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The Journal welcomes ideas for stories about people in our community who are starting a business or changing an old one.  
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Lindsey Goulet, left, of the Ranier Recreation Club supervises as Cory Dunn and Nick Sears, Ranier maintenance crew employees, begin installation of adult exercise equipment at the Ranier Park Monday. The equipment was purchased through grants from the Koochiching Community Development Authority and the Knutson Family Fund and supplies, equipment, and labor were donated by Wagner Construction, Goulet said.

Minnesota takes sixth in business rankings

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Minnesota has jumped from the 15th to sixth-best state for business in the U.S., according to CNBC's eighth annual "America's Top States for Business" study. The rankings look at 56 measures of competitiveness, based on input from business groups, economic development experts, companies, and the states themselves, according to a release. Those measures were then separated into 10 categories used to determine the rankings. Georgia finished first in the study, followed by Texas, Utah, Nebraska, and North Carolina. "The CNBC study adds to the growing evidence that Minnesota is a great place to do business," Minnesota Department

of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben said in a release. "This study recognizes our strong business climate, which is driving job growth and corporate expansions statewide." In the 10 categories, Minnesota ranked fifth in overall economy, fifth in infrastructure, fourth in quality of life, 11th in access to capital, and 11th in technology and innovation. When it comes to Minnesota's neighbors, North Dakota finished 10th, South Dakota was 11th, Iowa was 12th, and Wisconsin was 17th.



Katie Clark Sieben

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Public Notices

Public Notice

CITY OF LITTLEFORK  
Notice of Filing Dates

Notice is hereby given that filings for City Council and the Mayor positions will open at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 29 and close at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 12. There are two (2) 4-year term Council seats open and one (1) 2-year term Mayoral seat open. Interested persons can file and pay the \$2.00 filing fee at the Littlefork City Clerk's office located at 901 Main Street.

Sonja E. Pelland  
City Clerk/Administrator

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July 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Public Notice

Kabetogama Township  
Special Meeting  
July 23, 2014, 7pm  
To be held at the  
New Town Hall  
9707 Gamma Road  
Kabetogama, MN 56669

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July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, One Financial Place, Suite 2700, 440 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, for consent to merge the following banks:

- Bremer Bank, National Association, a banking association organized under the laws of the United States, being located at 720 Broadway Street, City of Alexandria, County of Douglas, in the State of Minnesota;

- Bremer Bank, National Association, a banking association organized under the laws of the United States, being located at 321 South 7th Street, City of Brainerd, County of Crow Wing, in the State of Minnesota;

- Bremer Bank, National Association, a banking association organized under the laws of the United States, being located at 1444 45th Street South, City of Fargo, County of Cass, in the State of North Dakota;

- Bremer Bank, National Association, a banking association organized under the laws of the United States, being located at 3100 South Columbia Road, City of Grand Forks, County of Grand Forks, in the State of North Dakota;

- Bremer Bank, National Association, a banking association organized under the laws of the United States, being located at 345 4th Avenue, City of International Falls, County of Koochiching, in the State of Minnesota;

- Bremer Bank, National Association, a banking association organized under the laws of the United States, being located at 605 Second Street East, City of Menomonie, County of Dunn, in the State of Wisconsin;

- Bremer Bank, National Association, a banking association organized under the laws of the United States, being located at 1100 St. Germain Street West, City of St. Cloud, County of Stearns, in the State of Minnesota; and

- Bremer Bank, National Association, a banking association organized under the laws of the United States, being located at 500 Willmar Avenue Southeast, City of Willmar, County of Kandiyohi, in the State of Minnesota

with and into Bremer Bank, National Association, a banking association organized under the laws of the United States, being located at 633

South Concord Street, City of South St. Paul, County of Dakota, in the State of Minnesota. It is contemplated that the main office and branch offices of the above-named banks will continue to operate as branches of Bremer Bank, National Association, with the main office being located at 372 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55102.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. This notice will appear three times at approximately two-week intervals over a 30-day period beginning July 9, 2014 and ending on August 8, 2014.

Any person desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to: Director of District Licensing, One Financial Place, Suite 2700, 440 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605 or regs.comments@occ.treas.gov. The public file is available for inspection in the district office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the Director of District Licensing.

July 9, 2014

Bremer Bank, National Association, Alexandria, Minnesota

Bremer Bank, National Association, Brainerd, Minnesota

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Bremer Bank, National Association, International Falls, Minnesota

Bremer Bank, National Association, Menomonie, Wisconsin

Bremer Bank, National Association, St. Cloud, Minnesota

Bremer Bank, National Association, Willmar, Minnesota

Bremer Bank, National Association, South St. Paul, Minnesota

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July 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> &  
August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

DEED grant helps older workers

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development has been awarded a grant to help older workers in Minnesota gain economic stability. The \$350,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor will help improve services to lower-income seniors through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. The SCSEP has an emphasis on helping older workers overcome the challenges associated with re-entering the workforce, and attaining economic stability.

DEED was eligible to apply for this grant because Minnesota's SCSEP has reached benchmarks for past performance and use of available funding, according to a release. "During the recession, Minnesota's older workers were one of the hardest-hit populations in our workforce," DEED Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben said in a release. "With untold years of wisdom and experience, our older workers make valuable contributions to our economy, and this grant will work to ensure we continue to benefit from their institutional knowledge."

DEED will use the one-time funds to encourage employers to hire participants of the older worker program. The SCSEP provides part-time, community service-based job training for low-income, unemployed individuals 55 and older. Participants gain work experience in a variety of community service activities at non-profit and public facilities, including schools, hospitals, day care centers and senior centers. Participants also have access to employment assistance through Minnesota WorkForce Centers.



City Drug  
Bridal Registry

Stephanie Norton & Austin Lockhart  
July 19, 2014

Kelsey Kimball and Rylan Street  
July 26, 2014

Sarah Anderson & Sethen Ettestad  
August 16, 2014

Jenny Olsen & AJ Tucker  
August 30, 2014

Jamie Pearson & Bruce Conat  
August 30, 2014

Anna LePage & Travis Mann  
September 7, 2014

Kristen Lund & Steffan Tveit  
September 13, 2014

Shawna Bolstad and Travis Cochran  
September 20, 2014

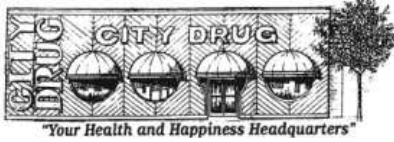
Melissa Fisher & Nick Hagen  
September 27, 2014

Baby Shower Registry  
Sunday, June 29

Parents: Bobbi & Kenneth Mathews

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