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Winners of the first Flea Market Flip competition held in McIntosh last Saturday, October 10th was the mother-daughter team of Heidi Haaven and Ann Vesledahl with their great Hat Tree for an entryway. The competition was a fun idea created by local store owners and there was a huge response with 6 entries and several shoppers and onlookers. The contest is for a team to remake an item of furniture from flea market items and turn them in to an updated piece, then sell the item during a set time. Congratulations to Heidi and Ann.



Cassie and Kevin Subbert were one of 6 teams who recently entered the Flea Market Flip competition held in McIntosh and sponsored by Minnesota Rust and The Red Poppy. This was the first time the competition was held and the turnout for the fun and interactive day was great.



The Polar Beach Snowmobile Club recently spent a sunny day working on the Sleepy Hollow Snowmobile Trail, a trail that runs from McIntosh to Trail, MN. The Club cleaned up debris, widened some areas on the path and installed new signage along the trail. More work by the Club will continue on this trail, and others, throughout the fall. Pictured (l-r): Dominic Kringlen does the heavy lifting of pounding posts with Matt Thompson looking on in observation.

Farmers to Families food box distribution

The Grace Community Food Shelf, in partnership with the Win-E-Mac School and the Polk County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, will be distributing the CFAP (Covid Food Assistance Program) food boxes on Wednesday, October 21st, beginning at 9:00 AM.

Distribution will take place in the Northeast corner of the Win-E-Mac School Bus Garage parking lot. Access to the site will be on 345th Street SE, the Win-E-Mac School access road. Turn on to 345th Street, heading East, and follow this road to the bottom of the hill where you will turn on to 233rd Ave. Turning left on to 233rd, head North until you see the signs pointing to the distribution site.

We will have 110 combination boxes for distribution. Each box contains: 5 pounds of potatoes, 5 pounds of apples,



5 pounds of onions, a brick of cheese, 2 family size containers of yogurt, a pound of diced chicken or pork, and 1 or 2 packages of premium hot dogs. The box will come with a full gallon of milk (1% or 2%). We

will ask the driver of each car if they want one or two boxes. The minimum number of cars we can load will be 55 and the maximum will be considerably more if people take only one box.

Boxes will be distributed on a first come, first served basis until we run out of boxes.

There is no registration process, no income requirements, and absolutely no paperwork to complete to receive one of the "Farmers to Families" Food Boxes! If you are facing a nutrition crisis we are here to help you!

The Grace Community Food Shelf will be open on Thursday, October 14th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for regular food shelf services.

We will also be distributing the NAPS (Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors) Boxes in the same time frame.

There will be NO SCHOOL at Win-E-Mac this Thursday and Friday, October 15th and 16th due to MEA.



Kiersten and Leah Anderson spent some time Saturday morning in downtown McIntosh picking out some pumpkins from Voxland Pumpkin Farm who had their pumpkins and fall decorations in town for the day.



Since there will not be a Veterans Day program this year, the Quilts of Valor group for East Polk County has decided to award quilts to individuals privately. Each individual who is honored with a Quilt of Valor will be featured in the McIntosh Times.

Here, Jim Paulson from Trail was the recipient of a beautiful, handmade quilt, which was made by the East Polk County Quilts of Valor volunteers. Here is what Jim had to say of his service to our Country: I served in the United States Army from February 19, 1957 to February 20, 1959 as a Private 1st Class. I was then placed in active reserve for five years, but I was not called back. I boarded a train in Fargo, ND and went to Fort Chaffe, Arkansas for basic training for eight weeks. I was then sent to Fort Leonardwood, MO for eight more weeks of training; then transferred/assigned to the 5th Engineer Battalion. I was included in a group that replaced troops coming home from Germany who were being discharged. I was placed in food service for our battalion, driving the food truck, and keeping records. I remained at Fort Leonardwood until my discharge, when I joined my dad at our farm in Eden township rural Trail, MN. During my service, I was assigned to stand as an honor guard for former President Harry S. Truman. After his arrival and his meeting some Generals, he turned around and came back and greeted each one of us individually, thanking us for our service to our country. I married Janice Anderson on September 10, 1966. We have two sons, Daniel and Darald. Daniel is married to Tina, and they have three children: Ryan and Hillary Paulson, Nicole and Jonathan Halbur and Brylee, our great grandchild, and Hannah Paulson. We are still engaged in farming and so are our sons and grandson, Ryan and his wife Hillary. Having sold the dairy and beef cows and our hogs, we continued with raising crops: wheat, soybeans, and sunflowers. Due to my health issues, the next generations are continuing the Paulson Farm operation, now in its 125th year. I am pleased to be honored and am grateful I was able to have served my country, the U.S.A. Thank you for the "Quilt of Valor."

Thank you to Jim Paulson for your service to our Country.



Meg Fredrickson from Lengby and her grandson Carson Norby, called The Red Shedders, created a remade piece of furniture for the Flea Market Flip competition held in McIntosh last Saturday.

Essentia Health offers advance care planning classes online

Advance care planning is a process that helps you think and talk about your choices for health care in the future. It's important for every adult to have an advance directive, also known as a living will or healthcare directive.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought advance care planning to the forefront of people's minds. While COVID-19 can affect people of any age, it's especially dangerous for those with underlying medical conditions and those over the age of 65. By having these conversations proactively, you can make sure that your preferences are understood if you become unable to make medical decisions for yourself due to an accident, injury or sudden illness like COVID-19.

Essentia Health is offering free, online classes via Zoom, a video conferencing platform, to learn more about advance care planning. Upcoming classes will be held:

- Wednesday, October 14, at 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 9, at 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 8, at 11:00 a.m.

This class will discuss advance care planning and encourage you to think about:

- Who would you want to be your health care agent, the person to speak for you?
- What is important for you to live well?
- What fears or worries do you have about your illness?

- How do you want to be cared for if you become seriously ill?

You will also learn more about completing your advance directive. The classes are open to anyone and will provide a thought-provoking presentation to help you make your wishes known as well as:

- Learn vocabulary
- Reflect on your values
- Explore goals for treatment

Take steps toward completing a healthcare directive. "Being proactive in making medical decisions allows the patient's medical team to understand and prepare for the patient's wishes and preferences," said Dr. Joe Bianco, a family practice physician at Essentia Health. "Entering into these conversations with our patients helps us to honor their choices."

To register for upcoming classes visit EssentiaHealth.org and click on the "Classes & Events" tab to register. You also can access health care directives and additional resources for your state of residence on our website.

For more information on health care directives, or to better understand the complications of COVID-19 with an underlying medical condition, please contact your primary care provider's office to schedule a visit, in-person or virtually. You can do so at EssentiaHealth.org or by calling your clinic.

LSS Meals Menu 687-2262

Tues, Oct. 20th - Chicken & Noodles - Roasted Beets & Carrots - Peaches - Wheat Rolls - Vanilla Pudding - Milk
Wed, Oct. 21st - Roast Beef - Mashed Potatoes & gravy - Green & Wax Beans - Breadsticks - Ice Cream Cup - Milk

Paid Volunteer Opportunities

- Become a respite volunteer
 - Visit older adults a few hours a week
 - Earn a monthly living allowance
- To learn more contact
 Julie Praska-Moser
 218.686.6228 OR
Julie.Praska-Moser@lssmn.org

CHURCH DIRECTORY

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Fosston
Fr. John Suvaakeen, Pastor
 Sun. October 18: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
 Sun. October 25: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Our Savior's Church of McIntosh will resume church services starting on October 4th. The plan moving forward will be to alternate with Calvary every other week. Our Savior's will host on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's and Calvary the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of each month. The new time will be 10:30 am every Sunday at both locations.

The following guidelines will be in place. Masks must be worn at all times, social distancing from non-family members or anyone else you aren't currently spending time with, no singing as all the hymnals will be removed from the pews and the hymns will be in your bulletin to follow along with, communion will be held in the pews on the 1st and 2nd Sunday's of the month with the communion kits we are currently using, offering trays will be placed on a table to put your offering in when you come in, no sharing of the peace.

If you don't have a mask we'll have some available but please take with you afterwards and dispose of at home. Hand sanitizer will also be available to use before sitting down in your pew. Please only sit in the pews that aren't taped off.

We will still continue to have services on Garden Valley and YouTube so if you aren't comfortable in coming please stay home and enjoy on tv.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson
 Mt Carmel and Trinity Free Lutheran Churches in McIntosh have resumed holding Sunday Services.

9:30 Trinity
 11:00 Mt Carmel
 Social distancing practices will be encouraged.

Video Services will continue on GVTV Channel 30 at 10am Sunday, 7pm Sunday and 6pm Wednesday.

They will also be posted on the McIntosh AFLC Parish YouTube channel

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

Sun., October 18: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (also on Facebook: [gosenchurch](https://www.facebook.com/gosenchurch) and [gosenchurch.com](https://www.facebook.com/gosenchurch.com))

Tues, October 20: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, October 21: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH
Winger/Bejou
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Calvary Lutheran Church, Winger, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bejou, and Our Saviors Lutheran Church, McIntosh will run church services on 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.

Dairy Margin Coverage Program

Enrollment for 2021 Opens Oct. 13

Enhancements to Online Dairy Decision Tool Now Available

CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN, Oct. 8, 2020 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin accepting applications for the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 for 2021 enrollment.

"This year has been a market roller coaster for the dairy industry, and the Dairy Margin Coverage program is a valuable tool dairy producers can use to manage risk," said Bill Northey, USDA's Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, during a roundtable at a dairy in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. "We were excited to roll out this new and improved program through the 2018 Farm Bill, and if you haven't enrolled

in previous years, we highly encourage you to check it out."

Signup runs through Dec. 11, 2020. DMC is a voluntary risk management program that offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed price (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. DMC payments triggered for seven months in 2019 and three months so far in 2020. More than 23,000 operations enrolled in DMC in 2019, and more than 13,000 in 2020.

Updated Dairy Decision Tool To determine the appropriate level of coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can utilize the recently updated online dairy decision tool. The decision tool is designed to assist producers with calculating total premium costs and

administrative fees associated with participation in DMC. An informational video is available, too.

Improvements to the decision tool, made in cooperation with representatives from the University of Minnesota and University of Wisconsin, include historical analysis that illustrates what DMC indemnity payments might have been had the program been available over the previous two decades. The analysis indicates that over the course of time, DMC payments made to producers exceed premiums paid. These decision tool enhancements provide a more comprehensive decision support experience for producers considering DMC.

Virtual presentation by author of "Yellow Bird" at LARL

Libraries announce virtual author presentation by "Yellow Bird" author Sierra Crane Murdoch on Oct. 19 at 7 PM.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library will host a virtual event featuring journalist Sierra Crane Murdoch as she discusses her book, *YELLOW BIRD: Oil, Murder, and a Woman's Search for Justice in Indian Country*.

Both a story of a murder on an Indian reservation and a remarkable portrait of the unforgettable Arikara woman with Fargo ties who becomes obsessed with solving it, "YELLOW BIRD" traces Lissa Yellow Bird's steps as she obsessively hunts for clues to the disappearance of KC Clarke.

This virtual event, which will be held live on the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Facebook page on October 19, 2020 at 7 p.m. is made possible through funding from the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

The virtual event can be viewed at www.facebook.com/larlmn free-of-charge.

Story to Share?

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



Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Sept. 30:
 Taylor Burslie, Lonnie Schmit, Matt Schow, Heidee Smyby

Thurs. Oct. 1:
 Andy Marshall, Isak Sylstad, Leslie Haugen, *Calvin & Nancy Burslie

Fri. Oct. 2: John Burthwick, Noah Ostenaar, Hannah Marshall

Sat. Oct. 3: Mike Olson

Sun. Oct. 4: Jared Olson, Scot Carlson

Mon. Oct. 5: Mel Knowles, *Josh & Nicole Vetteson

Tues. Oct. 6:
 Matthew Voxland, Russell Sultvedt, Wayne Gustafson

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Learn to deer hunt classes continue

Anyone who wants to learn how to hunt deer can register and participate in a series of online classes with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources that continues through mid-October.

Do you value strong connections to your outdoors and the food you eat? Are you looking for a new way to interact with the fields, woods, and waters around you?

Learning how to hunt deer with the Minnesota DNR is a fantastic opportunity for you to go from being a spectator to an active participant in Minnesota's outdoors, and learn how to take high quality meat out of the field and put it on the table!

For fall 2020, our Learn to Hunt Deer programming will be entirely online!

Please join for a series of one-hour lunchtime (noon – 1 p.m.) webinars leading up to the statewide youth deer season starting on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020.

Regardless of where you're

Class 2 Agenda

- Who we are
- Housekeeping
- Deer Biology
- Hunting History in Minnesota
- Hunter Ethics
- Why Hunting Matters
- Questions and Answers

Goal:

For you to learn about deer hunting, the rules, and best practices to participate in a safe and ethical deer hunt this fall.

from, or how much experience you have, we want to give you the knowledge and information you'll need to get out into the deer woods! Each webinar will have time for questions with presenters.

Classes will cover a variety of topics including deer ecology and habitat use, scouting, identifying public lands, finding hunting land, picking a

spot to hunt, what to do after the shot and how to care for meat from a harvest.

Upcoming classes are October 13th and 15th. Participants can tune in to any or all of the classes at no cost.

Registration and post-event surveys are required.

All classes will be archived. Details are available on the DNR learn to deer hunt page.

Safety measures all hunters should take

Hunting draws millions of people into the great outdoors every year.

Many avid hunters feel hunting is a great way to actively participate in nature while also taking responsibility for procuring one's own food.

Hunting requires discipline, dedication, patience, and, perhaps most important, a commitment to safety.

By prioritizing safety on each hunting trip, seasoned and novice hunters alike are acknowledging the potential dangers of this beloved outdoor activity while doing everything they can to ensure the trip is as safe as possible.

Because safety plays such a vital role in successful hunting trips, hunters of all experience levels can benefit from a refresher course on the safety measures they should take each time they go on the hunt.

Treat all firearms as if they're loaded. Treating all firearms as if they're loaded ensures hunters won't be tempted to engage in the kind of fooling around that can contribute to tragic accidents. This approach can reduce the risk of

firearm-related accidents or injuries, and can be an especially effective way to teach youngsters about the dangers of firearms and the correct ways to mitigate those dangers.

Keep your finger off the trigger and only point at what you plan to shoot. Keeping your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot ensures you won't accidentally discharge your firearm. In addition, never point your firearm at anything other than what you plan to shoot.

Know the forecast and dress appropriately. Firearms are not the only risk to hunters' safety. Inclement weather can put hunters at the mercy of Mother Nature. According to the Mayo Clinic, hypothermia, which occurs when the human body loses heat faster than it can produce heat, can affect hunters who are unable to get out of wet clothes or move to warm, dry locations as their bodies lose heat. In addition, hunters may be at risk of hypothermia even if temperatures are hovering around 50 F. Before embarking on a hunting trip, hunters should

read the forecast of the areas where they will be hunting and dress accordingly. Outer layers that repel water can help keep hunters dry, and hunters also should avoid wearing cotton, which retains moisture and can increase their risk for hypothermia. Clothing made with moisture-wicking fabrics is a great alternative to cotton.

Share your plan with others. Returning home safe is the ultimate goal for hunters, and that's more likely to happen when hunters share their hunting plans with others. Let someone, ideally a spouse, parent, roommate, or sibling, know when and where you will be hunting and when you expect to return by. Direct this loved one to call the local authorities if you do not call by a predetermined time. This can dramatically reduce the time it takes to find you if you become injured on your hunting trip and prove unable to get back to your vehicle safely.

Millions of people across the globe enjoy hunting. Avid hunters know that no hunting trip is successful if safety is not the utmost priority.

Did you know?

While Orville and Wilbur Wright, otherwise known as the Wright Brothers, may be the most widely recognized brothers associated with aeronautics, a pair of French brothers' accomplishments in the 18th century should not be overlooked.

According to Britannica.

com, in 1782, nearly a century before the Wright Brothers were even born, Joseph and Étienne Montgolfier discovered that heated air, when collected inside a large lightweight paper or fabric bag, caused the bag to rise into the air.

Various successful experiments preceded the Montgol-

fiers' flight on November 21, 1783.

That flight, a 5.5 mile journey over Paris that lasted roughly 25 minutes, was the first manned untethered flight in history, firmly establishing the Montgolfier brothers as true pioneers in the field of aeronautics.



50 years ago...1970: Pastor Oliver Urdahl is teaching personal Evangelism at the Outreach Training School in McIntosh this week. Back row (l-r): Swen Swenson, David Boe, Lester Olson, Ed Zimmerman, Bill Neson, Pastor Arthur Dahlen, Laurel Benson, Shawn McCay, Faith Striker, Kristine Zurcher, Ruby Sambuc; Second row: Erick Swenson, Dee Swenson, Leah Nelson, Maree Nelson, Sarah Nelson, Lillian Enerson, Pastor Oliver Urdahl, Elin Pederson, Gail Zacharias, Larry Wardrip and Steve Aaserude.



40 years ago...1980: Centerbase children (4 years old) in McIntosh observed the local fire engine during Fire Prevention Week with their instructor Verna Sather, and assistant, Ruth Davidson. Fire Chief, Harald Thompson, explained the various kinds of hoses on the truck, and let the children observe other trucks and equipment. Centerbase children present were: Duaine Anderson, Matthew Evans, Scott Kaupang, Shawn Ostenaar, Jessica Pearce, Micah Strom, Erin Tangen, Matthew Bernard, Mitchell Reiersen, Galen Neste, Ryan Johnson, Jennifer Carlson, Amy Middleton, Jennifer Buchholz, Emily Hegg and Cari Vesledahl. Absent was Heidi Doll and Matthew Rivera.



30 years ago...1990: The Patriot football cheerleaders for 1990 say H-E-L-L-O: (l-r) Lori Lucken, Rose Syverson, Jennifer Burkman, Kylie Horacek, Darcy Larson and (front) alternate Bobbie Jo Norberg. Cindy Tranby is the cheerleader advisor.



10 years ago...2010: Poplar Meadows held an Open House for the residents and community during National Assisted Living Week beginning on Grandparent's Day. Gathered around one of the dining room tables enjoying coffee and cookies are (standing, l-r) Mary Lerfald, (Mary's sister) Theresa Horgeshimer and Ellen Burslie; (seated) Norma Ness, Ruthie Carlson, Ruby Hold, MaryAnn Simonson (sister to Ellen) and Dolly Lee.



20 years ago...2000: The last Ride! (L-R) On a bright day in September, Clipper Carlson and Clifton Burslie took the 1933 McIntosh Fire Truck out on the highway on the way to the Polk County Museum in Crookston, where it will be on display. The fire truck, which was in active service for approximately 15 years, was donated to the museum by the McIntosh Fire Department. According to local historian and fire department member, (l) Carey Burslie, Harry Lillesve and Benny Higdem built the truck in the 1930's on a 1933 Ford cattle truck belonging to Art Swanson. (Note the ax over the windshield and the rear box is made of wood.)

Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer

Taxes and School Levy

Our school levy for the 2020 Pay 2021 school year will decrease by -5.7%. This decrease is due to an increase of state aid towards Referendum Market Values and fewer sales ratios. People who own Ag property or farmland will see another decrease due to the new Ag credit legislation in 2019. Ag credit will be used for Agriculture and timberland owners in 296 school districts to reduce bond debt taxes.

This is a new property tax law only applied to Ag acres and timberland so the tax burden of school buildings is not a heavy burden on farmers. See the table below.

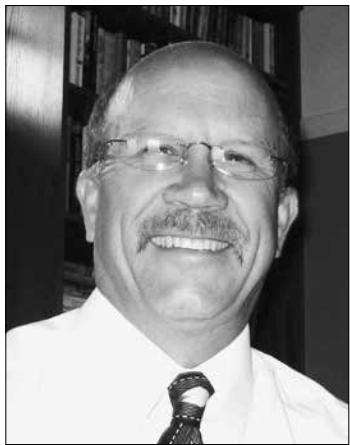
Our district has continued a lease levy from previous years which will be used to construct a Pre-K room, Special Education classroom, or an extra classroom in the near future without an additional impact on property taxes.

This has been a continued discussion with school board members.

Taxes Payable Year	Total
Ag2school credit	
2021	55%
2022	60%
2023	70%

Century 21 Grant

Our school is 1 of 4 School Districts who has reapplied for the Grant to extend this program for 3 additional years. We are excited about this opportunity because we know how much students enjoy the program. Win-E-Mac, Waubun, Stephen-Argyle, and



Fosston were the recipients of this grant. Our school includes grades K-12 with an emphasis on 5-12. We will have homework help time, intro to robotics, Lego competition, nutrition, fitness, stem, and arts along with field trips and community work projects. We are seeking help after school if you would like to work some hours with students. Please call the school and speak with the Superintendent.

School Construction Class

The Construction class is building a portable fish house this year instead of a house. If you are interested in a house built by the school in the 2021/2022 school year, please call the Superintendent. If you have a plan for the next build, please give Nathan or the Superintendent a call.

Minnesota State High School League approves limited winter prep sports seasons

The Minnesota State High

School League voted last Thursday to go ahead with winter sports seasons, with a 30 percent reduction in games and matches.

The schedule includes a 17-week season for basketball and a 15-week season for hockey, the state's two highest-profile winter sports. Dance, gymnastics, wrestling, nordic and alpine skiing, and adaptive floor hockey will also go forward.

That follows the board's previous delay of some fall sports to next spring due to COVID-19, and the decision last month to restore football and volleyball after pressure from parents and players to restart the programs.

Like limits to the fall activities, the winter plan has limited competition between schools. It allows only two- or three-team contests, with no tournaments or invitationals. The seasons are being moved slightly to accommodate fall sports: dance is scheduled to start November 9, the rest of the sports in late November and early December.

The decision doesn't guarantee kids will take to the court, the ice, the mat, the pool, or the ski hill.

Participation still depends on individual districts and the status of their school options due to COVID-19. Schools with distance-only learning aren't eligible for high school sports — although some schools are eligible for in-person learning and sports, even if they opted for virtual classes.

Volunteer needed for WEM backpack program for weekend food for kids

Win-E-Mac School is looking for a volunteer to take the position that D'Wana Carroll had as the Backpack Program Coordinator. Included in the duties of the volunteer position is 2-4 hours a month on these duties.

At this time, Win-E-Mac does NOT have the program in the school.

The identifying of children/families, organizing the food once it is here, and dropping off in backpacks is covered by school staff. If you are interested, read below on the volunteer position and what it entails. You can email mentalhealthsupport@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us with questions or if you are interested!



The following are the duties for Backpack Program Coordinator:

- Deposit monies at the bank at the First State Bank in Erskine;
- Order the backpacks as needed-monthly or every other month..depending upon num-

bers.;

- Work with Amy Bartz or Cassie Subbert to order the packs and the delivery of the packs to the school;

- Work with Kim Mahlen at the Grace Lutheran church re: bank statements, monies, etc;

- Pay invoices for the packs.;
- Solicit funds if needed

(you really won't need to solicit many funds as we receive funds now on a regular basis from many institutions and individuals.);

- Write articles for the newspaper once-in-a-while;

Ideally this is a position that is in need to be filled as soon as possible to get the program running and food headed home to the children identified.



Members of the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club were hard at work Saturday, October 3rd completing the signage and maintenance of the Sleepy Hollow trail connecting McIntosh and Trail. There have been portions widened this year to improve conditions especially in heavy snow. More work will be done in the weeks ahead.



The Polar Beach Snowmobile Club widened areas of The Sleepy Hollow Trail connecting McIntosh to Trail for snowmobile recreation.



New signage installed by the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club for The Sleepy Hollow Trail.



RiverView EVS staff with one set of the UVC technology.

RiverView Health adds Ultraviolet Disinfection Robots to cleaning protocol

In its ongoing efforts to assure patient and staff safety, RiverView Health recently increased its stringent disinfection efforts by adding ultraviolet light (UVC) disinfection technology to its already-extensive hygiene program.

The Skytron 2280 Syndicate UVC robot is an advanced, paired system designed to emit germicidal energy to provide fast, effective disinfection treatments. UVC radiation renders harmful microorganisms such as bacteria and viruses ineffective by destroying the genetic information in the DNA.

The microorganisms lose their reproductive capability and are destroyed. The germicidal nature of UVC is well suited to treat parasites that are extremely resistant to chemical disinfectants.

The UVC robots are a key part of the battle against healthcare-associated infections and SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19.

RiverView received a COVID-19 Health Care Response

Grant for \$150,000 from the Minnesota Department of Health to purchase two sets of the infection control robots.

"We were very fortunate to receive the grant to allow us to purchase the Skytron Syndicate," shared Jennifer Tate, RiverView's Environmental Services (EVS) manager. "Patient safety is one of RiverView's top priorities. I know the EVS staff does an exceptional job keeping our environment disinfected and safe. Now the UVC Syndicate gives us that extra safeguard to disinfect the environment for our patients and residents."

Extensive research was done by a team made up of employees from a variety of departments to determine the best method of disinfection. Tate credits Mario Gomez, Supply Chain director with working to secure two sets of the robots with the grant dollars.

One set will be used in the Operating Room and the other set will be housed on the Inpatient Unit and also used in the Emergency Department, Care

Center, and clinics.

"With the Syndicate, we are able to cover more area in less time and they have a longer life span than the other robots available," Tate continued.

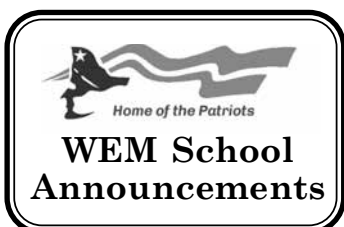
"I felt it had better safety features and the biggest selling point is the robot will automatically calculate the run time based on the size of the room. This is a huge benefit and takes away the chance of user error."

The robots treat to a "disinfection standard" rather than a "time standard." This means that the goal is to kill 99.999% of pathogens on all surfaces in the room. The robot automatically calculates the treatment time based on the size of the room and other characteristics like humidity, temperature, and reflective surfaces. After detecting these characteristics, the robot calculates the amount of time it needs to be running to cause the 99.999% kill rate in all pathogens on each surface in the room. Run times usually vary between 8 to 30 minutes.



Win-E-Mac Conference date changed to October 21st

Parent Teacher Conferences have been changed from October 8 to Wednesday, October 21 from 1:00-7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 8th will now become a full school day for staff and students. School will be dismissed at 12:30 on Wednesday, October 21. Parent Teacher Conference format will be conducted virtually or by phone. Further information will be coming out from the school or your child's teacher.



Homecoming for elementary will be October 26-30 and homecoming for the high school will be October 26-30 and November 2-6 (this is so students can do all dress up days in high school – this will make sense once we send out the dress up days).

Drivers Education Classroom instruction will begin on Monday, October 19th from 3:15-6:00 p.m. in Mr. Ian Hanson's room. The dates of the class are October 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30 November 2,

3 and the 5th will be a make-up day. Students are expected to complete 30 hours of required instruction. Cost is \$160 and should be sent in with the registration form by Wednesday, October 14th.

Students enrolled in Drivers Education need to be 15 years old by June 1. Notice that there will be no classes on Wednesdays. Students will follow their usual RED/BLUE days of school. When it is your day to be in school you will be in person for the classroom portion. When it is your day to be home, you will join through zoom. Please pick up forms in the office.

Join Cub Scout Pack 89 for the Cub Scout Kickoff on Tuesday, October 13th at 5:30-6:30 pm at Rydell Refuge in rural Erskine! This will be an

opportunity to meet with local scouts and their families to learn more about Scouting or if you are already a member to plan the upcoming program year. It will also be an opportunity to take in the fresh air and hike the beautiful Rydell refuge! Scouting has a rich tradition of guiding youth to be leaders and positive members of society both today and in the years to come. Cub Scouts is open to boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade. In addition to the Cub Scout Kickoff, there will also be an opportunity for boys and girls in 6th grade and up to join or learn more about Scouts BSA, which will be new this year! Come join us and learn what Scouting is all about! If there are any questions, please call Phil at 563-2337.