

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BORDERLAND BRIEFS

### AFTER LOSS GROUP

The After Loss Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Almost Lindy's.

### COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Rainy Lake Medical Center Foundation will host the annual Community Baby Shower from 10 a.m. to noon May 17 at Coffee Landing Café. It is reported that many Koochiching County families cannot afford essential baby supplies such as diapers, blankets, and clothes. Koochiching County Public Health staff distribute supplies when visiting newborns and families throughout the county. Donations may be dropped off prior to the event at RLHC hospital or clinic campus registration areas. Refreshments will be served.

### KABETOGAMA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kabetogama Fire Department will gather for the annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Kabetogama Fire Hall.

### 'ROLLIN' FOR FURBALLS' FUNDRAISER

Borderland Humane Society, Moose Lodge 1259 and International House of Bowling are partnering up to support BHS in raising funds for a new shelter with a "Rollin' for Furballs" fundraiser. The family-friendly event is planned for May 17 with bowling from noon to 4:30 p.m. with a taco dinner following at 5. Everyone welcome to Cosmic Bowling and Jackpot Bowling; no need to form teams. Minimum of two games must be bowled (\$5/game, shoes included). Call 324-2949 for more information.

### LOCAL TOURISM ASSESSMENT

The public is welcome to the Local Tourism Assessment of the Gateway Communities to Voyageurs National Park planned for 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Lenard's at the AmericInn. Also featured will be National Geographic Heart of the Continent website training. \$10 inclusive dinner buffet. RSVP to the International Falls Chamber of Commerce at 283-9400.

### MOTHER'S DAY PARTY

A Mother's Day Party is planned for Thursday at Koochiching County Senior Center, 307 Fourth St. Entertainment by Borderland Pioneers and Friends will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon with lunch served at noon. For reservations by noon Wednesday, call 283-3460.

## POLICE REPORT

### International Falls Police Department

**Burglary:** William A. Dickson, Eighth Street, reported April 27 that a 22-caliber rifle and a black powder pistol, totaling \$500, were taken from his residence.

### Itasca County Sheriff's Office

**Body found:** The Itasca County Sheriff's Office reported the body of a missing Bigfork man has been found in rural Bigfork. The body of Gregory Arthur Thurston, 51, was found about a half-mile from his residence near Rainbow Lake April 24. Thurston had been reported missing April 23. Foul play is not suspected.

## Faster benefit decisions for veterans

BY TAMMY FLUTO

Bemidji Social Security Manager

On Memorial Day, as we pay tribute to the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country, we also share some news about Social Security disability benefits for veterans with disabilities: a new expedited disability process.

We believe it is important to recognize those who currently serve in the military as well as those injured in the line of duty and consider it an honor and a duty to serve them. Whether the injury is physical or mental, getting a decision about Social Security disability benefits from your government shouldn't add to the problems faced by the injured.

Carolyn W. Colvin, acting commissioner of Social Security, recently unveiled a new initiative to expedite disability applications from veterans with a Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation rating of 100 percent Permanent and Total.

Under the new process, Social Security will treat these veterans' applications as high priority and issue expedited decisions, similar to the way we currently handle disability claims from wounded warriors.

"Our veterans have sacrificed so much for our country and it is only right that we ensure they have timely access to the disability benefits they may be eligible for and deserve," said acting commissioner Colvin.

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

- Relay For Life, 8 a.m., Rainy River Community College.
- Board Games, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Moose Lodge events – Noon, open; no Bingo; 6 p.m., marinated steak club supper (reservations, 283-3615).
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

### SUNDAY

- American Legion Post 66 serving breakfast, 8-11 a.m., VFW Post.
- Open Discussion, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Choir performance, 10:45 a.m. service, Full Gospel Fellowship.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- Sunday Night Into Action Group, Step and Tradition Study, (bring Big Book and Twelve by Twelve), 7:30-9 p.m., Borderland Alano Club.

### MONDAY

- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- After School Arts – KinderArt, 3:45-5 p.m., Backus, Room 205.
- Community Band, 4 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- International Falls City Council, 4:30 p.m., Falls Municipal Building, council chambers.
- Rainy Lake Rural Health Clinic Open House, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- International Falls Lions Club, 6 p.m., Lenard's.
- Bronco Basketball Boosters, 6:30 p.m., Falls High School, Cooking Room 130.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Ray Cemetery Association annual gathering, 7 p.m., Ray Community Building.
- Indus Recreation Association, 7 p.m., Indus School library.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Borderland Substance Abuse Court Alumni Recovery support group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous, "How It Works" step gathering, 7:30-9 p.m., Alano Club.

### TUESDAY

- Water Testing, 8 a.m.-noon, Koochiching County Health Department.
- St. Paul Lutheran Church men, 8:30 a.m., Lenard's.
- Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus 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.
- WIC Clinic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.

- Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary, 10 a.m., hospital campus, meeting room.
- Bone Builders, 10 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).
- Crafty Science, 3-7:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- TOPS MN34, 5 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Women's Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- After Loss Group, 5:30 p.m., Almost Lindy's.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., hamburgers, hash browns, coleslaw, fruit, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Greater International Falls Jaycees, 6 p.m., AmericInn.
- I Falls Partners in Education, 6-7 p.m., Falls Elementary School library.
- Gateway Communities to Voyageurs National Park Local Tourism Assessment, 6-8 p.m., AmericInn, Lenard's.
- Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- International Early Iron Car Club, 7 p.m. (Leon, 283-9773; Sandy, 807-274-2345).
- Littlefork Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9641 and Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Post Home.
- A.A./N.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- BigBook Study, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.
- Non-smoking Alcoholics Anonymous Group, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

### WEDNESDAY

- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium 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., AmericInn.
- Test of emergency sirens – 1 p.m., International Falls; 2, Fort Frances.
- 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.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., BBQ beef brisket.
- 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.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

## LOTTERY

### Wednesday's Daily 3

5, 3, 5

### Wednesday's Northstar Cash

1, 6, 14, 25, 27

### Wednesday's Gopher 5

16, 26, 32, 37, 40

### Wednesday's Hot Lotto

13, 25, 37, 39, 44

### Hot Ball

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### Saturday's Mega Millions

7, 43, 59, 61, 66

### Mega Ball

3

### Wednesday's Powerball

2, 9, 11, 19, 50

### Powerball

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Presented by John Bennett 6 - 7:30 pm  
UNIVERSITY of MINNESOTA, COMMUNITY ECONOMICS

6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 6

Lenard's at AmericInn

\$10 Inclusive Dinner Buffet

**RSVP: 283-9400**

Also: **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**





7:30p.m. Heart of the Continent Website Initiation

**Guidance on nominating your business or organization for the site that draws visitors from around the world.**

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**MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR TO PERFORM IN INTERNATIONAL FALLS...**

*Inspiring Choir Composed of Adults Recovering from Drug and Alcohol Addictions*



**The Full Gospel Fellowship in International Falls will host the MnTC Choir in a free performance on Sunday, May 4, 2014 during 10:45 AM service.**

The choir's contemporary gospel and praise songs will be accompanied by inspiring client stories of their recovery from addiction by the power and forgiveness of God. Additionally, the clients will be available following the service to answer questions about their personal experiences and how their lives have been changed through Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge.

The event is open to the public and all are welcome. You will be inspired by the message of hope brought by the MnTC Choir - bring a friend!