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Fun at McIntosh Tractor Day



Steve Urness, co-chair of the McIntosh Tractor Day event, took some time to take one of his antique tractors through the parade last Saturday.



Taking a Saturday drive was Clayton Bartz during this year's Tractor Day parade in McIntosh.



Jered Agnes took time from his day at our local grocer, to take part in the Tractor Parade on Saturday in McIntosh.



Not only did Dean Strom take his tractor on the parade route, but he also used it during the tractor pull during McIntosh Tractor Day last Saturday.

Fosston Tri-Coop sees new record

On August 27, 2015 the Fosston Tri-Coop saw a record high protein of 18.0 in a load of Linkert Wheat that came in from Kelliher, MN.

Dean Frenzel plowed down alfalfa and planted the Linkert wheat and will receive a HUGE premium of around \$0.48. If sold on the stoct market and shipped via rail car the premium could be much more. Manager Mike Breckel said "In 36 years I



have only seen this high of protein once before and it was generated the same way. Plow up alfalfa and plant the wheat." Average wheat protein this harvest is around 14.0 which is a break-even point (no premium no discount), where last year's average was around 12.8 which resulted in a discount of around -\$1.10 a bushel. Wheat harvest is 95% complete.



Girls just want to have fun! Just ask Nicole Halverson as she took this John Deere for a spin during the Tractor Day parade in McIntosh last Saturday.

Farm Program enrollment underway

By Mike Philipp, CED, East Polk/Red Lake Counties

The final step to signing up for the 2014 and 2015 ARC-PLC farm program is underway through September 30th at your local county FSA office. Many producers may think they're done with the signup process because they've already signed so many papers, but the actual process of signing the contracts (enrolling) still has to be completed by about half of the producers in East Polk and Red Lake counties. So if you don't remember if you've completed the enrollment process please give the FSA office a call and we'll check. Producers will not want to miss this final (and easy) step because there is a good chance there will be payments in October on some crops, for the 2014 program. We encourage producers to please take care of this ASAP because soybean harvest is just around the corner and then there will be even less time for paperwork.

Commodity Loans Available- With the lower market prices we're beginning to get 2015 commodity loan applications, and we want producers to be aware of the following reminders:

- Only 2015 production is eligible for the 9-month loan. The grain should be dry and otherwise in good condition. Peaks should be leveled whenever possible and the grain should be stored in a good condition, safe bin with attached ladders (or a good ladder available for possible FSA spot-checks). Commodity loans are also available on Warehouse stored commodities, please check with us for details. Some of the East Polk and Red Lake 2015 loan rates are wheat-3.07 (3.08 Red Lake), Barley-1.82 (1.80 Red Lake), and soybeans-4.67 (4.70 Red Lake). Other crops are available.

- Producers will need to provide FSA with accurate measurements at the time of application, including the diameter or circumference of the bin and the height of the grain

excluding false (air) floors. Be sure to clarify with FSA the sidewall height and if there is a peak. Poor measurements can lead to over-disbursements and other legal problems later.

- Measurement Service is available on a limited basis and farmers should be aware that the loan will take longer. Check with FSA for more details.

- The August loan interest rate is 1.25% and the loans mature after 9 months, but can be repaid earlier. A marketing authorization is needed before the grain is moved to the elevator.

- UCC lien filings and searches are now processed through the Secretary of State's Office and can take up to 5 business days for the office to receive. Please plan accordingly.

If you are interested in applying for a Commodity Loan, please call the office prior to stopping in. The office staff will have the necessary documents prepared for you.

The McIntosh Times Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 7 in observance of



Check out next week's edition of the McIntosh Times for full coverage of Tractor Day in McIntosh



Former McIntosh Cenex Manager Judy Stenberg was part of the crew from Red Lake County Coop who served up lunch and ice cream to friends and neighbors during Customer Appreciation Day last Tuesday, August 25th.



Jayden, Lucas and Erich Gensburger stopped in to the Cenex Customer Appreciation Day with their Grandma for some lunch and ice cream last Tuesday, August 25th at the Red Lake County Coop Cenex Store in McIntosh.

Community Calendar

Wed. Sept. 2: 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; Win-E-Mac Open House 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Thurs. Sept. 3: MHAC Thrift Store Open 10:00am -4:00pm; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Bingo at The Club Bar & Grill 6:30pm

Fri. Sept. 4: MHAC Thrift Store Open 10:00am -4:00pm; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. Sept. 5: MHAC Thrift Store Open 9:00am - Noon

Mon. Sept. 7: Labor Day

Tues. Sept. 8: First Day of School @ Win-E-Mac; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Serenity Seekers Al-Anon 7:00pm @ Kingo Church Library, Fosston

Wed. Sept 9: 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. Sept. 10: MHAC Thrift Store Open 10:00am -4:00pm; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; McIntosh City Council @ Community Center 5:30pm; Bingo at The Club Bar & Grill 6:30pm

Fri. Sept. 11: MHAC Thrift Store Open 10:00am - 4:00pm; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. Sept. 12: MHAC Thrift Store Open 9:00am - Noon

Sun. Sept. 13: Community 4-wheeler Ride starting at Vernes Church @ 2:00pm

Mon. Sept. 14: 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. Sept. 15: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



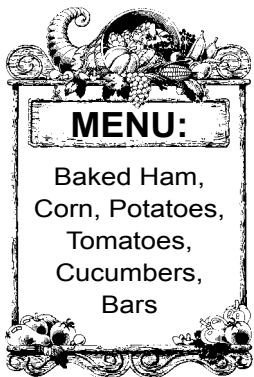
Thursday, August 27th was ECFE Football Buddies night at Win-E-Mac School. The Patriot football players gathered at the field outside the school with their young friends to run, jump, pass and play. A night full of fun for everyone!

EP County Farm Bureau ANNUAL MEETING

The Polk County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at the B&B Cafe in McIntosh. The meal will start at 6:00 pm with the meeting to follow. Our guest speaker for the night will be Doug Busselman, the Director of our MN FB Public Policy Team. We will also be electing three directors for our board. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

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LENGBY VFW CLUB Garden Fresh Harvest Meal



**Saturday,
September 5**
5-8 pm

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Kids: \$6**

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The August Winner of the Summer Time Sizzle drawing from Neil's Quality Meats was Mae Mero from McIntosh.

Pictured below: Having lunch at Customer Appreciation Day at Red Lake County Cenex in McIntosh were (l-r) Shannon, Sydney, Janice and Cameron Svalen.



Pictured Left: Pearl Johnson and her brother Darryl Grimm enjoy lunch together last Tuesday at the McIntosh Cenex Open House.



Pictured left: Mary Kroening and Bob Quinlan played hooky from work and stopped by McIntosh Cenex for lunch and ice cream during the Customer Appreciation Day last Tuesday.

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

Community 4-Wheeler Ride

The Annual Community 4-Wheeler Ride will be held on Sunday, September 13th at 2:00 pm.

Riders will meet in front of Vernes Church north of McIntosh and join the others riding through the hills and valleys of Hill River. Lunch is served after the ride.

Remember, this is for anyone young and old.

In case of rain, the ride will be held on Sunday, September 27th at 2:00 pm.

Garden Club News

The McIntosh/Erskine Garden Club will meet Monday, September 14th at 3:30 pm at the McIntosh Community Center and carpool to Bagley.

We will visit the "Extended Seasons Hydroponic Indoor Garden" store.

We will meet & eat at Darro's in Bagley afterwards.

If you need a ride call Kathie Peterson at 687-2876 or Judi Lindseth at 563-2205



Legal Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.911, notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of the Red Lake Watershed District will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2016 General Fund Budget at 9:30 a.m., September 10, 2015, at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. The following is the 2016 proposed budget:

PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET	
Manager's fees & salaries	\$20,000.00
Board of managers' expense	19,000.00
Staff salaries	410,000.00
Payroll taxes	35,465.00
Employee benefits	96,350.00
Travel and meetings	5,000.00
Audit	9,000.00
Legal	15,000.00
Office supplies	15,000.00
Office equipment	12,000.00
Appraisers and Viewers	3,000.00
Professional services	13,000.00
Dues and subscriptions	5,000.00
Insurance and bonds	28,000.00
Repairs and maintenance-building	12,000.00
Utilities	9,000.00
Advertising & publications	3,000.00
Telephone	14,000.00
Vehicle expense & maintenance	14,000.00
Engineering supplies	3,000.00
Engineering Equipment	30,000.00
TOTAL	\$770,815.00
LESS ESTIMATED OVERHEAD	(615,000.00)
GENERAL FUND LEVY	\$155,815.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
An ad valorem tax of .0003627 times the taxable market value for 2015, collectible for 2016, will be levied on all taxable property within the Red Lake Watershed District. One-half of the levy will remain in the District for projects listed below; the other one-half of the levy will be sent to the Red River Watershed Management Board for projects within the Red River Basin.

Permitting system	Benchmarks
Flood Control studies/projects	Stream gauging
Water quality studies/projects	Rivers
Watershed hydrologic analysis	Lakes
Bank stabilization	

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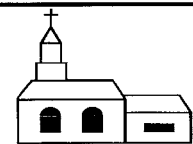
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Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

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Church News



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. Sept. 2: Holy Mass at First Care Nursing Home, Fosston

Fri. Sept. 4: 5:30pm Holy Mass at St. Joseph Church, Bagley (First Friday)

Sun. Sept. 6: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. Sept. 9: 1:00pm Holy Mass at McIntosh Nursing Home

If you have any questions about the schedule please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH Winger/Bejou Interim Pastor Melody Kirkpatrick

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) McIntosh Interim Pastor Melody Kirkpatrick

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

Wed. Sept. 2: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Fri. Sept. 4: 10:00am Telecast of the Luther League program on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Sat. Sept. 5: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Sept. 6: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10:45am Worship Service

Tues. Sept. 8: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Sept. 9: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place;

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.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh

Pastor Paul Magelson
Sun. Sept. 6: 8am Worship
Sun. Sept. 13: 8am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh

Rev. Mark Peske, Pastor
Sun. Sept. 6: 9:30am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion

Wed. Sept. 9: 3:30pm Ladies Aid

Sun. Sept. 13: 9:30am Worship Service with Rally Day, Sunday School Program; 11:00am Council Meeting; 11:00am Sunday School & Confirmation Class

Service Broadcast, TV Channel 12 Wednesdays at 10am - Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

MAC TO FLUSH WATERLINES

The City of McIntosh will be flushing waterlines and hydrants each Thursday throughout the summer.

Residents are encouraged to watch for rusty or dirty water on these days. Fill washing machines to check water before adding clothes.

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DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Sept. 2: 7:00pm Inter-Denominational Bible Study on Beth Moore's Revelation Study. Everyone Welcome!

Sun. Sept. 6: 9:30am Worship Service

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MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson
Trinity:

Wed. Sept. 2: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. Sept. 6: 11:00am Worship Service

Wed. Sept. 9: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. Sept. 13: 11:00am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

Sun. Sept. 6: 9:30am Worship Service

Sun. Sept. 13: 9:30am Worship Service.

Spiritually Speaking

Helping others to help themselves

The nineteenth century British philosopher John Stuart Mill argued persuasively for a variety of social reforms, and especially for state-supported public education, on the grounds that it "is help towards doing without help." That is, education makes people more likely to be able to take care of themselves and live healthy, independent lives. It may be easier to just give people food or money to meet their immediate needs, but in the long run this may only foster a state of dependency, whereas if we take the time to each the person how to fend for himself, he might fare better in the long run. Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day but teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. There are lots of ways in which we can help others to help themselves, whether it is teaching them a skill or trade, or teaching them how to drive or read. Reading opens doors to a whole world of help, because once you teach someone how to read, it gives them access to the entire fund of human knowledge. We should consider how we might help the people in our community, or even in our own families, to be more independent.

-Christopher Simon

B-B Cafe Menu

Wed. Sept. 2: Potato Klub or Ham Dinner, Baked Potato, Carrots, Roll, and Dessert

Thurs. Sept. 3: Hot Turkey, and Dessert

Fri. Sept. 4: Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, and Dessert

Mon. Sept 7: Closed in honor of Labor Day

Tues. Sept. 8: French Dip on Hoagie with Aujus, Potato Salad, and Dessert

Wed. Sept. 9: Roast Pork Dinner, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, and Dessert

Thurs. Sept. 10: Fry Bread Taco, and Dessert

Fri. Sept. 11: Crispy Chicken Salad, Garlic Toast, and Dessert

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Thurs. Sept. 3: Hannah Sylstad, Joel Strom

Fri. Sept. 4: Judy Conley

Sat. Sept. 5: Ben Tofstad

Sun. Sept. 6: Bob Theis, Leo Herem, John Wertish, *Coby & Gayle Burslie, *Mike & Sheree Breckel

Mon. Sept. 7: Emily Ferden, Wendy Reitmeier, Kjersten Faith Anderson, *Jerry & Robin Shimpa

Tues. Sept. 8: *Todd & Jessica Goodwin

Labor Day

"No man needs sympathy because he has to work ... Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

-President Theodore Roosevelt

In 1894, President Grover Cleveland designated Labor Day as a national holiday.

We hope you have a safe and relaxing Labor Day weekend.



First National Bank of McIntosh will be closed on Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day Holiday.



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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again with another week behind us and about to turn the calendar into another month. Had a gloomy Saturday and Sunday with the wind and cloudy and misty, the rain didn't really amount to much again.

Schools are about to start in the area, Fosston Schools begin their classes next Monday and the following Tuesday most all the other schools will begin another year of classes, but if you are in North Dakota or in college classes have already started. Summer has flown by.

Days are getting shorter, is darker later in the mornings and dark earlier at night and so goes it.

Last week Lucy Brtek met Mary Mahori of Fergus Falls for brunch at the Casino.

Last Wednesday Judy Gieseke visited at the Fern and Milton Carlson home and brought them fresh beets from her garden.

Week end house guests at the Pulskamp home were Craig Johnson of Monticello, Steve and Stephanie Johnson of Coon Rapids, Bette and Eddie Martin of New Brighton, Jayson Martin of Coon Rapids, Sharon Johnson of Spring Lake Park and Brent, Jessie, Sidnie, Skylië and Brylie Pulskamp of Wahpeton. Terry Johnson and Sharon Griffith of Newport visited on Friday evening at the Pulskamp home.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem visited last Tuesday and again on Friday with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home.

Last Thursday Donna Carlson was a visitor at the Fern and Milton Carlson home. Donna brought them sweet corn from her garden.

Dana and Amy Dullum and "Cricket" of Minnetristka were week end guests at the Lucy Brtek home. Michelle Gagner and "Rudy" visited at Lucy's during the week end bringing fresh home made rhubarb pie for a treat.

Last week end Dean Henney picked up his Mom, Martha Henney and brought her to the farm. Martha enjoyed being treated to Dean's cooking and also a walk around the farm yard.

Paul Carlson stopped in at the Fern and Milton Carl-

son home on Monday for a eye opener cup of coffee on his way to work. Later that same day Sheila, Jaden and Jasmine Benesh were visitors with Fern and Milton.

Last Saturday afternoon a surprise birthday party was held at the Pulskamp to observe Kelly Johnson's 60th birthday. There were about 40 family members and friends in attendance. They all enjoyed an afternoon of visiting and picture taking along with all the good food that was brought by many of the family. Topping the day off for Kelly was a surprise visit from a long time army buddy Randy Johnson and his friend Linda Nelson of Stillwater, The guys had not seen each other for many years. Also attending as a surprise was former Winger resident Pat Thomas and her daughter Laura Baker of Pomona, KS.

On Monday the 25th Judy Gieseke was a visitor at the Fern and Milton Carlson home,

Boyd and Sylvia Bratager and Beatrice (Locken) Anderson along with Truman and Darlene Johnson of Dilworth attended a Prestegaard cousin reunion that was held in Twin Valley last Saturday.

Monday afternoon visitors at the Pulskamp home were Pat Thomas and Laura Baker of Pomona, KS. Lucy Brtek and Kelly Johnson. That evening the ladies enjoyed supper together at Moran's. Tuesday morning Pat and Laura returned to their home in Pomona.

Helmer and Verlys Homme were visitors at the Roy Raben home at Union Lake last Sunday afternoon.

Until next week and may you all have a good week.

From Bun Manor:

Bun decided to change his column "from the Manor" to the "Bun Manor". This is to avoid confusion on the readers part. He heard that people may have thought he was residing and writing from the McIntosh Manor. This is how rumors get started.

Steve and Lorri Massmann entertained their daughter in-law Nikki on Monday evening at their home in Winger. She enjoyed the meal Lorri had made. Meanwhile back in Texas Evan was puppy sitting

grand puppy Pepper. Pepper got ill when mommy was gone and really made a mess around the apartment. Poor Pepper or should Bun say poor Evan!

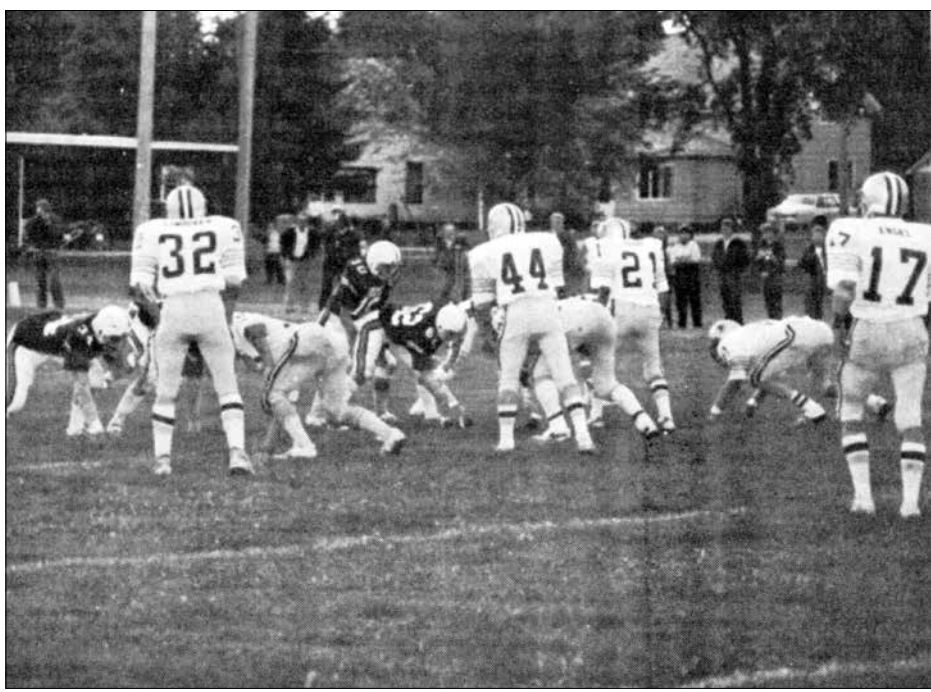
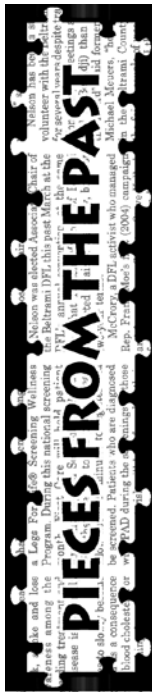
Bun pulled another good one on Monday when he and Panz were at the movie matinee in Fosston. Bun was sitting on the edge of the aisle not far from the garbage cans next to the wall. He forgot to put his chair in neutral and he nodded off for a moment. When he awoke he was facing the wall looking at the cans. You think he would have learned by now to shut the power off.

People say that time stands still for no one. Well the other day Bun, Panz and Scott Sandberg witnessed time stand still for Lady Di while having lunch at Ness café. Lorri Massmann came in to pick up her hamburger that she ordered to go stating that she would be there at noon to pick it up. When she got there the burger wasn't ready. Diane thought it was only 11:30 A.M. because her kitchen clock had stopped and needed new batteries. It took her about a half hour to figure out the clock wasn't running. Too funny!

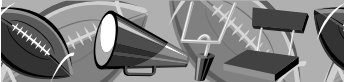
Bun attended the going away party for Brenda Hole at Jamie Morvig's place west of Winger on Friday evening. Brenda is leaving the bank in Winger for another job down at the court house in Mahanomen. Brenda always had a smile on her face and will be missed by her coworkers and customers. Good luck to you Brenda!

Brian and Elizabeth Massmann took a trip down to New Ulm, MN and checked out the Schell Brewery. On the way down they also checked out the worlds largest ball of twine in Darwin, MN. On the way back they stopped in at Inspiration Point, which is the 2nd largest peak in MN. before making their way home. It was a nice little weekend before making it back for the fantasy football draft.

Dick and Karen Hagen came up to spend a few days visiting with friends, Joyce B. Judy and Dave Hagen of Mac. A former McIntosh resident David Peterson joined them when they were visiting Dave and Judy. They did some cleaning up the graves of Karen's parents at the New Salem cemetery north of Mac. They also attended the Salem church auction sale. Bun heard that the Amish are going to dismantle the building



30 years ago...1985: Mac-Winger quarterback David Kiecker taking the snap from Tom Reitmeier in the first quarter action Friday. (pictured top)



20 years ago...1995: Four seniors provide the leadership for the 1995 Patriot football team. (Back L-R) Russell Johnson and Carey Sannes. (Front L-R) Team Captains: Shawn Hedlund and Shaun Bruggeman.. (pictured right)



10 years ago...2005: Kyle Kaupang is tackled after advancing the football for the Patriots during the home game against the Ada-Borup Cougars. (pictured below)



and salvage some of the materials for building purposes. Another piece of history gone. It is sad to see another church close its doors. At this rate of church closings it won't be long before most of the rest of the congregations join them.

Have we lost our faith in this country?

The County Line
By Warren Strandell
Polk County Commissioner,
Dist. 2

Do you want to get really involved in the life around you... want to serve your fellow man in a special way? Have you lived long enough to have some maturity but are still more than able to deal with a lot of responsibility, stress and excitement?

Those are the qualities that the Polk County Sheriff's Office looks for in people to be part of its Dispatch Center staff.

Dispatchers, after some extensive on-the-job training, are the people on the receiving end of 9-1-1 emergency calls. In that role surrounded by computer screens that contain a lot of the information needed to help them do the job, they work at one of the cockpit-like workstations in the county's Dispatch Center.

They work directly with law enforcement officers, ambulance attendants, firefighters and the other agencies needed to attend to a situation.

When a 9-1-1 call comes in, they quickly gather the all-important basic information and then, while asking the caller to remain on the phone, "dispatch" the appropriate emergency response personnel to the scene giving them the information initially provided.

County Line...
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Recipe Corner

Back to school time is here. There is nothing better after a long day of work or school then to sit down with your family for a warm meal.

Crock Pot Chicken and Dumplings

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 can chicken broth (14.5 oz)
1 small onion, chopped
2 tablespoons of butter
½ cup self rising flour
5 tablespoons of ice cold water

Turn the slow cooker on low and add the butter, 2 cans of cream of chicken soup, chicken broth plus one can of water, chopped onion, and chicken breasts. Make sure the breasts are covered with liquid. Cook on low for 6 to 8 hours.

About an hour before serving, crank the slow cooker up to high and break up your chicken. (use a potato masher and just mashed it up. It should be very tender and easy to piece up.) Combine ½ cup self rising flour with 5 tablespoons of ice cold water.

Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and roll thin (about ¼"). Cut into 1" squares with a pizza cutter or knife.

Drop the dumplings around the side of the slow

cooker where it is the hottest and stir. Cover and cook for at least 45 minutes.

Crock Pot Swedish Meatballs

1 can cream of mushroom (or chicken) soup, low sodium*

1 can beef broth, low sodium*

1 packet dry onion soup mix

2 tbsp. A1 steak sauce

1 (2 lb.) bag frozen meatballs

1 (8 oz.) container sour cream (1 cup)

1 (16 oz.) package egg noodles

In a 5-6 quart slow cooker, mix undiluted soup with beef broth, onion soup mix and steak sauce. Stir well. Then add in frozen meatballs.

Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours or on high 3-5 hours.

After meatball mixture has cooked, stir in sour cream. At this time, put a pot of water on the oven to boil for your egg noodles (make according to package directions.) Drain noodles well when done.

Mix noodles and meatballs together. Or serve meatballs on top of noodles.

Note: Low sodium is a personal preference for this to keep it from being too salty. If serving for a crowd, mix together noodles and meatballs and keep my crock pot on the 'warm' or 'buffet' setting. But when it's just the family, everyone can serve themselves and grab as many meatballs, noodles and sauce as they like.

Regional Ag News

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Corn Silage

Harvest on the Horizon

This week's timely tip comes from my coworker, Dan Martens, Extension Educator in central Minnesota.

If you raise corn, harvesting the crop as silage is always an option, even if you do not have livestock yourself. Given the dismal price of corn, chopping provides one more harvest option; this is especially true if your corn was damaged by recent storms. Another advantage of silage is getting the crop off early, at least a month earlier which may be desirable given the unpredictability of fall weather.

The earliest maturing corn is beginning to dent. As it moves from early dent, when the whole plant moisture might be 73% or more; full dent is about 71%; ½ milk line around 65% moisture; 1/4 milk line around 63%; no milk line around 60% and the grain moisture might be around 32%...and a black layer starting to develop on the kernel tip. I use the milk line process where ¼ milk line means there is still milk about ¼ of the distance up from the bottom of the kernel.

I have one reference that says it might take 5 days to move from early dent to full dent, 5 days from full dent to half milk line - if weather conditions push things quickly. That seems really fast to me. So as the corn starts to dent, it's time to watch the crop pretty closely for chopping corn silage.

Ultimately reaching the whole plant moisture that is correct for your storage and feeding practices is important. When we have good soil moisture, we can be fooled into thinking the corn is too green to chop. The grain makes up half of the total dry matter weight of plant. So when the grain gets down around a 35% moisture range and less, that weighs heavily on the whole plant moisture content.

With normal weather and crop conditions, once we get to where most kernels have started to dent, we might expect to lose about one-half of one percent whole plant moisture per day. So if we think we are around 71% whole plant moisture when most kernels have dented, we might drop 6% moisture and be at 65% moisture in around 12 days.

PRICING CORN SILAGE

With a better planting season and ample moisture, there might not be as many people shopping for corn for silage as last year, but there will be some, especially is storm damaged areas.

Ohio State Extension posted an article recently about pricing Corn silage. This can be found by doing a website search for "Ohio Extension Pricing Corn Silage August 2015". You're welcome to call us at the County Extension Office to get a copy. The article lists several links to related topics.

One article tells about a computer program (SESAME) that calculates a value for corn silage based on the value of 20 or 30 other feed materials. The article shows an example that resulted a "corn standing in the field price" of about \$24 per ton. That's in the range of a thumb-rule estimating that a ton of corn silage purchased out of the field might have a value of 6 to 8 times the price of a bushel of corn. This is based on expecting 6 to 8 bushels of corn per ton of corn silage. Some value for the fodder might be added to that. DO NOT take \$24 as the right number for your situation - do you own math.

People who start negotiations with 6 to 8 times the price of corn should study a Wisconsin Extension Article about field trials looking at the variations and factors that play into bushels of corn per ton. With yields averaging from 25 to 300

bushels per acre and moisture ranging from 60 to 70% over several years, this ranged from 0 to 12 bushels per ton. Wisconsin Extension forage information can be found by searching for "Wisconsin Extension Forage FYI" or call the County Extension Office.

Moisture alone makes a huge difference. For corn at 125 bushels per acre, for example, if chopped at 60% moisture, these field trials averaged 14.6 tons of corn silage per acre and 8.5 bushels of corn per ton. If chopped at 70% moisture, they averaged 19.5 tons per acre BUT only 6.4 bushels per ton - because more of the weight is water.

Wisconsin also has a worksheet for putting harvest and production costs and other information for estimating potential buyer and seller prices for corn silage. Testing corn silage for moisture and feed quality can be helpful in considering corn silage prices.

For the buyer, a key question is: What will I have invested in the feed when I put in in the feed bunk - when I add what I pay for the standing crop and my costs to chop, haul, and put it in storage?

For the seller, a key question is: How does the standing crop stumpage value compare to my cost of production... and how does net income for the crop, if chopped - compare to the value of the grain I would harvest MINUS my cost for harvesting, drying, hauling, storage and/or moisture deductions. What about the value of stalks left on the field with grain harvest?

At the end of the day, the buyer and seller need to figure out if there is a price that makes sense for their situation.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: Dan Martens, UM Extension Educator.

Random Things and Stuff



No Buddy Left Behind
By: Emily L. Ferden
This year at Bemidji State University, there is a campaign going around called, "No Buddy Left Behind; Save Our Students". This campaign started this year after having a young student die last year of hypothermia after getting lost on her way home after a party. The campaign is to not tell students they can't drink, but that they should have a buddy

MN marks a decade at the top of the nation for ACT

Participation is up 2 percent from last year, with more students of color taking the test. For the tenth year in a row, Minnesota high school seniors were top in the nation on the ACT, among states in which at least 50 percent of graduates took the test. Minnesota seniors posted an average score of 22.7, compared to the nationwide average of 21. Additionally, more Minnesota students met each of the four benchmarks—English, Reading, Math and Science—than did students across the country, 39 percent compared to 28 percent nationally. "The ACT is one of the best indicators we have to show that our students are prepared for career and college," Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius said. "For ten straight years our students have outperformed the nation. It is an incredible achievement that would not be possible without Minnesota's dedicated teachers and students." The data come from ACT's yearly report, "The Condition of College and Career Readiness." This year's report shows that for Minnesota's class of 2015, 46,862 students—or 78 percent—took the ACT, compared to 59 percent of students nationally. This number is up from 2 percent from last year. The results also continue show a steady trend upward in the number of students of color taking the ACT in Minnesota. "This decade of high performance by our high school stu-

system and to watch out for one another. No Buddy Left Behind is something I feel that will really have a positive effect on our campus. We need to watch out for one another and be aware when bad situations may come. Even though this is college-based, I believe that it could also be applicable to high school students. We all know that there are high school students that party, and even if we can't make it stop, we need to encourage safety. Don't drink alcohol to excess, be aware of your surroundings, have a safe ride home, and look out for others. I encourage you to go on Youtube.com and watch the promotional video from BSU called "No Buddy Left Behind".

dents affirms the hard work both teachers and students are doing to prepare Minnesota high school graduates for postsecondary study," Office of Higher Education Commissioner Larry Pogemiller said. "However, a significant challenge remains in regard to the educational attainment of low-income and students of color, and we need to focus on eliminating that gap." The 2014-2015 school year was also the first time every Minnesota junior took the ACT, free of charge, as part of new graduation requirements approved by the 2013 Legislature. Those scores are not reflected in these results, which look solely at the graduating class, but will be included in next year's ACT results. "This is a tremendous accomplishment for Minnesota students. They understand the importance of the ACT and are motivated to do well on it so they can get into their desired postsecondary institution," Cassellius said. "I am especially encouraged to see more students of color taking the exam and outperforming their peers nationally. We still have a long way to go to close gaps in our state, but this is one more indicator that we are taking the right steps to get there." The national and state ACT Condition of College & Career Readiness 2015 reports can be viewed and downloaded at: <http://www.act.org/readiness/2015>.

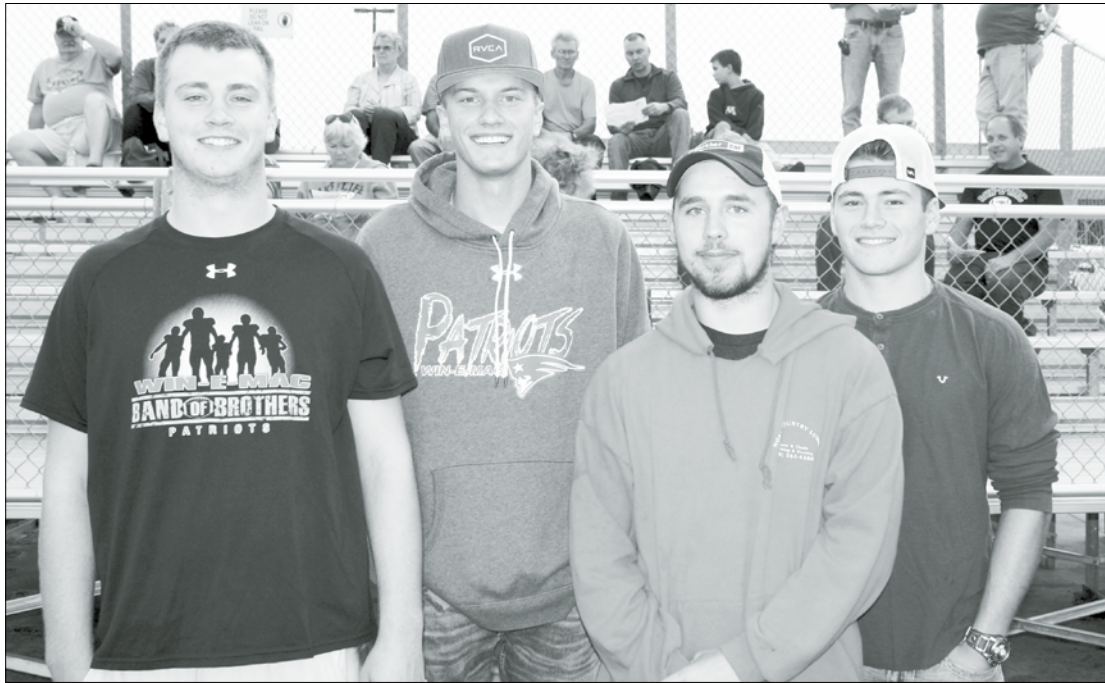


County Line...
Continued from page 3... Then, returning to the caller who stayed on the line, they try to gather more information all the while remaining in communication with emergency personnel. Dispatchers are the coordinators... the persons who deal directly with the "who, what, why and how" issues as developments are monitored. They keep all informed. They are a big part of a very special team. There is a lot of responsibility involved with virtually everything that dispatchers do. They are trained to remain calm under fire and to calm the callers. A lot of people depend on them for their safety beginning with the person(s) involved in the situation along with those who are responding to the situation. With most people now having cell phones and many more being into texting and other communication technologies, the call loads to dispatch centers has ballooned in recent years. There are many calls that are duplicates and others that don't qualify as emergencies, but all require answering. To dismiss them without cause could prove to be disastrous. The world is changing even here in rural Minnesota. The major crimes that for many years seemed to occur elsewhere have become a bigger part of life in our backyards. In one way or another, drugs, alcohol and mental illness are often a factor in most calls. While emotion is a part of most everything that dispatchers do, it can't be allowed to dictate how they do the job. Being in control is a must. There is a real sense of accomplishment when things turn out well. There is the opposite feeling when that doesn't happen. The job of being a dispatcher is definitely not easy but there is reward... the kind that only those who do the work can fully understand. An opening or two seems to be a constant in Polk County Dispatch Center staffing. And based on what seems to be happening in our world, there will be the need for more dispatchers in the years ahead. Still interested? If so, you may be a candidate to become a dispatcher. But understand that it takes a very special person. Besides wanting inside information into why the sirens are sounding, not that many have a real desire to be any more involved than that. Should you be one of those who do, Polk County may be interested in you. You may want to check it out.

Wisdom from the Seat of an Old Tractor:
Life is simpler when you plow around the stumps. Don't sell your mule to buy a plow. Never wallow with the pigs in the pigpen. You'll get dirty and the pigs will like it. Disclaimer: Thoughts expressed in this column are those of the author and are not necessarily a reflection of the opinions of the other members of the Polk County Board of Commissioners.



(l-r) Karson, Hailey and Nick Hedlund watched the tractor parade last Saturday in McIntosh.



Stopping by the Patriot football field on Friday night to check out the first home game of the season were former Win-E-Mac football players, (l-r) Zach Plante, Jake Knutson, Matt Thompson, and Zac Tradewell.



Logan Johnson tries to out maneuver the block by Blake Glass during the Win-E-Mac ECFE Football Buddies night on Thursday, August 27th.



Kalli Roy got ready to catch the ball while playing catch with the Win-E-Mac football players on Thursday evening at Win-E-Mac School during ECFE Football Buddies Night.

OPEN HOUSE

The public is invited to attend an Open House event for the new **Arts & Event Center / Shop Facility at the Win-E-Mac School**

Wednesday, September 2 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm
~ light lunch served 5:00 - 6:30 pm ~

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The kids lined up to play catch with the Win-E-Mac football players during the ECFE Football Buddies Night at the School last Thursday, August 27th. Here Cora Altepeter throws a great pass to Patriot Nick Olson.

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