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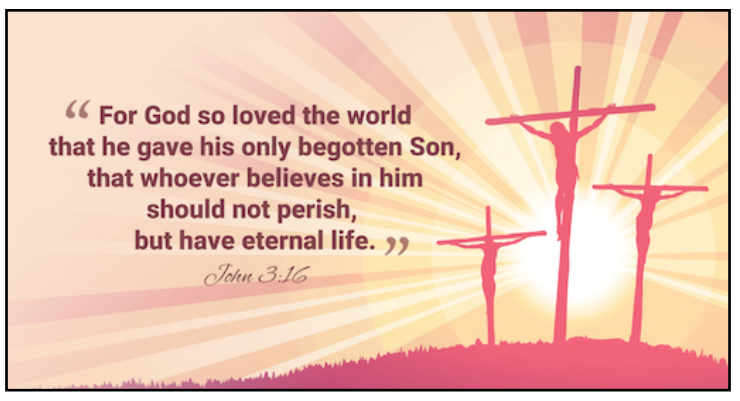
McIntosh Fire & Rescue celebrates with their 135th Annual Ball

The McIntosh Fire and Rescue Squad celebrated another year of serving the McIntosh community with a steak and fries supper at the McIntosh Fire Hall on Saturday, April 12th. Members included: (l-r) Toby Strom, Luke Syverson, David Conley, Nick Drelleck, Kyle Kline, Matt Stevens, Lucus Thom, Brook Simonson, Mark Simonson, Ron Lemur, Justin Shultz, Davin Swanson, Dave Erickson, Ethan Paradis (that evenings honorary member) and Matt Thompson.

Stories of the Resurrection as told in the Gospels



Easter is a holy day on the Christian calendar that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus is described in the Gospels of the New Testament, which millions of Christians read every year, especially during the Lenten season, which is a 40-day period that directly precedes Easter Sunday.

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John comprise the canonical Gospels. Each book can help Christians understand and connect with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The following are passages from each of the canonical Gospels that help to tell the story of the resurrection of Jesus.

Matthew 28: 1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Mark 16: 2-7

And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?" And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, "Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."

Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apos-

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Easter EGG HUNT

Join the McIntosh Community Club celebrating an early spring with the annual Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt! This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Erickson Park in McIntosh. Come find some eggs filled with treats, register for a chance to win a bike from the McIntosh Fire Department, and meet the Easter Bunny for some pictures. Happy Easter from the McIntosh Community Club!

Spring Break

On Thursday, April 17th, Win-E-Mac students will have an early dismissal at 12:30 p.m., with buses departing shortly after. Additionally, please note that there will be no school at Win-E-Mac on Friday, April 18th, and Monday, April 21st due to Spring Break. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Six warning signs of online financial romance frauds

Beware of unsolicited financial or investment advice you receive from people you meet online. That “wrong number” text or “like” you receive from an attractive stranger may actually be from an international criminal organization using a fake name and photo. Financial romance and grooming gangs stole more than $3.5 billion in 2023 by convincing people they were starting a friendship or romantic relationship with an actual person. Conversations turn to money and soon the “friend” wants you to trade crypto assets or foreign currency. Building the relationship or “grooming” can take several weeks before the crypto-confidence fraud occurs. The gangs committing these frauds call it “sha zhu pan” otherwise known as pig butchering.

Warning Signs:

▪ Your new online “friend” wants to move the conversation to a private messaging app.

▪ They message frequently but can never meet in person.

▪ They claim to be wealthy due to crypto or foreign currency trading successes. They sometimes claim this success is based on inside information from an uncle or other insider.

▪ They encourage you to open an account and recommend a trading website that only accepts cryptocurrency.

▪ They tell you to invest in crypto and send the funds to their wallet or a particular trading platform.

▪ You follow their directions and make a lot of money quickly or easily.

At first, you may be encouraged to withdraw some of your profits and invest more. Eventually, you are “locked out” of your account and forced to pay more money (commonly in fake fees or “taxes”) or have your ID verified to get any of your money back. Finally, the scammer vanishes along with your money.

Steps You Can Take:

▫ Remember the warning: If it sounds too good to be true, it

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On Wednesday, April 9th, Luke Syverson with Al's Electric Company in Lengby, joined the kids at The Clubhouse Childcare Center in McIntosh for their Week Together Wednesday, a part of their Week of the Young Child. Luke spoke to the kids about who helps with our lights and electricity at our homes. He also told the kids about his experience being a volunteer fireman with the McIntosh Fire Department. He read the kids a story and answered some questions as well.

Warm your heart with Frozen Jr., a Win-E-Mac play performance on April 25, 26, and 27

Disney’s Frozen JR. is playing at the Win-E-Mac Arts & Event Center on Friday, April 25th, at 7pm; Saturday, April 26th, at 3pm; and Sunday, April 27th, at 3pm.

The spectacular 60-minute musical, which includes performers from 6th through 12th grades, is based on the 2013 Disney film and the 2018 Broadway adaptation. The cast and crew includes nearly 30 students led by director Andrew Hanson and assistant director Shannon Svalen.

Do you want to build a snowman? You’ll love this fanciful and heartwarming stage adaptation of the top-grossing animated film of all time! Join Anna, Elsa, and all of your favorite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie, and the real meaning of true love.

Adapted for young performers, this musical includes favorite Frozen songs such as “Love Is an Open Door,” “Do You Want to Build a Snowman?,” and “Let It Go,” as well as wonderful new songs from the Broadway production. With its empowering message of love and understanding, Frozen JR. is sure to melt your heart!

Easter egg coloring tips

Coloring Easter eggs is a time-honored tradition dating back more than 2,500 years. There is evidence that people living in the ancient settlement of Trypillia dyed eggs. Ancient Persians also were believed to paint eggs for Nowruz (Persian New Year).

Christians adopted similar traditions to symbolize aspects of the Easter story. Originally Christians dyed eggs red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross, according to Chase Oaks Church.

Goood Housekeeping reports early Christian missionaries adapted the dying tradition to include more egg colors to represent different aspects of the Easter story. Yellow represented the resurrection, blue represented love and red remained a symbol of Christ's blood.

Whether families dye eggs to symbolize the Easter miracle or simply for fun, the following are some coloring tips to enhance the process.

1. Prevent cracked eggs. Most colored eggs are hard-boiled. To prevent cracking during the boiling process, add a teaspoon of vinegar and a tablespoon of salt to the boiling water.

2. Boil eggs and cool completely. It takes roughly 10 minutes to hard-boil an egg. Fill a pot with enough water to submerge the eggs, then bring it to a boil over medium-high heat. Gently lower the eggs into the water with a slotted spoon. Cover, reduce the heat to a simmer, and cook for 10 minutes. Drain the eggs and cool in a bowl of water or run under cold tap water.

3. Don't forget the vinegar. Whether you use colored dye tablets or drops of food coloring from the pantry, use a mix of water and vinegar in the coloring solution. According to Education.com, food coloring is an acid dye and bonds using hydrogen. This chemical process only works in an acidic environment. Vinegar is added to water to make it more acidic and help the dyes adhere more strongly to the eggs and produce brighter colors.

4. Stick to white eggs. When coloring eggs, it might be better to purchase white eggs, as the dyes will show up more vividly on the white shells.

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tles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

John 20: 1-10

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

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probably is.

▫ Keep conversations on the dating/social media platform.

▫ Never mix money with long-distance relationships.

▫ Screen capture the potential scammer's picture and use reverse image searches to see if the photos have been used in other scams or by other people.

▫ Do everything you can to verify their identity. Conduct online searches to verify your new friend's identity and check his or her registration status at cftc.gov/check.

▫ Check the trading website you're sent to see how long it has been registered at lookup.icann.org.

▫ Report the fraud to cftc.gov/complaint or the FBI at ic3.gov, as well as to the relevant social media or dating platform and digital exchange.

Blow the Whistle:

If you know of U.S.-based financial grooming gang operations, such as individuals opening bank or digital asset accounts for these gangs, submit a tip at whistleblower.gov. Whistleblowers do not need to be victims or insiders.

Whistleblowers may receive 10 percent to 30 percent of what the CFTC collects if their tip leads to a successful CFTC enforcement action. To learn more, read the CFTC's Romance Investment Fraud Whistleblower Alert at whistleblower.gov/whistleblower-alerts.

BCA identifies officer involved in Crookston force incident

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) has identified the officer who discharged his firearm during a use-of-force incident on April 7 just south of Crookston. Crookston Police Department Officer Sean Murphy has been in law enforcement for 14 years. The police department has placed him on standard critical incident leave.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday identified the man injured during the incident. Caleb Coffey, 34, of Oklahoma, was released from Altru Hospital on Tuesday into Polk County Sheriff's Office custody and was booked into the Northwest Regional Corrections Center in Crookston.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection initiated a pursuit of Coffey's vehicle in North Dakota at the Pembina Port of Entry on the morning of April 7. Multiple law enforcement agencies joined to assist with the pursuit, which ultimately made its way into Marshall County, Minnesota. The pursuit of Coffey's vehicle continued south into Polk County on Highway 75 through Crookston. Law enforcement stopped Coffey's vehicle just west of the city in the westbound lane of County Road 9 immediately west of County Road 16.

According to the BCA's preliminary investigation, as law enforcement attempted to take Coffey into custody, he exited his vehicle holding a handgun. At one point, Officer Murphy discharged his weapon, striking Coffey. Officers provided medical assistance until paramedics transported him to the hospital where he was treated for a non-life threatening injury. No other people were inside the vehicle. No law enforcement personnel were injured during the incident.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office requested that the BCA conduct an investigation of the use-of-deadly force incident.

The BCA has obtained body camera and squad camera video that will be reviewed as part of the active investigation. A firearm was recovered from near where Coffey was injured.

The BCA investigation is in its early stages. Once the investigation is complete, the BCA will provide its findings without recommendation to the Polk County Attorney's Office for review.

McIntosh City Council meeting for March 2025

Minutes
March 13, 2025

The meeting of the McIntosh City Council was called to order by Mayor Toby Strom at 5:30 PM Thursday March 13, 2025

Present: Toby Strom, Luke Syverson, Beth Hagen, Adam Strutz, Mark Simonson

Poplar Meadows Committee Member: Rebecca Boehrnsen – Licensed Director for Poplar Meadows of McIntosh

Guests: Jordan Gunufson, Sabrina Strutz

1. Motion by Councilmember Syverson and seconded by Councilmember Hagen to approve the February 13, 2025 minutes. Passed and carried.

2. Jordan Gunufson was in attendance to get updates on the lots south of Highway 2. Mayor Strom informed him that the first phase of the project was completed the week of February 24, 2025 when Moore Engineering surveyed and staked the lots. The next step will be to construct a gravel road.

3. MEDA and Poplar Meadows Committee Reports: Poplar Meadows Committee member Boehrnsen reported there are currently 21 residents at Poplar Meadows with four open apartments. Ms. Boehrnsen and the Council discussed the possibility of waiving the first month's rent to garner more interest. Councilmember Strutz motioned for Ms. Boehrnsen to move forward with the plan if we can legally offer free rent for one month, so that we don't have to wait until the next Council meeting to approve it. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Simonson and carried unanimously.

Motion by Councilmember Hagen to approve the submitted claims for Poplar Meadows in the amount of $72,317.06. Motion seconded by Councilmember Syverson and carried.

4. The City Clerk gave an update for the application process for the Greater Minnesota Small Cities (Tier II) Housing Grant. The State allocated $390,000.00 for the northwest region of Minnesota in which McIntosh has applied for $100,000.00. Any funds awarded to the City will be used toward the debt payment of Poplar Meadows for 2025.

5. Clean-up week, for McIntosh city residents, is scheduled for April 18th through the 28th.

6. Motion by Councilmember Syverson and seconded by Councilmember Simonson to approve the submitted claims in the amount of $16,548.39. Passed unopposed.

7. Motion by Councilmember Simonson to adjourn at 6:16. Motion seconded by Councilmember Syverson and carried.

Did you know?

According to the 2024 Work in America Survey from the American Psychological Association, 43 percent of workers feel tense or stressed during their workday. That stress is not being left behind at the office, either. In fact, 76 percent of employees indicate work-related stress is affecting their sleep. Though workplace stress does not discriminate based on age, the APA survey found more than half (51 percent) of workers between the ages of 26 and 43 report feeling workplace stress. By comparison, 42 percent of employees between the ages of 44 and 57 report feeling stressed at work while three in 10 workers between the ages of 58 and 64 indicate they feel tense or stressed at work. Burnout is a notable issue many workers are now facing, and 20 percent of those experiencing burnout report that their employers are not doing enough to prevent employee burnout.

In memory of
Lynn (Bucky) Nornes
3-12-48 to 4-15-06

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Family of Lynn

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Wed. April 16: Mary Goodwin, Ruby Breckel, Dick Brock

Thur. April 17: Clyde Kringlin, Raiden Hewitt

Fri. April 18: Lexi Ostenaa, Jeremey Finseth

Sat. April 19: Nancy Burslie, Mike Aakhus, Debbie Kaupang, Kylee Mandt

Sun. April 20: Olivia Lindseth, Hensley Chaput

Mon. April 21: Scott Salvus

Tues. April 22: Will Tofstad, Jim Lee, Ricker Chaput, Louise Cullen

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Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property

This may affect your 2026 property tax payments.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for township of Sletten will meet on Tuesday, April 29th, 3:30 p.m., at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 24th of February, 2025
Terri Kaupang, Clerk of the Township of Sletten

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Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property

This may affect your 2026 property tax payments.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for township of Hill River will meet on Monday, April 28th, 9:30 a.m., at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 24th of February, 2025.
Clerk of the township of Hill River.

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Thurs. April 17: 7:00pm Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley (Holy Thursday)

Fri. April 18: 6:00pm Goo Friday Service at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. April 20: 8:30am Easter Sunday Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Easter Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. April 23: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 3:00pm Mass, First Care Nursing Home

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Rachel Roggenbuck, SAM

Sun. April 20: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. April 27: 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 FREE LUTHERAN AFLC
McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Pastor:
Jerry Moan

Trinity: (27262 315th St. SE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 9:30am; 10:45am Sunday School

Mt. Carmel: (305 State St. NE, McIntosh) 9:45am Sunday School; Sunday Worship: 11:00am

Wednesdays: 6:30pm Confirmation; 7:15pm Free Lutheran Youth meets at Pastor Moan's home

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

Sun, April 20: 9:30am Brunch; 11:00am Easter Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, April 22: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, April 23: 6:30pm Bible Study at Connie Parr's

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. April 20 : 9:00am Worship

Sun. April 27: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker

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

DOVRE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Winger, MN

Sundays: 9:00am Adult and Children's Sunday School; 10:00am Worship Service

Wednesdays: 7:00pm Bible Study

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THE WINGER ENTERPRISE

Wednesday, April 16 , 2025

The McIntosh Fire and Rescue squad were busy on Saturday evening cooking steaks and making french fries for the supper served at the McIntosh fire hall to celebrate the department's commitment to our community for 135 years.

Firefighters remember heartbreaking fatal fires years later

St. Cloud firefighter Deelia Guite was a volunteer for Sauk Rapids Fire Department in January 2023 when her crew was called to an apartment fire in Sartell. It was her first time responding to a deadly fire.

The group was searching the third floor of the building when they found the body of 24-year-old man.

"That's when one of my guys yelled 'baby,'" said Guite.

That baby turned out to be the man's 4-month-old daughter.

"I immediately put my hands out … and she was in my arms, and it was still so smoky in there. I couldn't see," said Guite. "She wasn't breathing or anything and I could tell that. In my mind I just knew I had to get this baby to the paramedics."

Once outside, the baby was brought to the ambulance. Guite ended up waiting with the child's mother until paramedics brought them to the hospital. The baby was later pronounced dead. That was one of 56 fire casualties reported to our State Fire Marshal (SFM) division in 2023. Unfortunately, even more people died in 2024.

Preliminary data shows at least 71 people died around the state in fires last year.

- 62 percent were in one- or two- family homes.
- 65 percent were outside the Twin Cities Metro Area.
- Most deaths happened during colder months.
- 71 percent of the fatalities were men.

The likelihood of dying in a fire increases with age. More than 67 percent of people who died in 2024 were 50 or older.

Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Amanda Swenson, who also works as a paid on-call firefighter with the Braham Fire Department, remembers her first fatal fire. In November 2013, she responded to a house fire that killed a 65-year-old woman and 56-year-old man — neighbors she knew from her small town.

The home was in a rural part of Isanti County, and by the time crews arrived it was too late to save anyone.

As part of a research project for the National Fire Academy, Swenson surveyed Minnesotans about their perceived risk of injury or death in a fire.

"People aren't really concerned," said Swenson. "They don't think it's a risk for them."

Swenson says for many people, especially older adults, it's hard to break life-long habits — even if they are dangerous, like leaving a space heater on or using gasoline to start a campfire.

"It's not an issue — until it is," Swenson said. "That one time it's an issue could cost someone their life."

Many deadly fires are preventable. To help you and your loved ones stay safe, remember these simple tips:

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms and CO detectors throughout your home.

If you smoke, smoke outside and discard smoking materials responsibly.

Stay in the kitchen when cooking and turn off the stove if you leave the room.

- Keep portable heaters and fireplaces three feet away from anything flammable.
- Have a fire escape plan for all members of your home in the case of an emergency.

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

Grants available to grow MN ag product sales

Applications due August 7, 2025.

Applications are now being accepted for two grant opportunities available through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) aimed at helping value-added businesses and livestock product processors seeking to start-up, modernize, or expand their operations and increase their sales of Minnesota agricultural products.

The Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Value-Added Grant and Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing (MPEM) Grant programs provide funding for businesses to invest in equipment and physical improvement projects that support expanding production capacity, market diversification, and market access for their products.

Applicants must:

Intend to or be engaged in the processing of Minnesota agricultural products; or intend to or be engaged with livestock slaughter or processing, including meat, poultry, eggs, and/or milk.

Be an individual (such as a farmer), business, agricultural cooperative, nonprofit, educational institution, a local unit of government, or a Native American Tribal government.

Be located or reside in Minnesota and be authorized to conduct business in Minnesota.

The MDA anticipates awarding approximately $2 million between the two programs in 2025 using a competitive review process. The maximum award amount for each grant is $150,000, and the minimum is $1,000. Grantees must provide a cash match of 50% for the first $50,000 of the project cost and 75% for any costs above that amount, up to the maximum grant award of $150,000.

Priority projects for this round of funding include those that:

Increase food safety

Increase hemp fiber processing capacity

Increase access to kosher or halal markets

Focus on meat or poultry processing capacity, especially slaughtering

Grant applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025 through the MDA's online application system.

For more information and to apply, visit the AGRI Value-Added Grant and Meat, Poul-

The County Line

By Warren Strandell
Polk County Commissioner, Dist. 2

While at an eating establishment couple of weeks ago someone asked me, "So what do you think of Trump now?"

This was after some of the first big controversial cuts had been made in government programs and spending. Some services were ending, some government employees had lost their jobs and others were being given a chance to take a financial settlement before going out the door.

The person asking for my response was very upset about some of the things being cut or outright eliminated.

My answer — and this hasn't anything to do with a normal "County Line" issue — without needing a lot of time to think about it was simply, "Well, I'd just like to give him (Trump) a chance."

And then, I rattled on about the one thing that has really bothered me for some time by saying something like: "This country has a $37 trillion national debt that has been growing out of control for far too long. And with that debt projected to grow to $50 trillion in just a few years this country will really have a real financial catastrophe on its hands if something isn't done to get things under control."

And just to make the point, I added, "We're spending more to pay the interest on that debt than we are for our entire defense system."

There was no response. The questioner knew and likely accepted the fact that something needs to be done.

Some of the actions that Trump is taking are unpopular. But with that $37 trillion debt growing out of control this country needs to make corrections. The cost of interest on that debt amounts to more than $1 billion a day.

Should you want to see/know just how out of control the national debt is go to "https:www//usdebtclock.org." The running numbers will blow your mind.

So, why is this thing getting so far out of control? In short, the country is collecting $5 trillion a year in taxes while spending $7 trillion. Both political parties are to blame.

There were attempts to put a "balanced budget" practice into place in 2001 when Bill Clinton was president. This was meant to correct things by the next year but that didn't happen. It was balanced but it didn't last for very long. Those in Washington just had no control over the spending… just like spoiled brats with Dad's (or Mom's) credit card.

The Trump-initiated cuts, however misguided you might think some of them might be, aren't really being sold as a way to address the federal debt situation. But, they will have some impact on the debt problem… even if it is just a start.

Some of the President's methods to address efficiency in government, I think, go over the top… not with the opportunity for employees to take early separation but with the "firings." A few years of a "hiring freeze" would accomplish the same thing with a lot less heartbreak. Reinstituting some of his tax cuts and even creating more… That's a "No," not with that debt.

Maybe there needs to be tax increases to go along with cuts in spending and the government workforce. The tariffs probably go over the top, too.

As it regards all of this, the President is likely acting on "Trump time." With just a four-year presidential term in which to get his agenda done timing has to be very important. Or maybe his timeline is only two years with another election to occur then.

There will be lots of ups and downs ahead, but regardless of how things are done or not done that $37 trillion debt needs correction. Just ignoring it is stupid. Without correction this country will have a fiscal reckoning that will dwarf all the complaining going on right now.

At the local level, we in Polk County government work hard to keep our financial situation in very good order… and it is. Despite its budget issues, the State of Minnesota, which also operates with a balanced budget, has things under some degree of control.

If you will, try to give Trump a little bit of a chance… at least for now. There are l37 trillion reasons why we need to do that.

Thoughts for the day:

"Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." — President John Kennedy (this quote has been used in this space once or twice before).

"What do you get when you put 32 (insert the name of your most hated university here) cheerleaders in one room? — A full set of teeth

Disclaimer: Thoughts expressed in this column are those of the author and are not necessarily a reflection of the opinions of the other members of the Polk County Board of Commissioners.

LEGAL NOTICE

County Highway Project
BIDS CLOSE: May 16, 2025
at 9:00 AM CDT
Polk County, Minnesota

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS-

NOTICE is hereby given that SEALED ELECTRONIC BIDS will be received at until 9:00 AM on Friday, May 16, 2025 , by Sam Melbye, Polk County Director of Property Records at Crookston, MN, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County for the construction of the County Project listed below. Sealed electronic bids will be OPENED and READ publicly at 9:00 AM, at the Polk County Highway Department in Crookston, MN. Bids received after 9:00 AM will not be considered. Bids must be submitted electronically through BidVAULT.

STATE AID PROJECT NO. SAP 060-606-030 & SAP 060-649-008

LOCATION:

On CSAH 6 from CSAH 3, 2.0 miles North of Fosston, MN to TH 92

On CSAH 49 from TH 32 to CSAH 12, 4.0 miles North of Mentor, MN

TYPE OF WORK: Bituminous Overlay and Aggregate Shouldering

LENGTH: 11.6 miles
6.0 miles

Major Items:

SHOULDER BASE AGGREGATE CLASS 1 17,500 TON

TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING COURSE MIX (2,B) 37,300 TON

TRAFFIC CONTROL

To obtain plans and proposal and to submit an electronic bid (including electronic bid form) go to the Polk County egram website: https://egram.co.polk.mn.us

All bidders will be required to submit an electronic bid and provide payment of $100.00 to the Polk County Highway Department.

Proposals, plans, and specifications are also available at: Polk County Highway Department, 820 Old Highway 75 S, Crookston, MN 56716

Cost - $100.00 (non-refundable incl. tax)

Electronic bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond in favor of the Treasurer of Polk County for at least 5% of the total amount bid.

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STATE AID PROJECT NO. SAP 060-613-007, SAP 060-621-016, SAP 060-666-013, & SAP 045-621-005

LOCATION:

On CSAH 13 from CSAH 11, 4.0 miles east of Crookston, MN, to CSAH 17

On CSAH 21 from TH 75, 3.0 miles north of Euclid, MN to Polk/Pennington Co. line

On CSAH 66 from CSAH 21, 5.0 miles west of Sherack, MN to Polk/Marshall Co. line

On Marshall Co. CSAH 21 from Polk/Marshall Co. line to TH 1, 5.0 miles west of Warren, MN

TYPE OF WORK: Bituminous Overlay and Aggregate Shouldering

LENGTH: 9.0 miles
8.1 miles
10.5 miles
1.5 miles

Major Items:

SHOULDER BASE AGGREGATE CLASS 1 29,300 TON

TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING COURSE MIX (2,B) 57,800 TON

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 18, 2023

MORTGAGORS: Robert Renney Sr. and Kathleen Renney, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC D/B/A Veterans United Home Loans

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: October 20, 2023
Polk County Recorder
Document #: A000748999

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

Said mortgage was assigned to SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES on March 4, 2025 and said assignment was recorded on March 6, 2025 and given document number A000756040.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

THAT PART OF LOT TWO (2), BLOCK TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSITE OF CROOKSTON, POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT, A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT, A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT, A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING THE SOUTHERLY 85 FEET OF SAID LOT, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF MINNESOTA

PARCEL ID #: **82.00346.00**

PROPERTY ADDRESS: **716 North Broadway, Crookston, Minnesota 56716**

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT ID NO.: 1003502-9107057843-9

LENDER OR BROKER: Mortgage Research Center, LLC D/B/A Veterans United Home Loans

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: N/A

CURRENT MORTGAGE SERVICER: BSI Financial Services, Inc.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Polk

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $297,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $311,381.71

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no Mortgagors have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclose of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled;

PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Polk County Sheriff's Office, 600 Bruce St., Crookston, MN 56716

to pay the debt the debt then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of sale by the mortgagors, their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is December 12, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGORS RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Dated: April 16, 2025

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M5-10C

Free balance classes starting in May at RiverView

Regain your confidence in everyday activities through RiverView Health's free fall-prevention series, A Matter of Balance, beginning May 5 in Crookston.

The series is for anyone who has fallen in the past or restricted activities because of the fear of falling. Class participants will learn to:

- View falls as controllable.
- Set goals for increasing activity.
- Make changes to reduce fall risks at home.
- Exercise to increase strength and balance.

Certified coaches Brittni Johnson, DPT, and Maddie Engelstad, MOTR/L, will lead the class. Both work in RiverView's Rehab Services and Home Care Departments and have run the program for several years with high praise, including

- "A great class…should be required of seniors."
- "Great class – will do it again. You have made this class very fun and special."
- "Entertaining and informative!"
- "Leaders were great… Hope they are back for more courses."

If you want to improve your balance, flexibility, and strength, call RiverView Home Care at 281.9478 to register. Classes will be held every Monday (with the exception of Memorial Day, May 26) for eight weeks, May 5-June 30, from 9-11 am, at the Golden Link Senior Center, 324 N. Main Street, Crookston.

This program is possible, in part, under the Federal Older Americans Act of 1965, under a contract with the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Home of the Patriots

WEM School Announcements

Lil Patriots Summer Program will be providing a summer enrichment program again this summer. The program will operate Monday-Thursday in two six week sessions throughout the summer. The program will offer a morning and afternoon option, and there will continue to be a free lunch and breakfast. There will be more information available at summer rec registration night.

Mac Library looking for a artistic design for book return box

Calling all artists! Lake Agassiz Regional Library is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) to create an artistic design for metal book return boxes at the following locations: Hawley Public Library, Lake Park Library LINK Site, Rothsay Library LINK Site and the McIntosh Public Library.

The artwork will celebrate the libraries through one or more region-specific, artistic, cultural, and/or historical attribute(s). Once selected artwork is reproduced on a vinyl wrap, the book returns will be viewable in a high-traffic location outside the libraries for all to enjoy.

Eligibility & Compensation:

The RFP is open to all artists 18 years or older living in Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Mahnomen, Norman, Polk and Wilkin counties working in any medium suitable for a vinyl wrap. Selected artists will receive $750 for their design.

Deadline for Applications: Monday, April 28, 2025 A copy of the RFP is attached and can be found at larl.org/bookreturns2025. This project is funded in part with funds from Minnesota's Art & Cultural Heritage Legacy Fund.

Luke Syverson from Al's Electric in Lengby, had some good questions from the kids at The Clubhouse Childcare Center as they learned about his job as an electrician and how he volunteers as a fire man for the McIntosh Fire Department.

Luke Syverson from Al's Electric visited The Clubhouse Childcare Center on Wednesday, April 9th to visit with the kids about being an electrician and a volunteer fireman for the the McIntosh Fire Department.

The McIntosh Fire Hall was crowded with community members who were out to enjoy a steak and fries supper prepared by the McIntosh Fire Department on Saturday, April 12th.

Memory Night Boy-Mom style took place on Saturday, April 12th at the Win-E-Mac School. Moms and their son's were able to enjoy an evening of fun and games with each other.