

SMHC/ Some take new jobs

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will be met. Some guests, such as Ashley and Mike Johnson of Windom, remarked that Comeau's message to the DVHHS board lacked data and numbers to back up his statements.

"We would hope you would ask for this data," Johnson said.

Dustin Stevens, who has worked in the mental health and human services industries, agreed that it is important for the SMHC board to see all pertinent data.

In addition, Johnson said the move to telemedicine creates concerns about access to technology and is leaving countless residents unserved. Holmen told the Citizen he would like to follow up with Johnson regarding those families.

Holmen added that there is a room at the Windom offices of DVHHS that can be used for people to meet online with SMHC clinicians.

Financial concerns

Comeau said low reimbursement rates are one reason SMHC has been running, "generally around a \$150,000 loss, annually."

He said that it is difficult to maintain a profitable operation when reimbursements see increases of 0% and 1%. Comeau, Holmen and Cottonwood County Commissioner Larry Anderson encouraged those in attendance to contact lawmakers about the situation.

Holmen added that an important factor related to the closure of three offices is that, as a non-profit operation, SMHC needs to operate like a business.

"We have to do something to address it, or it will bankrupt us," Holmen said. "That is why we are taking the steps we are taking."

Therapists depart

Meanwhile, Comeau said SMHC was caught in a nationwide trend where therapists are beginning to accept offers from larger companies where they can work from home and make more money.

At last week's meeting, Comeau said SMHC dropped from 30 clinicians to 13 in less than two years. Comeau later clarified that the number of current therapists is actually closer to 15, partly because some new therapists have been hired.

As a result of the departures, the Windom, Jackson and Pipestone offices were



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COMMISSIONER/SOUTHWEST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER BOARD MEMBER

left with few therapists. Comeau said Windom's office has traditionally held five therapists and is now down to two.

"It has been a steady departure over the last two years," Comeau said. "It is nothing that happened overnight."

Supt. Wayne Wormstadt of Windom urged decision makers to strive to do "what is best for our communities and kids . . . there is a cost to everything."

Wormstadt also asked for clarification for schools and others as to what services will be provided locally, and which ones will disappear. In addition, he suggested that there seems to be more to the therapist departures than meets the eye.

"When you lose 56% of your (therapist) staff in 15 months, that raises questions," Wormstadt said.

In addition, Ashley

Johnson suggested that not enough was done to keep certain therapists employed. After Comeau assured the group that exit interviews were conducted, Johnson urged SMHC board members to fully examine those exit interviews.

A turning point

Comeau said a turning point occurred last summer when reimbursements were approved with the use of telemedicine for therapy.

Telemedicine was first used as an alternative to in-person visits due to the pandemic. During the pandemic, many therapists and clients learned they preferred telemedicine, according to Comeau.

"The job market for telemedicine just exploded," Comeau said, adding that headhunters were contacting local therapists with offers. "They would say,

"You can make \$90,000, or \$100,000 if you join us. Come and work for us and you can work from home."

Comeau noted that not everyone left for higher pay. Some left for more flexible work hours.

"We are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.," Comeau said.

"If you provide services at home, you can provide services at night, after the kids go to bed. You are an independent contractor, your own boss."

Meanwhile, Comeau believes that by moving everything to two sites, it will be easier to meet the desires of clinicians. He said an overriding goal of clinicians is to work out of their homes more often.

By closing three sites, the clinicians can take turns holding office hours at the two remaining sites in Worthington and Luverne. (Comeau said sites are required to have at least one therapist in office at all times, which was difficult to do at sites with just a couple of therapists.)

Meanwhile, Comeau said he is not concerned about the trend toward telemedicine. In fact, he believes it is the wave of the future.

Clients who used telemedicine during 2020 had a good experience, according to

Comeau. He reported that a survey showed that over 90% of those using telemedicine preferred it over in-person visits.

"They don't have to worry about going out in the cold and they don't have to worry about COVID," Comeau said.

The crisis teams

Along with closing local offices, the decision was made to disband the crisis teams.

The lack of staff at some offices created difficulty in manning crisis teams, which work mostly at night, according to Comeau. He noted that clinicians would work all day and then would be expected to work at night with the crisis team.

Both Holmen and Comeau said this issue work is being done, behind the scenes, to address this issue. Comeau said he is optimistic about getting approval for a plan to have crisis teams set up around the state. He said the idea is to hire "a full-time staff to do overnights and be paid to be on call."

Comeau said to fund these nine-person teams, "we are probably looking at \$1 million per year."

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF
COTTONWOOD
DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FAMILY COURT DIVISION
In Re the Custody of: Alonso
Lisandro López Chilel
(DOB: 01/03/2010)

**SUMMONS
FOR THIRD
PARTY CUSTODY**
File No. 17-FA-21-349

Glendy Martin Martin,
Petitioner,
and
Cristina Chilel Martin,
Respondent
and
Lisandro López Sebastián,
Respondent

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
RESPONDENT Cristina
Chilel Martin:**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:
THIS SUMMONS IS AN
OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS
THAT AFFECTS YOUR
RIGHTS. READ THIS
SUMMONS CAREFULLY. IF YOU
DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT,
CONTACT AN ATTORNEY
FOR LEGAL ADVICE.**

1. The Petitioner has filed a lawsuit against you asking the Court to give Petitioner custody of the minor child.

2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the Court a written Answer to the Petitioner, and you must pay the required filing fee unless it is waived by the Court. Answer forms are available on the Minnesota Judicial Branch webpage at www.mncourts.gov/forms.

3. You must serve your Answer upon the Petitioner within twenty (20) days of the date you were served with this Summons, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file an Answer, the Court may decide custody and give Petitioner everything he or she is asking for in the attached Petition.

Dated: 10/05/2021
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF
COTTONWOOD
FIFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.:
17-PR-21-485

Estate of
Winton James Schwartz,
a/k/a
Winton Schwartz

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 900 Third Avenue, Windom, Minnesota, 56101 for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated May 13, 2009 ("Will") and for the appointment of Alan Schwartz, 813 6th Street, Windom, MN 56101, 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.

Objections to the petition for appointment of the personal representative must be filed prior to the hearing with the Cottonwood County Court Administration office by:

efiling (electronic filing); email: 5thCottonwoodCourtAdmin@courts.state.mn.us or mail at P.O. Box 97, Windom, MN 56101. Any interested person planning on attending the hearing should contact Court Administration at 507-831-7003.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 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.

BY THE COURT

Christina M. Wietzema
October 8, 2021
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF
COTTONWOOD
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
FIFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Court file: 17-PR-21-409
In Re: Estate of
Delores Ann Berkness,
a/k/a, Dee Berkness,
Deceased

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF
HEARING ON PETITION
FOR ADJUDICATION OF
INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP
AND APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on the 10th day of November, 2021 at 8:30 o'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Courthouse, Top Floor, 900 3rd Avenue, Windom, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Ronald J. Mellum whose address is 4355 Farmington Ave. SE, Delano, MN 55328, as personal representative of the estate of the Decedent in unsupervised administration. If proper, and no objections are filed, personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, and to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the estate.

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(COURT SEAL)

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**COTTONWOOD COUNTY,
MINNESOTA
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE
RESIDENTIAL
PROPERTY
TAX ABATEMENT**

A Public Hearing will be held by the Cottonwood County Commissioners on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 9:02 A.M. in the County Commissioners' Room at the Cottonwood County Courthouse at 900 Third Avenue, Windom, Minnesota, to consider granting a residential property tax abatement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §469.1813.

Request submitted by Barga Inc. Abatement period—5 years commencing on first year of taxes payable for assessed value related to new twin home. Based on 2021 tax rates, estimated total abatement could be approximately \$10,680.

Property Address: 598 & 600 Seventh Avenue, Mountain Lake, MN 56159

Legal Description of Property: East 12' of South 162' of North 197' of Lot 2; South 162' of North 197' of Lot 3; and West 18' of South 162' of North 197' of Lot 4, all in Block 5 of Janzen's Subdivision No. 2 in the Village (now City) of Mountain Lake, Cottonwood County, Minnesota; and Parcel No.: 22-413-0790

All parties interested in commenting on this proposed abatement may attend the public hearing OR may submit written comments to the address below prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE
COTTONWOOD COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Donna Torkelson,
County Auditor/Treasurer
900 Third Avenue
Windom, MN 56101
Phone: 507-831-1905
(647— Oct. 20, 2021)

**Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Assumed Name
Amendment to
Assumed Name
Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333**

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed

name under which the business is or will be conducted: Comfrey Farm

2. Principal Place of Business:
2850 Hwy 60 E
Windom, MN 56101

3. List a Mailing Address if you cannot receive mail at the principal place of business address: If you're removing the Mailing Address, you must list "NONE".
2850 Hwy 60 E
Windom, MN 56101

4. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:
HyLife Foods Windom, LLC
2850 Highway 60 E.
Windom, MN 56101

This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File number: 1186756400022

Originally filed on: 10/16/2020

6. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Tom Seigfreid
10/14/2021

A signature of one nameholder listed or an Authorized Agent is required.

Tom Seigfreid,
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Email Address for Official Notices

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2850 Hwy 60 E
Windom, MN 56101

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Under the name: Prime Pork

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