COMMUNITY NEWS

Drunk drivers make their 'DWI Confessions' in new online video series

DPS STAFF REPORT

Those who drink and drive should be prepared to endure the life-altering consequences of a DWI. That's the message three Minnesotans are sharing in DWI Confessions — a new series of online videos being released by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety.

The first video features the confession of a young man as he talks about the hours and days following his arrest, which included jail time, extensive fees and loss of driving privileges.

To view the video, visit http://youtu.be/z8Agn9r4t1o

The videos are being released at a time when law enforcement agencies from around the state are adding extra DWI patrols in an effort to prevent drunk driving tragedies during the holiday season.

Since the enforcement campaign began Nov. 27, at least 2,150 people have been arrested for DWI in Minnesota.

DWI Consequences

A DWI offense can result in loss of license for up to a year, thousands in costs and possible jail time.

Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges, or face at least one year without a driver's license. Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

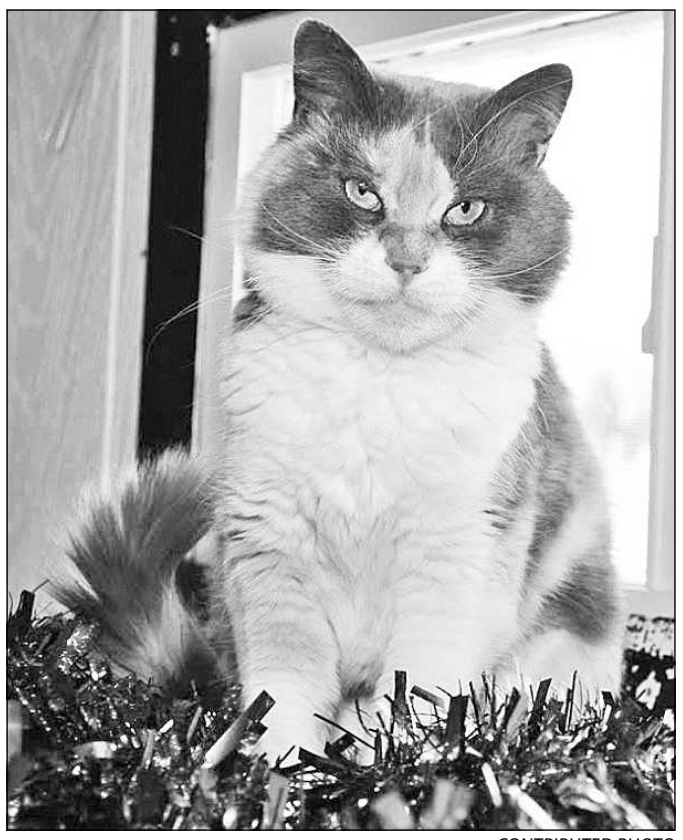
Minnesota Drunk Driving Facts

- 104 people were killed in drunk driving crashes in 2012.
- 2,644 people suffered injuries in alcohol-related crashes in 2012.
- 28,418 people were arrested for DWI in 2012 — the average alcohol-concentration was 0.154.

Tips to Prevent Drunk Driving

- Plan for a sober ride — designate a sober driver, use a cab/public transportation or stay at the location of the celebration.
- Offer to be a designated driver, or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere.
- Buckle up — 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.

PET OF THE WEEK



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Hi, my name is "Flo." I am a simple girl. I wouldn't mind living on a farm being employed as a mouser, or I could be your lap warmer — it is up to you. I don't talk very much, but I am a good listener. I am not one of those girls who loves to be in front of a camera, but that doesn't mean I am not good looking. Please consider adopting me, I promise you won't regret it. I will be the best kitty you have ever had. I am spayed and up-to-date on shots. — Always, *Flo*

Adoption fee is $25.

For more information, visit the website at www.borderlandhumanesociety.org or call 218-324-2313 or 283-9276.

LOTTERY

SUNDAY'S DAILY 3
7, 2, 3

SUNDAY'S NORTHSTAR CASH
4, 8, 13, 18, 20

FRIDAY'S GOPHER 5
6, 10, 16, 20, 25

SATURDAY'S HOT LOTTO
2, 12, 15, 25, 43

HOT BALL
11

FRIDAY'S MEGA MILLIONS
4, 15, 35, 48, 49

MEGA BALL
11

SATURDAY'S POWERBALL
8, 35, 44, 51, 56

POWERBALL
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CALENDAR

TODAY

- Backus Community Center, office closed.
- Bone Builders, 10 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Alanon, 1:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church (283-3739, 283-8540).
- TOPS MN34, 5 p.m. weigh-in; 5:45, meeting, Koochiching County Senior Center.
- Life Skills Group for Teen Boys, 5-6 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office (285-7220).
- Women's Ministries, 5-7 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Beginner's Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Prime rib and lobster supper and music, Moose Lodge (reservations, 283-3615).
- Life Skills Group for Teen Girls, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office (285-7220).
- Women's Support Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Texas Hold 'Em, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge.
- A.A./N.A., 7 p.m., Pineview Recovery Center.
- "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m., Evangelical Covenant Church.
- BigBook Study, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.
- Non-smoking Alcoholics Anonymous Group, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church.

WEDNESDAY

- Backus Community Center, building closed.
- New Year's Brunch, Elks Lodge.

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., chicken and wild rice, vegetable, dinner rolls, 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.

FRIDAY

- Exercise, 10-11 a.m., Backus Auditorium gymnasium.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Serenity Sisters, Women's A.A., noon, Backus, Rational Alternatives, Room 101.
- Elks Lodge Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., Hawaiian ham and cheese sandwiches and corn souffle.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Grape Vine Group, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- A.A., 7 p.m., Alano Club.

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