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Changes to CDL certification coming

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Some Minnesota commercial licensed drivers, including school bus, semi-tractor trailer and garbage truck drivers, could lose their commercial driving privileges by the end of January if they don't take action to comply with federal and state regulations. Approximately 115,000 of Minnesota's 250,000 commercial driver's license holders have not provided self-certification of their commercial driving status and, in some cases, proper medical documentation.

Non-exempt interstate and intrastate drivers must provide a current medical examiner's certification along with any waivers required to maintain commercial driver status. Exempt interstate and intrastate drivers do not need to provide a medical examiner's certificate but do need to complete a self-certification form. The deadline to provide all documentation is Jan. 30, 2014.

Commercial driver heart attacks or other physical impairments lead to 3,000 crashes nationally each year and many result in fatalities or serious injuries, estimates the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

CDL holders not in compliance on Jan. 30 will be downgraded to a Class D license, leaving most drivers unable to legally engage in inter- or intrastate commercial driving.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver

and Vehicle Services Division is sending letters to all CDL holders in Minnesota reminding them to complete their self-certification.

How to self-certify
CDL holders need to:

■ Check the status of the driver's license online at <http://bit.ly/d3r8zL>. If "self-cert" is not listed, then a self-certification form must be submitted.

■ Complete the CDL Medical Self-Certification Form (PS33203)

■ If a CDL driver certifies they are subject to medical examination requirements, they must provide a copy of their Medical Examination Report (PS30158) and any required waiver (Insulin-treated diabetes, vision, seizure/loss of consciousness, limb impairment).

■ Submit a completed self-certification form and, if applicable, a current medical examiner's certificate, to DVS via mail, fax or in person to any driver exam station or driver license office.

These forms can be found on the DVS website at dvs.mn.gov.

Visit the DVS website for more information on how to self-certify, for definitions of interstate and intrastate commerce, along with information about medical certification requirements. CDL drivers can also call 651-205-4908.

Categories and medical examiner's certificate requirements are determined by the Code of Federal Regulation and state statute.

Falls native leads management company

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

An International Falls native has been named department president of an international medicine management consulting company.

Visante, Inc. has appointed Jim Jorgenson to the newly formed position of president of hospital and health systems. Jorgenson joined Visante earlier this year after working as chief pharmacy officer of Indiana University Health.

Jorgenson was born and raised in the Falls, was a

1972 graduate of Falls High School, and a member of the 1972 state champion Bronco hockey team. Some of his favorite memories of the Falls, he said, involve playing hockey with his friends, fishing on Rainy Lake and Rainy River, fall FHS Bronco football games at Bronco Stadium, and grouse hunting in the fall.

"The things I learned growing up there in terms of work ethic and how to treat people are things that I use every day and I am sure contributed to whatever suc-

cess I have achieved since I left," Jorgenson said.

Jorgenson has more than 30 years of experience managing complex health care system pharmacy operations.

"Jim's extensive experience in the business of medication management is extremely valuable to hospitals both in the U.S. and abroad," Michael Flagstad, CEO of Visante, said in a release. "As healthcare becomes more complex, experts like Jim are essential to making sure hospitals are on the leading

edge of care and quality."

Visante's recent expansion of its consulting services in the U.S. and new business in the United Kingdom and Canada led to Jorgenson's appointment to president. Visante works with health care organizations to perfect medication use through a multidisciplinary approach. Visante consultants include pharmacists, physicians, nurses and information technology professionals who work with hospitals to improve outcomes and cost management.

Area logger recognized with national award

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A Chisholm logger who delivers the bulk of his lumber to the Boise Inc. paper mill in International Falls has received a prestigious award from a national forestry association.

The Forest Resources Association and Stihl Inc. named John Rolle its 2013 Regional Outstanding Logger for the Lake States region, which includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Stihl Inc. presented the award to Rolle during the Lake States Region Awards ceremony in Duluth on Oct. 30. Rolle now becomes a nominee for FRA's National Outstanding Logger recognition.

2013 has been a banner year for Rolle in terms of recognition. In April, he was named Minne-

sota Logger of the Year by the Minnesota Sustainable Forestry Initiative Program Implementation Committee. Rolle helps all interested parties to make sure the best solutions are found, Ray Higgins, from the Minnesota Timber Producers Association, said.

"John focuses on what is best for the landowner and the health of the forest," he said. "In addition, he works quietly behind the scenes with land managers and other stakeholders on issues to help all loggers."

According to a release, John Rolle Logging has developed a strong reputation for conducting harvesting operations in a manner that is sensitive to both environmental quality and to landowner objectives. The company has been in business for more than 30 years, which shows Rolle's com-

mitment to professionalism in all aspects of the job.

"Rolle's professionalism and outstanding logging performances exemplify the professional independent logging contractors within Minnesota's forestry community," Minnesota Logger Education Program Executive Director David Chura said. "He is committed to safe, professional, responsible timber operations."

FRA's Outstanding Logger Award program is designed to recognize outstanding independent logging contractor performance, raise the visibility of professional logging contractors, encourage other loggers to adopt the performance of the award winners, and improve forester-logger-landowner relations by publicly recognizing outstanding logging performance as an essential

element of every planned timber harvest.

Nominated logging companies are judged on whether safety is a major part of the individual's business practices and programs, how much the individual or company is involved in community and industry activities, as well as the company's professionalism, business management, and forest management practices.

The Forest Resources Association Inc. is a non-profit trade association concerned with the safe, efficient, and sustainable harvest of forest products and their transport from woods to mill. FRA represents wood consumers, independent logging contractors, and wood dealers, as well as businesses providing products and services to the forest resource-based industry.

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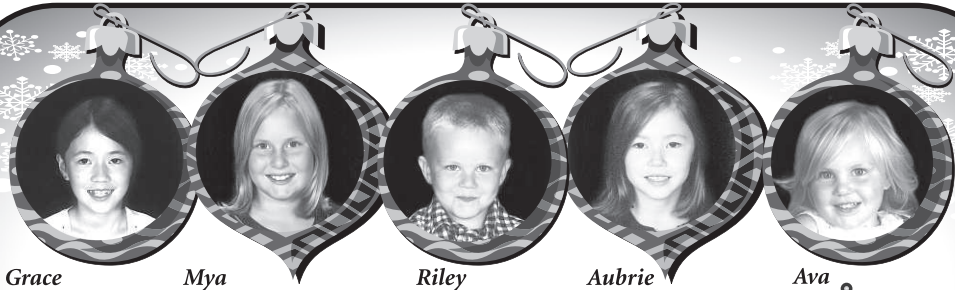
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