

Public Notices

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS and BOARD OF CANVASS MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Eden Lake Township, County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at the Fire Hall in Eden Valley, 450 Smith Street South. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

The election poll hours will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect: One Supervisor for a term of three (3) years;

One Treasurer for a term of two (2) years.

The Annual Meeting will commence at approximately 8:15 p.m. following the annual election and counting of ballots to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Board of Canvass will meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, to certify the election results.

The Town Hall office will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for absentee voting on Saturday, March 8, 2025 and 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2025 or by contacting Stacey Thielen, Township Clerk at 320-420-0635.

Stacey Thielen
Eden Lake Township Clerk
17085 Patricia Street
Paynesville, MN 56362

(Publish Feb. 11 & 18, 2025)

EDEN LAKE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

To the residents of Eden Lake Township: Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the voting equipment will be conducted on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the Eden Valley Fire Hall, 450 Smith Street South, in preparation for the March 11, 2025 Township Election.

Stacey Thielen, Clerk
Eden Lake Township

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

DISTRICT COURT
7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
File No.:
73-PR-25-915

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT OR DISTRIBUTION OF HOMESTEAD AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of
ROLAND WETTSTEIN,
Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 14, 2025, at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Stearns County Courthouse, 725 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of Decedent dated September 21, 2004, and for the appointment of Julie Ann Maria Corbin, whose address is 1012 26th Street Loop N, Sartell, Minnesota 56377 as Personal Representative of the Estate of Decedent in an unsupervised administration, and for summary assignment of Decedent's homestead.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the 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 Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or claims will be barred.

This hearing will be held administrative and your appearance is not required unless objections are filed.

BY THE COURT

Dated: January 31, 2025
Shan C. Wang
Judge of District Court

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated January 31, 2025

Attorney for Personal Representative
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Saint Cloud, MN 56302
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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Certificate of
Assumed Name
Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME:
The Chain Homeworks

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
20388 Edgehill Circle
Richmond, MN 56368
USA

APPLICANT(S):
Name:
Bret Anderberg

Address:
20388 Edgehill Circle
Richmond, MN 56368
USA

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I have signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY:
Bret Anderberg

MAILING ADDRESS:
None Provided

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES:
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(Pub. Feb. 11 & 18, 2025)

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

DISTRICT COURT
7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Probate Court Division
Court File No.:
73-PR-25-821

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of

Richard A. Ehresmann,
Decedent

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of March, 2025, at 8:45 A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at St. Cloud, Minnesota, on petition of Donna M. Ehresmann, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the above named decedent, and for the appointment of Donna M. Ehresmann, whose address is 225 First St. SE, Richmond, MN 56368, as personal representative of the es-

tate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, a personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

This hearing will be held administratively and no appearances are required unless objections are filed.

(COURT SEAL)

Dated: January 29, 2025

Shan C. Wang
Judge

George Lock
Court Administrator

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated January 29, 2025

Attorney
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(Publish Feb. 11 & 18, 2025)

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

DISTRICT COURT
7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.:
73-PR-25-840
Case Type: Probate

Notice and Order for Hearing on Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirship, and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

In Re the Estate of

Tamara Schirber,
Decedent

It is ordered and notice is given that on the 7th day of March, 2025, at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in the Stearns County Courthouse via zoom for the formal adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Brian Fredrickson Schirber, whose address is 522 Graceview Loop, St. Joseph, MN 56374 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition should be filed with the Court before, or raised at, the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the 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 Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

This hearing will be held administrative and no appearance is required unless objections are filed.

BY THE COURT

Dated: January 30, 2025

Shan C. Wang
District Court Judge

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
Dated January 30, 2025

(Publish Feb. 18 & 25, 2025)

STEARNS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENACT AN ORDINANCES

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375, notice is hereby given that the Stearns County Board of Commissioners intends to consider the enactment of the following Ordinances:

Stearns County Ordinance Numbers 688, 689, 690 and 691 shall be considered for enactment at a meeting to be held on **March 11, 2025 after 9:00am** in the County Board Room, Stearns County Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota. The agenda will be available approximately 2 business days prior to the meeting on the Stearns County website on the Meetings on Demand page at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/Portal/> or by contacting Stearns County Environmental Services.

The general purpose and subject matter of Ordinance Number 688 is as follows:

It amends Ordinance Number 439 by rezoning approximately 20.28 acres from the Transitional 20 (T-20) zoning district to the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. The property is part of the NW1/4 SW1/4, lying east of 125th Avenue in Section 5 of Brockway Township (126/29). The property address is 43436 125th Ave, Holdingford MN.

The general purpose and subject matter of Ordinance Number 689 is as follows:

It amends Ordinance Number 439 by rezoning approximately 40 acres from the Agricultural 80 (A-80) zoning district to the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. The property is the SW1/4 NE1/4, lying southeast of 177th Street and 38th Avenue in Section 15 of Fairhaven Township (122/28).

The general purpose and subject matter of Ordinance Number 690 is as follows:

It amends Ordinance Number 439 by rezoning approximately 37.15 acres from the Agricultural 40 (A-40) and the Commercial (C) zoning districts to the Industrial (I) zoning district. The property is part of the NW1/4, lying north of County Road 32 and east of State Highway 71 in Section 9 of Crow River Township (123/34). Property address is 24614 State Highway 71, Belgrade MN.

The general purpose and subject matter of Ordinance Number 691 is as follows:

It amends Ordinance Number 439 by rezoning approximately 9.4 acres from the Transitional 20 (T-20) zoning district to the Commercial (C) zoning district. The property is part of the NE1/4, lying west of County Road 33 in Section 9 of Paynesville Township (122/32). Property address is 18799 County Road 33, Paynesville MN.

A copy of the proposed Ordinances is on file at the Stearns County Environmental Services Department or by calling 320-656-3613.

(Publish February 18, 2025)

Stearns County
Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Call to Order

9:00 AM Meeting called to order by Jeff Bertram, Chair, on January 21, 2025, in the Board Room of the Stearns County Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Dis-

trict 1 Tarryl Clark, Commissioner District 2 Joe Perske, Commissioner District 3 Jeff Bertram, and Commissioner District 5 Steve Notch,
Remote: Leigh Lenzmeier (via Teams from 150 Division Street East, Buffalo MN 55313)

Approve Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of E.16. to the Consent Agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Steve Notch

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

Consent Agenda

E.1. Approve Minutes of January 7, 2025.

E.2. Authorize the Environmental Services Director to issue 2025 Solid Waste Sanitary Landfill License to TKI for a period of 5 years.

E.3. Authorize Emergency Management to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant to support the update and development of the County's All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Local cost share for grant already included in 2025 Emergency Management Department budget. Grant amount being requested \$12,000.00.

E.4. Approve the Police Liaison Joint Powers Agreement between Stearns County and Holdingford Independent School District 738 for the 2024-2025 school year.

E.5. Approve the Police Liaison Joint Powers Agreement between Stearns County and Kimball Independent School District 739 for the 2024-2025 school year.

E.6. Approve Bid Award for the Law Enforcement Vehicle Equipment Purchase and Installation Services to DTM Fleet Service in the amount of \$197,208.44.

E.8. Authorize advertising for bids for the 2025 Resurfacing Contract with a bid opening date of February 27, 2025.

E.9. Authorize advertising for bids for the 2025 Contractor Culvert Replacement Contract with a bid opening date of February 27, 2025.

E.10. Approve Resolutions 25-08 and 25-09 supporting the City of Waite Park's Active Transportation funding applications along CSAH 81 and County Road 135 within the city.

E.11. Approve and authorize final payment for the 2024 Contractor Culvert Replacement Contract to TS Dirtworks, LLC.

E.12. Approve and authorize final payment for CSAH 71 Subgrade Correction to TS Dirtworks, LLC.

E.13. Approve Resolution 25-10 establishing a Policy for Donation of Surplus Equipment to Nonprofit Organizations.

E.14. Authorize Use of the County's Aggregate Tax Special Revenue Fund in an amount up to \$42,000 for the engineering of a Quarry Park Erosion Mitigation Project.

E.15. For Informational Purposes Only, Claims Paid for December 28th, 2024, through January 10th, 2025, amounted to \$6,785,097.15, Excluding Investment Purchases.

E.16. Approve Work Session date of Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Center to discuss the Jail/Justice Center

Consent Agenda Vote:

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda after pulling Item E.7. for discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 2 Joe Perske

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320-353-1000
819 Main St. E.
Richmond, MN 56368
www.riverpowerequipment.com

Spring Mower Service

Qty	Description	Total
1	Change Oil and Filter Replace Air Filter & Fuel Filter Replace Spark Plug(s) Sharpen and Balance Blades Clean Deck and Grease all Zerks Check Belts (belts sold separately) Clean Battery Terminals Check and Adjust Tire Pressure Check and Adjust Engine RPM Clean Cooling Fins and Blower Housing Clean/Scrape Underside of Deck-Clean Topside Check All Safety Compliance	\$185

Thank you for your business!

15% OFF

Spring lawn mower maintenance service
Includes zero-turn and riding lawn mowers. Additional parts not included.
Offer valid thru March 31, 2025



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Bayer Built Woodworks is looking for a qualified Application Support Specialist to join our team.

The Application Support Specialist is responsible for providing first level technical support (via phone, email, and desk-side) for internal customer inquiries on organizational software and programs. They also assist in troubleshooting and documenting application issues and concerns and work with other IT team members to design, create, and implement training solutions.

Job Details:
Job Type: Full-time; Hourly
Pay: Starting at \$26.00 - \$30.00/hour
Hours: Variable hours

Benefits:
• Paid Time Off
• Paid Holidays
• Medical Insurance
• Dental Insurance
• Long Term Disability Insurance
• Short Term Disability Insurance
• Life Insurance (Team Member, Spouse, & Dependent Children)
• Business Casual Dress
• Retirement Savings Plan (401k with Company Match)
• Accident Insurance
• Critical Illness Insurance
• Hospital Indemnity Insurance

Apply at: 24614 US Hwy 71, Belgrade, MN 56312 | Email resume to [hiring@bayerbuilt.com](mailto: hiring@bayerbuilt.com)

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APARTMENT FOR RENT
ALBANY
• 2 Bedroom \$750/month
• \$100 Deposit
• Cat ok (\$20/month Pet Rent)
• NO DOGS!
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Miscellaneous

We pay top dollar for junk cars, trucks and late model repairables!
Call 320-236-7477

Help Wanted

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Backes Wood Products is looking for someone to fill a full-time woodworking position. Some experience required. Good pay, paid insurance, paid vacation and holidays. Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week with no overtime. If interested please call 320-597-9663.

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SECONDER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

Item Pulled for Discussion

E.7. Approve 4th Amendment Agreement Extension for Framework Creative, LLC, providing HHW Marketing Services for an additional year through December 31, 2025, not-to-exceed an amount of \$150,000.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 2 Joe Perske

SECONDER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

Environmental Services
F.1. Conduct a public hearing for the consideration of adoption of Ordinance Number 687, amending Ordinance Number 188 Environmental Service Fee Ordinance.

A public hearing was held for consideration of Ordinance No. 687, Amending Ordinance Number 188: Environmental Service Fee Ordinance. Chelle Benson, Environmental Services Director, and Mark Latterell, Environmental Services Supervisor, provided a brief overview. The proposed language changes are for the removal of the annual appointment requirement and simplifying committee makeup to county staff members from multiple departments in order to reduce committee appointment burdens of the Board. Chair Bertram opened the public hearing for public comment. No one came forth to be heard therefore, Chair Bertram closed the public hearing. Mr. Latterell commented no correspondences were received. After some discussion, **motion was made to enact Ordinance No. 687, Amending Ordinance Number 188: Environmental Service Fee Ordinance.**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 687 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STEARNS COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 188 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE FEE ORDINANCE

THE COUNTY BOARD OF STEARNS COUNTY ORDAINS:

Section 1.0 That Section 8.05 of the Ordinance Establishing An Environmental Service Fee In Stearns County Number 188 as presently enacted is hereby repealed.

Section 2.0 That the following is hereby enacted as Section 8.05 of the Ordinance Establishing An Environmental Service Fee In Stearns County Number 188:

SECTION 8.00 APPEALS
8.05 **Appeals Panel.** This panel shall consist of two representatives from the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, and one from the Assessor's Office. The purpose of this panel will be to hear and decide appeals relating to the environmental service fee. The decisions of this panel shall be final.

Section 3.0 That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of January 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 5 Steve Notch

SECONDER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

F.2. Consider for adoption a Resolution updating the Delinquent Refuse Account Certification and Appeals Policy

After a brief overview by Mark Latterell, Environmental Services Supervisor, motion was made to approve and adopt the Resolution 25-11 updating the Delinquent Refuse Account Certification and Appeals Policy for Stearns County.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Steve Notch

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

Administration

G.1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Minnesota

Brittany Merritt Nash, Assistant Professor of History for College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, and Michael Corey, Mapping Prejudice Technical Lead for University of Minnesota Libraries, provided a brief overview on restrictive covenants. After some discussion, motion was made to approve the MOU with the University of Minnesota.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: District 1 Tarryl Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Steve Notch

ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

Adjournment

Chair Bertram adjourned the County Board Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Work Session

Meeting with the Airport Commission was held in the Board Room following adjournment of the County Board Meeting. The Work Session was open to the public.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA STEARNS COUNTY

DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File Number: 73-JV-24-10290
Case Type: CHIPS-Permanency

Summons and Notice Termination of Parental Rights Matter (CHP-115)

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHILD OF:

Stephanie Lynne Schwager (Mother)

and

Lyle Linus Gertken (Alleged Father)

and

Any Unknown Father Parent(s)

NOTICE TO: Any Unknown Father, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Termination of Parental Rights Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to the child(ren) named in the petition should be permanently severed.

2. This is your notice that this Termination of Parental Rights case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 725 Courthouse Square Room 134 St. Cloud MN 56303, on March 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information.

3. **YOU ARE ORDERED** to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.

4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.

5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently severing the parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) or taking permanent custody of the child(ren) named in the Petition.

Dated February 10, 2025

BY: Shantel T. Stearns County Court Administration 725 Courthouse Square Room 134 St. Cloud, MN 56303 320-656-3620

(Pub. Feb. 18 - March 4, 2025)

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 73-PR-24-9886

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Estate of

Arthur James Ree,

Decedent

Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Kirby Ree, whose address is 233 2nd St. NW, Mayville, North Dakota, 58257, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: January 24, 2025
Gina De Vilbiss-Hendry Registrar

Dated: January 24, 2025
George Lock Court Administrator

Filed in District Court State of Minnesota Dated January 24, 2025

Attorney for Personal Representative
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(Pub. Feb. 18 & 25, 2025)

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

All Wakefield Township residents are hereby notified that Wakefield Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11:00 am. This test will be conducted at the Wakefield Town Hall located at 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, Minnesota.

Two election judges will oversee this process to ensure accuracy of the voting equipment for the upcoming Township Election to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Wakefield Town Hall, 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, Minnesota from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm.

This test is open to the public.

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
Heidi M. Stalboerger, Clerk

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personal health and the health of the resource.

Facts about groundwater:

- The Oglalla Aquifer stretches more than 450,000 square kilometers (174,000 square miles) through parts of the U.S. states of South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, according to National Geographic. The Oglalla Aquifer holds more than 3,000 cubic kilometers (2.4 billion acre-feet) of groundwater.

- The average household's leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

- Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

- Of the estimated 29 billion gallons of water used daily by households in the US, nearly 9 billion gallons, or 30 percent, is devoted to outdoor water use, according to EPA's WaterSense program. In the hot summer months, or in dry climates, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 70 percent.

- The United States uses 82.3 billion gallons per day of fresh groundwater for public supply, private supply, irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, thermolectric power, and other purposes, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Tips for practicing Groundwater Awareness Week in your home, courtesy of WellOwner.org

- Why Is a Checkup Important? A properly constructed and maintained household-supply well will provide you with many years of quality service. Routine inspection of a water well system can help ensure it is operating properly, prolong its useful life, and protect your investment. Most importantly, inspections can protect your health by discovering issues that could result in water quality problems presenting a health risk.

- Keep hazardous chemicals, such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides, and motor oil far away from your well, and maintain a "clean" zone of at least 50 feet (15.24 meters) between your well and any kennels or livestock operations. Also, always maintain proper separation between your well and buildings, waste systems, or chemical storage areas. Your professional water well contractor is familiar with the applicable local codes.

- Get your water tested anytime there is a change

in taste, odor or appearance, or anytime the system is serviced.

Ways to Protect and Conserve Groundwater - These tips are helpful to all, whether you have a well, or not. These practices help protect all of our drinking water!

1. **Go Native:** Use native plants in your landscape. They look great, and don't need much water or fertilizer. Also choose grass varieties for your lawn that are adapted for our region's climate, reducing the need for extensive watering or chemical applications.

2. **Reduce Chemical Use:** Use fewer chemicals around your home and yard, and make sure to dispose of them properly - don't dump them on the ground!

3. **Manage Waste:** Properly dispose of potentially toxic substances like unused chemicals, pharmaceuticals, paint, motor oil, and other substances. Many communities hold household hazardous waste collections or sites - contact your local health department to find one near you.

4. **Don't Let It Run:** Shut off the water when you brush your teeth or shaving, and don't let it run while waiting for it to get cold. Keep a pitcher of cold water in the fridge instead.

5. **Fix the Drip:** Check all the faucets, fixtures, toilets, and taps in your home for leaks and fix them right away, or install water conserving models.

6. **Wash Smarter:** Limit yourself to just a five minute shower, and challenge your family members to do the same! Also, make sure to only run full loads in the dish and clothes washer.

7. **Water Wisely:** Water the lawn and plants during the coolest parts of the day and only when they truly need it. Make sure you, your family, and your neighbors obey any watering restrictions during dry periods.

8. **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle:** Reduce the amount of "stuff" you use and reuse what you can. Recycle paper, plastic, cardboard, glass, aluminum and other materials.

9. **Natural Alternatives:** Use all natural/non-toxic household cleaners whenever possible. Materials such as lemon juice, baking soda, and vinegar make great cleaning products, are inexpensive, and environmentally-friendly.

Learn and Do More! Get involved in water education! Learn more about groundwater and share your knowledge with others.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends that private wells be tested once a year for total coli forms bacteria. Testing for nitrate is recommended every two to three years or more often if nitrate has been detected previously in the well or if an infant under the age of six months will be consuming the water. In addition, MDH recommends that every well be tested for arsenic at least once. Testing your well is up to you. Getting your well tested is a relatively simple process. The local county health department may provide or arrange for testing services. Commercial (or private) laboratories providing water testing services are usually listed in the Yellow Pages under "Laboratories - Testing." You should check to make sure the laboratory is certified to perform tests that you want. The laboratory will provide directions for collecting and submitting water samples for testing. The costs for analysis are usually in the range of \$20 to \$40 per test, depending on what is

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Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, impulsiveness may cause friction with loved ones this week, so avoid rushing into decisions. Keep an open mind when others come to you with their thoughts.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, expect some clarity regarding a recent financial decision this week. You'll get the answers you need about budgeting and other investments you've been mulling over.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

This week you may be tempted to overcommit to social endeavors, Gemini. Keep your boundaries in check, especially if you are having difficulty telling other people, "no."

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, much of your to-do list this week will focus on your home life. Take a break from the hustle and spend time bringing order and balance to spaces in your home.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Your words carry a lot of weight right now, Leo. Be very careful about the opinions you offer and the stories you share. By the weekend you may be called upon for some advice.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you have been thinking about making some sweeping financial decisions, now is the time to take action. Putting things off for another day can wreck long-term plans.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Sometimes you have to give yourself a pat on the back when others are not offering the feedback you need, Libra. You are doing a great job and learning along the way.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You often keep your cards close to the vest, Scorpio. Others may be surprised to learn a project you have been working on for some time has come to fruition.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Personal ambitions are at the forefront of your mind, Sagittarius. However, you may be placing too much importance on financial matters rather than the other rewards from hard work.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You are doing quite well in your professional life right now, Capricorn. But in terms of home life, there are definitely some areas that can use improvement. Focus on those things.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you could be feeling a strong urge to declutter personal spaces, such as the garage, closets or even your home office. Find the time to start sorting through belongings.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

All it may take is a simple conversation to clear up some persistent misconceptions, Pisces. Figure out when to schedule that talk and afterwards you will feel better