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## Falls EDA approves new advisors

BY SPENSER BICKETT  
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The International Falls Economic Development Authority Tuesday approved three new members to serve on its advisory board, and took action on a variety of other items.

The EDA approved George Hnatiuk, Eric Johnson and Alysa Hackenmueller to fill vacancies on the EDA Advisory Board, which consists of 12 members.

There were two vacant positions on the board, which can have a maximum membership of 12, EDA Director Shawn Mason said. The EDA president has in the past counted as a member of the EDA Advisory Board, she said, though if the EDA appointed three new members, the EDA president would not sit on the advisory board.

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## Council considers expanding city limits

Owners of properties to be asked if they favor annexation

BY LAUREL BEAGER  
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The International Falls City Council will ask owners of property adjacent to the multimodal district east of the city limits if they are interested in annexing into the city limits.

The council on an unanimous vote agreed to contact Minnesota Dakota and Western Railway, North Koochiching Area Sanitary District Board and four individuals who also own land on the east side of County Highway 332 to ask if they favor including their properties in an annexation proposal for a portion of the multimodal district.

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From the left, Nichole Harder poses with her mom, Mindy Hraban, and grandparents, Lynette and Mark Hraban, in front of the vacant lot where the main lodge of Ash Ka Nam Resort in Ash River once stood. The family, which owns the resort, lost the main lodge to a fire Jan. 6.

# PICKING UP THE PIECES

BY EMILY GEDDE  
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ASH RIVER — When Mark Hraban dug through the rubble of what was once the main lodge at Ash Ka Nam Resort, he figured all he would find would be charred memories and painful reminders of the unthinkable loss.

Then, a friend pulled from the debris an iron horseshoe that once hung above the bar at the Ash River resort that burned to the ground Jan. 6.

"It was fully intact," said Hraban, who owns the resort with his wife, Lynette

and daughter, Mindy. "Everything else was ruined, but that darn thing made it."

The horseshoe gave Hraban hope that even though all may now seem lost, the family can rebuild.

"We're strong," Mindy told The Journal last week as she, her parents and oldest daughter sat around a table at Mark and Lynette's home, reminiscing about the good times shared



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The lodge at Ash Ka Nam Resort was once quite the hub of activity for snowmobilers and other winter recreation enthusiasts.

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