

New Year’s Day on the open road



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Motorcyclists in Minneapolis await the start of the 69th annual New Year’s Day I-Cycle Derby across about 50 miles of Twin Cities roads Sunday morning. About 50 riders took part in the derby, one of the longest consecutively held motorcycle events in the United States. Proceeds from the derby are donated to the Bridge for Youth, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit that provides shelter for runaway and homeless youth. **Lower left:** Adam Wirtzfeld, right, and Brian Dalton in the sidecar prepare to head out in Wirtzfeld’s Ural, a 1995 Russian copy of a World War II German BMW motorcycle. **Lower right:** Connie Gabrick of Lakeville bundles up against the cold Sunday morning.



Twin Cities

Wintry mix could bring slippery roads today

The Twin Cities will likely see some snow-fall on Monday, but the passing winter storm system won’t dump a significant amount of the white stuff, according to meteorologists. “We will maybe see an inch of snow ... the bulk of the snow should remain to the north of us,” said Bill Borghoff of the National Weather Service office in Chanhassen. The far North Shore of Lake Superior could see 12 to 18 inches of snow. In the Twin Cities, the storm could also bring a freezing drizzly mix, Borghoff said Sunday, causing slippery roadways. A winter weather advisory will be in effect Monday across southern Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Untreated surfaces and bridges and overpasses could be especially hazardous.

St. Paul
Speed cited in crash injuring passenger

A passenger in a vehicle traveling at unsafe speeds suffered life-threatening injuries in a single-car crash that shut down the southbound University Avenue exit from Minnesota 280 for several hours Sunday morning, St. Paul police said. Police are still investigating what else might have caused the 9:45 a.m. crash near Eustis Street and Territorial Road. The passenger, an adult male, was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis with life-threatening injuries. The driver, also an adult male, suffered minor injuries.

— Kristi Belcamino

Dakota County
SOUTH ST. PAUL
Carjacking leads to chase, standoff

Two men carjacked a woman’s vehicle at gunpoint Saturday night, leading to a police chase and standoff at a South St. Paul house that lasted nearly six hours, police said. A woman was forced out of her vehicle about 6:25 p.m. in the 400 block of Camber Avenue. Within 10 minutes, a South St. Paul police officer spotted the vehicle near Babcock Trail and 50th Street East in Inver Grove Heights and gave chase, according to South St. Paul Police Chief William Messerich. The pursuit took the officer through Inver Grove Heights,

St. Paul, Mendota Heights, West St. Paul and South St. Paul, where the fleeing driver crashed into a South St. Paul squad car about 7 p.m. The suspects fled on foot near the 500 block of First Avenue South. Police set up a perimeter to search for the suspects and soon learned they had entered a residence in the 400 block of Camber Avenue, near where the carjacking had occurred. When the suspects refused to leave the house and surrender, a Dakota County SWAT team was called in. One man came out and surrendered, but the second man refused. The SWAT team entered the house and took the man into custody shortly before midnight, police said. There were no injuries reported in the incident.

— Kristi Belcamino

Minnesota
GRAND MARAIS
Snowmobiler, 22, killed in accident

A 22-year-old Grand Marais man died on New Year’s Eve after apparently breaking his neck in an accident while snowmobiling with a friend on the North Shore. Cook County Sheriff Pat Eliassen said Wayne Gunnar Anderson was snowmobiling with the friend about 5:30 p.m. Saturday alongside County Road 8 just north of Grand Marais. The pair had been traveling in a ditch, Eliassen said, and both riders were thrown from their machines when they encountered deep crevices in the snow caused by a creek bed.

Anderson was subsequently struck by his friend’s snowmobile. When medical personnel and Cook County sheriff’s deputies arrived, CPR was initiated and continued while Anderson was taken by ambulance to the Grand Marais hospital. He died there of his injuries. Eliassen said that while an autopsy report is pending in the crash, medical personnel believe Anderson died of a broken neck upon impact. Although Anderson was run over by his friend’s snowmobile, no additional blunt-force trauma injuries were noted, Eliassen said. Alcohol was not a factor in the accident. The investigation is continuing, Eliassen said.

— Forum News Service

Wisconsin
SUPERIOR
1 dead, 1 injured in New Year shooting

Superior police say one man is dead and another critically wounded in a New Year’s Day shooting. Authorities said the shooting happened just after 7:30 a.m. Sunday behind a bar. Police responded to a report of gunshots in an alley behind the bar and found a man dead in the alley from an apparent gunshot wound. Another man was found inside the bar with a gunshot wound to his chest. Police said that man was in critical condition when he was taken to a hospital in Duluth, Minn. The man’s condition was not available Sunday afternoon.

— Associated Press

MADISON
Oscar Mayer plant prepares to close

The already dwindling number of employees at the Oscar Mayer plant in Madison will continue to shrink as the facility prepares to permanently close in the first quarter of 2017. The company that produced processed meats for decades and once employed more than 4,000 people is scheduled to close by the end of March, the Wisconsin State Journal reported. “We are planning a meeting ... sitting down with some business leaders here in the city, just discussing the future of the site and what may be done with it, from a technical standpoint,” Mayor Paul Soglin said. He added that planning what will replace the site is a priority, but he also said it could be 10 years before the site opens again with a new identity. Parent company Kraft Heinz announced in November 2015 that it would close the Madison operations as part of a restructuring that will shutter seven plants in North America. About 1,000 people worked in the Madison offices and factory at the time. Company spokesman Michael Mullen said there are 450 employees left today. Of those employees, about 50 intend to transfer to the Davenport facility, where they will have bumping rights over the Iowa employees. A clause in the union contract for the company states if Madison’s Oscar Mayer facility closes, then its workers have the right to take over a job that’s held by a worker with the least seniority at the Davenport facility. Many other employees have chosen to retire, with some drawing pensions of \$2,000 a month or more. And the employees who are at least 50 years old and have worked for the company at least 20 years can get a double-pension, with some qualifying for a \$750 additional bonus.

— Associated Press

Lake Superior

DNR worries about future of herring

Fish population has suffered decline

Associated Press

Minnesota fisheries managers are concerned about the future of Lake Superior’s herring. At a time when demand for the fish has increased, biologists worry not enough young herring are surviving, Minnesota Public Radio News reported. Commercial fishermen who ply the waters off Minnesota’s North Shore have caught a lot fewer cisco, or lake herring, in recent years. In 2011 and 2012, Minnesota commercial fisherman harvested more than 350,000 pounds of cisco each year. But in the last two years, that’s dropped below 250,000 pounds. “I think there’s general agreement at least on the western arm of Superior that the population is not in a healthy state,” said Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fisheries chief Don Pereira. Cisco are vital to both whitefish and lake trout, which eat herring or herring eggs to survive, Pereira said. The fragile cisco population has led Minnesota fisheries managers to impose conservative limits on fishermen. But in Wisconsin, there hasn’t been any cisco limit. The past decade has seen a surge in demand for cisco, especially the eggs, which are sold as cisco caviar. In Wisconsin waters, mainly around the Apostle Islands, the annual cisco

harvest has tripled since the early 2000s, to 1.5 million pounds in 2015. After pressure from Minnesota and others, Wisconsin for the first time put a limit on its cisco harvest this fall. But that limit — 1.5 million pounds — is the same as what was harvested the previous year. “We do not want to limit our commercial fishermen if there doesn’t appear to be a scientific need to do so,” said Terry Margenau, fisheries supervisor for Lake Superior for the Wisconsin DNR. “Having said that, this rule is designed to be reassessed every three years ... to make sure we’re still where we want to be.” Biologists around Lake Superior have recommended limiting the cisco harvest to between 10 percent and 15 percent of the estimated total biomass of cisco. Wisconsin set its quota at about 7.5 percent, leaving an additional 7.5 percent to the Red Cliff and Bad River Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa, which have commercial fishing rights on Lake Superior. Minnesota sets its harvest more conservatively. Cory Goldsworthy, the Lake Superior area fisheries supervisor for the Minnesota DNR, said the department sets its limits every year at an estimated 10 percent of the total biomass of cisco. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission, which coordinates management among states, tribes and Canadian provinces, will evaluate whether Wisconsin’s plan is sustainable.

TO OUR READERS

All customers will receive a paper on the New Year’s Day holiday Monday, Jan. 2. Customer service hours will be 8 a.m. to noon.

Lotteries

POWERBALL
Saturday: 1, 3, 28, 57, 67
Powerball: 9
Estimated jackpot: \$80 million
Next drawing: Wednesday

MEGA MILLIONS
Friday: 6, 21, 33, 39, 43
Megaball: 2, Megaplier: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$105 million
Next drawing: Tuesday

HOT LOTTO
Saturday: 12, 22, 31, 37, 43
Hot Ball: 14
Next drawing: Wednesday

GOPHER 5
Friday: 2, 8, 16, 26, 41
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Next drawing: Monday

NORTHSTAR CASH
Sunday: 2, 8, 14, 27, 30
Estimated jackpot: \$26,000

DAILY 3
Sunday: 9, 6, 4

WISCONSIN MEGABUCKS
Saturday: 5, 14, 32, 38, 44, 46
Estimated jackpot: \$1.1 million
Next drawing: Wednesday

SUPERCASH
Sunday: 1, 5, 7, 16, 23, 24
Doubler: No
Estimated jackpot: \$10,000

BADGER 5
Sunday: 11, 16, 22, 23, 31
Estimated jackpot: \$80,000

5 CARD CASH
Sunday: KC, JD, JH, 2D, 3D

PICK 4
Sunday: 8, 7, 0, 6

PICK 3
Sunday: 6, 3, 7

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