

# EDUCATION

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## Former Falls student selected to perform at Carnegie Hall

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Former International Falls resident, Margeaux Belanger, a student at Gothenburg Public Schools in Nebraska, has been selected for the 2015 Middle School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall.

The daughter of former International Falls residents Tom Belanger and Donna Hamilton and the granddaughter of Lynn and Carol Belanger of International Falls, Margeaux will perform as an alto at Carnegie Hall in June with the Honors Junior Choir.

Participation in one of the three Honors Ensembles is limited to the highest rated middle school

performers from across North America and select schools internationally, according to a news release from the Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall.

Margeaux Belanger auditioned this fall for the Honors Performance Series and was accepted after a review by the Honors Selection Board.

Acceptance to the elite group is a direct result of the talent, dedication, and achievements demon-



Margeaux Belanger

strated in her application and audition recording. Belanger will join other performers from 49 United States, several provinces in Canada, and several foreign countries for a special performance at world-famous Carnegie Hall, a venue that marks the pinnacle of musical achievement.

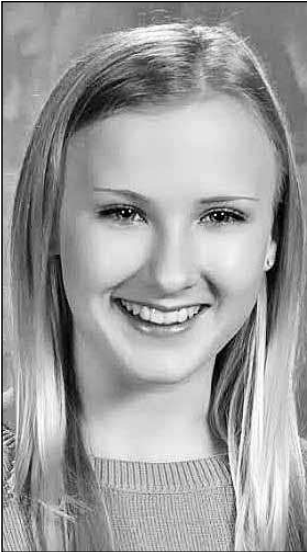
According to Nancy Richardson, program director, "Being selected to the Honors Performance Series is something each Junior Finalist should be extremely proud of accomplishing. We process thousands of nominations annually, selecting only the most talented performers. Working with these conductors and performing at

Carnegie Hall is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that these student musicians never forget."

Belanger has studied music for eight years. In Grade 6, she auditioned and was selected to participate in Sing Around Nebraska. In response to her selection as a Junior Finalist, Belanger said, "I'm very excited to go New York and was very surprised at this honor."

Junior Finalists will come together for five days in June in New York City to have the opportunity to learn from Greg Gilpin, work with other Junior Finalists, and get a taste of New York City. The June 27 performance is open to the public.

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Emily Knaeble



McKenzie Swenson

The Littlefork-Big Falls April 2015 Students of the Month are Emily Knaeble, senior high; and McKenzie Swenson, junior high.

## Washburn class of 2015 comprised of four sets of twins

BY ANDREA JOHNSON  
Minot Daily News

WASHBURN, N.D. (AP) — It would only be a slight exaggeration to change Washburn's name to Twinsburg on the day that the class of 2015 graduates.

This year's senior class numbers 18 students, the Minot Daily News (<http://bit.ly/1PmYUoT>) reported. That includes four sets of twins: Drew and Alyssa Sims; Tanner and Tyler Due; Parker and Patrick Pochant; and Heidi and Holly Scheetz, making up almost half of the class. There used to be five sets of twins in the class, the seniors said, but one set of twins moved away.

The Due brothers are identical twins, while the three other sets of twins in the class are fraternal, making it unlikely that their teachers will have had a hard time telling all the twins apart.

One class member suggests that the twins' teacher should seat one identical twin on one side of the classroom and the other

twin on another side, making it easier to remember who is who.

The class has always been so small that the students have always been in one classroom. Most of the class has been together since their earliest years in school, though the Scheetz sisters moved to Washburn from Beulah in elementary school.

The high number of twins in their class has given the class some notoriety over the years. When they were in elementary school, the four sets of twins were interviewed by another newspaper reporter.

And why do they think there are so many twins in their class? "It's in the water," they said, obviously used to the oft-asked question.

Drew Sims said they're so used to the configuration of their class that they don't even think about it anymore.

As in many small schools, prom dates often came from other classes or from neighboring schools, they said.

Their college plans will

take the students all over the state after graduation on May 24. They're already counting down to the last day of school, and then to graduation, when the slideshow will display pictures of all of the twins.

Patrick Pochant will graduate as the class valedictorian, while Tanner and Tyler Due, Parker Pochant and Heidi Scheetz will all graduate as honor students.

Alyssa Sims said she plans to attend Minot State University in the fall and would like to become a teacher. Her brother, Drew, isn't sure what he wants to do yet.

"Say you're undecided," prompted Alyssa Sims.

Both of the Pochants plan to attend North Dakota State University in Fargo, but Parker wants to major in nursing, and Patrick Pochant is interested in pursuing an engineering degree.

Heidi Scheetz plans to attend North Dakota State University and major in natural resources. Her twin, Holly, will be attend-

ing a special program at Minot State University in the fall.

Tyler Due is interested in pursuing a career in education at Bismarck State College, where his twin, Tanner, also plans to attend this fall.

None of the twins, even those attending the same college, want to live together. Eighteen years is long enough to room with a twin, they agreed.

## Schwartz inducted into honor society

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Alpha Phi Upsilon Chapter, inducted 60 new members during a special ceremony April 13 at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College.

Anah Schwartz, of International Falls, was among the members inducted.

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities

for individual growth and development through honors, leadership, and service programs.

At Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, members must initially achieve and then maintain a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average in college courses, demonstrate involvement in campus activities, and accept a leadership role in student organizations.

## Public Notices

### Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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City of International Falls, Minnesota

A.I.P. 3-27-0043-28-15  
S.P. No. A3601-99  
SEH No. INTER 132025

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the City of International Falls, Minnesota until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at the International Falls City Hall Council Chambers at 600 4th St., International Falls, MN, 56649 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of the 2015 Pavement Rehabilitation. Major components of the Work include: crack sealing and full depth crack repair.

Bids shall be on the form provided for that purpose and according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH©) dated May 2015.

The Bidding Documents may be seen at <http://sehinc.com>

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Paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from DocuNet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$100.

A pre-Bid conference will not be held for this project. Direct all questions to the engineer five (5) days prior to opening of bids.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

Bids shall be directed to the City

Engineer, securely sealed and endorsed upon the outside wrapper, "BID FOR 2015 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, FALLS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT."

The City of International Falls reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City.

Robert Anderson  
Chairman  
Falls International Airport  
Commission

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### Public Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING

DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 36-PR-15-314

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

Estate of

Everth W. Brenning  
Decedent

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will, if any, and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on June 4, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., by this Court at International Falls, Minnesota.

(1) Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-204.

(2) Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Date: May 6, 2015

/s/ Charles H. LeDuc  
Judge of District Court

Date: May 6, 2015

/s/ Sara Thompson, Deputy  
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

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5:00p - 7:00p

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1400 Highway 71

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Many Koochiching County families cannot afford essential baby supplies, our area babies need the following:

- New onesies, pajamas, outfits: Premie, Newborn, and up to 12 months
- Diapers: Premie, Newborn, 1 and 2
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- Baby washcloths, soap, lotion
- Thermometers, bulb suction
- Infant hats
- New or gently used baby and prenatal books

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