



Legislative Update

State Rep. Steve Green, District 2B

Friends and Neighbors,

The complete dysfunction and lack of leadership at the Minnesota Department of Human Services has been well documented in recent months. Unfortunately, House Democrats continue to ignore the agency's massive problems.

All 55 House Republicans signed two letters (one in July and one in August) urging Democrats to hold DHS hearings in St. Paul or at the mini-session. Democrats have refused to accommodate our requests for hearings and, now, Democrats have even failed to include DHS discussions on the agenda they announced for the mini-session in Winona on October 2-4.

Speaker Hortman has indicated no hearings will be held on DHS until at least December, yet they conducted a hearing yesterday on assisted suicide legislation and have two Health and Human Services hearings scheduled for the mini-session.

It's almost as if Democrats hope problems at DHS will go away if they close their eyes and wait. That is an insult to taxpayers, who deserve answers for these issues that have cropped up since House Republicans first asked for DHS hearings in July:

On July 22, the Star Tribune reported that Faye Bernstein, a lead contract specialist at DHS, claimed she had been retaliated against for raising concerns about "serious non-compliance issues" with DHS contracts.

On July 29, the former medical director of DHS' Medicaid program circulated an open letter saying DHS leadership was "hostile and dismissive" towards the advice and concerns provided by himself and other medical professionals.

Also on July 29, former head of the DHS Office of Inspector General Carolyn Ham was transferred to

the DHS Office of General Counsel, returning to work despite being under investigation for her role in failing to prevent pervasive fraud in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

On August 1, the Pioneer Press first reported on \$25.3 million in overpayments to two tribal governments for Medicaid substance abuse treatments. We have since learned that the Walz administration intends to pay back funds owed to the federal government using state tax dollars, and may attempt to recoup funds from the tribal governments to backfill state funding. According to a subsequent Pioneer Press report, Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan has stated that the Walz administration will seek to "change the law that holds tribal governments financially responsible for overpayments".

On August 16, the Star Tribune reported that Mohamed Alflash, who was the equity coordinator in the DHS Office of Inspector General, was fired as a result of retaliation for concerns he raised within DHS.

On August 26, Deputy Commissioner Claire Wilson announced her intent to resign, just weeks after rescinding her previous resignation prior to the departure of former DHS Commissioner Tony Lourey.

Also on August 26, the Pioneer Press reported that DHS will be required to reimburse the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approximately \$48 million for improper payments to institutions for mental diseases.

DHS is our state's largest agency and this level of dysfunction is completely unacceptable. Minnesotans deserve answers and there is no excuse for Democrats failing to conduct hearings to get to the bottom of this.

If Democrats are unwilling to let us fix the problem, they are the problem.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 24, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$210,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Kenneth J. Vanhouten, a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envision Capital

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 25, 2016 as Document Number 244967 in the Office of the County Recorder of Wadena County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on August 13, 2018 as Document Number 250424 in the Office of the County Recorder of Wadena County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot One (1), Block One (1), Carew's Little Siesta Park in Wadena, Wadena County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 867 FRANKLIN AVE SW, WADENA, MN 56482

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Wadena County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$213,155.19

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Envision Capital

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Flagstar Bank

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 22-572-0010

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100668001605030005

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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: October 31, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Wadena County Sheriff's Office, 415 Jefferson Street South, Wadena, MN 56482.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020.

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.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: September 5, 2019

PINGORA LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

Review Messenger

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MEETING NOTICE

Runeberg Town Board will hold its regular monthly meeting on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the **Town Hall**, to pay bills and do other legal business that comes before the board.

**Kristine Spadgenske, Clerk
Runeberg Township**

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WADENA COUNTY County Parks Board to Meet

The Wadena County Parks Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 30, 2019, with a Parks Tour and meeting to follow at approximately 1:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Wadena County Courthouse (agenda available on County website).

Dated: September 9, 2019

**Deana M. Malone
Wadena County Parks Department Administration**

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NOTICE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Menahga Water Department will be flushing hydrants starting Wednesday, September 18th through Friday, October 11th, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Residents may experience some discoloration of their water. The water is safe to drink and use in cooking.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Office at (218) 564-4557.

Ronald Yliniemi, Public Works Director

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INVITATION FOR A SEALED QUOTE

TO PERFORM OFFICE SPACE REMODEL, INSULATION AND HVAC IMPROVEMENTS

Sealed quotes for remodeling the office space, insulating and HVAC improvements at the Wadena County Transfer Station are to be completed and submitted by Monday, September 30th, 2019 at 10 a.m. local time. Quotes must be mailed or hand-delivered to the address listed below. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the address below. Proposals not physically received by the county by the time and date specified will be left unopened. All proposals should be addressed to:

County of Wadena
Attn: Solid Waste Department
OFFICE SPACE REMODEL, INSULATION and
HVAC IMPROVEMENTS
Attn: Chris McConn, Solid Waste Director
10542 170th Street
Wadena, MN 56482

Quotation packets are available upon request at chris.mcconn@co.wadena.mn.us. A mandatory site visit shall be scheduled and completed with Chris McConn no later than September 23, 2019. Quotes received from parties who have not performed the site visit will be returned unopened.

Each bidder is to submit their bid as indicated on the quote form provided. Emailed or faxed quotes will not be accepted. The County of Wadena reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any quote abnormalities.

Award of Contract: The Wadena County Board will make the final award of the proposal or contract. The specifications included in the packet must be included with the bid.

Questions regarding the request for proposal should be in writing and directed to:

County of Wadena, Attention: Chris McConn
Email: chris.mcconn@co.wadena.mn.us

The County of Wadena will only respond to questions received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 24th, 2019.

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Community Education

Sebek

RAINA CONNOR

All classes are now PRE-REGISTER... Please contact Raina if you want to attend a class. If you are interested in teaching a class or have a suggestion for a class for future brochures please contact Raina Connor at rconnor@sebek.k12.mn.us or 218-837-6574.

Love to Sing??

Northern Lights Chorale is always looking for new members. Practice starts September 9, with a Winter Concert planned for the beginning of December. Learn new music, techniques and information. It is fun and fellowship for all involved! Practice is on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm at United Methodist Church in Sebek. Watch for more details or call Anne Graham if you have any questions at 218-837-6141.

Super Saturday Steak Fry

Stop in for a bite to eat after a day of finding bargains and deals all around town! Get your tickets in advance for a tasty meal of cole slaw, baked potato, beans, dinner roll, a drink of coffee or lemonade, and of course the main event, a 10 oz rib eye steak! Super Saturday will be Saturday, September 21 and the Steak Fry will take place at the Sebek Event Center from 4:30-7. Cost is \$10 for advance tickets and \$12 at the door.

Capturing the Photos You've Envisioned

Did you know that there are a number of established composition guidelines which can enhance the impact of your photos? Once you are familiar with these composition tips, you'll be surprised by how your photographs can be transformed from simple snapshots into works of art. Whether you are taking photos of your children or serene landscapes, this class will

help you create more stunning images.

Of course technological choices have a vital impact on your photographs as well, so we will also briefly review topics like when to use a flash to soften shadows, when to use ISO, aperture priority, shutter priority, and "P" mode, when to use a tripod and basic lens type choices. If time allows, we will head outdoors and practice some composition techniques. So, bring your camera. This course will leave you inspired and better equipped to capture the stunning photos you've envisioned but failed to capture.

Instructor: Photographer Cassie Hodgen; Pre-Register: September 20; Date: September 30; Times: 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$25; Location: Sebek School Media Center; Minimum: 5; Maximum: 15.

9 Week Financial Peace Class

Are you tired of living paycheck to paycheck? Sick of credit card, car payment, mortgage bills everything month? Does your money run out before the month does? Well then...this class is for YOU! This 9-week class is informative, interesting and entertaining! You'll discover you're not the only one struggling! Dave Ramsey will walk you through creating a plan to tell your money where to go ... when he talks about super saving, dumping debt, relating with money, insurance, retirement, cash flow planning, real estate and mortgages, buyer beware, and finally the great misunderstanding. A new class begins Sunday, September 15, 6-8 p.m. at the Sebek United Methodist church. If you are curious and have questions, please call Doug or Jayne Koskiniemi at 218-837-5275. To register, email Doug at

koskfarm@wcta.net. Kits and scholarships are available at the first class. We are also offering free child care!!

Sebek Super Saturday September 21

Sebek will once again be holding their annual Super Saturday, a day full of shopping bargains and fun, on Saturday, September 21 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Buyers will be able to find a list of sales online at Sebek Community Education's FB page or in print at Ted's Hardware, Hub 71 and Rife's Stop and Shop by Wednesday, September 18.

ECFE - Early Childhood Family Education

Are your little ones begging to go to school? Want to get them out of the house and into a learning environment that will expose them to a classroom and lots of new friends? Maybe you just want to spend some time with them that you don't have to plan... Why not come play and connect with your child at Sebek's ECFE!

ECFE will be beginning their fall schedule with a kick-off on Tuesday evening, September 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the preschool classroom. Super will be provided. Friday morning bookclub time will also resume on September 20 at 10 a.m., also in the preschool classroom.

WHAT IS ECFE? Early Childhood Family Education is a program for all families with young children ages 0-5. Come explore all the fun toys and activities we have planned for you and your child!

There are three parts to the ECFE program:

- Children will have fun doing art, science, math, music, stories and learning activities with their parents.
- Parents will have a chance to take part in a par-

ent discussion group. This is a chance to talk about development and parenting issues that may be of interest to you.

- While parents are in discussion groups, children will have time to play and interact with other children and the Early Childhood teacher.

All activities provide opportunities to build positive parent/child relationships while having fun together.

Make Magic with Magnets

Defy gravity and make other magic as we discover the power and strength of magnets! Magnetic fields, magnetic slime, levitation and pure magic are some of the awesome things that we'll make or put to the test during this fun class! This class is for students in grades K-3.

Pre-Register: September 20 (registration and payment can be sent to Wadena County Extension Office 221 Harry Rich Drive Wadena MN 56482); Dates: Wednesday, October 23-November 13; Times: 3:15-5 p.m.; Location: Sebek School Home Ec Room; Cost: \$10 (checks payable to Wadena County 4H Council)

Superhero Science

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Superhero Science!! All superhero science activities and experiments inspired by your favorite superheroes will encourage heroic young scientists! This class is for students in grades 3-6.

Pre-Register: September 20 (registration and payment can be sent to Wadena County Extension Office 221 Harry Rich Drive Wadena MN 56482); Dates: Mondays, October 7-November 18 (No class November 11); Times: 3:15-5 p.m.; Location: Sebek School Home Ec Room; Cost: \$10 (checks payable to Wadena County 4H Council).

Property Transfers

Susan M. Kinnunen, a single person, hereby conveys to Amy L. Lane, fka Amy L. Ament, S 400' of the SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 34, Township 137, Range 35, except the W 870' thereof, and the S 400' of all that part of the SW1/4 NE1/4 lying W of the railroad and Co Hwy right of way in Section 34, Township 137, Range 35.

Kathy J. Bernstetter, a single person, hereby conveys to Todd Kraska, W 80' of Lots 11 and 12 of Block 12 in Original Townsite of Wadena.

Julie A. Green, single person, hereby conveys to Brent A. Daak and Jennifer Neal, as joint tenants, N 800' of W 816.75' of SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 135, Range 34; AND E 816.75' of the SE1/4 NE1/4 in Section 30, Township 135, Range 34, EXCEPT the N 800' and EXCEPT that portion of the S 300' of W 620' of said SE1/4 NE1/4.

Colleen B. Johnson and Lennert Johnson, married to each other, hereby conveys to Isaac J. Hamann, Lot 3 and the N 1/2 of Lot 2, all in Block 1 of Burrow's Second Addition to Wadena.

Dieter C. Meister and Hedvig

Meister, trustees of the Dieter Carl Meister and Hedvig Meister AB Living Trust, hereby conveys to Joseph H. Gieske and Bethany F. Gieske, as joint tenants, SE1/4 NE1/4 and E1/2 SE1/4 and SE1/4 SW1/4 and SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 9, Township 135, Range 34.

Scott R. Kangas and Cheri A. Kangas, married to each other, hereby conveys to Nathan Martin and Katie Martin, as joint tenants, W1/2 NE1/4 of Section 27, Township 137, Range 34, AND the N1/2 NW1/4 SE1/4 AND the N 33' of the NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 27, Township 137, Range 34.

Dale E. Kor and Amy L. Kor, married to each other, hereby conveys to Isaac J. Ylitalo, Lot 6 of Block 4 in Niska's Addition to Sebek.

George A. Hill and Patti A. Hill, married to each other, hereby convey to Kelly G. Taggart and Julie M. Taggart, as joint tenants, Lots 1 and 2, Block 2 and Lot 1, Block 3, Bretz Addition to City of Wadena.

Nicole Lynn Lunde and Mark J. Lunde, w/h, hereby convey to CBlock Investments, LLC, Lot 6 and the N 20' of Lot 5, Block 1, Burrows Addition to Wadena.