

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Impeding traffic

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Minnesota State Patrol

Q: Can a person get a ticket for driving too slow?

A: Yes. The only type of roadway in Minnesota with an actual posted minimum speed limit that I know of is the freeway (Interstate), but there may be others. Obviously, weather conditions can effect that, and the actual and potential hazards then existing on the highway state a driver must use due care in operating a vehicle. Therefore, traveling under that limit would be legal and encouraged (snow, ice, fog, etc...).

Here is what Minnesota State Statute 169.15 says about impeding traffic: “No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law or except when the vehicle is temporar-

ily unable to maintain a greater speed due to a combination of the weight of the vehicle and the grade of the highway.”

So, I look at it as how a “normal and reasonable” person would travel on a road. If it’s a clear, sunny day and roads are in good condition, and a motorist is unable to maintain a safe speed, I would have to look into the reason why beyond the violation:

- Impairment (alcohol or drugs, even prescription medications)
- General physical/health problems
- Diabetic loss of consciousness or seizures
- Vision problems
- Lack of physical driving skills
- Lack of knowledge of traffic laws
- Mental or emotional problems (including road rage, memory loss, etc...).
- Others

If one or more of these examples was a factor, re-examination of a driver may very well be needed.

LOTTERY

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| Sunday’s Daily 3 0, 7, 7 | Friday’s Mega Millions 18, 25, 38, 45, 63 |
| Sunday’s Northstar Cash 2, 7, 14, 19, 26 | Mega Ball 9 |
| Friday’s Gopher 5 7, 14, 17, 30, 39 | Saturday’s Powerball 5, 6, 29, 35, 51 |
| Saturday’s Hot Lotto 8, 11, 15, 20, 30 | Powerball 21 |
| Hot Ball 11 | |

POLICE REPORT

Koochiching County Sheriff’s Office

Fatality: A 16-year-old Baudette boy died Monday evening of a self-inflicted gunshot while in a vehicle on County Road 18.

Collision: Cody M. Helderman, 22, 11th Street, was taken by ambulance to the Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus Saturday after the vehicle he was driving on County Road 20, Ranier, collided with a parked vehicle.

Collision: Dwayne C. Mannausau, 63, County

Road 135, was taken by ambulance to the Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus Saturday after the vehicle he was driving struck a pole on County Road 125.

Garage fire: The cause of a fire that destroyed a garage and its contents at the Richard C. Vandrunen residence, County Road 79, has yet to be determined.

Grass fire: Littlefork Fire Department extinguished a fire in the ditch of County Road 77 Friday.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Retired Boise Cascade Papermakers Local 159, 9 a.m., Lenard’s.
- 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.
- East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board, 11 a.m., Sanitary District Boardroom, 1412 Highway 71.
- Junior Broncos Introduction to Swimming and Diving, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Falls High School pool.
- 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.
- Women of the Moose, 6 p.m., installation practice; 7, installation; meeting following, clubroom.
- Men’s Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., BBQ ribs, oven potatoes, orzo salad, popovers.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King’s Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Men’s Slowpitch Softball organizational gathering, 7 p.m., Hardee’s Restaurant.
- Koochiching Masonic Lodge No. 270, A.F. & A.M., 7 p.m., 416 Third St.
- Texas Hold’Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- 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.
- Storytime, 10:30 a.m., “Wind and Kites,” International Falls Public Library.
- Cardiac support group, 11:30 a.m., Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Flu Clinic, noon-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- “Caring and Sharing” caregivers group, 1:30 p.m., Faith United Church of Christ, Fireside Room.
- Junior Broncos Introduction to Swimming and Diving, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Falls High School pool.
- 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., ham, cheesy hashbrowns, vegetable, dinner roll, 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.
- Falls Trap and Ski Club annual gathering, 6:30 p.m., Philosopher’s Club.
- After School Arts – ArtSmart, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Backus, Room 205.
- St. Thomas Catholic School-sponsored Bingo, 7 p.m.; Bonanza, 6:45; doors open 5:45, Aquinas Hall (Lic. No. 01336).
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Fresh Start, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

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.
- Junior Broncos Introduction to Swimming and Diving, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Falls High School pool.
- BCEC Bowling Banquet, 5 p.m., social; 6:30, supper, Moose Lodge.
- Elks Lodge Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., chicken salad, croissant, wild rice soup.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Passport to Cooking – Summer-Style Supper, 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

- Rainy River Book Club, noon, Lenard’s.
- Acoustic Music Jam, noon, Littlefork VFW Club.
- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; Northland Art Society fundraiser pork dinner, 5.
- Dancin’ with Darcie recitals, 2 and 7 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Karsyn Wendt “Up with People” fundraiser dinner, 5-8 p.m., Littlefork Lutheran Church.
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

LIBRARY STORYTIME

Storytime at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at International Falls Public Library will feature stories about “Wind and Kites.” Stay and play for about 30 minutes following storytime with toys designed to help teach early science skills.

ACTING WORKSHOPS

Local theater group Borealis Bards will offer free acting workshops April 29 and May 12 at Backus Community Center, Room 102/103, to learn and practice basic acting skills in preparation for upcoming summer acting events. Ages 6-15 meet from 5 to 6 p.m.; adults, age 16 and up, 6:30

to 8. No previous experience necessary. The public is welcome. For information, contact Beth and Doug Lowthian at info@borealisbards.org.

BOOK CLUB

Rainy River Book Club will meet at noon Saturday at Lenard’s. Book for discussion is “The Adoption of Charlie Keenan” by author Peggy Ann Vigoren.

MEN’S SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

A men’s slowpitch softball meeting is planned for 7 p.m. tonight at Hardee’s Restaurant. Anyone interested in entering a team may contact John Benedix at 283-8758.

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