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**Press Release**  
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On Friday October 12, 2018 at 6:42 a.m., the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one vehicle crash on CTH T approximately 3/10 of a mile south of CTH Z in the Town of Pleasant Valley.

Preliminary investigation indicates a 2009 Chevrolet Impala, being driven by Diane G. Johnson, age 53 from Hammond WI, was southbound on CTH T. A brown colored horse was in the middle of the roadway and Johnson struck the horse. Johnson's vehicle went into the east ditch and came to rest in a farm field. The horse was killed and was in the middle of the roadway when first responders arrived.

Despite life saving measures at the scene by sheriff's deputies and Baldwin EMS, Johnson, was pronounced dead by the St. Croix County Medical Examiner.

Johnson was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

Assisting at the scene was Baldwin EMS, United Fire & Rescue, and the St. Croix County Medical Examiner.

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality of 2018.

The crash remains under investigation by the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office and the Medical Examiner's Office.

Note: Further inquiries to this crash investigation should be directed to Capt. Jeff Klatt at 715-760-2420.