

COMMUNITYNEWS

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

DETOUR LIFTED

Motorists on Highway 6 north of Deer River will once again be able to travel the route as the detour will be lifted Wednesday, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Traffic has been detoured since May 12 to do repairs to the highway. The project made an emergency culvert repair, improved drainage, and reduced flooding. For more updates on this, and other projects in the region, follow on Twitter @mndotnorthwest, or log on to www.511mn.org for real-time travel information anywhere in Minnesota.

BRONCO FOOTBALL BOOSTERS

Bronco Football Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Falls High School cafeteria. The gathering is for those interested in participating in the upcoming football season, as well as their parents.

BACKUS HOLIDAY CLOSING

Backus Community Center and Backus Kids Club will be closed Monday for the Memorial Day holiday. Call Backus at 285-7225 for information.

POST, AUXILIARY PLACING FLAGS

In observance of Memorial day, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary 2948 will place flags on grave markers of veterans at 9 a.m. Saturday at Forest Hill Cemetery. The public is welcome to assist in the tribute to ensure all veterans are recognized. Family of departed Ladies Auxiliary members may visit the Post Home, 1416 Third Ave., to request an auxiliary flag for graves. There is no charge. Memorial Day services will take place Sunday.

PAINT A PIANO

Ranier Recreation Club and Northland Art Society will sponsor a Paint A Piano event Saturday at Backus Community Center parking lot, Third Street side, for preschool age students and up, beginning at 9 a.m. to whenever the four pianos are painted. A free hot dog lunch for the children will be served by the Lions Club.

RAY CEMETERY SERVICE

Coffee and refreshments will be served Sunday at Ray Community Building following the 9 a.m. Memorial Day services at Ray Cemetery. The public is welcome.

ASK A TROOPER

Motorcycle passengers

BY SGT. CURT S. MOWERS
Minnesota State Patrol

Q: My wife and I have a larger motorcycle and love to ride. We have a 6-year-old grandchild that wants to go along. The state motorcycle guide says you should not have a child ride in front of you, but behind you instead. It doesn't say you can't, it says you shouldn't. It also says the passenger must be able to reach the foot pedals. My question is, can our grandchild ride (sandwiched) between us? I feel this would be safe, but is it legal?

A: The motorcycle guide is not the law, it is a summary, and your interpretation of what it says may be incorrect. It would not be legal and would not be safe. Motorcycles are not designed for three people (unless there is a sidecar or similar). Here is part of the motorcycle law concerning passengers:

M.S.S. 169.974 Subdivision 5(a) An operator of a motorcycle shall ride only upon a permanent and regular seat which is attached to the vehicle for that purpose. No other person shall ride

on a motorcycle; except that passengers may ride upon a permanent and regular operator's seat if designed for two persons, or upon additional seats attached to the vehicle to the rear of the operator's seat, or in a sidecar attached to the vehicle; provided, however, that the operator of a motorcycle shall not carry passengers in a number in excess of the designed capacity of the motorcycle or sidecar attached to it. No passenger shall be carried in a position that will interfere with the safe operation of the motorcycle or the view of the operator.

(b) No person shall ride upon a motorcycle as a passenger unless, when sitting astride the seat, the person can reach the footrests with both feet.

(c) No person, except passengers of sidecars or drivers and passengers of three-wheeled motorcycles, shall operate or ride upon a motorcycle except while sitting astride the seat, facing forward, with one leg on either side of the motorcycle.

Parts of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes.

Thanks for asking, I hope this clears it up for you.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Retired Boise Cascade electricians, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- WIC Clinic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Northome.
- 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.
- East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board, 11 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Koochiching Aging Options, "Elders - Living at Home Longer" presentation, 1:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- 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.
- International Falls Recreation Commission Board, 5:45 p.m., city council chambers.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Ranier City Council, 6:30 p.m., Ranier Community Building.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., baby back ribs.
- 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.
- Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club, 7 p.m., Ameridnn.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

THURSDAY

- Bone Builders, 10 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.
- Cardiac support group, 11:30 a.m., Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Flu Clinic, noon-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 4-8 p.m., Backus, Room 114.

- Adventure Corps, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weigh-in; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
- History Café III, 5:30 p.m., Coffee Landing Café.
- Falls Trap Club, trap shooting, 5:30 p.m., Moonlight Rock Road.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, Backus Community Center.
- Tacos Supper, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Borderland Humane Society, 6 p.m., River's Edge Villa.
- The Lamplighters, women's support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse, 407 Fourth St.
- Borealis Bards Summer Shakespeare Troupe rehearsal, 6:30-8 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 210.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Fresh Start, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.
- Bronco Football Boosters, 7:30 p.m., Falls High School cafeteria.

FRIDAY

- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium 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.
- Elks Lodge Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., Build-Your-Own Burgers.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Passport to Cooking, Italian creme cake, James and Lisa Shipley, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- For Those in Need, Addiction Recovery, 7 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1340 Keenan Drive.
- Grape Vine Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- Paint A Piano event, 9 a.m., Backus Community Center, Third Street parking lot.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary 2948 placing flags on veteran grave markers, 9 a.m., Forest Hill Cemetery
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

LOTTERY

Sunday's Daily 3
2, 1, 2

Sunday's Northstar Cash
8, 11, 13, 17, 19

Friday's Gopher 5
10, 14, 17, 41, 44

Saturday's Hot Lotto
7, 22, 23, 37, 46

Hot Ball
12

Friday's Mega Millions
13, 14, 16, 50, 56

Mega Ball
11

Saturday's Powerball
23, 32, 39, 47, 49

Powerball
22

POLICE REPORT

International Falls Fire Department

Mill fire: Firefighters responded at 8:45 a.m. Sunday to an overheated motor in the shipping and finishing area of the Boise paper mill. The fire was extinguished by mill staff, but firefighters checked

to make sure it would not rekindle.

International Falls Police Department

Collision: Vehicles driven by Johnathan M. Monroe, County Road 8, and Joel M. Johnson, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, collided May 10 at Keenan Drive

and Highway 11-71 causing more than \$1,000 damage to the vehicles.

Burglary: Janet Marie Ficke-Carlson, Third Avenue, reported May 10 that her garage was entered and boots and a bench light valued at about \$200 taken.

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