

# COMMUNITYNEWS

## Load increases, restrictions update

MNDOT STAFF REPORT

The ending date for Winter Load Increases and starting date for Spring Load Restrictions in the Central Frost Zone will be 12:01 a.m. March 18.

The starting date of Spring Load Restrictions in the South, Southeast and Metro Frost Zones has already been announced effective 12:01 a.m. March 14.

Road restriction maps indicating the locations of weight restricted routes and those state highways open to maximum 10-ton axle weights are listed on the MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website at [www.dot.state.mn.us/materials](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/materials). Click on “Seasonal Load Limits,” then click on “Spring Load Restrictions (SLR).” Also available is a text list of the restricted segments along with exceptions to the map.

OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

Permits for over 80,000 GVW will continue and new permits will be issued if all axle and group weights are legal. Existing middle-range and full-summer overweight permits end when Winter Load Increases are removed. No middle-range or full-summer overweight permits are issued during the Spring Load Restriction period. Middle-range overweight permits become available

within each frost zone when Spring Load Restrictions are lifted. Full-summer overweight permits become available within each frost zone starting two to three weeks after Spring Load Restrictions are lifted.

For questions about enforcement call Minnesota Department of Public Safety, State Patrol-Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, 651-405-6196 (select Option 3, Option 3).

For questions about over legal weight/size “heavy haul” trucking call Minnesota Department of Transportation

Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations-Oversize/Weight Permits, 651-296-6000.

The ending dates for Spring Load Restrictions are based on how weather is affecting roadway strength. These dates are established by monitoring roadway strength as weather conditions change. Therefore, the ending dates for Spring Load Restrictions are variable.

As soon as a date is set, MnDOT will report this date on its 24-hour automated message center at 1-800-723-6543 for the USA and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St Paul area. This information is also published on the MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website [www.dot.state.mn.us/materials](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/materials).

## BORDERLAND BRIEFS

RED HAT LOON-A-TICKS

The Red Hat Loon-a-Ticks will meet for lunch at noon Monday at Lenard’s.

LIBRARY STORYTIME

Storytime at International Falls Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Thursday will feature stories, rhymes and songs about “Farms” followed by “Stay and Play.”

RED HATTITUDE KATS

The Red Hattitude Kats will meet for a 1 p.m. luncheon Monday at Lenard’s.

WELCOME SPRING PARTY

A Welcome Spring Party is planned for Tuesday at Koochiching County Senior Center, 307 Fourth St. Music by Borderland Pioneers will be featured from 10:30 to noon, with lunch served at noon. For reservations by noon Monday, call 283-3460 from 8 a.m. to noon.

## POLICE REPORT

International Falls Police Department

*Hit-and-run:* Kristen R. Lund, 10th Avenue, reported Friday that her vehicle was struck while parked at SuperOne, 1313 Third St., by a vehicle that left the scene. No damage estimate was included in the report.

*Burglary:* A residence owned by Beverly J. Stinson, 17th Street West, was forcibly entered, but nothing appeared missing, according to a Thursday report.

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

- Retired Boise Cascade electricians, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Community Clothes Closet drop-offs, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aquinas Hall.
- 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 1960, 10:30 a.m., Lenard’s.
- East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board, 11 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- After School Arts – Theater Games, 4-5:30 p.m., Backus, Room 101.
- 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.
- Cross-border brainstorming session, 6-8 p.m., Lenard’s, Americlnn.
- Men’s Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., chicken oscar.
- 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.
- Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club, 7 p.m., Americlnn.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

### THURSDAY

- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- Community Clothes Closet open for customers, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aquinas Hall.
- 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.

- Storytime, “Farms,” 10:30 a.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Flu Clinic, noon-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Ostomy support group, 2:30 p.m., Rainy Lake Medical Center clinic campus.
- 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.
- Burgers supper, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Borderland Humane Society, 5:30 p.m., River’s Edge Villa, dining room.
- Falls Trap Club, trap shooting, 5:30 p.m., Moonlight Rock Road.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dinner rolls, 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, 6:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Fresh Start, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

### FRIDAY

- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- 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., French dips and French fries.
- 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

- Moose Lodge events — Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; ribeyes supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.
- Backus Performing Arts Series, Galactic Cowboy Orchestra, 7 p.m., Backus Auditorium.

## LOTTERY

SUNDAY’S DAILY 3  
9, 2, 9

SUNDAY’S NORTHSTAR CASH  
3, 5, 9, 17, 26

FRIDAY’S GOPHER 5  
11, 19, 27, 31, 45

SATURDAY’S HOT LOTTO  
4, 18, 22, 33, 43

HOT BALL  
3

FRIDAY’S MEGA MILLIONS  
7, 20, 40, 54, 69

MEGA BALL  
12

SATURDAY’S POWERBALL  
2, 5, 34, 51, 58

POWERBALL  
9

## CORRECTION

A story about the International Rainy-Lake of Woods Watershed Forum in Saturday’s edition misspelled Michael Laitta’s name. In addition, Laitta’s travels should have said Maine to the Yukon.

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