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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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In Re: ESTATE OF ADELIA L. STUMPF,

a single individual and a resident of Minnesota, deceased.

On July 29, 2019, a Petition for Probate of the Will of Adelia L. Stumpf, deceased, was filed in the District Court of St. Louis County, Minnesota, by Nicholas J. Heydt, Attorney for Petitioner, whose address is 2816 1st Street, Alexandria, MN 56308.

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

CREDITORS of the above-named decedent are required to present their claims in writing to the undersigned attorney or to the Court Administrator, at the St. Louis County Government Center, 425 N. 2nd St., Alexandria, MN 56308, within six (6) months of the date of filing of this petition, or to file a verification of no objections to the petition with the Probate Court Administrator.

The time for filing proof of claim is limited to six (6) months after the decedent has been declared dead. Any objections to the probate of the Will or to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Probate Court Administrator at 425 N. 2nd St., Alexandria, MN 56308, on or before the 12th day of March, 2020.

None of the decedent’s property is traceable to the county tax rolls. Estate assets consist of over $50,000 in insurance proceeds for the principal of a mortgage on real property and over $50,000 in insurance proceeds distributed to the community members.

The undersigned court administrator is without authority to determine the estate assets as such, and also is without authority to give legal advice or to distribute the estate to the persons hereunto entitled. All legal advice should be obtained from your own attorney.

Dated: June 14, 2019

Judge Michelle L. Clark
Judge Rachelle Bot

Court Administrator
Nicholas J. Heydt, #0327864

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4-H Animal Science Speaking urged to apply for the position.

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Counselor-Liberty Livewires 4-H Club.


Groundwater Protection Rule effective as of June 24

The state’s new Groundwater Protection Rule (GPR) became effective June 24, 2019. The GPR will reduce the risk of nitrate from fertilizer impacting surrounding groundwater in areas of the state where soils are prone to leaching and where drinking water supplies are threatened. Nitrate is one of the most common contaminants in Minnesota’s groundwater; elevated nitrate levels in drinking water can pose serious health concerns for humans.

Implementation of the Groundwater Protection Rule is a major milestone in protecting the state’s groundwater and ensuring all Minnesotans have safe drinking water,” said Governor Walz. “I want to commend the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for their commitment to making Minnesota a leader in addressing nitrate contamination and for their collaborative approach with farmers in doing so. The MDA went above and beyond in their duty to gather public comments and respond to feedback as they developed these important regulations.”

The Minnesota Department

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Community Calendar
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
IS JULY 5 AT St. Ann’s Catho-
lic Church in Brandon from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
LCMS, TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH, 19237 County Road
53, Evansville MN. Sunday Wor-
ship Service at 9:00 AM
THE CALVARY COVENANT
CHURCH, Evansville, 404
Meecker St. Sunday School and
Coffee bar, 9:15 a.m.; Wor-
ship service with Pastor Kend-
all Churchill, 10:30 a.m. Every
second Sunday Family Sunday
School breakfast, 9:15 a.m. Ev-
everyone welcome.
THE BRANDON LIONS
MEETINGS are the first
Wednesday of the month at the
Brandon Community Center
(fall, winter, spring) and at Li-
on’s Park (summer months), 7
pm. New members welcome.
CHRISTINA LAKE LUTHE-
RAN CHURCH Jan. 1-June 30,
2019. Church service - 10:30
a.m. Communion first Sunday of
each month. Sunday School:
9:15-10:15 a.m.
ST. PETRI LUTHERAN
CHURCH, 3142 County Road
15 NW, Brandon, MN 56315 •
Worship Time: 9 a.m. Sunday
THE EVANSVILLE SENIOR
CITIZENS meet each month on
the third Wednesday for a pot-
luck noon meal at the Senior
Center.
THE SAINT ANN’S MEN’S
ROUND TABLE meets every
second and fourth Saturday of
the month unless otherwise
noted in church bulletin. Meet-
ings will now take place from
7-8:00 a.m. till fall when they
will go back to meeting at 8:00
AM. The rosary is prayed and
the scripture readings for the up-
coming Sunday are discussed.
Coffee and rolls are served. All
men of the parish are welcome.
THE BRANDON FISH &
FEATHER SPORTSMAN’S
CLUB will be meeting monthly
at 7 PM on the third Wednesday
on the month at the Brandon
Community Center. New mem-
bers welcome.
THE GARFIELD LIONS
CLUB MEETINGS are the sec-
ond Monday of the month at the
Garfield City Hall, 7 p.m. New
Members are welcome.
MILLERVILLE SPORTSMEN
Club meets at the Millerville
Fire Hall the third Tuesday of
the month at 7:30 p.m.
There shall be no burning of any
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ville except a recreational fire as
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Reminder to all Evansville City
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grass clippings into the streets.
They will plug the storm sewer.
Reminder to all Evansville City
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THE EVANSVILLE LIONS CLUB MEETINGS are the third Monday of the month at the Soderholm Insurance, 7 p.m. New members are welcome.

THE EVANSVILLE AREA SPORTSMEN CLUB meets at the Evansville Hardware Store in Evansville the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

THE EVANSVILLE TOWNBOARD meets the third Wednesday of each month at Jeanine Henneman's at 7 p.m. January, February, March, April and December; at 8 p.m. all other months.

THE MILLERVILLE TOWNSHIP regular meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Millerville Fire Hall.

THE BRANDON TOWNSHIP holds its monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Brandon Community Center. The exceptions are that in January and February, the monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday due to legal holidays.

THE URNESS TOWNSBOARD meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

AREA MEETINGS: Evansville City Council, second Monday, 7 p.m.; Brandon City Council, first Monday, 6:30 p.m.; Brandon-Evansville School Board, third Monday at Evansville Senior Center, 7:30 p.m. with 6 p.m. meetings November and December; Seaforth, second Monday, 7 p.m. September; October, November, December, January meetings at 7 p.m.

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Alexandria - Complainant stating he would like to speak to a deputy about some issues he is having with his old property concerning construction.

Alexandria - Complainant stating old black van was circling around a few times while they were out shopping. It happened about an hour ago. Search area for vehicle. Nothing found. Complainant stated vehicle went by and turned around a couple times. Lots of road construction in the area. Tried calling owner of vehicle, no answer. No other calls on suspicious vehicle.

Carlos - Spoke to a group of school/daycare kids about a missing deer.

Brandon - Complainant has questions about forcing a title change. Answered complainant's questions.

found by Arrowood. Alexandria - Left in blue Honda Accord possibly ENR to address listed in Alexandria. Alexandria - The vehicle sideswiped the shoulder at the Galeon Nursing Home. Probable cause to arrest on misdemeanor domestic assault and terrorist threats. Requesting to check these locations for person one and advise if contact is made. Person two was called that person one was at home by the mailman. Alexandria - Bag was dropped. One occupant states he has stomach pain.

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BASKETBALL CAMPS
Area Brandon-Evansville elementary students recently attended basketball camps held in Brandon and Evansville. Above are the participants in the first through third grade boys basketball campers. Below are the participants in the first through third grade boys and girls camp.

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Farmers and ranchers with expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts may now re-enroll in certain CRP continuous signup practices or, if eligible, select a one-year contract extension. USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) also is accepting offers from those who want to enroll for the first time in one of the country’s largest conservation programs. USDA’s largest conservation programs.

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FSA stopped accepting offers last fall for the CRP continuous signup when 2014 Farm Bill authority expired. The 2018 Farm Bill reauthorized the program this past December, and FSA has carefully analyzed the bill’s language and determined that a limited signup prioritizing water-quality practices furthers conservation goals and makes sense for producers as FSA works to fully implement the program.

This year’s CRP continuous signup includes such practices as grass waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and others. View a full list of practices approved for this signup. Continuous signup enrollment contracts last for 10 years.

Producers with Expiring CRP Contracts Letters are in the mail to all producers with expiring CRP contracts, describing possible options. A one-year extension is being offered to existing CRP participants with expiring CRP contracts of 14 years or less that have practices not eligible for re-enrollment under this CRP signup.

Alternatively, producers with expiring contracts may have the option to enroll in the Transition Incentives Program, which provides two additional annual rental payments on the condition the land is sold or rented to a beginning farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group.

CRP Continuous CRP Sign up This signup also enables producers to sign up under See CRP, page 9.

The University of Minnesota (UMN) has released a new red spring wheat variety called “MN-Washburn.” MN-Washburn features excellent straw strength and good overall disease resistance. In particular, it contains the bdv2 gene for resistance to Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus (BYDV) making in an excellent choice in years when BYDV is prevalent.

“In state trials MN-Washburn stood out due to its consistent yield, superior straw strength and overall disease resistance,” said Jim Anderson, University of Minnesota wheat breeder, Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics. “While lower yielding when BYDV is prevalent,” said Anderson. “MN-Washburn was tested as MN10201-4-A. 2019 Field Days and On-Farm Trials MN-Washburn plantings can be previewed July 17 during Crops and Soils Day at the University’s Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC), Crookston. Plots of MN-Washburn and competing varieties are also at on-farm trials at the following Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station sites, with two-hour tours scheduled for the days listed.

• LeCenter, June 25, 1:00 pm (GPS 44.457669, -93.676844)
• Marty/Kimball, June 26, 1:00 pm (GPS 45.398010, -94.309243)

More detailed performance data and comparisons of previously released varieties can be found on the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station website at www.maes.umn.edu. Prior to being formally named, MN-Washburn was tested as MN10201-4-A.

MN-Washburn joins several other recent University of Minnesota spring wheat varieties; Lang-MN (2017), Shelly (2016), Bolles (2015), Linkert (2013), and Rollag (2011). These varieties offer growers a good combination of strong characteristics and perform well across the upper Midwest. 

The new release is named after a fire). The Washburn A flour mill was once the largest flour mill in the world and at its peak milled approximately two million lbs. of flour a day. The Washburn A flour mill, along with others in the area, helped earn Minneapolis the nickname, The Mill City. "MN-Washburn is a great all-rounder in addition to being the hard red spring wheat to contain the bdv2 gene for resistance to BYDV,” said Jochum Wiersma, UMN Associate Professor in the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Sciences and an Extension Agronomist.

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New dairy program announced

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is rolling out its new Dairy Assistance, Investment and Relief Initiative (DAIRI) program to provide financial assistance for dairy producers who enroll for two years of coverage in the USDA Farm Service Agency’s Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program.

“Minnesota farmers are the cornerstone of our state’s economy,” said Governor Tim Walz. “We know that this has been a tough year for agriculture, and our dairy farmers need our support. I’m proud that our budget includes $8 million for the Dairy Assistance, Investment and Relief Initiative to make sure our families can continue doing the work they love and providing for our state.”

Applications to the program are being accepted now through October 1, 2019. In order to qualify, farmers must have produced less than 160,000 cwt (hundredweight) of milk in 2018 and have signed up for five years of coverage through the DMC program during its current enrollment period between June 17, 2019 and September 20, 2019.

The MDA will issue payments on a rolling basis. Producers can expect to receive their first payments roughly two to four weeks after successfully applying. They will be paid based on production levels, up to 50,000 cwt of milk produced in 2018.

An application form, a W9, a copy of their DMC enrollment form, and a statement from their processor(s) detailing the amount of milk produced in 2018 are required to complete an application.

Producers may receive a second payment this fall after the application period has ended, depending on remaining available funds.

Additional information and the application forms are available online at www.mda.state.mn.us/dairi.
**Teacher/aid**

**Position:** Head Start Assistant Teacher / Teacher Aide positions at the Brandon and Elbow Lake sites (28 hrs/week at both sites). These are seasonal, full-time positions with benefit packages. Positions open until June 28, and will begin August 1st.

**Responsibilities:**
- Support the lead teacher in lesson planning, daily classroom responsibilities and assist with strengthening family engagement.
- Qualifications: Experience and knowledge of Early Childhood Education; demonstrates patience and understanding when working with young children and within a team; and possesses strong communication skills.

**Starting salary:** $10.50/hour with high school diploma or equivalent or with the expectation to obtain a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA); $14.00/hour with minimum of Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) or AA in Early Childhood Education for applicants with the expectation to obtain CDA.

**Application materials:**
- Go to our website: www.wcmca.org.
- For application materials, please complete the attached Employment tab – WCMCA Agency Application link. A link is also provided for the online application process through Recruitment Instructions for Job Applicants. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Haggard at 218.685.7026. Applications accepted through close of business (4:30 pm) Friday, June 28, 2019.

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12-YEAR-OLD JO VOLLEYBALL
Members of this year’s 12-year-old JO volleyball team include, front row, left to right: Aja Quinn, Claire Boesel, Hallie Richter and Courtneay Brethorst. Back row, Coach Lindsay Hintermeister, Ava Santjer, Tiffany Olson, Karlee Bauman and Haddy Baune.

14-YEAR-OLD JO VOLLEYBALL
Members of this year’s 14-year-old JO volleyball team include, front row, left to right: Gretchen Bredberg, Emmaelee Brethorst, Valerie Deschene and Kali Bitzan. Back row, Abby Slack, Emma Huagen, Jenna Sturges, Sara Bitzan, Sydney Shafer, Grace Otto and Coach Kinsley Randt. The team won the Benson tournament.

16-YEAR-OLD JO VOLLEYBALL
Members of this year’s 16-year-old JO volleyball team include, front row, left to right: Taylor Yates, Olivia Otto, Mackenzie Cohen, and Kiley Lund. Back row, Coach Carl Nohl, Bailey Schaefer, Kendra Fusch, Korrie Randt, Jemma Streich and Alana Henneman. The team won the Morris tournament.
West Central Initiative (WCI) welcomes Marsha Erickson as its Early Childhood Specialist. In her new role with WCI, Erickson works directly with the 10 Early Childhood Initiative coordinators, a team of professionals working to involve parents, senior citizens, educators, business and community leaders, the faith community, policy makers and all citizens interested in making their community a nurturing environment for young children and their families.

Strengthening the early childhood infrastructure in the region and addressing concerns has always been a passion for Erickson. “I live and work under the credence that every child deserves a chance,” she said. “Whether it is providing their basic needs, connecting them with resources or providing them with the richest education possible, our children deserve it.”

Erickson was previously on the WCI staff between 2002 and 2016. More recently, she was the resource development director for United Way of Otter Tail and Wadena Counties.

A native of Fergus Falls, Erickson received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Management from Minnesota State University in Moorhead. She and her husband Jeremy have four children.

“Marsha’s expertise in early childhood and knowledge of community resources will be a real asset to West Central Initiative and the partners we work with,” said West Central Initiative President/CEO Anna Wasescha. “We welcome her back for this critical work with our area’s youngest learners.”

West Central Initiative is a regional community foundation serving the nine west central Minnesota counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin and White Earth Nation. WCI invests resources in our communities for regional success, using the tools of economic development and community development, and by promoting philanthropy.

Learn more at www.wcif.org.