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The Freedom Christian Academy hosted Breakfast at the Farm on Saturday, June 10th at Hilltop Ranch in rural McIntosh. There was live entertainment, activities for the kids and, of course, pancakes. Pictured here are Sofia Nikolayson, Denton Nikolayson, Amber Finseth, Holly Olson, Jason Breckel, and Holly Breckel.



Annual Declaration of Independence reading July 4th

Dan and Darlene Dierkes invite you to their home to hear the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on the morning of July 4th at 10:00 am.

This has become an annual tradition, to remember why we celebrate this holiday. Listen to Ben Ramse retell the grievances our founding fathers had against King George III and contemplate the courage of these men for standing up to his oppression.

The Quilters for East Polk County Veterans will be presenting a quilt to Gary Hartel, who proudly served our country.

After the short program concludes by about 10:20, you can go about the rest of your day, or you can linger longer and visit with neighbors and friends



over refreshments. (Thanks again to the wonderful neighbors for their baking skills!) We hope to see you there, at 28891 350th St SE, McIntosh, rain or shine.

If you have questions, call 320-250-5711 or email darlene1978@gmail.com.

Getting to know the Declaration of Independence

On July 1, 1776, delegates from the original 13 colonies, making up the Second Continental Congress, met in Philadelphia to vote on Richard Henry Lee's motion for independence.

After some deliberation, ultimately 12 of the 13 delegates voted in favor.

In recognition of those 12 delegates, here are 12 facts regarding the Declaration of Independence.

- 1. The drafted document was officially adopted** on July 4, 1776, two days after freedom from Britain was approved. However, most delegates signed the document on August 2, 1776, while others signed on a later date. John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston never signed the Declaration of Independence.
- 2. John Dunlap was the official printer** of Congress at the time. He worked all night and into the morning of July 5 to produce the large, single-sided sheet, known as a broadside. About 200 copies of Dunlap's broadside were



made.

- 3. The University of Virginia** owns two copies of a rare early printing of the Declaration. It is on display in the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library. It is believed the copy once belonged to George Washington.
- 4. Benjamin Franklin,** George Read, Roger Sherman, Robert Morris, George Clymer, and James Wilson signed both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.
- 5. The Declaration of Independence** and the Constitution were hidden at Fort Knox during World War II, two weeks after Pearl Harbor was attacked.
- 6. Despite what the movie "National Treasure"** will have one believe, the message on the back of the document is visible and reads "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776."

- 7. Richard Stockton,** a lawyer from New Jersey, was a signer of the Declaration who later recanted his support of the American revolution. He subsequently swore his allegiance to King George III after being captured by the British.
- 8. In 1989, an original Dunlap Broadside** was found hidden behind a picture a Philadelphia man bought at a flea market for \$4. It later sold for \$8.1 million. Ultimately, 26 copies of the original prints have been found.
- 9. The United States celebrates Independence Day** on July 4th, even though independence was accepted on July 2nd.
- 10. Early on, not everyone in America** was supportive of the Declaration of Independence. Partisan politics led to discord. Federalist John Adams was feuding with Republicans and Thomas Jefferson. The anniversary date of the signing was not widely celebrated until the Federalists were no longer involved in politics.

- 11. The one-year anniversary of Independence Day** and the celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence slipped the minds of Congress in 1777. When they remembered it was July 3rd, they planned a last-minute celebration on July 4th, and each year thereafter.
- 12. John Trumbull's painting "Declaration of Independence,"** which was made into a lithograph replica by Ralph Trembly, hangs in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. It is a fictional depiction of the five-man drafting committee presenting their draft to Congress, and not the signing. The painting shows 42 of the 56 signees, since Trumbull couldn't get likenesses of all involved. The men featured in the painting were never all in the room at the same time during the Declaration's debate and signing.

The Declaration of Independence is a key document in American history, and its words are celebrated each Independence Day.



Brantley Gunufson, along with his mom Kelsey, attended the McIntosh Library program on Wednesday, June 7th when LARL presented Ralph's World for area kids.



Sheriff Jim Tadman and the Polk County Sheriff's Office would like to introduce our newest team member. Please welcome K9 Jax! Jax is a 15-month-old German Shepherd. K9 Jax and Deputy Jarrin Gunderson spent 13 weeks bonding and training at McDonough K9 in Anoka, MN. During their training, the dynamic duo was exposed to numerous challenges, scenarios, and apprehension exercises. K9 Jax is dual purpose trained. This means he is ready for both narcotics scent detection and apprehension! While we hope we never need them for this, they will be ready to help with missing persons as well. We are proud of both Deputy Gunderson and K9 Jax for completing their training. When asked how he felt about his new position with Polk County, K9 Jax replied with a loud "WOOF". It seems Jax is a dog of few words, however, Deputy Gunderson translated "I am ready to do my part to keep our community safe". Deputy Gunderson graduated from Win-E-Mac School and his hometown is McIntosh. Thank you for welcoming them as they protect and serve Polk County.

A special twist on a classic for this year's July Fourth barbecue

The Fourth of July may not be governed by official rules mandating celebrants attend a backyard barbecue before being awed by a nighttime fireworks display, but each of those things features prominently in many Independence Day celebrations. Fireworks are best left to the professionals, but anyone can master the art of grilling delicious burgers and hot dogs.

Traditional burgers are made with ground beef. However, curious grillmasters can explore the many ways to experiment with burgers without sacrificing flavor.

This recipe for "Venison Burgers" from "Texas Favorites" (Gibbs Smith) by Jon Bonnell utilizes venison and pork in lieu of beef. The result is a mouthwatering burger worthy



of inclusion in any Fourth of July festivities.

- Venison Burgers**
Serves 8
2 pounds venison meat
1/2 pound pork shoulder
1/2 pound slab bacon
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
Pinch of cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Optional toppings
Bacon
Cheddar cheese
Guacamole
Clean the venison well and remove any fat or connective tissue. Cut the venison, pork shoulder and bacon into large chunks.

Combine all ingredients together in a large mixing bowl and let marinate for 1 hour in the refrigerator. Grind everything together using the small plate on your grinder. Form into burger patties by hand, and grill or pan-sear. Cook to medium (135 F internal temperature), then remove from the grill and top with your favorite cheese or burger toppings.

Light up your Independence Day safely with these reminders from the MN State Fire Marshal

There's something magical about lighting a sparkler and drawing pictures in the air on a warm summer night. But that magic can turn into a trip to the emergency room if you aren't careful.

"Fireworks can be a lot of fun, but only if you remember they are also dangerous and take steps to keep your loved ones and property safe," said interim State Fire Marshal Amanda Swenson. "A sparkler can burn at 1,200 degrees. Think about that next time before you hand one to a kid."

Each year, our State Fire Marshal Division (SFMD) receives reports from Minnesota hospitals regarding people injured by fireworks. It is impossible to know how many people were injured and did not seek medical attention, but we know from reports that one teen died and 11 people were treated for injuries in 2022. We've also seen a substantial decrease in reports from hospitals since 2020 due to some changes in the reporting process.

In Minnesota, fireworks that explode or shoot into the air are illegal for use by the general public. Minnesotans can use wire or wood sparklers, fountain fireworks that sit on the ground, ground spinners or other similar fireworks.

There are also size limitations on fireworks packaging. Seventy-five grams per non-aerial firework or half of a kilogram or less per group of non-aerial fireworks are lawful for general public usage on private property. That means that firecrackers, parachutes, bottle rockets, roman candles, any kind of mines, shells or sky rockets are illegal without a certified operator permit.

Even legal fireworks can be risky if used improperly. Spar-

klers, for instance, are often handed out to children, but some burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees. That's hot enough to melt some metals and can cause serious burns, especially if kids are running around barefoot and step on them. According to SFMD data, more than 30 percent of fireworks injuries are from sparklers.

In 2021, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported that the parts of the body most often injured by fireworks were hands and fingers (an estimated 31 percent of injuries) along with head, face, and ears (an estimated 21 percent).

The damage isn't limited to people's health. The 96 fireworks-related incidents in 2022 caused more than \$760,000 in losses in Minnesota, includ-

Prepare pets for Fourth of July festivities

Many people are eager for Independence Day celebrations in early summer.

There is much to be excited about, as festivities often begin in the afternoon with barbecues and pool parties, and commence late at night after fireworks shows that light up the night sky.

Still, not everyone enjoys the extra noise and busy nature of July 4th parties, particularly furry members of the family.

Animal control services often report an increase in lost animals between July 4th and July 6th. That's because the excitement of the holiday puts pets out of their comfort zones.

While pet owners need not cancel their July 4th plans, they should take heed of the many ways to keep their pets safe during the festivities.

Update identification

ing a Byron fire that destroyed \$425,000 worth of property. That fire started when fireworks were used, but not completely cooled before being thrown away.

If you are using fireworks, keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy. Extinguish and dispose of spent fireworks in the bucket and never try to relight a dud. Instead, soak it in water and dispose of it.

Always point fireworks away from people and animals. Use them away from trees and houses and don't use fireworks while intoxicated.

While consumer fireworks may seem safe and fun, it is far safer and more exciting to see any number of professional fireworks displays throughout the state of Minnesota.

Be sure prior to any July 4th events that pets are wearing collars with current identification information. If an address or phone number has changed since the last time you updated microchip records, be sure to check the account is current.

Be careful with alcoholic drinks

Party hosts typically serve beer, wine and cocktails. Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets, says the ASPCA. Animals can become very intoxicated, severely depressed or go into comas if they drink alcohol.

Check with the vet

Many pets are prone to anxiety from loud noises, such as thunderstorms and fireworks, and lots of commotion - something that occurs in spades come July 4th. Some veterinarians recommend a small course of anti-anxiety medica-



State Representative Deb Kiel and State Senator and Minority Leader Mark Johnson, recently spoke to the crowd at the Freedom Christian Academy Breakfast at the Farm held on Saturday, June 10th. They spoke about recent education bills and policy presented to the Minnesota Legislature.

tion or a sedative to help pets cope with the stimuli.

Create a quiet space

Allow pets to ride out the day in their comfortable, quiet and cozy retreats. If necessary, create a space in an interior room. Cover the pet crate with a blanket and offer favorite toys or bedding to create a soothing environment.

Place notes on doors and gates

While it's best to keep pets in a locked room away from the fray, some pets like to socialize with guests and are not bothered by noises. However, alert guests with notes posted on doors and fence gates to check to make sure pets are not trying to escape behind them. All doors should be closed firmly when entering or exiting.

Pick up debris

Firework debris can rain down on properties even if you were not shooting off the fireworks. Curious pets may pick it up or eat it, which runs the risk of an upset stomach or even an intestinal blockage.

Keep an eye on the grill

Pets can be opportunists, and those burgers and chicken drumsticks smell delicious to pets. Pets that get too close to the grill can become injured. foods that are toxic to cats and dogs.

MHAC meeting on July 6th

The McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center invites all members, potential members, and those simply interested in McIntosh and 13 Towns history, to attend a reorganizational meeting on Thursday, July 6th at 6:30 PM. It will be held in-person in the Ohnstad building at 125 Northwest Broadway (former Variety Village building next to the McIntosh Community Center).

The meeting will be available online as well, for anyone who is interested but can't attend in person and would like to call in to the meeting. Please email McIntoshHAC@gmail.com to request the Online meeting instructions or call the MHAC at 218-563-2040 for more information. If no one answers, please leave a detailed voice message with your name, phone number and email address so we can contact you.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, discuss membership benefits, learn about the new website (mcintoshhac.com), Facebook and Instagram accounts, and discuss ideas for the future of the organization. We will also share more about recent collections as well as research and preservation work currently being done at the center. The McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center is a 501 (c) (3) Nonprofit Organization.

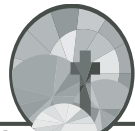
NOTICE TO LESSOR TOWNSHIP

Lessor Township will be meeting at the Trinity Church at 7:00 p.m. monthly.

SCHEDULE

- July 17th, 2023
August 21st, 2023
September 18th, 2023
October 16th, 2023
November 20th, 2023
December 18th, 2023
January 15th, 2023
February 19th, 2023

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held the following Monday.
Lessor Township Clerk
Matthew Voxland



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. June 28: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. June 30: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun, July 2: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Wed. July 5: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. July 7: 8:00am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun, July 9: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) McIntosh Pastor Rene Mehlberg Synodical Administrator Minister Katie DeMarais

Sun. July 2: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services
Sun. July 9: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

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 - The Journey. Our Saviors service will be available by 8:30 am each Sunday until further notice.

MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel: Interim Pastors John Anderson and Phil Rokke

Sunday Services
9:30am Mt Carmel
11:00 am Trinity

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

Fri. June 30: 10:00am Telecast of the Luther League program on GVTV--30

Sun, July 2: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, July 4: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, July 5: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home

Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Highways 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then 1/2 mile east on County Road 206. For information call 268-4242 or 687-3461.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh Pastor Lee Laaveg

Sun. July 2: 9:00am Worship
Sun, July 9: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh Pastor Bruce Blocker,

Sundays: 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

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Sundays: 10:30am Coffee Fellowship; 11:00am Worship

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH- NALC Erskine Rev. Pam Thorson

Sundays: 9:00am Worship
Come early and enjoy fellowship and a good cup of coffee. It will also be available at the same time on Garden Valley Channel 30, Facebook and YouTube.

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Meals Menu
687-2262

Call to reserve your meal.
Indoor dining at 11:30 am;
drive-up available at 11:00 am.

Mon. July 3: Salisbury Steak - Mashed Potatoes & gravy - Green Beans - Wheat Rolls - Fresh Orange - Milk

Tues. July 4: Closed

Wed. July 5: Taco Burger on Bun - Lettuce Salad - Corn Chips - Apple Slices - Lemon Pudding - Milk

Thur. July 6: *Bingo* Pork Loin - Scalloped Potatoes - Carrots - Wheat Bread - Banana Cupcakes - Milk

Fri. July 7: Breaded Chicken Breast on Bun - Cucumber & tomato Salad - Tropical Fruit - Vanilla Pudding - Milk

Community
Birthday and
Anniversary
Calendar

Wed. June 28:
Judy Webster, *Craig & Jill Lende
Thurs. June 29:
Cole Shaver, David Herem
Fri. June 30: jade Pries
Sat. July 1: Justin Burslie, Carla Grundyson
Sun. July 2:
Nickolas Schow, Hudson Smeby, Gabe Paskvan, Westin Enger, *Paul & Julie Schow, *Dan & Mary Salvhus
Mon. July 3:
Chase Svalen, Beth (Brekke) Rominski
Tues. July 4:
Josh Bartz, Barb Urness, *Phillip & Amy Carlson

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Independence Day

On July 4, 1776, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.
Fifty-six men signed this historic document which declared the thirteen colonies' independence from Great Britain.
Join us this Fourth of July as we celebrate Independence Day.

First National Bank will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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Fifteen teams participated in the 18th Annual RiverView Foundation Golf Classic. Pictured above is the winning team (left to right): Grant Gunderson and Todd Sailer with Minnkota Power and Andy Vaaler and Jen Marben with Vaaler Insurance.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF WINGER, MINNESOTA

The City of Winger (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2023 SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND
TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
Project No. 19.01475

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by the City of Winger, Minnesota at **Winger City Hall at 10 E Minnesota Ave, Winger, Minnesota** until 11:00 a.m., July 20, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials, and all else necessary for the construction of:

The Project includes the following Work:	
COMMON EXCAVATION.....	4,200 C.Y.
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SANITARY SEWER AND APPURTENANCES.....	14,500 L.F.
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Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated websites:

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Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website using QuestCDN project number 8576649. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Ulteig Engineers, Inc.
1345 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **9:00AM TO 4:00PM**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying a non-refundable fee of \$300.00 for each set. Make deposit checks for Bidding Documents payable to ULTEIG ENGINEERS, INC.

Instructions to Bidders

All bids shall be made on the bidding documents included in the project manual. All bids shall be in a sealed envelope with a brief description thereon of the work for which the bid is being submitted and shall contain the required bid security. Bids may be filed with the City of Winger during normal office hours or hand carried to the meeting prior to the scheduled bid opening as specified above. No bidder shall withdraw his bid for at least sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

All bidders must be able to submit a sworn statement to the City of Winger demonstrating that it is a responsible contractor as defined by Minnesota Statute 16C.285. The failure to provide such a statement will render any proposal non-responsive.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bidder's security in a sum equal to five (5) percent of the full amount of the bid. The bidder may submit a Bid Bond, certified check, or cashier's check payable to the City of Winger. The bid security is a guarantee that the bidder, if awarded the contract, will enter into a contract for the work described in the Contract Documents. The bid security of the three (3) lowest bidders will be retained until the contract has been awarded and executed, but no longer than sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. The successful bidder will be required to furnish contract Performance and Payment Bonds, each in the full amount of the contract.

Wage rates for this project are subject to the current Federal (Davis-Bacon) and State prevailing wage rate laws.

Any contract or contracts awarded under the Advertisement for Bid are expected to be funded by a loan and grant package from the USDA Rural Development.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Orders 11625 and 12138 and Section 129 of PL 100-590 Small Business Reauthorization and Amendment Act of 1988 regarding service contracts to minority, women's business enterprises, and small businesses and requires recipients to utilize affirmative steps in procurement. The requirements for bidders and contractors covered by this policy are explained in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with President's Executive Order No. 11246 regarding Equal Employment Opportunity and any amendments or supplements to that Executive Order.

Bidders shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (PL 88-352), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (PL 93-1123, 87 Stat 355, 29 USC Section 794), the Older Americans Amendments of 1975 (PL 94-135 Section 303, 89 Stat 713, 728, 42 USC Section 6102), and subsequent regulations, ensures access to facilities or programs regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap.

Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

All questions regarding the bidding documents shall be directed to the Project Engineer: Brian Hiles at 320-289-5257 or by e-mail at brian.hiles@ulteig.com. All questions must be received in writing or by e-mail on or before 5 days prior to the bid opening. Responses to technical questions will be issued by addendum within 2 days prior to the bid opening.

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Owner: City of Winger, Minnesota
By: Ms. Lisa Schaumburg
Title: City Clerk-Treasurer
Date: June 23, 2023

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RiverView Foundation's Golf Classic brings in
over \$26,000 for recovery programs, Angel Fund

Congratulations to the Vaaler Insurance/Minnkota Power Cooperative team for winning the top spot in the 18th Annual RiverView Foundation Golf Classic. Thanks to the generosity of the tournament sponsors and participants, the Foundation raised over \$26,000 during the June 12 event, making the patients receiving care at RiverView Health and RiverView Recovery Center winners, as well.

Funds raised will go to the RiverView Recovery Center and RiverView's Angel Fund. RiverView Recovery offers an extensive list of outpatient addiction services that allow patients to receive clinical care while maintaining commitments to work, family, and home.

The Angel Fund was established to brighten the lives of patients who are going through difficult health issues or hardships.

The "random act of kindness" fund was started in

2011 by the family of Willard and Grace Reitmeier in appreciation of the exceptional care they received over the years at RiverView Health, particularly at the end of their lives.

Major sponsors of the event were Garden Valley Telephone; Consulting Radiologists, Ltd.; Magnet Solutions; Hugo's Family Marketplace; Glen and Marlys Finkenbinder; Lunseth Plumbing and Heating Co.; CL Linfoot Co.; USI Insurance Service; New Horizon Foods, Inc.; Minnkota Power Cooperative; Sanford Health; Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.; and Vaaler Insurance.

The champion Vaaler Insurance/Minnkota Power team consisted of Jen Marben and Andy Vaaler from Vaaler, and Grant Gunderson (chair of RiverView's Board of Directors) and Todd Sailer representing Minnkota.

"The Golf Classic has made a significant impact for RiverView and improved the level of care we provide," shared

Randy Schoenborn, director of the RiverView Foundation. "With community support, the Foundation has raised almost \$430,000 in the Classic's history, funding many priority patient-focused initiatives. Our patients will continue to receive the personal care they have grown to trust and appreciate in the comfortable, homelike environment they deserve thanks to the generosity of these sponsors and participants."

For more information on projects through the Foundation, contact Schoenborn at 281.9249 or rschoenborn@riverviewhealth.org.

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Many variables will dictate just how long a home's siding will last

An assortment of variables will dictate just how long a home's siding will last, including the amount of sun a home receives and the location of the home. The life expectancy of siding also will depend on the siding material. According to

Sunshine Contracting, vinyl siding lasts between 20 and 40 years.

It's a popular choice because of how long it lasts and the minimal upkeep it requires. Wood siding, another traditional favorite, is more

expensive, but it also boasts impressive longevity, according to BobVila.com.

With proper maintenance, which includes cleaning and refinishing, wood siding may last for decades. The coating on aluminum siding typically begins to fade after about 15 years. Fiber cement siding is

affordable, durable and low maintenance, and it may actually last as long as the home itself.

It needs to be repainted occasionally. Sunshine Contracting says stone veneer siding will last between 20 and 75 years, depending on the stone that is used.

Beginning farmer tax
credit expands further
to incentivize land transfer

Program also offers increased support for emerging farmers.

Owners of agricultural assets that lease or sell to beginning farmers in Minnesota can be eligible for the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit, which is open for applications through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority (RFA).

Those who have previously applied should take note of the new application deadlines for rentals (July 17) and sales (November 1). Additionally, recent legislative changes have resulted in several updates to the program to further incentivize farmland sales:

► An increase in the tax credit amount to 8% of the sale price for buyers and 12% if the buyer is an emerging farmer (previously 5% for all).

► A new maximum tax credit of \$50,000 (previously \$32,000).

► Direct family members such as parents, grandparents, and siblings are now eligible for farmland sales.

Qualifying applicants can include individuals, trusts, or qualified pass-through entities

renting or selling land, livestock, facilities, buildings, or machinery used for farming in Minnesota to a beginning farmer.

A beginning farmer is defined as a Minnesota resident with the desire to start farming or who began farming in Minnesota within the past 10 years.

They must provide positive projected earnings statements, have a net worth less than \$979,000, and enroll in, or have completed, an approved farm business management (FBM) program.

To be eligible for the tax credit, both the asset owners and beginning farmers must submit applications.

Beginning farmers are also eligible for a nonrefundable Minnesota tax credit equal to the amount paid for FBM tuition, up to a maximum of \$1,500. This tax credit is available for up to three years.

Full eligibility requirements and application materials can be found on the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit webpage.

Questions may be directed to Jenny Heck at Jenny.Heck@state.mn.us or 651-201-6316.



Roman Shultz was able to hold a bearded dragon during the recent Win-E-Mac second grade field trip to the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji.



The Win-E-Mac second graders spent the day during the last week of school, at the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji. Students learned about raptors and cryogenics. They also got to explore the exhibits on the floor and hold some of the resident's of the Headwaters Science Center. The American Legion in Erskine graciously sponsored this trip.

Scientists document over 500 bee species in Minnesota

Minnesota is home to a great variety of biodiversity due to its position at a confluence of four of the planet's major biomes — aspen parklands, prairie grasslands, deciduous forest and coniferous forest. Now, University of Minnesota researchers have confirmed the state is also home to 508 bee species, including numerous rare and specialist species that were recorded in the state for the first time.

New research published in the journal *Zootaxa* provides a checklist of Minnesota's bee species and is the result of a collaborative effort between the U of M, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and other bee experts. Researchers analyzed the findings and specimens from statewide DNR bee surveys, studies from the University's bee lab, and historic specimens deposited in the University of Minnesota Insect Collection. The work is a foundational step that will help scientists better understand the ecology and conservation needed to support local bee populations.

This work was supported by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources



(LCCMR).

The researchers found:

- The hundreds of bee species documented included many that weren't known to exist in Minnesota and were previously only documented further east or south of the state.
- Some species, like Ashton's cuckoo bumble bee, are extirpated and have not been seen in the wild in Minnesota for over two decades while others, like the variable cuckoo bumble bee, have experienced declines and may be extinct.
- Minnesota is also home to many rare and notable species, such as the endangered rusty-patched bumble bee, Suckley's cuckoo bumble bee and the pickerelweed long-horned bee.
- Several bee species are specialists, so preserving and restoring native habitats like sandy areas, wetlands, northern forests and prairies is critical.

"When most people think of

bees they picture the western honeybee and while they are notable pollinators, they are also a managed, non-native species," said lead author Zach Portman, a researcher in the U of M Department of Entomology. "Our work found hundreds of bee species in Minnesota, including bumble bees, sweat bees, mining bees and many more that are all important for pollination of native plants and agricultural crops relied on by countless more species."

The state's current count of 508 bee species is still preliminary due to many poorly-known species as well as more yet to be discovered. This research serves as a cornerstone for future studies on bees in Minnesota to determine whether species have declined or have merely gone undetected. In addition, more work is needed to understand the habitat and floral requirements of rare and specialist bees.

"This checklist provides the foundation for bee conservation moving forward. We are excited to use the data we've collected here to begin to understand which bee species may need action and protection," said Jessica Petersen, a research scientist at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.



Being brave during the recent trip to the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji, Win-E-Mac second grader, Edith Gieseke was able to hold a snake.

WEM School Announcements

Win-E-Mac will be hosting a basketball camp on July 25th, 26th and 27th. Shannon Nelson (Head Coach of NCTC Women Program, National Champion Coach, Former Gopher women player, and played in a Final Four) will be running a camp for all our elementary students and is willing to run a camp for our 7th -12th athletes as well as long as we can get enough participants.

Camp charge is \$30 dollars as our elementary basketball fund will be covering the rest of the cost.

Please let Nathan Johnson know if you have any questions and please encourage your athletes to participate in this camp.

The Fitness Center access has now been changed to summer hours. (The Fitness Center is closed during the school day during the school year.) You are now able to get into the fitness center 24/7. If you have any questions, please call Kristi at the school.



A large crowd of kids from the community were able to enjoy the recent concert, Ralph's World which was hosted by the McIntosh Library on Wednesday, June 7th. There are many other events that will be offered by the library over the summer including the mini- play "The Ant & the Grasshopper" which will be performed on Wednesday, June 28th at 10:00 am at the McIntosh Community Center.



Many community members were able to enjoy some good music and a great pancake breakfast during the recent Breakfast at the Farm which was hosted by Freedom Christian Academy at Hilltop Farm. The event was held on Saturday, June 10th, when the weather was a bit chilly but made it a great morning to sit outside and visit.