

# LOCALNEWS

## Active Streets to bring activities for all

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Streets of International Falls filled with healthy outdoor activities for all.

That's the goal of Wednesday's Active Streets, when International Falls streets will be closed to make room for street hockey, bicycle demonstrations, chalk art, basketball, disc golf, street puppets and more attractions intended to get people active.

The streets, at the intersection of Fourth Street and Ninth Avenue and one block in each direction, will be closed to vehicles from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, and July 9 and Aug. 13.

The event will dovetail with the Backus Community Market which runs from 4-6:30 p.m. and Music in the Park in the Bandshell beginning at 7 p.m.

A light healthy dinner will be offered free at Backus Community Center while supplies last. Food service begins in the dining room at 5 p.m.

The Ninth Avenue access to the Backus parking lot will be restricted from 4-7 p.m.

A committee of local volunteers has helped to organize this summer's Active Streets activities and invites individuals and organizations to participate

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in upcoming events.

“International Falls is joining a number of other Minnesota communities to encourage healthy outdoor activity for all ages,” explained Nancy Lee, public health supervisor at Koochiching County's Public Health and Human Services Department. “Our local health improvement program has already provided local trail maps, bicycle racks, and bike safety studies. We are excited about adding Active Streets, especially because we are unique in the state in offering three events over the course of the summer.”

In the event of rain, sleet or snow, the fun will move inside to the Backus gymnasium, according to Active Streets Committee member

Jim Yount.

Active Streets, a project of the Koochiching County Public Health and Human Services Department and Healthy Northland, is made possible through support from the Statewide Health Improvement Program of the Minnesota Department of Health. Additional funding has been provided by the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

For more information, contact Diane Adams (International Falls Public Library, 283-8051), Yount (jwyount@midco.net or 286-2029), Douglas Skrief (Koochiching Aging Options, 283-7084) or Lee (Koochiching County Public Health and Human Services, 283-7070).

## International Falls police activity report

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International Falls Police Chief Mike Musich provided a report to the Falls City Council Monday about International Falls Police Department activities in May.

The department had 96 incidents that required an incident complaint report, known as ICR, to be created with the Koochiching County Law Enforcement Center dispatch.

The officers' shift log contained the following calls for service that might not need

an ICR:

- 278 public contacts.
- 26 medical assists.
- 12 agency assists.
- 68 traffic stops
- 2 events
- 6 issues as school.
- Total police activity as recorded came to 488.

Also according to the report:

- Officer Mike Kostiuk worked on enhancing the de-



Mike Musich

partment's crime prevention program.

- Captain Tom Lynch and Musich searched for a missing person again.
- Musich attended two Fourth of July planning meetings.
- Lynch and Musich mentored a Littlefork-Big Falls High School student interested in police work.
- Officers escorted elementary school student on a bike trip to City Beach.
- Two new part-time officers completed field training.

### ELECTION 2014

## Last-second candidates join races

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Several new candidates threw their hats in the ring as the filing period for elected federal, state, and county positions came to a close at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

In Koochiching County, candidates filed for three different races at the last minute. There were also last-minute additions to various federal and state races.

This year, the primary election is Aug. 12 and the general election is Nov. 4. Absentee ballots are available starting Sept. 19.

The following people have filed for the following positions:

**Federal**

- U.S. senator, now held by Al Franken, Democrat. Filed are Tom Brooks, Steve Carlson, Jack Shepard, Kevin Terrell, Stephen Williams, Independence Party; Jim Abeler, David Carlson, Mike McFadden, Patrick D. Munro, Julianne Ortman, Ole' Savior, Republican; Al Franken, Sandra Henningsgard, Democrat.
- U.S. representative for District 8, now held by Rick Nolan, Democrat, who has filed for reelection. Also filed are Eric G. Meyer, Independence Party; Stewart Mills, Republican.
- State representative for District 3A, now held by David Dill, DFL, who

has filed for reelection. Also filed is Eric Johnson, Republican.

- Governor and lieutenant governor, now held by Mark Dayton and Yvonne Prettner Solon. Filed are Hannah Nicolle and Tim Gieseke, Independence Party; Merrill Anderson and Mark Anderson, Scott Honour and Karin Housley, Jeff Johnson and Bill Kuisle, Marty Siefert and Pam Myhra, Kurt Zellers and Dean Simpson, Republican; Bill Dahn and James Vigliotti, Leslie Davis and Gregory K. Soderberg, Mark Dayton and Tina Smith, DFL.
- Secretary of state, now held by Mark Ritchie, DFL. Filed are Bob Heland, David A. Singleton, Independence Party; John Howe, Dan Severson, Republican; Dick Franson, Gregg A. Iverson, Steve Simon, DFL.
- State auditor, now held by Rebecca Otto, DFL, who has filed for reelection. Also filed are Patrick Dean, Independence Party; Randy Gilbert, Republican; Matt Entenza, DFL.
- Attorney general, now held by Lori Swanson, DFL, who has filed for reelection. Also filed are Brandon Borgos, Independence Party; Sharon Anderson, Scott Newman, Republican.
- Judge, Ninth District Court 6, now held by Charles LeDuc, who has

filed for reelection.

**Koochiching County**

- District 1 commissioner, now held by Wade Pavleck, who has filed for reelection. Also filed is Barry Woods.
- District 2 commissioner, now held by Kevin Adeo, who has filed for reelection.
- District 4 commissioner, now held by Rob Ecklund, who has filed for reelection. Also filed is Debbie Bowman.
- County auditor/treasurer, now held by Bob Peterson, who has filed for reelection.
- County recorder, now held by Pam Rooney, who has filed for reelection.
- County sheriff, now held by Brian Jespersen, who has filed for reelection. Also filed is Perryn Hedlund.
- County attorney, now held by Jeff Naglosky, who has filed for reelection.
- Soil and Water Conservation District 1 supervisor, now held by Ralph Lewis, who has filed for reelection.
- Soil and Water Conservation District 4 supervisor, now held by Chris Pfeifer. Richard J. Dreher has filed.
- Soil and Water Conservation District 5 supervisor, now held by Al Linder, who has filed for reelection.

Cities and schools don't have primaries, so filings for those offices open July 29 and close Aug. 12.



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