Public Notices

CITY OF RICHMOND **SUMMARY BUDGET DATA**

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2026 budget information concerning the City of Richmond to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 471.6965. This budget data is a summary document only. A copy of the complete budget may be obtained at City Hall, 45 Hall Avenue Southwest, Richmond, MN.

2026 BUDGET - GENERAL FUND

	2025		2026	
	Budget		Budget	
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Property taxes	\$	601,341	\$ 662,651	
Licenses and permits/Alcoholic beverages		63,750	65 <i>,</i> 750	
Local gov't aid and other aids		479,361	455,978	
Fees and other revenue		2,650	11,150	
Contributions/Donations/Refunds		30,313	34,775	
Investment earnings		6,515	5,000	
Miscellaneous		2,750	275	
Charges for services		3,325	3,725	
Other fines		6,500	 6,000	
TOTAL REVENUES		1,196,505	1,245,304	
EXPENDITURES				
General government		348,425	414,810	
Public safety		413,091	429,798	
Public works		258,194	226,246	
Parks and recreation		176,795	 174,450	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,196,505	1,245,304	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	\$		\$ 	
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY		\$946,965	\$993,334	

(Publish December 30, 2025)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Date: November 26, 2025

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

- 1. Default has occurred in the conditions of that certain Mortgage owned by the undersigned that was executed by and among Lemke Acres, LLC, as mortgagor, and Falcon National Bank, as mortgagee, dated May 31, 2023 and recorded document number A1653886, on June 1, 2023 with the Office of the County Recorder in and for Stearns County, Minnesota.
- 2. The Mortgage has been assigned as follows: n/a
- 3. The maximum principal amount secured by the Mortgage was: \$2,581,100.00.
- 4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.
- 5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage and with all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.
- 6. As of the date of this notice, the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is: \$2,635,325.58.
- 7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed on the real property legally described Falcon National Bank

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24. Township 123 North, Range 31 West, City of Richmond, Stearns Countv. Minnesota, described as follows to-wit: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence South on an assumed bearing along the East line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, 367.00 feet: thence North 89 degrees 19 minutes 26 seconds West 389.75 feet; thence North parallel with the East line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, 445.73 feet to the Southerly right of way line of State Truck Highway No. 23; Thence South 89 degrees 19 minutes 26 seconds East along said right of way line 389.75 feet to its intersection with the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South along the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence 78.73 feet to the point of beginning.

with the following street address and tax parcel identifica-

tion number:

Street Address: 415 Jay Ave SE, Richmond, Minnesota

Tax Parcel Identification Number: 74-40704-0000

and will be sold by the Sheriff of Stearns County, Minnesota at public auction on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Office of the Stearns County Sheriff, 807 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota

- 8. The time allowed by law for redemption by the Mortgagor or the Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.
- which the Mortgagor must va- NEY'S Addition to St. Cloud cate the property if the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. § 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. § 580.23 is July 21, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

Falcon National Bank

WINTHROP & WEINS-TINE, P.A.

> By: /s/ Andrew J. Steil Andrew J. Steil (#0387048) 225 South Sixth Street **Suite 3500** Minneapolis, MN 55402 $(612)\ 604-6400$

Attorneys for Mortgagee

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STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF STEARNS**

DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT File No.: 73-CV-24-546 Case Type: Civil Other/Misc.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER DECREE AND ORDER **REAL PROPERTY**

MidFirst Bank,

Plaintiff,

Christopher David Jost; Intelligent Design Corp; and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,

Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to that certain Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order for Judgment and Judgment, dated December 20, 2024, entered in the above entitled action on January 3, 2025, and Docketed on November 12, 2025 by the District Court of Stearns County, Minnesota, Seventh Judicial District (the "Judgment"),

a certified copy of which has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due and owing to Defendant, Third-party Plaintiff, Intelligent Design ("IDC") in the above-entitled action from Defendant Christopher David Jost ("Jost"), as prescribed in the Judgment, the undersigned Sheriff of Stearns County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on February 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at the Stearns County Sheriff's Office, 807 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN 56303, the premises and real estate, lying and being in the County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, described in said Mia Jean Wirkus, Judgment, to wit:

Legal Description: Lot 15 and the South 1/2 of Lot 16 Deborah Jo Mohlenkamp,

9. The date on or before Block 5 MCCLURE &WHIT-Property Address: 1052 Washington Memorial Drive,

Property Identification Shandon Wirkus,

St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301 Number: 82.48457.0000

(the "Property") and together with (i) all buildings, improvements, personal property, fixtures, fittings that are now or hereafter located on the Property, attached thereto, or consisting part of the property, (ii) all of the estate, right, title, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever of Christopher David Jost, and his heirs, either in law or in equity, in possession or expectancy, in and to the Property or any part thereof; (iii) all awards or payments, including interest thereon, and the right to receive the same, which may be made with respect to the Property, whether from the exercise of the right of eminent domain (including any transfer made in lieu of the exercise of said right), or for any other injury to or decrease in the value of the Property; (iv) all leases and other agreements affecting the use or occupancy of the Property now or hereafter entered into and the right to receive and apply the rents, issues and profits of the Property; (v) all proceeds of and any unearned premiums on any insurance policies covering the Property, including, without limitation, the right to receive and apply the proceeds of any insurance, judgments, or settlements made in lieu thereof, for damage to the Property; (vi) the right, in the name and on behalf of Christopher David Jost, and his heirs, to appear in and defend any action or proceeding brought with respect to the Property and to commence any action or proceeding to protect the interest of Intelligent Design Corp in the Property; and (vii) all proceeds of each of the

TIME AND DATE TO VA-CATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or

der section 580.23, will be six (6) months from the date of the sale confirmation.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGORS, THE MORTGAGORS' PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR AS-SIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDI-CIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032. DETERMINING AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS. ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRO-DUCTION, AND ARE ABAN-DONED.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLEC-TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY IN-FORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PRO-VIDED BY LAW IS NOT AF-FECTED BY THIS ACTION.

Dated: October 9th, 2025

Deputy Sheriff of Stearns County, Minnesota

Jamie Florek, Deputy

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY: Greenstein Sellers PLLC 121 South 8th Street Suite 1450 Minneapolis, MN 55402 Telephone No. 763-285-4677

[NOTICE OF SALE FOR 1052 WASHINGTON MEMO-RIAL DRIVE, ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA 56301]

File: 14149

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STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF MORRISON**

DISTRICT COURT FAMILY COURT DIVISION 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Custody Court File No.: 49-FA-25-1434

SUMMONS

In Re the Matter of the Custody of:

Minor Child,

Petitioner,

Melissa Jean Fautsch and Respondent.

THE STATE OF MINNESO-TA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED **RESPONDENTS:**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Karla A. Krueger, Esq., attornev for the Petitioner, whose address is Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, 110 - 6th Avenue South, Suite 200, P.O. Box 886, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56302, an Answer to the Petition which is served upon you together with this Summons within twentyone (21) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the

The Petitioner has filed a lawsuit asking the court to decide custody and parenting time of the minor child(ren) listed above in the caption.

NOTICE OF PARENT **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

REQUIREMENTS. MINNESOTA UNDER STATUTES, SECTION 518.157, IN A CONTESTED PROCEEDING INVOLVING CUSTODY OR PARENTING TIME OF A MINOR CHILD, THE PARTIES MUST BEGIN PARTICIPATION IN A PAR-ENT EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT MEETS MINIMUM STANDARDS PROMULGAT-ED BY THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST FILING WITH THE COURT. IN SOME DISTRICTS, PAR-ENTING EDUCATION MAY BE REQUIRED IN ALL CUS-TODY OR PARENTING PRO-CEEDINGS. YOU MAY CON-TACT THE DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR ADDI-TIONAL INFORMATION RE-GARDING THIS REQUIRE-MENT AND AVAILABILITY OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

Date: October 14, 2025

LAW OFFICES OF MIDthe property redeemed un- MINNESOTA LEGAL AID

/s/ Karla A. Krueger Karla A. Krueger Attorney for Petitioner 110 – 6th Avenue South Suite 200 P.O. Box 886 St. Cloud, MN 56302 Telephone: (320) 257-4863

galaid.org Attorney Reg.# 0186363

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Email: kkrueger@myle-

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

DISTRICT COURT 7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No: 73-FA-25-7236 Case Type: Dissolution with Children

Summons **Without Real Estate**

In Re the Marriage of:

Amal Usman Geele Name of Petitioner

Shermaki Abdilaha Hassen Name of Respondent

THE STATE OF MIN-NESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

WARNING: Your spouse has filed a lawsuit against you for dissolution of your marriage. A copy of the paperwork regarding the lawsuit is served on you with this summons. This summons is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this summons carefully. If you do not understand it, contact an attorney for legal advice.

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage is attached to this Summons. There should also be a copy of Petitioner's Financial Affidavit attached.

2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the Court a written Answer to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and your Financial Affidavit. You must pay the required filing fee. Answer forms and the Financial Affidavit form are available from the Court Administrator's office. You must serve your Answer and Financial Affidavit upon Petitioner within thirty (30) days of the date you were served with this Summons, not counting the day of service. If you do not Financial Affidavit, the Court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

3. This proceeding does not involve real property.

NOTICE OF **TEMPORARY** RESTRAINING **PROVISIONS**

Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

(1) Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.

(2) Neither party may harass the other party.

(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation. (4) Parties to a marriage

dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a nonprofit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS. YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

NOTICE OF PARENT **EDUCATION PROGRAM** REQUIREMENTS

Under Minnesota Statutes, Section 518.157, in a contested proceeding involving custody or parenting time of a minor child, the parties must begin participation in a parent education program that meets minimum standards promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court within 30 days after the first filing with the court. In some Districts, parenting education may be required in all custody or parenting proceedings. You may contact the District Court Administrator for additional information regarding this requirement and the availability of parent education programs.

Dated: May 6, 2024

Name: Amal Usman Geele Address: 125 10th Ave SE City/State/Zip: St. Joseph, MN 56374

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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: Benedictine Living Community | Mother of Mercy

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF **BUSINESS:** 230 CHURCH AVE **ALBANY, MN 56307** USA

APPLICANT(S): Name: **Mother of Mercy**

Address: 230 CHURCH AVE **ALBANY, MN 56307**

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 had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Ajla Ceric

MAILING ADDRESS: 6499 UNIVERSITY AVE

STE 300 MINNEAPOLIS, MN

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL

ajla.ceric@benedictineliv-

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ASSUMED NAME: **Inappropriate Rubs**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF **BUSINESS: 221 10TH AVE S** COLD SPRING, MN 56320 **USA**

APPLICANT(S): Name: Ryne James Stegura

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Address: $221\ 10TH\ AVE\ S$ **COLD SPRING, MN 56320**

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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 had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Ryne Stegura

MAILING ADDRESS: **221 10TH AVE S** COLD SPRING, MN 56320

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: rjstegura@live.com

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KRAEMER LAKE -WILDWOOD COUNTY PARK PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT **INVITATION FOR BID FOR** STEARNS COUNTY, MN PROJECT NO. 25-44B DUE DATE: 11:00 AM, CT,

THUR., JANUARY 22, 2026 PROJECT INFORMATION: The County of Stearns seeks services of a park road, trail, parking lot with concrete curb and gutter, lighting, sidewalk, dock abutment, and park amenities from responsible contractors. The Contractor shall be responsible for all materials, necessary labor, and equipment to complete the Project. All bids submitted are to be valid for sixty (60) calendar days.

SCOPE OF WORK DE-

The scope of work for this Project shall include, but not be limited to:

Construction of a bituminous roadway and multi-use trail, bituminous parking lot with concrete curb and gutter, and lighting, concrete sidewalk, a dock abutment, park amenities including a picnic shelter, a pre-fabricated restroom building, and an outdoor experiential recreation area.

COMPLETION TIME: The project shall be completed by 5:00 pm on June 30, 2026.

PRE-BID MEETING: A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M., Thursday, January 8, 2026. The meeting location will be outside of the 'Sugar Shack'; enter on Kipper Road to Kraemer Lake-Wildwood County Park, 29709 Kipper Road, St. Joseph, MN. All prospective bidders are strongly enwith the project.

DOCUMENTS:

Bid Documents may be at the Stearns County Parks Department.

To obtain documents online, complaint herein please visit **<u>Bids & Tenders</u>**. You can preview the Bid documents with a Preview Watermark prior to registering for the opportunity. Documents are not provided in any other manner. For step-by-step instructions on how to create an Account, please refer to the Vendor Support Portal. If you encounter technical issues, please contact support-@bidsandtenders.ca or 1-800-594-

BID SUBMITTAL:

ELECTRONIC BID SUB-MISSIONS ONLY shall be reonline through Bids & Tenders $\,\,$ number on this Summons.not later than 11:00 AM, CT, Thursday, January 22, 2026. Hardcopy submissions are not permitted.

sets of the Bid Documents in you within 21 days to propreparing their Bids. The County assumes no responsi- is called an Answer. Getting bility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bid Docu- a copy of your Answer or Anments.

In making copies of these documents available, the County does not confer a license or grant permission for any other use of the documents other than for the purpose of obtaining and preparing Bids on the Work.

BID OPENING: Bid responses will be opened and read aloud at 11:00 AM, CT, Thursday, January 22, 2026, at the Stearns Countv Service Center, 3301 County Road 138, Conference Room 1103, Waite Park, MN 56387,

is as follows: Click the link below to join the webinar

and can also be attended virtu-

ally via Zoom webinar. Access

https://stearnscountymngov.zoom.us/j/88678131299?pwd=t6gyXtdFftJ7vkbLHSfd-WMHNFIZ4Ow.zjUkTM-ocLR-

Meeting ID: $886\ 7813\ 1299$ Passcode: 091828

BID SECURITY: A satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and a licensed surety company must also accompany the Bid in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total Bid to be forfeited as liquidated damages in the event that the bid be accepted and the Bidder fail to enter into a written contract and furnish the required bonds within ten (10) days after the award of the contract. A copy of the Bid Bond must be electronically submitted to Bids and Tenders. The original inked signature copy of the Bid Bond must be submitted to the Procurement Department at 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387 by mail or drop-off in person [in- person delivery must be to the receptionist at the Service Centerl.

BIDDER QUALIFICA-

The provisions of Minn. Stat. 16C.285, Responsible Contractor, are imposed as a requirement of this contract. All bidders and persons or companies providing a response/submission to the Advertisement for Bids of the County shall comply with the provisions of the statute. Per Minn. Stat. § 326B.701, unless exempt, any Person, as defined by Minn. Stat. § 181.723, subd. 1(a), who performs public or bids to provide construction private construction services must register with the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Bidders must submit a copy of their Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) Building Construction Contractor Registration with the Bid.

NOTIFICATION:

This Advertisement for Bids document is issued by: Heather Boettcher, Procurement Man-

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type No. 14: Other Civil Court File No.: 73-CV-25-5146

AMENDED SUMMONS

Jeffrey Kraus and Gina Kraus Plaintiffs,

Roger A. Klein and Darlene C. Klein as Trustee of The Roger A. Klein Revocable Trust Agreement dated December 15. 1997 and The Darlene C. Klein Revocable Trust Agreement dated December 15, 1997. Joseph and Sherry Krippner, couraged to attend this Brian H. Stofflet, James H. meeting to become familiar and Arlene F. Faber, David Simones, The State of Minnesota Department of Transportation, also all other persons unknown available for public inspection claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the

Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECT-TO DEFENDANTS EDABOVE NAMED:

1. You are being sued. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Complaint is attached to this Amended Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that start a lawsuit and affect your legal rights, even if nothing has been filed with the court and ceived by the Bidding System even if there is no court file

2. You must BOTH reply, in writing, AND get a copy of your reply to the per-Bidders shall use complete son/business who is suing tect your rights. Your reply your reply to the Plaintiff is called <u>service</u>. You must serve swer and Counterclaim (An- NESOTA DEPARTMENT OF

swer) within 21 days from the date vou received the Summons and Complaint.

ANSWER: You can find the Answer form and instructions on the MN Judicial Branch website at www.mncourts.gov/forms under the "Civil" category. The instructions will explain in detail how to fill out the *Answer* form.

- 3. You must respond to each claim. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer vou must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you think the Plaintiff should not be given everything they asked for in the Complaint, you must say that in your Answer.
- 4. SERVICE: You may lose your case if you do not send a written response to the **Plaintiff.** If you do not serve a written Answer within 21 days, you may lose this case by default. You will not get to tell your side of the story. If you choose not to respond, the Plaintiff may be awarded everything they asked for in their Complaint. If you agree with the claims stated in the Complaint, you don't need to respond. A default judgment can than be entered against you for what the Plaintiff asked for in the Complaint.

To protect your rights, you must serve a copy of your Answer on the person who signed this Summons in person or by mail at this address:

Joseph A. Krueger QUINLIVAN & HUGHES P.O. Box 1008 St. Cloud, MN 56301

- 5. Carefully read the Instructions (CIV301) for the *An*swer for your next steps.
- 6. Legal Assistance. You may wish to get legal help from an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and would like legal help:
- Visit www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp and click on the "Legal Advice Clinics" tab to get more information about legal clinics in each Minnesota
- Court Administration may have information about places where you can get legal assis-

NOTE: Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still serve a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

- 7. Alternative Dispute OF Resolution (ADR). The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an ADR process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of Practice. You must still serve your written Answer, even if you expect to use ADR.
- 8. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Stearns County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

That part of the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 3, Township 123, Range 29, Stearns County, Minnesota,

described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 01 degrees 19 minutes 11 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the east line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 990.10 feet, to the south line of the North 990.02 feet of said Northeast Quarter, and the point of beginning of the tract P.A. of land to be described; thence continue South 01 degrees 19 minutes 11 seconds East, along said east line, 716.55 feet, to the south line of the North 550.00 feet of the South Half of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 06 minutes 36 seconds West, along said south line of the North 550.00 feet of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter, 2627.72 feet, to the west line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 06 minutes 25 seconds West, along the south line of the North 550.00 feet of the South Half of said Northwest Quarter, 715.94 feet, to an easterly line of MIN-NESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 73-42, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns County, Minnesota; thence North 26 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds East, along said easterly line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT

TRANSPORTATION

RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO.

73-42, a distance of 621.51 feet.

to right of way monument B37;

thence North 26 degrees 52

minutes 21 seconds East, along

said easterly line of MIN-

OF WAY PLAT NO. 73-42, a distance of 464.45 feet, to right of way monument B36; thence North 28 degrees 49 minutes easterly line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANS-PORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 73-42, a distance of 229.25 feet: thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 56 seconds East, 828.05 feet; thence North 04 degrees 09 minutes 26 seconds East, 312.70 feet, to right of way monument B27 on a southerly line of said MIN-NESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 73-42; thence North 63 degrees 42 minutes 47 seconds East, along said southerly line of MIN-NESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 73-42, a distance of 126.95 feet, to right of way monument B26; thence 441.03 feet northeasterly. along said southerly line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 73-42, and along a tangential curve, concave to the southeast, having a radius of 1368.11 feet, and a central angle of 18 degrees 28 minutes 12 seconds, to the west line of the East 1319.89 feet, of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 01 degrees 19 minutes 11 seconds East, along said west line of the East 1319.89 feet of the Northeast Quarter, a distance of 920.25 feet, to said south line of the North 990.02 feet of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 56 seconds East, along said south line of the North 990.02 feet of the Northeast Quarter, 1320.00 feet, to the point of beginning.

That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 3, Township 123, Range 29, Stearns County, Minnesota, described as fol-

Commencing at the north-

east corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 56 seconds West, assumed bearing, along the north line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 1561.99 feet, to a northerly line of MINNESOTA DEPART-MENT OF TRANSPORTA-TION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 73-42, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns County, Minnesota, and the point of beginning of the tract of land to be described; thence 105.39 feet southwesterly, along said northerly line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 73-42, and along a non-tangential curve, concave to the southeast, having a radius of 1486.22 feet and a central angle of 04 degrees 03 minutes 46 seconds. The chord of said curve bears South 71 degrees 09 minutes 53 seconds West, with a chord distance of 105.36 feet, to right of way monument B19; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 57 seconds West, along said northerly line of MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY PLAT NO. 73-42, a distance of 167.36 feet, to right of way monument B18; thence North 08 degrees 11 minutes 43 seconds East, 33.39 feet, to the north line of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 56 seconds East, along said north line of the Northeast Quarter, 262.33 feet, to the

Dated: December 12, 2025

point of beginning.

QUINLIVAN & HUGHES,

By: /s/ Joseph A. Krueger Joseph A. Krueger 0328911 Attorney for Plaintiffs

PO Box 1008 St. Cloud, MN 56302-1008 320 - 251 - 1414

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No: 73-PR-25-10465

Estate of Arthur Peter Forcier, a/k/a Arthur P. Forcier, a/k/a Art Forcier, Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINT-MENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on January 30,

TRANSPORTATION RIGHT 2026, at 8:45 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at Stearns County Courthouse, Room 134, 725 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota, 54 seconds East, along said for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated January 16, 2020 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Randy A. Forcier, whose address is 8660 1st Avenue NE, Rice, MN 56367 and Anthony A. Forcier, whose address is 8814 Highway 95 NE, Sauk Rapids, MN, 56379 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. 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 Representatives 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. This hearing will be heard administratively and your appearance is not required, unless objections are filed.

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.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

BY THE COURT

Dated: December 19, 2025 William Cashman Judge of District Court

Dated: December 19, 2025 George Lock Court Administrator

Filed in District Court State of Minnesota Dated October 10, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ROCKVILLE

Notice is hereby given that the Rockville City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at approximately 6:30 p.m. at Rockville City Hall -229 Broadway Street East to consider amending City of Rockville Fees and Charges Schedule.

All persons attending the hearing and wishing to address the City Council will have an opportunity to do so. Those not able to be present at this meeting should submit their opinions in writing to the Rockville City Administrator, P.O. Box 93, Rockville, MN 56369 prior to the hearing.

Bobbi Kessel City Administrator

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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: **Avon Estates**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 3345 W ST GERMAIN ST SAINT CLOUD, MN 56301

APPLICANT(S): Name: GCRE - Avon Estates, LLC

Address:

3345 W ST GERMAIN ST SAINT CLOUD, MN 56301 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 ref-

erenced 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 periury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Andrew P. Martin

MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided

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ASSUMED NAME: **Mainstreeter Apartments**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 3345 W ST GERMAIN ST SAINT CLOUD, MN 56301 **USA**

APPLICANT(S):

business.

GCRE - Mainstreeter, LLC

Address: 3345 W ST GERMAIN ST SAINT CLOUD, MN 56301

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRING IT HOME RENTAL ASSISTANCE WAITING LIST OPENING

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Stearns County (HRA) announces that, pursuant to 24 CFR 982.206(a), the waiting list for the Bring It Home Rental Assistance Program will open on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

 The enrollment period will remain open until 125 ap**plications** have been received.

• Applications will be selected through a **lottery con**ducted by a third party ven-

• Once the lottery is complete, the waiting list will close until further notice. **Applicant Preferences**

Qualified households may

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Backes Wood Products is looking for someone to fill a fulltime 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-

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receive preference points as fol-

- Homeless/At Risk Families with School Age Children
- (18 and under): 10 points • Extremely Low Income Families (≤ 30% of median income): 5 points
- Residency in Stearns County (head, spouse, or co head): 1 point
- Families with Children (under 18): 1 point
- Disability or Age 62+: 1
- Near Elderly/Disabled (age 50-61 with a disability in household): 1 point • Elderly (age 62+): 1 point
- Employment/Education in Stearns County (head, spouse, or co head working or enrolled in job training/education programs): 1 point

How to Apply Applications must be submitted online only at: housing.stearnshra.com

No paper applications will be accepted.

/s/ Neil Fortier, Executive Director **Publish Date: December**

Equal Housing Opportunity

(Publish December 30, 2025)

STATE OF MINNESOTA **COUNTY OF STEARNS**

IN DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Other Civil

AMENDED SUMMONS

Robert Kroska aka Robert P.

Plaintiff,

VS.

Dennis Brix; Ervin Helmark; David Brix; Doris Brix; Darren Brix; Daniel Brix; DeAnn Schreifels; Deborah Stang; Olmsheid; Amv Olmsheid; Kari Olmsheid; Kathy Stang Olmsheid; Lee Olmsheid; Tanya Olmsheid Casperson; Joyce Meyer; Lloyd Brix; Tim Brix; Kathy Brix; Jacob Brix: Julianna Kuhn: Kimberly Brix; Stacy Lynn Brix; Joshua Timothy Brix; Violet Brix; Jane Dreyer; Reynold Brix; Arthur Yliniemi; Debra Ann Ray Yliniemi-Ahlin; James Anthony Brix; Patricia Ann Brix; Dianne B. Blonigen; Jean Shepherd f/k/a Jean Karasch; Anne Brix; Brady Brix; Amy Brix; Adam Brix; Jason Brix; Amanda Grabmeier; Michael Jagielski; Kevin Jagielski; Jesse Karasch Hayden Karasch; Russell Karasch; Jason Karasch; Nolan Gunderlock; Evelyn Brix; Russell Brix; Dean Brix; Gary Brix; Linda Hawkins; David Brix; Paul Brix; Rachel

Any and all unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Anna Brix, now deceased, as well as any and all known heirs, successors and assigns of any of the above named Defendants who may be now deceased, together with all other persons and entities unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint here-

Defendants.

THIS AMENDED SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO: EACH ABOVE-NAMED DEFEN-

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is on file in the office of the **NAMED DEFENDANTS**

Help Wanted Miscellaneous

WANTED - Richmond and Torah items. Any size, any amount, to preserve history. Call or text Terry 320-291-

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

court administrator of the above-named court. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this amended Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PRO-TECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this amended Summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this amended Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this amended Summons located at:

Daniel T. Zimmermann WILLENBRING, DAHL, **WOCKEN &** ZIMMERMANN, PLLC 318 Main Street Cold Spring, MN 56320-0417

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In vour Answer vou must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE Quiet Title YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RE-SPONSE TO THE COM-PLAINT TO THE PERSON SIGNED AMENDED SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Com-

> 5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

> 6. ALTERNATIVE DIS-PUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO **REAL PROPERTY** located in Stearns County, State of Minnesota legally described as fol-

See attached Exhibit A

The object of this action is to determine adverse claims and to adjudge title in Plaintiff as the fee owner of the above described property, free and clear of any right, estate, interest, or lien of the Defendants or anyone claiming under them, in or to said premises or any part thereof.

8. NO MONEY JUDG-MENT IS BEING SOUGHT FROM ANY OF THE

HEREIN. The sole purpose of this action is to establish clear title in the name of the Plaintiff and successor owners as set forth in Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Exhibit A

The South One-half of the North One-half of the Southeast Quarter and the South Half of the Southeast Quarter all in Section Six (6). Township One Hundred Twenty-four (124) North Range Thirty (30) West, Stearns County, Minnesota;

LESS AND EXCEPT That part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 124, Range 30, Stearns County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South line of said South Half of the Southeast Quarter distant 814.61 feet West of the Southeast corner thereof: thence North at right angles to said South line for 435.60 feet; thence West at right angles for 500 feet; thence South at right angles for 435.60 feet to a point on said South line of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter; thence East for 500 feet to the point of beginning.

Dated this 9th day of Octo-

WILLENBRING, DAHL,

WOCKEN & ZIMMERMANN, PLLC /s/ Daniel T. Zimmermann Daniel T. Zimmermann 141835 Attorney for Plaintiff 318 Main Street PO Box 417 Cold Spring, MN 56320-0417

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Tips when Traveling with Pets

Traveling with pets can be a rewarding experience that enables individuals to share new adventures with their companion animals. Bringing pets along on vacation has become quite popular. According to Top Dog Pet Travel, a central Florida agency specializing in petfriendly bookings, there has been an uptick in people traveling with their pets since 2024. A report from the American Pet Products Association indicates 22 percent of both cat and dog owners reported taking their animals on at least three flights in 2024.

These practical tips can make traveling with pets a smooth experience, whether one is traveling by car, plane or just off on a weekend getaway.

• Plan ahead. Research any pet regulations and restrictions prior to traveling. Some hotels, airlines and rental properties have specific rules or fees for pets. Always confirm if companion animals are allowed, and determine if there are restrictions on size, breed or the number of pets. Every airline has different rules for in-cabin versus cargo travel for pets. International travel may require certain vaccinations or quarantine periods, so it pays to start planning well in advance.

• Visit the vet. A checkup with the pet's vet is a good step prior to any trip. The vet will make sure the animal is current on vaccinations and well enough to travel. Getting a copy of the pet's medical records and vaccination schedule is helpful, as some airlines or destinations may require it. Also inquire about medication for motion sickness or anxiety, if necessary.

 Bring familiar items. Animals like consistency and routine. Keeping familiar items nearby can help reduce anxiety in unfamiliar environments. Bring along food, bowls, leashes, and preferred toys or bedding.

• Stick to routine. Give the pet time to adjust to the new surroundings and adhere to the same meal, walk and play schedules the animal is accustomed to at home. Regular feeding helps avoid stomach upset, as does bringing bottled water or water from home.

• Pack some patience. Even the most well-behaved pet may act out a little when in unfamiliar territory. Also, it's possible to encounter individuals who may not be as amenable to sharing surroundings with pets. Pets will take emotional cues from their owners, so projecting calm can be benefi-

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Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Strange things are happening, Aries. It may be better to go with the flow right now. You might like the change that ensues, and the change in pace could be a positive.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 Better days are ahead, Taurus. It's just a matter of having a little patience and waiting a little longer for things to settle down. Start a new project to take your mind off things.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 Make the most of time spent with friends and family this week, Gemini. You may need to step away for a little while, so cherish this time you get to spend with those you love.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 Cancer, someone special is able to take a peek into your inner thoughts this week. Their ability to see you so personally could reinforce your outlook.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23 You might feel a bit melan-

cholic as the holiday season nears its end, Leo. It's understandable based on how much has been going on. Maintain a strong social cal-

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22 Virgo, generosity is an admirable trait, and now is a good time to indulge your love of helping others. Make a concerted effort to pitch in where your assistance is

necessary. LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 When one door closes, another door opens, Libra. Look at all of the positive things in your life and embrace the great changes that are coming your way. This

is an exciting time for you.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, there are so many things going on right now but you can still function effectively. The pace might be hectic right now, but things will calm down soon enough.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21 A relationship is blooming,

Sagittarius, and you're not sure how you feel about it just yet. Take a few more weeks to work through all of your feelings.. CAPRICORN - Dec

22/Jan 20 You have an eye for deals,

Capricorn. Even though you have been spending a lot this past month, you can't resist a discount on some post-holiday sales. AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb

Take a firm hold of your fi-

nances for the next few weeks, Aquarius. Overspending could complicate an important relationship if you're not careful. Curb any purchases for a few days. PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

You are not sure how to harness your artistic energy this week, Pisces. You might take a class or engage in a hobby that interests you. Redesigning a room in a home also might be an idea.



100 Years Ago This Month: Historical **Events From December 1925**

has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in December 1925.

• The Farmer-Labour Party is dissolved just two hours after its formation in Japan on December 1st. The dissolution was ordered by the Japanese government, which accused the party of harboring a secret communist agenda.

• The border delineating Northern Ireland and Ireland is established on December 3rd when representatives of both countries sign the Northern Irish Border Agreement.

• The George Gershwin composition "Concerto in F" is performed for the first time on December 3rd. The performance in New York's Carnegie Hall is conducted by Walter Damrosch and features Gershwin on piano.

• A counterfeiting scheme is uncovered by the Banco de Portugal on December 4th. An alert bank teller tips off the bank, which ultimately discovers that wealthy entrepreneur Arthur Virgílio Alves Reis is the mastermind behind the scheme. Reis was eventually sentenced to 20 years in

• The Pottsville Maroons defeat the Chicago Cardinals in front of 6,000 fans on December 6th in a game the press depicted as the championship of the National Football League.

• Russian Orthodox bishop Peter of Krutitsy is arrested on December 9th. Peter is charged with conspiring with Russian emigres in the west. Peter is

The month of December ultimately executed by shooting on October 10,

> • George Bernard Shaw is awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature on December Karam Chand and Kar-

tari Chand tie the knot in India on December 11th. The Chand's marriage lasts is the longest marriage recorded. Karam Chand passed away in 2016 and Kartari in 2019.

• Communist politician Benjamin Gitlow is pardoned by New York Governor Al Smith on December 11th. Gitlow was convicted for publishing a manifesto calling for the overthrow of the U.S. government, which Governor Smith characterized as a "political crime" upon issuing his pardon.

• The Qaja dynasty, which had ruled Iran since 1789, comes to an end on December 12th when the country's Parliament declares General Reza Khan Pahlavi Prime Minister and installs him as Shah of Iran.

• The Fascist government in Italy signs a secret pact with Britain on December 14th. The pact is designed to reinforce Italian dominance in Ethiopia.

fraternity Alpha Phi Omega is founded at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania on December 16th. • U.S. Army Colonel Billy

• The national service

Mitchell is convicted on eight charges of insubordination on December 17th. Mitchell was critical of military leaders for investing in battleships and had argued for greater investment in air-based defenses.

• Reichstag President Paul Löbe speaks out in favor of partial prohibition in Germany on December 19th. George Edwin Taylor

passes away on December 23rd at the age of 68. Taylor was the first African American presidential candidate, running for the highest office in the United States as 90 years and 291 days, and nominee of the National Negro Liberty Party in 1904

• Law No. 2263 is passed by the Italian parliament on December 24th. The law states that the decisions of Prime Minister Benito Mussolini and his government were not subject to legislative review and could only be overruled by order of King Victor Emmanuel III.

 A Christmas story published in the London newspaper The Evening News on December 24th identifies a children's character as "Winnie-the-Pooh" for the first time. The character had previously been referred to as "Edward" in a poem published in Punch maga-

zine in 1924. • The Turkish government passes a law identifying the Gregorian calendar as the official calendar for all government affairs on December 26th. The use of the Islamic calendar in government affairs also is banned.

 The Japan Sumo Association is founded on December 28th.

• The first attempt at a

global New Year's celebration is made via international radio on December 31st. Musical entertainment and greetings from various consuls general from an assortment of foreign countries

are sent from New York.

Did You Know That?

As residents of the United States of America celebrate the nation's two hunand fiftieth anniversary, some might be curious where the "America" portion of the country's name comes from. According to the Library of Congress, America is named af-Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci. The LOC contends that Vespucci was the first to suggest that the lands Christopher Columbus sailed to in 1492

were part of a separate continent. German mapmaker Martin Waldseemüller honored Vespucci's assertion in 1507, when he created a notable map that was the first to depict the lands as a separate continent, naming the area "America," which is a Latinized version of "Amerigo." That map is now part of the cartographic collections at the LOC, and is sometimes referred to as "America's Birth Cer-