

COMMUNITYNEWS

Tax filing season is underway

MINNESOTA REVENUE REPORT

The income tax filing season is now underway. The Minnesota Department of Revenue will now accept individual income tax returns for tax year 2014. Taxpayers have until April 15 to file tax returns.

Taxpayers are urged to: ■ Electronically file your tax return to help reduce errors, which can lead to a bigger refund.

■ Direct deposit your refunds. You can choose to have your refund electronically deposited into your checking or savings account when filing your return.

Electronically filing and choosing direct deposit can mean a quicker refund. Did you know 85 percent of taxpayers e-filed last year? And four out of five taxpayers receiving refunds chose direct deposit?

“Electronically filing your return is the most convenient option; e-filed returns and refunds are processed twice as fast as paper-filed returns,” said Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly. “E-filing and direct deposit are the safest, easiest, most accurate way to receive your refund.”

Other tax filing tips:

■ You can make your payment electronically and pick when you want the payment submitted. For more information about making your

payment electronically, visit our website.

■ Have all of the tax-related information you use to prepare your taxes ready before you file.

■ A list of software products for electronically filing is on our website.

■ Find income tax instruction booklets on our website or at a library.

■ Get free tax assistance. Depending on income, some taxpayers may qualify to e-file for free. Visit the Minnesota Department of Revenue website or the IRS website for more information.

■ File taxes on time. The due date for filing state returns is April 15.

■ If you owe, you can file electronically now and schedule your electronic payment any time before April 15.

■ Beware of Refund Anticipation Loans (RAL) offered by some tax preparers. They usually charge very high interest rates.

■ Visit our website for filing requirements, instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions.

■ Want to check the status of your refund? You can check it any time you want on our website or by calling 651-296-4444 or 1-800-657-3676.

Follow the latest news and updates from the Minnesota Department of Revenue on Twitter, Facebook and sign-up for email subscription list.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

IVSC TRAIL REPORT

Reported Monday: “With the warmer temps this weekend it certainly sounded like it’s snowmobiling time. Hope all rode safe and had fun. Big B (trail administrator) said that once again our trails will be as best as they can be, given Mother Nature is holding back on her snow. Once again our section of the Arrowhead is open as the bridge has been repaired. All other trails will be ready to go. Come north and ride the best groomed trails around, have fun and be safe.”

‘SOLUTION MONDAY’ RECOVERY MEETINGS

An introduction gathering for a new “All” Recovery Meeting (RA) is planned for 3 p.m. Feb. 2 at Backus Community Center. For anyone suffering from any addiction or the effects of any addiction. Everyone is welcome. Beginning Feb. 9, “Solution Monday,” All Recovery Meeting (RA), will meet weekly, at 3 Mondays, at Backus. For more information, contact Cynthia at 218-290-5476 or Stephanie, 218-324-2000.

BRONCO GIRLS PARENTS NIGHT

Parents Night for the Bronco Girls will take place Jan. 31. As presentation and celebration of seniors will take place prior to warmups, fans wishing to be in attendance for this portion should plan to be at Bronco Arena by 2 p.m.

RED HAT LOON-A-TICKS

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

ADULT MIXED VOLLEYBALL

Adult Mixed Volleyball will be played at 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at Backus Community Center. Cost is \$2 per person.

Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club's 30th ANNUAL FAMILY ICE FISHING DERBY & RAFFLE

Saturday, February 28th • 1-4 p.m. SAND BAY AREA - MAIN ENTRANCE: RAINY LAKE MARINE

Each Child will receive a [FREE HOT DOG] ticket. Warm up with the family at some designated fire pits and enjoy FREE s'mores! LIONS CLUB FOOD WAGON WILL BE SERVING ALL DAY

DERBY PRIZES (\$10 Raffle Ticket Required)

1st - HISSUN 700 UTV
2nd - Jiffy Ice Auger
3rd - Humminbird Ice 45 Flasher
Many others to win!

NOTICE: RULES FOR 2015

- 2014 Licenses are VALID.
- No lines in the water until 1:00 p.m.
- Fish Prizes donated by: Hardees; Farmers Insurance - Ronna MacKay; Loons Nest/Rainy Lake One Stop/Rainy Lake Spirits; Sportsman's Service.
- Secret surprise drawings announced throughout the day.

ALL STATE FISHING REGULATIONS ARE ENFORCED (Remember that you cannot keep walleyes in the Rainy Lake 17"-28" slot nor will they be accepted for the draw!)

\$10 RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: Outdoorsman's Headquarters - Sportsman's Service - Loons Nest - Rainy Lake One Stop - Forestland - Randy's - Mel's Corner Service in Littlefork - Promersbergers Corner in Big Falls - as well as other various locations throughout the borderland.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon; 1 p.m., Bingo; Roast Moose Supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615); karaoke contest, 7.
- 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

- 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.
- Red Hat Loon-a-Ticks, noon, Lenard's.
- Borealis Bards spring theater production auditions, 4-6 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 201.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Darts, 7 p.m., Outpost.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Rainy Rustic Riders Vintage Snowmobile Club, 7 p.m., Thunderbird Lodge.
- 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.
- WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- 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).
- Borealis Bards spring theater production auditions, 4-6 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 201.
- 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.

- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., pasta with sauce and meatballs, fresh salad, bread sticks, 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.
- Chicken and Biscuits Supper, Women of the Moose, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Greater International Falls ACT on Alzheimer's Community Forum, 6:30 p.m., Rainy River Community College Commons.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m.; House, 7; Officers, 7:45; Legion, 8, Moose Lodge.
- "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

WEDNESDAY

- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission, 8 a.m., Commissioners' Boardroom, Koochiching County Courthouse.
- Recycling curbside collection, 8 a.m., north of 11th Street and west of Highway 53 (includes Terrace Lane).
- Retired Boise Cascade Papermakers Local. 159, 9 a.m., Lenard's.
- 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.
- 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., Beef Tips and Gravy.
- 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.
- Women of the Moose, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- Adult Mixed Volleyball, 7:15 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

LOTTERY

Wednesday's Daily 3 7, 5, 8

Wednesday's Northstar Cash 7, 12, 14, 22, 29

Wednesday's Gopher 5 5, 18, 33, 40, 44

Wednesday's Hot Lotto 11, 19, 34, 37, 39

Hot Ball 4

Saturday's Mega Millions 31, 35, 56, 59, 63

Mega Ball 6

Wednesday's Powerball 11, 12, 15, 28, 57
Powerball 23

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There are just no words to express our deep gratitude for saving our son's life. A heartfelt thank you to Bruce Bergstrom for pulling Tanner out of the water. Without your heroic efforts, he would not be with us today.

A special thank you to my brother Troy Tilander for initiating the contacts necessary to get Tanner's machine out of the lake and especially for putting his life on the line to retrieve the snowmobile from the water.

Also thank you to Jen, Jordan, Amber and Tyler for the special care they gave Tanner after the accident. Thank you to Chris Thostenson and Justin Franz for their help and support provided during this time.

Thank you to Rocky Ledge for providing a warm place for Tanner and for drying his clothes and to Voyageur National Park Service for their assistance.

If we have forgotten anyone, please forgive us and know that your efforts were greatly appreciated. We will be forever grateful to all of you.

Thank you,
Tracy Tilander and family
Tom Cann and family

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