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Times

Hub of the Thirteen Townships



McIntosh, Minnesota



Silas Lee takes a peek into the tank holding baby chicks during Chick Day last Saturday at the McIntosh Country Store.

Mac City Council will crack down on cities nuisance properties

The City Council discussed the vacant nuisance properties located in McIntosh during the last Council meeting on April 14th.

The City Clerk, Elena Boianoff has been contacting or trying to contact the owners of the properties that the City Council has deemed to be nuisance properties in the City.

McIntosh enforces the Minnesota Basic Code. Under code 92.16 Public Nuisances Affecting Health, it states that any accumulations of unwholesome food or vegetable matter, pools of stagnant water, accumulations of refuse or other debris, noxious weeds and other rank growths of vegetation upon public or private property, are considered to be of nuisance and violate the MN Basic Code.

Along with that, there is also code stating that the out-

side parking and storage on residentially-zoned property of large numbers of vehicles and materials, supplies or equipment not customarily used for residential purposes in violation of the requirements set forth below is declared to be a public nuisance.

Included in this is that is unlawful to keep, park, store or abandon any motor vehicle which is not in operating condition, partially dismantled, used for repair or kept for scrapping, dismantling or salvage of any kind. As well as any vehicle not properly licensed for operation with the state. This does not apply to anything enclosed in a building or kept out of view from any street, road or alley and which does not foster complaints from any resident of the City. A privacy fence is permissible and acceptable.

Buildings, fences and other structures which have been so poorly maintained that their physical condition and appearance detract from the surrounding neighborhood are also declared to be nuisances. They are considered unsightly and adversely affect property values.

A nuisance exists when it obstructs views on the streets or private property, creates a cluttered and otherwise unsightly area, decreases adjoining landowners' and occupants' enjoyment of their property and neighborhood and otherwise adversely affects property values and neighborhood patterns.

The City of McIntosh may, at any time, enforce the provisions relating to nuisances through Abatement.



This property in McIntosh has been classified as vacant and a nuisance property. With debris scattered over the yard, it is a hazard.

Abatement defined is the removal of a problem which is against public or private policy, or endangers others.

Through this process the City of McIntosh sends written notice of a violation. The notice of violation will specify the steps to be taken to abate the nuisance and the time within which the nuisance is to be abated.

Should the property not be abated, the person who owns the property will be personally liable for the cost to the city of the abatement.

A copy of the General Regulations and Basic Code are available online at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs>



Enjoying a visit after breakfast during Swing into Spring last Saturday at the McIntosh Community Center are Donna Larson, Arlene Gustafson and Ruth Carlson.



Checking out some amazing glass slides that were on display as part of the McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center displays during Swing into Spring were Lynette Ross with Harold Thompson.

AgBMP Loan Program Expansion Proposed to Include Private Wells

A new proposal to expand the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's AgBMP Loan Program would help rural landowners repair, replace or treat private wells that do not meet drinking water standards.

Under the current AgBMP Loan Program, low interest loans are available to landowners to implement best management practices that prevent, reduce, or eliminate water pollution problems. The

proposed amendment would broaden the program eligibility requirements to include improvements to private wells. This would include treatment, repair or replacement of an existing well and other effective best management practices.

"Low interest loans have not been widely available to help assist landowners treat, repair or replace wells that do Wells...

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An vacant/nuisance property in McIntosh. The owners have been notified and given 30 days to clean up the property.



Keeping the crowds in pancakes during the MHAC annual Swing into Spring last Saturday morning were (l-r): Bob Hulst, Devra Carlson, Curt Bartz, Gretchen Finseth, Bernie Marshall, Melissa Finseth, Marion Parent, Larry Finseth and Judi Lindseth.



Community Calendar

Wed. May 4: NELL present MN Gangsters 9:00am @ Community Center; 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. May 5: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. May 6: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. May 7: Win-E-Mac Prom Grand March 7:30pm @ WEM School

Mon. May 9: 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. May 10: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Wed. May 11: McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's; WEM Academic, Athletic and Fine Arts Awards Banquet 6:30pm @ WEM School

Thurs. May 12: 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 5:30pm @ Community Center

Fri. May 13: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. May 14: McIntosh Pet Care Clinic 1:00pm - 3:00pm @ McIntosh Fire Department; Minnesota Fishing Opener

Mon. May 16: 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. May 17: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

WEM Annual Academic, Athletic and Fine Arts Banquet

The annual Academic, Athletic and Fine Arts Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 11th. All students in grades 10, 11 and 12 are invited to be guests of WEM at this banquet. Following the banquet, scholarships as well as valedictorian, salutatorian, knowledge bowl, one act play, music, art and athletic awards will be presented. Students who have been on the honor roll at least one quarter will also be recognized. Students - if you are attending this banquet you must be signed up with your home room teacher by Wednesday, May 4th. If your parents, grandparents, etc. are planning to attend they must purchase a ticket by Monday, May 9th. Tickets are available in the office only through Monday, May 9th.

Pictured Left: Last Saturday, lots of kids joined in to Jump Rope for Heart. An annual event at Win-E-Mac School.

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Mother's Day, May 8th
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Grace Lutheran Church,
 Erskine - in basement

Sat., May 14th
 at 2:00pm

Open House
Bridal Shower
 for
 Kelsey Thompson

10:00 am
Saturday, May 7th
 McIntosh
 Community Center

Kelsey and Travis are
 registered at Target

Dog & Cat Clinic
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016
 1:00-3:00 pm

The annual Rabies Clinic, with the Cornerstone Veterinary Service of Gonvick, will be held in McIntosh, Saturday, May 14th, from 1:00-3:00 pm, at the fire hall for all dogs and cats.

CITY LICENSES WILL BE SOLD AT THAT TIME.

COST THROUGH JULY 1 st :	Dogs \$5.00	Cats \$2.00
COST AFTER JULY 1 st :	Dogs \$10.00	Cats \$4.00

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GREENBERG REALTY

VFW Auxiliary #6891 News

The VFW Auxiliary #6891 will hold their Installation of Officers Meeting at 5 p.m., Monday May 9, at The Club in McIntosh.

Following the Installation, there will be a meal served with the Auxiliary paying for a drink and onion rings.

The choices for the meal are Chicken, Shrimp, or Steak. Please call The Club, 218-563-4011, prior to May 9 to reserve your choice of meal.

All Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend this Installation Service.

Piano Recital

The students of Mavis Finseth will present their piano recital at the Vernes Church, north of McIntosh on Sunday, May 8th at 3:30 pm. Performing will be Savannah Svalen, Clara, Senora ad Malachi Albrecht, Karlle and Nick Schow, Carl and Max Johnson, Kendal Moan, Jayden Gensburger, Gabe and Caleb Paskzen, Jesse, Adrianna and Nadalie Quam, Amara Carlson. All are welcome.

Thank You

The McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center would like to thank everyone who came to the Swing into Spring pancake breakfast and silent auction last Saturday.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out making the day a huge success.

Thanks again!

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

MAC TO FLUSH WATERLINES

The City of McIntosh will be flushing waterlines and hydrants each Thursday throughout the summer.

Residents are encouraged to watch for rusty or dirty water on these days. Fill washing machines to check water before adding clothes.

B-B Cafe Menu

Wed. May 4: Potato Klub or Ham Dinner, Baked Potato, Carrots, Roll and Dessert

Thurs. May 5: Fish Sandwich, Cup of Soup and Dessert

Fri. May 6: BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Roll and Dessert

Mon. May 9: Lasagna, Garlic Toast or Dinner Salad and Dessert

Tues. May 10: Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Roll and Dessert

Wed. May 11: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Roll and Dessert

Thurs. May 12: French Dip on Hoagie with Aju, Mac Salad and Dessert

Fri. May 13: Hot Turkey and Dessert

Wells...

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not comply with drinking water standards," said Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson. "Expanding the program to include private wells will allow us to respond to many more loan requests."

Eligible loan recipients are farmers, farm supply businesses and rural landowners. More information about the AgBMP program is available online at

www.mda.state.mn.us/agbmp.

The proposed loan program expansion is part of a Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith proposed \$220 million plan to modernize Minnesota's aging water infrastructure and protect groundwater from contamination, assisting communities across the state with critical investments in aging water infrastructure, and investing in water quality protection initiatives to restore and protect water quality across the state.



Pictured to the left: Broth, Melford and Orvin Grunyson enjoyed breakfast together at Swing into Spring last Saturday at the McIntosh Community Center.

2 BIG GARAGE SALES - 1 location!

2 blocks south of the tracks in McIntosh on Cty. Rd 41.

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH AND SATURDAY, MAY 7TH.

Follow the signs.



To sign up for the Polk County CodeRED Weather Alert System use this QR Code with your mobile Android or Apple device.

Emergency notifications with Polk County CodeRED

Polk County has CodeRED Weather Alert, a web based system which will allow Emergency Management the ability to reach a large number of citizens in a very short period of time, by geographically based delivery of phone and text messaging. The system uses the latest in mass notification technology making the system very easy to use. In addition, it allows County residents the ability to create their own account so they can add or remove numbers they want the system to call. To sign up for the CodeRED emergency notification system for Polk County, please visit CodeRED at <https://public.coderedweb.com>.

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR CITY CLERK-TREASURER

The City of McIntosh is seeking candidates for the position of city clerk-treasurer to work a minimum of 32 hours per week. This position serves as chief financial officer; duties include but not limited to: preparation of budget & financial statements, annual levy, payroll, certifies special assessments to county auditor, oversees utility billing, A/R & A/P among other accounting functions. Performs duties required of a statutory city. Serves as secretary to council, prepares agendas, take minutes, maintains records, oversees elections, arranges publication of legal notices, licenses/permits, writes policies, resolutions, & ordinances, zoning administrator. Qualified candidates preferred to have 2 years post-secondary education plus a minimum of 2 years experience performing duties associated with the function the city clerk-treasurer's office. Preferred candidates will have a Municipal Clerk Certification, experience with elections, government fund accounting and records management. Please see city clerk for employment application.

Resumes or applications may be mailed to: City of McIntosh, P.O. Box 97, McIntosh, MN 56556 or email to macclerk@gvtel.com. Deadline is Thursday, May 12th. Wage depending on experience.



Saturday morning during Swing into Spring the McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center had both the thrift stores open for part of the festiites.

The McIntosh Times Office Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon
 Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Call or fax: (218) 563-3585

Ad deadline is Noon on Friday prior to publication

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, May 5, 2016, starting at 9:00 am, and Thursday, May 19, 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.

Aluminum Can & Battery Collection

A trailer will be parked in Our Savior's Church parking lot on April 30th from 8 am - 5 pm for the purpose of collecting aluminum cans and old batteries. Proceeds from the recycling of these items will be used by the 2016 Grace Lutheran Mission Trip Group to help with the expenses of their mission trip to Kentucky later this year. Please call 218-280-3760 if you have any questions

Indexing the Newspaper

Do you want to help the McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center but don't know how? You are invited to help us index the McIntosh Times newspaper over the life of its publication beginning in the late 1890's.

Why? Because there is no easy way to access the multitude of information available from over 125 years of newspapers just for McIntosh alone.

Who? Anyone with 2 -4 hours a week can volunteer. No special skills are needed, just ring your enthusiasm for making this project a reality.

When? Can be accomplished at the MHAC office, located in the Bjella Building from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

If interested contact Robin Shimpa at 563-2040 or send an email to mcintoshheritageandartscenter@gmail.com.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. May 4: Connor Haaven, Tanya Monson-Ek, *Ken & Verniz Jore, *Nick & April Ostenaa

Thurs. May 5: Annie Schow, *Carey & Elaine Burslie

Fri. May 6: *Paulette & Clyde Kringlen, *Gary & Rebecca Schommer

Sat. May 7: McKeenzie Smith

Sun. May 8: Randy Olson, Grace Klemar

Mon. May 9: Darrel W. Johnson

Tues. May 10: Kayla Jore, Clara Roed, *Nick & Amber Olson



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor
 Wed. May 4: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
 Thurs. May 5: 10:00am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
 Fri. May 6: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
 Sun. May 8: 8:15am Confession; 8:45am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
 Sun. May 15: 8:15am Confession; 8:45am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
 If you have any questions about the schedule please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson
 Sun. May 8: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary
 Sun. May 15: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson
 Sun. May 8: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service
 Sun. May 15: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church
 Wed. May 4: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place
 Sat. May 7: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting
 Sun. May 8: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service
 Tues. May 10: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2
Wed. May 11: 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.

MCINTOSH AFLC

McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Pastor Karl Anderson
Trinity:
 Sun. May 8: 11:00am Worship Service
 Sun. May 15: 11:00am Worship Service
Mt. Carmel:
 Sun. May 8: 9:30am Worship Service
 Sun. May 15: 9:30am Worship Service

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh
Pastor Jill Torgerson
 Sun. May 8: 9am Worship; 10:15am Sunday School
 Sun. May 15: 9am Worship; 10:15am Sunday School

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlund
 Wed. May 4: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code
 Sun. May 8: 10:00am Worship Service
 Wed. May 11: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code
 Sun. May 15: 10:00am Worship Service
 Wed. May 18: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh
Rev. Linden Wendzel, Pastor
 Sun. May 8: 8:45am Worship Service; 10:00am Sunday School
 Tues. May 10: 3:30pm Ladies Aid
 Sun. May 15: 8:45am Divine Worship with Holy Communion; 10:00am Sunday School; 10:00am Council Meeting
 Service Broadcast, TV Channel 12 Wednesdays at 10am - Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

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Wednesday, May 4, 2016



To Divide or Not to Divide

Over the past century and a half Polk County was sliced up several times resulting in its current size and shape. What you may not know is that there were several failed attempts to divide up the county even further.

Sheer size and distance to reach the county seat was a justifiable reason for much of the successful division, but ambition was also cause for some areas to want to split off and form new coun-

ties. Some towns and their townspeople desired to become county seats. This desire resulted in petitions for dismemberment.

In 1893 a law allowed voters to determine county division during general elections, adding additional fuel to the "ambition" flames of separation. Prior to the general election of the following year four groups filed for petitions of separation.

The proposal areas, county names and county seats included: "west, Nash with East Grand Forks as county seat; north central, Red Lake with Red Lake Falls as county seat; east, the group favoring McIntosh as county seat submitted the name Columbia-those designating Fosston as the county seat submitted Nelson as the county name." The 1894 endeavor to cut the county into three pieces failed.

Legislative amendments to the County Division Law allowed only one division proposal per election. Red Lake County was formed during the 1896 election while the other petitioners once again dealt with failure. In 1902 election the last significant attempt at county division took place. This petition angled for the separation of eastern Polk from the rest of the county.

An east-west division line was agreed upon, but a new county name and the new county seat for the petitioned county was disputed by various groups involved in the separation attempt. The proposals for county names and seats included: "Nelson with Fosston, Columbia with McIntosh, North Star with Erskine and Valley with Mentor." Columbia County received the majority of the yes votes and was granted the proposition for creation and or-

ganization, by proclamation of Governor Van Sant.

Columbia County organized as per their petition, but the legality of the election came into question because all the petitions were for the same land area. Polk County contested and won in the State Supreme Court. In April of 1903 it was declared, "That the pretended organization of the new county was invalid and of no effect and its pretended officials were ousted from the offices they claimed to hold".

In 1908 there was one final attempt to divide Polk County by Nelson County supporters. This petition was defeated decisively.

Source:
•<http://www.co.polk.mn.us/index.asp>
•<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mnpolk/misc/history.htm>

Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

From Bun Manor:

Matthew Massmann had a busy weekend traveling about Minnesota. His journey began on Friday afternoon when he drove to Nelson to meet up with Aunt Jodi and Uncle Joel for Happy Hour at the Corral followed by a night cap at the legendary Diamond Jims. On Saturday, he headed south to Rochester to attend the wedding of one of his work colleagues. He was able to see a portion of the Mayo Clinic complex, while there, which was right up his alley. On Sunday, he hit the road early and visited Red Wing to see the hotly contested Prince tribute which was painted on the bluff. He

then made it to St. Paul where he was able to attend church at the stunning Cathedral of St. Paul. A visit of Grandpa and Grandma Massmann's round-out a great weekend.

Bun's dog Chewie is still missing. He hopes that wherever he is that he is at peace and is safe. A reminder to all pet owners to have identification on your pets at all times.

Bun shared some conversation and a cup of coffee with Gary Frisk last week. He is a grandpa again. Congratulations to him and his wife Ginny.

Joyce Balstad entertained Judy Hagen and Lois Ostena last Tues. playing cards and eating homemade lemon

bars she had baked. Lois also brought homemade sweets. The gals had fun playing cards and stuffing themselves full of sweets.

Those who helped Bun mark his 39th. anniversary of his accident down at Moran's on Sat. evening were Gary, Jill and Kyle Sonstlie, Steve, Lorri and Brian Massmann, Ole and Dale. Seems hard to believe that Bun has been in a wheelchair for two thirds of his life. He remembers that day 39 years ago was similar to last Sat because it was on a Saturday and it was sunny and windy. Some days are worse than others but everyone has bad days. Life is what you make of it so try to enjoy everyday that God gives to you and remember there is always someone else who is worse off than you.

Carsten and Joanne received a letter recently, from Kristi Crosby (Gjerdingen) telling that her father, Bud Gjerdingen, had passed away on March 17th. He had the bank in Winger for many years. But moved to Hereford, Texas a number of years ago. Joanne worked for him for many years and we had visited them a couple of times. Lorri, his wife passed away a number of years ago. He was about 90 years old.

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

GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL OR ERADICATE NOXIOUS WEEDS

Notice is hereby given this 2nd day of May, 2016, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 1 (2009)*, that all persons in Polk County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on land they occupy or are required to maintain. Control or eradication may be accomplished by any lawful method, but the method(s) applied may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts to other lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice, *Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 2 (2009)*, will be issued. An individual notice may be appealed within two working days of receipt to the appeal committee in the county where the land is located. Failure to comply with an individual notice will result in the inspector having jurisdiction to either hire a third party to complete the work or seek a misdemeanor charge against the person(s) who failed to comply. If it becomes necessary for the inspector to hire a third party, the costs incurred can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected. A list of the plants that are designated as noxious can be obtained from the Polk County Ag and Drainage web page at www.co.polk.mn.us/agdrainage or by contacting the County Agricultural Inspector at 218-470-8263. MBC

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl,
Extension Educator

A Bumper Crop of Pocket Gophers

As I drive around the region, I notice there seems to be a bumper crop of pocket gophers in the road ditches and hay fields. For anyone that produces alfalfa, one is always alert to these pesky critters that fashion dirt mounds creating another layer of difficulty for harvest. If you produce forage crops, the pocket gopher is your enemy.

Pocket gophers are burrowing rodents so named because they have fur-lined pouches outside of their mouth, one on each side of the face. These pockets, which are capable of being turned inside out, are used for carrying food. The forepaws are large-clawed and the lips close behind their large incisors, all marvelous adaptations to their underground existence.

Gophers have small external ears and small eyes. As sight and sound are severely limited, gophers are highly dependent on the sense of touch. The whiskers on their face are very sensitive to touch and assist pocket gophers while traveling about in their dark tunnels. The tail is sparsely haired and also serves as a sensory mechanism guiding gophers' backward movements. The tail is also important in thermoregulation, acting as a radiator.

Pocket gophers feed on plants in three ways: 1) they feed on roots that they encounter when digging; 2) they may go to the surface, venturing

only a body length or so from their tunnel opening to feed on aboveground vegetation; and 3) they pull vegetation into their tunnel from below. Pocket gophers eat forbs, grasses, shrubs, and trees.

Alfalfa and dandelions are some of the most preferred and nutritious foods for pocket gophers. Generally, they prefer perennial forbs, but they will also eat annual plants with fleshy underground storage structures. Plains pocket gophers consume primarily grasses, especially those with rhizomes, but they seem to prefer forbs when they are succulent in spring and summer. Wouldn't be nice if they would just eat the quackgrass roots and leave everything else alone -- and didn't make mounds?

Portions of plants consumed also vary seasonally. Gophers utilize above-ground portions of vegetation mostly during the growing season, when the vegetation is green and succulent. Height and density of vegetation at this time of year may also offer protection from predators, reducing the risk of short surface trips. Year-round, however, roots are the major food source. Many trees and shrubs are clipped just above ground level. This occurs principally during winter under snow cover. Seedlings also have their roots clipped by pocket gophers.

Damage caused by gophers includes destruction of underground utility cables and irrigation pipe, direct consumption

and smothering of forage by earthen mounds, and change in species composition on rangelands by providing seedbeds (mounds) for invading weeds. Ever wonder why how those nasty weeds get started in the ditches? Gopher mounds are a perfect environment to get thistles started from the seed blowing during the previous summer.

Gophers damage trees by stem girdling and clipping, root pruning, and possibly root exposure caused by burrowing. Gopher mounds dull and plug sickles when harvesting hay or alfalfa, and soil brought to the surface as mounds is more likely to erode. In irrigated areas, gopher tunnels can channel water runoff, causing loss of surface irrigation water. Gopher tunnels in ditch banks and earthen dams can weaken these structures, causing water loss by seepage and piping through a bank or the complete loss or washout of a canal bank. The presence of gophers also increases the likelihood of badger activity, which can also cause considerable damage.

Next week, I share information on different control methods of this bothersome pest.

This information is adapted from Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage.

A publication from University of Nebraska Extension that is available at all of the finer Extension offices. For more information contact me at stordahl@umn.edu or 800-450-2465.

Seeking Winger Memorial Day Parade Cadets

Cadets needed to march in the Winger Memorial Day Parade.

Practices will be May 9, May 16, May 23, 2016 from 3:30-5:00pm. Children can ride the Winger Bus to the Gopher Den in Winger.

Parents MUST pickup children at 5:00pm.

Winger Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 30, 2016

More information at 1st practice. Thank you

USDA loans for portable storage, handling equipment

Portable Equipment Can Help Producers, including Small-Scale and Local Farmers, Get Products to Market Quickly

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will provide a new financing option to help farmers purchase portable storage and handling equipment.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Administrator Elanor Starmer announced changes to the Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program today during a local and regional food roundtable in Columbus, Ohio.

The loans, which now include a smaller microloan option with lower down payments, are designed to help producers, including new, small and mid-sized producers, grow their businesses and markets.

"As more communities reconnect with agriculture, consumer demand is increasing for food produced locally or regionally," said Dolcini. "Portable handling and storage equipment is vital to helping farmers get their products to market more quickly and better maintain product quality, bringing them greater returns.

That's why we've added this type of equipment as a new category for our Farm Storage Facility Loan program."

The program also offers a new "microloan" option, which allows applicants seeking less than \$50,000 to qualify for a reduced down payment of five percent and no requirement to provide three years of production history. Farms and ranches of all sizes are eligible.

The microloan option is expected to be of particular benefit to smaller farms and ranches, and specialty crop producers who may not have access to commercial storage or on-farm storage after harvest.

These producers can invest in equipment like conveyers, scales or refrigeration units and trucks that can store commodities before delivering them to markets.

Producers do not need to demonstrate the lack of commercial credit availability to apply.

"Growing high-value crops for local and regional markets is a common entry point for new farmers," said Starmer. "Since they often rent land and have to transport perishable commodities, a loan that can cover mobile coolers or even refrigerated trucks fills an important gap.

These producers in turn supply the growing number of



50 years ago...1966: Married Longest: Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stardig were honored at the Senior Citizens party on Sunday for having been married longest of all couples present. Presenting the Lions Club gift is a son, Hubert Stardig.



40 years ago...1976: Alice Warford models her grandmothers Sunday best, black taffeta dress with fingerless gloves, a pouch bag and high lace boots. Note the hat pin. She also displayed long aprons with crocheted edging and inserts.



30 years ago...1986: Big Poppa Clod, Vance Kaupang, father to Baby Darleen, Jeanie Votava, goes on a crime spree, as the Mac-Winger Students presented the play, "The Clods of Hopper".



20 years ago...1996: Area farmers and their wives gathered at the Winger Community Center for the Annual Meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Company. Pictured are Dick and Donna Larson, guest speaker Gary Hasnedl, and Alice and Harold Balstad, Jr.



10 years ago...2006: Marshall McKeever is one of Mavis Finseth's many piano students preparing for their annual recital.



All together now, JUMP! Group jump roping is always fun during the Annual Jump Rope for Heart held last Saturday, April 30th at Win-E-Mac School.

WEM School Menu

Wed. May 4: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Glazed Meatballs, Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream, Broccoli, Chocolate Chip Bar, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thurs. May 5: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Spaghetti, Lettuce Salad w/Dressing, Garlic Breadsticks, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. May 6: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Yogurt Parfait, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Patriot Pizza, Lettuce Salad w/dressing, Ice Cream Treat, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Mon. May 9: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Mini Pancakes, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Pork Riblett on Bun, French Fries, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Tues. May 10: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Pumpkin Bar, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Wed. May 11: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Omelet, Toasted Bagel, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Sloppy Joe on Bun, Baked Chips, Baked Beans, Jell-O, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. May 12: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Cheeseburger Casserole, Corn, Garlic Toast, Pudding w/Topping, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. May 13: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Sweet Roll, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Sub Sandwiches, Sunchips, Lettuce, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Cookie, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

WEM All-School Choir Concert

The Win-E-Mac School vocal music department is proud to present their annual all-school choir concert "Let Music Live" on Monday, May 16, 2016. The concert will take place in the Win-E-Mac School Arts & Events Center, and will begin at 7:30 P.M. This concert will feature the Jr. High choir and Sr. High choir, as well as the Men's Group and Women's Group. In addition, our Outstanding Event will be featured. Once again, a highlight of the concert will be the massed choir (made up of all students in these choirs) singing together. Awards will also be presented. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a wide variety of musical entertainment!

WEM School Announcements

FYI - Midterm report cards are now available on Student/ParentVue to review.

There will be a volleyball tournament again this year during the Erskine Water Carnival!

The tournament will be on June 4th (Saturday) at the Win E Mac School building, from 11 AM until 3 PM.

We are looking for five person team's ages anywhere from 10 to 100 and all ability levels. Entry fee is \$25 per team, and this will cover all the prizes and luncheon.

Registration sheets will be available at Ness Cafe, Groceries Plus, and Fuel & Things in Erskine. Registration fees must be received by May 21st. Teams are asked to wear matching or similar colors.

Call 218-687-2157 with any questions.

WEM Jumps for the Am. Heart Association's annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser



Cameron Svalen



Ella Strom



Kallie Hand

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food hubs, farmers markets or stores and restaurants interested in sourcing local food."

Earlier this year, FSA significantly expanded the list of commodities eligible for Farm Storage Facility Loan. Eligible commodities now include aquaculture; floriculture; fruits (including nuts) and vegetables; corn, grain sorghum, rice, oilseeds, oats, wheat, triticale, spelt, buckwheat, lentils, chickpeas, dry peas sugar, peanuts, barley, rye, hay, honey, hops, maple sap, unprocessed meat and poultry, eggs, milk, cheese, butter, yogurt and renewable biomass. FSFL microloans can also be used to finance wash and pack equipment used post-harvest, before a commodity is placed in cold storage.

AMS helps thousands of agricultural food producers and



Lauren Kaupang



Ruby Breckel

Elementary Spring program at WEM

The Win-E-Mac Elementary students in grades 2-6 will be presenting their annual Spring program on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. This year's program will feature the Elementary Choir (Grades 4-6) and Elementary Band (Grades 5 & 6) performing several numbers each. In addition, Grades 2-3 will be performing a variety of musical selections. Come out and celebrate another year of Music with our elementary students! The program will take place in the Win-E-Mac School Arts & Events Center, and will begin at 7:00 P.M.

businesses enhance their marketing efforts through a combination of research, technical services and grants. The agency works to improve marketing opportunities for U.S. growers and producers, including those involved in specialty crop production and in the local and regional food systems. Visit www.ams.usda.gov to learn more about AMS services.

More information on how USDA investments are connecting producers with consumers and expanding rural economic opportunities is available in Chapter IV of USDA Results on Medium.

To learn more about Farm Storage Facility Loans, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport or contact a local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

WEM ECFE

Fun Friday Playdates!

Fridays 10-11:30am WEM Prek Room Ages 0-5yrs old

5/6 Spring Flowers!

5/13 Bugs!

5/20 Bubbles!

5/27 Summer Beach Bash!

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.

Contact Shannon Svalen, Early Childhood Director at 218-687-2236, Like us on Facebook "WEM Early Childhood Family Education", or email: ssvalen@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us

Hard Work Pays Off!



13 Win-E-Mac volleyball players practiced and competed in 3 tournaments as Northern Rebels. The team traveled to Nevis, Park Rapids and Wadena. In all three tournaments the girls finished the day in the gold bracket. The team captured Second place in the Wadena Tournament behind Park Rapids 1 set to 2, 25-16, 24-26 and 7-15.. Very promising future for these athletes and Win-E-Mac volleyball. Thank you to coaches Kelsey Knutson and Shelby Kaster for giving of your time and being such great role models for the up-and-coming athletes at Win-E-Mac. Pictured: front row Breanna Carroll, kneeling: Sydney Tadman, Kylie Stuhau, Alaina Juve, Maci Hamre, Kendra Thompson Standing: Coach Shelby Kaster, Lindsey Espeseth, Lauren Strom, Olivia Simonson, Hannah Smeby, Kylee Brekke and Coach Kelsey Knutson.



Wadena Second Place photo: front row: Breanna Carroll, kneeling: Sydney Tadman, Kylie Stuhau, Maci Hamre, and Tyra Wilson, Standing Coach Shelby Kaster, Lauren Strom, Alayna Espeseth, Olivia Simonson, Lindsey Espeseth, and Coach Kelsey Knutson

5K Walk/Run and Kids' ½ Mile Fun Run

RiverView Health will hold a 5K Walk/Run and a Kids' ½ Mile Fun Run on Saturday, May 14th. Registration will begin at 9:00 am at the Rehab entrance on the south side of RiverView Health in Crookston. The Kids' ½ Mile

Fun Run begins at 9:30 am with the 5k Walk/Run to start at 10:00 am. No pets, bikes or rollerblades will be allowed, but strollers are welcome. Registration forms are available at www.riverviewhealth.org, under "Events". The Kids' ½ Mile Fun Run is free. There is a \$15.00 entry fee for 5k registrations postmarked May 2nd or

before and a \$20.00 entry fee for 5k registration forms postmarked after May 2nd. All pre-registered 5k participants will receive a t-shirt. Race day registration will be accepted as well, but you may not get a t-shirt. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information call 218-281-9211.

NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT THE 2016 STATE GENERAL ELECTION FOR WHICH CANDIDATES FILE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given that the following county and soil and water district offices will be voted on at the State General Election to be held in Polk County on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Candidates must file between 8:00 A.M., May 17, 2016 and 5:00 P.M., May 31, 2016 with the Polk County Auditor-Treasurer. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file prior to departure. The place of filing for state offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides. **Note: Filing documents may be executed on May 30, 2016 although filing offices will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday. (Minnesota Statutes 204B.06/.11 and Minnesota Statutes 204.B33)**

Candidates for the following offices file with the Polk County Auditor-Treasurer, Polk County Government Center, Tax Payer Service Center, 612 North Broadway, Suite 207, Crookston MN 56716-1452.

COUNTY & DISTRICT OFFICES

One County Commissioner for District One
One County Commissioner for District Three
One County Commissioner for District Five
One East Polk Soil & Water Supervisor for District Three
One East Polk Soil & Water Supervisor for District Four
One East Polk Soil & Water Supervisor for District Five
One West Polk Soil & Water Supervisor for District Two
One West Polk Soil & Water Supervisor for District Four
One West Polk Soil & Water Supervisor for District Five

The place of filing for federal offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Room 180, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155-1299. The place of filing for state offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.

FEDERAL OFFICES

Presidential Electors (Ten)
United States Representative (One Office per district) District 7

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

State Senator (One office per district) District 1
State Representative (One Office per district) District 01B

JUDICIAL OFFICES

Candidates for judicial office may file either with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or with the County Auditor in the county where the candidate resides. A Candidate filing for one of the Minnesota Court of Appeals seats that has been designated for one of the congressional districts must be a resident of that congressional district.

Supreme Court

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for Seat 6

Incumbent: (Hudson)

Court of Appeals

Appellate office are elected statewide. Where designated, candidates must reside in the congressional district listed for a least one year.

Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 5
Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 8
Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 11
Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 13 – 6th Congressional District
Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 14 – 8th Congressional District
Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 16
Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 17
Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 18
Judge of the Court of Appeals for Seat 19

Incumbent: (Bjorkman)
Incumbent: (Reilly)
Incumbent: (Larkin)
Incumbent: (Peterson)
Incumbent: (Stauber)
Incumbent: (Reyes)
Incumbent: (Johnson)
Incumbent: (Schellhas)
Incumbent: (Connolly)

District Courts

Ninth Judicial District Court for Seat 2
Ninth Judicial District Court for Seat 8
Ninth Judicial District Court for Seat 16
Ninth Judicial District Court for Seat 17
Ninth Judicial District Court for Seat 20
Ninth Judicial District Court for Seat 23

Incumbent: (Maus)
Incumbent: (Schieferdecker)
Incumbent: (Benshoof)
Incumbent: (Rasmussen)
Incumbent: (Dixon)
Incumbent: (DeMay)

Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of April, 2016, Crookston Minnesota

(seal) */s/ Michelle M. Cote*
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Polk County Auditor-Treasurer

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