

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Signaling turns

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Minnesota State Patrol

Q: I think it's time to review the use of turn signals. It is unbelievable how many people turn their signals on at the same time they have begun to make a turn. By then, I know they are going to turn! Hopefully, those people will read your column.

A: You are right, signaling turns (or lane changes) is for the purpose of communicating to other motorists what you (as a driver) are going to do, not what you are doing. A lot of drivers signal their turns too late or don't signal their turns at all.

Minnesota law (M.S.S. 169.19 Subdivision 5) requires a driver to "signal their intention to turn continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning." This is something that I have talked a lot about on the radio often, but we do

need to keep trying to get the message out to the motor-ing public. One problem is that drivers have developed some bad habits when they were young, and now those bad habits are hard to break! Also found in M.S.S. 169.19 Sub. 5: "A person whose vehicle is exiting a roundabout is exempt from this subdivision." This is because of the distance requirement (of the pre-signal of 100 feet) can't be met in a roundabout.

In some cases, signaling 100 feet might not be good enough. Each driver must determine for each circumstance how far ahead of time they should signal, so we can all work together and avoid a crash. Using our signals consistently and correctly can aide in avoiding many crashes, some of which may be serious or fatal. Signaling before you apply the brake lights would help the driver behind you to see your signal easier and better.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

ROAD CLOSURE
Unorganized Township Road 11, off Highway 217 west of Ray, will be closed starting Monday due to bridge removal and pipe installation. The road will be reopened when the project is complete, according to Garrett Erickson, Gladen Construction foreman.

AMERICAN LEGION INFORMATIONAL GATHERING
An interest and informational meeting is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the VFW Peter Graham Post 2948 in International Falls for activating the American Legion William Robideau Post 66. Contact Kathy Sikkila at 218-324-0690 for more information.

SCHOOL BOARD
The International Falls School Board will meet in a special session at 5 p.m. Monday at Falls High School library to begin the process of making

cost adjustments for the 2014-15 school year.

ADVANCED EXCEL COURSE
Community Education will sponsor a Microsoft Advanced Excel course from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 12, 19 and 26 at Falls High School, Room 218. Cost is \$17.50 for three sessions. The course is subsidized by the International Falls Chamber of Commerce. Call 283-2571, ext. 186, to register.

PIE EVENTS
An open house and joint I Falls Partners in Education and Independent School District 361 Title I annual meeting is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Falls Elementary School library during parent teacher conferences. Information about PIE, Reading support at school, Reading Well by Third Grade program, and Project Read will be featured. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

LOTTERY

WEDNESDAY'S DAILY 3 5, 4, 4	HOT BALL 12
WEDNESDAY'S NORTHSTAR CASH 2, 7, 13, 23, 24	SATURDAY'S MEGA MILLIONS 20, 33, 50, 53, 54
WEDNESDAY'S GOPHER 5 22, 29, 32, 33, 39	WEDNESDAY'S POWERBALL 2, 36, 40, 49, 54
WEDNESDAY'S HOT LOTTO 5, 18, 28, 40, 42	POWERBALL 10

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Board Games, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Lady Elks Fundraiser Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Elks Lodge.
- Music and Comedic Storytelling, 1:30 p.m., open mic following, Ranier Community Building.
- Women of the Moose annual Harvest Supper, 4-7 p.m., Moose Lodge clubroom.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

SUNDAY

- Open Discussion, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- 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

- North Koochiching Area Sanitary District Board, 8 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Local author Meredith Cornett Peace Corps presentation, 2 p.m., Rainy River Community College theater.
- Moose Lodge Fellows, 2 p.m.; Meet the Fellows, 3-5, lodge.
- Flu clinic, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Indus School.
- Community Band, 4 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- International Falls City Council, 4:30 p.m., Falls Municipal Building, council chambers.
- International Falls School Board, 5 p.m., Falls High School library.
- Open House/joint I Falls Partners in Education-Independent School District 361 Title 1 annual gathering, 5-7 p.m., Falls Elementary School library.
- 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.
- Polar Polers Ski Club, 6:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library, meeting room.
- Indus Recreation Association, 7 p.m., Indus School library.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- 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., Alanon 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.
- KDA, 9:30 a.m.; Koochiching County Board of Commissioners following,

- Koochiching County Courthouse.
- Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary, 10 a.m., hospital campus, meeting room.
- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- 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).
- Flu clinic, 3:30-5 p.m., Littlefork School.
- Craft Night, 3:30-7:30 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- TOPS MN34, 5 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Life Skills Group for Teen Boys, 5-6 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office (285-7220).
- Women's Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- After Loss Group, 5:30 p.m., Giovanni's.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., sloppy joes, baked beans, chips, 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., Americlenn.
- Soup and Sandwiches Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Life Skills Group for Teen Girls, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office (285-7220).
- Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Littlefork Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9641 and Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Post Home.
- International Early Iron Car Club, 7 p.m., Leon, 283-9773; Sandy, 807-274-2345.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- 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.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Wednesday Study Group, 10:30 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- Falls High School Class of 1963, 11:30 a.m., Lenard's.
- Test of emergency sirens – 1 p.m., International Falls; 2, Fort Frances.
- Flu clinic, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Northome Apartments.
- 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., ham balls.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King's Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Activating American Legion William Robideau Post 66 informational gathering, 7 p.m., VFW Peter Graham Post 2948.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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