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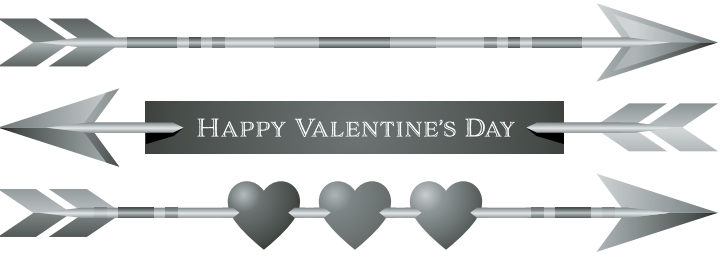
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Hub of the Thirteen Townships

McIntosh, Minnesota

\$1.00



Little Bobby's opens in Mac

A full-service bar with live entertainment every weekend

Recently Little Bobby's Bar & Grill opened on Main Street in McIntosh.

The new owner, Bobby will offer a full bar, an expanding food menu, charitable gambling, including pull tabs and bingo each Thursday evening and live entertainment each weekend, with his house band or local, regional and national blues performers.

Bobby Houle, is an accomplished musician and has performed with his band, Little Bobby and the Funk, all over the world.

Not only does the bar offer music, but if you are a budding musician or like to perform, he welcomes everyone on to the stage.

This past weekend, Sunday Wilde, winner of the Cotoers Choice Award for Best Blues Song at the Independent Music Awards in both 2011 and 2014, performed on the stage at Little Bobby's.

She is an accomplished blues musician and song writer from Thunder Bay, Ontario

who has number one blues songs and several musical accomplishments.

Sunday Wilde has performed in major metropolitan venues as well as back to her roots in small town bars and blues joints.

Little Bobby's offers a fun atmosphere for music lovers of all ages.

Stop in and see the renovations to the bar, including updated bathrooms and seating areas and stay to listen to the music.



Little Bobby, Sunday Wilde and Collin played some soulful blues for a great crowd on Friday Night at Little Bobby's Bar & Grill in McIntosh.

be able to meet the needs of patients across the region. Donations from O-negative donors, the universal blood type, are especially important this time of year due to increased accidents and trauma cases.

Vitalant is the only blood provider to nearly 70 hospitals across the region.

The blood supply is dependent on selfless donations from volunteer donors to ensure the lifesaving needs of the region are met.

About 30 percent of Vitalant's blood supply goes to cancer patients across the region and one in seven people entering the hospital will need blood. Those relying on blood in the region receive that lifesaving blood from Vitalant.

Donors can make a convenient appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling 877-25-VITAL. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test and earn points in Vitalant's donor rewards program.

Blood donation takes about an hour from check-in to refreshments. Donors can save about 20 minutes by completing their Health History Questionnaire the day they donate on www.vitalant.org

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Preschool Screening

Win-E-Macpreschoolscreening will be held Monday, April 6 in the Bjella Building in McIntosh. Preschool Screening is open to all children who are three years old and up who have not been screened. Children must be screened before entering Kindergarten. You must make an appointment to be screened. You can make an appointment by calling Heather Earls at the school 218-563-2900 or cell 218-686-3285.



Community Calendar

Wed. Feb. 12:

McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Feb. 13:

Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Feb. 14:

McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Feb. 17:

McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tue Feb. 18:

Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Wed. Feb. 19:

McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Feb. 20:

Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri Feb. 21:

McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Feb. 24:

McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am



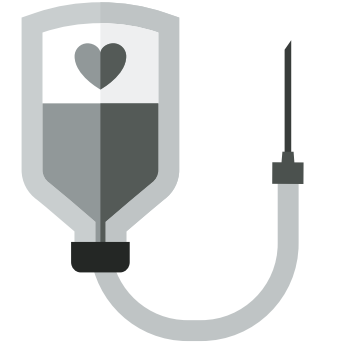
Win-E-Mac Senior Lindsey Espeseth with her parent's Dan and Karen after she achieved 1000 points in her high school basketball career. Congratulations Lindsey!

Mac blood drives brings 54 volunteers

McIntosh community hosted a blood drive with Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services, on January 29 at the community center which helped collect a total of 55 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 54 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 48 individuals were able to donate at the Vitalant blood drive on January 29. A total of four donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC) which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor.

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to Mary Goodwin, who coordinated the drive, and McIntosh Friends of Veterans which sponsored the blood



drive, as well as others who assisted the day of the drive: Garnet Arneson, Patti Benson, Lorene Granby, Mary Horacek, Betty Trangen, Bonnie Adams, and Marilyn Graff.

Vitalant strives to keep a 5-day supply of every blood type on the shelf at all times to



The Patriot Varsity girls basketball team celebrated Lindsey Espeseth and her 1000 point milestone last week during the Girls Basketball game at Win-E-Mac School. Pictured: (l-r, back) Brett DuChamp, Grace Kaupang, Carlie Sander, Elliana Lindberg, Alivia Winter, Kianna Tadman; (front) Nadelly Neubert, Savannah Svalen, Lindsey Espeseth, Felicity Andress, and Rylee Haugen.

Mission Critical! Enroll in Key Safety Net programs

Don't Let the March 16 Deadline Pass You By.

By Joe Martin, State Executive Director in Minnesota, USDA Farm Service Agency

The clock is ticking... March 16 is THE LAST day to make what is likely one of the most important business decisions you will make for your farming operation this year.

If you have not already visited your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office to make your election for either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program and to sign your annual enrollment contract, you should call and make your appointment now.

Many of you are gearing up to head to the field for spring planting, but I cannot stress enough the importance of not letting this deadline get lost

in the hectic day-to-day obligations of farm life. If you fail to enroll for 2019 ARC or PLC, you will be ineligible to receive a payment for the 2019 crop year.

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

These programs cover 20 commodities produced in the U.S.

FSA anticipates more than 1.7 million producers will enroll in ARC or PLC - that's a lot of producers to assist in a short period of time. As of February 3, 2020, FSA records in Minnesota show 8,231 farms out of an expected 95,221 farms have completed ARC or PLC enrollment for the 2019 crop year.

Want to maximize your

time visiting with FSA? Inquire about deadlines and options for also enrolling in 2020 ARC or PLC and updating PLC payment yields.

Our staff will help you make the most out of your visit or set you up with a future appointment to help check FSA programs off your lengthy "to do" list.

If you're still unsure about the choice of ARC or PLC, we offer online decision tools to help you determine the best program election for your farming operation. To access these tools, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Call FSA today for an appointment. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

We know that time is money... so make the time to avoid losing the money.

Editorial

The U.S. Census doesn't come around all that often, every 10 years in fact. It's not as rare as a Haley's Comet or a Minnesota Vikings Super Bowl appearance, yet less often than the Olympics or a presidential election.

Each of these social occurrences capture the attention of us Minnesotans. We get together and await the outcome of the big event. In contrast, the Census often comes and goes without us thinking much of it.

For northern Minnesota, though, the Census is a big deal. We have a duty to be counted.

An accurate count of people living in our community means better representation in the political process, a more equitable spread of financial resources for critical infrastructure and services, and better planning for the many changes facing our communities.

Minnesota is at risk of losing a seat in the U.S. Congress and electoral votes in presidential elections if we are undercounted. We now have 10 electoral votes in the electoral process, but recent projections of an undercount in Minnesota could drop us down to only seven votes.

That means less attention from candidates on the issues facing our region. If we lose a congressional seat, then power becomes consolidated across

even larger geographic regions of the state. It also means our local and regional issues get watered down by larger statewide issues that may not be priorities for us in northwest Minnesota. Whether we are inspired or discouraged by politics in general, these changes would mean our political representation is weakened overall.

We risk losing financial resources to support roads and bridges projects, social service programming, and tax credits that benefit us. In 2016, Minnesota brought in \$15.5 trillion from 55 federal programs. That's a big chunk of change! The top three federal programs that year were Medicaid, Federal Direct Student Loans, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Further cuts to these seniors, students, and young families would put more stress on our already strained system.

Keep in mind, we already pay federal taxes into the system for these services, but if we are not counted, then we are overlooked when accessing those funds.

Lastly, we risk the ability to plan for our future. Grant writers and community planning professionals, for example, rely on high-quality data to determine the amount of funding needed for projects that benefit us all. The Census is the backbone of nearly all

community-level data sources. Small cities, tribal communities, rural counties, and other small geographies already lack rich data in comparison to our metro partners.

Many programs require proof that there is a need in the community for projects. If the data is weak or doesn't exist, we fall further behind in the prioritization when compared to a community with more detailed data. Simply put, if we can't count it, it doesn't exist.

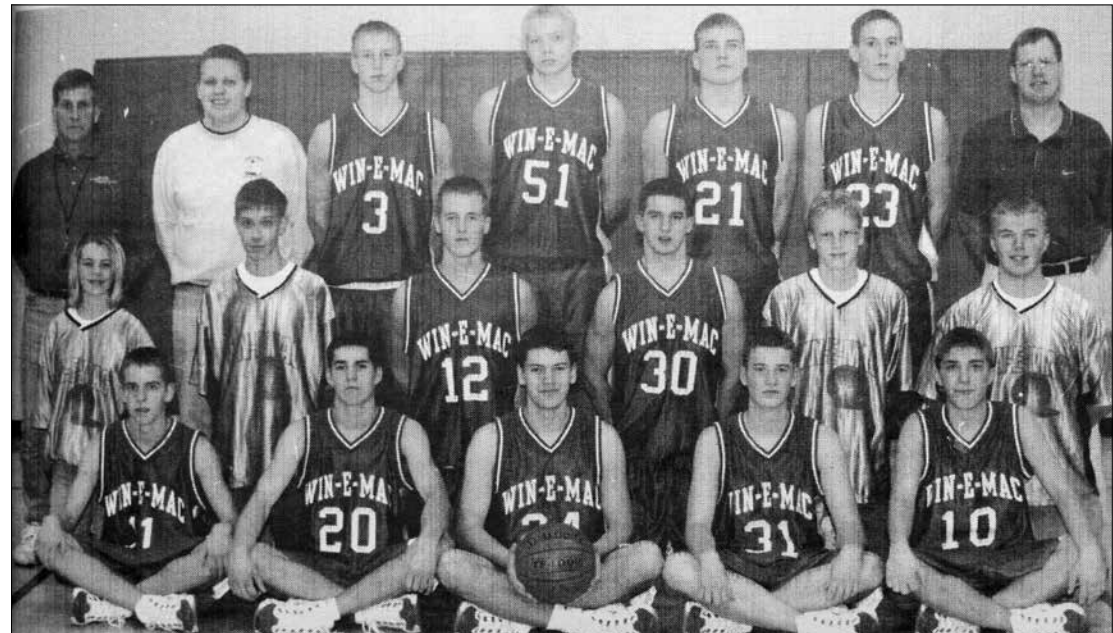
It is important that we do not sleep on this, but instead give our Census the attention it deserves.

It will be here and gone before we know it, not to return until 2030. It's really easy to participate! This household survey takes no more than 10 minutes.

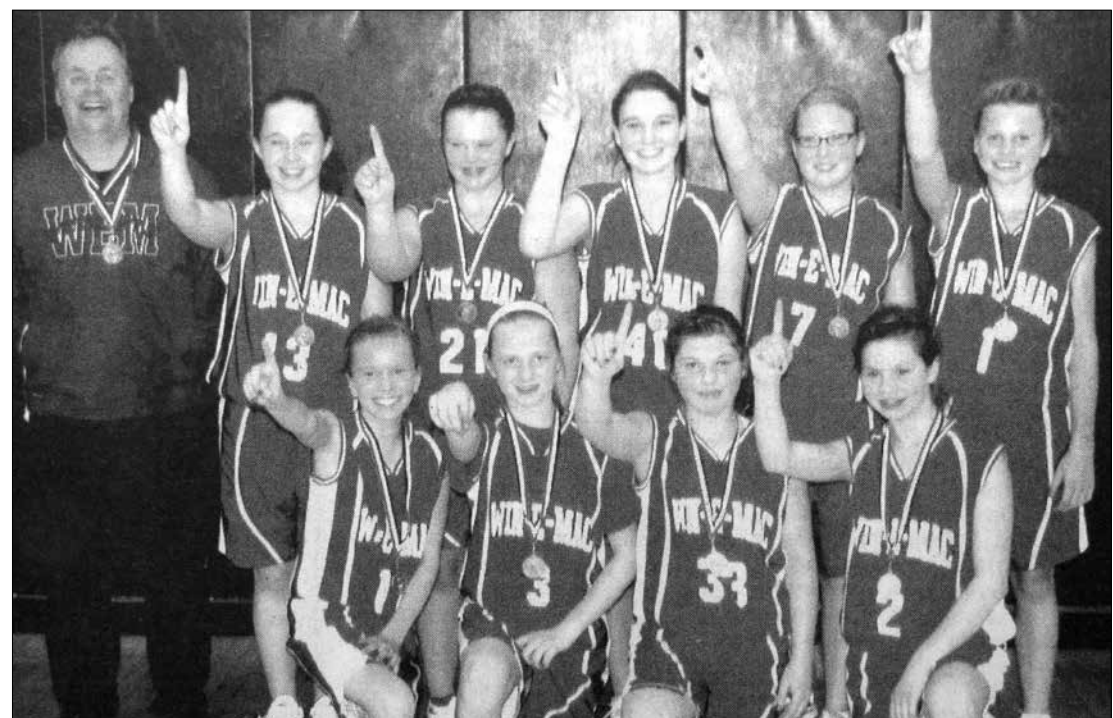
And this year, for the first time ever, you can enter your information online.

If you don't have access to the online form, you can complete the survey with a door-to-door Census worker, by phone, or through the mail. By April 1, 2020, all households will be contacted with step-by-step instructions for completing the Census. For more information about the 2020 U.S. Census, visit www.mn.gov/admin/2020-census.

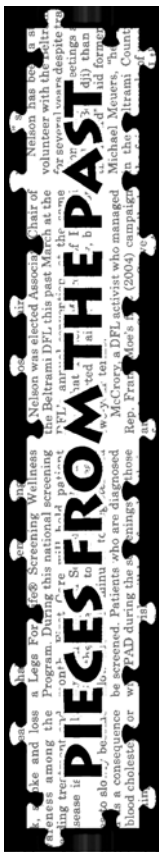
Nate Dorr, Vice President for Advocacy Northwest Minnesota Foundation



20 years ago...2000: The Varsity Patriots are into their 1999-2000 season and have been picked in the Class A Boys Basketball standings. The Pats will look for strong senior leadership as they move toward the tournaments. (back) Assistant Coaches Tom Hegg and Nathan Mahlen, Steve Bradley, David Jenson, Mark Sylstad, Ryan Voxland and Coach Mike Roysland; (middle) Brooke Foss and Dominic Kringlen, Managers, Travis Nelson, Nathan Johnson, Brandon Bjerknes and Joe Faldet, managers; (front) Eric Hoffmann, Nick DeFrang, Matt Tradewell, Kyle Simonson and Brady Langemo.



10 years ago...2010: The 6th grade girls took the Championship at the Argyle Lion's tournament. Back: Coach Kevin McKeever, Jessica Kasprzak, Kinlee Faldet, Natalia Frolov, Indiana Nornes and Madison McKeever; Front: Kelsey Knutson, Cecilia Peterson, Morgan Senn and Rachel Morberg.



60 years ago...1960: Looking over the next day's program at the Future Homemakers of America State convention at the Lexington Hotel in Minneapolis are (l-r) Lorene Goodwin, Miss Erickson, advisor and June Jorgenson of McIntosh. The theme of the March convention was "FHA, the way to your future".



50 years ago...1970: Mr. and Mrs. Julian Helgaas who recently purchased the Berge Store in Winger invite people to attend their open house which is set for the weekend. Free coffee, hot dogs, ice cream and cookies will be served all day Saturday. The store will be operated under the name, Helgaas Grocery. The Berge family, meanwhile, has moved to Montana.



40 years ago...1980: The Mac-Winger 7th and 8th grade Scot basketball team members coached by Tom Hegg, are displaying their Clearwater Conference trophy which was presented to them in Goodridge on Saturday. The 7th graders are unbeaten, says their coach, and the 8th graders are very good. Back row: Chad Strom, Daniel Borud, Tim E. Erholtz, Rodney Helgaas, Jerry Syverson, Clay Syverson, Mike Pearce. 2nd row: Peter Aasen, Jim Merrick, Guy Oseth, Mike Parent, Paul Balstad, Kyle Mandt and Wade Rude. Coach Hegg on the right.



30 years ago...1990: The sixth grade teachers at Win-E-Mac in Erskine, Russ Horacek and Doug Johnson, chose fourteen of their students to be recognized as students of the month for outstanding achievement in several areas of excellence. Those chosen were (back) Jenny Hanson, daughter of Janell and Dean Walstad, in the area of reading; Shannon Quam, daughter of Philip and Faye, in the area of speech; Katie Brumwell, daughter of Milt and Sherry, spelling; Angie Bacon, daughter of Russ and Patti, Science; Kristie Theis, daughter of Robert and JoAnn, math; (middle) Marji Maxfield, daughter of Dan and Kerrie, social studies; Danell Leier, daughter of Curt and Debbie, spelling; Russell Johnson, son of Leroy and Nancy, current events; John Brinkman, son of Jim and Joyce, reading; (front) Shawn Hedlund, son of Larry or Orlett, geography; Kjersten Langemo, daughter of Mark and Jan, math; Sara Gran, daughter of Lloyd and Mary, creative writing; Jason Renna, son of Mike and Gail, most improved; Mindy Bjerkness, daughter of Mark and Doreen, most improved. Congratulations students on striving for the very best.

