

# COMMUNITYNEWS

## Reminder to public to get mailboxes ready for winter

MNDOT STAFF REPORT

With winter weather here, the Minnesota Department of Transportation encourages residents to get their mailboxes ready for the season. During winter, residents are responsible for the care and replacement of a damaged mailbox unless it was directly hit by a snowplow. Minnesota Statute 169.072 cites that mailboxes along state highways need to conform to location and breakaway standards. These standards are available at the following web page: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/trafficsafety/safety/mailboxes.pdf> Often when damage occurs, it is the result of mailboxes not conforming to these requirements. This is often caused by rusting mailboxes or posts that do not stand up to the snow thrown by plows. Note the following reminders about mailboxes along state highways:

- Mailbox reflectors and driveway markers should be blue or clear. Motorists may confuse red and orange reflectors with vehicle tail lights, which could draw them toward the mailbox when visibility is limited.
  - Mailboxes with damaged or worn latches should be replaced. Wind and heavy snow can cause a mailbox door to fall open if the latch isn't working properly.
  - Newspaper holders, chains and other types of ornamental displays under the mailbox add to its size and weight and do not leave much room for plow clearance.
- MnDOT follows up on all mailbox damage complaints and appreciates cooperation from mailbox owners when investigating damages. Mailbox damage found to be caused by a direct snowplow collision will be repaired by MnDOT. Repairs may take time due to snow removal and other regular maintenance activities.

### BORDERLAND BRIEFS

**RED HAT LOON-A-TICKS**  
Red Hat Loon-a-Ticks will meet for lunch at noon Monday at Lenard's.

**DOCUMENTARY MOVIE NIGHT**  
Documentary Movie Night at International Falls Public Library is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday. The film, "In Organic We Trust," will be presented. This food documentary looks beyond organic food to provide options for everyone in finding healthy, sustainably grown food. The film, which is about 80 minutes in length, will be followed by refreshments and the opportunity to discuss the film.

**ANGEL TREE APPLICATIONS**  
Applications are due Wednesday for those wishing to take part in the Angel Tree. Trees will be taken down Dec. 12.

**FILL AN AMBULANCE FUNDRAISER**  
The Salvation Army fundraiser Fill An Ambulance is set for 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 28 and 29 at Kmart. Donations of toys or food will be accepted.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
The Salvation Army/Elks/Stewart's SuperOne Thanksgiving Dinner is planned for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Elks Club. Free will donations will be accepted. The public is welcome to attend.

**MOVIES WITH SANTA**  
Free Movies With Santa are planned for Nov. 29 at Cine 5. Doors open and visits with Santa begin at 9 a.m., with movies at 10. Features include "Lady and the Tramp," "Santa Buddies: Legend of Santa Paws" and "The Goonies." The event is sponsored by International Falls Rotary Club and Cine 5. All children are welcome.

**SENIOR DINING CENTER**  
Koochiching County Senior Center dining will be closed Nov. 27 and 28 and will reopen Dec. 1.

### CALENDAR

#### TODAY

- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard's.
- Bingo, open at noon, Moose Lodge.
- Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., Backus Community 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.

#### MONDAY

- Sing and Play, 9-10 a.m., Ranier Community Center.
- 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, Children's Drama Club, 4:30-6 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 205.
- International Falls Economic Development Authority Commission, 5 p.m., City Hall.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Documentary Movie Night, "In Organic We Trust," 6:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Rainy Rustic Riders Vintage Snowmobile Club, 7 p.m., Thunderbird Lodge.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- 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 Public Health Development.
- Koochiching County Board of Commissioners, 9:30 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse.
- 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.
- Falls High School Class of 1948, 1 p.m., Rose Garden Restaurant.
- Health Screening, 1-4 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- 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.
  - Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, peas and carrots, Backus Community Center.
  - Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
  - Mary Jo's Hotdish Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
  - Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
  - Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m.; House, 7; Lodge, 7:30; Legion, 8, Moose Lodge.
  - Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Trails End Chapter, 7 p.m., Elks Club.
  - 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.

#### WEDNESDAY

- Angel Tree application deadline.
- 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., Giovonni's pizza and salad.
- 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.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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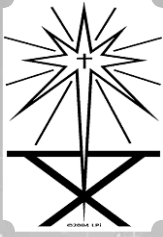
### LOTTERY

<b>Wednesday's Daily 3</b> 7, 6, 3	<b>Wednesday's Hot Lotto</b> 6, 30, 32, 43, 45	<b>Mega Ball</b> 6
<b>Wednesday's Northstar Cash</b> 2, 4, 12, 13, 19	<b>Hot Ball</b> 14	<b>Wednesday's Powerball</b> 6, 36, 38, 48, 51
<b>Wednesday's Gopher 5</b> 5, 7, 23, 44, 45	<b>Saturday's Mega Millions</b> 37, 39, 53, 68, 75	<b>Powerball</b> 17

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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Mission

December 3 - 5, 2014



WEDNESDAY

Featuring a spaghetti dinner from 5:00 - 7:00pm

David Walsh at 7:00pm • time for Adoration and Confession

THURSDAY

Fr. Brandon Moravitz at 7:00pm followed by Praise and Worship • Confession and Adoration

FRIDAY

Mission concludes with Mass with Bishop Sirba at 6:00pm


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