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Paige Gieseke (l) and Amanda Paradis (r) enjoy the beautiful weather as they pick out some pumpkins Saturday, October 7th. The pumpkins were from Voxland Farms in Rural McIntosh, and Remar and Herman brought them to town for many happy customers.

Win-E-Mac awarded grant for after school program to begin October 23rd

Win-E-Mac School has just been awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. This remarkable opportunity for the students in grades k-12 and families of Win-E-Mac is the result of a four-district partnership, which includes, Win-E-Mac, Fosston, Stephen/Argyle and Waubun/Ogema.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program is a federally-funded program that provides students a safe learning environment during non-school hours. WEM will provide a range of high quality services to support regular school-day academics and development, including but not limited to: tutoring and mentoring, academic enrichment, homework assistance, service learning, character education, STEM activities, the Arts, recreational activities, Math and Reading Literacy and dropout prevention. We also look forward to Family Nights, when adult family members actively participate with students through educational and personal development opportunities.

prove the odds of success, particularly for children whose personal circumstances put

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Open Sew Day
McIntosh Community is the place you will want to be on Saturday, October 21st. Doors will be opening at 9:00 am and stay open as long as you want! Bring your sewing machine, iron, extension cord and a dish to share at lunch and any projects you want to work on.

McIntosh will have a special meeting on B-B Cafe building

The McIntosh City Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the McIntosh Community Center to discuss with the public the future of the B-B Cafe building, which is now owned by the City.

Residents of McIntosh are encouraged to attend this meeting and have a voice in the City's plan for the future of the building.

If you have any questions, you may contact the City Clerk during office hours at 563-3043.



Community Calendar

- Wed. Oct. 18:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Thurs. Oct. 19:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Oct. 20:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Sat. Oct. 21:** Open Sew Day @ McIntosh Community Center 9:00am
- Mon. Oct. 23:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Tues. Oct. 24:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm
- Wed. Oct. 25:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Thurs. Oct. 26:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Oct. 27:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Halloween Party @ WEM School 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Mon. Oct. 30:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; McIntosh City Council Special Meeting B-B Cafe @ Community Center 7:00pm
- Tues. Oct. 31: Happy Halloween!** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



Hwy 2 Cruisers donate to QOV

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream.

Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nate was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine "The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair."

"I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and wellbeing. The quilt had made this dramatic change."

"The message of my dream was: Quilts=Healing. The model appeared simple: have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials to make a quilt. One person would piece the top and the other would quilt it. I saw the name for this special quilt. It was Quilt of Valor, a QOV."

The first QOV was awarded in November 2003 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to a young soldier from Minnesota who had lost his leg in Iraq.

In 2005, QOV became a national non-profit organization. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover T service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Today Quilts of Valor is totally a volunteer organization from the top executive to all quilters and everyone in between.

Many volunteers also donate material besides their time. "Full size quilts today cost around \$150 just in materials" stated Ilene Reier-son, Quilts of Valor volunteer quilter. "Many of us donate the material for the tops ourselves and try to get material on sale."

"Highway 2 Cruisers Car Club has always recognized service members at board meetings, cruises and especially at their car show in August. When the suggestion was made to make a donation, the board felt strongly this was a great place to donate to." Said Rich Johnson, Chair of Car Club. "We just want others to know about this great organization and what they do for our service men and women."

Anybody else wanting to know about donating to the Quilts of Valor or have a name of a veteran touched by conflict please contact Ilene Reier-son at 218-791-5739.



During fire safety week, two of our local firefighters came to the WEM school to talk to the pre-K, K, 3rd & 6th grades about fire safety. The theme this year is "2 ways out": 2 ways out of your house, and 2 ways out of your bedroom. We practiced stop, drop and roll. We talked about how important it is to have a "meeting place". Thanks to Firefighters John Nelson and Erik Jax for coming to our school.



Ilene Reier-son (left) Jen Howard (right), both are members of the Highway 2 Cruisers Car Club. Ilene is a volunteer quilter for the East Polk County Quilts of Valor.

QOV is looking for new members

There will be a reorganizational meeting of the East Polk County Quilts of Valor on Oct. 25, 2017 at 7:00pm at the McIntosh Community Center. We encourage anyone interested in sewing for veterans to attend.

You don't need to know how to sew. We also need people to cut and press.

Please consider being a part of this. very rewarding project. We are concerned that this very important local organization can not continue without more members.

Any questions please contact Connie Strom, Ilene Reier-son, or Lois Boehrsen.

Polk County TZD reminds motorists to use caution on roads during harvest season

MnDot asks motorists and farm equipment operators to safely share the road during harvest season.

Motorists traveling on Minnesota highways this fall need to be aware of large farm equipment transporting crops to markets, grain elevators and processing plants, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

"Harvest season is in full swing across the state and farmers and their equipment are out on the highways," said Jay Hietpas, state traffic engineer.

"Motorists need to be prepared to encounter slow-moving farm vehicles, especially on rural, two-lane roads."

Farm equipment is large and heavy, making it hard for operators to accelerate, slow down and stop.

The equipment also makes wide turns and sometimes crosses over the center line.

In addition, farm vehicles can create large blind spots, making it difficult for operators to see approaching vehicles. All of these factors can cause serious crashes.

From 2011 to 2015, there were 688 crashes involving farm vehicles that resulted in 23 fatalities and 348 injuries. Nearly half of the fatalities were an occupant of the farm vehicle.

"Twenty-two percent of all farm equipment crashes and 29 percent of the fatalities

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The 2017 members of the Board of Directors for East Polk County Farm Bureau are Donny Vaa, Philip Swenson, Jim Lee, Aaron Iverson, Joan Lee (Secretary & Treasurer), and Bennett Osmonson (President).

Improve visibility while trick-or-treating (and other safety tips)

Thousands of costume-clad children will embark on treat-finding missions in neighborhoods all across the country this Halloween. Everyone wants their Halloween festivities to be fun, but it is important that trick-or-treaters and their chaperones prioritize safety as well.

The child welfare organization Safe Kids says that twice as many child pedestrians are killed while walking on Halloween compared to other days of the year. In addition, the National Safety Council states that darting out or running into the road accounts for about 70 percent of pedestrian deaths or injuries among children between the ages of five and nine and about 47 percent of incidents for kids between the ages of 10 and 14.

Ensuring trick-or-treating youngsters are visible to motorists can make Halloween safer for everyone involved. The American Academy of Pediatrics and other safety groups suggest the following strategies for safe trick-or-treating.

• **Supervise the festivities.** Adults should chaperone young trick-or-treaters who are unlikely to be focused on safety in the midst of Halloween excitement.

• **Use reflective tape or LED lights.** Dark costumes coupled with twilight can make it difficult for motorists to see trick-or-treating youngsters. Parents can improve the chances of their kids being seen by motorists by adhering reflective tape onto kids' costumes. Glow sticks and wearable LED lights also can illuminate trick-or-treaters.

• **Carry lanterns or flashlights.** Children and/or chaperones who carry flashlights and lanterns can improve their own visibility while also making themselves more visible to motorists. Lanterns and flashlights help trick-or-treaters

avoid holes, cracked pavement and other obstacles. For those children who want to free up their hands for better treat gathering, lights that strap to the head are an option.

• **Keep the lights on.** Homeowners can do their part by keeping outdoor flood lights and accent lighting on to make paths safer for youngsters on the prowl for Halloween candy.

Preserve carved pumpkins

Jack-o'-lanterns and other carved pumpkin designs are frequently the centerpieces of Halloween festivities. The twinkling lights and orange glow of jack-o'-lanterns can add ambiance to any autumn event. The trouble with carving pumpkins is that most people want to do it right away, only to discover their pumpkins wilt and decay long before Halloween.

Nothing ruins Halloween more than visiting a home to trick-or-treat and not getting candy. Equally disappointing is a sad pumpkin display withering away on a front porch. Even though all pumpkins will eventually rot, certain tips can keep carvings from collapsing

• **Choose face makeup over masks.** Children wearing masks may not spot oncoming cars or other hazards. Face makeup won't affect kids' visibility but will still help them look scary.

With the right combination of caution and fun, Halloween can be an enjoyable time for youngsters and adults.

too soon.

• **Choose a sturdy pumpkin.** Inspect the pumpkin of your choosing carefully, looking for gouges, spots and holes. Even a small blemish can quickly expand into a mushy mess. Select pumpkins with even color and firm flesh, and make sure that the pumpkin doesn't feel tender when you push on the skin.

• **Visit local pumpkin stands.** Pumpkins that have been shipped miles and miles in hot cargo trucks may be overly ripened or battered. Pumpkins that were grown nearby may be fresher. Plus, buying pumpkins locally supports local farmers.

• **Scrape the insides of**



Rep. Steve Green visited with the members of East Polk Farm Bureau at their recent Annual Meeting.



Many people came to shop at Minnesota Rust during their Shop Hop held the weekend of October 6th and 7th.



Rømmegraut

Rommegrot, romme-graut, romegrod, however you spell it the meaning remains the same. 'Romme' is loosely translated as heavy or thick sour cream, and 'graut' meaning porridge. Many of our readers may have fond memories of this dish and others remember it as a dish they would rather never eat again. It is a concoction of basic ingredients and has gotten families through hard times for many, many years.

Considered a traditional Norwegian dish, it has been around for hundreds of years and is generally served as a dessert. Rømmegraut is a sour-cream based pudding with a rich taste. It is conventionally served for special occasions, festivals and

Christmas time. Customarily, it is served with cured meats. Today it is more common to be served year-round and even for a special breakfast.

Recipes for this dish will vary from region to region, it is thick and sweet, and is usually drizzled with butter and sprinkled with sugar and ground cinnamon. Some traditions top this oatmeal like custard with butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, and cream. Others will drizzle it with syrup or honey. It is often served in small bowls because of its richness and can be incredibly filling.

Rømmegraut

3 c. milk
4 c cream
¼ to ½ c sugar
¼ tsp salt

Heat the milk. Heat the cream in a heavy kettle until it boils, when it is boiling stir in 1 ½ cups flour. Keep stirring until the fat comes out. Drain off the butter-fat. Then pour in the hot milk. Mix with electric mixer until smooth. This can be done right in the kettle. Add the sugar and salt. Put in small glass dishes and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.



the pumpkin thoroughly. Any moist bits inside the pumpkin will mold quickly. The pumpkin carving experts at Pumpkin Masters recommend scraping as much of the "guts" out as possible, leaving about a one-inch thickness of the wall of the pumpkin.

• **Coat the pumpkin.** Preservation methods may aim to keep the pumpkin hydrated and inhibit mold and other microbial growth. Commercially sold pumpkin preservation products, such as Pumpkin Fresh®, hold up well. Soaking and spraying carved pumpkins with a bleach-and-water solution also seems to preserve designs.

• **Keep it out of the elements.** Store carved pumpkins in a cool, dry place. This will help slow down the rotting process for pumpkins exposed to outdoor fungi, other microbes and warm sunlight.

• **Use an artificial light source.** Reduce the heat inside of the pumpkin and encourage hydration by selecting a battery-powered light instead of a lit candle to illuminate the carving.

• **Skip the carving.** Once pumpkin skin is compromised, microbes can enter. In lieu of carving, paint or decorate pumpkins in other ways if you want them to stay fresh for a long time. Glow in the dark paint can help pumpkins stand out at night.

Carved pumpkins may last a week or two, while uncut pumpkins can last for a month or more. Keeping pumpkins hydrated and mold-free will prolong your designs

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them at higher risk for school failure. Children in after school programs score higher on standardized tests, exhibit more positive social behavior, and are less likely to use drugs.

While, WEM's Learning Center is in the design stages, we hope to have it in operation by October 23, 2017. We will run this program 5 days a week along with the Champions Program. The School will be sending more information and a sign-up sheet home, with your child for this opportunity. We look forward to the positive impact and outstanding learning opportunities this program will have on the students and families of Win-E-Mac.

Luther League

The Gosen Luther League meets on Sunday evening, October 22nd, at 7 o'clock.

Free Indeed, a family gospel group from Bemidji, will be in concert. The group features three generations: Alice Fuglestad on bass and vocals, her daughter Annie Hendrickson on guitar and vocals, Annie's son Josiah on saxophone, dobro, and vocals, and her daughter Hannah on fiddle and vocals. Free Indeed plays country/bluegrass gospel music and desires to glorify the Lord in their music and testimony.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

Join us for an inspirational evening in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Highways 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then 1/2 mile east on County Road 206.

For information call 268-4242 or 687-3461.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

McINTOSH
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017,
5:30 PM

— COMMUNITY CENTER —

CALL TO ORDER:
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
ROLL CALL:
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
AGENDA ADDITIONS:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
a. SEPTEMBER 14TH REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
b. SEPTEMBER 14TH FINAL BUDGET MEETING
PUBLIC CONCERNS:
OLD BUSINESS:
a. MAIL BALLOTS
NEW BUSINESS:
a. POPLAR MEADOWS 2018 BUDGET
b. HOUSING REHAB - LISA KILDAL
c. GRAVEL - BJELLA BUILDING PARKING LOT
d. LIGHTING - COUNTY RD 41
APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:
MEDA UPDATE:
COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:
NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:
ADJOURNMENT: M30C

Please *Join Us*

Sue and Lowell Ostenson will be moving to Elgin, ND at the end of October to be near family.

Please join us in wishing them farewell.

This will be held in conjunction with Our Savior's Fall Festival dinner on Sunday, October 22nd, from 11:00am to 1:00 pm.

Everyone is Welcome.

Thank You

Thanks for the Memories!

After 72 years in business, Wertish Bait of McIntosh is going out of business. I have decided to retire as of November 2017.

I would like to thank all the stores, resorts and individuals who made my life's work a success.

Jim Wertish M30P

60th Anniversary

Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary is Dave & Dandy Salvhus. Everyone is welcome to join in the celebration on Sunday, October 22nd at Mt. Carmel Church from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm for coffee and cake. No gifts, please.

Roast Beef Dinner

Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Our Savior's Church, McIntosh there will be a roast beefdinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, dinner roll, beverage and dessert. Dinner will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost for adults is \$10 and kids, 10 years of age and under is \$4. Sponsored by the Men of Our Savior's.

Harold Smeby Benefit

A benefit will be held for Harold Smeby of Fosston on Saturday, October 21 from 4-8 p.m. at Ventures in Fosston. Harold had quadruple bypass surgery and has had several strokes since then. He will not be able to work.

A spaghetti feed will be held for all that attend. A Silent Auction will be held and donations from businesses and individuals for this Auction will be appreciated. Contact Joyce Quick (218-435-1526) or Darlene Skoglund (218-435-6302) if you have any questions about the Silent Auction.

This Benefit is sponsored by the United Methodist Church Women.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. October 18: Steve Carlson, *Mark & Joan Lee
Thurs. October 19: Craig Espeseth
Fri. October 20: Marilyn Graff, Holly Breckel, Jerry Weber, David Salvhus, *Brady & Karol Langemo
Sat. October 21: Kobe Hamre, Wanda Stordahl, *David & Sandy Salvhus
Sun. October 22: Chris Bartz
Tues. October 23: *Todd & Lorene Tranby, *Christopher & amy Bartz



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor
Wed. Oct. 18: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. Oct. 20: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. Oct. 22: 8:00am Confession; 8:10am Rosary; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Wed. Oct. 25: 11:00am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 6:30pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. Oct. 27: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. Oct. 6:30pm All Saints Day Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH
Winger/Bejou
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson
Sun. Oct. 22: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary
Sun. Oct. 29: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson
Sun. Oct. 22: 11:15am Worship Service.
Sun. Oct. 29: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. Oct. 18: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place; 7:00pm Bible Study at Don & Sharon Ramberg's
Sun. Oct. 22: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service

Mon. Oct. 23: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place
Tues. Oct. 24: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV--Channel 2

Wed. Oct. 25: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don & Sharon Ramberg's

For information on free rides to any of the above activities call 218-268-4242 or 218-687-3461 Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Hwy. 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then ½ mile east on County Road 206.

MCINTOSH AFLC

McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Pastor Karl Anderson
Thurs. Oct. 19: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sun. Oct. 22: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel; 11:00am Worship at Trinity, potluck Dinner following service
Thurs. Oct. 26: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sun. Oct. 29: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel 11:00am Worship at Trinity
Thurs. Nov. 2: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)
McIntosh
Pastor Jill Torgerson
Sun. Oct. 22: 9am Worship
Sun.Oct. 29: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlund
Wed. Oct. 18: 7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Oct. 22: 10:00am Worship Service
Wed. Oct. 25: 7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Oct. 29: 10:00am Worship Service
Wed. Nov. 1: 7:00pm Bible Study

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Rev. John Anderson, Pastor
Wed. Oct. 18: 3:30pm Confirmation
Thurs. Oct. 19: Bible Study - Poplar Lake
Sun. Oct. 22: 8:45am Divine Worship with Holy Communion; 10:00am Fellowship Hour
Wed. Oct. 25: 3:30pm Confirmation
Thurs. Oct. 26: Bible Study - Poplar Lake
Sun. Oct. 29: 8:45am Worship Service; 10:00am Fellowship Hour
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Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Hello once again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we have had another cool and windy week but with the rain behind us, the farmers are very busy getting the crops off the fields.

With Halloween right around the corner, many homes are being decorated with spooks, goblins and pumpkins.

There are a lot of colds floating around the area, hope all of you take your flu shots and stay well for the duration.

Last Wednesday the 4th, Judy Gieseke brought dinner to and was a visitor with Milton Carlson at Milton's home.

Barry and Kay Malmé of Fargo were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme last Monday at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Last Sunday Butch and Linda Pulskamp and Dean Johnson along with Sharon Johnson of Spring Lake Park and Bette Martin of New Brighton attended a Memorial Service in Long Prairie for Ted Harvery. The family are cousins of Ted's.

Friday the 6th, Dustin, Nikki, Dusty Wayne and Evelyn Carlson along with Paul Carlson were all visitors at the Milton Carlson. The guests brought pizza for supper that was enjoyed by all.

Truman and Darlene Johnson of Dilworth have been spending a few days at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home as Truman has been helping with the harvest.

Last Friday afternoon Roy and Judy Raben were visitors at the Pioneer Home at Erskine with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp were visitors with Jim Wannebo on Thursday at Jim's home in Bagley.

Last Sunday Kjelsie Haugen and Steven Cullen of Oslo were visited with Grandma Betty Myhrum at Betty's home in Winger.

Last Saturday the 7th Taylor and Jessica Carlson of Fosston were evening visitors at the Milton Carlson home.

Lucy Brtek visited this past week with Wilma Wang and Sheldon Lee in Fosston. While visiting with Sheldon, Sheldon's daughter Cindy of Tennessee and Cindy's Mother of Chisholm were also visiting with Sheldon.

Paul Carlson was a visitor last Monday with Milton Carlson at Milton's home.

Dana and Amy Dullum and "Cricket" of Minnetrista spent the week end at the home of her Mother Lucy Brtek. During the week end Michelle Gagner of Mentor joined the family at Lucy's home. They all enjoyed eating together at DaRoo's Pizza in Fosston. They all joined together and cleaned Lucy's yard and have it all ready for winter. After all the chores were done they were joined by Greg Gager at the Duece in Erskine where they enjoyed yet another meal

together. Lucy says I hung in with the best of them and had a fun week end together.

Mark and Betty Syverson were Sunday visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

The news is short again this week, please contribute or it will be the demise of the "Winger News"

In closing, may you all have a good week with good thoughts, kind people and happy moments.

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were distraction-related," Hietpas said. "Other factors were speed-related and alcohol-related."

Motorists should:

- Watch for debris dropped by trucks hauling sugar beets and other crops. It is safer to brake or slowly drive through debris than to veer into oncoming cars or off the road.

- When approaching farm equipment, slow down and use caution. Put additional space between your vehicle and the farm equipment ahead. Don't assume the equipment operator can see you.

- Be patient and wait for a safe place to pass.

- Wear seatbelts.
- Drive with headlights on at all times.

Farm equipment operators should:

- Use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible.
- Use slow-moving vehicle emblems on equipment traveling less than 30 mph.

- Drive slow-moving vehicles in the right-hand lane as close to the edge of the roadway as safely possible.

- Consider using an escort vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night and if the equipment is large enough that it may extend across the center line.

- Avoid encouraging or signaling motorists to pass. Pull over when safe, and let traffic pass.

- Pick up any debris left on the highway by the equipment or contact MnDOT to remove it.

- Plan their routes so wide equipment will not hit or damage signs, guardrails, light poles and other roadway structures.

This message is brought to you by the State of Minnesota's Toward Zero Deaths Coalition, Polk County Toward Zero Deaths Coalition and Polk County Public Health with the shared vision to create a safer diving culture in Minnesota by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior.

If you would like more information about our local Toward Zero Death Coalition or other prevention efforts, please call Polk County Public Health at 281-3385.

Elite Ag Service partners with Peterson Farms Seed to serve SE Polk

Elite Ag Service of Winger is pleased to offer Peterson Farms Seed products to growers in Polk County and the surrounding area for the 2018 growing season. Peterson Farms Seed is a leading supplier of corn and soybean seed in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Elite Ag Service is a local, independent seed company located near Winger, MN. They now offer an exclusive and complete line of Peterson Farms Seed products and services including LibertyLink, RR2 Xtend, and Roundup Ready 2 Yield soybeans. Multiple hybrids of corn including VT2Pro, SmartStax, and conventional will also be available. In addition, Elite Ag Service will offer bale twine and bale wrap, CRP/grass seed for buffer strip and alfalfa seed.

Introduced this year, Peterson Farms Seed's Promise+ Rewards program will be offered through Elite Ag Service on all qualified seed commitment orders.

In addition to the 'thank-yous' offered through the program, 0% financing and cash rebates are available on qualifying seed purchase commitments.

Elite Ag Service is owned and operated by Ben Ystenes and Jordan Gunufson. Both the Ystenes and Gunufson farms are located near Rindal, MN in between Fertile, MN and Winger, MN. Elite Ag Services's goal is to help area growers keep up with the ever-changing agriculture industry and stay ahead of weed resistance challenges by embracing the newest products and technologies while offering the best products available for combating resistant weeds.

Researching and assessing the unique needs of a specific region is all part of the personal involvement of Peterson Farms Seed. "Because farmers are fiercely independent," says Carl Peterson, president, "our independent, family-owned message resonates with many of them. Farmers appreciate that we bring them product choices from multiple breeding programs rather than just a



single source. And then we protect those genetics with only the traits they actually need.

Our company's reputation for integrity and quality has been built by focusing our efforts on helping farmers become more profitable."

Peterson Farms Seed is located near Fargo, North Dakota. The company's replicated research program has grown to be the largest independent testing effort in the region, utilized by nearly every breeding program in the country. In addition to its extensive testing programs, Peterson Farms Seed is very involved with studying new technologies and agronomic practices in order to bring independent recommendation to regional farmers in an effort to increase their yields.

The Peterson lineup includes a full range of corn products as well as Roundup Ready 2 Yield, RR2 Xtend and LibertyLink soybeans. Peterson Farms Seed is the regions LibertyLink leader.

For more information about Elite Ag Service, please call Ben at (701) 793-2716, Jordan at (218) 289-4009 or visit their website: www.eliteagservice.com. For more information about Peterson Farms Seed, visit their website at www.PetersonFarmsSeed.com.

Do you have a story to share?

If you have a story, a story idea or any photos you want to share, please send to: mcintoshtimes@gmail.com



40 years ago...1977: Mac-Winger School cooks for this school year are Orvilla (Mrs. Henry) Bartz, Cora Christenson and Eleanor Anderson. They are preparing "corn dogs" for the children which will be served with cabbage and carrot salad, cookies and milk.



30 years ago...1987: Decorated pumpkins were given away by the Winger Lioness Club to each grade school classroom at McIntosh on Thursday, October 8th, to observe Lioness World Service Day. With the pumpkins is project coordinator Elmyrna Kaupang.



20 years ago...1997: The Win-E-Mac Patriots Junior Varsity football team has played an undefeated season and look forward to the remainder of their schedule as they capitalize on their quickness and solid offense. (Bck L-R) Erik Jax, Matt Tradewell, Ben Jore, Kyle Jore, Nathan Johnson, Lee Tofstad and Mark Sylstad. (Row 2 L-R) Mike Friedley, Jon Ingman, Bryce Stordahl, Joe Faldet, Blake Derosier, Nick DeFrang and Ross Branstner. (Row 1 L-R) Dustin Vedbraaten- Manager, Ted Dibblee, Adam Rock, Joe Larson, Kevin Kiecker, Jesse Haugen, Jeremy Gieseke, Bryan Johnson and Justin Moran- Manager. The team is coached by John Eckman and John Nelson.

Farm & Rural Helpline answers the call for mental health

Free, Confidential Service Now Available in Minnesota

A new Farm & Rural Helpline is now available to Minnesota farmers and rural residents. The service, funded by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), is free, confidential, and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The toll free number is (833) 600-2670.

Farmers and rural communities face unique stresses and emotional situations, including financial challenges, unpredictable weather, physically demanding work, and more. As stress, anxiety, depression, financial burdens, and other mental and emotional issues continue to impact the lives of farmers and rural Minnesotans, the MDA recognized the need for ongoing support.

"I farmed for 24 years, so I'm no stranger to the stress and worry that can be part of farming," said MDA Commissioner

Dave Frederickson. "I know that sometimes it helps to talk to someone about problems that can seem insurmountable. There is always help available around the corner."

He also knows that resources are available in Minnesota to families navigating the unique challenges facing farmers on a daily basis. The Farm & Rural Helpline can connect callers to financial assistance programs, health and mental health services, legal help, and more. Calls are confidential, but counselors may ask for a first name and phone number in case of a dropped call.

The Farm & Rural Helpline is also available to those unsure of what to do about family or friends who may be experiencing anxiety, depression, or a mental health crisis.

Farmers and rural Minnesotans can call the toll free number as often as needed at (833) 600-2670.

Regional Ag News

Eli Gindele, Extension Educator

NDSU offers grain drying and storage tips
by Dr. Kenneth Hellevang, North Dakota State University Extension Service

Farmers are finishing harvest as we transition from a nice warm fall to cooler temperatures and precipitation coming as snow. Following is some guidance on drying and storage during this transition.

Natural air drying

In-bin air-drying becomes inefficient as outdoor air temperature decreases. Turn the drying fans off when outside temperatures average below about 40 degrees. Transition to cooling the grain for winter storage. Do not operate the fans when it is raining, snowing, or foggy.

Cooling stored grain

The grain should be cooled whenever the average outdoor temperature is 10 to 15 degrees cooler than the grain. It should be cooled to near or below 30 degrees for winter storage in the northern states.

Cool grain with aeration to reduce the insect infestation potential. Insect reproduction is reduced at temperatures below about 60°F, insects are dormant below about 50°F, and insects can be killed by extended

exposure to temperatures below about 30°.

Cooling grain as outdoor temperatures cool reduces moisture migration and the condensation potential near the top of the grain pile. In addition, grain moisture content and temperature affect the rate of mold growth and grain deterioration, with the allowable storage time approximately doubling with each 10-degree reduction in grain temperature.

Storing in bags

Storing grain in poly bags is a good option, but it does not prevent insect infestations or mold growth in damp grain. Grain placed in bags should be dry and cool. Recommendations include:

- Placing grain in bags at recommended storage moisture contents based on grain and outdoor temperatures. Corn can be stored at 15% to 18% as long as the corn is near or below 30 degrees going into storage and average outdoor temperatures are near or below 30 degrees. Corn that will be stored into spring and early summer should be at 14% moisture or lower.

- Heating and grain deterioration will occur if the grain

exceeds a safe storage moisture content, and grain in a bag cannot be cooled with aeration. The average temperature of dry grain will follow the average outdoor temperature.

- Selecting an elevated, well-drained site for the storage bags.

- Preparing the ground surface so the bag is not punctured during placement.

- Placing the bags, north and south, so solar heating is similar on both sides. Sunshine on just one side heats that side, which can lead to moisture accumulation in the grain on the cool side.

- Monitoring the grain temperature at several places in the bags. Wildlife can puncture the bags, creating an entrance for moisture and releasing the grain smell, which attracts more wildlife.

Grain Piles

Grain frequently is stored short term in outdoor piles. However, precipitation is a severe problem in uncovered grain. Just a 1-inch rain will increase the moisture content of a 1-foot layer of corn by 9 percentage points. This typically leads to the loss of at least 2 feet of grain on the pile surface. Snow on the pile may melt and

wet the grain, or it is mixed with the grain during unloading.

A 1-foot loss on the surface of a 25-foot-high cone-shaped pile is about 13 percent of the grain. This is a loss of \$39,000 if the grain value is \$4 per bushel. If creating outdoor piles:

- Use a cover to prevent water infiltration. A combination of restraining straps and suction from the aeration system holds grain covers in place. Aeration and wind blowing on the pile will not dry wet grain adequately to prevent spoilage.

- Place the pile so the storage floor is higher than the surrounding ground to minimize moisture transfer from the soil into the grain and assure that there is good drainage around the pile.

- Properly sized and spaced ducts should be placed on the ground under the pile to pull air through the grain. Place perforated ducts on the grain under the cover to provide a controlled air intake for the aeration system and provide airflow near the cover to minimize condensation problems.

Random Things and Stuff



Leaf Crafts

By: Emily Lynne

Right now, the leaves are changing into their beautiful fall colors. Some of these colors are some of the most beautiful mixtures I have ever seen, don't you agree? Pictures can only do so much justice to their beauty, but what I have always enjoyed doing are crafts with leaves. These are especially fun when you have kids who can partake in the craft time. This is a great activity for you to see their creativity and spend time together. Here are a few different craft ideas that you can do with leaves from CountryLiving:

1.Fall Leaf Mobile— this wall decor is created with fallen leaves that you find outdoors, or you can water-color paper leaves that you can make yourself. You will only need a small branch, fishing line, and leaves. Connect the fishing line to the leaves, and

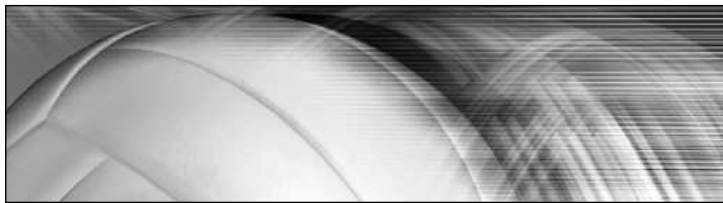
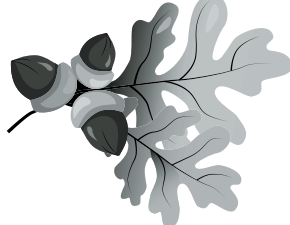
hang them from the branch.

2.Leaf Crowns— do you have a party coming up? Do your kids like to play pretend? You can make crowns out of paper or cardboard and decorate the crowns with the leaves.

3.Wall Art— instead of framing the pressed leaves, you can simply adhere it to card stock with spray mount. Then all you have to do is hang these beautiful pieces up.

4.Leaf Candle Holder— this will allow the warm colors of the leaves to shine through-out your home. All you need is a mason jar, some modge-podge, and leaves. You can modge-podge the leaves onto the outside of the mason jar to decorate it any way that you would like, and then all you need to do is stick a candle inside.

For tutorials and other ideas, check out: <http://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/g1899/fall-leaf-crafts/>



Friends and teammates, the 2017 Win-E-Mac 5th grade Volleyball team had a lot of fun together.



John Nelson talked to the Win-E-Mac Kindergarteners about Fire Safety last week during Fire Prevention Month at Win-E-Mac school.



Erskine Firemen came to Win-E-Mac school last week to talk to the students about Fire Safety.



A great group of Superheroes showed up at the McIntosh Library for a Library/ECFE event last Tuesday evening to hear a story and play some games.

WEM School Announcements

No School

On October 19th and 20th there will be NO SCHOOL at Win-E-Mac due to MEA.

FYI - The Midterm report cards for high school students are now available on Student-Vue.

Drivers Ed Classroom will be held October 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, November 1, 8, 13, 15 and 16. Instructor will be Russ Bly. Classes will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. (note time change), in Mr. Hendrickson's room 45. Cost of the class will be \$50. If you need forms, please pick them up in the office. Deadline to register, with fee, will be October 13, 2017. (NOTICE THAT IT IS OCTOBER 26 INSTEAD OF NOVEMBER 14).

Voice of Democracy Essay Contest

Sponsored by VFW Post 1902 and Auxiliary (contest deadline is Oct. 30)

Voice of Democracy Patriotic Audio Essay Contest announced

Crookston Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1902 and Auxiliary are promoting the Voice of Democracy audio essay contest in this area. The annual contest is designed to foster patriotism by giving students in grades nine through 12 and home schooled the opportunity to voice their opinion about their personal obligations as an American and address their responsibility to our country.

Contestants write and record an essay on the theme "American History: Our Hope for the Future." Recorded scripts must be at least three minutes but no longer than five minutes. Scripts must be recorded on audio cassette tape or CD only.

A typed, double spaced copy of the speech must accompany the essay.

The essays will be judged and the winning tape sent to district competition. Local winners will receive cash awards.

Deadline for entries is October 30.

Every student who com-

petes in the VOD, whether they place or not, is eligible to apply for a scholarship from the Crookston VFW Post.

Tapes can be turned in at the Crookston VFW Club or contact Twylla Altepetter, Voice of Democracy Chairman, at The Fertile Journal, 945-6120, or evenings at 281-6582. Call Jamie Cassavant at 218-281-2047 or Pam DeLage at 218-281-5546 for more information.

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest announced

Crookston Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1902 and Auxiliary are promoting the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest in this area.

The annual contest gives sixth, seventh and eighth graders the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills, while they compete for awards.

Students must write a 300-400 word essay on the theme "America's Gift to My Generation."

All essays should be typed with no color, graphics or poetry. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used.

Contestants cannot identify themselves, their school, city or state in their essay.

Entries should be judged on the basis of their essay alone and contestants are not required to present their essay orally.

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Scary movies perfect for Halloween

Scary movies are as much a part of Halloween as candy and costumes. This Halloween, scare up some entertainment with any of the following films.

Halloween (1978):

Thanks to its title, perhaps no film is more synonymous with Halloween than this John Carpenter classic. A decade and a half after murdering his sister on Halloween night in 1963, deranged Michael Myers is back to terrorize his hometown of Haddonfield.

Night of the Living Dead (1968): Recently deceased writer/director George Romero's tale of the dead suddenly coming back to life is a horror genre classic. Curl up on the couch and watch in horror as a handful of frightened characters attempt to keep flesh eating monsters at bay as they hide in an abandoned farmhouse.

Pumpkinhead (1988): B-movie legend Lance Henriksen stars as Ed Harley in this cult classic about a vengeful father who hopes to get revenge on the people responsible for his son's death. After conjuring a towering demon to do his dirty work, Harley experiences remorse as Pumpkinhead kills again and again.

Friday the 13th (1980): Another horror classic, this film follows a group of teenagers who are attempting to reopen an abandoned campground. One by one each teen is murdered by a mysterious killer, who ultimately turns out to be Jason Voorhees, who drowned at the campground as a boy years earlier.

Hellraiser (1987): A simple puzzle box serves as the catalyst for this classic from horror master Clive Barker, making his directorial debut with this tale focusing on a zombie being pursued by demons.

Frankenstein (1931): Film buffs who want something scary and historic this Halloween can opt for this nearly century-old adaptation of Mary Shelley's tale of an obsessed scientist who creates a monster from the body parts of various exhumed corpses.

Children of the Corn (1984): Based on a short story from horror fiction legend Stephen King, this film focuses on a couple's relocation to a rural Nebraska town. Upon their arrival, they begin to suspect something is amiss, ultimately learning a religious cult of chil-

dren is terrorizing the town.

Kid-Friendly Halloween movie picks

Grab a big bowl of popcorn and enjoy these adorable, kid-friendly semi-spooky classics.

Young Frankenstein (1974): Routinely named one of the funniest movies of all time, Mel Brooks' over-the-top comedy still earns a midnight showing.

Corpse Bride (2005): This Oscar nominee flick follows a young man's accidental marriage to a ghost in Tim Burton's characteristically dark yet silly style.

Monster House (2006): When three friends discover that their neighbor's house is a living, breathing monster, they have to figure out how to stop it before the neighborhood gets it.

Ghostbusters (1988): A group of parapsychologists who end up saving the world from, you guessed it, ghosts. This movie will make you want to call them if you're felling a little weary at night. Brush up on this classic and follow with the all-ladies reboot.



Did you know?

While the image of a witch riding her broomstick across a full moon is one of the more indelible images associated with Halloween, the likelihood of witnessing a full moon on Halloween is pretty slim. According to Moongiant.com, a full moon on Halloween happens an average of just once every 18 or 19 years. That means Halloween celebrants will likely only witness a full moon on Halloween five times every century. In fact, the last time trick-or-treaters went on the prowl for Halloween candy beneath a full moon was October 31, 2001. And Halloween lovers will have to wait just a little bit longer to dodge evil spirits in the light of a full moon, as Moongiant notes the next time a full moon is slated to appear on October 31 is not until 2020.