

Foreclosure suit on Minot Epic property heading to trial

BY WENDY REUER
The Forum

MINOT — A foreclosure lawsuit against the former founder and CEO of EPIC Co., Todd Berning, that has resulted in several cross-claims by subcontractors appears to be headed to trial in early 2026.

Bravera Bank filed a suit in October against Henry Land Holding LLC, including Berning, Brian Kounovsky and William Gokey II, alleging they owe about \$3 million on a loan given to them for a development property in Minot, according to Ward County District court documents.

Court documents said a construction loan was granted to the Henry Land Holding and the three men in August 2021

to develop nine lots of Highlander Estates in southwest Minot.

Berning and the two men personally guaranteed the loan but payments have not been made since September 2024, according to the documents. Kounovsky served as vice president of Epic Companies until he resigned in May 2024. Gokey is the vice president of the Pepsi distribution Northern Bottling Co.

Also listed as defendants in the foreclosure suit are several construction subcontractors such as Dakota Underground Specialties, Minot Paving Co., and STC Flooring, which have outstanding liens on the property and have since filed cross-claims in an attempt to also recoup some payment.

A trial date has been

scheduled for the foreclosure hearing on Feb. 2, 2026.

Berning and EPIC Companies face two other lawsuits. In September, 7Seven Property Partners, a Minot-based limited liability company, filed suit against Berning in Cass County District Court, alleging he personally guaranteed a \$506,933 loan made to EOLA Capital LLC.

In January, Mark and Teresa McGuigan, of Williston, N.D., and WTS-ND Holdings LLC filed another suit in Cass County court against Berning and multiple defendants with ties to Epic Companies and the EPIC-owned businesses of Vision REIT. The second suit requests that Berning return the McGuigans' development investments of \$325,000 plus interest,

taxable court costs, and legal fees, and any other relief the court should find.

Despite attempts to locate him by sheriff's office personnel, court processors and private detectives in West Fargo, Minot and Minnesota, Berning could not be found for months.

According to court records, Berning or attorneys for Berning have now received notifications of all three lawsuits.

EPIC Companies, along with subsidiary companies Midwest LLC, EPIC Companies Midwest 2023 LLC, EPIC Employee LLC and EC West Fargo LLC, filed for bankruptcy protection in July 2024. The bankruptcy filing came after the company suddenly shut its doors the previous May.



Forum file photo

A sign posted on the door of the 3140 Bluestem Drive, West Fargo, headquarters of EPIC Companies is seen May 16, 2024.

Classifieds

As good as gone!

jobs**HQ**

homes**HQ**



701-252-3120 | classified@jamestownsun.com
121 3rd St. NW | Jamestown, ND 58401

Place your ad online at jamestownsun.com/classifieds
Employment ads: call 888-514-HIRE or email jobs@jobshq.com

HELP WANTED GENERAL

ROCK OF AGES
Full-Time A.M. CNAs
Competitive pay with excellent benefits including health, vision & dental ins., 401k plan & more! Must be able to pass background check & drug screen.
Apply in person
1315 4th St. NE or email resume to:
roainc@daktel.com

Part-Time Caregiver
For gentleman in Jamestown. Flexible hours, prefer 3 days/week for a couple hours at a time. \$20-\$23/hr. Start as soon as possible. Clients needs include assistance & supervision with therapy pool, treadmill & recumbent bike. Great great job for student in a PT program or similar.
Please contact Molly, Nurse Manager, (651) 829-7715 or email: mhallman@nationalcareadvisors.com

HELP WANTED HEALTHCARE

Director of Nursing
Full time. Must have RN licensure. We offer competitive pay with full benefits that includes health, dental & vision ins., retirement plan, short term disability, holiday pay and more!
Email resume to:
shipleycb@daktel.com
or pick up application at Roseadele, 1505 3rd St. SE. 701-251-1741

HELP WANTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Now Hiring in West Fargo

Technical Writer

Mechanic/Technical Writer

Training Provided
1/2 Day Fridays, Awesome benefits.

Email us today!
info@multitechinc.com

www.multitechinc.com

Start your career here.

jobs**HQ**

jobshq.com



WANTED TO BUY

Mr. Baseball is coming to your area, buying sports cards & memorabilia!
203-767-2407

DOGS


CKC Mini Schnauzers
M & F, Black, White & Chocolate. Shots, dewts, tails, vet checked, home raised with TLC!
Call/text: 320-760-6839



AKC Lab Puppies
White, Dark Red, Black, Dark Chocolate & Yellow. Hunting & Family, Blocky Black Noses. Full AKC. 605-999-7149 Mitchell, SD
www.southdakotayellowlabs.com



Bernedoodle Minis
25-40# Vet chk/hlth guar. 507-696-2848 #MN787982
www.letsplaykennels.com



Jack Russell Terrier Puppies
M & F, vet checked with shots. Ready 2nd week of June. NW MN. Call or text: 218-280-4167



Miniature Aussie Pups
M & F, Tri-color. Shots & wormed. \$600. Text for pics: 218-851-6219

Thinking about a new JOB?

Start here.

jobs**HQ**

SERVICE DIRECTORY

YOUR GUIDE TO GREAT SERVICES!

▶ CONSTRUCTION ▶ GUTTERS ▶ HANDYMAN ▶ LAWN CARE ▶ PAINTING ▶ SMALL ENGINE
▶ CARPET CLEANING ▶ HOUSEKEEPING ▶ MECHANIC ▶ ELECTRICAL ▶ AND MORE!

SERVICES

FAMILY MOVERS & LAWN SERVICE
Pick up appliances, etc. that garbage collectors won't. We carry liability insurance. Clean basements and garages. Call 701-952-0679

888-857-1920 or classifieds@classifiedsfcc.com for details.

Thinking about a new JOB?

Start here.

jobs**HQ**

DOGS

Golden Retriever Male Puppies Available July 5
Vet checked, 24 month health guarantee, microchipped, family socialized. AKC Reg. \$1,400 deposit \$300.
218-280-4376
FB KangasFamilyKennel



Purebred Yellow Lab Puppies
M & F, shots, wormed, vet chkd, health certificates. \$300.
218-831-7975 (MN#829895)



Purebred Siberian Huskies
Shots, wormed, vet checked, health certificate. \$300.
218-831-7975 (MN#829895)



Bernedoodle Puppies
First shots, 30-45 lbs. Tri & Red/White. \$450+
507-993-2631
www.fennelkennels.com

Find it in the Classifieds!
The Jamestown Sun

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLACE NOTICE
jamestownsun.column.us/place

CONTACT US
legals@jamestownsun.com

DEADLINE
Wednesday 2pm for Thursday
Wednesday 5pm for Saturday
Thursday 2pm for Friday
Friday 10am for Monday
Friday 2pm for Tuesday
Friday 5pm for Wednesday

VIEW ONLINE
www.jamestownsun.com



Stay informed of official civic matters

PUBLIC NOTICE

In District Court, Stutsman County, State Of North Dakota
In The Matter Of The Petition For Name Change Of Bentley Allan Larson A Minor Child
1. Notice Of Petition For Name Change
Please Take Notice that a Petition will be filed by the Petitioner with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the name of (current full legal name of child) Bentley Allan Larson to (requested full legal name of child) Bentley Allan Gerald
2. Notice Is Further Given that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a Petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the name of the minor child. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing.
Dated 05/15/2025
Alyssa Middleton Digitally signed by Alyssa Middleton (Petitioner Signature)
Alyssa Ashley Middleton (Printed Name)
416 1st Ave N # 1
Jamestown, ND 58401
(May. 22, 2025)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Probate No. 47-2025-PR-00045

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF STUTSMAN SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF ROBERT BEAUCHAMP

Case No. 47-2025-PR-00046

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP

1. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for the appointment of a guardian for the above named proposed ward has been filed in the District Court of Stutsman County, North Dakota.
2. YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition will be heard **VIA ZOOM on the 23rd day of June, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** of that day or at such subsequent time or other place to which said hearing may be adjourned or transferred, at which time and place you may be heard if you wish. Any interested parties have a right to file a response to the Petition and may also want to contact an attorney to intervene if they object to the Petition. The petitioner and any interested parties intervening have a right to present evidence and to call or cross-examine witnesses.

DATED this 20th day of May, 2025.

DALSTED & RYAN, P.C.
Attorneys for the Petitioner
Post Office Box 1727
Jamestown, ND 58402-1727
(701) 252-6668

BY:
LEO A. RYAN - #05420
A member of the firm.
(May. 22 & 29; Jun. 5, 2025)

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF STUTSMAN SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF LARRY BARTOK

Case No. 47-2025-PR-00047

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP

1. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for the appointment of a guardian for the above named proposed ward has been filed in the District Court of Stutsman County, North Dakota.

2. YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition will be heard **VIA ZOOM on the 23 rd day of June, 2025, at 10:45 a.m.** of that day or at such subsequent time or other place to which said hearing may be adjourned or transferred, at which time and place you may be heard if you wish.

Any interested parties have a right to file a response to the Petition and may also want to contact an attorney to intervene if they object to the Petition. The petitioner and any interested parties intervening have a right to present evidence and to call or cross-examine witnesses.

DATED this 20th day of May, 2025.

DALSTED & RYAN, P.C.
Attorneys for the Petitioner
Post Office Box 1727
Jamestown, ND 58402-1727
(701) 252-6668

BY:
LEO A. RYAN - #05420
A member of the firm.
(May. 22 & 29; Jun. 5, 2025)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF STUTSMAN
SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate
of Roger Nolan Wheeling

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:
1. Nathan C. Anderson has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Roger Nolan Wheeling.
2. All persons having claims against Roger Nolan Wheeling are required to present their claims within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
3. Claims must either be presented to Nathan C. Anderson, personal representative of the estate, at P.O. Box 998, Minot, ND 58702-0998, or filed with the Court.

Dated May 20, 2025
s/ Nathan C. Anderson
Personal Representative
(May. 22 & 29; Jun. 5, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
STUTSMAN COUNTY
NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Estate of Susan
M. Hopland, Deceased

File 47-2025-PR-41

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF STUTSMAN SOUTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF ROBERT BEAUCHAMP

Case No. 47-2025-PR-00046

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP

1. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for the appointment of a guardian for the above named proposed ward has been filed in the District Court of Stutsman County, North Dakota.
2. YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition will be heard **VIA ZOOM on the 23rd day of June, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** of that day or at such subsequent time or other place to which said hearing may be adjourned or transferred, at which time and place you may be heard if you wish. Any interested parties have a right to file a response to the Petition and may also want to contact an attorney to intervene if they object to the Petition. The petitioner and any interested parties intervening have a right to present evidence and to call or cross-examine witnesses.

DATED this 20th day of May, 2025.

DALSTED & RYAN, P.C.
Attorneys for the Petitioner
Post Office Box 1727
Jamestown, ND 58402-1727
(701) 252-6668

BY:
LEO A. RYAN - #05420
A member of the firm.
(May. 22 & 29; Jun. 5, 2025)

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

				4				
	1					9		2
6	3	2	1	7				
8			9			1		
	4			6			9	
		6		7				5
				2	3	6	5	8
4		5					7	
				8				

5/22

© 2025 Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
2	9	5	8	6	1	3	4	7
4	8	7	2	9	3	6	1	5
1	6	3	4	7	5	9	2	8
7	4	8	3	1	9	5	6	2
3	1	2	5	8	6	4	7	9
6	5	9	7	2	4	1	8	3
9	7	6	1	5	8	2	3	4
8	3	1	9	4	2	7	5	6
5	2	4	6	3	7	8	9	1

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Life is a Highway

