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Aanenson visits D.C. and honors 2 McIntosh fallen Veteran's

This past Veterans Day, Janice Aanenson, Daughter of Garnet Aanenson, was in Washington, D.C. for a conference and stayed for the weekend to enjoy the sites and programs. One of the items on her agenda was to visit the two McIntosh men who were killed in WWI and are buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, overlooking Washington D.C. Arlington National Cemetery covers over 624 acres of land and has over 400,000 people buried there including John F Kennedy, William Howard Taft, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Finding two McIntosh Men in a sea of tombstones seems like an impossible task, but each stone has a Section and Grave number and a Cemetery search tool that gives you the exact location. Link: https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Explore/Find-a-Grave

Private Adolph Nelson, McIntosh MN died in WWI on 10/13/1918 and is buried in Section 18 Grave Number 322. His Interment date was 08/03/1920 nearly two years after being killed in battle.

Private Bennie Nesland died in WWI on 10/09/1918 and is buried in Section 18 Grave Number 1227. His Internment Date was 03/24/1921 two and a half years after being killed in battle.

Janice was able to find both men and laid three roses at their graves.

She also visited and saw the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and ended the afternoon in the National Mall attending the different Veteran's Day Programs at the different Memorial Sites. The Vietnam Memorial had a large crowd of past service men and women and their families. Flags, pictures, and personal gifts were left on the Wall as the soldiers remembered their friends and military family. It was moving to see.

WWI and WWII Programs were much smaller in size due to fewer living members but seeing a few WWII men stand and salute the flag was again touching.

The final Veterans Program was at the Korean War Memorial. This was, again, a very moving program with speakers and the Air Force Band, but what made it extra special was the number of South Korean Veterans in attendance. They served alongside the United States Men and Women and came here to be part of the Veterans Day Program. Five buses of service men and women, both Korean and American, were in attendance. This was special to see, and from the tears, hugs, and expressions, you could see how much it meant to both Country's soldiers as well.

At the end of the Korean Veterans Program, the attendees were asked to take a flower and lay it with the name of a

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Benefit for Dan Salvhus this Sunday at Mac Community Center

Come out to the McIntosh Community Center on Sunday, November 26th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for a pancake and sausage breakfast, cooked by the McIntosh Fire Department and show support for Dan Salvhus and his family while he is undergoing treatment for esophageal cancer.

During the event there will also be a silent auction. If you have a donation, you may contact a local fireman or firewoman. This event is sponsored by the McIntosh Fire Department.

Dan, a dedicated husband, father and grandfather, is a lifelong resident of McIntosh, a McIntosh business owner, and a retired McIntosh Fireman.

Donations can also be mailed to McIntosh Fire Department, c/o Dan Salvhus Benefit, PO Box 356, McIntosh, MN 56556

Make plans for community holiday events

A Very Merry McIntosh will be held from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 2nd in downtown McIntosh.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Neil's, the Shoppe's of McIntosh will be open for holiday shopping and there will be a **Winter Light Pole decorating contest** sponsored by The McIntosh Community Club. Area businesses, clubs or residents can adopt and decorate a light pole to beautify Main Street in McIntosh for the Holiday season. The decorating needs to be completed by December 1, 2023 and "Peoples Choice" voting will be held during A very Merry McIntosh on Saturday, December 2nd. Prizes to the top 2 light poles. The light pole adoption fee is $20 and proceeds will be donated to the Win-E-Mac Christmas Giving Tree. Help spread some holiday joy to area Children in need this Christmas. If you are interested in adopting a light pole, contacts Megan Rock at (218) 280-9663 or meganrudbeck@yahoo.com to register. Adoption fees can be dropped off at First National Bank in McIntosh with Phil Lee. A limited number of light poles are available so make plans early

All decorations must not interfere with snow removal on

Holidays...
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David Ramse (4th from left), (l-r) his brother, Ben, daughter, Kayla Jore and his wife, Miriam, along with Phillip Quam and his wife Faye. Both men were presented with Quilts from the Quilters for E. Polk County group during the Veteran's Day program held at the school on Friday, November 10th.

Mrs. Gunufson's and Mrs. Langemo's first grade classes wrote Thank You notes and created soldiers to display for the Veterans Day program held at Win-E-Mac School on Friday, November 11th.

2023 National Thanksgiving Turkey comes home to U of MN following pardon from President Biden

The University of Minnesota's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) will be the new forever home to the official National Thanksgiving Turkey, Liberty, and its alternate, Bell, who were pardoned by President Joe Biden at the White House earlier today. This is the U of M's first time serving as home of the National Thanksgiving Turkey.

At the 76th National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation, National Turkey Federation (NTF) Chairman Steve Lykken, group vice president for Hormel Foods and president of Jennie-O Turkey Store, presented Liberty and Bell to President Biden in a ceremony on the White House lawn, where the President granted them a formal, official pardon from the dinner table. University of Minnesota Interim President Jeff Ettinger and CFANS Dean Brian Buhr were on hand to celebrate the special occasion.

CFANS Dean Brian Buhr (left) and U of M Interim President Jeff Ettinger with Liberty and Bell.

After two days of paparazzi, red carpet, and fanfare, the now famous turkeys are headed home to a quiet and comfortable abode at CFANS on the U of M's Twin Cities campus in St. Paul, where they will spend the rest of their lives serving as educational ambassadors in Minnesota, the top turkey-producing state in the U.S. At CFANS they will be cared for by some of the world's top poultry science experts, faculty and students in the Department of Animal Science and will help instruct the next generation of agricultural students.

"Every day, our students, faculty and staff work toward a future world that will sustain our natural resources while feeding our growing population," said Ettinger. "It's an honor for the U of M and the state of Minnesota to have the National Thanksgiving Turkeys make their home here."

Turkey farmers are critical to Minnesota, providing the state with more than $1 billion in economic activity and more than 26,000 jobs (Minnesota Turkey Growers Association).

"Turkey production has long been a fundamental part of Minnesota agriculture, and is important to providing high quality protein to consumers all over the world," said Buhr. "At CFANS, our world-class poultry and animal agriculture experts are serving and growing the industry with innovative research, teaching, and outreach.

We're delighted to welcome Liberty and Bell as fellow 'expert educators' on our CFANS team, working closely with Drs. Anup Kollanoor Johny and Kahina Boukherroub in our Department of Animal Science."

Festive apps to satisfy guests

Thanksgiving is a food lover's paradise. Even though the turkey and side dishes are the crowning achievements on Thanksgiving, hungry guests will need something to tide them over until the pièce de résistance is ready. In such situations, bite-sized appetizers that are tasty yet not too filling can fit the bill.

Charcuterie boards and tasting menus continue to be all the rage. In addition to a platter of fruit slices, figs, aged cheeses and crostini, treat guests to "Mini Cheese Ball Bites," which offer various textures and flavors in bite-sized morsels. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of "Spectacular Spreads: 50 Amazing Food Spreads for Any Occasion" (Rock Point) by Meagan Brown.

Mini Cheese Ball Bites

Makes 12

8 ounces light cream cheese, softened

1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

3 tablespoons drained, chopped pimentos

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon paprika

Pinch kosher salt

Pinch freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup crushed pecans

1/4 cup chopped chives

12 pretzel sticks

In a large bowl, stir together the cream cheese, cheddar, pimentos, garlic powder, paprika, salt, and pepper until well combined. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Place the crushed pecans and chives in a small bowl. Set aside.

Roll the cheese mixture into twelve 1-inch balls. Evenly coat each ball with the pecan-chive mixture. Press a pretzel stick into the top of each cheese ball just before serving. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

McIntosh Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Church

Offering will go to local food shelves both canned goods and monitory donations accepted.

Bars and refreshments served following the service.
All are welcome!

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A Thanksgiving Proclamation

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my Fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

Abraham Lincoln, October 1863

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Join us for a
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Carole Burslie

Saturday, December 2nd
Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Our Saviors Lutheran Church, McIntosh
Coffee and cake served.
NO GIFTS PLEASE!

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2023.11 ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

54.03 Disconnection for Late Payment

(1) The rates to be charged for water shall be set by council action.

(2) All parties connected to the city water supply shall pay a minimum monthly fee regardless of usage to defray the cost of the city maintenance of the municipal water delivery system. This required payment shall be made irrespective of the amount of water used by the consumer and will remain due and payable in the event the service is disconnected by the city at the request of the consumer or due to non-payment. Bills for water consumed will be rendered every month and will be due on or before the fifteenth day of the month but failure of the city to render a bill or of the consumer to receive a bill will not excuse payment. Bills will be mailed to consumers at the address shown on applications on the date of issuance. Bills not paid on or prior to the fifteenth day of the month shall thereafter include a penalty of ten percent of the amount charged.

(3) Consumers who are delinquent 30 days or more shall be given a three-day notice by the city clerk, or appointed official, that their service will be disconnected. Service of the notice may be made by any of the following methods:

1. Mailing to the customer at the customer's last known address and service of the notice shall be complete upon mailing.
2. Personally delivering a copy to the customer.
3. Personally delivering a copy to the customer's spouse or some person of suitable age or discretion at the customer's usual place of abode.

If said delinquent bill, including current bill and all penalties are not paid during said three-day period, or payment arrangements are not made with the City Clerk, this service shall be disconnected and shall not be restored to service until said delinquent bill, including the current bill and all penalties and a re-connection charge, in an amount to be determined by resolution, has been paid. In the event the consumer requires reconnection after normal working hours, the reconnection charge shall be the actual cost to the city in providing said service, in no event to be less than $25.00.

(4) The Council shall set the amount of the reconnection fee by resolution where the disconnection of service was voluntary at the request of the consumer and the account was not in arrears or delinquent at the time of disconnection.

Tampering with cut-off valves.

It shall be unlawful for any person except a duly authorized employee of the water department to turn off or on any curb stop connected to the municipal water system.

WEEDS

§ 92.38 OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRIMMING, REMOVAL AND THE LIKE.

(2) A sign is posted on the property in a location likely to be seen by the public, advising that a meadow or prairie is being established. This sign must be no smaller than ten inches square, no larger than one square foot, and no higher than three feet tall.

Penalty, see § 92.99

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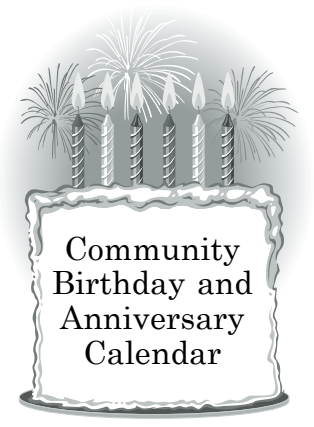
Practice grace by giving

November can bring gray days to northern Minnesota, but it also brings a reminder to be grateful for the many blessings in life. Gratefulness actually improves our health. Practicing regular gratefulness can decrease depression, anxiety, difficulties with chronic pain and lowers the risk of disease. Usually, we express our gratitude for family and friends and good weather, which is very good, but there is so much more to be thankful for; that smile from a stranger, a good book, a warm coat in the winter, and more.

Recognizing what we are grateful for is the first step. The next step is practicing gratefulness. Write a thank you note, rake your neighbors' leaves, pick up trash on the street, and/or tell someone they did a good job. There are so many ways to express your gratitude. As part of your Thanksgiving, consider donating to your local Grace Community Food Shelf. A donation of $55 pays for an entire Thanksgiving meal for a family of four. You will be helping a family celebrate the tradition of gathering together for a truly American holiday and you will find yourself feeling a bit better too.

Grace Community Food Shelf, PO. Box 204, Erskine, MN 56535.



Wed. Nov. 22: Ron Lemer, Miranda Plante, Jill Hewitt, Grace Roed, Suzanne Shear, Danelle Schommer

Thurs. Nov. 23: Maci Hamre, Betsy Roed, Amber Finseth

Fri. Nov. 24: Betty Tangem, Mary Lerfald

Sun. Nov. 26: Karen Rolf, Kristi Tofstad, Brittany Sylstad, Raquel Lindseth

Mon. Nov. 27: Susannah Roed, *Robert & Janet Landsverk

Tues. Nov. 28: Charlotte Catahan, Jacob Roue

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NOTICE

The City of McIntosh will be holding a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. for a Truth in Taxation meeting, in the Community Center, located at 115 Broadway NW, McIntosh, MN on December 12th, 2023.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

Wed. Nov. 22: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; Adoration noon to 8:00 pm

Sun. Nov. 26: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed, Nov. 29: Adoration noon to 8:00pm

Sun. Dec. 3: 8:00am Confession; 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 Authorized Minister Katie DeMarais

Wed. Nov. 22: 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Sun. Nov. 26: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. Dec. 3: 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.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Interim Pastor: Nathan Dalager

Trinity: (27262 315th St. SE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 11:00am; Sunday School: 9:45am

Mt. Carmel: (305 State St. NE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 9:30am; Sunday School: 10:45am

Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

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

Sun, Nov. 26: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com); 7:00pm Luther League with The Jessi Band (see article elsewhere in the paper)

Tues, Nov. 28: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, Nov. 29: 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
PastorLee Laaveg

Sun. Nov. 26: 9:00am Worship

Sun, Dec. 3: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker,

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

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Winger

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

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH- NALC
Erskine
Rev. Pam Thorson

Sundays: 9:00am Worship

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THE WINGER ENTERPRISE

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Wednesday, November 22, 2023

The Gosen Luther League meets on Sunday evening, November 26th, at 7 o'clock. The Jessi Band will be in concert. Jessi is an acronym for the members of the group. J is for Jesse Quam (grandson of Jeff and Suzanne Shear). He is a farmer from McIntosh who also loves to play piano, mandolin, bass violin, harmonica, and dulcimer. E is for Elisabeth Paavola from Bagley. She is the fiancee` of Jesse. She works at Cornerstone in Bagley. She sings and plays bass guitar and drums. S is for Suzanne Shear, also from McIntosh. She sings and plays guitar. S is for Scott Paavola from Bagley. He is Elisabeth's father and plays guitar and piano and sings. He teaches music at Bagley FHL Academy. I is for Iris Paavola, Elisabeth's sister. She sings and plays bass guitar, drums, and piano. Their musical style is Contemporary Christian and worship. Refreshments will be served following the program. Join us for an inspirational evening in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

Volunteer caregivers needed: Help others and feel a purpose

Helen Kellerman understands the importance of volunteering and the positive impact it can have on the older adults she supports.

As a volunteer caregiver for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, she visits Tom for a few hours a week to provide Maggie, Tom's wife and caregiver, with a break from the daily demands of caregiving.

"I am grateful to have Helen come so I can get away for a short time," Maggie said. Helen and Tom enjoy conversation and watching TV during their visit together, while Maggie runs errands, attends appointments, and spends time with friends.

Providing support for loved ones with chronic health conditions often requires unrelenting round-the-clock care that can leave caregivers exhausted and emotionally depleted. A short, four-hour break for a caregiver each week can make all the difference to their mental health and well-being.

National Family Caregiver's month is in November, a time dedicated to recognizing the hard work and quiet care that family caregivers offer to their loved ones and friends.

Caregivers who provide 24/7 caregiving can quickly find themselves overwhelmed by care needs and are at greater risk for burnout that can impact a person's ability to care for their loved ones because they are unable to take care of themselves.

In the U.S., caregivers are on the rise. Today, 53 million individuals, or one in five citizens, serve as informal caregivers, up from 43 million individuals in 2015, according to the Center for Disease Control.

To meet the increasing need to support caregivers to ensure they maintain good health, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is seeking volunteer caregivers to provide a much-needed break to relax, recharge, practice self-care, and maintain social connections.

While Helen can see the direct difference she makes in the lives of others as a volunteer caregiver, her life is changed, too. "Volunteering gives me purpose and the satisfaction of helping others," she said.

LSS caregiver volunteers visit older adults in their homes for a few hours each week. Volunteers share their skills, meet new people, and enjoy doing puzzles or playing games with others. They can also be matched with someone who shares their interests.

Training is provided and no prior experience is necessary. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, with availability each week, have reliable transportation and pass a background check.

The statewide organization serves all Minnesotans and welcomes volunteers from different faith communities, ethnic backgrounds, genders, and stages in life to inquire.

To learn more or to get started as a volunteer, please contact Program Director Neal Hines at 866.787.9802, neal.hines@lssmn.org or visit lssmn.org/volunteer/caregiver.

Veteran's...

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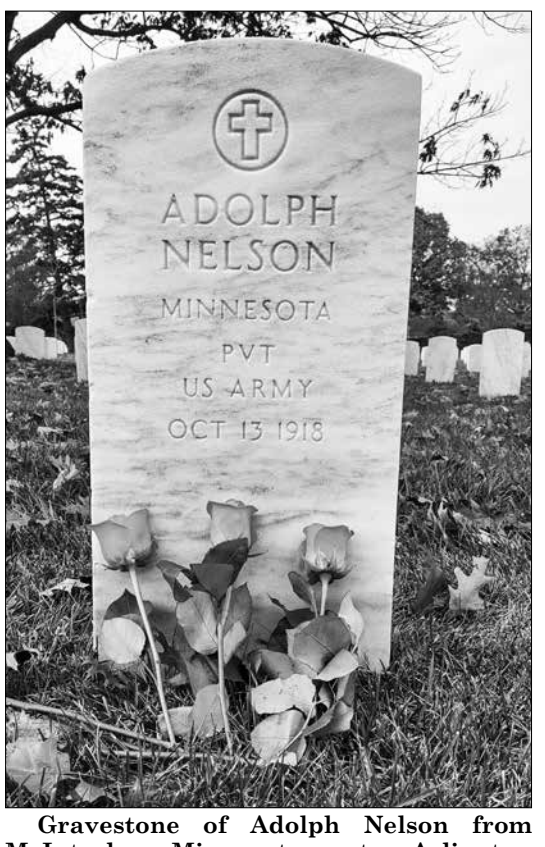
soldier on the Memorial wall. Janice was able to find the name of Private First Class Galen Birkeland and lay a flower by his name.

This was a trip full of new memories and one she will treasure for many years to come.

Gravestone of Bennie Nesland from McIntosh, Minnesota at Arlington Cemetery.



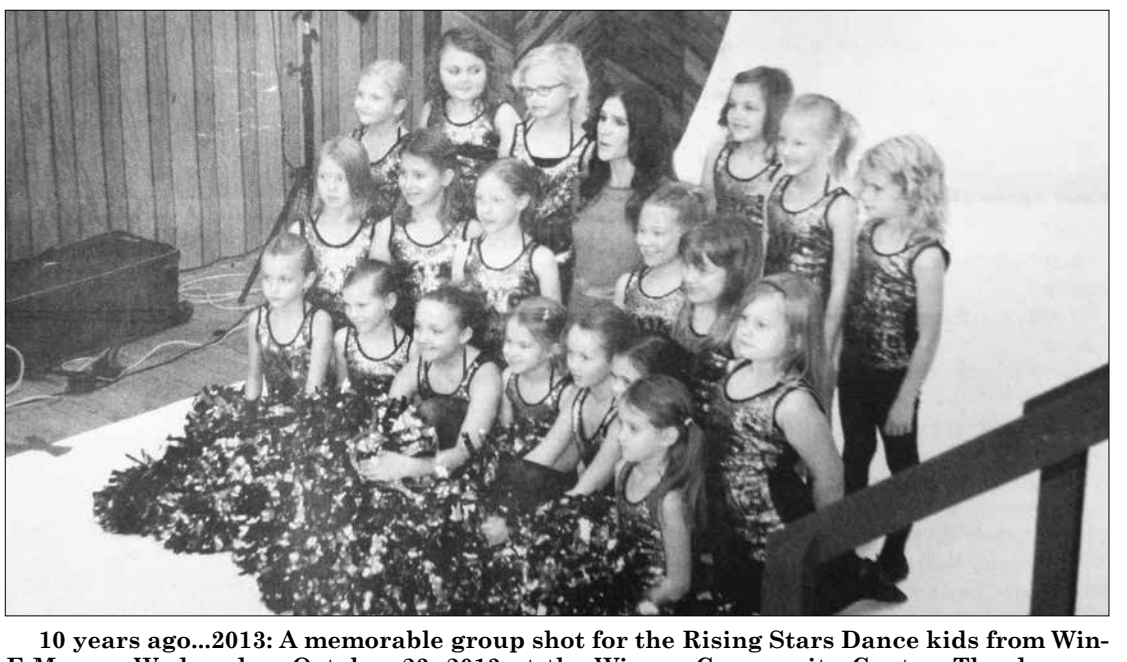
Gravestone of Adolph Nelson from McIntosh, Minnesota at Arlington Cemetery.

PIECES FROM THE PAST

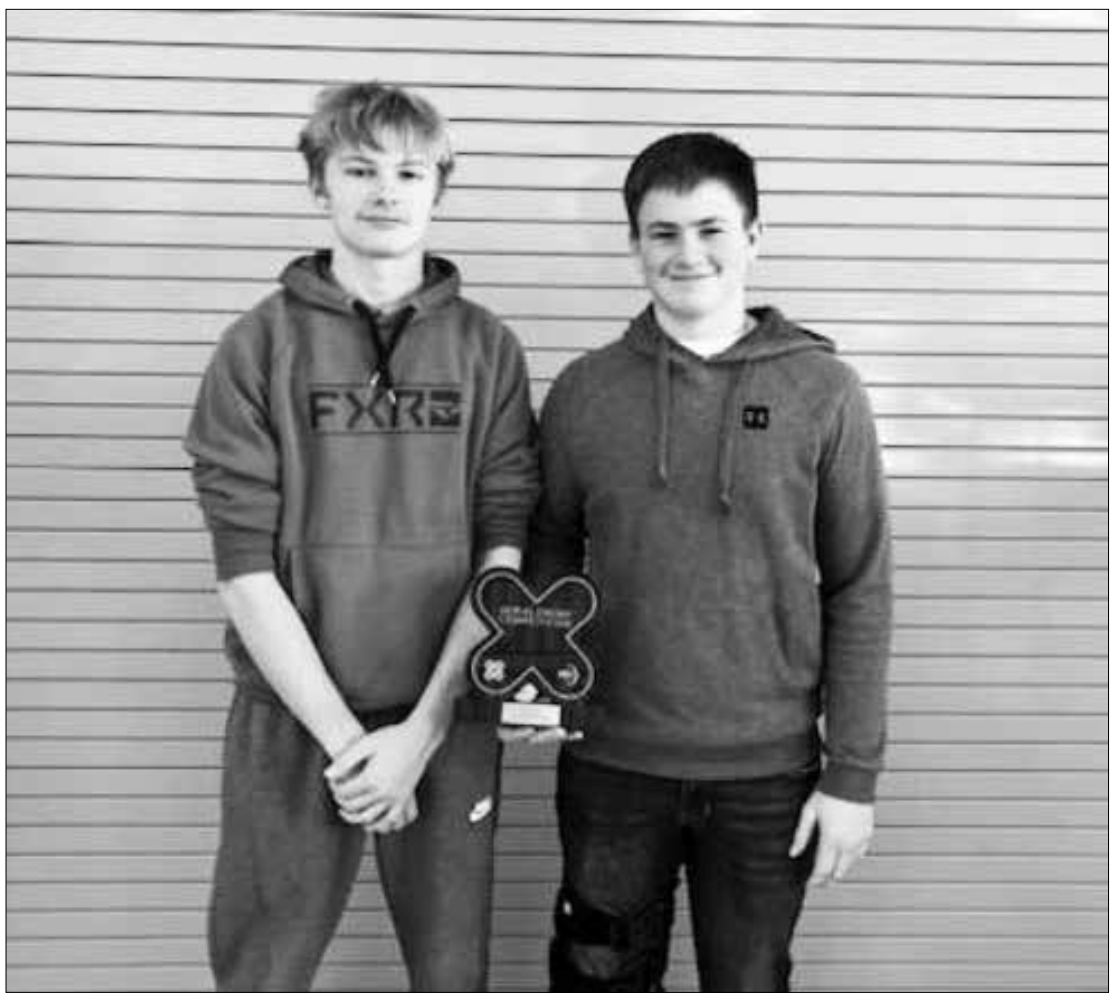
40 years ago...1983: The Scots won their final home volleyball game of the season last Friday. They defeated Mentor 2 - 0. Playing in their final home game were seniors Gayle Bergman and Stacy Vasend. Far left, Angie Benson, number 25, and Joan Koshus, spiking the ball at the net. With them is junior, Susan Schow, number 11.

30 years ago...1993: Superintendent Roberts and Principal Sells accepts a check from Winger American Legion Post members Lonny Gieseke and Dale Hickman. The money will be used by the music department at the Win-E-Mac School.

20 years ago...2003: McIntosh Fire Chief Larry Hedlund and firefighter Jason Smeby show fire equipment and oxygen tanks on the new fire truck to the children at the Win-E-Mac School during Fire Prevention Week. Firemen from area volunteer departments visited the school to "Show and Tell" the children about fire prevention and safety.



10 years ago...2013: A memorable group shot for the Rising Stars Dance kids from Win-E-Mac on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at the Winger Community Center. The dancers were able to have a photo shoot by Starkey's Photography out of Mahnomen for this year's dance pictures.



Congratulations to Drone Team 5330Y, Team members Nathaniel Spry and Carter Fortman, for their 1st place finish in the drone tournament in TRF on Tuesday. Congratulations to Drone Team 5330X, Team members Daniel Boianoff and Teddy Moritz, for their second-place finish in the drone tournament in TRF on Tuesday. Congratulations to Drone Team 5330z, Team members Addy Hickman and Ella Subert, for having the highest autonomous score in the drone tournament in TRF on Tuesday.

Snowmobile safety class for youth

All youth that will be turning 12 years old soon or youth that are 12 years old or older are invited to take part in snowmobile training. This training and certification are required for all individuals looking to ride on any public lands or trails in Minnesota.

The classroom portion of the training will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 8:00 am to approximately 4:30 pm at the McIntosh Community Center. The driving portion of the class will take place on Saturday, December 16, 2023 beginning at 9:00 am at the Polar Beach Snowmobile Clubhouse in McIntosh.

If the classroom portion of the training does not work for your schedule, youth ages 11 years old to 15 years old may take a course online and complete the driving course on December 16th. Log on to https://www.snowmobilecourse.com/usa/minnesota and register the youth under the appropriate age group. After completion of the course, the student will take an exam and print out the certificate of completion and bring to the driving course on field day. The online course will cost roughly $25. Students 16 years of age or older, looking to obtain their safety certificate do not have to take the driving test, only the online portion.

Polar Beach Snowmobile Club of McIntosh and the Lengby - Fosston Knightriders Snowmobile Club of Fosston sponsor the in-person classroom training and the outdoor course, making this certification free for those who take all the training in person.

Driving test: Students must wear helmet, winter jacket, pants, boots, gloves, and any other warm winter wear, as the course is outside. No student will be allowed to take the driving test without wearing a helmet, as it is the law.

The snowmobiles being used for the course will be provided by the snowmobile clubs. The trainers will inspect and install a temporary throttle stop on snowmobiles to be used before it can be used.

Class facility addresses:

McIntosh Community Center 115 NW Broadway, McIntosh, MN 56656.

Polar Beach Snowmobile Club 245 1st St NW, McIntosh, MN 56556.

For general questions please contact Paul Nelson (218) 280-0133 or Josh Bartz (218) 280-3562.

WEM School Announcements

The BIOGirls 2024 season is quickly approaching. This program is open to girls in grades 2-6 but we are also seeking 2 junior mentors who are in the junior high or high school. If you are interested in knowing more about the program or what being a junior mentor looks like, please plan to attend a meeting in Mrs. Langemo's room on Tuesday, November 21st. Junior High will meet at 11:15, Senior High will meet at 12:00. Feel free to bring your lunch with you.

Open gym starts this Sunday, November 5th from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

Yearbook Pre-sale. Order a Yearbook, Get a Donut at Delivery in May! Cost is $40.00 now and until December 20th. Cost increases to $50.00 after December 20th.

Yearbooks can be purchased in the office or from Mrs. Winter (room 51) before or after school or during students' noon hours. Complete the form below and return it with your payment.

Parents, are you ready to support your student's gaming passion? Our esports program is launching this year, offering students the chance to compete, strategize, and triumph over opponents from other schools. Embrace the spirit of healthy competition and be part of their journey towards the state tournament! Encourage your student(s) to join the eSports Google Classroom (link in an email from Mr. Hanson, sent to all High School students) to learn more.

The Win-E-Mac annual Giving Tree

The Win-E-Mac School will once again be having their annual Giving Tree.

We will be sharing the "stars" virtually again this year. We will anonymously post "stars" for the Win-E-Mac School District that may have a need this holiday season for clothes, winter clothing, toys, or other items.

Their wish list will be linked to their Star number If you are interested in taking a Star or donating items, please follow the link posted on the school website (wemschools.org) or school Facebook page.

There you will find prompts that allow you to choose a child by age and it will display their wish list. Not all items on the wish lists need to be purchased, but we suggest getting clothing items and at least 1 toy or fun item. Donations of items are also accepted, we use those items to fill the wish lists for children on the Giving Tree.

All gifts will need to be dropped off at Win-E-Mac school, unwrapped, no later than December 15th so they can be distributed to the families.

If you need some assistance or you know of a child or family that may be in need this holiday season, please contact Cassie Subbert or Emily Stoner, at the school 563-2900 or 687-2236.

The Giving Tree also accepts monetary donations. The donations go toward food gift cards for families to use over the holidays.

If you are interested or have questions about donating, please contact one of the people stated above.

Veteran's Charles Svalen and Joe Sandberg during the Win-E-Mac Veteran's Day program held on Friday, November 10th.

David Ramse being presented a quilt during Veteran's Day at Win-E-Mac School.

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the sidewalks.

Neil's Quality Meats & More will host a sausage cooking contest during A Very Merry McIntosh on Saturday, December 2nd. Stop at Neil's to sign up and get your choice of one free package of sausage to cook with. Make anything you like including soup, hotdish and it can be sweet or savory. The choice is yours.

On Saturday, December 2nd, contestants will bring 4 servings of your dish in a disposable container to the building on the north side of Neil's Quality Meats & More at 4:00 pm for judging. There will be 2 prizes. One for the best taste and another for most creative. Winners will be announced at Neil's shortly after 4:00 pm. Need not be present to win.

The Annual Winger Lions Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, December 9th. A pancake breakfast will start at 9:00 am with Santa arriving at 10:00 am. The Winger ladies will have activities during the event as well.

The McIntosh business open houses will be on Friday, December 15th during the daytime. You can visit the First National Bank of McIntosh, Kingtown Insurance Company and Neil's Quality Meats & More for open house cheer.

McIntosh Santa Claus Day, sponsored by the McIntosh Community Club will be at the McIntosh Community Center on Saturday, December 16th.

More information to follow in the McIntosh Times about all the events coming to our communities during the month of December.

Phillip Quam being presented a quilt during the Veterans Day program from Quilters of East Polk County members Stephanie Frisk, Lois Boehrnsen and Judy Tadman.

Retiring the colors (flags), ending the Veteran's Day program at Win-E-Mac School on Friday, November 10th. Gary Sonstelie and Bruce Benbo carrying the flags.