

# Inman from front

The lawsuit claims Inman allegedly did not maintain a permanent residence in Benton County while serving as one of its elected officials. It further alleges Inman has not had intent to make Benton County her permanent residence.

Elected officials in the state of Minnesota must reside in the jurisdiction they wish to serve at least 30 days prior to being elected. Inman attested to adhere to this requirement when she filed her affidavit of candidacy in May 2018.

If an elected official fails to maintain residency, detailed by Minnesota Statute 200.031, then the office in which that person serves is considered vacant and can be filled by appointment.

Inman has 21 days to respond in writing to the suit. Should she fail to do so, a default judgment will be entered and Inman will lose the case.

The summons, as filed by the board's attorney Scott Anderson, of Rupp, Anderson, Squires, Waldspurger & Mace, P.A. in Minneapolis, states the board does not believe Inman has not maintained continuous residency in Benton County and that she primarily lives with her husband at their Becker home in Sherburne County where she is listed as an owner on the title of the property as well as a taxpayer for the property. She also uses the Sherburne County address for official Benton County personnel documents and her vehicle registration, according to the summons.

An investigation into Inman provided information that Inman paid \$100 rent for a rural Sauk Rapids apartment in Benton County from July 2019 to April 2020, which she is said to have been removed from because of the coronavirus pandemic, and that she then found an apartment again at Wildflower Terrace in Sauk Rapids in January 2021. The investigation also includes information from a Sherburne County deputy who found that Inman had "little to no" cellphone activity at the Sauk Rapids address during the July 2019 to April 2020 stay.

Public documents from the investigation can be found in the March 1 board packet at [www.co.benton.mn.us/agendacenter/viewfile/item/471?fileID=2487](http://www.co.benton.mn.us/agendacenter/viewfile/item/471?fileID=2487).

The county will let a judge decide whether Inman's activity meets the standard for a permanent home and legal residence in the jurisdiction.

"It may come to pass that Inman will eventually move to Benton County, buy a home and establish legal residency," said Headley in a statement released May 13. "However, such actions will not erase nor excuse Inman's past conduct. The Benton County Board is pursuing litigation because its members believe the public deserves to hear the facts. Up to this point, Inman has refused to speak with the county board or its attorney on this matter despite repeated requests."

Since mid-February, Star Publications has repeatedly reached out to Inman for comment regarding the allegations with no response.

# Girls Scouts from front



PHOTOS BY ELLARRY PRENTICE

(Above) Symphony Reiter (from left), of Troop 179, Mackenzie Bengtson, of Troop 179, and Hailey Manea, of Troop 519, listen to a presentation by Sauk Rapids firefighter Deelia Guite May 15 at St. Francis Xavier School in Sartell. Service Unit 28, which has members from Sauk Rapids, Rice, Sartell and St. Joseph, hosted the event, which focused on first aid awareness and education.



(Above) Deelia Guite (right), a Sauk Rapids firefighter, demonstrates how first responders assess the scene of an emergency with help from Arabella Manea, of Girl Scouts Troop 286, May 15 in Sartell. Girl Scouts also demonstrated how the "stop, drop and roll" procedure is used when clothing catches fire.



(Above) Sartell police officer Kari Bonfield talks to Girl Scouts about her first aid equipment during a May 15 presentation at St. Francis Xavier School in Sartell. Bonfield shared how common household items like pillows and socks can be used for first aid in the event of a medical emergency.



(Right) Girl Scouts Alice Clark (left), of Troop 179, and Jovie Thalacker (center), of Troop 398, do a simulation exercise with Sauk Rapids firefighter Deelia Guite (right) May 15 in Sartell. Dressing in bulky winter outerwear, the girls experienced how firefighters must dress quickly and have the ability to work in turnout gear that collectively weighs up to 80 pounds.

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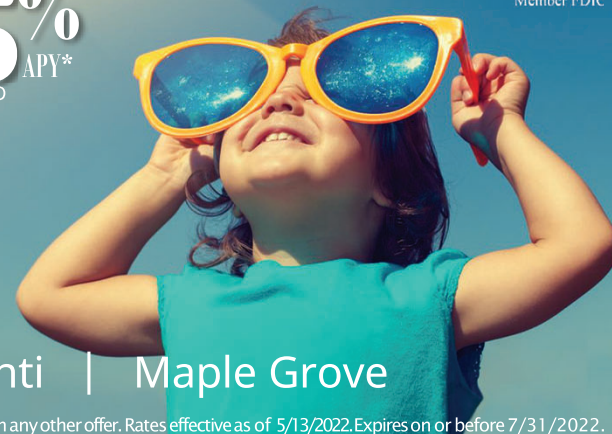
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