

to the idea of commissioner tests in McCullom Lake k for chemicals blamed for ed brain cancer cluster. age President Terry Coun- t privately Tuesday with Board Chairman Ken Koe- d several other officials. In re of a failed effort to get the city of Illinois at Chicago to gate the situation, Counley was time for the county to : village's private wells. ; 'show me don't tell me' und I made that perfectly Counley said.

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You can read and watch the Northwest Herald's ongoing coverage of the McCullom Lake brain cancer lawsuits at [NWHerald.com/mccullomlake](http://NWHerald.com/mccullomlake).

**oman sentenced 22 years**

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JEVA - An Algonquin was sentenced Thursday ars in prison for trying to hire someone to kill her estranged hus- band.

Sherriann Remsik-Miller, 47, of the 600 Block of

Michael Luecht, president and CEO of ML Realty Partners in Itas-

ise scholarship program in 2008. In a passionate speech Thursday,

very tough to explain some of the endeavors this board has embarked

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**FALLOUT FROM FINANCIAL TROUBLES**

**Bankruptcy filings continue to rise**



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Bankruptcy attorney Stephen Newland works Tuesday on a case with paralegals Cate Saville (left) and Jessica Breeman at the Newland, Newland & Newland Libertyville office.

2010 filings on pace to exceed 2009 numbers

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WOODSTOCK - Some lost jobs. Some lost homes. Some racked up medical bills. Some used to be millionaires.

Bankruptcy attorney Stephen Newland said clients seeking bankruptcy ran the gamut.

"I've seen a lot of real estate agents and real estate investors - people who were multimillionaires a few years ago - who can't unload their properties," he said. "I've also seen parents who do what they can to help out their [adult] children, only to find themselves in financial trouble."

So far this year, more McHenry County residents have filed for some form of bankruptcy than in all of 2008. As of Tuesday, there were 1,213 bankruptcies from McHenry County compared with 1,136 in 2008.

Last year, in 2009, bankruptcies from McHenry County were up nearly 36 percent to 1,768, which is more than the 1,598 filed in 2005 before a major overhaul of bankruptcy law.

These local trends are mirrored throughout the region. Bankruptcy filings in the U.S. Bankruptcy

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WOODSTOCK - Consequences of bankruptcy can be severe. Filing for personal bank-

the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of McHenry County. Such methods used to be limited to jobs in the financial sector, such as banks.

**McHenry County bankruptcies**

