COMMUNITY NEWS

MnDOT rolls out new 511 service for truckers, other improvements made to website

MNDOT STAFF REPORT

Less than a month after the debut of its new 511 traveler information mobile application for smartphones, MnDOT has again improved the real-time service for truckers and others seeking the best route from Point A to Point B.

With the department's new full-featured truckers' page http://tr.511mn.org/truckers.jsf, over-the-road drivers will now be able to plot their trips from origin to destination. The new app, accessed from the 511 homepage, also will alert them to information about possible restrictions along their chosen route, including roundabouts, postings that prohibit overweight vehicles or lower bridge deck clearances. The program only works for trips within the state, although some neighboring states including Iowa and North Dakota have similar programs.

Truck drivers can personalize their routes to include numerous stops along the trip. Once an account is created, drivers enter their trip information and then will receive a response with details about their chosen route.

"The extra information feature targeted specifically to the trucking community will allow drivers to better plan their routes to move freight more efficiently through the state by avoiding potential obstacles," explained Ted Coulianos, oversize/overweight permit supervisor with MnDOT's Office of Freight & Commercial Vehicle Operations.

Additional changes and upgrades make it possible for all travelers to use the trip routing feature found at www.511mn.org to plan trips around road construction and incidents on the highway system. By signing up for the new Alerts feature, users receive personalized text and/or email messages containing real-time traffic alerts affecting the routes and areas they have saved to their account.

The low bandwidth site, for slower internet connections, also has been improved and now more closely mirrors the full-featured high bandwidth used by higher speed connections. Although still a static site, users will now find more concise listings of traffic information and larger, improved camera views.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Rainy River Community College new student orientation begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday in the gymnasium. Fall semester classes begin Tuesday.

CAR WASH

The Bronco girls swimming and diving team will host a car wash from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Hardee's.

HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP

A Homebuyer Educational Workshop is planned for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at KOOTASCA Community Action, 2232 Second Ave. E. Topics include: Qualifying for a Mortgage, Credit Issues/Saving, Shopping for a Home/Realtor Services, Professional Inspections and Closing. The $35 per family charge is payable to KOOTASCA. Registration is required. For information about the program and to register, call Sandy O'Fallon at 218-999-0828 or at 1-877-687-1167.

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POLICE REPORT

International Falls Police Department

Editor's Note: As a result of a change in the system The Journal uses to collect the International Falls police reports, some earlier incidents will be delayed or may not reported at all.

Vandalism, damage, theft: Seventeen vehicles were scratched, damaged and/or had the keys or items taken from their ignition last week in International Falls, according to police reports issued Aug. 14. Many of the vehicles had scratches in the outline of a pizza, owners reported, describing a circular scratch with hash marks resembling slices of pizza. Vehicles were parked at residences on Fourth Avenue West, Memorial Drive, 11th Avenue, Fifth Avenue West, Second Avenue West and on 10th Street and other streets.

Underage consumption: Falls Police reported numerous people involved in underage alcohol consumption Aug. 10 at a residence on 10th Avenue West.

Koochiching County Sheriff's Office

ATV theft: Mark D. Johnson, Highway 11, reported Aug. 14 that a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle valued at $3,500 was taken from his residence. The ATV was recovered on Highway 65 the same day and was not damaged.

Assault: A 27-year-old man was taken by private vehicle to the Rainy Lake Medical Center Aug. 10 after being reportedly assaulted by a 39-year-old woman who was arrested after the incident.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Retired Boise Cascade electricians, 9 a.m., Coffee Landing Cafe.
- WIC Clinic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Northome Resource Center.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Open Gym, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Summer Food Service Program, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., (free meals ages 1-18), new macaroni and cheese, turkey dogs/buns, peas, fruit, milk, Backus Community Center.
- Backus Community Market, 4-6:30 p.m., Backus/AB 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.
- Summer Community Band, 5 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Rendezvous Yacht Club Summer Series Wednesday Night Races, Sand Bay, 5:30 p.m., Woody's/Ranier Dock or Rendezvous Dock.
- International Falls Recreation Commission Board, 5:45 p.m., city council chambers.
- Northwoods Shutterbugs Photography Club, 6 p.m., International Falls Public Library, basement meeting room.
- Men's Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Elks Lodge Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., spaghetti and garlic toast.
- Little Lambs (up to age 4) and King's Kids (ages 5 and up), 6:30-7:15 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club, 7 p.m., AmericInn.
- Line Dancing, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Downtowners Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

THURSDAY

- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Congressman Rick Nolan staff representative Community Listening Session, 10 a.m.-noon, Big Falls Gymnasium.
- 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.
- Celebrate Summer Party, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Borderland Pioneers music; noon, lunch, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Open Gym, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Summer Food Service Program, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., (free meals ages 1-18), grilled chicken on buns, coleslaw, fruit, milk, Backus Community Center.
- Congressman Rick Nolan staff representative Community Listening Session, 1:15-3:15 p.m., Bigfork City Hall.
- 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.
- Tacos Supper, 5 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- International Falls Lions Club concession stand open, 5 p.m., Rainy Lake Oil Raceway.
- Falls Trap Club, trap shooting, 5:30 p.m., Moonlight Rock Road.
- Community Café, free meals served, 5:30-6 p.m., hamburger/noodle casserole, bread, salad, milk, Backus Community Center.
- 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.
- North Meets South concert, 7 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship, 1530 Sixth Ave. W.
- Cribbage and Darts, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- New Alanon Family Group, 7 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.
- Fresh Start, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

FRIDAY

- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Open Gym, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Summer Food Service Program, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m., (free meals ages 1-18), meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and butter, fruit, milk, Backus Community Center.
- Serenity Sisters, Women's A.A., noon, Backus, Rational Alternatives, Room 101.
- Elks Lodge Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., reubens and French fries.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Grape Vine Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- Yoga on the Beach, 7 a.m., City Beach.
- Rendezvous Yacht Club Wells Fargo Fall Classic, 10 a.m., captains; 11, race, Five Mile Dock; BBQ, Rainy Lake Marine Dock.
- Backus Community Market, 9 a.m.-noon, Backus/AB Third Street parking lot.
- Bronco girls swimming/diving team-hosted car wash, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Hardee's.
- Moose Lodge events — Open, 3 p.m.; Brats and All-You-Can-Eat Corn on the Cob, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

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