

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Take the high road



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Q: I have a question about aggressive and intimidating driving behavior. I was recently traveling when a 'gentleman' in a pickup assumed I cut him off when I was changing lanes. I had at least two car lengths before he immediately closed the gap. He changed lanes, passed me with a rude gesture, then proceeded to cut me off and slam repeatedly on his brakes, slow down to less than 10mph, signal turns then 'change his mind' and continue straight. I was trying to back off as quickly as I could, but that only aggravated him more. I was a bit scared as I did have my young kids in the car, but was relieved I was getting closer to a police station if needed. My question is, should I have called authorities with his license plate number, or just left it alone as he was just being a jerk, not actually threatening my safety (from what I could tell anyway — glad he wasn't following me). Thanks for your advice if this situation or ones like it if they come up in the future.

A: To answer your question as if to “*call the authorities or leave it alone*,” is always a judgment call. From what you described I believe you made the right decision as to ignoring this other driver. In most cases involving another irritated driver or someone with a case of “road rage,” I feel ignoring them is the best policy. Some of the best advice if being confronted by an aggressive driver:

- Get out of their way.
- Stay calm — reaching your destination safely is your goal.
- Do not challenge them.
- Avoid eye contact.

- Ignore gestures and don't return them.

You mentioned that you felt he wasn't "actually threatening your safety." But what if this person did threaten you (i.e. gun pointing, intentional car ramming, etc.)? Then I would still recommend the advice above, along with reporting the aggressive driving (vehicle description, license number, location). Call 911 and be able to provide good, accurate information to the authorities. If this other driver was to stop and try to flag you over, I would keep on driving around them. Finds a safe place to stop at, or not stop at all.

If you were on your way home and this person was following you, go someplace else and call the authorities as soon as possible. Granted these incidents are few and far between, but they can and do happen. You mentioned having your young kids in the car. Your family's safety is the most important thing. And how we handle dealing with other "rude" drivers sets the example for our future drivers. Always take the high road.

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 at neil.dickenson@state.mn.us).

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

‘THE VIOLAS’ CONCERT

Music in The Dungeon at Backus Community Center continues at 2 p.m. Sunday with a concert presented by “The Violas.” The public is welcome to attend. Three violists from Rainy Lake Community Orchestra will present a program of string music. Donations of \$10 (children \$5) are accepted, proceeds to benefit Music in The Dungeon. The elevator will be open for use. Refreshments will be served. For information and directions visit mrfaithslasers.com or Facebook “Faiths Dungeon”.

OUTDOOR EXPO

The International Falls Outdoor Expo will have the first outdoor photo and trail cam contest at this year's event April 10-11. Entries in the categories of wildlife, hunting/fishing, landscape, nature closeups, outdoor recreation and trail cams will be judged for prizes with a cash grand prize awarded. Photos must be submitted as 8x10 print, non-matted and non-framed. Entries can be mailed to Evangelical Covenant Church, 1631 First Ave. E., International Falls, MN 56649, Attn: Photo Contest. Entries may also be dropped at church office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. April 9. Entry forms and details can be found online at www.ifallsooutdoorexpo.org or call Lori Dobbs, 218-278-4244.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 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.
- 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., Americlnnn.
- 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.

THURSDAY

- Hospital retirees, 8 a.m., Lenard's.
- AARP Tax Aide preparation, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Backus Community Center, Rooms 208/209 (free, appointments, 283-5236).
- 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.
- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-

in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.

- Community Café, 5:30-6 p.m., chicken stir fry, rice, fruit, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Burgers Supper, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Northland Art Society, 6 p.m., Backus building, art room.
- The Lamplighters, women's support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- St. Thomas Bingo — Bonanza, 6:45 p.m.; Bingo, 7, Aquinas Hall.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

FRIDAY

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- 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.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m.
- 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

- Horse Fair — Tack and Saddle Swap, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Littlefork Community Building.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; pork spare ribs supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- Guided Snowshoe Hike, 1-3 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center.
- Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., free, Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

LOTTERY

Sunday's Daily 3 7, 9, 3	Saturday's Hot Lotto 6, 24, 27, 34, 39	Mega Ball 4
Sunday's Northstar Cash 2, 20, 21, 27, 30	Hot Ball 9	Saturday's Powerball 11, 17, 25, 28, 46
Friday's Gopher 5 1, 4, 32, 40, 45	Friday's Mega Millions 7, 49, 53, 60, 64	Powerball 12

POLICE REPORT

International Falls Police Department

Collision: Vehicles driven by Michael R. Nelson, 45, Town Road 286, and Renee E. Frederick, 73, 17th Street, collided Sunday at 11th Avenue West and 11th Street causing more than \$1,000 damage to the vehicles.

Collision: Vehicles driven by Cody E. P. Christensen, 43, Second Avenue East,

and Ryan M. Tremain, 17, Town Road 420, Ranier, collided Sunday at Eighth Avenue West and Sixth Street causing more than \$1,000 damage.

Collision: Vehicles driven by Paul A. Peterson, 30, County Road 126, and Sophie A. Koester, 11th Avenue, collided Feb. 25 at Eighth Avenue West and 10th Street causing more than \$1,000 damage to the vehicles.

Koester complained of a sore arm and was taken to Rainy Lake Medical Center by ambulance.

**International Falls
Fire Department**

Chimney fire: Firefighters spent about one half hour Feb. 28 at the Roger Kostiuk residence, Town Road 285, where a chimney caught fire. According to the report, damage was contained to the chimney.

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VFW Post

Friday & Saturday

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**PUBLIC ADVISORY:
MOONLIGHT ROCK LANDFILL
NOT OPEN FOR RECREATIONAL USE**

OfficeMax Seeks Cooperation of International Falls Recreationalists in Preserving Private Property and Protecting Public Safety.

OfficeMax® Incorporated (NYSE: OMX), a leader in office products and services, is reminding residents of International Falls, Minnesota and surrounding areas that the Moonlight Rock landfill is a closed private industrial facility with functioning equipment and is not open to public access for recreational activities, including ATV riding, snowmobiling, hiking or cycling.

OfficeMax asks all recreationalists to avoid the Moonlight Rock landfill and use approved open public recreation areas instead. OfficeMax has posted “Private Property” signs along the property perimeter to indicate boundaries and help direct public access away from the closed landfill site.