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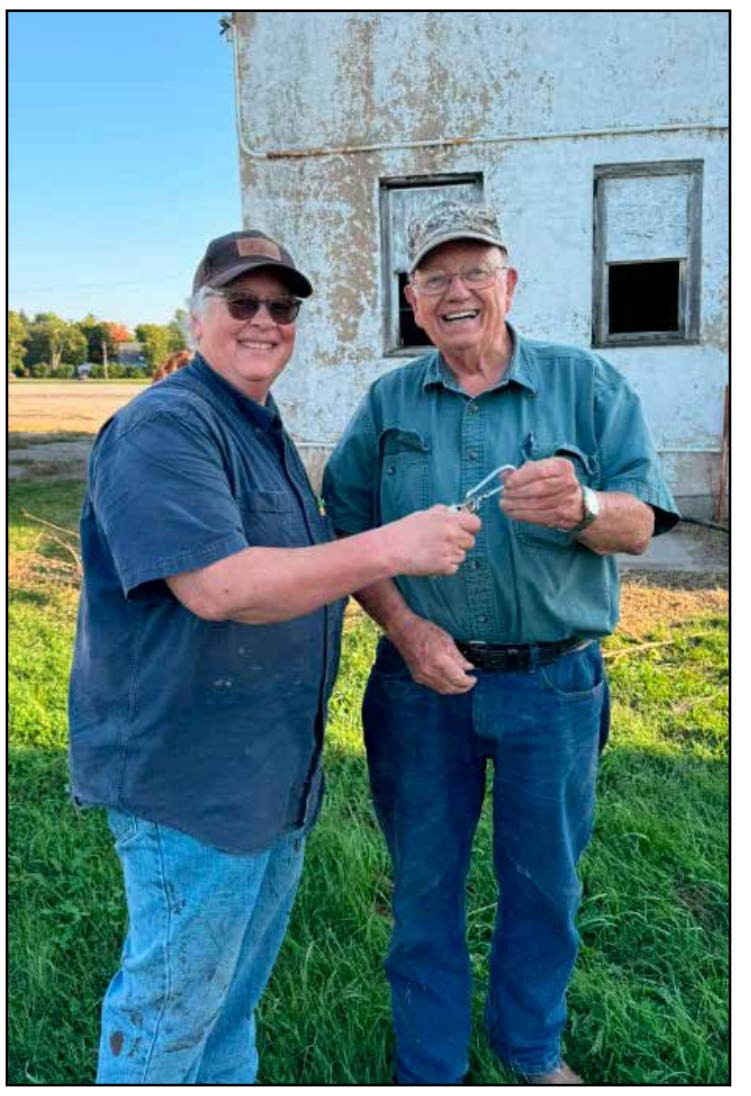
The new cupcake walk at the McIntosh Harvest Festival, held on Saturday, September 21st, was a big hit with the kids. Emma Kaupang and Emma Kaufman were both winners of one of the beautifully decorated cupcake prizes. Both Emma's are in the 5th grade at Win-E-Mac School.

Aanenson will breathe new life into old McIntosh business site

Pam Aanenson recently purchased the Wertish property just north of Highway 2. Pam is a 1978 graduate of McIntosh-Winger High School and is the oldest daughter of Ordell and Garnet Aanenson. She is excited to be moving back to the community and contributing to the growth of the town, and be a positive force to continue building on all of the work so many have already done. In the spring of 2025, she will be opening a custom framing, arts, and antique store and hopes to teach various art classes. She also has plans to have a pottery studio, sign printing and book publishing component to her business.

Unfortunately, after a thorough inspection of the buildings, the original gas station will need to be demolished as the floor and ceilings are caving in and cannot be saved. The remaining three buildings on the property do plan to be restored. Cleanup of the property has already begun! Pam is grateful that Jim Wertish put his trust in her, as she does intend to honor the 50 years of service Jim and his family provided to McIntosh. Pam said "I am asking for your help and ideas for development of the property". She is looking for any photographs, personal stories about people's memories they may have, and any internal and external photographs of these buildings.



Jim Wertish hands over the keys to Pam Aanenson, who recently purchased the Wertish property just north of Highway 2 in McIntosh.

Darlene Dierkes, Vice President of MH&AC greeted visitors to the MH&AC booth at the McIntosh Harvest Festival. McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center has record breaking fundraising weekend The McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center in McIntosh participated in the McIntosh Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 21 and greeted people that stopped by the booth to donate and also become annual members. MH&AC gave away pens, magnets and notebooks, and $5 gift cards to Bully Brew Coffee! Later that evening, Pam Aanenson and Susan Lee held a fundraiser for MH&AC at the Community Center. Thank you to everyone that donated and became members, and renewed their membership to the non-profit organization. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with putting together all of the items for the silent auction, the setup and teardown at both the Harvest Festival and Community Center. The McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center celebrates their 15th year in 2025 and we hope everyone will continue to donate to this organization and become a member. We are constantly accepting any photographs, scrapbooks, books, and McIntosh and other 13 Township memorabilia. We are located just north of the Community Center in McIntosh and our hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00am-2pm, and by appointment. Please follow MH&AC online at https://www.mcintoshhac.com.

Stephen Stanley to perform October 16th at Win-E-Mac School

Singer/songwriter Stephen Stanley makes music with immediate emotional impact, revealing a depth of talent that comes from years of devotion to his craft.

Hosted by the Win-E-Mac Community Youth Ministry, Stephen Stanley will perform at the Win-E-Mac Arts & event Center on Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m.

At the age of nine, the Mansfield, Georgia-based artist learned to play his mother's guitar after suffering an accident that rendered him deaf in his left ear, and quickly uncovered an innate musicality and remarkable gift for melody. By age 13, he added piano and drums to his repertoire, in addition to writing songs and leading worship at the church where his father served as a pastor.

By age thirteen, Stephen had added piano and drums to his repertoire and was writing songs and leading worship at his family's church. Over the last decade, he's crafted a distinct sound and sense of purpose to his songs, this year releasing his debut album Divided Frame of Mind.

Reflecting the "fight between the light and the dark", the album mixes seasons of struggle for Stephen, with the faith-filled realizations that helped him – and continue to help him – move through them.

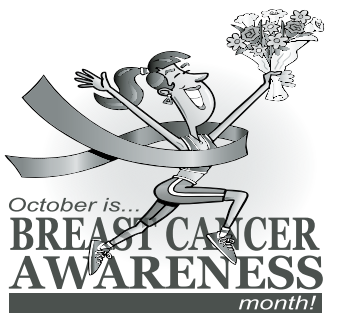
"I've talked about mental health in my songs a bit before the album," Stephen said.

"But what I want to say in my music is that there's a lot of problems in the world – especially what's been going on the past few days – and the answer is Jesus."

Instead of lingering in the challenge, Stephen wants to address it while also pointing to hope on the other side.

Over the last decade, Stanley has honed a distinct and dynamic voice as a musician, bringing both raw emotion and a profound sense of purpose to everything he creates..

Tickets to this event can be purchased from the Lindfors Agency offices, Nord's Pharmacy, and online at ShowOpsPresents.com.



The McIntosh-Winger class of 1974 had their 50th year class reunion on Saturday, September 21st with a meet-up in McIntosh in the morning, snacks and a social time in the afternoon at the home of Bob and Ann Vesledahl, followed by a dinner and bonfire in the evening at the home of Dan and Darlene Dierkes. Pictured: Row 1: Deb (Johnson) Carey, Dave Henschke, Gail (Ferden) Strom, Mona Stardig, Terry Lynn (Johnson) Correll, Naomi (Thompson) Hillgartner, Craig Helgaas, Bev (Tangen) Helgaas, Calvin Bly, Annette (Carlson) Swedberg, Bill Finkle; Row 2: Mark Hartel, Rudy Finseth, Ron Eggers, Gwen (Vesledahl) Benbo, Denise (Sorvig) Volk; Row 3: Loren Anderson, Rodney Johnson.

Studio Crawl in Fosston and McIntosh

Fifteen area artists and designers will be featured in the upcoming Artist Studio Crawl on Saturday, October 5. Sponsored by the City of Fosston's Arts & Culture Commission, the studio crawl has been designed to give visitors the opportunity to meet artists in their space, see demonstrations, and buy their work. Several artists without individual studio space will be represented in local businesses.

The Arts & Culture Commission (ACC) has historically held art crawls in the Fosston downtown business district, but this year decided to expand the event to include artists within a 10-mile radius of Fosston.

Each participating artist creates in a space where their artwork happens, and this event provides an opportunity to share their studio space and creative process with the community. ACC wants to give artists without studio space an opportunity to also share their talents and demonstrate their art. Businesses are providing space for these participants.

Studios participating include Jeff Olson, Steph Anderson, Ivy Bailie, Heidi Bingham and Gerry LaVoi. Donavon Hames will be featured at the home of Steph Anderson with his recent remodel project.

The Firefly Center in Fosston will host Heidi Danos, Jason Steinbrenner, Vicki Olson, Scott Youngquist, and Maggie Stewart. Faded Rae will feature Lillie Manecke.

In McIntosh, Kathrine Howard will be demonstrating in her shop, Howard Soap Company. Designer Andrea Stordahl will highlight her portfolio of residential and commercial projects at Minnesota Rust. Artist Nate Illies will show his art at the Ginger Junker.

ACC organizers feel it will be an invigorating day! You can expect to see work in progress, finished work on display, interesting tools and supplies, or work for sale. Each artist will offer their own unique experience.

An interactive map is available to guide visitors to each location. A QR code is available in ads and brochures. At www.fosston.com the map can be found under the Arts & Commission link.

Mark your calendars for another fun, eventful fall day in the Fosston/McIntosh area!

Halloween Happenings

Trick-or-Treating at MSL

Please join in the fun on Halloween evening thursday, October 31st st for Trick or Treating from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm in the front lobby at McIntosh Senior Living. The residents are waiting to see all the little trick or treaters and hand out candy.

Pumpkin carving contest at Louie's Mercantile

Louie's Mercantile on Main Street in McIntosh will host their annual pumpkin carving contes.

All ages are welcome to participate in this fun event. Be creative with your pumpkins by decorating with paint, stickers, glitter, carving or however you want to design a winning entry!

Entries are due to Louie's Mercantile (140 SW Cleveland Ave) by Sunday, October 27th. You can message via social media or email louiesmercantile@gmail.com your pumpkin. Winners will announced on Halloween with a prize from the store!

Pictured below: Always a great team are the McIntosh Community Club members who coordinate to make the Annual Harvest Festival so successful. Pictured are: Andrea Stordahl, Megan Rock, Katie Roed, Jackie Huschle, and Phil Lee. Not pictured are Judi Lindseth and Becky Merriweather.

PCPH highlights contraceptive resources

Polk County Public Health is committed to sharing important information about birth control and the resources we offer to support individuals in making informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.

Contraception, commonly referred to as birth control, plays a crucial role in allowing people to choose when and if they want to become pregnant. World Contraception Day, held annually on September 26th, is dedicated to raising awareness of all available contraceptive methods, allowing individuals to make empowered choices about their sexual and reproductive health. Birth control gives women control over the timing and spacing of their pregnancies, leading to healthier pregnancies and childbirth outcomes.

In addition to abstinence, the consistent and correct use of contraceptive methods, such as condoms, can prevent unintended pregnancies and protect against sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV.

Dual Contraception, which involves using a birth control method alongside condoms, offers dual protection by preventing both pregnancy and STIs.

Since some STIs can lead to severe health complications, including infertility, it's essential to prioritize sexual health by using condoms even when other contraceptive methods are in use.

Polk County Public Health offers a range of contraceptive options, including condoms, birth control pills, patches, vaginal rings, depo shot, emergency contraception, implants, and IUDs (both hormonal and non-hormonal options).

Your sexual and reproductive health is an important part of your overall well-being. If you have questions or would like more information about contraception, please contact Polk County Public Health at 218-281-3385.

State reports rare human death from rabies

Health officials reminding people that bats in Minnesota can have rabies and there are steps to take if you have potential contact with a bat

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is investigating a human rabies death in a person over 65 years of age, who had exposure to a bat in western Minnesota in July 2024. This is Minnesota's fourth case of human rabies since 2000. The diagnosis of rabies was confirmed on Sept. 20, based on testing done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta.

MDH is working with the patient's family and health care facilities where the patient was treated to evaluate whether any family members or health care workers were potentially exposed and need treatment. There is no risk to the public from this patient.

This case is an important reminder that bats in Minnesota can have rabies and that the public should avoid contact with bats.

If a person has any physical contact with a bat or finds a bat in the room of a sleeping person, unattended child, or anyone who cannot reliably communicate what happened, the bat should be captured safely and submitted for rabies testing. A bat's teeth are so tiny that a bite may not be felt or even leave a noticeable mark.

If the bat is not available for testing, contact your health care provider or MDH quickly after the exposure for information on what to do next.

If left untreated, rabies is almost always fatal. Rabies treatment has proven to be nearly 100% effective at preventing the disease after an exposure, but it must be started before symptoms of rabies appear. That is why health officials are stressing the importance of recognizing potential exposures to bats and taking appropriate actions in a timely manner. Rabies treatment is not needed if the bat can be captured, tested and found to be free of the virus.

Bats can be submitted to the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory or to a veterinarian for rabies testing. Information on submission, including a video on how to safely capture a bat for testing, can

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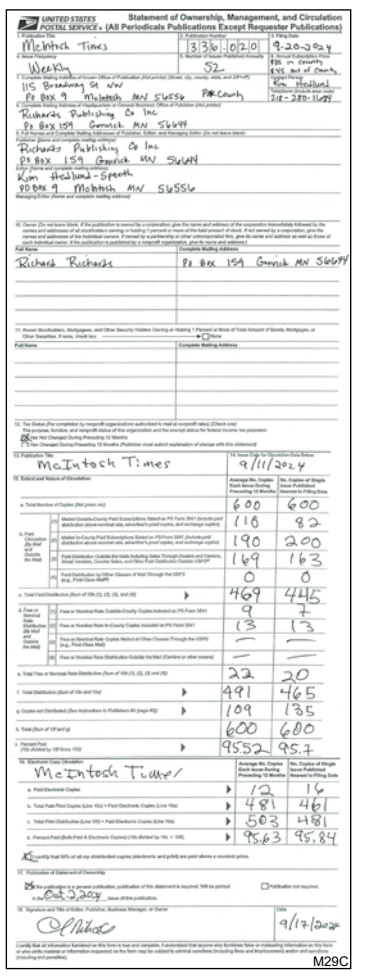
A Harvest of Blessings

Trinity Harvest Festival

Trinity Lutheran Church in McIntoh will celebrate fall with a Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 6th at 2:30 pm. Speaker Pastor Sam Wellumson with fellowship and pie following. Everyone welcome. Offering to benefit AFLC of Brazil Scholarship Fund.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ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. Oct. 2: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. Oct. 4: 11:30am Adoration & Benediction at St. Mary's, Fosston; Noon First Friday Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

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

Wed. Oct. 9: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. Oct. 11: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Oct. 13: 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

Sun. Oct. 6: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun, Oct. 13: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Our Savior's 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:
Pastor:
Jerry Moan

Trinity: (27262 315th St. SE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Mt. Carmel: (305 State St. NE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 11:00am

Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

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

Fri. Oct. 4: 10:00 a.m. Telecast of Bended Knee Concert on GVTV--30

Sun, Oct. 6: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com); 7:00pm Luther League Concert with Bended Knee (see article elsewhere in the paper)

Tues, Oct. 8: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, Oct. : 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. Oct. 6: 9:00am Worship

Sun. Oct. 13: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker,

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Winger

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Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Oct. 2: John Burthwick, Noah Ostenaa, Hannah Marshall, *Luke & Amber Syverson

Thurs. Oct. 3: Mike Olson

Fri. Oct. 4: Jared Olson, *Ryan & Olivia Schow

Sat. Oct. 5: *Josh & Nicole Vettleson, *Matthew & Morgan Voxland

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

Mon. Oct. 7: Samantha Rasmussen, Rob Roed, *Rob & Lori Roed

Tues. Oct. 8: *Darren & Holly Kringlen

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Polk County board minutes

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 o'clock a.m., September 17, 2024. Members present: Commissioner Paul Reese, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee, Commissioner Mark Holy, and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Samuel Melbye, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA
A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the September 17, 2024, agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS
A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the September 17, 2024, consent items:

1. Approve the September 3, 2024, Board minutes.
2. Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Revenue Fund, $183,955.40; Public Works Fund, $46,231.32; Public Safety Fund, $88,920.04; Public Health Fund, $22,462.04; Opioid Settlement, $3,638.98; Forfeited Tax Sale Fund, $1,950.32; Spec Assmnts (Ditch) Fund, $13,075.50; Environmental Services Fund, $19,590.73; Resource Recovery Fund, $88,148.41; Landfill Fund, $179,519.37; Per Diems, $2,325.00; Meal Reimbursements (without over-night lodging), $48.52; and Sign Audit List.
3. Approve payment to US Bank, St. Louis, MO, in the amount of $116,103.06 for procurement card purchases.
4. Approve payment to BCA Training, St. Paul, MN, in the amount of $300.00 for 2024 BCA Criminal Justice Information Users Conference Registration for Levi Webster of the IS Department.
5.Approve payment to Wagner's Landscaping, Inc., Fisher, MN, in the amount of $2,325.25 for Polk County Historical Society Landscaping for the Facilities Department.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER ISSUE FORUM
1. Commissioner Reese brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
a. Discussed information regarding a change of services at Land of Dancing Sky Region 1.
b. Public hearing on Joint Ditch 3 in Red Lake Falls.
2. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
a. Tri-County Corrections meeting.
b. Discussed information received from a hearing on the West Central Water District.
3. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
a. Tri-County Corrections meeting.
b. Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) meeting.
c. Gentilly Township meeting.
d. Preparing for Cannabis meeting.
e. Received call regarding issue on County Ditch 60. Spoke to County Engineer regarding cleaning the ditch.
f.Received call regarding the County use and applications of Federal funding and grants.
4. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended the following meetings:
a. AMC Subcommittee on taxes and fees.
b. Monthly radio program.
c. Public hearing on Joint Ditch 3 in Red Lake Falls.
d. Union negotiations.
e. AMC Health and Human Services Policy Committee and Board of Directors meetings.
f. AMC Finance Committee meeting.
g. MRC
h. Education and Training Committee meeting.
i. Union Lake Sarah Improvement District meeting.
5. Commissioner Holy brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
a. Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed – One Watershed One Plan meeting.
b. Received call regarding procurement card purchases amounts listed on the County Board Agendas and asking to have more detail on those expenditures.

SHERIFF
James Tadman, Polk County Sheriff, along with Jesse Haugen, Captain, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Monthly Sheriff's Report
The August 2024 Monthly Sheriff Reports were discussed and presented to the Board. (Reports on file in the Administrator's Office)
2. List of Retired Squads to Sell
The Sheriff's Department is ready to sell eight law enforcement squads that have been taken out of service. A motion was made by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the sale of the eight squads.

PROPERTY RECORDS
Samuel Melbye, Director of Property Records, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Recorder Compliance Certification
Discussion was held with the Board regarding the Recorder Compliance Certification. In accordance with Minnesota Statute 357.182 subdivision(s) 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Sam Melbye must certify that the office of the Polk County Recorder for the year of 2023 was compliant with the standard set by the above statute to return documents within 10 days.

2. Resolution (2024-67) Re-Appointment of Mark Landsverk – County Assessor (Polk County Assessor)

RESOLUTION (2024-67)
Re-Appointment of Mark Landsverk – County Assessor (Polk County Assessor)

The following resolution (2024-67) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Minnesota Statute 273.061, the Polk County Board of Commissioners hereby re-appoints Mark Landsverk as Polk County Assessor for a four-year term of office to begin January 1, 2025, and to end December 31, 2028.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Holy, Commissioner Willhite. NAYS: None.

UNIVERSITY OF MN EXTENSION OFFICE
Lisa Loegering, Extension Office NW Regional Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to the University of MN Extension Office:
1. Memorandum of Agreement **Discussion**
Lisa Loegering, University of Minnesota Extension Office – NW Regional Director, presented an update on the Polk County – U of M Extension MOA.

HIGHWAY
Richard Sanders, Polk County Engineer, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. County Ditch Maintenance Request
Four ditch maintenance requests were submitted to survey/clean CD 110 in Section 11 & 12 of Tynsid Township; CD 126 in Section 4 of Fanny Township; CD 30 in Section 20 & 21 of Fanny Township; and CD 123 in Section 13 & 14 of Bygland Township. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the work in CD 110, 126, 30, and 123, and to name Richard Sanders, Engineer, over the projects.

WEST POLK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
John Sorenson, Supervisor, came before the Board with matters pertaining to the West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District:
1. Implementation of Delegated State Programs
Discussion was held with the Board regarding implementation of delegated state programs.

2025 DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEWS
Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to the 2025 Departmental Budgets.
1. General Overview of Budget Issues
Discussion was held with the Board regarding the 2025 budget.

HIGHWAY
Richard Sanders, Polk County Highway Engineer, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Review of 2025 Highway Department Budget
The 2025 Highway Department budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board. Ron Denison, Finance Director, was also present.

VETERANS SERVICES
Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator, on behalf of Kurt Ellefson, Veterans Services Officer, came before the Board with matters pertaining to Kurt's department:
1. Review of 2025 Veterans Services Budget
The 2025 Veterans Services budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Jon Steiner, Environmental Services Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Review of 2025 Environmental Services Budget
The 2025 Environmental Services budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

SHERIFF
James Tadman, Polk County Sheriff, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Review of 2025 Sheriff's Department Budget
The 2025 Sheriff's Department budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

ADMINISTRATION
Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Review of 2025 Administration Budget
The 2025 Administration budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS
A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board that the following Commissioner Warrants were approved:

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS
DATED 09/20/2024
APPROVED 09/17/2024

Vendor Name	Amount
Accent Wire Holdings LLC	2,104.74
Advanced First Aid Inc	7,648.00
Auto Value Fosston	2,031.50
Baldwin Supply Company	18,160.10
Barrett Agri Inc	3,452.60
BNSF Railway Company	2,751.56
Brost Chevrolet Inc	3,284.86
Central States Wire Products Inc	2,720.11
Church & Dwight Co Inc	13,026.66
CNH Industrial Accounts	3,861.81
Code 4 Services Inc	3,397.53
Crookston Fuel Company	5,678.72
Destination Transport	2,190.00
Election Systems & Software Inc	5,622.13
Estensen Environmental	6,150.00
GP Excavating LLC	2,500.00
Hennen Equipment Inc	62,515.23
HP INC	8,294.50
Kimball Midwest	2,984.74
Kurita America Inc	6,030.79
Level 5 Services	4,279.54
Lunseth Plumbing & Heating Co	23,030.14
Mn Dept Of Transportation	4,866.90
Motorola Solutions Inc	73,077.68
Northdale Oil Inc	2,943.00
Nurse- Family Partnership	6,404.00
Pemberton Law PLLP	10,888.37
Polk County	4,965.00
Polk County Highway Department	6,385.66
Road Machinery and Supplies Co.	2,692.86
Road Machinery and Supplies Co.	8,703.61
SeaChange Printing & Marketing	6,750.00
Stantec Consulting Services Inc	7,127.40
Sticky Construction	44,500.00
SWT Farms LLC	4,891.50
True North Steel	10,005.50
UpNorth Engineering LLC	28,610.50
Vestis	2,279.90
Wagners Landscaping Inc	4,859.20
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc	3,438.75
Ye Ole Print Shoppe	3,775.88
Ziegler Inc	93,298.15
Ziegler Inc	48,913.29
162 Payments less than 2000	72,760.72
Final Total:	643,853.13

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS
DATED 09/20/2024
APPROVED 09/17/2024

Alluma Inc	3,638.98
Final Total:	3,638.98

With no further business, the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 o'clock a.m., September 18, 2024, for a special meeting.

Gary Willhite, Chair
ATTEST:

Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator
Clerk of the Board M29C

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., September 18, 2024. Members present: Commissioner Paul Reese, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee, Commissioner Mark Holy, and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Samuel Melbye, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA
A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the September 18, 2024, agenda.

2025 DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEWS
Discussion was held with the Board regarding the 2025 department budgets continuing from the September 17, 2024, meeting. Ron Denison, Finance Director, was also present.

COUNTY ATTORNEY
Greg Widseth, Polk County Attorney, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Review of 2025 County Attorney Department Budget
The 2025 County Attorney Department budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH
Sarah Reese, Public Health Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:
1. Review of 2025 Public Health Department Budgets
The 2025 Public Health Department budgets were reviewed and discussed with the Board.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
Andrew Larson, Tri-County Community Corrections Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Review of 2025 Tri-County Community Corrections Department Budget
The 2025 Tri-County Community Corrections budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

TAXPAYER SERVICE CENTER
Sam Melbye, Director of Property Records, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Review of 2025 Taxpayer Service Center Department Budgets
The 2025 Taxpayer Service Center budgets were reviewed and discussed with the Board.

HUMAN RESOURCES
Alecia Helms, Human Resources Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:
1. Review of 2025 Human Resour**ces Department Budget**
The 2025 Human Resources budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

FINANCE
Ron Denison, Finance Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Review of 2025 Finance Department Budgets
The 2025 Finance budgets were reviewed and discussed with the Board.

MIS
Levi Webster, MIS Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Review of 2025 MIS Department Budget
The 2025 MIS Department budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

FACILITIES
Richard Langlois, Facilities Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Review of 2025 Facilities Department Budget
The 2025 Facilities Department budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

ADMINISTRATION
Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:
1. Budget Summary and Review
Discussion regarding the budget summary along with reviewing the 2025 budgets was held with the Board.
2. Draft Resolution (2024-XX) Setting the Preliminary 2025 Preliminary Property Tax Levy
The Draft Resolution (2024-XX) Setting the Preliminary 2025 Preliminary Property Tax Levy was discussed and presented to the Board. (Draft Resolution on file in the Administrator's Office)

With no further business, the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 o'clock a.m., September 24, 2024.

Gary Willhite, Chair

ATTEST:

Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator
Clerk of the Board M29C

USDA launches assistance network to support financially distressed farmers and ranchers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the launch of the Distressed Borrowers Assistance Network, an initiative designed to provide personalized support to financially distressed farmers and ranchers across the nation. Through a series of Cooperative Agreements, this national network will connect distressed borrowers with individualized assistance to help them stabilize and regain financial footing. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) made this announcement today at the Farm Aid Festival in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

"I started my off-ranch career as a Farm Advocate, working hand-in-hand with other tireless farmer advocates. Having someone with experiences in ag finance help producers work through financial difficulties can be the difference between them losing the farm or prospering," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "The Distressed Borrowers Assistance Network underscores our dedication to farmers and ranchers receiving the tailored support they need. These partnerships also illustrate that USDA acknowledges the importance of these advocates and sees them as part of the solution to ensure program access for all farmers, ranchers, and producers."

Network partners include Farm Aid, Rural Advancement Foundation International, the University of Arkansas, the Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Center at Alcorn State University, and the University of Minnesota. Through this initiative, we are collaborating with community-based organizations to better serve financially distressed producers. Network partners will provide farm loan policy training to the community-based organizations so the organizations can work alongside FSA to help producers understand financing available through FSA, ensuring that when they visit an FSA office, the partner organization representative and FSA staff can better assist.

FSA, in collaboration with farm support organizations and land-grant institutions, will facilitate this network, which will provide the technical resources and guidance of USDA partners to experts from distressed and underserved communities. The network's approach includes integrating knowledgeable service providers to deliver one-on-one support to borrowers so they can best make plans and understand options to overcome their financial challenges.

The Distressed Borrowers Assistance Network will address the immediate needs of distressed borrowers and provide comprehensive, wrap-around services aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by financially distressed producers. Once stabilized financially, these borrowers will be better positioned to access new opportunities and continue contributing to the agricultural economy. These investments will also build a system of service providers that can better support agricultural communities for years to come. Investing in a network of agricultural financing service providers to help bridge access to FSA loans is a benefit for rural and agricultural communities.

Additional farm loan programs improvements

FSA recently announced significant changfs to Farm Loan Programs through the Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans rule. These policy changes, to take effect Sept. 25, 2024, are designed to expand opportunities for borrowers to increase profitability and be better prepared to make strategic investments in enhancing or expanding their agricultural operations.

FSA also has a significant initiative underway to streamline and automate the Farm Loan Program customer-facing business process. For the over 26,000 producers who submit a direct loan application annually, FSA has made several meaningful improvements including:

- The Loan Assistance Tool that provides customers with an interactive online, step-by-step guide to identifying the direct loan products that may fit their business needs and to understanding the application process.
- The Online Loan Application, an interactive, guided application that is paperless and provides helpful features including an electronic signature option, the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns, complete a balance sheet, and build a farm operating plan.
- An online direct loan repayment feature that relieves borrowers from the necessity of calling, mailing, or visiting a local USDA Service Center to pay a loan installment.
- A simplified direct loan paper application, reduced from 29 pages to 13 pages.
- A new educational hub with farm loan resources and videos.

USDA encourages producers to reach out to their local FSA farm loan staff to ensure they fully understand the wide range of loan making and servicing options available to assist with starting, expanding, or maintaining their agricultural operation. To conduct business with FSA, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center.

More Information

To learn more about FSA programs, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also prepare maps for acreage reporting as well as manage farm loans and view other farm records data and customer information by logging into their farmers.gov account. If you don't have an account, sign up today.

FSA helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

MDH...

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be found on the Rabies page of the MDH website. Never touch a bat with bare hands.

People who have been exposed to rabies virus are given an injection of rabies immune globulin, and four doses of rabies vaccine over a two-week period. Seek medical treatment promptly after potential exposures are recognized; however, as long as symptoms have not developed it is never too late to start rabies shots. People can ask their health care provider about patient assistance programs that may be available to help with the cost of rabies treatment, if needed.

State Public Health Veterinarian Dr. Stacy Holzbauer is also reminding people that they should get their household pets and livestock immunized against rabies. Rabies shots are available for dogs, cats, ferrets, horses, cattle and sheep.

September 28th was World Rabies Day and serves as an opportunity to raise awareness about the disease and how to prevent it. The number of rabies-related human deaths in the U.S. has declined from more than 100 annually in the early 1900s to less than five cases annually in recent years. Of infections acquired in the

U.S., 70% are attributed to bat exposures. In Minnesota, previous cases occurred in 1917, 1964, 1975, 2000, 2007 and 2021; all were fatal. The cases that occurred in 2000 and 2007 were in persons who were bitten by bats but did not seek medical attention.

People with concerns about possible exposure to rabies or who have questions about the disease can call MDH at 651-201-5414 during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or contact their health care provider.

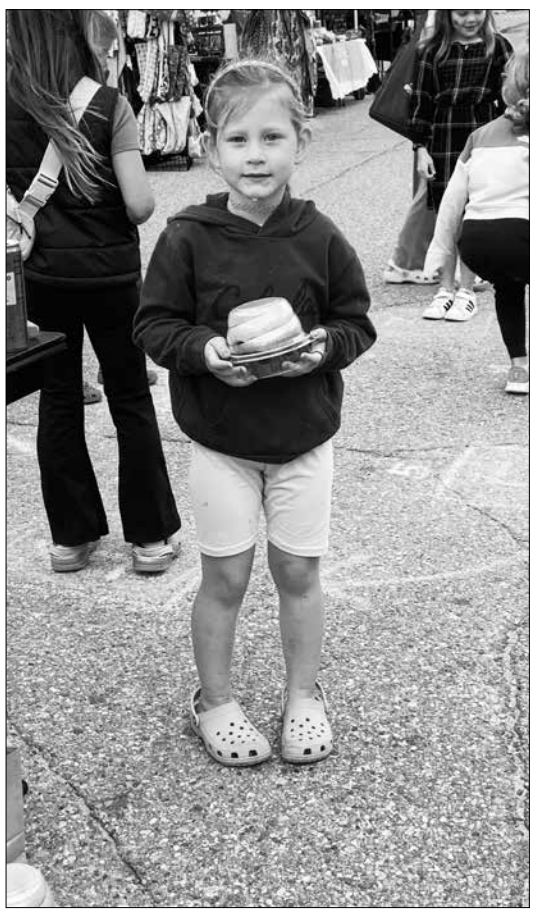
Cupcake walk winners from Harvest Festival

This year's Annual McIntosh Harvest Festival held on Saturday, September 21st was the first year for the new Cupcake walk.

The event replaced the pie eating contest and was a big hit with the kids. Below are a few of the winners of the delicious and creatively deorated cupcakes.

Jens Stordahl

Macey Lee



Evie Firsk

Henry Swanson

WEM School Announcements

Win-E-Mac Book Fair is coming soon! The Scholastic book fair at the Win-E-Mac school will be from Tueaday, October 8th through Friday, October 11th. The book fair will take place befor an after school each day (7:45 am - 8:20 am and 3:10 pm - 3:30 pm) and during conferences on Thursday, October 10th from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The Win-E-Mac Scholastic Book Fair is brought to you by the WEM Literacy Committee.

There will be flu shots available during conferences at Win-E-Mac School. On Thursday, October 10th from 12:30pm - 2:30pm,Ruth Fonder from Nord's Pharmacy will be at Win-E-Mac School again this year during conferences. She will be offering flu vaccines to staff, families and students. COVID vaccines will be available upon request. Please let the school know in advance so we can tell Ruth how many to bring.

Win-E-Mac is seeking individuals to visit our school and share their career experiences with our students. We would love for you to talk about the education and training that helped you reach your current position, what your job is truly like, and share valuable insights with the kids.

If you have a unique job that not many people are aware of or understand, work in a booming industry looking for passionate employees, or simply love what you do and want to inspire others, we invite you to participate!

This is a fantastic opportunity to speak to our senior class during their Senior Seminar, where nothing beats first hand experience.

If you're interested in making a positive impact on our students' futures, please consider joining us!

For more information, contact school counselor Becky Hanson at rhanson@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us.

The Win-E-Mac School District office will be open from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday during regular school days.

LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
S.P. 060-090-004
Minn. Proj. No. TA 6024 (306)

NOTICE is hereby given that SEALED ELECTRONIC BIDS will be received until 10:00 AM on Friday, October 18th, 2024, by Sam Melbye, Polk County Director of Property Records at Crookston, MN, on behalf of the City of Fosston for the construction project listed below. Sealed electronic bids will be OPENED and READ publicly at 10:00 AM, by the Polk County Engineer at the Polk County Highway Department in Crookston, MN. Bids received after 10:00 AM will not be considered. Bids must be submitted electronically through BidVAULT.

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations; the office of the City Administrator at Fosston City Hall located at 220 East First Street Fosston, MN 56542 and at the office of Karvakko Engineering, Inc located at 210 24th Street NW, Suite 100, Bemidji, MN 56601.

TYPE OF WORK: 10' paved multi-use bituminous trail
MAJOR ITEMS:

Select Granular Embankment	675 Cu Yd
Excavation – Common	857 Cu Yd
Aggregate Base Class 5	338 Cu Yd
Type 9.5 Wearing Course Mixture	338 Cu Yd
4" Concrete Walk	907 Sq Ft
6" Concrete Walk	709 Sq Ft
Concrete Curb and Gutter Design B618	144 Lin Ft
Traffic Control	
Filter Berm, Type 4	1,331 Lin Ft
Silt Fence, Type MS	
Turf Establishment	

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders: in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;

in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in any state, on any single working day during the previous 12 months, you must have a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights to bid on any job in this advertisement. Please contact the Department of Human Rights immediately if you need assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

Cassie Heide, City Administrator
September 10th, 2024 M27,28,29C

Slow cook some spicy wings for the big game

The games garner the bulk of fans' attention when football season kicks off each year at the end of summer.

While the exciting action on the gridiron is a cause for celebration among millions of football fans, the food enjoyed during game day provides much to look forward to as well.

Certain foods have become part and parcel of watching a particular sport. For example, who can attend a baseball game and resist the temptation to indulge in a hot dog? For football fans, chicken wings are the go-to game day dish.

There's no shortage of ways to prepare chicken wings, but fans who like their game day grub to have a little kick can try this recipe for "Spicy Soy Chicken Wings" courtesy of Andrew Schloss's "Cooking Slow: Recipes for Slowing Down and Cooking More" (Chronicle Books).

Spicy Soy Chicken Wings
Makes 4 servings

4 lbs. chicken wings, cut into sections at the joints, tapered wing tips trimmed and discarded

Coarse sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

2/3 cup soy sauce

2/3 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar

1 teaspoon dark sesame oil

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/8 teaspoon hot chili powder, preferably habanero

2 garlic cloves, minced

Combine the chicken wing pieces with a generous amount of salt and pepper in a large zippered plastic bag. Close the bag tightly and refrigerate for at least 12 hours or up to 24 hours.

Preheat the oven to 225 F. Transfer the chicken to a baking dish in a single layer without crowding.

In a small saucepan, stir together the soy sauce, brown sugar, sesame oil, cayenne, chili powder, and garlic and heat to a simmer, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Pour over the chicken. Cover the baking dish with aluminum foil and cook until the chicken is nearly falling off the bone, about 3 hours.

Raise the oven temperature to 450 F and continue baking until the chicken browns and the sauce thickens into a glaze, about 10 minutes longer. Watch carefully near the end of the cooking time to avoid burning. Toss the wings in the sauce to coat and serve.

Variation:
In a slow cooker:

Follow the recipe, cooking the chicken in a 6-quart slow cooker on high for 3 to 4 hours, instead of a baking dish in the oven. When the wings are cooked through, transfer to a bowl. Simmer the sauce with the lid of the cooker off until it thickens, about 10 minutes longer. Toss the wings in the thickened sauce and serve

Celebrating their 50th year class reunion, the McIntosh-Winger class of 1974 enjoyed a dinner and bonfire in the evening at the home of Dan and Darlene Dierkes on Saturday, September 21st. The classmates also met in McIntosh in the morning, with snacks and a social time in the afternoon at the home of Bob and Ann Vesledahl. Pictured: Row 1: Rodney Johnson, Bill Finkle, Cal Bly. Row 2: Cal Schow, Ron Eggers, Mona Stardig, Gene Haugom, Gwen (Vesledahl) Benbo, Annette (Carlson) Swedberg, Terry Lynn (Johnson) Correll, Denise (Sorvig) Volk, Judy (Moan) Franz, Naomi (Thompson) Hillgartner. Row 3: Craig Helgaas, Bev (Tangen) Helgaas, Mark Hartel, Dean Strom, Gail (Ferden) Strom, Dave Henschke, Deb (Johnson) Carey.