

# COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

## Center turn lane

**Q: I was told that the center turn lane is not meant as a driving or acceleration lane. Can it be used for those making a left hand turn from a side road by entering the lane, stopping, and waiting with your right blinker on until traffic clears?**

**A:** The center lane is a turn lane only, not a driving or acceleration lane — it cannot be used to drive out into from a side road, street or driveway to merge or fit into the traffic flow. Again, it can only be used as a turn lane.

On a related note, don't get into that center turn lane too soon, as you might meet other vehicles head on who are trying to turn into a place closer than



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your turn off. Don't forget to signal all your turns in advance.

*If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws 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

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKSHOP

The Koochiching Economic Development Authority office in International Falls is offering a free Intellectual Property Workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at Rainy River Community College, presented by Joseph Uradnik from Uradnik Law Firm. The basics of intellectual property and how it affects business will be discussed. The workshop will include information on patents, trademarks and copyrights. Register at 283-8585 or email jenny@businessupnorth.com. An optional \$10 networking lunch follows the workshop at 12:30.

### BOOK CLUB

Rainy River Book Club will meet at noon Saturday at Lenard's. Book for discussion is "Cities of Gold" by author Douglas Preston. All book lovers are welcome to attend.

### WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

The Women of the Moose will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Moose Lodge.

### LIBRARY STORYTIME

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

## November is peak month for deer-vehicle collisions

### MNDOT REPORT

Motorists should watch for deer this month as November is the peak time for deer-vehicle collisions in the state, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

One of the main reasons for the increase in crashes is that deer mating season occurs in November. A reduction in daylight hours and hunting season are other contributing factors.

Deer habitats are also disturbed during the fall harvest, causing deer to travel farther and in larger numbers than at any other time of the year.

From 2011 to 2013, there were 7,010 reported deer-vehicle crashes, according to the Department of Public Safety. There were 18 fatalities and 68 serious injuries.

For those driving on Minnesota roadways, MNDOT offers these tips:

- Be particularly alert in the fall and spring. More than half of the crashes happen in October and November when deer are mating, and in May and June during the birthing season.

- Be vigilant at dusk and at dawn. A high percentage of crashes occur during the low-light or dark hours of the day.

- Slow down and scan the sides of the road and ditches for animals.

- Drive defensively and expect the unexpected.

- Don't swerve. While it may seem like the right thing to do, swerving to avoid a deer could cause you to lose control or travel into the path of another vehicle.

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

- Retired Boise Cascade electricians, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- WIC Clinic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Northome.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Flu Clinic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Northome Library.
- 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.
- East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board, 11 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Salvation Army Advisory Council, noon, Salvation Army building.
- Flu Clinic, noon-1 p.m., Northome Senior Center.
- 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.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 5:30-8 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- International Falls Recreation Commission Board, 5:45 p.m., city council chambers.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Reflection Service, 6:30 p.m., Faith United Church.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., Stuffed Pork Chops.
- Little Lambs (3 years to kindergarten) and King's Kids (1st-5th grades), Youth Group (6th grade-up), 6:30-7:30 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Women of the Moose, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club, 7 p.m., Americlnn.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

### THURSDAY

- 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.
- Thanksgiving Party, 10:30 a.m.-noon, musical entertainment; noon, lunch, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Falls High School Class of 1960, 11:30 a.m., Lenard's.
- Ostomy support group, 2:30 p.m., Essentia Health-International Falls Clinic.
- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
- Tacos Supper, 5:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Borderland Humane Society, 5:30 p.m., River's Edge Villa, dining room.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., ring sausage, macaroni and cheese, green beans, dinner roll, 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.
- 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

- 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., Meatloaf Sandwiches.
- 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

- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard's.
- Bingo, open at noon, Moose Lodge.
- Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

## LOTTERY

**Sunday's Daily 3**  
5, 1, 3  
**Sunday's Northstar Cash**  
7, 16, 19, 22, 28  
**Friday's Gopher 5**  
24, 27, 31, 35, 43

**Saturday's Hot Lotto**  
8, 10, 17, 25, 27  
**Hot Ball**  
8  
**Friday's Mega Millions**  
3, 49, 61, 62, 68

**Mega Ball**  
15  
**Saturday's Powerball**  
13, 16, 33, 35, 51  
**Powerball**  
28

## POLICE REPORT

### International Falls Police Department

**Hit-and-run:** A vehicle driven by Jamie A. Fentem, 35, Eighth Avenue West, was struck Nov. 12 in the rear driver's side door by a vehicle that left the scene while leaving the drive-

up window at McDonald's Restaurant, 1709 Third Ave.

### International Falls Fire Department

**Hot engine:** Falls firefighters responded to a call from the Falls International Airport Sunday when an engine on a plane

backfired causing flames. A department official said firefighters responded as a safety precaution and used a thermal imaging camera to ensure the cargo area and tail of the plane were not hot.

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