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The Tractor Pull during McIntosh Tractor Day on Saturday, August 29th, was fun for all ages. Here a young group watch as Joel Strom pulls.



Thumbs up from Zach Plante during the Tractor Parade in McIntosh on Saturday, August 29th.



Dakota Hedlund gives the Polar Beach Kiddie Pull a try during Tractor Day in McIntosh.

Heritage Day is this Saturday in Fosston

By Judy Newton
The East Polk Heritage Center is extending our usual summer season by an extra two weeks this year, changing the 2015 Heritage Day from the last weekend in August to September 12. It promises to be an event you won't want to miss. The scheduled events begin with the Farmers' Market at 8 a.m. managed by Jerry and Kathy Kaupang of Bagley.

The Moen Schoolhouse will be a favorite stop with everyone as many of the events scheduled for this year will be held here. One of the main attractions will be a Rosemaling demonstration by the Norda Gonvick Rosemalers Club. Several members of the club will be demonstrating their art and perhaps have an item or two for sale.

Another attraction drawing crowds to the schoolhouse is a free quilt show coordinated by Vicki Strom, showcasing various quilts made by local quilters, including Clifford Bartz, a 93 year old McIntosh resident who sews his quilts on an antique treadle sewing machine. If you have a quilt to add to the quilt show contact Vicki at 218-563-3138, or drop off your quilt at the schoolhouse Wednesday evening between 5 and 7 p.m. During the show visitors will vote for their favorite quilt, and token prizes will be awarded to the quilter taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

You will also want to bid for items donated by area merchants for the Silent Auction on display in the schoolhouse. Bidding is from 8 a.m. until 12-noon. Items must be claimed by 12:45 p.m. One event last year was such a big hit that it will be repeated again this year: the free drawings every hour, on the hour, the first drawing at 9 a.m. for \$10 gift certificates donated to the Heritage Center by area restaurants in East Polk County. A sign-up table for the drawings will

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Wayne Gustafson with his classics during the Tractor Parade in McIntosh on Saturday, August 29th.

WEM Open House kicks off school year

The school year has officially begun. Starting off the year, was the Win-E-Mac Open House. Many community members attended the open house to check out the new Arts & Event Center that was mostly completed over the past summer, as was a new addition to the Industrial Arts classroom, and some repurposing of rooms for the FACs classroom as well as the band and choir rooms. The Arts & Event Center features a new stage and a multi-purpose gym and a convertible seating area. There are new locker rooms and a new fitness area, that is open for use, on a fee basis, to community members as well as for students. This year at Win-E-Mac kids in grades 7 through 12 received iPads, and all students and parents were able to attend an informational meeting and receive their new iPads after placing a deposit and technology fee. The school will offer both breakfast and hot lunch this year. The cost for breakfast will be \$1.45 for elementary age kids and \$1.80 for high school students. Adults will pay \$2.40 for breakfast. Hot lunch will cost \$2.35 for Elementary students and \$2.60 for all high school students, and adults will pay \$4.00. There will be individual items available as well as ala carte choices and will range anywhere from \$0.75 to \$1.75. Gate Prices for sporting events at Win-E-Mac for the 2015-2016 school year will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students and Senior Citizens. You can purchase an activity pass as well. Adults will pay \$60.00 for the year, High School students \$40.00 for the year, elementary students \$20.00 for the year, Senior Citizens \$35.00 a year and a family pass for all living in the same household is \$150.00 per year. Anyone who was unable to attend should receive a packet with this school year's information in it from their student after the first day of school.

Community Calendar

- 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
- Wed. Sept. 16:** 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. 17:** 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. 18:** 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. 19:** MHAC Thrift Store Open 9:00am - Noon
- Mon. Sept. 21:** 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.** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



Buddies Remy Goodwin and Will Tofstad had to have a pull off to settle the 6th Division winner.



Win-E-Mac School Board members and contractors from the project were at the Open House on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 when everyone could tour the new Arts & Event Center at the school. Pictured: front (l-r) Principal Kevin McKeever, School Board Member Jim Tadman, School Board Member Melissa Smeby, School Superintendant Randy Bruer; back (l-r) Tom Fabick, MLA Architects, School Board Member Mark Thompson, School Board Member Jason Carlson, School Board Member Travis Kolden, School Board Member Jason Breckel, and Curt Kluznik, Project Manager for ICS.

McIntosh Craft & Market Day Sept. 19

McIntosh will host the annual Craft, Market & Vendor Day on Saturday, September 19, 2015. The day will begin around 9:00am with vendors at the McIntosh Community Center and Fire Hall. There will be some vendors along the streets as well. There will be a book sale at the McIntosh Library from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you are interested in donating books for the sale, please contact the Library or drop the books off during regular library hours. There will also be Pie and Coffee at the Fire Hall. If anyone is interested in donating a pie for this fundraiser, please call Judi Lindseth at 563-2205. The event is sponsored by the McIntosh Booster Club.

EP County Farm Bureau ANNUAL MEETING

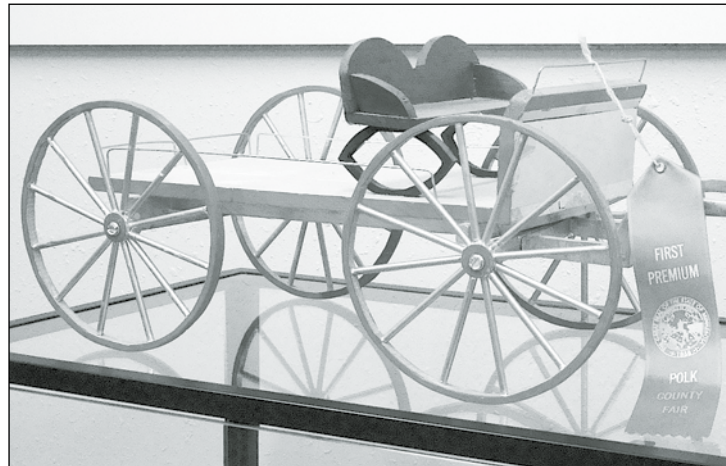
The Polk County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at the B&B Cafe in McIntosh. The meal will start at 6:00 pm with the meeting to follow. Our guest speaker for the night will be Doug Busselman, the Director of our MN FB Public Policy Team. We will also be electing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

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The Mayor and Council of the City of McIntosh would like to extend a heartfelt and wonderful thank you to all members of the community for a great day of tractor fun! Steve Urness and Roy Ostenaa, the VFW Auxiliary and the McIntosh Community Club for setting up the annual tractor parade and the 2nd annual tractor pull, the Snowmobile Club for hosting the Kid's Tractor Pull, Vicki Strom and Quilter's Club for hosting the quilt show and Eddy Emerson and Jason Smeby for hosting the car show. Also a great thank you to all other business owners and members and volunteers who have helped make it a fun-filled day for the family and community!

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Buckboard" wooden model by John Rakowski of Erskine, MN

Paint Your Wagons

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) is delighted to announce an exhibit of paintings by Brenda Baumer of East Grand Forks, and wagon models by John Rakowski of Erskine, Minnesota. Paint Your Wagons, our exhibit for September 2015, opened Wednesday, September 2nd, in our East Grand Forks gallery in Riverwalk Centre Mall.

Brenda Baumer earned her degree in Social Psychology from Park University, choosing a career in the mental health management field. Upon retirement in 2014 Brenda began her journey as a self-taught artist with inspiration from artist Bob Ross, and encouragement from many friends and artists in the local community.

Brenda's paintings are created from memory and imagination, evoking serene wooded scenes and landscapes. She is experimenting with new subjects. Brenda's paintings have been shown in community exhibits. Brenda's work was selected for the NWMAC Regional Exhibit in Thief River Falls, and one of her paintings was chosen to be included in the NWMAC Traveling Art Exhibit which is now visiting East Grand Forks' Campbell Library.

John Rakowski grew up

in a farming community and always had his hand in wood-working. He remembers when farming relied on horse-drawn wagons, and when as a child he made his own toys replicating tractors, trucks and farm villages. In high school John built furniture, including bookshelves and a table.

His adult career led him to be head of grounds maintenance at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, a career he misses; but in retirement he has returned to his first love of wood-working. John has spent twenty years building wooden models of the wagons and buggies he remembers, including buckboards, grain wagons, and Amish buggies. Several of his pieces have won blue ribbons at the Polk County Fair.

Paint Your Wagons will be displayed in the NWMAC gallery inside River Walk Artists Shop and Gallery from Wednesday, September 2nd to Sunday, September 20, 2015. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 3:00 to 7:00 pm, and Sunday, 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The Arts Council gallery and River Walk Artists shop & gallery are located in the River Cinema mall. Park in the large lot to the north and enter the mall door; we are the first door on the right.



Kerri McDonald and Lana Bauer from LB's Office served lunch to the hungry onlookers during the Tractor Pull on Saturday, August 29th.



There was a great turnout of local and area cars during the Tractor Day car show at Erikson Park in McIntosh.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

McINTOSH
THURSDAY, SEPT. 10, 2015
5:30 PM
— COMMUNITY CENTER —

CALL TO ORDER:
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
ROLL CALL:
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
AGENDA ADDITIONS:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
a. SPECIAL MEETING: POPLAR MEADOWS - AUGUST 10, 2015
b. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST 11, 2015
c. SPECIAL MEETING: 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET - AUGUST 31, 2015

PUBLIC CONCERNS:
OLD BUSINESS:
a. PERSONNEL POLICY REVIEW
b. CLEAN UP DAY
c. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES
d. JANITORIAL POSITION
e. TREES/SHRUBS
f. RATE REVIEW

NEW BUSINESS:
a. WIN-E-MAC SCHOOL LEVY REFERENDUM
b. OFFER FOR CITY LOT
c. LIGHT POST FOR COTTAGE AVENUE
d. CHRISTMAS DISPLAY
e. REISSUE CHECK FOR REHAB LOAN
f. FARMSTEAD IN MCINTOSH
g. SET DATE FOR PUBLIC 2016 BUDGET MEETING
h. BUILDING PERMIT - RON LEMER SHED
i. BACKFLOW MAINTENANCE
APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:
COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:
NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:
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be located in the schoolhouse, and at least two winners will be drawn each hour and announced from the back porch of the Larson house. You must sign up each hour for the next drawing as tickets from each hour are discarded after each drawing. Winners must be present to win and will have one hour to claim their gift certificates. If not claimed in one hour, a new winner will be drawn for that certificate, along with those scheduled to be drawn the next hour.

Various demos or displays will be on the grounds from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A favorite is Leon Bitker who will fascinate you as he demonstrates his hardanger skills by making beautiful iron roses.

The kid's favorite Nickel Dig will be held at 11 a.m. in the sand pile next to the parking lot on the Heritage grounds. Part of the \$100 in nickels, dimes and quarters for the Dig was donated to EPHC by Garden Valley Telephone Company again this year.

A cake-baking contest is a favorite with everyone and will take place again this year. So, ladies, and you gentlemen who know your way around the kitchen, get out your favorite recipes and enter your yummy creation. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Cakes must be delivered to the Larson House by 9 a.m. Winners will be announced at 10:30 when the cakes and ice cream will be served in the picnic shelter for a free-will donation.

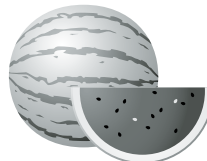
Lunch will be served in the picnic shelter beginning at 11:30. A menu and prices will be posted. Cold drinks will be sold separately all day.

Whether you are relaxing in the picnic shelter enjoying the cake and ice cream or having lunch, the Tim Johnson Trio will be providing a variety of Gospel, Country and Old-Time music for your listening enjoyment from 10 a.m. to 12-noon on the back porch of the Larson House.

Craig Lende of Lende Fabricating in Lengby is making another stainless steel brick stand for the Heritage Center which should be completed by Heritage Day. It will be installed next to the existing brick stand in front of Moen School honoring former students and teachers of country schools. The second brick stand is designated to house bricks purchased by anyone in the area who recognize the

important contribution country schools made in developing cultural values not just in East Polk County, but throughout the entire U.S. Bricks may be purchased inside the schoolhouse for \$100, which includes the engraving fee and installation in the appropriate stand. "Country School Memories of East Polk County" will be sold, and we have very few copies of Ozzie Tollefson's book, "Mr. Teacher" still for sale.

Mark your calendars for this Saturday to take in Heritage Day at the Heritage Grounds in Fosston's Mellon Park. With the many scheduled events there is something to please everyone, so come early and bring the entire family. We look forward to seeing you there.



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 Darroo's in Bagley afterwards.

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

VFW Auxiliary #6891 News

The McIntosh VFW Auxiliary #6891 will hold their September meeting at 6 p.m. at The Club on September 14. All members are encouraged to attend.

As of August 21, 2015, a Resolution was passed at Nationals to allow sons and spouses of VFW Auxiliary members to join the Auxiliary.

This is a big change for the VFW Auxiliary but we would encourage these guys to be a part of our Auxiliary. Membership applications can be obtained from Patti Benson, VFW Auxiliary Membership Chairman.

Members are reminded to pay the \$20 dues immediately so that notices and phone calls will be at a minimum. Send your dues to Patti Benson in McIntosh.



Rebecca Schommer with husband Gary enjoyed the great day, and the great tractors during the McIntosh Tractor Parade on August 29th.

The McIntosh Times Office Hours

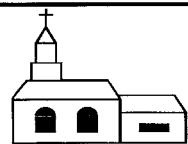
Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon
Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Call or fax: (218) 563-3585

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Church News



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen,
Pastor

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

Fri. Sept. 11: 11:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Sept. 13: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Tues. Sept. 15: 2:00pm Holy Mass at Cornerstone, Bagley

Wed. Sept. 16: 11:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's Fosston

Fri. Sept. 18: 11:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Sept. 20: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

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

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Sun. Sept. 13: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

Sun. Sept. 20: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Sun. Sept. 13: 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. Sept. 20: 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

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

Sat. Sept. 12: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Sept. 13: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10:45am Worship Service

Tues. Sept. 15: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Sept 16: 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 (LPMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Paul Magelson

Sun. Sept. 13: 8am Worship

Sun. Sept. 20: 8am Worship

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

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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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. Mark Peske, Pastor

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

Sun. Sept. 20: 9:30am Divine Worship with Holy Communion; 11:00am Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

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

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FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Sept. 9: 7:00pm Inter-Denominational Bible Study on Beth Moore's Revelation Study. Everyone Welcome!

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

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Sun. Sept. 20: 9:30am Worship Service.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Trinity:

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

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

Wed. Sept. 16: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. Sept. 20: 11:00am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

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

Sun. Sept. 20: 9:30am Worship Service.



B-B Cafe Menu

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

Mon. Sept 14: Patty Melt, Mac Salad or Fries, and Dessert

Tues. Sept. 15: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, and Dessert

Wed. Sept. 16: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Carrots, Roll, and Dessert

Thurs. Sept. 17: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Cream of Tomato Soup, and Dessert

Fri. Sept. 18: Turkey Dinner, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Cranberries, Roll, and Dessert

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Sept. 9: Ed Nephew, Kendyl Johnson, Alexys Perreault, Chris Springer (Boucher)

Thurs. Sept. 10: Leah Smeby, Ashley Schow, Chad Ekeberg, *Kevin & Anna Mandt

Fri. Sept 11: Wendel Webster, Chrissy Roue

Sat. Sept. 12: Karen Plante, Shania Christianson

Sun. Sept. 13: Lowell Ostenson

Mon. Sept. 14: Amy Bartz, Mary Pulford, *Tom & Heather Hegre

Tues. Sept. 15: Elaine Burslie, Michael Gensburger, *Matthew & Rachell Finseth

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello from Winger and the Union Lake areas and welcome to September and the start of another school year for the area schools.

It has been hot and muggy for the past several days but sounds like that is about to come to an end. Cooler temps will be welcome by most and hopefully we will still have a nice long fall ahead of us.

If you didn't make it to McIntosh last Saturday you missed a full day of activities, starting with the antique tractor parade, there was a kiddie tractor pull, and of course the antique tractor pull along with a car show in the park and also the auction sale at the Salem Church. Was a day full of entertainment and good visits with people from near and far. Thanks to Roy Ostenaa, Mary Pulford and Steve Urness who worked so hard to make the tractor parade another success and to all others who helped in any way. Looking forward to it again next year.

With the start of school we will be seeing the school buses going up an down the road, so when we see them stopped picking up students, remember to obey the stop sign.

With the Labor Day Holiday behind us and the start of school year and summer coming to a close, we will soon move on to the fall suppers and bazaars and all the good things that come with the change of the seasons.

SYMPATHY to the families of Shirlee Ericksen, Palma Shirlee Hoidahl Ericksen passed away August 19th at the Good Samaritan Ambassador Nursing Home in New Hope, MN. She was 79 years old at the time of her passing. Services were held at the Chapel in Brooklyn Park on Sunday August 23. Shirlee is survived by her children Scott (Diane) Ericksen, Tracy (Eric) Friederick and Kene (Eric) Okerson along with 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, her sisters Idonna Hinton and Pam Wang. She was preceded in death by her husband Don and parents the late Simon and Polly Hoidahl. Bless the memory of Shirlee.

HAPPY 94th BIRTHDAY to Milton Carlson! On Friday the 28th Dick and Wanda Donovan of St. Francis arrived at the Milton Carlson home to

spend the weekend and to help Milton observe his birthday which was on the 30th.

Helmer Homme's niece Chris Metler and her husband Chris and family were Sunday overnight guests at the Helmer Homme home. While here they attended the funeral of Chris's aunt June Fortier that was held in Crookston. Also here to attend the funeral for June were Craig and Sharon Chambers. Verlys Homme was able to be home briefly during the week end and visited with the Metler family and also with Craig and Sharon Chambers.

Sunday August 30th Lonnie and Judy Gieseke, Paul and Donna Carlson along with house guests Dick and Wanda Donovan along with Fern and Milton enjoyed Sunday dinner together that Wanda had prepared in honor of Milton's birthday at the Carlson home. Joining them later that afternoon for birthday cake were Chad, Michelle and Treydon Carlson, Chris, Sheila, Jasmine and Carson Benesh, Kari, Terry and Oliviyah Keller, Brent, Jennifer, McKenzie, Joshua and Dominic Carlson, Adam and Cosette Carlson, Monte, Kristen, Emma, Tory, Mia and Hadley Erickson. Milton also received many calls and text messages wishing him a Happy Birthday.

Lucy Brtek made a trip to Park Rapids last Friday where she had an appointment.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Carol Stordahl were Paul and Amber Kazmierczak and family of Mentor and Ashlee Lee and two children of McIntosh. They enjoyed lunch in the apartment dining room along with bars as both girls brought pans of bars and Grandma Carol's banana muffins.

Dick and Wanda Donovan left on Sunday for their home in St. Francis after spending the week end at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Monday Lucy Brtek and Sara Lucken and Sara's sister Elly made a road trip to Thief River, but due to the detour between Brooks and Plummer had to take the scenic route. Once in Thief River the girls enjoyed a delicious Chinese lunch.

Judy Gieseke was a Tuesday visitor at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Until next week may you

all have a wonderful one and a good Labor Day week end also even if I am a little late.

From Bun Manor:

Monday afternoon Jonny decided he wanted to hang with Bun for awhile. They went out to pick some corn out a Dale's. They stopped at the Depot for lunch after they were done picking corn. Jon called a friend of his and opted to ditch Bun and spend sometime with his buddy. Bun can't blame him for that. He knows when he was that age he would rather hang with his peers than a 56 year old man.

Bun ran into Michael Larson and his partner Leroy from Atlanta at the Depot. Bun and Michael grew up together attending school in Winger. They shot the breeze for over an hour. Michael was up to attend a burial service at Lima cemetery for his brother David. His sister Donna and brothers Roger, Lloyd and Dick were also present.

God bless David and the Larson family.

Thursday afternoon Andy and Linda came up to visit with Bun for a couple of days. Lucy Brtek meandered her way out to Bun's place for lunch that day. She brought a tasty funeral hot dish that she made the night before. She had a minor set back on her way out. She got mixed up on her turns. She forgot her phone so she couldn't call. Luckily she waved down Michele and she gave her directions. Thanks Lucy for bringing lunch.

Deadline for key Farm Bill Safety Net Programs Sept. 30

Producers have Until Sept. 30 to Sign Up for ARC/PLC and MPP-Dairy

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini reminds farmers and ranchers that they have until Sept. 30 to enroll in several key Farm Bill safety net programs – Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy).

"These programs provide important risk protection for farm and dairy operations, so it is important not to miss the deadline for enrollment," said Dolcini. "Producers already have elected ARC or PLC, so now is the time to sign the contract and enroll for the 2014 and 2015 crop years. I also

remind dairy operations to enroll for coverage in 2016. Just \$100 covers 90 percent of milk production at a \$4 margin, and with incremental premiums, up to an \$8 margin can be covered."

ARC and PLC programs trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues.

More than 1.76 million farmers and ranchers are expected to sign contracts to enroll in ARC or PLC. Covered commodities under the programs include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and

wheat.

Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. The elections for each farm stay in place through 2018, but ownership and shares can be adjusted through the annual enrollment.

For additional program information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

MPP-Dairy offers protection to producers when the difference between the milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

Participating dairy farmers will remain in the program through 2018 and pay a \$100 administrative fee each year. Producers also have the option of selecting a different coverage level during open enrollment each year. MPP-Dairy payments are based on an operation's historical production,

which will increase by 2.61 percent in 2016, if the operation participated in 2015, providing a stronger safety net. More than half of the nation's dairy producers are enrolled in the program.

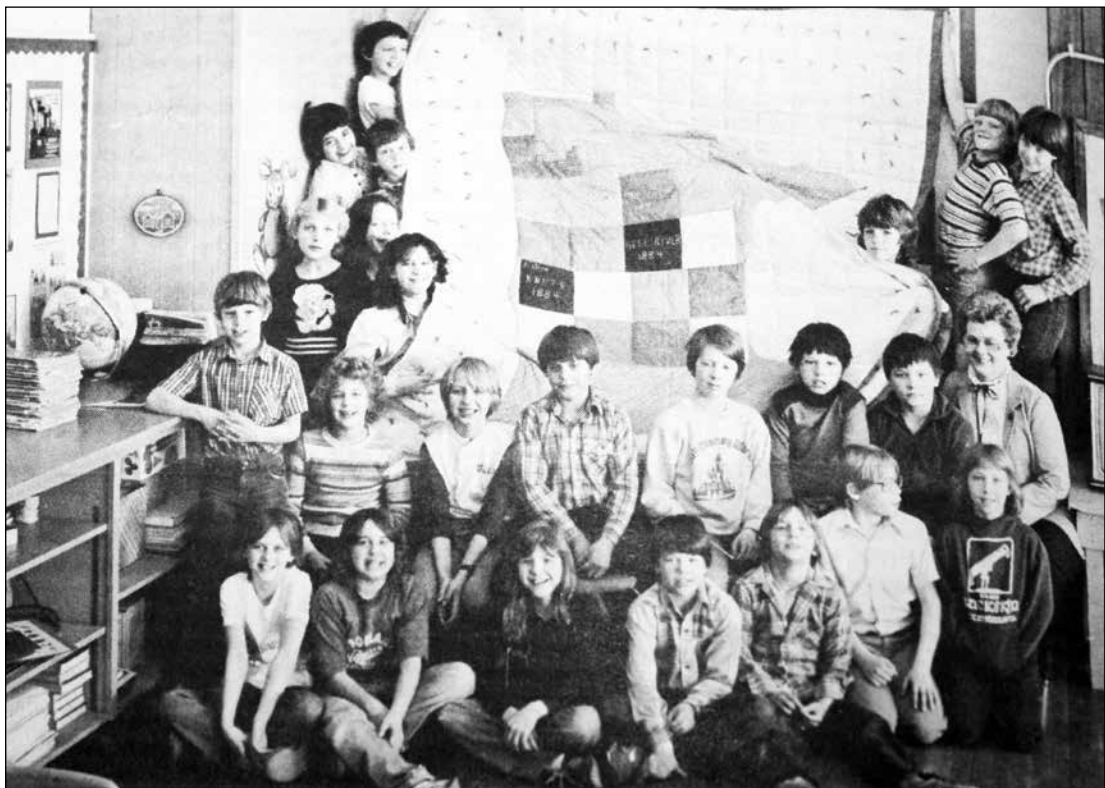
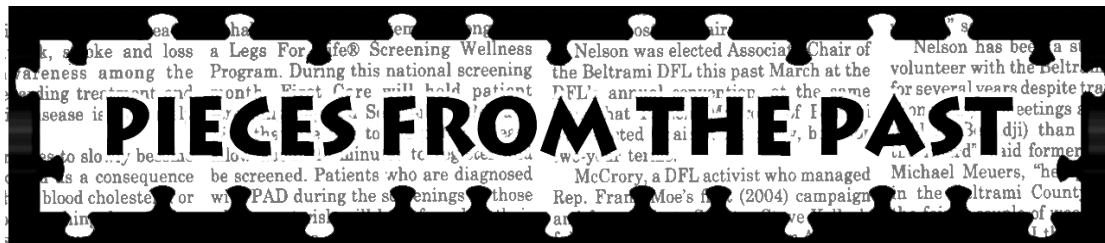
For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy.

For more program information, contact your FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

These risk management programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic investments made in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer.

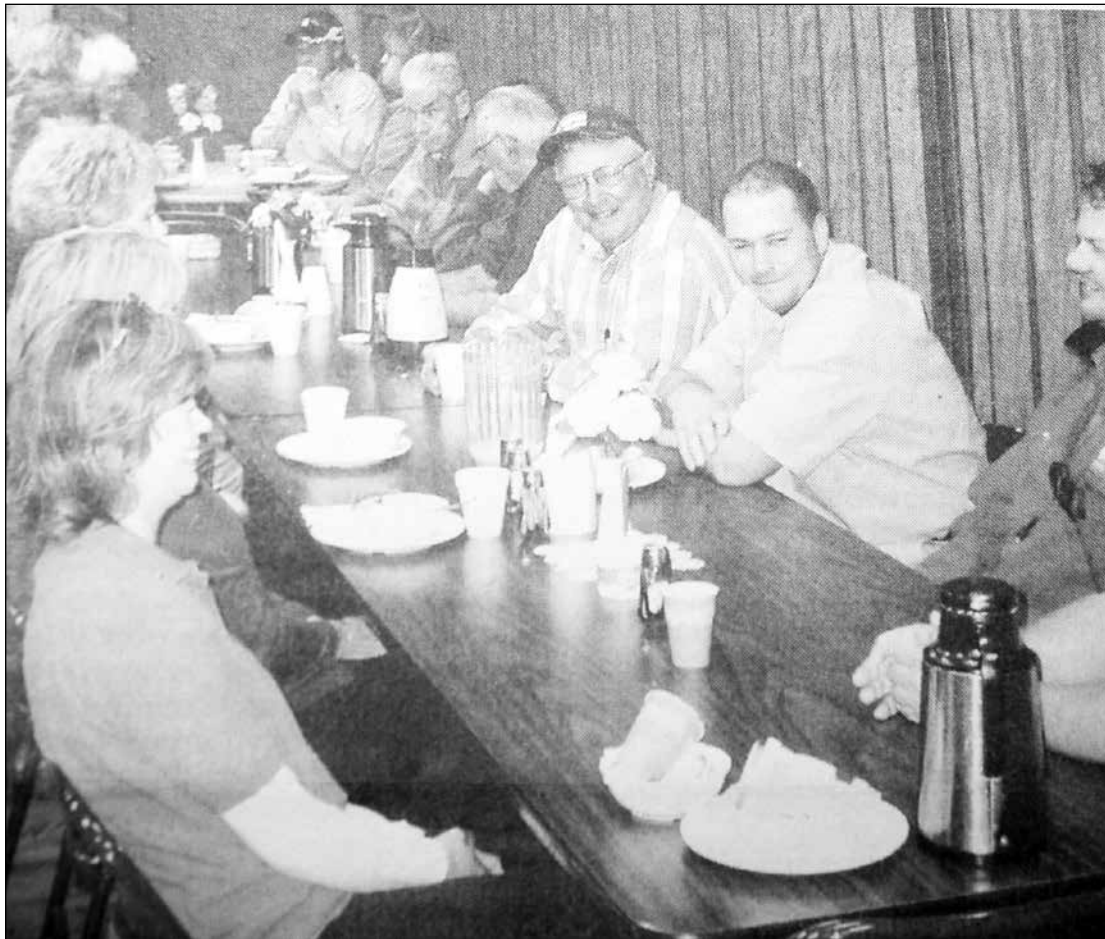
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30 years ago...1985: Adella Thompson's 1985 4th grade class with quilt.



20 years ago...1995: Each year the women of Our Saviors Lutheran Church honor their senior members for their years of service and dedication. Fourteen ladies were in attendance with birthdays numbering more than 80 years: (Front L-R) Elmyra Ramse, Adeline Oak, Hilda Salvhus, Agnes Vasend and Helga Tranby. (Standing L-R) Ellen Johnson, Belle Borgeson, Myrtle Lillesve, Ellen Rindahl, Alette Peterson, Lillian Jorstad and Hannah Ostenson. (Back L-R) Torbjor Bakken and Evelyn Sonsteli.



10 years ago...2005: The tables were filled with community members in Winger for the wellness event combined with the Senior Meals soup and sandwich event.

Regional Ag News

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Growing Garlic

Most garden crops are planted in the spring, but garlic is a common favorite that should be planted in the fall of the year.

Garlic is closely related to onions and chives and is used as a medicinal and culinary herb. Garlic forms bulbs, which separate into many cloves, each covered with a white-purplish or pinkish, papery sheath.

Most commercial garlic is grown in the mild climate of northern California. These varieties of garlic will not grow well in Minnesota, and will develop a "hot" flavor. When choosing garlic for your garden, use varieties adapted to cold climates.

Garlic is easy to grow and propagated by planting cloves. Purchase cloves at the local farmers market or trade freshly baked cookies with a benevolent neighbor that grows garlic in the garden. Do not plant cloves from the grocery store, most are softneck varieties and will not do well under Minnesota conditions.

Optimal shoot and bulb production require a cold treatment, so cloves are generally planted in the fall, usually one or two weeks after the first killing frost. Roots and shoots will emerge from the cloves by the first hard freeze, but shoots will usually not emerge from the soil until the following spring.

Separate individual cloves a day or two before planting. Plant cloves in double rows 6 inches apart within and between rows on beds centered 30 inches apart. If planting in raised beds, garlic can be "solid" seeded in a grid pattern throughout the entire bed, there is no need for rows to walk or cultivate.

Cover beds with 3-4 inches

of leaf or straw mulch to prevent fluctuating temperatures during the winter and early spring, and to help control weeds. The mulch can be removed in the spring after the threat of hard freezes is over to help the soil warm up, or it can be left in place to help with weed control and preserve soil moisture.

Be sure to plant the pointed side up, with the base of the clove 2-3 inches from the soil surface. Planting the cloves "upside down" will result in the plant growing the wrong direction and the fruit of your labor will be enjoyed by a surprised Chinese gardener.

Garlic grows best on well-drained, moisture-retentive soils high in organic matter. Well-rotted manure or compost is an ideal soil amendment. Prior to planting, soils should be well tilled to provide a loose growing bed for bulb growth. Garlic has a moderate to high demand for nitrogen, so additional amounts can be top dressed as soon as shoots emerge and 2-3 weeks afterwards. Avoid applying nitrogen after the first week in May, or bulb growth may be delayed. Nitrogen in the spring may not be necessary if adequate compost was incorporated in the fall.

Proper watering will enhance good production. Soak the soil thoroughly when watering, to a depth of at least one inch each week during the growing season. There is little or no value in light watering that only wets the soil surface. Sandy soils may require more frequent watering. Stop watering two weeks before harvest to avoid staining bulb wrappers and promoting diseases.

Garlic does not compete well against weeds. Use of mulch will help control weeds. Frequent, shallow cultivation will kill weeds before they become

a problem. The roots of garlic are very close to the surface of the soil, so it is important not to cultivate too deeply. Cultivate just deeply enough to cut the weeds off below the surface of the soil. Be careful not to damage the plants when cultivating.

Harvesting too early will result in small bulbs, and harvesting too late will result in cloves popping out of bulbs. Depending on variety and climate zone, garlic is normally harvested between late June and late July. One indication to start harvesting is when the lower leaves turn brown and when half or slightly more than half of the upper leaves remain green. Alternatively, you can pull a few bulbs and cut them in half; if the cloves fill the skins, then the bulbs are ready to harvest.

Harvest plants with shoots and bulbs attached. Knock off any large clumps of soil, and then put the plants in a warm, dry, airy place for 3-4 weeks to cure. This will dry the sheaths surrounding the bulbs, as well as the shoots and roots. After curing, the shoots can be cut 1/2 - 1 inch above the bulbs and the roots trimmed close to the bulb base.

Garlic cloves can easily be saved from one crop to the next. It is recommended to keep the biggest one for planting the following year.

Garlic is easy and fun to grow. Whether you grow it for its medicinal properties, culinary uses or to keep vampires at bay now is the time to get started.

For more tips to keep vampires at bay, contact me 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. This article was adapted from the UM publication, Growing Garlic in Minnesota Home Gardens. To see the full article, simply Google the title.

Tractor Day: A fun day in McIntosh



This year's Tractor Day in McIntosh was in remembrance of Rueben Brekke, a longtime owner and lover of all tractors. Here, his son Jeff Brekke led the parade on one of Rueben's John Deere tractors.



Rueben Brekke's son, Wayne, drives one of Rueben's many tractors during the parade on August 29th.



Taking a break from the McIntosh Country Store, Lee Narum brings his tractor to town for the 2015 Tractor Day parade on Saturday, August 29th.



Chris Bartz makes his way through town during Tractor Day in McIntosh.



Rob Thompson and his grandson, Hunter, took part in the McIntosh Tractor Day Parade on Saturday, August 29th.



The day started with the Star Spangled Banner. Here (l-r) Dan and Brenda Hole, Orrie and Sue Flermoen, and Karen Johnson stand and honor our flag.



Wes Brekke, son of Rueben Brekke, drives another of his John Deere tractors through the parade during Tractor Day in McIntosh.



Shawn Rominski, who is married to Rueben's granddaughter, pulled a trailer with one of Rueben's tractors with some of the other family members on Saturday, August 29th.

NW MN Foundation awards grant to West Polk SWCD

The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) awarded a \$25,000 grant to the West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) in Crookston. The SWCD is applying on behalf of a collaborative of seven local government units (LGUs). The collaborative of watershed districts and SWCD's stretches along the Red Lake River from northern Beltrami and Clearwater counties west to the Red River.

In 2012 the Minnesota legislature adopted new guidelines for water planning at the local government level.

One of the methods allowed was the composition of a comprehensive watershed management plan.

In response to this, there were five watersheds in the state to undergo this new process as pilot areas, including the Red Lake River Watershed. This new process is called "One Watershed, One Plan".

One of the challenges of this new planning effort is the collaboration of seven local governmental units who typically have not had to work together in the past. The goal of the group is to understand each other's respective priorities, collaborate, and develop a 10-year comprehensive plan for management.

"Civic engagement can be challenging for local governments with very small staff and resources," said Nate Dorr, NMF Program Officer - Grants. "A major goal is to provide one larger planning process to eliminate redundancies and reduce planning costs for local counties and watershed districts."

The general public can expect to see results immediately as well as long-term, according to Nicole Bernd, West Polk County's District Manager. "This grant will result in a plan with prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation actions that meet or exceed current water plan content standards," said Bernd. "This plan will also increase the efficiency of State and Fed-



Rueben Brekke's great-grandson, Mason, was even able to be part of the Tractor Day parade, that was a tribute to Rueben, driving his 4-wheeler.



Kristi Tofstad, Judy Stenberg, and Mary Kroening watched the Tractor Parade on Saturday, August 29th in McIntosh.

eral funds towards identified water quality projects."

As a pilot for the One Watershed, One Plan program, the Red Lake River water-

shed has the opportunity to be a model for other watershed planning efforts in Northwest Minnesota and across the state over the next ten years.



Henry Swanson and his dad, Davin, took the tractor out for a spin during the tractor parade in McIntosh on Saturday, August 29th.



Part of all the fun during Tractor Day in McIntosh didn't have anything to do with tractors, but it was the great car show that took place at Erickson Park. Wes Kaupang (left) provided the musical entertainment for the parade as well as the car show. Eddy Amberson and Jason Smeby were the organizers for the show.



Looking determined, Karson Hedlund is the first to get so many buckets during the kiddie pedal pull that was sponsored by the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club during Tractor Day in McIntosh.



During Tractor Day in McIntosh on August 29th, The Club Bar & Grill had an outside beer garden staffed by these lovely ladies. (L-R) Paulette Kringlen, Robin Goodwin, Kim Bjerke, and Debbie Haaven.

...More from Tractor Day



Dean Strom during the tractor pull in McIntosh on August 29th.



Jered Agnes during the tractor pull in McIntosh on August 29th.



Steve Urness during the tractor pull on August 29th in McIntosh.

Polar Beach Kiddie Pedal Pull Results

The kids had a great time during the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club sponsored kiddie pedal pull that took place at the fire hall during Tractor Day in McIntosh in August 29th. There were 45 kids who participated in the pull and they were separated into classes.

Places for each division are as follows:

1st Division
Avery Bodnerchuck- 1st Place

Danica Clark- 2nd Place
Zane Klawitter- 3rd Place

2nd Division
Jake Wickham- 1st Place
Jossie Norberg- 2nd Place

Ella Langemo- 3rd Place

3rd Division
Elijah Kazmierczak- 1st Place

Hunter Doynea- 2nd Place
Kira Gunafson- 3rd Place

4th Division
Hunter Westcott- First Place

Tia Wickham- Second Place
Zack Solberg- Third Place

5th Division
Brooke Tofstad- First Place
Karlie Norberg- Second Place

6th Division
Remy Goodwin- First Place
Will Tofstad- Second Place



Erich Gensburger wears a smile of determination on his face as he takes up the pedal tractor to try to beat the record pull during Tractor Day on Saturday, August 29th. The Kiddie Pedal Pull was sponsored by Polar Beach Snowmobile Club.

Easten Kazmierczak- Third Place

There were two pull offs for first place in their respective divisions. Remy Goodwin and Will Tofstad had to pull to settle the 6th Division and Eli-

jah Kazmierczak and Hunter Doynea needed a pull-off to settle the third division.

Story to Share?

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



There were 46 kids for the Polar Beach Pedal Pull which took place in front of the fire hall during Tractor Day in McIntosh on Saturday, August 29th. Pictured above are the winners of all the divisions.

Superintendent's Notes

By Randy Bruer

There is much excitement here at Win-E-Mac as we begin a new school year, especially with the Grand Opening of the new addition! Open house was a success and we were especially excited to welcome many new students to Win-E-Mac! During the Open House last week students and parents were able to tour the new addition to the school, meet teachers, pick up class schedules, and locate classrooms and lockers. Students began school on Tuesday, September 8th. We have added new staff this year to our school; Jill Bakken will teach science; Heather Burd will be teaching part time PE; Cindy Nelson will be working in the kitchen; Andrea Larson will be a Para-Professional and Ashley Schow will be an assistant volleyball coach.

Many times schools are asked how parents can help their child succeed in school. Parents play an important role in a child's education. Wake your children up in the morning cheerfully and send them off to school with a good attitude. Parents need to read stories to their kids regularly and help with their homework. Reading is essential as everything we do requires reading interpretation. Parents need to ask questions about the school day such as "what did you do in PE today" or "what did you learn in math today". Ask about their friends and who they were hanging out with. Don't ask open ended questions like "how was school today" as the most children will probably reply, "fine". Children need to feel safe, wanted and listened to.

Referendum Renewal

At the July school board meeting, members approved a resolution to move forward in asking our voters this fall to renew an existing levy referendum. In 2006 the public voted and approved an \$800 per pupil referendum which will expire in 2016. The District cannot operate without this levy or we will be forced to reduce student programs. In the last 2 years the legislature has added an equaliza-

tion factor to help all districts in Minnesota, along with other changes, by paying for part of the referendums. Win-E-Mac will ask you to renew \$678.80 of the referendum. The Revenue Equalization amount from state is \$137,738 and the levy amount is \$157,186 for a total of \$294,924.

We will also ask a second question to add \$81.20 to the referendum for a total of \$760.00. We are asking you to vote, to maximize the amount of State Equalization Revenue available to the district in the form of state aid. Presently, an indirect tax you pay to the state goes to other districts for their referenda. Win-E-Mac does not receive the maximum amount of equalization money from the state because the levy amount is less than \$760.00. We are planning to host referendum information sessions in September and October for the public. If you ever have any questions, or would like some information please call the District Office and speak to the Superintendent.

Immunizations

Before a student can attend a Minnesota school, a child must have their immunizations up to date. According to Minnesota's School Immunization laws, your child entering Kindergarten should have dates for the following vaccines; 6 7th graders-(meningococcal) 5 (DTaP/DTP) Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis, 4 (IPV) Polio, 3 (Hep B) Hepatitis B, 2 (MMR) Measles-Mumps-Rubella, 2 Varicella (chickenpox) and 1(Tdap booster-7th grade only).



Win-E-Mac School along with all schools in Minnesota are required by law to make sure all students meet the criteria for immunization certification in Minnesota schools. If a parent has a question about immunizations, please call the school district. In order to remain in school, your student is required to be in compliance.

Sports

We would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year. Win-e-Mac has some terrific activities for this fall for everyone to attend. Football and Volleyball activities taking place almost every evening with both junior high and senior high students.

We want every child to have a positive experience in the sport they choose to participate so we must model and support our athletes with respect and good sportsmanship. We also want everyone to be able to enjoy our student participation in the high school league activities.

"Go Patriots"



Noah Klinkhammer receives his new iPad Air during Win-E-Mac Open House and iPad night on Wednesday, September 2nd.



Signing up for the drawings is a great part of Open House at Win-E-Mac School. Pictured: Sydney and Cameron Svalen.

WEM ECFE pumpkin patch trip

Join the Win-E-Mac ECFE as they go "over the river and through the woods" to the pumpkin patch!

Children from 0 to 6 years old with their parents, are invited to attend the annual trip to the Voxland pumpkin patch on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 with the bus leaving Win-E-Mac School at 6:00 pm.

New to the program this year is preregistration and payment is required by all participants. Everyone participating in the trip MUST ride the bus from the school. The ECFE is requesting that no cars follow or meet the group at the pumpkin patch to ensure safety for all the participants.

The cost is \$4.50 per child which covers transportation to the event, all the activities and each child will get to pick a free pumpkin.

Registration forms can be picked up at the school office, emailed or mailed and returned with payment to the school by Thursday, September 24th.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Svalen, ECFE Coordinator at ssvalen@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us or call either 218-687-2236 or 218-688-2170.



Athletic Director Aaron Cook stands in the new fitness room during the Open House at Win-E-Mac school on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.



During the Open House at Win-E-Mac school last Wednesday, shop teacher, Nathan Johnson, along with students, Jessica Kasprzak and Kelsey Knutson, stand in the new addition to the shop classroom and among new welding equipment.

WEM ECFE

September ECFE Friday Playdates and Storytime is from 10:00 am -11:30 am. Come out to explore our themed centers, meet new friends, listen to stories and sing songs!

Themes include:

Friday, September 11: Back to School

Friday, September 18: The Wheels On The Bus

Friday, September 25: Apple Picking

ECFE is for children 0-6yrs old and parents. Pre-registration is not required unless noted. Contact Shannon Svalen, ECFE Coordinator at 218-687-2236, ssvalen@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us or Facebook: WEM Early Childhood Family Education.

Box Tops & Labels for Education

Win-E-Mac Elementary is asking for help from the community in collecting the following items as part of a fundraising effort. Even if you do not have a student in WEM school, the students would appreciate your help with this project. The students are collecting: Campbell's UPC's, Our Family and Sunny D.

You can send them with a student of drop them off at the school.

RiverView Health to offer free screenings for kids

Children learn and grow more during the first five years than any other time in their lives. As babies become toddlers and then preschoolers, they go through many stages of development.

When your child smiles for the first time, points, takes first steps or begins waving bye-bye, she is reaching developmental milestones. Although children develop at their own pace, developmental milestones help you know what to expect as your child grows.

Is your child developing like most other children the same age? Find out by having your child screened. RiverView Rehab Services will offer free developmental screenings for children birth through age six on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd from 3 to 6 pm, in Crookston.

Developmental screenings are simple and easy checkups. Physical, occupational, and speech therapists will screen all areas of development, including:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Speech/Language
- Self Help Skills
- Fine Motor Skills
- Social Skills

To schedule an appointment for a free screening, call 218-281-9463.

Rising Stars Youth Dance Registration Night

WIN-E-MAC COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Thursday, Sept 10, 2015 5:00-6:00 PM

Win-E-Mac Media Center

CLASSES TO BE HELD AT WIN-E-MAC SCHOOL

Lil Stars—Enrolled Pre-school 4-year-olds & Kindergartners

\$110 for Entire Session (Plus Clothing Costs)—

Thursdays 4:00-4:30

Starlettes—1st-3rd Graders

\$125 for Entire Session (Plus Clothing Costs)—

Thursdays 3:15-4:00

Super Stars—Grades 4-up

\$135 for Entire Session (Plus Clothing Costs)—

Thursdays 3:15-4:00

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* Register your dancers for Class

* Order Performance Attire

* Make 1st Installment Payment for dance class/uniform fees

*Registration Ends Sept. 15th/Register Early as classes will fill up



Pictured below: Pretty in pink are sisters (l-r) Rachel Stevenson and Joan Kasprzak selling Win-E-Mac Spirit Wear during the Open House last Wednesday evening.



Troy Reynolds talks to students and parents about iPad expectations during the Win-E-Mac Open House on September 2nd.

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