

# COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

## One last question

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**Q: Can you give some good “last minute” advice or info about traffic safety in a nutshell, since you are no longer going to be an active trooper after your July 1 retirement?**

A: Yes,...”in a nutshell”:  
Remember that driving or riding in a motor vehicle is one of the most dangerous things you do on a daily basis. Everyone has to take personal responsibility for their own actions behind the wheel. Speeding really does kill, and more speed kills more. Know the rules of the road for the type of vehicle you are operating.

Do your part to survive by always wearing your seatbelt and obeying all traffic rules. Too many drivers tailgate, pass on the right, fail to signal and don’t concentrate on their driving. If we all focused on our driving, we would have a lot fewer deaths and injuries on our roadways. Don’t drink and drive, and report those who do. Respect police officers during traffic stops. Be prepared for anything to happen out on the highway, as your life and the life of others depend on it. Let’s all keep working together “towards zero deaths.”

Thank you to everyone for doing your part in traffic safety.

## USDA offers home loans to low income households

USDA STAFF REPORT

United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, a federally funded agency, offers loans for low income households to purchase or build single family dwellings, as well as home improvement loans for very-low income households who already own their homes.

Applicants for both programs must meet established income guidelines, have an acceptable credit history and show repayment ability.

The home loan program offers: no down payment; a current interest rate of 3.75 percent; and a 33-year term. Depending upon income, payment could be subsidized making homeownership more affordable.

Already own a home? The home improvement program for very-low income households offers: an interest rate of 1 percent; up to a 20-year term; and a maximum loan amount of \$20,000. Grants up to \$7,500 may be available to those 62 and older who qualify to remove health and safety hazards from their homes.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call the USDA, Rural Development Office at 218-751-1942, ext. 4, or write, 3217 Bemidji Ave. North, Bemidji, MN 56601. Visit the USDA website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn>.

The Bemidji Office services the counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Itasca, Koochiching and Lake of the Woods.

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## BORDERLAND BRIEFS

BOOK SIGNING

Christina Giles will host a book signing for her children’s book, “Aidan & His Magic Wand,” from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at City Drug. Some of the proceeds from book sales will assist flood relief efforts in International Falls. Books will be available the day of the signing or can be ordered by contacting Giles at [cmgiles16@gmail.com](mailto:cmgiles16@gmail.com) or 432-230-8525.

SPORTS/ARTS CAMP

Evangelical Covenant Church of International Falls and First Covenant Church of St. Paul will host Hero Training Camp 2014 – Discover The Hero Within, from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 1631 First Ave. E. (Note time change from previous years). The sports/arts camp for children is for those entering first grade through those entering sixth grade. There is no charge. For transportation, call the church at 283-3365.

CLASS OF 1962

Falls High School Class of 1962 will gather for a get-together at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Thunderbird Lodge. Those who wish to have dinner at 6 p.m. should call Jeannine Nelson at 286-3558.

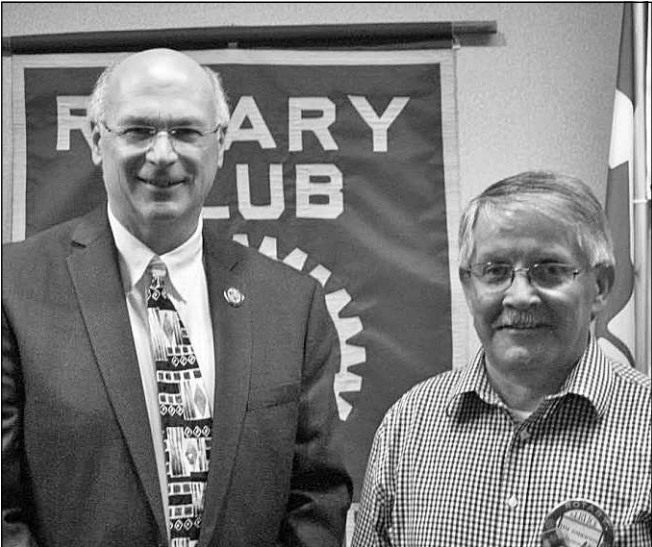
WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

The Women of the Moose will serve lunch from noon to 4 p.m. Friday during the Fourth of July Parade at the Moose Lodge.

CLASS OF 1965

Falls High School Class of 1965 will gather for lunch at noon July 9 at Island View Lodge.

## ROTARY GUEST



**Ken Anderson, at left, was the guest of Tim Anderson at a recent meeting of the International Falls Rotary Club. Ken Anderson, the new city administrator for International Falls, spoke about projects the city is working on and plans for the future.**

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## CALENDAR

### TODAY

- Sing and Play in the Park, 10-11 a.m., Ranier Park.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium 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.
- Falls High School Class of 1963, 11:30 a.m., Lenard’s.
- Test of emergency sirens – 1 p.m., International Falls; 2, Fort Frances.
- Community Market, 4-6:30 p.m., Backus Third Street parking lot.
- 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.
- Stories in the Park, 6 p.m., Eighth Avenue green space (near community gardens).
- Men’s Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., Giovanni’s pizza and salad.
- 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.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

### THURSDAY

- Hospital retirees, 8 a.m., Lenard’s.
- 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.
- Pig Roast, 2 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- 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.
- Falls Trap Club, trap shooting, 5:30 p.m., Moonlight Rock Road.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., French toast bake, sausage, scrambled eggs, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner’s Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Northland Art Society, 6 p.m., Backus building, art room.
- The Lamplighters, women’s support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse, 407 Fourth St.
- Fresh Start, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

### FRIDAY

- Moose Lodge events — Open, 10 a.m.; float loads, 11:30; Women of the Moose serving lunch, noon-4 p.m.; kids’ free bouncy castle.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Elks Lodge hosts Watermelon in the Park, 11 a.m.
- Serenity Sisters, Women’s A.A., noon, Backus, Rational Alternatives, Room 101.
- 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.
- Grape Vine Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

### SATURDAY

- Community Market, 9 a.m.-noon, Backus Third Street parking lot.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Falls High School Class of 1953 reunion, 3 p.m., AmericInn.
- Falls High School Class of 1962 get-together, 4:30 p.m., Thunderbird Lodge.
- Falls High School Class of 1984 30-year reunion, 6:30 p.m., Sha~Sha Resort.

## LOTTERY

Sunday’s Daily 3

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Sunday’s Northstar Cash

2, 3, 8, 15, 20

Friday’s Gopher 5

16, 18, 19, 24, 43

Saturday’s Hot Lotto

1, 9, 18, 20, 21

Hot Ball

14

Friday’s Mega Millions

15, 29, 31, 46, 64

Mega Ball

10

Saturday’s Powerball

8, 12, 34, 43, 56

Powerball

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ACTIVE STREETS

healthy northland

June 11 | July 9 | August 13 • 5:00—7:00 PM

Bring your bike, skateboard, inline roller skates ... and your family to

Fourth Street and Ninth Avenue for

• Summer Shakespeare

• Bone Builders

• Yoga

• Street Hockey

• Chalk Art

• Stories 6:00 pm

• Bike Adjustment

• Basketball

• Street Chess

• Disc Golf

• Street Puppets

• Unusual Wheels

• Bike Tune Ups

• Planking Contest

And more!

4:00-6:30 pm Backus Community Market

5:00-6:00 pm Healthy Meal is served at Backus Dining Room

Funding for this project is provided by the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

Made possible through support from the Statewide Health Improvement Program, Minnesota Department of Health.

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SUMMER 2014

ISD 361 Preschool Summer Classes

ISD 361 Early Childhood will be offering some fun and learning summer preschool classes. Each session is Monday–Thursday for 2 weeks. 9:00-11:30 Tuition: \$50.00 for the 2 weeks

Teacher: Missy Walls

Call Community Ed to Register @ 283-2571 ext. 186

Limited spots available!

Ages: 3 years (potty trained)-entering Kindergarten

July

Animals Animals Animals

July 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

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July 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

August

Bees Bugs Butterflies

August 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

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August 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>