

COMMUNITYNEWS

School bus safety advice

Q: Could you please give some advice on school bus safety?

A: Parents should discuss and demonstrate pedestrian safety with their children and reinforce safe crossing after exiting a bus:

- When getting off a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder (side of the road).

- Before crossing the street wait until the driver's face can be seen.

- Wait for the driver to signal that it's safe to cross.

- Look left-right-left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped. Keep watching traffic when crossing.

School Bus Safety Tips for Motorists

- Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights and/or its stop arm is extended when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.

- Red flashing lights on buses indicates students are either entering or exiting the bus.

- Motorists are not required to stop for a bus if the bus is on the opposite side of a separated roadway (median, etc.) — but they should remain alert for children.

- Altering a route or schedule to avoid a bus is one way motorists can help improve safety. In doing so, motorists won't find



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themselves behind a bus and as a result, potentially putting children at risk.

- Watch for school crossing patrols and pedestrians. Reduce speeds in and around school zones.

- Watch and stop for pedestrians — the law applies to all street corners, for both marked and unmarked crosswalks (all street corners) — every corner is a crosswalk.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, school buses are the safest mode of transportation for children — children are eight times safer riding in a bus to school than any other vehicles. The most important this to remember whether you are a motorist or a pedestrian: pay attention.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Neil Dickenson, Minnesota State Patrol, 1131 Mesaba Ave., Duluth, MN 55811. (Or reach me at neil.dickenson@state.mn.us).

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

AFTER LOSS GROUP

The After Loss Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Chocolate Moose Restaurant.

HORSE FAIR

Littlefork Saddle Club and Rainy River Riders Saddle Club will host a Tack and Saddle Swap from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 7 at Littlefork Community Building. Meal and refreshments will be available on site. Contact Jody Reller at 218-875-2852 or njreller@wildblue.net to consign tack or have own table space.

BOOK CLUB

Rainy River Book Club will meet at noon Saturday at Lenard's. Book for discussion is "City of Falling Angels" by author John Berendt. The book for March will be "The Invention of Wings" by author Sue Monk Kidd. All book lovers are welcome.

POLICE REPORT

International Falls Police Department

Collision: Vehicles driven by Joseph S. Hlebain, 41, Britt, and Sylvia F. Tomczak, County Road 46, collided Tuesday at Second Avenue East and 13th Street causing more than \$1,000 damage to the vehicles.

Burglary: Police report three juveniles have been questioned in connection with a burglary reported Tuesday at a residence on Riverview Boulevard. According to the report, a handful of jewelry was taken and entry was made by an unlocked door.

Hit-and-run: Sandra A. Leali, Ninth Street, reported Monday her vehicle sustained moderate damage to the front end when it was struck by a vehicle that left the scene while parked on the street near her residence.

Koochiching County Sheriff's Office

Collision: Vehicles driven by Duane E. Sjoblom, 67, County Road 20, and Traci L. Saari, County Road 20, collided Feb. 22 at the intersection of County Roads 20 and 93 causing more than \$1,000 damage to the vehicles.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- "2015 The Year to be Brave, Not Broken" ladies conference, 10 a.m., Full Gospel Fellowship.
- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard's.
- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; Guy and Lyle swiss steak supper honoring Dick Mettler 50-year life membership, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- Guided Snowshoe Hike, 1-3 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

SUNDAY

- American Legion Post 66 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary-hosted breakfast, 8-11 a.m., VFW Club.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Open, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- OverEaters Anonymous support group, 4 p.m., Evolve Fitness Center, 1301 Third St. (No fees/dues).
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.

MONDAY

- AARP Tax Aide preparation, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Backus Community Center, Rooms 208/209 (free, appointments, 283-5236).
- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- "Solution Monday," All Recoveries 12-Step (RA), 3 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 103.
- International Falls City Council, 4:30 p.m., Falls Municipal Building, council chambers.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- International Falls Lions Club, 6 p.m., Lenard's.
- Polar Polers Ski Club, 6:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library, meeting room.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Indus Recreation Association, 7 p.m., Indus School library.
- Narcotics Anonymous, "How It Works" step gathering, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

TUESDAY

- Water Testing, 8 a.m.-noon, Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church men, 8:30 a.m., Lenard's.
- Rainy Lake Medical Center present and former employees, 9 a.m., Lenard's.
- Boise Cascade retirees and former employees – paper test, beater room and ChemLab, 9 a.m., Grandma's Pantry, Ranier.
- AARP Tax Aide preparation, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Backus Community Center, Rooms 208/209 (free, appointments, 283-5236).
- Koochiching County Board of Commissioners, 9:30 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse.
- Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary, 10 a.m., meeting room.
- Bone Builders, 10-11:30 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.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).
- TOPS MN34, 5-5:30 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Women's Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Nominations, 5:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- After Loss Group, 5:30 p.m., Chocolate Moose Restaurant.
- Community Café, 5:30-6 p.m., hearty potato corn chowder, fruit, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Women's Support Group, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Swedish Meatballs Supper, (Legion), 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Greater International Falls Jaycees, 6 p.m., AmericInn.
- Borealis Bards adult script reading, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 201.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Littlefork Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9641 and Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Post Home.
- Koochiching Men's Garden Club, 7 p.m., (host Jim Jessop), Hampton Court.
- International Early Iron Car Club, 7 p.m., Leon, 283-9773; Sandy, 807-274-2345.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.
- "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

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- Wednesday Study Group, 10:15 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- Falls High School Class of 1963, 11:30 a.m., AmericInn.
- Test of emergency sirens – 1 p.m., International Falls; 2, Fort Frances.
- 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.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., chicken enchiladas.
- 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.
- Adult Mixed Volleyball, 7:15 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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Jack Soltis Benefit



On December 23rd, Jack underwent cranial surgery to remove a Glioblastoma tumor, a very aggressive fast growing incurable brain cancer. Jack's tumor has continued to grow but we continue to celebrate Jack's life.

When: Sunday, March 8, 2015
11:00am-3:00pm

Where: Camp Hiawatha,
36944 Camp Hiawatha Road
Deer River, MN

A spaghetti meal will be served.

Adults : \$10.00 Children (4-12yrs) : \$5.00

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An account has been set up at: Benefit for Jack Soltis
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