

# COMMUNITYNEWS

## Call Gopher State One Call before you start digging

MERC REPORT

Yard projects are starting up again and Minnesota Energy Resources reminds everyone to call Gopher State One Call at 811 or 800-252-1166 BEFORE starting any projects involving digging. When calling 811 homeowners and contractors are connected to Gopher State One Call, the local one call center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags, paint or both. You can also go online at Gopher State One Call, <http://www.gopherstateonecall.org> to request a line location. Striking a single natural gas line can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient service interruptions for potentially large areas in communities. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811 or notifying Gopher State One Call. Installing a mailbox, building a deck and planting a tree or garden are all examples of digging projects that should first begin with a call to 811

or notifying Gopher State One Call. National records show that every six minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. Last year, Minnesota Energy Resources received over 84,000 locate requests and recorded 158 accidental dig-ins on its natural gas system. "There is still a misconception that home owners think the 811 hotline only applies to contractors using large power digging equipment," said Jeff Larson, senior external affairs manager for Minnesota Energy Resources. "If you plan on using a shovel in your yard, you should first be calling 811 to notify Gopher State One Call." Minnesota Energy Resources has 4,500 miles of underground natural gas pipeline and about 203,800 lateral services going to homes and businesses in Minnesota. This April marks the eighth annual National Safe Digging Month, reminding everyone to always call 811 before any digging project. Simply call 811, or access the Gopher One website. Additional information is available at the Minnesota Energy Resources website.

### BORDERLAND BRIEFS

RAY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Ray Cemetery Association will be conducted at 7 p.m. May 4 at Ray Community Building.

SPRING CONCERTS

Spring concerts are scheduled for Friday at Falls High School gymnasium. The third and fourth grade concert is at 10 a.m.; first and second grade at 1 p.m.; and kindergarten at 2:30. Concerts are free and open to the public. **KABETOGAMA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

The annual meeting of the Kabetogama Cemetery Association is set for 7 p.m. May 5 at Kabetogama Fire Hall.

AREA BLOOD DRIVES

Memorial Blood Centers have slated the following area blood drives: International Falls Rotary Club-sponsored, noon-3 p.m. Monday, Rainy Lake Medical Center, contact Becky Roeder, 283-2843, sponsor code 0957; Falls High School-sponsored, 8-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, FHS, contact Rachel Amdahl, 283-2571, sponsor code 1109; First Lutheran Church-sponsored, 1-5 p.m., Tuesday, First Lutheran Church, contact Suzanne Mathews, 218-324-0201, sponsor code 0892; Koochiching County Employees-sponsored, 8-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Forestland building, contact Lynn Salo, 283-1110, sponsor code 0945. To schedule appointment online, go to [www.mbc.org/searchdrives](http://www.mbc.org/searchdrives), enter sponsor code.

**FIND DEALS**  
in  
The Journal  
Classifieds

**NOTICE**  
City of International Falls  
Water Customers

Staff will be installing remote water meter reading equipment to the external touch pads on all metered buildings in the City. This will allow remote radio technology to be used to read your monthly water use more efficiently and allow employees to work on other City projects.

You may notice our employees, who will be wearing lime green vests with identification cards, in your yard for a short time to install a small cover/radio box to the existing touch pad.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to the employees who are doing the work or call 218-283-9485, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

### CALENDAR

#### TODAY

- "Stuff Sale," (Boy Scouts Troop 145), 8 a.m.-noon, Faith United Church.
- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard's.
- Acoustic Music Jam, noon, Littlefork VFW.
- Bingo, 1 p.m.; Legion, Swiss steak Supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615), Moose Lodge.
- Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., free, Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

#### SUNDAY

- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 Ladies Auxiliary-hosted pancake breakfast, 8:30-11:30 a.m., VFW Club.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Open, 9 a.m., Alano Club.
- Guest speakers, Pastors Chris and Monica DeLaurentis, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship.
- OverEaters Anonymous support group, 4 p.m., Evolve Fitness Center, 1301 Third St. (No fees/dues).
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.

#### MONDAY

- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Red Hat Loon-a-Ticks, noon, Voyageur Cafe.
- Memorial Blood Center blood drive, noon-3 p.m., Rainy Lake Medical Center.
- "Solution Monday," All Recoveries 12-Step (RA), 3 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 103.
- Junior Borealis Bards, Theatre Games, 4:30-6 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 201.
- Borderland Humane Society, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Holding Facility, 1990 Valley Pine Circle.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge 1599.
- Adult Mixed Volleyball, 7 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women's Step Study, 7 p.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- Narcotics Anonymous, "How It Works" step gathering, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

#### TUESDAY

- Water Testing, 8 a.m.-noon, Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Koochiching County Public Health Department.
- Memorial Blood Center blood drive, 8-10:30 a.m., Falls High School.
- Koochiching County Board of Commissioners, Committee of the Whole, 9:30 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse.
- Bone Builders, 10-11:30 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.
- Memorial Blood Center blood drive, 1-5 p.m., First Lutheran Church.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).
- TOPS MN34, 5-5:30 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Women's Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Community Café, 5:30-6 p.m., baked chicken, French fries, California medley, dinner roll, Backus Community Center.
- Women's Support Group, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Almond crusted pork tenderloin Supper, 6 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Installation of officers, 6:30 p.m.; Legion, 7; House, 7:15; Lodge, 8, Moose Lodge.
- I Falls Partners in Education, 6:30 p.m., Falls Elementary School library.
- Borealis Bards, Adult Script Reading, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Backus Community Center, Room 201.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center, Littlefork.
- "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

#### WEDNESDAY

- Recycling curbside collection, 8 a.m., north of 11th Street and west of Highway 53 (includes Terrace Lane).
- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission, 8 a.m., Koochiching County Courthouse, Commissioners' Boardroom.
- Memorial Blood Center blood drive, 8-11:30 a.m., Forestland building, 1000 Fifth St.
- 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., stuffed pork chops.
- Little Lambs (3 years to kindergarten) and King's Kids (1st-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.

### LOTTERY

<b>Wednesday's Daily 3</b> 2, 0, 0	<b>Wednesday's Hot Lotto</b> 9, 15, 33, 37, 44	<b>Mega Ball</b> 11
<b>Wednesday's Northstar Cash</b> 18, 19, 24, 27, 29	<b>Hot Ball</b> 16	<b>Wednesday's Powerball</b> 10, 14, 25, 39, 53
<b>Wednesday's Gopher 5</b> 2, 14, 17, 23, 43	<b>Saturday's Mega Millions</b> 31, 33, 35, 41, 69	<b>Powerball</b> 18

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BUS TRANSPORTATION**

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1. International Falls, MN

2. Ranier, MN

3. Ericksburg, MN

Sealed quotations will be received in the Office of the Superintendent no later than Thursday May 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and will be awarded at the regular meeting of the Board of Education on May 13, 2015.

Quotation Sheet and Quotation Specifications are available at the District Office. All quotations must conform to specifications. For further information, contact the Office of the Superintendent at 218-897-5275 ext 153; or ISD #363, Attn: Supt. Jerry Struss, PO Box 465, Northome, MN 56661.

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