

A new year, a renewed commitment to saving lives on Minnesota roads

There's no need for a New Year's resolution when it comes to deciding to drive safer in 2019 and beyond.

• Preliminary reports show there were 380 traffic deaths on Minnesota roads in 2018, compared with 358 in 2017.

Recent Fatalities:

• A 78-year-old woman killed in Mower County when she pulled out from a stop sign on an icy roadway and was broadsided by an oncoming semi that had the right-of-way.

• A 19-year-old man killed in Sherburne County when he spun out on an icy, unlit roadway into the opposite lane of traffic and was broadsided by an oncoming car.

• An unbelted 18-year-old man killed in Lyon County when he drifted into the opposite lane of traffic, side-swiped an oncoming pickup, and went off the road into a ditch. Alcohol is suspected in the crash.

Preventable Deaths

Preliminary numbers show that of the 380 deaths in 2018:

• At least 27 are known to be distraction-related, compared with 25 in 2017.

• 100 were speed-related, compared with 88 in 2017.

• 121 were alcohol-related, compared with 113 in 2017.

• 90 were not wearing their seat belts, compared with 78 in 2017.

• 58 were motorcyclists, compared with 53 in 2017. Of the 58 motorcyclists who died, 42 (72 percent) were not wearing a helmet.

• 7 were bicyclists, compared with 6 in 2017.

• 42 were pedestrians, compared with 42 in 2017.

• 266 were males (70 percent) and 114 were females (30 percent).

Monthly Fatalities

Preliminary monthly fatalities in 2018:

- January – 22
- February – 19
- March – 18
- April – 26
- May – 36
- June – 34
- July – 40
- August – 33
- September – 42
- October – 46
- November – 31
- December – 33

2019 Extra Enforcement Campaigns

Officers, deputies and troopers will continue extra enforcement in 2019, focusing on the four dangerous behaviors that contribute to most traffic deaths on our roads.

- Distracted: April 8-30
- Seat belt and child restraints: May 20- June 2
- Speed: June 18-July 21
- DWI: August 16-September 2

- Seat belt and child restraints: September 16-28
- DWI: Multiple dates in November and December

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• Officers, deputies and troopers made 111 DWI arrests statewide from 6 p.m. New Year's Eve through 6 a.m. New Year's Day.

• There were an additional 32 DWI arrests New Year's Day (6 a.m. to midnight).

Drunk Driving is Dangerous Driving

Last year again proved challenging as preliminary reports show 26,853 drivers were arrested for DWI, compared with 24,862 in 2017.

Prevent Drunk Driving

• Plan for a safe ride – designate a sober driver, use a safe, alternative transportation option, or stay at the location of the celebration.

• Speak up – offer to be a designated driver or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere.

• Buckle up – wearing your seat belt is the best defense against a drunk driver.

• Report drunk driving – call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

Speak Up and Save Lives

• If you are with a driver who is distracted, speak up, tell them to put the phone down and offer to be their designated texter.

• Refuse to drive until every passenger is buckled up.

• Slow down - trying to save a few minutes off your drive isn't worth causing a crash.

• Plan ahead before you go out by designating a sober driver, and if you see a person who has had too much to drink, speak up and find them a safe ride home.

Quotes

• "The time is now to commit to safe driving habits every time you get behind the wheel," said Mike Hanson, Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety director. "No more multitasking, no more getting behind when you are impaired, no more speeding because you are in a rush, and no more excuses about not buckling up. Join the majority of Minnesotans who put safety first when driving and together we can stop the preventable deaths on our roads and save lives."

• "While law enforcement can continue to educate and enforce the rules of the road, we need everyone's help," said Lt. Gordon Shank, Minnesota State Patrol. "If you see a dangerous behavior, speak up or call 911. Doing so may save your life and the lives of innocent people on our roads."

Public Notices

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee scheduled for **Monday, January 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**, at the Wadena County Attorney's Office, 415 Jefferson Street South, Suite C, Wadena, MN 56482. 1-9c

CITY OF MENAHGA Ordinance 2018-002

Notice is hereby given that, on December 10, 2018, Ordinance 2018-002 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Menahga. The ordinance adopted by the Council amends section 30.01, Meetings, (A) Regular Meetings (1) of Chapter 30 of the Menahga Municipal Code to read:

Regular meetings of the City Council shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Gina Ellingson
City Administrator 1-9c

Freshwater Education District 6004 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that **Freshwater Education District 6004** requests proposals for: **Group Life, Long Term Disability, and Short Term Disability Insurance**

Specifications will be available from the agent of record: National Insurance Services, 250 South Executive Drive, Suite 300, Brookfield, WI 53005, Phone: 800-627-3660 x1231

Proposals are due no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at National Insurance Services, 250 South Executive Drive, Suite 300, Brookfield, WI 53005 or as outlined in the RFP. 1-2,9c



Veterans Notes

DAVID ANDERSON
Wadena County Veterans Service Officer

Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance Now a Permanent Benefit for SBP Widows

Note: The new owners of Lyle's Shoes in Wadena would like to honor all past and present military men and women with a 10% discount on anything they purchase in their store. That discount is for every day on top of whatever other sales or discounts are going on.

The Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) for Surviving Spouses is now a Permanent Benefit. It is a benefit for surviving spouses who receive a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity that is offset by a Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payment from the VA. The benefit will now be paid at \$310 per month plus a cost-of-living adjustment each calendar year. The cost-of-living adjustment will begin in 2019. It can be confusing to understand how SBP, DIC, and SSIA are paid, and how the laws and regulations treat different situations. Here are the basics:

Spouse SBP annuitants, except for those who remarry after age 57 (or in other specific circumstances), cannot receive full SBP and DIC at the same time (DIC payments made directly to children, or to a guardian on behalf of children, do not affect SBP child annuity payments).

When we are informed by the VA that a spouse receiving an SBP annuity is receiving

ing DIC, the law requires that DFAS deduct the amount of DIC received from the amount of SBP payable and pay the remaining amount of the SBP to the annuitant. This is called the SBP/DIC offset.

If the SBP payment is greater than the DIC payment, a partial refund of premiums paid into the program during the service member's retirement will be made to the spouse.

If the DIC payment is greater than the SBP payment, SBP will be stopped completely and all eligible basic spouse premiums paid into the program during the service member's retirement will be refunded.

When a spouse is eligible to receive SBP and DIC, and those payments are subject to the SBP/DIC offset, the spouse will also receive the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA).

As with other laws and regulations, there are many exceptions and special circumstances that apply to these benefits. For additional information go to www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/survivors/Understanding-SBP-DIC-SSIA. [Source: DFAS Retiree Newsletter June 2018 ++]

As always please see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us and as always have a great week.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WADENA

DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 80-PR-18-1070

In Re: Estate of
Geraldine Ann Kyllonen-Eisele,
Decedent.

AMENDED NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on January 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Wadena County Courthouse 415 South Jefferson, Wadena, Minnesota 56482, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of **Michael Kyllonen**, whose address is **4668 33rd Ave. South, Apt. 108, Fargo, ND 58104**, as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT

Dated: December 26, 2018

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Judge of District Court

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Hidden Oasis welcomes Cat, a facial expert



Cat Schermeister

Cat Schermeister will be joining the staff at Hidden Oasis Salon and Massage in Menahga. Catherine has a BS with a minor in Biology. She has been a licensed Minnesota Esthetician for 8 1/2 years and specializes in anti-aging services and believes beautiful skin begins with a facial, a little skin education and good at home care. Cat is new to Aveda and is excited to offer skills to leave your skin rejuvenated using their natural products.

Join Hidden Oasis in welcoming Cat on Saturday, January 12 at 11 a.m. They will be doing an afternoon of free facial consultations, booking and giveaways!



CHI St. Joseph's Health Now Offers 3D Mammography

CHI St. Joseph's Health announces the installation of a new 3D mammography system. This latest technology provides higher resolution images to allow physicians to see breast tissue in greater depth and clarity. The Siemens MAMMOMAT Revelation system provides wide-angle breast tomosynthesis, which offers a better view of breast tissue than a standard mammogram. New technology provides individualized dosing, which is based on individual breast characteristics, to minimize patient radiation dosage and exposure – up to 30 percent lower dose.

The Revelation system has the widest image acquisition angle at 50 degrees for the highest depth resolution – up to 3.5 times wider than narrower angles, for better separation of overlapping tissue. The result is high-quality 3D images that improve diagnostic confidence and detect lesions earlier. Individualized compression applies pressure only as long as the breast is soft and pliable, helping to ensure a more comfortable exam experience.

"Our patients are our number one priority; our goal is to make sure they have the best care and technology possible. When we are able to provide a service from beginning to end, we become the difference in our patients' lives," says Tricia Hoyt, CHI St. Joseph's Health Radiology Technologist.

Nearly half of women have dense breasts, complicating efforts to detect lesions. Radiologists assess density visually after the patient leaves, leading to unnecessary callbacks. The Revelation is the first system with automated breast density measurement during the exam for instant and personalized risk stratification.

"Our new 3D mammography machine offers increased comfort for patients through softer compression by automatically stopping when optimal compression is reached, providing patients with a more pleasant experience," says Arlene Copp, CHI St. Joseph's Health Radiology



CHI St. Joseph's Health announces the installation of a new 3D mammography system. CHI St. Joseph's Health Staff from left to right; Arlene Copp, Radiology Manager and Radiology Technologists; Kristen Lund, Tricia Hoyt and Michele Decrans. Photo submitted

Manager. "It will also allow us to perform a stereotactic biopsy on-site, so patients don't have to be referred and travel for this care."

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. More than 40,000 will lose their lives. To beat it, you must find it. If you find it early, the five-year survival rate is greater than 99%. "This technology will give our patients the best care available today," says Copp.

Good breast health is about individual women who deserve the best that science has to offer. The Siemens MAMMOMAT Revelation is built for their personal needs and pushes the boundaries of what's possible in the fight against breast cancer.

Early Detection is Key

1. Schedule a screening mammogram every year. The American Cancer Society recommends women age 40 and older have an annual mammogram.
2. Schedule an annual clinical breast examination. The best way to detect breast cancer early is to combine annual mammograms with a yearly clinical breast examination

by your healthcare provider.

3. Perform monthly breast self-examinations. Regular self-exams permit women to detect early changes and small lumps in the breast. If you discover any of these changes, notify your healthcare provider immediately.

"CHI St. Joseph's Health is committed to the fight against breast cancer and improving women's health," says Ben Koppelman, CHI St. Joseph's Health President. "By offering the most advanced digital 3D mammography technology, we can provide the best and most effective imaging for breast cancer screening."

Please join CHI St. Joseph's Health for a 3D mammography Open House on January 23 from 2-6 p.m. to celebrate this exciting new offering and introduce you to their 3D mammography service! Starting January 1, 2019, patients will be able to schedule their 3D mammogram without a referral from their provider. To learn more, or schedule your 3D mammogram, please call CHI St. Joseph's Health Radiology Department at (218) 616-3153

