COMMUNITY NEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Billboard lighting

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Minnesota State Patrol

Q: I would like to know if there are installation requirements for billboard lighting. The new billboard lights are blinding drivers. Sometimes you cannot see oncoming traffic, pedestrians or animals. There are sign companies that do this without this problem. How would you contact the people who install them to let them know this problem exists?

A: I am not personally aware of all of the specific installation requirements for billboard lighting, but I do know they can't be a traffic hazard at any rate. Generally, the Minnesota Department of Transportation handles those situations. Any time there is a situation like that, it would be a good idea to notify them. They will check it out and take the appropriate action.

There have been times that I personally spoke with the ones' who put up lights that were blinding to traffic, and they voluntarily took them down; however, I still recommend contacting the nearest MnDOT office and let them know about the specific locations you are referring to. I suppose you also could let the sign company know that it is creating a traffic hazard and see what they will do. Sometimes the contact information is part of the billboard.

If you are driving and you observe a lighting hazard of any kind, slow down immediately, because it is a hazard. Don't look directly at the light. We can't control the hazards, but we can control how we react to them.

Thanks for asking.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

BACKUS EVENTS

There will be no Open Gym June 9-13, Summer Arts Week at Backus. Open Gym resumes June 16 and runs Mondays through Fridays. No Open Gym on Saturdays during the summer. Call Backus Community Center for information.

COMMUNITY MARKET

The 8th annual Backus Community Market starts Saturday at the Backus/AB Third Street parking lot. Hours are Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays, 4 to 6:30 p.m. The market will continue until Oct. 4, and is open every Wednesday and Saturday, rain or shine. Community Market now accepts SNAP cards, debit/credit cards, Market Bucks, Senior Select and Fruit Bucks. Call Backus at 285-7225 for information.

POLICE REPORT

International Falls Police Department

Burglary: Troy R. Busch, Sixth Street, reported Sunday the theft of a lawn mower valued at $200 from his unlocked garage.

Burglary: John E. Larson reported the theft of a purse containing cash from a residence on Sixth Street. According to the report, entry to the residence was made when a screen was cut on an open window.

Koochiching County Sheriff's Office

Collision: A vehicle driven by Valeriy Yanyuk, 39, Town Road 201, Littlefork, collided at 301 Main St., Littlefork, May 28 with a motorcycle driven by Douglas R. LaFrance, 67, Fifth Avenue, Littlefork, causing more than $1,000 damage. According to the report LaFrance complained of injuries to his arm and leg and was taken by Littlefork Ambulance to the Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Community Band, 7 a.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Sing and Play in the Park, 10-11 a.m., Ranier Park.
- 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, 10:15 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- Falls High School Class of 1963, 11;30 a.m., Lenard's.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection, noon-4 p.m., Recycling/Transfer Facility.
- Test of emergency sirens – 1 p.m., International Falls; 2, Fort Frances.
- 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., Carey's Walleye.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King's Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

THURSDAY

- Community Band, 7 a.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Hospital retirees, 8 a.m., Lenard's.
- Homeowners Workshop, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action.
- Bone Builders, 10 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.
- 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.
- Community Band, 5 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Falls Trap Club, trap shooting, 5:30 p.m., Moonlight Rock Road.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., chicken Alfredo, vegetable, 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 Summer Shakespeare Troupe rehearsal, 6:30-8 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 210.
- 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., ham and summer salads.
- 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.
- Grape Vine Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- Community Market, 9 a.m.-noon, Backus Third Street parking lot.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Arrowhead pizza casserole, 6 p.m. (reservations, 283-3615), Moose Lodge.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

LOTTERY

Sunday's Daily 3
3, 8, 4

Sunday's Northstar Cash
1, 2, 6, 7, 31

Friday's Gopher 5
26, 29, 36, 42, 47

Saturday's Hot Lotto
14, 15, 36, 41, 43

Hot Ball
18

Friday's Mega Millions
10, 13, 42, 43, 62

Mega Ball
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Saturday's Powerball
15, 27, 31, 34, 48

Powerball
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