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May 1, 2020 is school lunch hero day. The Win-E-Mac nutrition professionals provide meals prepared and delivered by school bus drivers each school day for students during distance learning.

McIntosh Friends of Veterans plan a non - conventional Memorial Day

The McIntosh Friends of Veterans has announced that, due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the traditional Memorial Day service will be held this year using a different format.

The program will include all of the pieces of our community's rich tradition remembering those who have served our country, but it will be pre-recorded and broadcast on Garden Valley TV Channel 30 at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25th. The recording will also be re-broadcast later in the day and throughout the week-times to be announced.

A video of the program will also be available for viewing on the McIntosh Friends of Veterans Facebook page beginning on Monday, May 25th.

The organization is asking for help from the community



for several items:

- 1) If you have lost a loved one during the last year who lived in McIntosh and served in the Armed Forces, please notify Ben Ramse.
- 2) If you have photos of prior

Memorial Day parades, programs, or the lawn ceremony (especially old pictures), please either email them to Janice Aa-nenson (drjaanenson@gmail.com) or drop them off at First National Bank in McIntosh in an envelope with your name and address. They will be scanned in and returned to you promptly!

3) If you have a loved one in the Veterans Roll Call and would like to include their photo, please email Janice Aa-nenson (drjaanenson@gmail.com) or again you can drop them off at the First National bank in McIntosh with both the person's name as well as your name. A photo of them in uniform is preferred, but not required.

Deadline for photo is Friday, May 15th.

DEA launches Secure Your Meds campaign

DEA, calls on Americans to keep medications safe.

With families encouraged to stay at home due to the nationwide health crisis, the Drug Enforcement Administration is asking Americans to keep prescription medications safe and secure until they can properly dispose of them.

The Secure Your Meds awareness campaign addresses a vital public safety and health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. The campaign also prompts families to discuss the issue of controlled prescription drug abuse.

"Protecting the health and safety of our communities is DEA's top priority, especially during the unprecedented pub-

lic health emergency," said DEA Acting Administrator Uttam Dhillon. "With Americans at home, families need to be even more vigilant and keep prescription medications safe, secure, and out of reach of children and others in the household."

DEA holds its National Prescription Drug Take Back Day twice a year. However, because of the current nationwide coronavirus pandemic, DEA postponed the 2020 Spring Take Back Day, originally scheduled for April 25, 2020. DEA will reschedule Take Back day for a date shortly after the health crisis recedes and national emergency guidelines are lifted.

In the meantime, DEA wants to remind Americans to clean out their medicine cabinets and

secure unused, unwanted, and expired prescription medications for the next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, on a date to be determined.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

Once the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lifts restrictions, DEA will reschedule Take Back Day. More information on the Secure Your Meds campaign and Take Back Day is available at www.DEATakeBack.com.

How to handle the mental challenges of social distancing

The concept of "social distancing" was no doubt a mystery to millions of people prior to 2020.

But in the wake of the outbreak of COVID-19, a novel coronavirus that was first discovered in China in late 2019 but soon spread across the globe, social distancing became a household term.

Social distancing refers to actions deliberately designed to increase the physical space between people

to avoid spreading illness. The American Psychological Association notes that social distancing typically requires that people stay at least six feet apart from each other while also avoiding gathering spaces such as schools, churches, concert halls, and public transportation. In an effort to prevent community spread, many state and provincial governments mandated the closure of all businesses

deemed "nonessential," forcing many working professionals to work from home full-time and temporarily putting millions of additional workers out of work.

Social distancing measures are designed to serve the greater good, and these efforts can be effective at stopping the spread of harmful viruses like COVID-19.

But social distancing also can produce unwanted side effects. The APA notes that research has shown that people who are social distancing may be vulnerable to fear and anxiety; depression and boredom; anger, frustration or irritability; and stigmatization. However, the APA also notes that research has uncovered successful ways to cope with social distancing.

· Make time for fun activities. Psychologists recommend balancing time spent on news and social media with other activities unrelated to social dis-

tancing or quarantine. Make a conscious effort each day to read a book, listen to music or even learn a new language.

· Get news from reliable sources. Inaccurate information about COVID-19 can spread fear, making it even more difficult for people to cope with social distancing.

The APA recommends people get their information from news outlets that rely on trusted organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization.

· Maintain virtual connections with others. Face-to-face interactions may not be possible, but the APA notes the value of phone calls, text messages, video chat, and social media.

These channels of communication provide an opportunity

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WEM School to honor the school lunch heroes serving healthy meals to community kids

Celebrating School Lunch Hero Day on May 1, 2020.

Between preparing healthy food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, Win-E-Mac nutrition professionals have a lot on their plate. To celebrate their hard work and commitment, Win-E-Mac schools will celebrate School Lunch Hero Day on May 1. This day, celebrated annually since 2013, was designated by The School Nutrition Association and Jarrett Krosoczka, author of the "Lunch Lady" graphic novel series. School Lunch Hero Day provides an opportunity for parents, students, school staff and communities to thank those who provide healthy meals to nearly 30 million of America's students each school day.

With E-learning taking place in our district, the nu-



trition professionals at Win-E-Mac are preparing 576 meals per day to be delivered to the students at home. On this day, please let your lunch heroes know how much you appreciate what they are doing. Take the time to wave at the bus driver after he drops off your lunch. Put a little thank you note in the container for the lunch ladies and the people delivering the food. Color a picture, or send a thank you note to the school that can be put up in the cafeteria.

All across the school district, school nutrition professionals will be honored and recognized from students, school staff,

parents, and the community.

"School nutrition employees must balance many roles and follow numerous federal, state and local regulations to ensure safe and healthy meals are available in schools. School Lunch Hero Day provides the opportunity for the community to thank these hardworking heroes" said Cam Thompson.

Federal nutrition standards ensure that school cafeterias always offer low-fat or fat-free milk, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein. School meals also meet limits on calories, sodium and unhealthy fats.

The importance and nutritional value of school meals are well documented. For many children, school lunch is the most important and nutrient-rich meal of their day.

Get the details about School Lunch Hero Day at www.school lunchhero day.com.



Fosston Theater offers the community movies in a comfortable setting and is family owned and operated.



The Fosston Theater

Well, here we go again, exploring. This time we will take a car, or we will never make it before next week. If we drive south on Riverside Avenue in McIntosh, MN from Riverside Board and Lodge, we inevitably come to Highway 2. Let's take this four-lane artery east. After a few miles, in the distance—we can see a bulbous water tower looming over the skyline. When our trip odometer reads about seven miles: we are in Fosston, MN where the prairie meets the pines. If we continue through town—as we approach the stoplights—we will see our next destination on the right. The Fosston Theater has been a community staple on the south side of this thoroughfare for many years. Local owner and operator, Kevin Moore, bought it from his parents this past January.

In June of 2002, Bob and Jan Moore, who were already operating a theater in Blackduck, MN, bought the Fosston Theater and undertook an ex-

tensive remodel. Bob, a skilled carpenter, reinvented the theater's public access to create better flow for patrons. He reworked the lobby, and it now has a north woods ambience with a couple of comfortable couches repining against the far wall. A self-serve drink and popcorn topping station invites theater goers to customize their refreshments. Of course, there is not much you can add to the best popcorn in town! Unless you prefer a little salt or cheesy sprinkle. Speaking of cheese... because of the overwhelming response of recently providing cheesy popcorn (which Kevin drove to another theater to pick up), he has invested in the equipment to make it available on a regular basis.

Inside the auditorium, audiences can enjoy amenities like stadium seating in generous reclining chairs paired with the updated screen and sound system—and for those of you with a nostalgic bent; one thing has remained the same. The iconic mural can still be seen on the east wall. Bambi and Faline frolic in a forest scene with bluebirds, Friend Owl and Thumper looking on. With in-floor lighting, generous aisle space and accessible handicapped seating, even if

you miss the movie trailers, you will be able to find your spot easily. Well, that is—up until six weeks ago.

This past March, theaters were one of the first businesses to be impacted by the Governor's "stay-at-home" order. The Fosston Theater was left with no choice but to close their doors to movie goers. But while many businesses deemed "non-essential," (who rely on repeat custom and the ability to serve many people at once), have shut down completely—the Fosston Theater has made lemonade out of lemons! Kevin credits his wife, Kate, for her innovative out-of-the-box, "lemonade" idea.

For the past several weeks, the Fosston Theater has been opening Thursday-Sunday evenings from 5-7pm in order to provide concessions. Conscientiously, Kevin has been sanitizing surfaces before customers arrive and in between each patron visit. It has been a community win-win. Local patrons have been in and out of the lobby buying their favorite movie treats—while being mindful of "social distancing" guidelines—and having family

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Kevin Moore, owner of the Fosston Theater offers movie goers candy, soda and fresh popcorn available for all events.

City of McIntosh: Clean Up Week will be May 6th thru May 13th

The City of McIntosh Council would like to promote a clean and healthy community by designating the first full week of May as CITY OF MCINTOSH CLEAN UP WEEK. Property owners within city limits may bring items to the lift station site on 1st St SE (area south of the baseball field). Please throw items in the proper bins. This service is free of charge, but donations would be greatly appreciated to help defray costs.

Be prepared to show proof you own property or reside within the city limits of McIntosh. Having a McIntosh mailing address does not necessarily mean you live within city limits. This service is provided solely to MCINTOSH CITY TAXPAYERS. If you are unsure, please call the city clerk's office: 218.563.3043.

Pick-up service is available for those unable to bring in their own items. Items must be piled near the street no later than 8a.m. on May 13th. If further help is needed with removing items from property please call the city office and help will be scheduled. If interested in volunteering to pick up items and/or use of your truck and/or trailer please call the City Office.

- Acceptable items:**
- Small Amounts of Demolition Material (Wood, Metal, Shingles, Windows, Sheet Rock)
 - Dry Paint Cans
 - Mattresses, Box Springs, Couches, Chairs
 - Other Miscellaneous Household Items
- non-acceptable items:**
- Tires
 - Small Appliances
 - TV's
 - Computers or Monitors
 - Railroad Ties
 - Fluorescent Bulbs
 - Cement
 - Hazardous Materials

*Please note that we are not accepting yard waste: branches, leaves, grass clippings, etc. These items can be taken to the green dump on the south end of town. If you need assistance please contact the City Office.

Don't let this happen to you! It's that time of year when folks are doing extra cleaning around the house and trying new products to make those jobs easier. We strive to make sure the sewer system stays clear and doesn't back up into buildings. You can help us (and your neighbors) by not flushing:

- grease or oil down drains. Grease such as cooking oils,

tallow, bacon grease, etc. will harden in the lines, and on the float switches, causing the pumps not to work.

- non-biodegradable items down drains. Items such as cigarette butts, dental floss, Q-tips, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons or condoms can clog the pump and pipes.
- flushable manufactured wipes. Even if product states it is flushable it does not disintegrate like toilet paper so it clogs and tangles in the rotors of the pumps and lines.
- rigid or gritty materials down drains such as cat litter, coffee grounds, chicken bones, egg shells, fish scales, etc. Limit the materials you put through a garbage disposal to edible food products only.
- flammable or volatile liquids down drains such as gas, waste oil and thinners. It is illegal to dispose of these items in the sewer system.
- household chemicals down drains, such as paint, pesticides, herbicides, strong cleaning products, or other toxic chemicals.

Manufacturers list many things as flushable, but the only thing that belongs in a toilet is toilet paper and human waste.

Libraries invite Minnesotans to read together in new statewide 'One Book' program

The Lake Agassiz Regional Library invites its customers to read Because of Winn-Dixie in a new statewide book club which is being launched by The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library as the Minnesota Center for the Book.



I'm so happy to be connected with all of you through story."

Because of Winn-Dixie will be available on multiple platforms, including as a downloadable eBook without wait lists or hold on Ebooks Minnesota, a statewide digital library available to all Minnesota residents at library.biblioboard.com.

One Book | One Minnesota is presented by The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, as the Minnesota Center for the Book, in partnership with State Library Services. Program partners also include Candlewick Press, Council of Regional Public Library System Administrators, Minitex (a joint program of the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Office of Higher Education), and the Minnesota Department of Education.

This program is made possible in part by the State of Minnesota through a grant to the Minnesota Center for the Book through the Minnesota Department of Education.

eos, reading guides, and virtual book club discussions including a statewide virtual discussion with the author in May.

Kate DiCamillo expressed her excitement in her recent introduction video. "I'm so thrilled that my book, Because of Winn-Dixie, is the very first book for One Book | One Minnesota. Stories connect us, and

How to be safe in the sun

A relaxing day outdoors soaking up some of the sun's rays is how many people prefer to spend their free time when the weather allows. While the very vision of a warm summer afternoon spent outdoors can invoke positive feelings, it's important that people take protective measures before going outside and continue to do so while they're out there.

According to the American Cancer Society, most skin cancers are the result of exposure to ultraviolet rays in sunlight. UV rays are a type of radiation that do not have enough energy to penetrate deeply into the body.. Overexposure to these rays can lead to skin cancer.

Protection from UV rays
The ACS notes that there are no safe UV rays, so it's imperative that people take UV protection seriously. The following are some of the many ways to protect yourself while still enjoying sunny days outdoors.

- **Go out at the right times of day.** The ACS notes that UV rays are at their strongest in the middle of the day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so staying inside during these hours can protect your skin. This is especially important in the spring and summer, as the ACS says UV rays are stronger during these seasons than other times of year.

- **Employ the shadow test when going outside.** It may not seem especially scientific, but the shadow test is a simple way for anyone to gauge how strong UV rays from the sun are at any given moment. Ac-

cording to the ACS, if your shadow is shorter than you, that means the sun's rays are at their strongest.

- **Apply sunscreen early and reapply often.** The ACS recommends using sunscreens with broad spectrum protection that protect the skin from both UVA and UVB rays, and applying them before leaving the house and reapplying often while outdoors. Choose a sunscreen with a minimum sun protection factor, or SPF, of 30. Understanding SPF can help people recognize the importance of reapplication. When an SPF 30 product is applied correctly, a person gets

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movie nights at home. Some families have even entered their pictures into contests on the Fosston Theater Facebook page for chances to win \$20 gift cards. The concession idea has been trending around the area, with Kevin's brother and sister providing the same opportunities at their respective theater locations in Crookston and East Grand Forks.

While selling concessions does not come close to replacing the income lost during this season, it does create continuity of service among the Fosston Theater's patrons and within the community. Previously, Kevin has hosted group events like private showings for public school classes and streaming the Fosston Greyhounds in their state volleyball tournament. He is committed to maintaining this business

the equivalent of one minute of UVB ray exposure for each 30 minutes he or she spends in the sun. So one hour in the sun wearing SPF 30 sunscreen is the same as spending two minutes totally unprotected. Reapplying SPF 30 sunscreen often can ensure you are protected at all times.

- **Wear a hat.** Hats with a brim that is at least two to three inches all around protects vulnerable areas such as the eyes, forehead, nose, ears, and scalp. Choose a hat with a dark, non-reflective underside, as such a hat can lower the amount of UV rays that reach the face from reflective surfaces.

in the greater 13 Towns area, stating on their marquee: "We'll be back."

When the Fosston Theater reopens, look for their regular schedule to resume; Monday thru Sunday with show times at 1pm, 4pm and 7pm. In the meantime, are you planning a family movie or game night? Need some treats? Find yourself thinking about freshly made cheesy popcorn? Consider supporting this local business during this unprecedented season. Show them that you know they are still here and "You'll be back."

-a.m.opdahl
If you would like to have your local business highlighted in The Local Pulse or you have a human interest idea, please contact Alison at alison@marialharbor.com or call 218.563.2504.

Grace Community Food Shelf update

Thank you to everyone that helped your Food Shelf make it through April! This is an 11% increase in the number of families which is a good start but we feel that there are more families in need out there and they just haven't found our services yet. The mission of the Grace Community Food Shelf is to make sure that no one in our area goes hungry! We are operating under US Dept. of Agriculture WEEKLY TEFAP Guidelines. For example, a family of two can earn up to \$705 per week and qualify for assistance. A family of four has a cap of \$1,073 and a family of six a \$1,441 per week guideline for assistance. If you are a family in need of food assistance, please come in an see us.

For May the Food Shelf is open on the 14th and the 21st from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will also be distributing Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS) boxes for those registered for them both of the days we are open in May. If there is a nutrition emergency, you can call 218-687-2250 and leave a message on the answering machine, a Food Shelf Volunteer will call you back. The Grace Community Food Shelf is located in the back area of Grace Lutheran Church at 322

Vance Avenue in Erskine.

We want to thank all the families in the area that stepped up with financial donations to help the Food Shelf meet this unprecedented need! Our April costs were \$1,200 and our income was \$1,600 which really helped to make our operation possible for April. Through the Feeding America program we were awarded a one-time \$3,000 grant for purchases from the North Country Food Bank to Supplement our needs in the coming months. But we are constantly looking to the future and doing everything we can to raise the funding necessary for what we will be facing in the months ahead.

A special Thank You to Jason and his staff at Groceries Plus for all their assistance. We don't have sufficient storage for refrigerated and frozen items for the month at the Food Shelf and Jason has been kind enough to provide the much needed storage space. Groceries Plus is also our go-to supplier for items that we cannot get through the Food Bank. We also want to say Thank You to Dollar General for being there with cleaning supplies and toilet paper. Thank you to the Erskine Echo and the McIntosh Times for being the

"voice of the Food Shelf" in our communities. It takes a lot of cooperation and assistance to make the Food Shelf a reality each month, especially now with the Covid-19 Pandemic!

To our Food Shelf volunteers who step up to make our operation possible we say Thank You! Our Food Shelf operates under a strict Covid-19 Volunteer Protocol that we have had reviewed by the Polk County Health Department and the North Country Food Bank. We are doing everything we possibly can to protect both our volunteer workers and our Food Shelf Patrons from the Covid-19 virus. This protocol has greatly changed our interaction with our patrons and the very way the Food Shelf operates. Our volunteers put their very health safety on the line to make sure our friends and neighbors in need are taken care of and we thank them for going above and beyond.

For additional information please check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GraceCommunityFoodShelf. You can e-mail us at foodshelf@gracechurcherskine.org. Or you can call us at 218-687-2250 and leave a message or hear about when the Food Shelf will be open.

COVID-19 Update from Polk County Public Health

As of April 21, 2020 Polk County Public Health has confirmed an expected jump in COVID-19 cases. This is the largest jump in one day Polk County has seen. Polk County Public Health has been notified by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) of 13 additional lab confirmed cases of COVID-19 bringing the total Polk County cases to 16. Of the 13 individuals, 4 individuals are in their 20's, 5 individuals are in their 30's, 1 individual

is in their 40's, 1 individual is in their 50's, 1 individual is in their 60's and 1 individual is in their 70's. This is an open investigation with MDH and no other information is available at this time.

"These numbers indicate the continued need for everyone, of all ages, to limit your time and keep space between yourself and other people outside your home," said Sarah Reese, Polk County Public Health Director. The best way to prevent illness

is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Visit the Minnesota Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention websites for more COVID-19 information. Follow Polk County Public Health on Facebook (@pcphealth), Instagram (@polkcountypublichealth) and Twitter (@HealthPolk) for local information. Polk County Covid-19 Response: <https://coronavirus-response-pcg.hub.arcgis.com/>

Essentia Health launches serology testing

Essentia Health has begun serology testing amid the COVID-19 pandemic. As of Friday, April 24, 2020 serology testing is available at Essentia Health. These tests will be sent to Mayo Clinic Laboratories for processing. Work is being done to also have processing capacity within an Essentia Health lab within the next couple of months.

Dr. Elena Rodgers-Rieger, Essentia Health physician chair of lab medicine and pathology explains, serology testing is "a blood-based test that looks for the presence of antibodies, which are produced by the immune system in response to infections." Antibodies can be detected approximately eight to 11 days post-symptom onset for many patients, with the vast majority of patients have detectable antibodies at day 14. This test could be helpful in determining if a patient has had recent or prior infection with SARS-CoV-2, the causative

virus of COVID-19.

"It's very important that everyone understand this test does not currently tell us anything reliable about a person's overall immunity from COVID-19," said Dr. Amanda Noska, an Essentia Health infectious disease physician. "We should not assume that a positive antibody test means the person is immune to COVID-19 based on the available data out there today." Dr. Rodgers-Rieger adds, "the medical community will gain more insight on the utility of this testing in the upcoming months."

Serology testing is only for



Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. April 29:
Carol Anne Reese, Hally Catahan, Tavin Hewitt

Thurs. April 30:
Wes Kaupang

Fri. May 1:
Lavern Tofstad, Ava Carlson, Isabel Burthwick, *Tony & Leslie Haugen

Sat. May 2:
Stacy (Kringlen) Smith, Jessica Strom, Casey Bartz, Maren Laing, *Philip & Ashlee Lee

Sun. May 3:
Donna Skeie, Roxanne Stordahl, Bonita Shaver

Mon., May 4:
Connor Haaven, *Nick & April Oste-naa

Tues. May 5:
Anne Schow, *Carey & Elaine Burslie

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

LSS Meals Menu 687-2262

Tues. May 5: Swedish Roast Beef - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy - Corn - Bread - Apple Crisp - Milk

Wed. May 6: Meatloaf - Baked Potato - Stewed Tomatoes - Tropical Fruit Salad - Pumpkin Bars - Milk



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

No Mass at St. Mary's Church, Fosston until further notice.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson
Services from Mt Carmel and Trinity Free Lutheran Churches will be on the Garden Valley TV Win-E-Mac channel 10am Sundays and repeated at 7pm Sunday and 6pm Wednesday.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Indepndent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church
Sun. May 3: 9:30 a.m. No Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; Worship Service on Facebook: gosenchurch and gosenchurch.com

Tues. May 6: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30; 1:30 p.m. No Bible Study at The Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Wed., May 7: 6:30 p.m. No Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

There will be no Worship Services or Lenten Services for the next 4 weeks: March 29, April 5th and 12th. The issue will be reassessed after that time.

Calvary Lutheran Church, Winger, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bejou, and Our Saviors Lutheran Church, McIntosh will run church services on Channel 30 on Garden Valley Channel 30. They will also be available on YouTube on channel One in Spirit Calvary. Our Saviors service will be available by 8:30 am each Sunday until further notice.

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USDA reports record enrollment in key Farm Safety-Net programs

Producers signed a record 1.77 million contracts for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2019 crop year, which is more than 107 percent of the total contracts signed compared with a 5-year average. USDA also reminds producers that June 30 is the deadline to enroll in ARC and PLC for the 2020 crop year.

"Producers for several years have experienced low commodity prices, a volatile trade environment and catastrophic natural disasters," said Richard Fordyce, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "Farmers looking to mitigate these risks recognize that ARC and PLC provide the financial protections they need to weather substantial drops in crop prices or revenues."

Producers interested in enrolling for 2020 should contact their FSA county office. Producers must enroll by June 30 and make their one-time update to PLC payment yields by September 30.

FSA attributes the significant participation in the 2019 crop year ARC and PLC programs to increased producer interest in the programs under the 2018 Farm Bill and to an increase in eligible farms because of the selling and buying of farms and new opportunities for beginning farmers and military veterans with farms having 10 or fewer base acres. Enrollment for 2019 ended March 30.

USDA Service Centers, including FSA county offices, are open for business by phone only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing.

While program delivery staff

will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible.

All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

For more information on ARC and PLC, download the program fact sheet or the 2014-2018 farm bills comparison fact sheet.

Online ARC and PLC election decision tools are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc. To locate the nearest USDA Service Center, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

MDA assists livestock producers and processors during COVID-19 Pandemic

Due to market and supply/demand changes for meat products during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is helping livestock farmers and processors in addressing these current challenges.

The recent closures of some meat processing plants around the region due to COVID-19 is disrupting traditional animal markets and the meat supply chain.

The MDA is working to limit this disruption for producers of smaller herds or flocks by matching them with slaughter facilities and identifying other marketing opportunities.

Farmers with smaller herds or flocks seeking new processors, alternate markets, or increased storage, please contact Jim Ostlie, 320-842-6910, Jim.Ostlie@state.mn.us or Courtney VanderMey, 651-201-6135, Courtney.Vandermey@state.mn.us.

The MDA is working with

existing "Equal To" processors (plants under continuous inspection that are able to produce and process meat and poultry products for wholesale within the State of Minnesota) to expand capacity. We are also developing an expedited approval process to enable plants that currently do not sell wholesale within the state to do so. If these establishments meet the minimum requirements, they will be granted a 90-day provisional grant of inspection.

Processing plants interested in expanding their slaughter capacity, have additional processing capacity, or wanting expedited licensing, please contact Jennifer Stephaes at 651-248-2566.

The MDA is providing additional financial assistance by awarding over \$345,000 in AGRI Value-Added Grants to nine Minnesota meat processors. The companies will be using the funds for facil-

ity improvements, such as increasing freezer space and new equipment for slaughter and processing capacity.

Many of these grantees are required to make updates to be compliant with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). This new funding is in addition to the nearly \$1 million in Value-Added Grants in FY20, in which meat processors received a significant amount of the total grant funds.

A new grant program, the AGRI Rapid Response Mini-Grant for Livestock Processing, is intended to assist processors and certain producers respond to market issues caused by COVID-19.

This grant will be launched by April 30 and will be available to eligible Minnesota processors of meat, poultry, eggs, and milk, and to livestock producers who need storage capacity for processed products until existing markets return or new markets are developed.

Pollinators are an important part of gardens

A thriving backyard garden requires homeowners to take steps to ensure the garden has the best environment in which to grow and thrive. The right tools and components, including trowels, rakes, soil, amendments, and fertilizer, can help gardeners create beautiful spaces. It's also important that pollinators are made to feel welcome in the garden.

The United States Department of Agriculture reports that one-third of all agricultural output depends on pollinators.

The USDA notes that insects and other animal pollinators are vital to the production of healthy crops for food, fibers, edible oils, medicines, and other products. Pollinators also are essential for maintaining habitats and ecosystems that many wild animals rely on for food and shelter.

The U.S. Forest Service says that, without pollinators, the human race and all of the earth's terrestrial ecosystems would not survive. Pollination done the natural way often yields large, flavorful fruits.

Pollinators are make-or-break components of large-scale agriculture, and they're just as important in private home gardens. The Pollinator Partnership, an organization



that works to protect pollinators and their habitats across North America, says pollinators include bees, butterflies, beetles, birds, and bats. These animals travel from plant to plant carrying pollen on their bodies. The following are some ways to maintain healthy pollinator habitats.

- **Consider the soil and types of plants** that will thrive in it before choosing what to plant. Fix drainage issues and plant with sunlight in mind.

- **Vary the colors and shapes of plants** to attract a greater array of pollinators. Plant flowers close to vegetable gardens to attract pollinators.

- **Group plants** together

when planting to more effectively attract pollinators.

- **Select plants that flower at different times** of the year so that nectar and pollen sources are available year-round.

- **Whenever possible**, choose native plants.

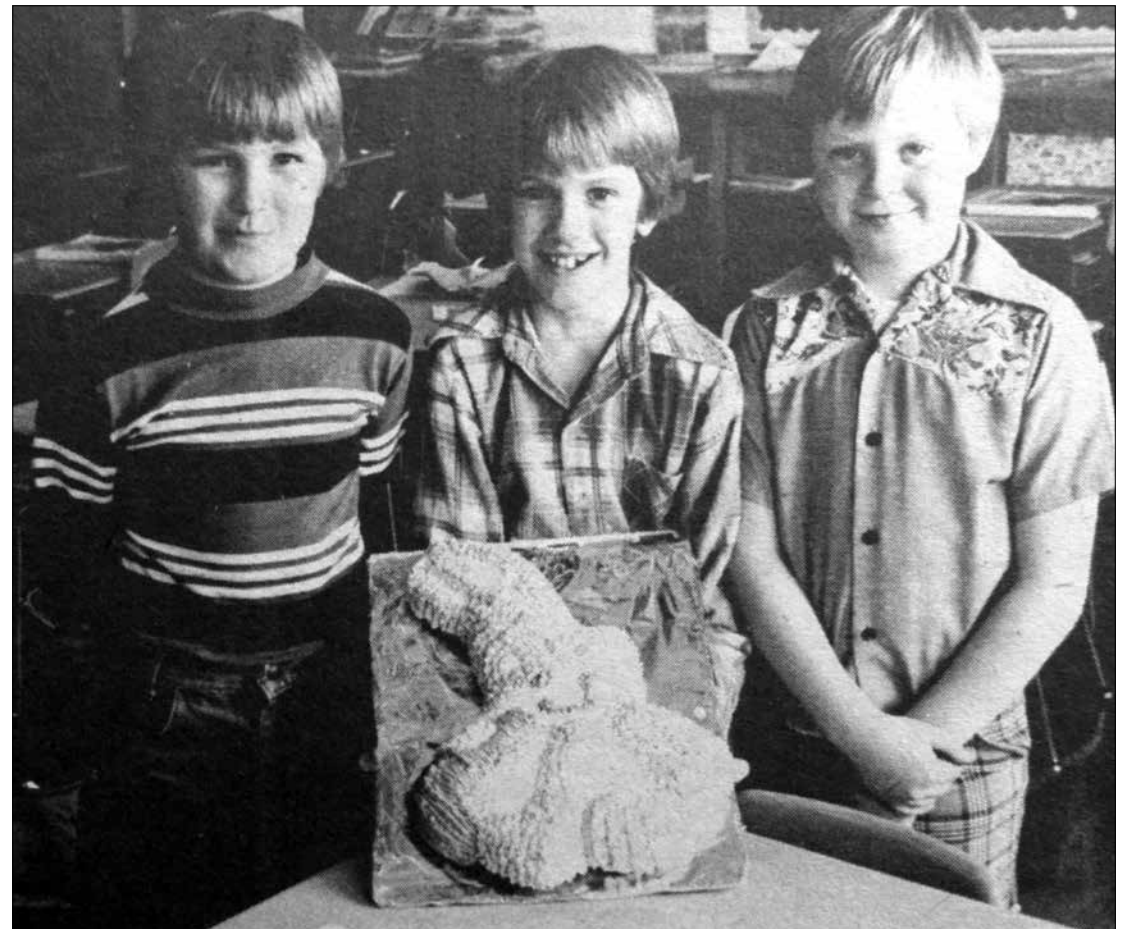
- **Avoid** the use of pesticides.

- **Provide a water source for pollinators**, such as a shallow dish with stones half-submerged for perching.

Pollinators are important for gardens, whether those gardens are commercial operations or small backyard plots. Allow pollinators to share spaces and be mindful of behaviors that can threaten their survival.



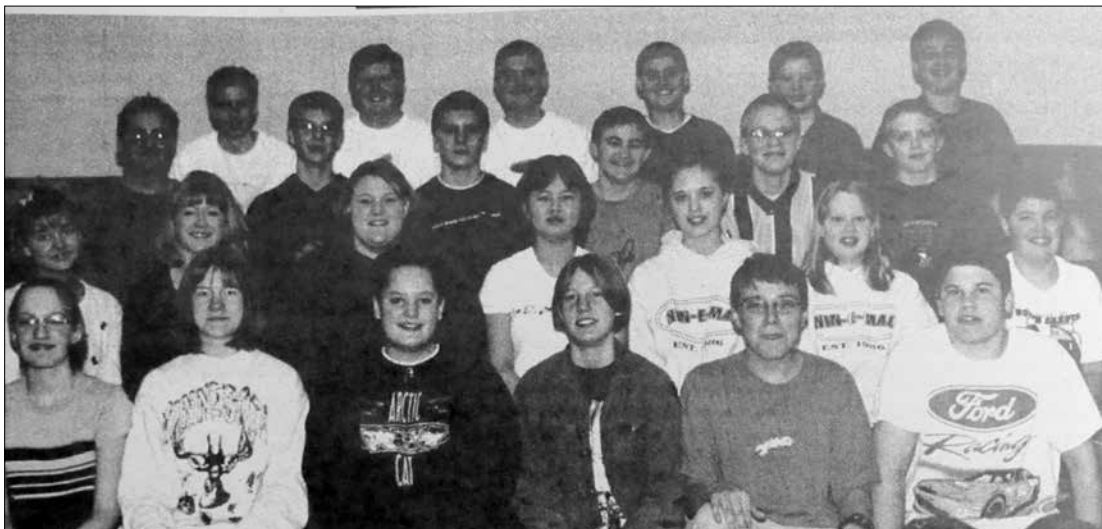
50 years ago...1970: Jim Benson was recognized as the McIntosh Athlete of the year at the Athletic Banquet put on by the Lions Club last week. In this photo, Lions International Counselor Armond Sannes presented Jim with the plaque for recognition as a participant in basketball, football and track.



40 years ago...1980: This Easter Bunny cake was baked and decorated by Brad Steven's mother, Darlene of Winger. Brad brought it to school on April 1st and twenty-five of Mrs. Malmanger's third graders enjoyed the treat. Brad and his friends from Winger are displaying the cake. (l-r) Chris Marr, Bradley Stevens and Dale Balstad.



30 years ago...1990: The Win-E-Mac shop class has been busy turning raw materials into wood duck boxes. Funds for this project were received from the Polk County Central Cities project and the local Northern Marshlands Ducks Unlimited Chapter arranged with shop instructor, Jim Hamilton, to have school classes help with box construction. Pictured is the seventh grade Industrial Technologies class students that assembled and constructed the boxes.



20 years ago...2000: The enthusiasm of the Win-E-Mac Knowledge Bowl is catchy and the Junior High students are preparing to step into the team action. The WEM junior High Knowledge Bowl team has had success in their season and only have one more competition remaining. Ann Vesledahl is the advisor for the Knowledge Bowl Teams. (Back, l-r) Jeff Gieseke, Bradley Strand, Chris Wang, Brian Massmann, Eric Strand, Philip Lee; (Row 3) Matthew Finseth, Evan Johnson, Adam Jore, Brandon Kiecker, Cody Bartz, Robbie Jensen; (Row 2) Skyler Hoass, Kelsi Ostenson, Ashley Jensen, Sarah Lundquist, Ashley Haugen, Elizabeth Oppegaard; (Front) Heather Palmer, Amber Evans, Tiffany Shimpa, Roxy Berg, Tim Irelan and Matt Perkerwicz. Not present: Kristin Fritz and Aaron Cook.



10 years ago...2010: Senior Honor Roll students at Win-E-Mac AAA and Awards Program held March 12th were, (back, l-r) Madison Pries, Katie Salvhus, Kyle Sonsteli, Brett Walker; (middle) Dillon Juve, Taylor Ose, Eric Parent, April Plante, Travis Plante; (front) Kourtney Brevik, Samantha Christopherson, Joshua Gagner, Donald Grinolds, and Lindsey Dahl. Not pictured: Kelsey Hyde, Ashley Morberg, Andrew Stengrim, Angela Thompson and Jacquelyn Tofsky.

Polk County Commissioners Minutes

APRIL 7, 2020 WEBEX PHONE CONFERENCE BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session via Webex phone conference at 8:00 o'clock a.m., April 7, 2020, Crookston, MN. Members present via Webex phone conference: Commissioner Gerald Jacobson, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee and Commissioner Don Diedrich and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Michelle Cote, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

REVIEW OF MEETING PROCEEDURES

Administrator Whiting reviewed the procedures noted in the packet memo for the Board to conduct this Webex meeting.

REVISED AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the April 7, 2020 agenda adding Michelle Cote, Property Records.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the April 7, 2020 consent agenda:

1. Approve Auditor Warrants.
2. Approve the March 24, 2020 Board minutes.
3. Approve payment to Card Member Services, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$12,297.52 for credit card purchases.
4. Approve payment to Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation, Atlanta, GA in the amount of \$46,937.50 for a down payment for the Government Center elevator project.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS ISSUE FORUM

1. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth that he participated in an MRC and RCC meeting where much of the focus was property tax payment alternatives.
2. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he participated in the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force meeting.
3. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he participated in an Emergency Preparedness and Department Head meeting.
4. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she participated in the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force meeting. She also participated in the AMC COVID-19 Webinar. In addition, she participated in an US Department of Homeland Security and the FEMA Department electronic meetings focusing on unemployment and business loans.
5. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth that he had no meetings since the prior Board meeting.

PROPERTY RECORDS

Michelle Cote, Property Records Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Liquor License Fees

The COVID-19 Virus has created a significant impact the way these entities can do business if at all. Discussion was held with the Board regarding the 2020-2021 liquor license fees for these entities. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to change the current On Sale liquor license fee from \$1,200.00 to \$600.00 for 2020-2021. ** All other liquor license fees to remain unchanged.

ADMINISTRATION

Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator and Karen Warmack, Director of Social Services came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Social Worker – CPS Replacement Request – Social Services

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to re-fill a Social Worker-Child Protection Specialist position, and any internal subsequent position vacancies occurring because of this action.

HIGHWAY

Richard Sanders, Polk County Highway Engineer came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Replace Maintenance Man II Position – Highway Department

Due to a resignation, a motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to allow the Polk County Highway Department to fill the Maintenance Man II position and authorize Human Resources to advertise for this position.

2. New or Low Hour Used Motor Grader

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Com-

missioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award the quote to RDO Equipment, Grand Forks, ND in the amount of \$240,590.00 for a new Motor Grader.

3. SP 060-601-061 CSAH 1 from CSAH 10 to TH 59 SP 060-616-010 CSAH 16 from TH 75 to CSAH 9

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award SP 060-601-061 CSAH 1 from CSAH 10 to TH 59 and SP 060-616-010 CSAH 16 from TH 75 to CSAH 9 to Knife River Materials, Bemidji, MN in the amount of \$1,881,907.80 and have the Polk County Chair and the Polk County Administrator sign the contracts.

4. SP 060-621-014 CSAH 21 from TH 220 to TH 75

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award SP 060-621-014 from TH 220 to TH 75 to Knife River Materials of Bemidji, MN in the amount of \$2,475,221.00 and have the Polk County Chair and the Polk County Administrator sign the contracts.

5. 060 SAP 060-623-019 – CSAH 23 from TH 220 to 1 mi. East of Tabor, MN – Widen/overlay

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award SAP 060-623-019 to Knife River Materials, Bemidji, MN in the amount of \$2,925,259.20 and have the Polk County Chair and the Polk County Administrator sign the contracts.

6. SAP 060-601-065 - CSAH 1 in Beltrami, MN SAP 060-112-001 - CSAH 112 in Beltrami, MN SAP 060-601-067 - CSAH 1 in Neillsville, MN SAP -109-001 - CSAH 109 in Neillsville, MN

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award SAP 060-601-065 - CSAH 1 in Beltrami, MN SAP 060-112-001 - CSAH 112 in Beltrami, MN, SAP 060-601-067 - CSAH 1 in Neillsville, MN, SAP -109-001 - CSAH 109 in Neillsville, MN to Anderson Brothers Construction, Brainerd MN in the amount of \$198,000.00 and have the Polk County Chair and the Polk County Administrator sign the contracts.

FACILITIES

Mark Diez, Facilities Management Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Change Order 001

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to accept Change Order No. 001 and all its parts for the Net Change of (\$5,956.00).

2. Update on the East Grand Forks Human Service Center Building

An update was provided on the damage and staff impact due to two significant leaking events.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Sarah Reese, Public Health Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. COVID-19 Status Report

An update was given to the Board regarding the COVID-19 virus.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jody Beauchane, Emergency Management came before the Board with matters pertaining to Emergency Management:

1. Emergency Management Update – Virus and Flood Support

An update was given to the Board regarding the COVID-19 virus and the 2020 flood.

POLK COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

1. Department Work Responses To COVID-19 Situation

Mark Dietz, Facilities Manager Sarah Reese, Public Health Director, Evan Bruggeman, Information Systems Director, Andy Larson, Executive Director of Tri-County Community Corrections, Greg Wids-eth, Polk County Attorney, Alecia Helms, Human Resource Director, Jon Steiner, Environmental Services Director, Karen Warmack, Social Services Director, Richard Sanders, County Engineer, Ron Denison, Finance Director, Kurt Ellefson, Veteran's Service Director, Michelle Cote, Property Records Director and Chuck Whiting, Administrator came before the Board with reviews and updates from their respective departments relative to changes made in response to the COVID-19 virus and Governor Walz's stay at home order.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the following Auditor Warrants for payment:

AUDITOR WARRANTS 03/17/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Becker County Human Services	67,179.66
BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE	3,583.33
Cardmember Service	12,365.42
Clay County Public Health	20,772.94
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	6,807.82
Fischer Rust, Stock & Rust, PLLC	2,720.00
Fosston Municipal Utilities	52,933.19
Garden Valley Technologies	2,733.81
GreatAmerica Financial Services	9,825.32
HP INC	5,271.82
Kronos SaaShr Inc	3,541.71
Lakeland Mental Health Center Inc	3,996.00
Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc	31,807.85
Lepier Oil Company Inc.	4,116.79
Mn State Treasury	5,892.50
Norman County Public Health	43,421.93
Ottertail Power Co	16,814.64
Ottertail Public Health	46,501.22
Polk County Public Health	85,012.35
Reynolds Harbott Knutson & Larson PLLP	4,621.55
Standard and Poor's	13,500.00
Verizon Wireless	4,220.10
31 Payments less than 2000	14,858.70
Final Total:	462,498.65

AUDITOR WARRANTS 03/24/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Crookston Water Department	3,013.75
Davidson Construction	126,933.30
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	10,460.60
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.	2,261.64
Norman County Public Health	3,319.35
Northwestern Mental Health Center	7,063.00
Ottertail Power Co	2,272.09
Polk County Administrator	139,791.33
Polk County Public Health	3,924.57
Thomson Reuters - West	2,823.22
14 Payments less than 2000	8,250.70
Final Total:	310,113.55

AUDITOR WARRANTS 03/31/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Altru Health System	2,653.00
BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE	2,747.71
Dorsey & Whitney	17,500.00
Marshall County Coop	3,980.00
Marshall Polk Rural Water Sys	2,347.80
MCIT	42,908.00
Norman County Public Health	55,892.16
Polk County	49,581.40
Polk County Public Health	140,467.90
Public Financial Management	30,500.00
Sandhill Snowcruisers	39,702.88
18 Payments less than 2000	11,538.33
Final Total:	399,819.18

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/02/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
FURTHER	4,475.49
Final Total:	4,475.49

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/03/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
East Polk Soil & Water	4,206.50
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	5,477.31
Fertile Oil Company	33,769.89
Fischer Rust, Stock & Rust, PLLC	2,803.75
GHA Technologies Inc	2,792.01
Norman County Public Health	8,692.15
Polk County Public Health	16,275.45
Reynolds Harbott Knutson & Larson PLLP	4,352.85
SHI International Corp	12,316.00
Total Lawn Care & Landscaping	6,220.00
Towmaster	225,606.00
West Polk Soil & Water	4,206.50
19 Payments less than 2000	10,389.22
Final Total:	337,107.63

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/06/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Internal Revenue Service	162,112.24
Minnesota Revenue	27,508.05
Final Total:	189,620.29

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/09/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
FURTHER	2,985.96
Final Total:	2,985.96

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/10/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
FURTHER	4,999.43
Final Total:	4,999.43

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/20/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
U.S. Bank Corporate Payment System	140,307.64
Final Total:	140,307.64

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/20/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
U.S. Bank Corporate Payment System	118.38
Final Total:	118.38

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/20/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Mn Dept Of Revenue	318.00
Final Total:	318.00

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/20/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Minnesota Revenue	388.17
Minnesota Revenue	3,404.00
Mn Dept Of Rev Tax Division	31,101.77
Mn Dept Of Revenue	34.00
Mn Dept Of Revenue	125.00
Final Total:	35,052.94

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/20/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Northwest Service Cooperative	259,454.50
Final Total:	259,454.50

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/20/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Internal Revenue Service	159,726.90
Minnesota Revenue	26,959.60
Final Total:	186,686.50

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/23/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
FURTHER	7,090.43
Final Total:	7,090.43

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/30/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
FURTHER	1,904.11
Final Total:	1,904.11

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/30/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
U S Bank	1,762,706.25
Final Total:	1,762,706.25

With no further business, the Board adjourned to reconvene at 9:30 a.m., April 21, 2020.

Gary Willhite, Chair

Charles S. Whiting,
Polk County Administrator
Clerk of the Board

ministrator came before the Board with matters pertaining to Resolution (2020-37):

1. Resolution (2020-37) Declaring A State of Emergency Re: Spring Flooding

Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency Re: Spring Flooding RESOLUTION (2020-37)

The following resolution (2020-37) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, 2020 spring flooding has impacted the population of Polk County and its cities, and

WHEREAS, A winter storm, on or about April 1-3, 2020, also has impacted the populations of Polk County and its cities, and;

WHEREAS, The spring flooding and April storm events of 2020 have caused a significant amount of public property damage within Polk County, and;

WHEREAS, The Polk County Department of Emergency Management requests the Polk County Board of Commissioners to declare Polk County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the flooding and April storm events of 2020, and;

WHEREAS, On April 15, 2020, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29, subd. 1, the Chair of the Polk County

Board of Commissioners declared a local STATE OF EMERGENCY for the flooding and April storm events of 2020, and;

WHEREAS, The entire Polk County Board of Commissioners desires to affirm and continue the declaration of a STATE OF EMERGENCY related to the flooding and April storm events of 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners affirms and declares Polk County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for conditions resulting from the flooding and April storm events of 2020.

Commissioner Diedrich seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Jacobson and Strandell. NAYS: None.

With no further business, the Board adjourned to reconvene at 9:30 a.m., April 21, 2020.

Gary Willhite, Chair
ATTEST:

Charles S. Whiting,
Polk County Administrator
Clerk of the Board

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Make Mother's Day special

Each and every day a new woman becomes a mother for the first time or all over again. Being a mother changes a person's life in dramatic ways.

Mother's Day is a great time of year to honor mothers and attempt to give back just a portion of the tireless love and devotion moms offer their children. Some children provide large gestures, while others feel it's the little things that can help a mom to feel appreciated. For those needing a little inspiration on treating their mothers in special ways, consider these ideas.

· Make mom a breakfast in bed with her favorite morning treats.

· Enjoy a movie at home with mom. Let her pick the flick and share her favorite film with you.

· Agree to not bicker for the entire day, especially if you are prone to getting into arguments with siblings.

· Put together a collage of photos from moments you have shared with mom or your family.

· Cook a meal together and learn about everyone's favorite recipes or the family history.

· Give her a locket with your photo inside and have a duplicate you can wear containing

her photo.

· Customize a coffee mug, tote bag or a blanket with a meaningful sentiment or photo.

· Treat mom to a day off from her chores. Tackle all of the jobs she normally does for the family.

· Bake a delicious dessert that mom will absolutely devour.

· Pamper mom with a gift card for her favorite nail salon or massage therapy location.

· Prepare a jar of mom's favorite candies wrapped in pieces of paper that have loving sentiments written on them.

· Compile a playlist of songs and artists mom prefers and download them to her phone.

· Begin a charm bracelet tradition by purchasing a charm bracelet and a new charm each year that represents a meaningful memory you both shared.

· Write a new email each day with an inspirational quote or special words of love for mom.

· Tackle a task that she may not want to do herself, such as washing the exterior of her car and vacuuming the interior.

Mother's Day gift ideas should come from the heart and can show mothers near and far how much they are appreciated and loved.

Mother's Day ideas for moms from all walks of life

Mother's Day is a celebration of women who devote so much of their effort and energy to their families. Celebrating Mom on Mother's Day lets her know all of her efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

Mothers may perform similar tasks, but no two moms are the same. Finding ways to celebrate Mom's uniqueness can make the day that much more meaningful and memorable.

The Crafter

Mothers who are avid crafters may enjoy a craft-themed Mother's Day.

A family crafting project can make for a fun afternoon and produce mementos that Mom will cherish for years to come. Dads and kids can plan the project in advance without Mom's knowledge, arranging all of the materials ahead of time and setting up the crafting station the night before or while Mom is relaxing on Mother's Day morning. Kids can even get a head start on the day by making their own craft for Mom and giving it to her as a Mother's Day present. Dads can keep the craft theme going at dinner and get a laugh out of Mom by pouring her a craft beer when dinner is served.

The Reader

A 2017 survey from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found that women read more than men. Women read an average of 19.8 minutes per day, which can make a Mother's Day focused on Mom's love of books an ideal and unique way

missioner Jacobson, Commissioner Joan Lee and Commissioner Don Diedrich and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Michelle Cote, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the agenda for April 15, 2020.

ADMINISTRATION

Chuck Whiting, Polk County Ad-

SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 15, 2020 WEBEX PHONE CONFERENCE BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in special session via Webex phone conference at 9:00 o'clock a.m., April 15, 2020, Crookston, MN. Members present via Webex phone conference: Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Com-