

COMMUNITY NEWS

Falls police seek help in vandalism cases

BY LAUREL BEAGER
Editor

The International Falls Police Department is asking for the public's help in solving what appears to be a rash of vandalism in the South International Falls area.

Falls Police Chief Mike Musich and Capt. Tom Lynch urge residents and people visiting or driving in the area of South Falls Apartments and around east McIntyre Hill to be vigilant in reporting any suspicious activity.

The police officers ask people to report anyone in the neighborhood that does not appear to belong there or appears to be involved in criminal activity.

Police have been dealing with numerous reports of smashed-window vehicles as well as etched or scratched into vehicle paint a diamond and circle. "It seems to be popping up more and more and it's not a coincidence," Lynch said of the two common elements of several vandalism

incidents.

Lynch also said what appears to have begun with vandalism is graduating to more serious crime, such as attempted entry to garages and residences.

"They're doing senseless vandalism and also attempted entry to garages and have cut screens to dwellings," he said.

Lynch urged people to report suspicious activity to the department at 283-4416. However, he said if someone sees or hears what they believe is a crime in progress, as usual, call 911. He also urged people to call 911 if they hear or see suspicious activity in the early morning hours around 2 or 3 a.m.

Either way, Lynch urged a quick telephone call. "Report it as fast as you can and we'll get someone in the area as fast as we can," he said.

But don't intervene, he urged.

"Don't approach," he said. "You will scare them away and they will be gone before we can get there."

BORDERLAND BRIEF

HORSE SHOW

Rainy River Riders Saddle Club will host a horse show at 10:30 a.m. today, weather permitting. Lunch will be available on grounds. Spectators are welcome. Call 218-875-2852 for more information.

College for Kids program starts Monday

BY ERIC MATHEWS
Staff Intern

If school during summer sounds like a fun idea, then College for Kids may be right for you or your kid.

Kids will be taking over Rainy River Community College on July 21-31 for a variety of fun classes.

The program will be back with new and favorite classes from past years ranging from arts and crafts to a range of outdoor activities.

The program provides educational enrichment for kids ages 4-13, and gives them an opportunity to do something fun this summer.

Classes are held from 8 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday. New classes for this year include dance for ages 6-7 and 8-9 year olds, and cheerleading for all age groups. Returning classes are past hits like track and field, story time, archery, drawing and more.

"It's always a fun time of year when we get to take over the college," said College for Kids director Dawn

Flesland of the event. "And it's not too late to register."

The program has many different class types for kids to take. There's outdoor games and sports for kids who are more athletic, and art and writing classes for kids who are more creative.

A recital will be held on the last day of classes, July 31 at noon in the RRCC theater, and is free to the public. Students in the kids are authors, music, cheerleading, and dancing classes will get a chance to show off their newly learned skills for the crowd.

Participation is expected to be down from past years, according to Flesland because the Falls High School pool was closed during the event last year, and spiked the number of students. However, the number of students this year is expected to be around 120.

Two-week enrollment is \$15 per class, and parents can find forms to register students before classes start Monday at www.rainyriver.edu.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Community Market, 9 a.m.-noon, Backus Third Street parking lot.
- Rainy River Riders Club horse show, 10:30 a.m., arena.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous Open, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.

MONDAY

- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Board Game Monday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Community Band, 4 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- International Falls City Council, 4:30 p.m., Falls Municipal Building, council chambers.
- International Falls School Board, 5 p.m., Falls High School cafeteria.
- Weight Watchers — weigh-in, 5-5:30 p.m.; meeting, 5:30-6, Littlefork Lutheran Church.
- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Narcotics Anonymous, "How It Works" step gathering, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

TUESDAY

- Water Testing, 8 a.m.-noon, Koochiching County Health Department.
- 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.
- 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.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Health Clinic, 1-4 p.m Koochiching County Health Department.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).
- TOPS MN34, 5 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.

- Women's Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., baked pork chops, baked potato, fruit, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- MooseRiders grilled chicken breast sandwiches supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Online Public School Parent-to-Parent Information Session, 6-7 p.m., Hardee's Restaurant.
- Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.
- House, 7 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30; Legion, 8, Moose Lodge.
- "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

WEDNESDAY

- Retired Boise Cascade Papermakers Local 159, 9 a.m., Lenard's.
- 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.
- East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board, 11 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Community Market, 4-6:30 p.m., Backus 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.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Stories in the Park, 6 p.m., Eighth Avenue green space (near community gardens).
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Women of the Moose, board of officers, 6:30 p.m.; 7, meeting, Moose Home.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., Reuben chicken 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.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

LOTTERY

Wednesday's Daily 3
8, 3, 4

Wednesday's Northstar Cash
10, 11, 28, 29, 31

Wednesday's Gopher 5
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Wednesday's Hot Lotto
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Hot Ball
12

Saturday's Mega Millions
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Mega Ball
5

Wednesday's Powerball
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Powerball
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