

COMMUNITYNEWS

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

JOURNAL HOURS

The Journal office will close at noon Tuesday and reopen Thursday for regular hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADULT MIXED VOLLEYBALL

Adult mixed volleyball begins Jan. 7 and will be played Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Aquinas Hall.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library will close at 5 p.m. Tuesday and reopen at 10 a.m. Thursday.

TEACHERS RELICENSURE COMMITTEE

The Teachers' Relicensure Committee will meet Jan. 13, March 3 and April 28. Teachers should get any relicensure material to building representatives prior to those dates.

RED HAT LOON-A-TICKS

The Red Hat Loon-a-Ticks will meet at noon Monday at Lenard's.

COFFEE COOP

Coffee Coop will meet at 2 p.m. Jan. 6 at the WorkForce Center. Boise dislocated workers are welcome to gather for an open forum and discussion of various issues.

LOTTERY

WEDNESDAY'S DAILY 3

9, 3, 7

WEDNESDAY'S NORTHSTAR CASH

2, 3, 13, 24, 25

WEDNESDAY'S GOPHER 5

8, 23, 29, 42, 44

WEDNESDAY'S HOT LOTTO

17, 24, 25, 29, 42

HOT BALL

6

SATURDAY'S MEGA MILLIONS

23, 34, 53, 58, 73

MEGA BALL

2

WEDNESDAY'S POWERBALL

23, 28, 38, 39, 56

POWERBALL

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CALENDAR

TODAY

- Moose Lodge events – Open, noon; Bingo, 1 p.m.; BBQ ribs supper, 6 (reservations, 283-3615).
- Open Gym, 3-5 p.m., Backus Community 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

- Backus Kids Club open, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Red Hat Loon-a-Ticks, noon, Lenard's.
- Community Band, 4 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Women's Non-Violence Group, 5:15-6:45 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- 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.
- Rainy Rustic Riders Vintage Snowmobile Club, 7 p.m., Thunderbird Lodge.
- 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.
- Backus Community Center Office closed.

TUESDAY

- Backus Community Center building closed.

WEDNESDAY

- Backus Community Center building closed.

THURSDAY

- Hospital retirees, 8 a.m., Lenard's.
- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- 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., International Falls Public Library.
- Flu Clinic, noon-4 p.m., Koochiching County Health Department.
- 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., taco hashbrown bake, vegetable, pudding, 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.
- Cribbage, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- Fresh Start, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

TRAIL, ICE CONDITIONS REPORT

Voyageurs National Park has opened and staked the purple trail to Kettle Falls on the Rainy Lake is open and staked, and the green trail from Rainy Lake's Black Bay to Kabetogama Lake to Ash River is open and staked.

All other snowmobile trails are not open at this time, but ice checking continues throughout the park. Snowshoe trails are open, and most ski trails are open, packed, with some tracked.

Caution is advised when travelling along staked trails and off the trails on the lake surface because there are large pockets of slush spread throughout the lake surface. The slush has frozen up in many places, making the trails rough in spots. Always use caution when traveling along the lake surface.

To reduce hazards to snowmobile users, all ice blocks are to be immediately chopped up, submerged, or hauled to land. Placement of equipment or any type of structure must be more than 50 feet off the center of all ice roads and snowmobile trails.

The snowmobile speed limit within Voyageurs National Park is 45 mph on frozen lake surfaces and 25 mph on all overland portages. Speed limit signs are posted at trailheads and overland portages.

VNP's weekly winter trail conditions reports are available at www.nps.gov/voya.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

- International Falls to Kettle Falls (Purple Trail) – open and staked
- Rainy Lake/Black Bay

to Kabetogama Lake to Ash River (Green Trail) – open and staked

- Ash River to Crane Lake (Green Trail) – not open
- Chain of Lakes (Dashed Black Trail) – not open
- Ash River to Kettle Falls (Yellow Trail) – not open
- East Namakan Lake to Sand Point Lake (Blue Trail) – not open

ICE ROADS

- Rainy Lake Ice Road – cosed
- Kabetogama Lake Ice Road — closed

SKI TRAILS

- Echo Bay Ski Trail – open, packed, and first loop tracked
- Black Bay Ski Trail – open, packed
- Tilson Connector Trail

– open, packed, and tracked

- KabAsh Trail – open

SNOWSHOE TRAILS

- Blind Ash Bay Trail – open
- Oberholtzer Trail – open and packed
- Sullivan Bay Trail – open and packed

INTERNATIONAL VOYAGEUR SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Posted on the website on 12/19/2013 at <http://www.ridetheborder.com/trail-report.html> : Well this is the start of a new snowmobile year. Hope it's as good as last year was. After our group of volunteers cleaned up and packed down the east end John got out and groomed it on Tuesday. With the exception of some work to repair

the Slatinski Trail by Lou's that end is ready to go. Both groomers are heading to Birchdale tomorrow to get everything packed down good and to make sure the wet areas are safe to ride and if so they will be grooming them soon. On

Sturday the groomer is heading to Big Falls. The season did start out well with 16" of snow but with very little moisture content it didn't leave much for a base. So with this, I'm asking all riders to be extra careful. We still need more snow to fill in the low areas and of course cover some rough areas in the woods. But when mother nature does come around, I promise you our groomers will once again have the best trails anywhere. Until then, have fun a be safe.

POLICE REPORT

International Falls Fire Department

Fire: Falls firefighters responded at about 3:30 p.m. Sunday to a fire in a sauna building fully engulfed in flames at the Janette Kucera residence, County Road 112. Department of

officials say the cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

International Falls Police Department

Hit-and-run: A vehicle belonging to Jenna E. Averill, Ninth Avenue, sustained damage to the left rear

when it was sideswiped Sunday by a vehicle that left the scene.

Collision: Vehicles driven by Nicole M. Leckner, 33, Fifth Street, and Joanne M. Kittelson, 55, Town Road 443, collided Dec. 21 at Keenan Drive. No dam-

age estimate was included in the report.

Collision: Vehicles driven by Carolyn R. Taylor, 73, Fort Frances, and Wendy A. Schneider, 44, 15th Street, collided Dec. 21 at 1601 Second Ave. E. No damage estimate was included in

the report.

Collision: Vehicles driven by Vadim Freydlin, 44, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Judythe E. Thompson, 66, Eighth Avenue West, collided Dec. 21 at 226 1/2 Second Ave. W. No damage estimate was included in the report.

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Rainy Lake Medical Center Diabetes Support Group



The rescheduled date for the RLMC Diabetes Support Group will be:

Tuesday, January 7th

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm)

Where: RLMC Clinic Community Room

Topics:

- "Getting Back on Track in the New Year"
 - Basic nutrition and goal setting
- "Ask the Dietitian"
 - Please come with questions for our speaker, Heather Pitschka, Dietitian



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