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**BEAUTIFYING BORDERLAND**

**Falls High School senior Taylor Hebner helped the Koochiching Men's Garden Club Friday spruce up International Falls by planting flowers in waiting gardens around town. Hebner proved herself a big help to the group of "old-timers," as they call themselves, by showing she wasn't afraid to get her hands — and knees — a little dirty.**

**The Koochiching Men's Garden Club Friday spent the morning beautifying International Falls by filling multiple beds of dirt with colorful flowers.**  
The group was joined by Falls High School student Taylor Hebner, who proved she wasn't afraid to get a little dirt on her hands — and knees.  
The gardening go-getters joked about welcoming women into their group, but they'd have to change their name.



**Tom Barthell provides guidance, mixed with a lot of humor, to his fellow garden club members Friday.**



**Orin Simon rakes the dirt around freshly-planted flowers.**



**Tom Sakry takes a whiff of a marigold before finding it a spot in the group.**

## City to seek grant for AV system

BY LAUREL BEAGER  
Editor



**Cynthia Jaksa**

International Falls City Council will seek a \$22,500 grant to upgrade the audiovisual system in the council chambers. The council met in special session Monday morning when it voted 3-2 to submit a grant application to the Blandin Foundation's LightSpeed Grant Program. Should the grant be awarded, the city will be required to provide the same amount toward the project. The city would be allowed to contribute services, called in-kind services, toward the upgrade as a part of its match. The proposal was brought to the table by Councilor Cynthia Jaksa, who provided quotes from two providers for about \$45,000. The upgrade would provide better quality to the airing of meetings on the cable access channel and city's website at [www.ci.international-falls.mn.us/MediaCenter.aspx?CID=City-Council-Meetings-1](http://www.ci.international-falls.mn.us/MediaCenter.aspx?CID=City-Council-Meetings-1). Jaksa said the system would improve transparency of the city government, and the grant — the last of its kind to be made available — would provide half the cost of a system that will increase in cost in the future.

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## Airport project could begin in fall

Officials gear up to seek final funding

BY LAUREL BEAGER  
Editor



**Bob Anderson**

Thanks to funding from multiple sources, bids for renovation and expansion of the Falls International Airport terminal are expected to be opened July 9. Several pieces of a financial pie are expected to fall in place to pay for the project, estimated to cost from \$11 million to \$12 million, said Bob Anderson, chairman of the International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission. After bid opening, the commission will review the bids with engineers and, if acceptable, bring them to the county and city for approval. Construction on the project, provided weather and contracts fall into place, could begin this fall, Anderson said. The project is expected to take a minimum of 18 months and likely 24 months, which means it will be completed by 2016, maybe early 2017, he said.

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