

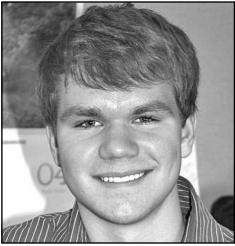
Stay connected with Kinect 2

For those of you who have been looking at the Xbox One, you've seen Microsoft's newest console will come with a Kinect 2. The camera must be connected to the console at all times in order to function.

If you don't know what the Kinect is, I will fill you in. It's basically a camera connected to the system, and communicates back and forth with it to track your body movements and voice, and that information executes commands during games, or allows the player to move an avatar on screen. This allows a gamer to play a game without using a physical controller. Or to use Kinect's catch phrase, you are the controller.

Some gamers were disappointed with the original Kinect. The camera didn't catch a lot of detail, and it occasionally mixed up voice commands. Now Microsoft is unveiling a new Xbox, and they have made a new Kinect to go along with it, thus the Kinect 2.

This camera has proven to do much more than gamers expected. Not only did they improve the camera to capture up to 10 times more



Eric
MATHEWS
INTERN

detail, it can also track 20 points on the human body, and up to 6 people.

What kinds of things will you be able to do with this? The Kinect 2 can see if a controller is passed from player to player, depending on who the new player is, the Kinect can change the controller settings personalized for that player.

It can also tell your fingers from each other from a distance as close as 3 meters. Do you want to play a workout game, but you like to cheat? Not anymore. The new camera can estimate your heart rate by looking at the color of your face. This means the game can tell you to work harder, so you can get into the shape you were hoping for.

Some developers have made a target shooting game for the Kinect 2 where the camera can use hand and eye movements to tell where and when the player wants to shoot.

One of the most exciting new features is the camera's ability to make a digital mask of the player's face and place it onto the avatar. Playing as an unknown character in a game may become a thing of the past. Now instead of making a character that looks somewhat like yourself, the Kinect can see how you really look, and you can play games as yourself.

Now it really will be you as the assassin from the middle ages, or your child can play next to their favorite cartoon characters. You can even see what you look like when you play dance games! Your avatar can smile, frown, and grin just like you do, thanks to the Kinect 2.

This camera is the start to a new revolution of gaming. More features will come when people can get their hands on Microsoft's new gaming system in November of this year.

MARRIAGE

► continued from A1

North Carolina Sept. 3 for boot camp. The decision, she said, came with little support from family members.

"My family is somewhat supportive, but I don't think they like (my

decision)," she said.

Evans, on the other hand, couldn't be happier for her fiancée.

"I have very big military background and I was super excited for her," Evans said. "I want her to chase her dream."

Challenges, however, do lie ahead.

Evans plans to stay in

International Falls to finish her degree and won't make the 1,400-mile trip across the country to join her soon-to-be wife for at least six months.

"It's going to be hard," Evans said glancing at Fulton. "I'm going to miss her. (Being with her) is everything I've ever wanted."

COUNCIL

► continued from A1

in finding city administrator candidates.

Councilor Cynthia Jaksa said spending additional money upfront in the hiring process could help the city

avoid a costly mistake by hiring the wrong candidate.

Should the council support Springsted, Kalar suggested the first four activities be funded. The fourth activity ends with identification and recruitment of qualified candidates at a cost of \$3,500.

But Anderson said it's likely the city will end up spending the full \$14,000 on the process. And, he said, the city has already spent thousands of dollars in advertising the position in the current hiring process.

"We stop where we want," said Eklund.

CITY

► continued from A1

with Anderson's initiative, but later withdrew her motion to move toward certification, saying she wanted to hear from the EDA Advisory Committee, which was scheduled to discuss the certification at its Aug. 14 meeting.

While she said she supported obtaining the certification, she said she felt "some unease" that Anderson's effort would undermine the EDA authority.

Anderson asked whether she did not want the mayor to lead any economic development efforts in the city and asked who would have handled economic development efforts up until one year ago. In July 2012, Shawn Mason, now city

economic and community development director, resigned as mayor to take the newly created position.

Rognerud said former city Administrator Rod Otterness, as EDA director, would have handled it, but now the city has the position Mason holds.

Councilor Paul Eklund asked why Anderson didn't include Mason in the discussion about the certification. Anderson said he was in St. Paul for other meetings when he discussed the certification with DEED staff.

Eklund also said he wanted to hear input from the advisory committee, without holding back too long on seeking certification.

"Fine with me," replied Anderson.

Anderson also raised questions about which entity — the city or the EDA

— controls a \$657,000 state grant awarded last year to be used to help bring utilities to the district.

Anderson said the grant was awarded to the city, which will be required to provide a \$300,000 match when utilities to the district are installed. However, he said, the grant has been placed in the EDA's funds.

Rognerud maintained the grant should be controlled by the EDA because the EDA owns the district property.

Councilor Cynthia Jaksa said she wanted an opinion from an auditor about where the grant should be held. Jaksa said the EDA is the city's branch of government tasked with development. She said the money belongs with the EDA.

Anderson said he had no problem seeking the opinion of an auditor on the issue.

Volunteers sought for Senior LinkAge Line

SLL STAFF REPORT

Senior LinkAge Line can offer a rewarding volunteer opportunity.

The benefits of volunteering are plentiful: Volunteers can learn a new skill, get more involved in their community, meet new people, gain a sense of achievement; be a community leader, transition into retirement, enhance their network, and find creative ways to put their talents to work.

The Senior LinkAge Line: A One Stop Shop for Minnesota Seniors is seeking volunteers to assist individuals in understanding their Medicare benefits, supplemental insurance options and long-term care options. People interested in volunteering receive free training and become certified health insurance counselors. Volunteer times and schedules are flexible.

Training will be available in Virginia, Minn., Sept. 10-12. The deadline to register for this next training is Sept. 4. For volunteer opportunities contact Lee Swenson at the Senior LinkAge Line 1-800-333-2433 ext. 81019.

The Senior LinkAge Line: A One Stop Shop for Minnesota Seniors is a free service of the Minnesota Board on Aging, as well as the Minnesota State Health Insurance Assistance Program and Minnesota Senior Medicare Patrol.

For assistance with any area concerning Minnesota seniors and their caregivers, call the Senior LinkAge Line: A One Stop Shop for Minnesota Seniors at

1-800-333-2433. Or go to www.MinnesotaHelp.info to chat live with a Senior LinkAge Line specialist. The Senior LinkAge Line is your link to an expert.

The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission is a regional comprehensive planning and development agency serving the counties of Aitkin, Carlton,

Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis in Northeast Minnesota. ARDC's mission is to serve the people of the Arrowhead Region by providing local units of government and citizen groups a means to work cooperatively in identifying needs, solving problems and fostering local leadership.

Wedding
Invitations

Custom Printed by
North Star Publishing

- Invitations and Envelopes
- Programs
- Save the Date Cards and Magnets
- Thank You Cards

North Star
PUBLISHING
Printing & Design

1602 Hwy 71 • Int'l Falls, MN
218-285-7411

Laminate...

Maps, posters and
shop drawings
up to 38" wide.
No seams.

Also, we can mount documents
onto 3/16" or 3/8" foam core.

North Star
PUBLISHING
Printing & Design

1602 Hwy. 71 • 285-7411

MESOTHELIOMA
LUNG CANCER

If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with Mesothelioma, Lung Cancer or any other asbestos related disease contact us for a confidential review of your rights. There are strict time limits in which to bring these claims. Shermoen & Jaksa, PLLP has been representing Minnesota asbestos victims for over 20 years. We are one of only two Minnesota law firms that regularly litigate asbestos cases.

Shermoen & Jaksa, PLLP Law Office
345 6th Avenue
Int'l Falls, MN 56649
(218) 283-4494
1-866-283-4494 Toll Free

FIND
DEALS

in
The
Journal
Classifieds

Helping
you
stay
linked

www.
ifallsjournal
.com



It's the difference
between finding somewhere
you can stay, and somewhere
you never want to leave.

The way we see it, it's about living the whole of life. Something that, as the nation's largest not-for-profit provider of senior care and services, we have made our daily mission. And our life's work.

To learn more about our services, from home care to senior living to skilled nursing, call (218) 283-8313.

Good Samaritan Society®
INTERNATIONAL FALLS



All faiths or beliefs are welcome.



Be informed.

www.ifallsjournal.com

Get more local news online.