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Finken Water Center celebrates 50 years of quality water treatment

Wif Finken opened a small shop in Melrose, Minnesota, in September 1961, and since then, Finken Water Centers has grown to become a respected water, plumbing, heating and cooling solutions provider. Finken Water Centers and Finken, Plumbing, Heating and Cooling maintain their headquarters in St. Cloud and now operate out of four other Minnesota locations including: Melrose, Litchfield, Osseo, and Albertville.

Noonan, Bursch Join Community Foundation Board

Mike Noonan, founding shareholder of Rinke Noonan law firm, and Fred Bursch, owner of Bursch Travel, have been appointed to the Central Minnesota Community Foundation (CMCF) board of directors. Bursch serves as board representative for the Alexandria Area Community Foundation affiliate, where he also serves as a member of the local board.

Steve Knutson from Marco, Inc. Announced as CIO of the Year for 2011

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal has announced Steve Knutson, CIO of Marco, Inc., as an honoree for the corporate level for its first-ever CIO of the Year Awards. Knutson has been with Marco since 1999 and became CIO/CTO in 2004. His profile will appear in a special Business Journal publication next month.

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Rising Star and Super Lawyers selected from Rajkowski Hansmeier Ltd.

Troy A. Poetz, share holder with the Rajkowski Hansmeier law firm in St. Cloud, was recently selected for inclusion in the 2011 Minnesota Rising Stars. The Minnesota Rising Stars are based upon a search for evidence of peer recognition and professional achievement and only 2.5 percent of lawyers in the state are named to the list.

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Fellow shareholders Frank J. Rajkowski, Gordon H. Hansmeier, Paul A. Rajkowski, and Kevin F. Gray were recently selected for inclusion in the 2011 Minnesota Super Lawyers. Only the top five percent of lawyers in the state are named to this list.

Loran Hall Elected Chairman of the Board of Lumbermen’s Merchandising Corporation

Loran Hall, President of Mathew Hall Lumber Company, was recently elected as Chairman of the Board of Lumbermen’s Merchandising Corporations (LMC). He has

served on the finance, audit, building materials, forest products and the executive committees in the past. Hall will serve as Chairman of the board through 2013.

Dyan J. Ebert Joins Executive Committee of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association

Dyan J. Ebert, of Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A., has joined the Executive Committee of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association (MDLA). She will serve as Secretary and then advance to Treasurer, President Elect, and eventually President in 2014.

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Marco CFO Jennifer Mrozek Named as one of the Top Women in Finance for 2011

Finance & Commerce recently named Jennifer Mrozek, CFO at Marco, Inc. as one of the Top Women in Finance for 2011 for making notable contributions to her profession and community. Mrozek has been with Marco since 1998 and became CFO in 2003. She has served as a Board Member, Community Investment Team Chair and Audit Committee Member for the Central Minnesota United Way, and as a board member of the St. Cloud Area YMCA and the St. Cloud Junior Achievement Chapter. Mrozek also belongs to the Minnesota ESOP Association Program Committee and the local Forum of Executive Women.

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Rinke Noonan adds attorney

Rinke Noonan is pleased to welcome Jennifer Elston-Brondell as an attorney. Elston-Brondell graduated from the College of St. Benedict and later received her law degree from William Mitchell College of Law. Prior to joining Rinke Noonan, she previously worked for several years in the area of estate planning at a local firm.

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Culver’s launches antibiotic-free chicken

Culver’s locations at 901 Hwy 10 South in St. Cloud and 1101 Second Street in Waite Park recently launched their new premium- antibiotic free- chicken. The new chicken originates from the only poultry company to be American Humane Certified by the American Humane Association, Springer Mountain Farms, in Georgia, a subsidiary brand of Fieldale Farms.

Marcus Theatres adds new Zaffiro’s Pizzeria and Bar

Marcus Theatres is completely renovating their Parkwood Cinema location in Waite Park. Replacing one of the existing auditoriums, the new Zaffiro’s Pizzeria and Bar will feature a carryout service, live acoustic music on Fridays, patio seating, and iPads for guests’ enjoyment. Another feature of the renovation will include Zaffiro’s Express, allowing moviegoers to purchase items from Zaffiro’s menu and dine as they watch a movie.

Microbiologics, Inc. Breaks Ground on Corporate Headquarters Building Expansion

Microbiologics, Inc. broke ground in September 2011 on a 19,200 square foot expansion that will nearly double the size of their existing building. Local design and contracting company Miller Architects and Builders have scheduled completion of the project for April 2012.

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Schlenner Wenner Promotes Staff

Jon Archer, CPA, and Craig Ritter, CPA, have been promoted as Audit Managers. Archer and Ritter have both worked at Schlenner Wenner & Co. for over 5 years. Archer focuses on governmental auditing while Ritter’s focus is in the for-profit audit area.

Mark Branson, CPA, has been promoted to a Senior Accountant. Branson has worked at Schlenner Wenner & Co. for over 4 years with a focus in corporate tax and client services.

Kyle Gregory and Aaron Smith have been promoted to In-Charge Accountants. Gregory has worked at Schlenner Wenner & Co. for over 3 years in the A&A department while Smith has been with the company for over 4 years, focusing on corporate tax and client services.

Darin Evavold Joins Westwood

Westwood Professional Services, Inc. announced that Darin Evavold has joined their St. Cloud office. Evavold will be working as an engineering technician in the land group and brings more than 17 years of construction experience to Westwood. Evavold graduated from the University of North Dakota with a B.S. in Industrial Technology.

Advanced Care Pet Hospital Wins Google Essay Contest for Small Business

Advanced Care Pet Hospital in Sartell was among the top five selected for the 2011 Google Uptick Awards for small businesses after composing a 350 word essay explaining how they regularly use 11 Google services. Advanced Care Pet Hospital was awarded a \$3,000 professional video production along with 2 Google Chromebook computers, valued at \$1,000.

Times Media adds staff

Times Media and the St. Cloud Times has added three new staff members. Jennifer Noble is the new marketing manager with more than 15 years of sales and marketing experience. Rachael Wenner is the new Social Media Commerce Manager and will focus on DealChicken.com, a new deal website. Aaron Lundrigan will serve as Advertising Account Executive and will focus on businesses within Waite Park and the Rocori area.

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Marco, Inc. adds staff

Marco, Inc. has added four new members to their staff. John Wallenfeldt will now serve as a Network Engineer, Darlene Gately as a Leasing Coordinator, Robert Wilczek as an Accounting Assistant, and Chris Grazlewicz as a Copier Service Technician.