

# COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

## Traveling with pets

**Q.** My question is this, is it illegal to drive around on the street or country road with a small pet in your lap? I see so many drivers with pets on their laps.

A. There is no current Minnesota law that specifically prohibits it, however the driver could be charged with obstruction of a driver (169.37) or careless driving (169.13, subd. 2) if law enforcement can prove a pet had interfered with the driver's ability to operate a vehicle in a safe manner. We all know in the event of a crash, the pet and vehicle occupants could be seriously injured or killed. An airbag deployment with a pet in the driver's or front seat passenger's lap can be fatal. Pet owners should place



Sgt. Neil  
**DICKENSON**  
MINNESOTA STATE PATROL

their pets in an enclosed pet carrier or purchase and use an approved pet restraint system/belt.

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

## BORDERLAND BRIEFS

TRICK OR TREAT STREET

Trick or Treat Street is set for 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at Backus Community Center. New this year is a Haunted House in the basement. No admission fee but donations accepted. Call Backus for information, 285-7225.

AFTER LOSS GROUP

The After Loss Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 5 at Margarita's Mexican Grill. (Note day change).

BOREALIS BARDS EVENTS

Borealis Bards, local community theater group, announce drama events in November. A Children's Drama Club, open to ages 10-15, begins Nov. 3 and runs Mondays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Adult Script Readings, for ages 16 and up, from 6:30 to 8, begins Nov. 6. The public is welcome to participate, with meetings in Room 205 at Backus Community Center. For information contact info@borealisbards.org or visit the website, www.borealisbards.org.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

A Dress Up Halloween Dance is planned for 9 p.m. to midnight Friday at The Dungeon at Backus Community Center. Halloween Laser Show at 10 and costume judging at 10:45. Admission is \$7 per person. Bring a friend and admission is \$10 for both. Free potato chips with beverages available for the usual fee. For more information, visit Facebook "Faiths Dungeon" or mrfaithslasers.com.

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

- 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).
- 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., pot roast supper.
- Little Lambs (3 years to kindergarten) and King's Kids (1-5th grades), Youth Group (6th grade-up), 6:30-7:30 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

### THURSDAY

- 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.
- Caring and Sharing ... A Time for Caregivers group, 1:30 p.m., Faith United Church of Christ, Fireside Room.
- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
- Kids Halloween Party, 5-7 p.m.; 7 Generations Desserts, Moose Lodge.
- Falls Trap Club, trap shooting, 5:30 p.m.,

- Moonlight Rock Road.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., chicken wingettes and drummies, French fries, fresh carrots, dinner rolls, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- The Lamplighters, women's support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse, 407 Fourth St.
- St. Thomas Bingo — Bonanza, 6:45 p.m.; Bingo, 7, Aquinas Hall.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

### FRIDAY

- 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.
- Flu shots, noon-4 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- Trick or Treat Street, 4-6 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., Kitty's homemade lasagna and garlic bread.
- 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.
- Halloween Teen Dance, 9 p.m.-midnight, The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.

### SATURDAY

- Northland Art Society workshop, Beginners Clay with Jim Reid, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Backus Community Center, Art Room 114.
- Moose Lodge events – Bingo, 1 p.m.; cornish game hen supper, 6; 7 Generations Finale (reservations, 283-3615).
- Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

## LOTTERY

<b>Sunday's Daily 3</b> 6, 1, 4	<b>Saturday's Hot Lotto</b> 1, 16, 22, 33, 36	<b>Mega Ball</b> 3
<b>Sunday's Northstar Cash</b> 6, 8, 14, 15, 28	<b>Hot Ball</b> 14	<b>Saturday's Powerball</b> 6, 10, 51, 54, 57
<b>Friday's Gopher 5</b> 25, 26, 39, 43, 46	<b>Friday's Mega Millions</b> 2, 14, 21, 28, 55	<b>Powerball</b> 12

## POLICE REPORT

International Falls Police Department

**Dangerous device:** Police are investigating a report Sunday by all-terrain vehicle drivers on the snowmobile trail behind Holiday Gas of a string tied at neck height across the trail. No injuries were sustained.

**Hit-and-run:** Kristy M. Holmestad, Falls, reported Saturday an unoccupied vehicle owned by Babar M. Blake, sustained dam-

age when it was struck by a vehicle that left the scene while parked on the 400 block of Fifth Avenue West.

**International Falls Fire Department**  
**Small fire:** Firefighters responded to the Pelland residence, Town Road 208, International Falls, where a small fire had occurred on the deck. The fire was extinguished by homeowners before the arrival of firefighters, who ensured the fire would not reignite.

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**HALLOWEEN**

**Trick-or-Treat!**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 31  
3-7PM**

**NORTHWINDS ASSISTED LIVING  
&  
RIVER'S EDGE VILLA**

Enter our Halloween coloring contest for a  
chance to win a prize basket!



**ELECTION NOTICE**

**★VOTING BOOTH★**

**PUBLIC ACCURACY  
TEST OF THE OPTICAL  
SCAN VOTE COUNTERS  
WILL BE HELD**

**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
AT 11:00 AM**

**KOOCHICHING  
COUNTY  
AUDITOR/TREASURER'S  
OFFICE**



**TONI KORPI**  
**Write-In Candidate**  
**School Board #361**

Clip to ensure correct spelling during election



Toni Korpi (FHS '97) is the wife of Colin (FHS '92) and Mother of Karsen (8), Kaden (7) & Kelsie (3). She is the daughter of (the late) Jack & Loral Lee Everett. Toni is currently a local childcare provider (14 yrs), an Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Advisory Board Member (6 yrs), Vice President of Partners In Education - PIE (2 yrs), a Girl Scout Leader (4 yrs), & a Gizzard Girl (2 yrs). Toni would like to partner with the school board, staff, students, parents & community to ensure the continued success of keeping our children first; while maintaining their safety, education and health as a top priority. She would like to share her innovative ideas and fresh energy with the districts successes, challenges and opportunities.

Paid for by the Candidate on her own behalf.  
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