

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