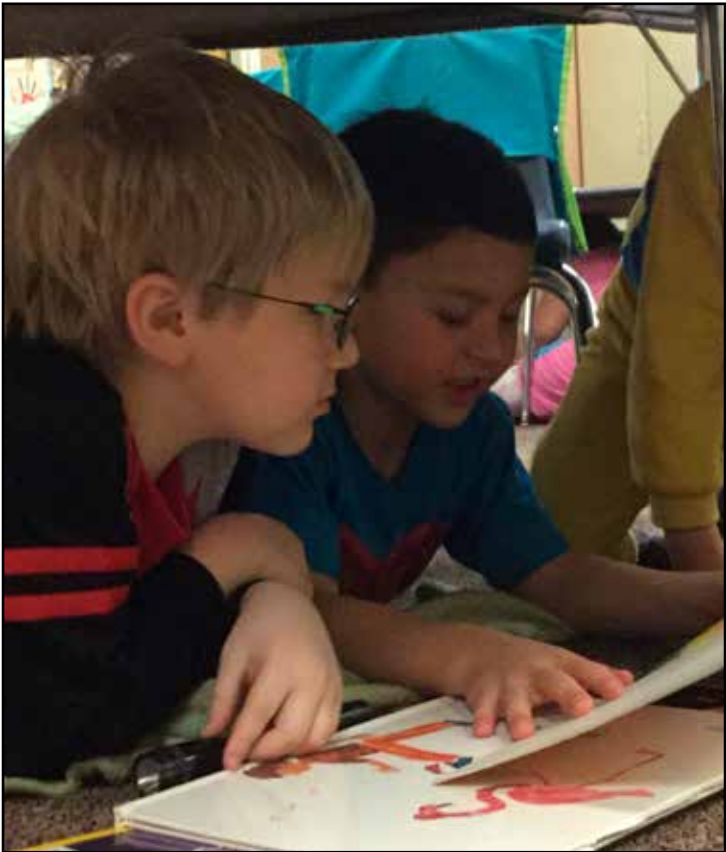
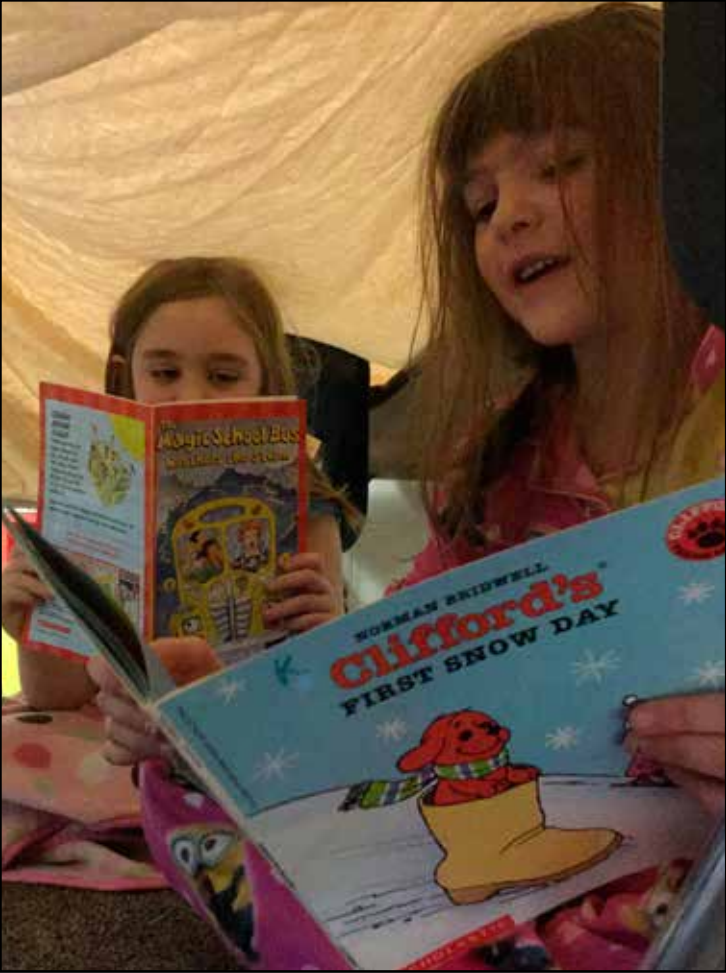




Lukas Gensburger and Nick Schow are buddy reading in their tent during ReadQuest reading event that took place at Win-E-Mac School last Friday. The kids will celebrate reading this entire week at the school with several fun activities.



Every class in the Elementary school at Win-E-Mac spent the day reading last Friday. Here, Samantha Armye and Bella Senn are concentrating on their reading books.



The kids all found a comfortable spot to read last Friday. Kolten Schow made a cozy spot under a desk.

National “Read Across America Day” celebrated at Win-E-Mac

Students at Win-E-Mac Celebrate Reading as Participants in ReadQuest

Students at Win-E-Mac took part in ReadQuest, a nationwide reading event on Friday, February 26, 2016. They joined more than 12,000 educators and tens of thousands of students in Renaissance Learning’s annual one-day reading celebration that encouraged K–12 students to read and share their discoveries.

Students read books, nonfiction articles, and took Accelerated Reader comprehension quizzes on what they had read to contribute to the national reading effort.

On the ReadQuest website, students were able to see their quizzes count toward the national books-read ticker, the top books and articles read in each state, prize winners, and user-submitted posts, tweets, and photos.

“ReadQuest was a great event for our students,” said Mr. Hanson. “They loved seeing their Accelerated Reader quizzes count toward the national books-read ticker. ReadQuest supported our mission of promoting reading growth and our students gained valuable reading practice. We’re so

proud of all our students.”

Renaissance Learning’s Accelerated Reader 360 is a K–12 program that engages students in personalized independent reading practice and close reading of nonfiction articles.

The web-based program provides over 175,000 independent reading quizzes and 1,200 high-interest nonfiction articles.

There were over 8,006 books read on Friday. The most popular books read? In Minnesota, they were “Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School” by Jeff Kinney, “Green Eggs & Ham” by Dr. Suess, and also by Jeff Kinney, “Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul”.

WEM kids will enjoy a week to “Read Across America”

National Education Association’s (NEA’s) Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or around Dr. Seuss’s birthday.

NEA’s Read Across America also provides NEA members, parents, caregivers, and children the resources and activities they need to keep reading on the calendar 365 days a

year.

In cities and towns across the nation, teachers, teenagers, librarians, politicians, actors, athletes, parents, grandparents, and others develop NEA’s Read Across America activities to bring reading excitement to children of all ages. Governors, mayors, and other elected officials recognize the role reading plays in their communities with proclamations and floor statements. Athletes and actors issue reading challenges to young readers.

Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school.

Locally, the Win-E-Mac School District set up a week of events to encourage our own youth to continue their excitement with reading, including a lunch menu that reads like a Dr. Suess book!

Parents and friends are welcome to join in the fun. Thursday morning, “Cat in the Hat” Day, the school will offer green eggs and ham for breakfast. The cost to join in the fun and have breakfast is \$2.00.



Sydney R. and Brooke Tofstad cuddled up for a day of reading last Friday, February 26th, when Win-E-Mac elementary kids took part in “Read across America”.



Kallie Schow was enjoying her book as WEM elementary students participated in ReadQuest “Read Across America” last Friday.

New President for McIntosh EDA

The McIntosh Economic and Development Authority has a new president as of the first of the year. Craig Espeseth took over the position and will serve as president of the board.

The board continues to work with the McIntosh City Council on the sale of Poplar Meadows Senior Living, where

they meet the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Members on the current EDA Board are Remar Voxland, Phil Lee, Craig Espeseth, Julie Christianson, who is the manager of Poplar Meadows, Shirley Carver and Wanda Stordahl. Members of the EDA that are missing are Steve Urness and Eileen Hegg.



Food for Fines at Library in March

During the month of March, you can bring your overdue library materials back to the library with unexpired, non-perishable food items and Lake Agassiz Regional Library will erase your late fees. For every one non-perishable food item you donate, \$2 of your fine will be waived.

The donations will be given to local food pantries.

This is a perfect time to help others and erase your library fines!

Quilts of Valor Sewing Day this Saturday

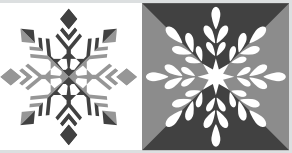
Just a reminder that this Saturday March 5th at McIntosh Community Center starting at 9:00am is where you will want to be!

It is going to be our Community Day of Sewing for QUILTS OF VALOR! Introductions will start at 9 while we enjoy our morning coffee or juice. If this time does not work for you come when you can!

We have quilts kits available that have been purchased with monies from various local organizations so all you need to bring is your machine and any other motions you like to use while constructing a quilt top. If you do not sew and want to be a part of this community project just bring your iron and if possible ironing board although there will be some available.

If don’t like to iron maybe you just want to come and help with the serving of the pot luck dinner, yes that’s right a good old home cookin pot luck dinner. We ask all who are coming

Community Calendar



Wed. Mar. 2: McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Mar. 3: McIntosh City Clerks Office closed; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Mar. 4: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. Mar. 5: Quilts of Valor Sewing Day at McIntosh Community Center 9:00am

Mon. Mar. 7: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children’s Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tues. Mar. 8: Township Elections; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Wed. Mar. 9: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Mar. 10: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm; McIntosh City Council Meeting @ Community Center @5:30pm

Fri. Mar. 11: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Mar. 14 : McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children’s Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tues. Mar. 15: McIntosh St.Patrick’s Day Craft Activity 3:00pm to 6:00pm; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm



to bring a dish to share with everyone.

You may stay as long or as short a time as you want! So please mark your calendar and come join us Saturday March 5 at 9:00am at the McIntosh Community Center.

Our goal is to present at least 15 QUILTS OF VALOR to war veterans in our local area in 2016.

Any questions please call Kathryn Carver 612-558-8818 or 435-8818, Lois Boehrsen at 563-4977 or 218-280-3574 or Connie Strom at 218-779-5425 or 563-2666.

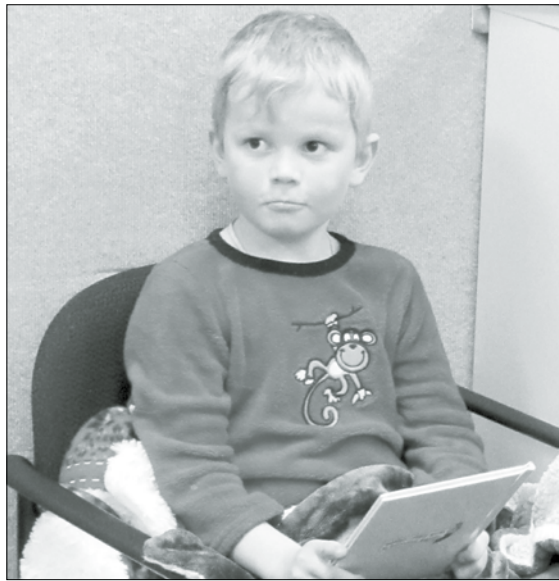


Pictured are the current Economic Development Authority Board: Remar Voxland, Phil Lee, Craig Espeseth, Julie Christianson, who is the manager of Poplar Meadows, Shirley Carver and Wanda Stordahl.



Carter Fortman reads a Dr. Seuss classic during "Read Across America" at Win-E-Mac last Friday, February 26th.

Getting ready to read during school last Friday when the WEM elementary students spent the day reading is Yakov Kutsev.



Crafts for the not-so-crafty hobbyist

Creativity lends a lot to everyday life. School parties are made that much better by intricate dessert designs. Hand-made blankets tend to be more inspiring and cherished than mass-produced alternatives. Because of that, many people find hobbies that inspire their creativity to be incredibly rewarding.

While crafting is a hobby that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skillsets, some people are more craft-inclined than others.

That doesn't mean those with little arts and crafts experience cannot make items they can be proud of. The following are a handful of projects for inexperienced crafters who may feel as though they have two left thumbs.

Dress-up premade items

Sandra Lee made a career of teaching people how to blend some prepackaged food items with other ingredients to create semi-homemade menus. Anyone can use the same mentality to put together craft projects without having to start from scratch. Search the hobby stores or department stores for items that can be paired together. For example, why not glue a 4-by-6-inch picture frame to the top of candlestick holder for an ornate and interesting design element at home? Mason jars can be embellished with just about anything - from ribbon to fabric to glitter - giving them a decorative touch. Simply giving an item a new coat of paint or adding some decorative tacks or hooks can easily change its look and give it a crafty feel.

Grow comfortable with a computer printer

Homespun graphic arts can be mastered by just about anyone with access to some

clip art, fonts and basic design software. You may also be able to find free apps or shareware online providing ready-made templates. Print out cute labels or tags that match party themes and put them on favor bags or prizes. Print cute slogans on cardstock and staple them to a small, filled plastic baggie to serve as classroom gifts or Valentines. Make a collage of different images and print them out to frame. Or snap a picture of a particular pattern or design element that fits with a room's theme and then frame that image for matching artwork.

Make soaps or candles

Thanks to the bevy of kits available at craft stores, it's easier than ever to make your own soaps or candles at home. All it usually takes is melting down the medium, adding the desired scents and colors and then allowing them to set in a mold or container. The result may seem like you worked for hours when really it was a relatively easy task. These hand-made products can make great hostess gifts or nice touches when guests stay over at your home.

Personalize clothing

You do not have to be an artist to create t-shirts, aprons or other items that have that personalized touch. If you do not want to hassle with the mess of fabric paints or pens, use iron-on stencils or letters. Another idea is to create your own stencil (fire up that printer again), cut out your design or letters and then use a bleach pen sold in the laundry or cleaning aisle to color in the design. Let it sit and then launder for a faded and fun project.

Crafting doesn't have to be difficult. Projects exist for people of varying skill levels

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for
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(Bride of Nicolai Sveen)

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City of McIntosh Notice

As the weather gets warmer we will see more golf carts/motorcycles/etc. on the roads. We are sending a quick reminder to those who want to use their golf carts/motorcycles/etc. that they need to be licensed with the City of McIntosh. Permits are valid from January 1 to December 31 of the year. They cost \$10.00 and resident needs to provide proof of insurance. Office hours are 8 to 5 on Monday and 8 to 2 Tuesday through Friday. Thank you and we hope to see you on the road soon!

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election

The Annual Election and Township meeting for Lessor Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The election will be from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm to elect one clerk (2 year term) and one treasurer (3year term).

The annual meeting will follow the elections.

Albert Plante
Lessor Township Clerk

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the City of McIntosh and the McIntosh Fire Department will meet in the McIntosh Fire Hall at 5:30 PM on March 2nd, 2016, to review area township fire billing and other concerns associated with township fire agreements. Such persons who desire to be heard with reference to annual township fire billing will be heard at this meeting.

Elena Boianoff
Clerk/Treasurer
City of McIntosh

King Township Notice of Annual Election and Meeting

The annual meeting and election for King Township, Polk County, State of Minnesota will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the McIntosh Community Center.

The annual meeting will take place at 3:00pm and voting will follow for one supervisor for a term of 3 years and one treasurer for a term of 2 years.

Loren Gieseke
Clerk, King Township

SLETEN TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Sletten Township will hold it's normal monthly meeting at 4:30pm at the Sletten Town Hall on March 8.

We will hold our township election on March 8, 2016 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Sletten Town Hall. We will be electing one supervisor for a term of 3 years and one clerk for a term of 2 years.

Our annual meeting will be held after the election, at 8:00pm.

Alternate date, in case of bad weather, will be Tuesday, March 15.

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election

Winger Township will be holding its Annual Meeting on March 8th, 2016 at 4:00 pm. The annual election for Winger Township will run from 5:00 to 8:00 March 8th, 2016. All proceedings will take place at Winger Town Hall.

Nate Johnson, Clerk

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For more information, contact the Thief River Falls Rural Development office at 218-681-2843 extension 4.

You can also visit www.rur-dev.usda.gov/mn.

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Fr. John Suvaeken,
Pastor

Wed. Mar. 2: 3:30pm Mass at First Care Nursing Home, Fosston

Fri. Mar. 4: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

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

Tues. Mar. 8: 7:00pm Lenten Penance Service at St. Mary's, Fosston

Wed. Mar. 9: 1:00pm Mass at McIntosh Nursing Home; 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

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

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Sun. Mar. 6: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

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

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Sun. Mar. 6: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. Mar. 13: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
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Face Book: Gosen Church

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

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

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

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

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

For information on free rides to any of the above activities call 218-268-4242 or 218-687-3461 Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Hwy. 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then ½ mile east on County Road 206.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson
Trinity:
Sun. Mar. 6: 9:30am Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service

Wed. Mar. 9: Parables of Holy Week: Pastor Alan Arneson; The Ten Virgins, Matthew 25: 1-13

Mt. Carmel:

Wed. Mar. 2: Parables of Holy Week: Pastor Karl Anderson, The Final Judgement, Matthew 25:1-13

Sun. Mar. 6: 9:30am Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School; 12:30pm Confirmation; AFLBS Puppet Team

Sun. Mar. 13: 9:30am Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School; 12:30pm Confirmation

Wed. Mar. 16: Parables of Holy Week: Pastor Michael Fleschig, The Unknown Hour, Matthew 24:36-51

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Rev. Linden Wendzel,
Pastor

Sun. Mar. 6: 8:45am Divine Worship with Holy Communion followed by a congregational meeting; 10:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

Tues. Mar. 8: 10:30am Devotions at McIntosh Senior Living; 3:30pm Ladies Aid; 6:00pm Lenten Service

Sun. Mar. 13: 8:45am Worship Service; 10:00am Council Meeting; 10:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

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McIntosh
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Sun. Mar. 6: 9am Worship; 10:15am Sunday School

Sun. Mar. 13: 9am Worship; 10:15am Sunday School

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

Polk County Public Health

Polk County Health provides montly foot care clinics at locations throughout the county. Foot soaks and nail trimming are provided. This is not a diagnostic clinic. Referrals are made to medical doctors when necessary. A fee of \$20 is charged per client participating in the clinic. County residents are encouraged to call Polk County Public Health for further information. All clinics are open to the public. Please register for an appointment at the location of your choice.

The foot care clinic will take place in McIntosh at the McIntosh Office of Polk County Public Health in the lower level of the Bjella Building on Thursday, March 3, 2016 and Thursday, March 17, 2016, starting at 9:00 am. You can call 218-281-3072 for an appointment. Foot care is by appointment only, you must call the office if you wish to visit a schedule.

If you have any questions about foot care clinics or other services provided by PCPH, please call offices at: Crookston 281-3385; East Grand Forks 773-2431; or McIntosh 563-2010.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. March 2: Joshua Roed, Bryer Strom, Nicki Carlson, *Alex & Brenda Ugalde, *Walter & Linda Sylstad

Thurs. March 3: Mason Halstad, Kristi Schow, *Steve & Barb Urness

Fri. March 4: Rudy Hoffman, David Votava, Ryan Krossen, Mitchell Marlow

Sat. March 5: Rick Grove, Sam Finseth

Mon. March 7: Jarid Graff, Joe Shimpa, Felly Cataham, Hannah Smeby

Tues. March 8: Wade Hedlund, Michael Sylstad, Tara Davis, Tanner Graff, Susan Engelhardt



As part of ReadQuest "Read Across America", Kyra S., Ella S., Kianna T., and Claire S. spend the day reading in Mr. Roragen's classroom last Friday, February 26th.

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Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas and with another week behind us the ides of March are upon us. On Tuesday we will see what the old saying does, if it comes in like a lamb then it will leave like a lion and so we will see, as far as the weather man tells us it will come in like a lamb.

The days are getting longer, is lighter earlier in the morning and as the sun came up made it even prettier. There is something to be said about a Minnesota winter morning.

If you are looking for something to do on the week end, the ice races are still going on in Erskine, stop by there and take in the excitement that goes on.

Last Thursday morning Paul Carlson stopped off for a brief visit at the Fern and Milton Carlson home on his way to work and topped off his coffee cup as he left.

Dean Johnson was a visitor last Sunday at the Pulskamp home.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem visited with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home several times this past week.

Dick and Wanda Donovan of St. Francis arrived at the Fern and Milton Carlson home last Friday to spend the week end visiting with the family. Paul and Donna Carlson were visitors at the Carlson home that same day.

Truman and Darlene Johnson of Dilworth were last week end visitors at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home.

Dean Henney came from Texas last week end and spent a few days visiting with his Mother, Martha Henney. Friday evening Laura Grant and Jerry Wang met them at Moran's for a visit and a bite to eat.

Last Saturday the 20th Judy and Lonnie Gieseke visited with the family at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors last Saturday at the Pioneer Home with Hemer and Verlys Homme.

Greg Gagner of Mentor last Sunday called Mother in Law Lucy Brtek and invited her to an afternoon of ice fishing on Badger Lake which she took him up on. The two enjoyed the afternoon visiting and managed to have a tad bit of luck.

Last Sunday Dean Henney and Mother Martha Henney enjoyed a trip to Fargo where they visited with the Adam Henney family. Adam is Martha's Grandson and the son of Myles and Renee Henney of St. Hilaire. On their trip Martha

and Dean were fascinated by a flock of wild turkeys.

Paul and Donna Carlson, Dustin, Nicki and Dustin Wayne Carlson of Fosston were last Sunday visitors at the Fern and Milton Carlson home. Later that afternoon Dick and Wanda Donavon left for their home in St. Francis.

Once again this is the bits and pieces and again hopefully the "Bun" has something to add, but we both need your input to keep this up.

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

From Bun Manor:

Wednesday evening Bun headed over to Calvary Church in Winger for soup and sandwiches put on by the youth group followed by Lenten services. There was a good crowd from Mac and Bejou who showed up. Bun doesn't get to church every time they have services but he was disappointed that more people from Winger didn't show up.

He asked Carsten where him and Joanne were for the happenings. Carsten had a good excuse. He told Bun he was heading out the door with his Lion's vest on thinking there was a meeting that night before Joanne reminded him that it wasn't the third Weds. of the month. Being of sound mind but old everything got out of kilter and they forgot about services and just stayed home. Bun enjoyed talking to some of his favorite Mac girls Patti Benson, Judy, Lois and Ruthie Carlson. The youth group will be serving again tonight (Weds.) at Our Saviors in Mac. Everyone is welcome and Bun is sure the youth will appreciate any help they can get to do their ministry work this summer in Louisville, KY.

Friday morning two good looking ladies from Altru rehab clinic in Grand Forks came out to the manor to do some pressure mapping of Bun's bed. They told him when they were leaving that they would like to come back in the summer and go boating with him. They told him they would wear their swimsuits. Bun is afraid that they were just teasing him. That would be to good to be true.

Saturday afternoon Dale and his Aunt Karen headed up to Thief River Falls to watch their nephew and great nephew Everett Balstad play 6th grade basketball for Fertile. Uncle Dick stayed back to watch Dale's dog Lucy. Nice excuse Dick! Grandpa Floyd and Gerri also showed up to cheer Everett on. Dale and Karen stopped by to see Joyce on their way home. Joyce is hoping to get released sometime this week and get herself back in shape while

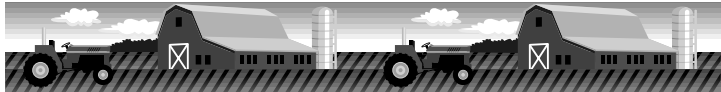
staying with Dale.

Danny Vesledahl was also up in T.R.F. with his daughter Katelyn. She plays for Win-E-Mac. sixth graders.

Sisters Vicki Thune and Judy Schulz came up on Saturday afternoon to visit with their brother Tim. They went to lunch in Erskine and Vicki was kind enough to buy. They had to head back to Moorhead latter to watch Judy's grandson Maxx perform in a high school play.

Friday afternoon Stacey Myhrum, Brandee and all three of her kids headed out and stayed in a hotel in Luverne, MN. They spent Friday through Sunday there and drove the 15 miles into Rock Rapids, IA. to visit Stacey's dad Jamie Schabacher and his brother James. They checked out a few places and had some excellent Mexican food at the pool hall where Lisa Schabacker does the cooking. They ventured out Saturday to Sioux Falls, SD. and both of them got tattoos while the kids stayed at the hotel with Stacy's dad's step daughter Becca.

The next day They checked out of the hotel and went to Rock Rapids and her dad made burgers and hotdogs on the grill for lunch before they got



Farmers and Ranchers: The Original Conservationists

Conservation Program Restores Wildlife; Helps Farmers Care for Land, Air, Water

By Val Dolcini, Farm Service Agency Administrator

The modern environmental conservation movement is one that has brought awareness and conservation practices to many urban audiences. To some, it probably seems like a recent shift in American thinking.

But American farmers and ranchers throughout rural and tribal lands were the original conservationists, wasting nothing and preserving as much as possible. And in recent decades, they've produced some amazing results that everyone should know about as a result of the USDA Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP.

This relatively young program, in farming terms, just entered its 30th year. CRP is a voluntary program where farmers remove environmentally-sensitive land from production for 10 to 15 years. Farmers re-establish key plant species, like approved grasses or trees, to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and create wildlife habitat. In return, farmers receive modest annual payments.

Since 1985, producers enrolled in CRP all across the nation have been responsible for restoring 2.7 million acres of wetlands and protecting

back on the road for the 6 hour drive home. Fun was had by all and she can't wait to get moved down to that area. Maybe sooner than June she hopes.

Last week, February 18th, Joanne and Carston went to Bemidji. They visited for the afternoon with Burnell Hanson, Joanne's long-time friend, neighbor and classmate. The visit brought back a lot of good memories.

Saturday the 27th of February, Carsten's sister, Margaret Eklund, from Roseau stopped by for a short visit. They were on the way to Alexandria for a Birthday party. On their return trip from Alex on Sunday, they met Carsten and Joanne at Moran's for supper.

Last Thursday, Carsten and Joanne went to Thief River Falls to visit Joey Espeseth. She was recently moved from the assisted living in Erskine to the Oak Park Home in Thief River Falls, which is closer to son, Brian. They also visited with Stephanie Daley, she used to live with Carsten and Joanne.

Final note: It has been nine years since our friend Roger Wang left this earth. His wife Pammy still misses him. Give her a call or write her a card to let her know you care.



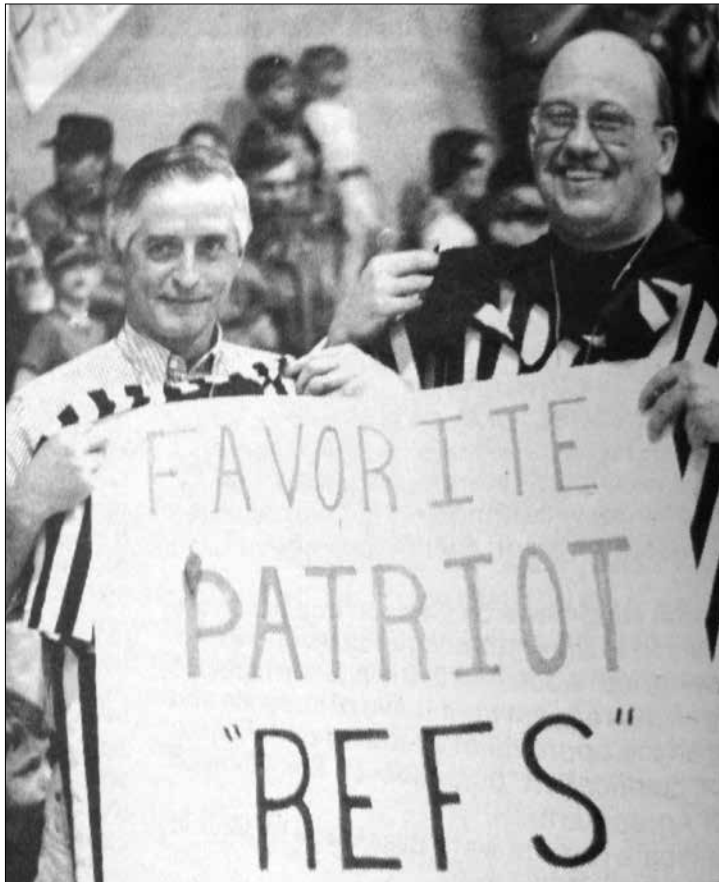
50 years ago...1966: Honored dairymen at the 1966 Red River Valley Winter Shows from East Polk County on Dairy Day were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Casselman of McIntosh. Shown with them is Princess Kay, Mary Ann Titrud.



40 years ago...1976: Mac-Winger High School slipped in time, back to the fifties last Friday. Here dressed up are: Penny Fullmer, Brenda Johnson, Diane Habedank, Marilyn Anderson, Linda Finkle, Lori Sonstelie, Gayle Sorenson, Kathy Helgaas, Terri Hangsleben and Kelly Thompson.



30 years ago...1986: New face at FmHA: Gary Schommer began duties March 3rd as Assistant County Supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration.



20 years ago...1996: (L-R) LeRoy Johnson and Steve Carlson were presented with their own referee whistles and shirts by a group of Win-E-Mac fans in honor of their "loud insight" into basketball rules and techniques.



Danny Lee and Teresa Syverson are going for the take during the Family Fun Day game; parents versus the sixth graders. Kjersti Haugen and Carmen Syverson are doing their best to keep their lane open for their shot.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl,
Extension Educator

Grass Compliments Alfalfa

Glass and alfalfa go together like peanut butter and jelly. They both work alone, but are simple better when used in combination.

Years ago, mixing grasses with alfalfa was standard practice, whether seeding an oat companion crop and/or including timothy or smooth brome-grass with the under-sown alfalfa.

This practice lost favor for a time, but recent developments in forage testing and some frustrations with alfalfa winter injury have helped restore the respect that grasses somewhat unfairly lost.

There are many reasons to include grasses with alfalfa. Your reasons may vary from your neighbors, but adding grasses offers many advantages.

Harvested yield is the single largest driver of profitability when producing stored forage, and alfalfa-grass mixtures often yield more than alfalfa alone. The fixed costs of forage harvesting are large so every cutting needs to produce a bountiful harvest. A small grain or Italian/annual ryegrass companion crop with a spring seeding provides greater seeding-year yield than direct-seeded alfalfa. Sod-forming grasses like low-alkaloid reed canarygrass or smooth brome-grass enable traffic on the field when more soil moisture

is present and will accelerate drying rate, reducing the potential for weather-related yield and quality losses. Orchardgrass and tall fescue have good fall growth that enables a productive fall harvest/ grazing while providing more residue than just alfalfa stubble to catch snow and insulate alfalfa crowns.

Grasses, especially those with stems present accelerate swath drying rate. Grasses that produce stems with every growth cycle such as reed canarygrass, smooth brome-grass, and timothy create more fluffy swaths that dry faster. This may not be true with all grasses though. Some leafy grasses with shiny surfaces such as tall fescue and the ryegrasses will not speed drying rate significantly.

Fall growth and residue of grasses provides better snow catch and insulation than alfalfa stubble alone, so alfalfa crowns are better protected from winter injury. Also, if winter hardy grasses are used, they provide insurance if the alfalfa does winter kill.

At similar stages of maturity, grasses have higher fiber, especially NDF, than legumes, but this fiber is considerably higher in digestibility. The relative feed value (RFV) index is a good index for alfalfa quality, but was never intended for use with grasses as it tends to undervalue the feeding value of grasses. The new relative

forage quality (RFQ) index provides a better reflection of grass's higher fiber digestibility and the impact of that on energy and intake potential.

Weeds are opportunists that encroach in perennial forage stands when too much bare soil is exposed for too long. Some grasses improve the speed with which full soil cover is achieved during the seeding year. Many grasses also provide more long-term cover, particularly if broadcast seeded or if they are sod-formers. This reduces opportunities for weeds to establish.

The risk of bloat is reduced in mixtures. Bloat does not tend to be an issue with haylage or hay; grass-alfalfa mixtures have less bloat potential than pure alfalfa when grazed.

Finally, it's critical to select a grass variety that will compliment your legume. Many grass varieties do not match the maturity of the legume and producers find the grass to be too mature by the time the legume is at the ideal forage quality stage.

So if you add a grass species, it pays to ensure that your varieties are similar in maturity. We have detailed information that will help you select proper grass species and the proper variety.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: Paul Peterson, former UM Extension Forage Agronomist.



Random Things and Stuff



Unique College Courses

By: Emily L. Ferden

Whether you are already in college getting ready for next semester, or a senior in high school getting ready to go to your first college orientation, picking out classes can be a hassle.

You always want to find the ones that fit with your major or minor, but you also want to take ones that sound interesting to you.

Along with this comes the days and times that the courses are given. Most students would rather attend a late morning or afternoon course, versus an early morning one. Just out of curiosity, I decided to look up some of the most unique courses offered by colleges. This list was taken from Schools.com:

Philosophy

1. Philosophy of Sex and Love, William Paterson University: You understand the basics; now, get to the bottom of what your partner is really thinking in this liberal arts course, and finally figure out why breaking up is hard to do.

2. Death and Immortality, Boston University: This religion course explores ancestor worship, alchemy, cremation, AIDS and near-death experiences. Bring a box lunch! Seriously though, if you've ever wondered if life's too short to sit in a classroom, this might not be the course for you.

History

3. A History of the Pig in America, Xavier University: Dig in to your studies and get the beef on pork with this meaty course. From Indian conflict to American meatpacking, the pig has used its trotter to make a mark on U.S. history -- now, you can learn how the porcine kind shaped a nation.

4. Mad Men and Mad Women, Middlebury College: Are you a Peggy or a Joan? Take a tour of masculinity and femi-

WEM School Menu

Wed. March 2: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Sausage Gravy over Biscuit, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Roast Beast Sandwich, Who Hash, Who Foo Fluff, Moose Juice, Goose Juice or Beezlenut Splash, Happy Birthday Dr. Suess Cake!

Thur. March 3: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Green Eggs & Ham Day!, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Poodles N Noodles, Grickle Grass Salad w/ Grinch Dressing, Bread Spreader's Breadsticks, Beezlenut Bars, Fresh Butterfly Milk or Yink's Pink Ink Drink

Fri. March 4: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Sweet Rolls, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Cat in the Hat Pizza, Assorted Greens & Other Things, One Fish Two Fish Snacks, Red Fish Blue Fish Jell-O, Beautiful Schlopp with a Cherry on Top, Moose Juice, Goose Juice or Beezlenut Splash

Mon. March 7: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Bites, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Crispitos (lettuce, tomato, sour cream, cheese, salsa, black olives), Ice Cream Cup, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Tues. March 8: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Omelet, Toasted English Muffin, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Creamy Corn, Dinner Roll, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Wed. March 9: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Chicken Patty on a Bun, French Fries, Broccoli Slaw, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thurs. March 10: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* BBQ Meatballs, Baked Potato w/ sour cream, Baked Beans, Bread, Cookie, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. March 11: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Yogurt Parfait, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Tomato Soup, Garlic Cheese Bread, Lettuce Salad w/dressing, Rice Krispie Treat, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

ninity in mid-20th century America through the lens of ad-man drama show Mad Men. Post-coursework cocktail hour is optional.

Art

5. Horror Films, Rutgers: Whether you love your zombie flicks or you're obsessed with chainsaw massacres, this film studies course is right up your (dark) alley. Students attend screenings and discuss trends in the art of scary movies.

6. Visual Learning: From the Simpsons to the Guerrilla Girls, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis: This field-trip heavy class has you pondering why Bart Simpson encouraged others to not have a cow.

7. Sonic Art, Alfred University: Artists in training use sound to create visual art in this unique course. Algorithmic synthesis and ambient structures are explored, and students get to work out their sonic dreams in a studio.

Business

8. The Personal and Social Impact of Marital Dissolution, University of Redlands: If there's anything more fun than getting a divorce, it's discussing divorce in the context of business management.

9. Clothing and People, Virginia Tech: Getting dressed is important for business, and the way different cultures get dressed can say a lot about them. This course delves into the social and psychological impact of putting on a pair of pants.

10. An App for That!, Emory University: Emerging technology is at the forefront of business, and this unique course jumps right in, analyzing "snack sized" applications across platforms.

Medicine

11. Rural Surgery, Columbia University: Load up the pickup truck and head to the

country; this health care elective has med students getting their surgical experience far from the sophisticated trappings of city life.

12. Forensic Psychiatry, University of Arizona: Get into the mind of madness with this behavioral science elective. Students get a chance to interview criminal offenders and check "Silence of the Lambs" reenactment" off their bucket lists.

13. Complementary and Alternative Medicine, University of Hawaii: Analyze the connection between the body and the spirit in this course, which prepares health care providers to open their minds to cultural and ethnic traditions.

Political science

14. Wargaming Theory and Practice, U.S. Naval War College: Operational warfare is the subject of this military college course. Students even get to design their own war. "Required readings are kept to a critical minimum," the text promises.

15. Peace Studies, Columbia College: War games not your thing? This course focuses on the spirituality, social justice, and the purpose of human existence in peacetime.

16. Science Fiction and World Politics, Boston University: Find out how your favorite Sci-Fi books make a good starting point for the consequences of nationalism and wartime politics.

Language

17. English through Music, San Jose State University: Sing along with popular songs and learn English words, phrases and idioms. Plus, learn the phrase "Before I leave / brush my teeth with a bottle of Jack."

18. The Rhetoric of Recipes, Santa Clara University: If making a delicious dinner is an art, writing down the

instructions is a science -- in this course, anyway. Students examine "the changing landscape of the all-American meal" by studying how we prepare meals.

Sociology

19. Deviance, University of Texas: "Be prepared to study," warns the course description for this popular sociology course. No word yet on whether skipping class to smoke cigarettes behind the gym offers extra credit.

20. Negotiation Analysis, UCLA: This course, found in an entertainment management degree program, teaches you how to Jerry Maguire your way into Hollywood agency royalty. Show me the money!

Science

21. Plagues and Pandemics, UC Berkeley: If you're feeling under the weather, you might want to skip the morning lecture of this immunology course, which features a guided tour through history's most diseased years.

22. The Ecology of Harmful Algal Blooms, Evergreen State College: If aquatic algae isn't on your mind every day, it should be -- according to this science elective, anyway. Get the scoop on the latest in super-toxic marine life.

Psychology

23. Religious Cults, American Military University: From Heaven's Gate to Jonestown, the cult has long been a fascination of world culture. Students dig deeper into cult formation, leadership, and purpose, and find a method to the madness.

Architecture

24. Guerrilla Altruism: A Mini-Manual of Subversive Activism, Temple University: Fight the power in this subversive class. From Guevara to Banksy, this unique architecture elective is "a multidisciplinary investigation into the unorthodox strategies deployed by contemporary guerrilla artists and activists."

WEM ECFE

Fun Friday Playdates! Fridays 10-11:30am WEM Prek Room Ages 0-5yrs old

Fri 3/4 Green Eggs and Ham! Book Bingo! 10-11:30am
Fri 3/11 No ECFE class

Tues 3/15 Special St. Patrick's Day Fun with ECFE and Head Start @ the McIntosh Public Library 6-7pm

Fri 3/18 Move to the Music! 10-11:30am
Fri 3/25 Good Friday-No School

Join us in our classroom for themed learning stations, stories, songs and snacks!

ECFE is for children 0-5 yrs old and families. Classes and Events are FREE unless noted. Pre-registration is not required.



A concept drawing of what the new playground at Win-E-Mac school will resemble.

WEM makes plans for new playground

The Win-E-Mac Playground Committee would like to inform the Win-E-Mac Community on the upcoming fundraisers that the students and committee members will be doing over the next several months.

These fundraisers will help cover the cost of the new Win-E-Mac School playground which is projected to be built in the Summer of 2017. Our current playground requires a lot of upkeep and safety concerns have been brought to our attention.

Our pre-school students can no longer use the existing equipment due to safety regulations. The committee has been busy working and meeting with sales reps to find a fitting design for our school and students.



Kiersten A., Emily O., Mellissa P. had a fun day at Win-E-Mac School last Friday, hanging out in their p.j.'s and reading all day.



The kids made all sorts of comfy spots to read last Friday at WEM, here, Cora Alepeter, Kalli Roy, Macie Haskett make a "den" under a table to read.



Last Friday at Win-E-Mac School, everyone grabbed a good book and spent the day reading. Pictured: Josh C., Joe B., Preston L., and Foma C.

Pictured below: Spread out across the classroom, reading the day away, with their blankets and pillows are: Haley Sander, Olivia Paradis, Peter Basargin, Hunter Trandem, Monania Erofeeff, Kendyl Johnson, Isabella Ek, Tabitha Basargin, Afanasy Erofeeff, and Jadon Kangas.

Baseball Coach Wanted

The Win-E-Mac School District is currently seeking a candidate for Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2015-16 school year. Interested Individuals should send a letter of application and resume to:

Win-E-Mac Public School
Aaron Cook, Activities Director
23130 345th St SE
Erskine MN 56535
Phone: 218-563-2900
Fax: 218-563-2902
acook@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us

The position is open until filled.
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Ass't. Golf Coach Wanted

The Win-E-Mac School District is currently seeking a candidate for Assistant Golf Coach for the 2015-16 school year. Interested Individuals should send a letter of application and resume to:

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WEM School Announcements

Drivers Ed at WEM

Win-E-Mac Community Ed will offer Drivers Education Classroom instruction beginning March 14, 2016 from 3:15-6:15 P.M.

The classes will be held at the Win-E-Mac School in room 45 -- Mr. Hendrickson's math room.

Instruction will be held on the following dates: March 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29. Please note that March 29 will be test day and March 31 will be a make-up day.

This class will complete the 30 required hours of instruction. The cost per student for this class is \$40.00 and should be sent in with this registration form by March 9, 2016. Troy Reynolds is the instructor for this class.

Students who enroll in Drivers Education Classroom need to be 15 years old by June 1, 2016. This class needs to be completed and the written Driving Exam passed prior to the Behind the Wheel Instruction.

The class size will be limited to 25. The oldest will be given first chance and the remaining openings will be filled on a first come first serve basis. There will be another class offered next fall.

A bill passed by the 2014 legislature will require all driver education programs to offer a supplemental parental course for the primary driving supervisor.

The course must be at least 90 minutes and cover GDL information, safety risks for teen drivers, potential adult influence on teen driving behavior, and additional resources.

If the primary driving supervisor chooses to not complete the parent supplemental course, the primary driving supervisor must verify on the driving log that the teen has driven at least 50 hours, with

15 hours at night.

This 90 minute course will be offered Monday, March 7, 2016 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Early Childhood Screening Win-E-Mac
What: Win-E-Mac Spring Early Childhood Screening!

FREE vision, hearing, health, and developmental screening for 3-5yrs old! This screening is a requirement to start preschool or kindergarten in Minnesota. Meet our teachers and register for fall preschool 2016!

When: April 2016

Who: Children who are or will be 4 yrs old by Sept. 1st, 2015 can register for Win-E-Mac preschool! Information about home-based programs for 3yrs olds will also be available!

Contact: Win-E-Mac Early Childhood Family Education via Facebook, email Shannon Svalen, ECFE Coordinator: ssvalen@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us or call: 218-688-2170 to register your child today!

