COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Patrick's Day weekend warnings

BY CURT S. MOWERS
Minnesota State Patrol

The Minnesota State Patrol recognizes St. Patrick's Day historically is a dangerous drinking and driving party time. Troopers, deputies and officers from around Minnesota will be working Towards Zero Deaths Driving While Impaired shifts all weekend, in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day celebrations, as well as Monday – St. Patrick's Day.

Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead for a sober ride, not to drink and drive, and report suspected impaired drivers.

Department of Public Safety records from the Office of Traffic Safety show that, since 2009, the number of people arrested for DWI on St. Patrick's Day has gone up every year through 2012, with preliminary 2013 data finally showing a dip in DWI arrests:

- 2009 – 218
- 2010 – 225
- 2011 – 289
- 2012 – 346
- 2013 – 223 (preliminary)

Sgt. Curt Mowers, Regional Public Information Officer says, "Our officers would rather not have to make arrests or have needless tragedies occur, but we are relying on people to plan ahead, especially because of the potential for a weekend-long celebration."

DWI enforcement and education is a component of the state's core traffic safety initiative, TZD. A primary vision of the TZD program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. TZD focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes – education, enforcement, engineering and emergency trauma response. Local passenger safety coalitions around Minnesota support these efforts.

BORDERLAND BRIEF

'CONGRESS COMES TO YOU'

Community meetings hosted by Congressman Rick Nolan's office representative, Jordan Metsa and/or Tom Rukavina, are planned for March 25 in International Falls and Littlefork. Gatherings are set for 10 a.m. to noon at the International Falls City Hall council chambers and from 1 to 3 p.m. at Littlefork City Hall. Participants are encouraged to bring opinions, ideas and issues with federal programs such as Social Security. For information, call 218-491-3114.

POLICE REPORT

International Falls Police Department

Hit-and-run: Bruce C. Anderson, Fourth Avenue, reported Monday that his vehicle sustained damage when it was struck by a vehicle that left the scene while parked at SuperOne, 1313 Third St.

Collision: Vehicles drive by Ryan M. Councillor, 19, Third Avenue East, and Maurice J. Tomczak, 42, Main Avenue, at 1105 Third Ave., causing more than $1,000 damage.

Vehicle tampering: Joseph C. Kantor, 13th Avenue West, reported that the lug nuts on his vehicle were loosened while it was parked at his residence.

LOTTERY

WEDNESDAY'S DAILY 3
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WEDNESDAY'S NORTHSTAR CASH
8, 13, 20, 25, 31

WEDNESDAY'S GOPHER 5
14, 29, 30, 36, 39

WEDNESDAY'S HOT LOTTO
16, 20, 27, 32, 34

HOT BALL
15

SATURDAY'S MEGA MILLIONS
9, 14, 56, 57, 69

MEGA BALL
10

WEDNESDAY'S POWERBALL
14, 15, 28, 37, 54

POWERBALL
10

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Friends of the Library book sale, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Moose Lodge events — Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; ham balls supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, Lady Slippers Chapter, 1:30 p.m., Countryside Restaurant, Blackduck.
- Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., free, Backus Community Center.
- Final Guided Snowshoe Hike, 2-3:30 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center.
- 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.
- 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

- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Clothesline Giveaway, 2-7 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship, 1530 Sixth Ave. W.
- Community Band, 4 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- International Falls City Council, 4:30 p.m., Falls Municipal Building, council chambers.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Ranier City Council, 6:30 p.m., Ranier Community Building.
- After School Arts — Intro to Architecture, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Backus, Room 205.
- 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.
- Ranier Recreation Club, 7:30 p.m., Ranier Community Building.
- 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.
- Boise Cascade retired welders and pipefitters, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- Clothesline Giveaway, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship, 1530 Sixth Ave. W.
- WIC Clinic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- 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.
- Low or No Vision support group, 1:30 p.m., River's Edge Villa.
- 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.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., turkey noodle soup, egg salad sandwiches, fruit, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Boiled dinner supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- I Falls Partners in Education, 6-7 p.m., Falls Elementary School library.
- Borealis Bards, 6:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Cradle Cafe, breast feeding support group, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Garden Girls, 7 p.m., Northwoods Assisted Living.
- International Voyageur Snowmobile Club, 7 p.m., Almost Lindy's, banquet room.
- Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Trails End Chapter, 7 p.m., Elks Club.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- A.A./N.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- Adult mixed volleyball, 7-9 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Hall.
- "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

- Retired Boise Cascade electricians, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- AARP Tax-Aide Service, 9 a.m.-noon and 12:30-3 p.m., KOOTASCA Community Action (283-5236).
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Community Clothes Closet drop-offs, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Aquinas Hall.
- 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 1960, 10:30 a.m., Lenard's.
- East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board, 11 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- After School Arts – Theater Games, 4-5:30 p.m., Backus, Room 101.
- 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.
- International Falls Recreation Commission Board, 5:45 p.m., city council chambers.
- Cross-border brainstorming session, 6-8 p.m., Lenard's, AmericInn.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., chicken oscar.
- 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., AmericInn.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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