

COMMUNITYNEWS

Choosing the right lawn care company for your lawn

‘Tis the season people are fussing about lawns. Some can care for their lawn alone but some folks need help, so here are some tips I gleaned from the U of M Extension Service Yard and Garden Brief revised 10/98(dated but not much has changed) and a Wall Street Journal dated March 16, 2014.

As a homeowner one must take some initiative in seeing that the lawn company is aware of problems before they get out of hand. And the homeowner must understand what the lawn company will and will not do.

Press your lawn service company about certifications, either from a national industry group or state and local programs. If they apply pesticides and fertilizers,



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there may be additional training. Ask what is used and in what quantity and frequency. Then look it up to make sure that is what you want on your lawn.

Grass in northern US should be cut to no less than 3 inches. Keeping grass too short lets sun reach weeds helping them grow, ultimately stressing and killing your lawn.

Overwatering can kill your lawn and consumers tend to over water. There are smart controllers that sense the weather so the sprinkler does not turn on in the middle of a downpour.

Soil tests are important; it is prudent to get your soil tested so the lawn company can apply the appropriate amendments and not guess. Yes, there will be an expense but you will save money in the long run. Don't rely on the lawn service to dictate what fertilizers you need.

The University of Minnesota has soil testing labs. Bags can be obtained from the Extension Office in the Beltrami County Fair Extension Building. Your lawn does not really need chemicals if you test your soil and amend

it accordingly. Leave lawn clippings to return nutrients to the soil. Too much fertilizer can lead to a thick layer of thatch, dead and living shoots between the soil and the growing grass. Lawn clippings provide half the food the lawn needs a year.

Not all mulch is created equal. Mulching trees helps conserve water by retaining water in the soil and helps prevent weed growth. But mulch is unregulated. Be sure you ask where the mulch is from and how it is made. There is such a thing as too much mulch.

Do not allow the lawn company to pile mulch up the tree trunk like a mulch volcano. That is a death knell for the tree. It will die as the trunk at the level of the ground

cannot 'breathe". And it give voles a place to tunnel, then nibble at the bark and girdle the tree trunk, especially it if is a young tree. Most reputable lawn companies know this. But ask anyway.

Find out who is in charge. What kind of training has the staff had? Who applies the enhancements? What about quality control? If your flowers or shrubs are damaged from chemical applications, who is responsible? And what about drift? Is the chemical application wiping out the neighbors flowers or shrubs? The homeowner must be highly involved in caring for their lawn if it is to be healthy.

Master Gardeners and others nationally are very concerned about habitat for

pollinators. Neonicotinoids are strongly suspected in colony collapse disorder for bees. Bees and other pollinators provide food for the planet by pollinating plants. Please be sure your company is not using this insecticide. It is banned in Europe. So please leave a patch of dandelions in your lawn just for them. Please.

Reference the University Of Minnesota Extension Service website <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/> for more information on horticultural topics. In addition, local Master Gardeners will again answer your questions on home horticulture. Call 218-444-7916, leave your name, number, and question and you will get a call.

Public Notices

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 25, 2012

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$69,900.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Kim F Belanger, A Single Person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bremer Bank National Association, its successors and/or assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: May 29, 2012 Koochiching County Recorder Document Number: A000274570

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association Dated: October 01, 2013 Recorded: October 15, 2013 Koochiching County Recorder Document Number: A00279019

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1000739-8220681093-8 Lender or Broker: Bremer Bank National Association Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Bank Home Mortgage, a division of U.S. Bank National Association Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Koochiching Property Address: 1201 2nd Ave E, International Falls, MN 56649-2919 Tax Parcel ID Number: 92-020-02220

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 22, 23, and 24, Block 2, Palmer Plat, Koochiching County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$71,403.87

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 26, 2014 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Law Enforcement Center, Courthouse Annex, International Falls, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within **six (6) months** from the date of said sale by the mortgagor (s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on December 26, 2014, or the next business day if December 26, 2014 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: April 30, 2014 ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: U.S. Bank National Association

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee 8425 Seasons Parkway, Suite 105 Woodbury, MN 55125-4393 (651) 209-3300

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The Journal
May 14th, 21st, 28th &
June 4th, 11th, 18th, 2014

Public Notice

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #362
LITTLEFORK-BIG FALLS SCHOOL
700 MAIN STREET,
LITTLEFORK, MN 56653

CALL FOR BIDS

Independent School District #362 is asking for bids on Propane, Diesel Fuel, and Bread for the 2014-2015 school year. Please call 218-278-6614 x 210 for the specifications and forms for the bids. All envelopes should be clearly marked propane, diesel fuel, or bread. Bids must be received by 12 noon on Thursday, June 12th, 2014. Bids will be awarded at the June Board meeting.

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June 4th, 7th & 11th, 2014

Public Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF KOOCHICHIING

DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
NINTH JUDICAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 36-PR-14-334

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT OR DISTRIBUTION AND FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL EXEMPT ESTATE

Estate of

Earl Gene Hull
Decedent

Notice is given that a Petition has been filed requesting that the estate assets be summarily assigned and distributed without probate administration.

The Petition also requests the probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Last Will dated April 11, 2006.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and if no objections or claims are filed or raised, the Court may issue a decree distributing or assigning the estate's assets.

IT IS ORDERED and notice is now given that the Petition will be heard on July 10, 2014 at 2:00 P.M., by this Court at International Falls, Minnesota.

Dated: May 28, 2014

/s/ Charles H. LeDuc
Judge of the District Court

(COURT SEAL)

Dated: May 28, 2014

/s/ Sara Thompson, Deputy
Court Administrator

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Public Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF KOOCHICHIING

DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
NINTH JUDICAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 36-PR-14-335

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of

Ethel E. Lindstrom
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 10, 2014 at 2:00 (p.m.), a hearing will be held in this Court at International Falls, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the Decedent, dated March 3, 1984, and for the appointment of Wayne Lindstrom, whose address is 2201 County Road 109, International Falls, MN 56649 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Date: May 28, 2014

/s/ Charles H. LeDuc
Judge

Date: May 28, 2014

/s/ Sara Thompson, Deputy
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

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Public Notice

REPAIR OR REMOVE HAZARDOUS PROPERTY CONDITION ORDER PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. § 463.17

ATTENTION owner(s) and lienholder (s) of record of the building and property located at **5735 County Road 77 Littlefork, MN 56653** the building on this property is considered a hazardous building due to inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, physical damage, unsanitary condition, or abandonment, constitutes a fire hazard or a hazard to public safety or health.

Corrective action must be taken by June 16, 2014.

Corrective action requires that the following necessary repairs are made: **the hazardous building must be removed or razed from the property.**

A motion for summary enforcement of the order will be made to the District Court of Koochiching County unless the above corrective action is taken, or unless an answer is filed in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 463.18.

Direct legal correspondence and questions to: Koochiching County Attorney's Office 715 4th Street International Falls, MN 56649 218-283-1131

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Public Notice

REPAIR OR REMOVE HAZARDOUS PROPERTY CONDITION ORDER PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. § 463.17

ATTENTION owner(s) and lienholder (s) of record of the building and property located at **2186 Highway 217 Ray, MN 56669** the building on this property is considered a hazardous building due to inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, physical damage, unsanitary condition, or abandonment, constitutes a fire hazard or a hazard to public safety or health.

Corrective action must be taken by June 23, 2014.

Corrective action requires that the following necessary repairs are made: **the hazardous building and**

hazardous property must be removed from the property.

A motion for summary enforcement of the order will be made to the District Court of Koochiching County unless the above corrective action is taken, or unless an answer is filed in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 463.18.

Direct legal correspondence and questions to: Koochiching County Attorney's Office 715 4th Street International Falls, MN 56649 218-283-1131

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Public Notice

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF KOOCHICHIING

DISTRICT COURT
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 36-PR-14-336

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT

In Re: Estate of

Donald R. Johnson
Decedent

Marlene E. Johnson, has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent. It is ordered that on June 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. A hearing will be held in this Court at Koochiching County Courthouse, 715 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN 56649, on the petition.

The petition represents that the decedent died more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled.

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

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by: Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

BY THE COURT

Dated: 6-4-2014

/s/ Charles H. LeDuc
Judge of District Court

Dated: 6-4-2014

/s/ Sara Thompson, Deputy
Court Administrator

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