

COMMUNITYNEWS

State Patrol troopers hit the gridiron to ‘go deep’ with buckle up message

STATE PATROL REPORT

A new Minnesota State Patrol initiative is being launched — literally — at high school football games with the goal of encouraging teens make the right play by buckling their seat belts.

Troopers will use t-shirt blasters at high school football games this season to pass an important message intended for high school students to catch: Wear your seat belt.

The loud, neon-green t-shirts are emblazoned with “Everyday I’m Buckling.”

The events will be accompanied by stadium public address announcements as well as morning school messages that reinforce the important “buckle up” message at several schools/games in about five State Patrol districts, including the Virginia district.

The next t-shirt launching event for the Virginia district will be in International Falls Sept. 20 at Falls High School around 7 p.m.

Traffic crashes are the

leading killer of Minnesota teens due to inexperience, risk-taking, distractions and low seat belt compliance. In the past five years, 203 teens were killed in crashes, and of those, 165 were vehicle occupants, of which only 67 (41 percent) were belted.

Another component of the campaign is to encourage parents to understand their role in developing safer teen drivers.

Parents should talk to their teen to reinforce driving laws such as always buckling up – in front and back seats – and stress that it is illegal to text and drive, including when stopped in traffic. Drivers under age 18 are also banned from any cell phone use.

Parents should also enforce passenger and nighttime driving limitations laws.

Teen drivers may not have more than one passenger under age 20 during their first six months of licensure, unless accompanied by a parent.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

RANIER CITY COUNCIL

Ranier City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Ranier Community Building. The agenda includes motions to reappoint John Bruggeman to the North Koochiching Area Sanitary District Board, and a motion on replacing or removing the dock on County Road 21.

KEDA

Koochiching Economic Development Authority will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Koochiching County Courthouse in the commissioners boardroom.

‘KAYAK LADY’ PRESENTATION

Mary Shideler will be at International Falls Public Library at 7 p.m. Monday. Known as the “Kayak Lady” for kayaking all

the lakes and waterways of Itasca County over the course of about 10 years, she has written a book and developed a presentation about the experience.

QUILTERS GUILD

Northern Lights Quilters Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at First Lutheran Church. Bring Show and Tell items and ideas for the upcoming bed turning. Guests are welcome.

RED HATTITUDE KATS

The Red Hattitude Kats will meet for lunch at 1 p.m. Monday at Lenard’s (note change from Grandma’s Pantry).

AWANA EVENTS

Awana Registration and Ice Cream Social at Evangelical Covenant Church is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

LOTTERY

WEDNESDAY’S DAILY 3 0, 8, 7	HOT BALL 15
WEDNESDAY’S NORTHSTAR CASH 1, 13, 15, 21, 23	SATURDAY’S MEGA MILLIONS 2, 12, 18, 54, 56
WEDNESDAY’S GOPHER 5 2, 17, 29, 41, 46	WEDNESDAY’S POWERBALL 11, 19, 33, 42, 52
WEDNESDAY’S HOT LOTTO 25, 27, 34, 37, 43	POWERBALL 33

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Backus Community Market, 9 a.m.-noon, Backus/AB Third Street parking lot.
- Moose Lodge events – Albert Long’s Pilgrim Degree of Merit ceremony, 4 p.m.; Swiss steak supper, 6; entertainment, The Frostbite Falls 4, (reservations, 283-3615).
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

SUNDAY

- Open Discussion, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- Falls Trap Club, skeet shooting, 1 p.m., Moonlight Rock Road.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- Sunday Night Into Action Group, Step and Tradition Study, (bring Big Book and Twelve by Twelve), 7:30-9 p.m., Borderland Alano Club.

MONDAY

- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Minnesota Education Fair, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Rainy River Community College gymnasium.
- Red Hattitude Kats, 1 p.m., Lenard’s.
- Community Band, 4 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- International Falls City Council, 4:30 p.m., Falls Municipal Building, council chambers.
- Women’s Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Ranier City Council, 6:30 p.m., Ranier Community Building.
- Texas Hold’Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- “Kayak Lady” Mary Shideler presentation, 7 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women’s Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Ranier Recreation Club, 7:30 p.m., Ranier Community Building.
- Borderland Substance Abuse Court Alumni Recovery support group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous, “How It Works” step gathering, 7:30-9 p.m., Alanon Club.

TUESDAY

- Water Testing, 8 a.m.-noon, Koochiching County Health Department.
- Boise Cascade retired welders and pipefitters, 9 a.m., Sandy’s Place, Highway 53.
- WIC Clinic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Koochiching County Board of Commissioners, 9:30 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse.
- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- 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.
- Kettle Falls Boat Tour, 11 a.m., (admission), Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.
- Senior Linkage Line outreach staff Medicare presentation, 1-3 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church

- (283-3739, 283-8540).
- Craft Night, 3:30-7:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Parent Involvement Committee, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Falls Elementary School library.
- TOPS MN34, 5 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Life Skills Group for Teen Boys, 5-6 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office (285-7220).
- Women’s Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., chili, corn bread, fruit, milk, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner’s Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Chicken ala King Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Microsoft Word Course, 6-8 p.m., Falls High School, Room 218.
- Cradle Cafe, breastfeeding support group, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- Life Skills Group for Teen Girls, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office (285-7220).
- Women’s Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Garden Girls, 7 p.m., River’s Edge Villa, dining room.
- Texas Hold’Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- International Voyageur Snowmobile Club, 7 p.m., Almost Lindy’s, banquet room.
- Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Trails End Chapter, 7 p.m., Elks Club.
- A.A./N.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- “Celebrate Recovery,” 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- BigBook Study, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.
- Non-smoking Alcoholics Anonymous Group, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

WEDNESDAY

- Retired Boise Cascade electricians, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Koochiching Economic Development Authority, 10 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse, commissioners boardroom.
- Backus Community Market, 4-6:30 p.m., Backus/AB Third Street parking lot.
- 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.
- International Falls Recreation Commission Board, 5:45 p.m., city council chambers.
- Men’s Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Awana Registration and Ice Cream Social, 6:30 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., Prime Rib.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King’s Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club, 7 p.m., Americlenn.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

POLICE REPORT

International Falls Police Department

Property damage: Robert F. Thompson reported Sept. 7 that four signs outside the Northern Lumber building, 300 Seventh St., were cut with what appeared to be a knife. According to the report, the signs are valued at \$1,200 each.

Assault: Police continue to investigate

an assault reported Sept. 7 at a local motel that sent a victim to the Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus.

Burglary: A Sept. 6 report said prescription medications were taken in the previous days from the Bruce R. LaRock residence, 10th Street. According to the report, entry appeared to be made through the screen of an unlocked window.

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