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These three recent Win-E-Mac preschool graduates are all cousins as well. Congratulations on graduation to Zane Klawitter, Mya Strom and Liam Schow.

Out with the old; In with the new

Win-E-Mac's Senior Class will graduate Saturday, and make way for the recent preschool graduates entering Kindergarten

The Win-E-Mac preschool held it's graduation program on Thursday, May 12th to celebrate the new class of kindergartener's for the 2016-2017 school year. It was a fun event for all who attended with music and a ceremony.

This Saturday, May 28, 2016, the Win-E-Mac High School will graduate the Class of 2016 in Commencement Exercises at 2:00 pm at the Win-E-Mac Arts & Event Center.

The Senior Class consists of 38 students who will graduate as the Win-E-Mac Class of 2016.

English Teacher, Vondria Winter will be the guest speaker.

The class Valedictorian is Jessica Kasprzak and the Salutatorian is Andrew Bryant.

This years graduating Seniors are: Travis Balstad, Sivirian Boianoff, Nathan Brekke, Justin Carlson, Mark



Chaskey, Shania Christianson, Hannah Davidson, Caitlynn Ek, Andrey Erofeeff, Megan Espeseth, Shayley Espeseth, Kinlee Faldet, Amanda Farrell, Suzanna Frolov, Karlie Jaeger, Kate Johnson, Jessica Kasprzak, Kelsey Knutson, Markian Kulikov, Madison McKeever, Ashley McKinney, Rachel Morberg, Aaryk Neubert, Indiana Nornes, Jordan Olson, Hunter Parenteau, Cecilia Peterson, Michael Revier, Jonah Salvhus, Carver Sannes, Morgan Senn, Zoia Tipikin, Christopher Tofsly, Mikayla Vesledahl, Kyle Walters, Anne Weik, and Joshua Young.



Receiving his preschool diploma from Miss Heather Earls is Zane Klawitter during preschool graduation at Win-E-Mac school.



Tommy Mahowald, Megan McGlynn and Dakota Hedlund performed songs that they learned in preschool during the graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 12th at Win-E-Mac school.



The Win-E-Mac Preschoolers showed family and friends all they had learned this past school year, during their graduation ceremony held at Win-E-Mac School on Thursday, May 12th.

Mac & Winger plan Memorial Day events for Monday, May 30th

Memorial Day is a time for honoring those who died while in the military service. It is a time for our communities to gather together in remembrance, and to remember all who served our Nation.

As with tradition, the McIntosh VFW Post #6891 and Auxiliary are sponsoring the annual Memorial Day observance in McIntosh on Monday, May 30, 2016.

All participants in the parade are to meet at Minnesota Rust (formerly McIntosh Country Store) at 10:30 am. The annual parade will begin at 10:45 am at Minnesota Rust and proceed to the Community Center where the program will begin at 11:00 am.

The Memorial Day address will be presented by Joan Lee, Polk County Commissioner.

Following the program, the White Cross ceremony will be held on the lawn in front of the old school. All students are invited to take part in this special ceremony. The two VFW Auxiliary members who will help the girls and boys with the Memorial Cross event are Kristi Tofstad and Heather Hegre.

Practice will be held 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Thursday, May 26th, as well as 9:30 am on Monday, May 30th. They are to wear black or dark pants and the boys are to wear white shirts. The girls will wear white capes which the Auxiliary will provide. Any questions about the students' participation, call Kristi or Heather on their cell phones. Kristi: 218-779-8737 or Heather: 218-979-9857.

Memorial Day is for the remembrance of our veterans who were killed in action and this program is open to everyone to show support for all Veterans.

Winger honors those who served

The Winger Parade Cadets will march in the Winger Memorial Day Parade.

The Fengestad-Solie Post 200 of the American Legion in Winger will hold their annual Memorial Day Service beginning at 8:30 am at the Winger Community Center and Memorial Park.

Ernie Christanson will be



the guest speaker.

After the service, all can proceed to the park where Military Honors will be held.

There will be coffee and rolls service by the Unit 200 Auxiliary of the American Legion following the Ceremony.

In observance of

MEMORIAL DAY

The McIntosh Times

will be **CLOSED**

Monday,

May 30, 2016.

Halland - Munter Benefit on Memorial Day

Benefit to help with the medical costs due to the teens being injured this past March

Two local families are looking for support for their teenagers medical bills. The kids, Allan Halland and Savannah Munter were severely burned during a bonfire accident that occurred on Friday, March 18, 2016.

The teens were trying to add fuel to a bonfire on a family property near Lengby, when the gas can exploded and both teens were injured. They were taken to the hospital by ambulance late on Friday night.

The teens were transferred to Hennepin County Medical Center on Saturday following the accident.

After weeks of recovery, as Allan was burned on nearly 54% of his body, and many trips by the kids' parents and family back and forth to Minneapolis, there is need for support.

On Monday, May 30, 2016 family members of both of the kids will hold a benefit to aid in the ever incurring costs of the recovery of Allan and Savannah.

Please join them at the Ruffed Grouse Roadhouse in Lengby from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

There will be a free-will donation meal, as well as door prizes.

Raffle tickets will be sold during the benefit for an 8 x 12 foot storage shed, built and donated by Fosston High School and another raffle for a 9.9 hp Johnson Outboard motor with warranty at Fosston Motion Pro, or a Savage 17 HMR model 93, or \$50 cash. The drawings will take place at the Ruffed Grouse Roadhouse at the end of the benefit on May 30th (around 6:00 pm). The winner does not need to be present to win.

There will be a silent and a live auction during the benefit as well.

The Ruffed Grouse Roadhouse is located at 1337 300th Ave in Lengby.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate. You can visit Allan Halland's or Savannah Munter's GoFundMe accounts online or you can send a check to American Federal Bank under Allan Halland and Savannah Munter Benefit. The address is 209 Johnson Ave N, Fosston, MN 56542.



Allan Halland



Savannah Munter

With Summer approaching practice campfire safety

Campfires are the nation's leading cause of children's camping injuries, and the primary catalyst for damaging forest fires.

Campfire building may be safely undertaken with proper burning techniques and safety measures.

Check the weather forecast. Weather fluctuations, such as sudden gusts of wind, could make burning sparks fly.

Make sure your burning site is safe. Stay away from anything that could catch on fire that shouldn't, and make sure there is no tripping hazards around the area.

Keep the fire in a contained unit. Building a fire directly on the ground can allow the fire to spread rapidly

and even underground.

Never use flammable liquids to ignite or keep a fire burning. Avoid gasoline, diesel fuel, lighter fluid and other dangerous fuels.

Never leave children unattended around a campfire. Have a fire extinguisher handy and teach your children to stop, drop and roll if their clothes catch on fire.

When extinguishing the fire, drown it with water. Make sure all embers, coals and sticks are wet. You can also use dirt or sand, mixing until all material is cooled.

Nationally, over 6,000 people each year go to the emergency room with burns from a campfire or bonfire.



Sydney Svalen portrayed Michael Jackson during the 4th grade Wax Museum Fundraiser at Win-E-Mac School.

(Left) Stay off of Brooke Tofstad's Blue Suede Shoes, won't ya?

Community Calendar

Wed. May 25: McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's;

Thurs. May 26: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Win-E-Mac Elementary Dance @ WEM School 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Fri. May 27: Last Day of School at Win-E-Mac; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. May 28: Win-E-Mac Graduation Ceremony 2:00pm @ Win-E-Mac Arts & Event Center

Mon. May 30: Memorial Day; Service at Winger 8:30am; Parade at McIntosh 10:45am; Service at McIntosh 11:00am

Tues. May 31: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

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

Fri. June 3: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. June 6: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tues. June 8: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Garden Valley Annual Meeting @ Win-E-Mac School 10:30am

A Night to Remember

Win-E-Mac summer kick-off party - Thursday, May 26th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at WEM School Event Center Gym, grades Pre-K to 6th grade. A parent escort is required! There will be contests, music and d.j. light show.

There will be awesome prizes for the contests, a chance to win a new bike and even a treat to take home after the dance!

Admission is 1 non-perishable item for Food Shelf per family! See you there!



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

Garage Sale

3 PARTY SALE

New Step 2 sandbox, small recliner, glider rocker, girls junior name brand clothing, pictures, knick-knacks, and household items.

Erskine Community Housing, Garage #5, Vance Ave S. Saturday, 5/28/2016, 8 to 1 MSC

More than \$483,000 of Garden Valley Capital Credits paid in May

Over 15,700 checks, totaling more than \$483,000, were issued on May 19th to Garden Valley Telephone Company members who had service with the cooperative in 2000 and/or 2015, including over \$28,000 for members with McIntosh and Winger addresses.

Advantages of a Cooperative: More than \$12.6 million of capital credits have been authorized by the Board of Directors for payment to Garden Valley members over the last ten years.

Article VII of the cooperative's By-Laws provides that capital credited to members may be retired and paid if the financial condition of the cooperative will not be impaired.

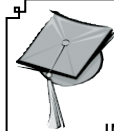
111th Annual Meeting: Garden Valley's 111th annual membership meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Win-E-Mac Public School near Erskine on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, beginning at 10:30 am. Registration starts at 8:30 am and "The WoodPicks" will entertain during registration.

RiverView Health and U of M Extension offer free Diabetes Prevention Program

Are you on the path to type 2 diabetes? Have you been diagnosed with prediabetes – a condition that occurs when blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough to be full-blown diabetes? If so, you can think of your prediabetes diagnosis as a warning at the fork in the road; but with the help of RiverView Health and the University of Minnesota Extension you can get on the right path to a healthier future.

On June 8th, RiverView Health and Extension will launch "I CAN Prevent Diabetes", a free year-long community-based, lifestyle change program that uses evidence-based information and best practices to promote healthy eating, weight loss, and physical activity. The group will meet in Meeting Room 1 of RiverView Health, Crookston, every Wednesday for 16 weeks from 5 to 6 pm. Once the 16 weeks are complete, support and additional learning sessions will be offered on a monthly basis for eight months.

The program is recognized through the Centers for Dis-



Graduation Open House

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CELEBRATION!!!

MB-9C

Graduation Open House



Everyone is invited to a Graduation Open House for **Jonah Salvhus** at the McIntosh Community Center following graduation, May 28, 2016, 3:30-6:00. MB-9C

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Sand Hill Cemetery Association will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th at 2:00 pm at the Sletten Town Hall.

Shirley Sonsteli, Secretary MSC

ease Control and Prevention (CDC). It will be led by Darcey Larsen, RD LD, RiverView Health; Kelsey Curry, RN/health coach, RiverView Health; and Megan Janssen, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education educator (SNAP-Ed), University of Minnesota Extension.

"We are extremely excited to empower people to take control of their health and prevent long term complications from diabetes," Curry shared.

Each week participants will engage in informational classes with a variety of topics and will go home with helpful handouts, tips and activities.

The program is designed for people with prediabetes or at risk for diabetes. To be eligible for the program, you must be:

- at least 18 years old
- at risk for but NOT currently diagnosed with diabetes
- overweight
- not pregnant

Eighty-six million Americans have prediabetes – that's one out of three adults. Of those 86 million, nine out of 10 of them don't even know they have it. People with prediabetes not only have a higher risk of developing diabetes, but also heart disease and stroke.

Without intervention, 15 to 30 percent of people with prediabetes will develop type 2 diabetes within five years. With numbers like that, it's impor-



Open House for Kate Johnson

There will be an open house for Kate on Saturday, May 28th from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 620 Cleveland Ave SE, McIntosh.



Kate is the daughter of Curt and Kris Johnson. She will be graduating from Win-E-Mac High School on May 28th. Everyone Welcome! MSC



Graduation Reception

Hannah Davidson along with her parents Jennifer Wang and Chris Roragen would like to invite you to her graduation at the Win-E-Mac School at 2:00 p.m on May 28, 2016.



There will be a reception in Hannah's honor following the ceremony at the Winger Community Center. Everyone is welcome to join us. MSC

tant to learn about prediabetes and take action.

You don't have to accept the fate of becoming diabetic. You can fight to reverse your path and become a champion for your health.

Registration for the free program is required by June 3rd and can be done by calling Larsen at 218-281-9589 or Curry at 218-281-9259. Class size is limited so register today

Emergency notifications with Polk County CoderED

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



Memorial Day



First National Bank of McIntosh will be closed Monday, May 30th for the Memorial Day Holiday.



260 Cleveland Ave. SW
PO Box 129
McIntosh, MN 56556
www.fnbmcintosh.com

Phone
(218) 563-2865

MSC

Memorial Day Choir Practice

The Memorial Day Adult Choir for the McIntosh Memorial Day program will meet for practice at 9:30am at the Community Center.

Funds available through USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development currently has funds available for very-low and low-income residents of rural Minnesota that are interested in purchasing a home or for current homeowners in need of essential repairs.

Interested in purchasing a home? Rural Development's single-family housing Section 502 program offers subsidized loans with affordable monthly payments in rural areas. Home loans may be used to purchase a new home, existing home or build a new home. To qualify, applicants must meet Rural Development's income limits, have adequate and dependable income, have an acceptable credit history, be unable to obtain sufficient credit from other sources, and show repayment ability.

Is your home in need of repairs? Rural Development's single-family housing Section 504 program assists local homeowner's complete essential repairs and removes health or safety hazards from their home. To qualify, applicants must own and occupy the home; applicants must meet Rural Development's income limits.

For loan eligibility, applicants must also have an acceptable credit history, show repayment ability, be unable to afford a conventional loan and live in a community with a population of 20,000 or less. The maximum loan is \$20,000, repayable over 20 years with a 1% interest rate.

Grants are limited to elderly homeowners over the age of 62, and grant funds can only be used to remove health or safety hazards or remodel dwellings to make them accessible to household members with disabilities. The maximum grant is \$7,500.

For more information, contact the local Rural Development office in Thief River Falls at (218) 681-2843, ext. 4.

More information is also available at www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

B-B Cafe Menu

Wed. May 25: Beef Sub, Cup or Soup or Potato Salad and Dessert

Thurs. May 26: Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Broccoli, Roll and Dessert

Fri. May 27: Hot Hamburger and Dessert

Mon. May 30: Closed for Memorial Day

Tues. May 31: Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Roll and Dessert

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

McIntosh & Associates, Inc., does hereby give notice to creditors and claimants pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 10-19.1-110 as follows: McIntosh & Associates, Inc. intends to dissolve and is in the process of winding up its affairs.

An Intent to Dissolve was filed with the North Dakota Secretary of State on May 11, 2016.

The address of the office to which written claims against the limited liability company must be presented is:

McIntosh & Associates, Inc.
c/o John V. Boulger
Wold Johnson, P.C.
500 2nd Ave. N., Ste. 400
Fargo, ND 58102

All claims must be received by the later of 90 days after published notice or, with respect to a particular known creditor or claimant, 90 days after the date on which written notice was given to that creditor or claimant. Published notice is considered given on the date of first publication for the purpose of determining this date.

McIntosh & Associates, Inc.
/s/ John V. Boulger

By: John V. Boulger
Its: Attorney

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The McIntosh Times Office Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon
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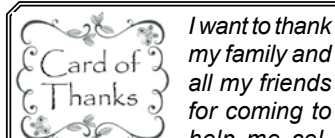
Call or fax: (218) 563-3585

Ad deadline is Noon on Friday prior to publication

Memorial Day Breakfast in Fosston

A Memorial Day breakfast will be served by volunteers of the East Polk Heritage Center on Monday, May 30. The breakfast will be held at New Journey Church in Fosston and will precede the annual Memorial Day Program, also held at the church. This event is typically held at the Magelsen Elementary School, but due to school renovations the location had to be changed this year.

Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. A free will donation will be accepted. Plan to attend for a delicious start to the day and then plan to attend the program. Serving will be from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. The program begins at 10:30. All are welcome.



I want to thank my family and all my friends for coming to help me celebrate my 90th birthday. It meant so much to have you all there with me. People came from near and so far away and I got so many nice cards and gifts. I couldn't have asked for a better day.
Fern Carlson MSC

Attention: Sletten Township

Sletten Township will hold its regular monthly meetings the second Tuesday of the month, at 8:00am, at the Clerk's home. The next monthly meeting will be June 14, 2016.

Terri Kaupang
Sletten Township Clerk

MB-10C

McIntosh Residents: A new Community Garden is available this summer

If you are interested contact coordinator Wanda Stordahl at 563-4411 for details on renting one of the garden plots.

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MAC TO FLUSH WATERLINES

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

Residents are encouraged to watch for rusty or dirty water on these days. Fill washing machines to check water before adding clothes. MS2-27C

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Thurs. May 26: Chad Smeby, DeeDee Narum, Rainee Haaven

Fri. May 27: Zach Plante, Brady Grove, Jackie Huschle, Charlie Roed

Sat. May 28: Megan Olson, Elizabeth Klemmer

Sun. May 29: Jacob Hunter, Gordie Ostenaar, *Rob & Sandy Mayer

Mon. May 30: Julie Nord, Patti Benson, Betty Sultvedt, *Kyle & Kim Mandt

Tues. May 31: Dolly Lee



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Wed. May 25: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. May 27: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. May 29: 8:15am Confession; 8:45am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. June 5: 8:15am Confession; 8:45am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

If you have any questions about the schedule please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

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Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. May 29: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. June 5: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh
Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. May 29: 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. June 5: 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. May 25: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Fri. May 28: 10:00am Telecast of the Luther League program on Garden Valley Cable TV Channel 2

Sat. May 28: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. May 29: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service

Tues. May 24: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. May 25: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

For information on free rides to any of the above activities call 218-268-4242 or 218-687-3461 Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Hwy. 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then ½ mile east on County Road 206.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Trinity:

Sun. May 29: 11:00am Worship Service

Sun. June 5: 11:00am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

Sun. May 29: 9:30am Worship Service

Sun. June 5: 9:30am Worship Service

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. May 29: 9am Worship; 10:15am Sunday School

Sun. June 5: 9am Worship; 10:15am Sunday School

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FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. May 25: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

Sun. May 29: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. June 1: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

Sun. June 5: 10:00am Worship Service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Linden Wendzel, Pastor

Sun. May 29: 8:45am Worship Service; 10:00am Sunday School

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings again from Winger and the Union Lake areas! Our weather the last couple days has one thinking that maybe summer will arrive at last. The frigid temps we had last week end were damaging to some of the plants, crops and even some of the tree buds. There are some farmers that are replanting some of their crops that were damaged by the frost. Hopefully now tho we are out of the woods and it will stay nice.

Win E Mac's graduation exercises will be held next week end with many young adults moving on to the next stage of their lives, many will probably see each other again. Congratulations and best wishes to all the graduates on a job well done.

With the first of June right around the corner brings the Erskine Water Carnival and all the activities that goes along with it.

With Memorial Day next week end many will be traveling to the lake and opening their cabins for the summer, and it being first holiday week end of the summer may you all have safe travels to your destination and back home again.

Sympathy to Terry Brevik and his family on the passing of his Father Cliff Brevik of Twin Valley. Cliff's funeral was held last Saturday.

Paul and Donna Carlson picked up Fern and Milton Carlson last Sunday the 15th and they all went to the New Hope Church in Fertile for Jade Benesh's graduation recognition that was held. After the recognition Fern and Milton were dinner guests at the Paul and Donna Carlson home.

Last Monday evening Bob and Patty Osowski of Stephen were visitors at the Pulskamp home.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were visitors with Helmer and Verlys at the Pioneer home last Wednesday afternoon.

Judy Gieseke was a Monday the 16th visitor at the Fern and Milton Carlson home. Later in the day Paul Carlson visited at the Carlson home with Fern and Milton.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp visited with Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake, MN and Nola Abele at the Abele home in Fosson last Saturday.

Truman and Darlene Johnson of Dilworth spent a couple days recently at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home. Truman did some field work while they were here.

Bob and Ronnie Lofstrand of Fosston visited with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home this past Thursday.

Lucy Brtek accompanied her son Richard Brtek to his home in Blaine last Thursday where she spent until Monday before they returned home. While there she attended a baby shower for her granddaughter Janell Brtek. She

also visited with her daughter Amy Dullum and son in law Dana, who live in Minnetrista it was the first time Lucy had seen their new home and was in awe at the size of it as it contains seven bathrooms. Lucy also visited with a was a guest at the home of her sister Elaine Hendrickson in Minnetonka.

Martha Henney's cousin Audrey Ellingson, Audrey's Son Dave and his wife Louann of Battle Lake were last Friday visitors with Martha at her home in McIntosh.

Mark and Betty Syverson visited last Sunday at the Pioneer Home in Erskine with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

On Wednesday of this week Lucy Brtek picked up Joyce Balstad and they went into McIntosh where they met several of their classmates for lunch at the BB Café. Very enjoyable lunch and visiting was enjoyed by all.

Until next week may your holiday week end be a great one and again safe travels to you all. If you are able take in the Memorial Day program of your choice in any one of the area towns.

From Bun Manor:

Brother Andy came up on Thursday the 12th to see Bun and do some gaming. Friday he took off to Lloyd's lodge on Long Lake near Vergas for the fishing opener. Andy caught a 15 lb. carp and a 4 lb. dog fish. Lloyd and him caught three walleyes so they enjoyed a shore lunch on Sunday before Andy returned home.

Denise Schultz came home and took her mother Joanne Zahl to the mother daughter banquet on Thursday at the Calvary church in Winger. Joyce White led the program and her sister Stephanie sang a song. They drew names for plants and the lucky winners got to take them home. Devera Carlson, Pam Wang, Netvette Nuebert and Marilyn Natwick served a delicious lunch. Forty two ladies were present.

Friday morning about ten coffee men of the Depot talked Denise into shaking dice to see who buys for coffee before she headed back to work in Moorhead.

Wouldn't you know she ended up in the finals against Norm. Norm had no mercy on her so she ended up buying for the men. They all got a good laugh and they thanked her on her way out the door.

Megan and Adam Reed and their six week old baby Mason Timothy came from Clouquet on Sunday to meet great uncle Tim. He is of course the cutest baby and also the smartest one in the world. Tim was lucky enough to hold him for awhile. They went out to great aunt Lori Balstad's on Monday morning for a visit. They left for home latter in the day. Tim was happy they made the trip.

Elmyrna enjoyed supper on Sunday at the Al and Judy Torbert's of Fertile. Other



Christopher Roragen portrayed Squanto during the 4th grade Wax Museum fundraiser on Friday, May 13th at Win-E-Mac school.

guests were Roy and Judy Raben of Union Lake.

Monday evening Bun attended the spring piano recital at the Win-E-Mac school to watch Nevaeh Simpson perform for the audience. Proud mother Lori along with grandma Lila and aunts Stacey and Kelly also attended. Everyone enjoyed listening to all the pianists.

Tuesday, Lucy and Joyce went to B.B café in McIntosh for lunch with six of their classmates from 1958. They were Judy Hagen, Judy Hanson, Faith Hanson, Carol Halverson, Wanda Lavoie and Sue Bjreken. They enjoyed talking and having a few laughs. Joyce bought lunch for Lucy because she drove.

Wednesday evening. Bun ran into former Wingerite Adley Pederson from Forrest Lake at Moran's Supper Club. He was up visiting family. He is the son of Peder and former Winger mayor and school teacher Alvira Pederson.

Thursday, he headed over to Fertile and visited with Ashley Hand at her house in Fertile. She was telling him about all the remodeling her and her husband Ben are going to have done this summer. Sounds like they have a lot of work that needs to be done.

Saturday, found him heading over to Farmers Union Park at Sarah Lake to visit with some of the Massmann and Iverson families. Steve came in from the lake after fishing with Spike and Sarah Iverson's boy Micah. They caught some northerns and Steve was nice enough to clean them up so Micah could have Spike make him a shore lunch dinner. He told Steve that he had no plans on Sunday if he wanted to go fishing again. The kid loves to fish.

Steve and Lorri invited Ole and Bun over to their camper for a grill out. Yes! Ole got in on another free meal. Brian, Elizabeth and their puppy Ruby were also there for the grill out. Steve got into a little trouble when he stepped on Ruby and poured hot liquid from the onions he was cooking on the poor pup. In all fairness to Steve, Brian should have been watching his puppy closely.

er. Don't worry P.E.T.A. members, the puppy is fine.

Sunday afternoon. Tim went into Winger and attended the 90th birthday party at Calvary church for Fern Carlson. He enjoys going to events where he can feel young again. There was a nice crowd of family and friends enjoying cake and coffee. Fern told Tim that he was a good boy when he was young boy. Tim asked her if she could see who she was talking too. She laughed and told him she knew who she was talking too. Fern looked pretty and happy in her blue dress. Tim figures she went to bed with a permanent smile on her face for all the pictures that were taken of her and well wishers. A couple of notables that were present that Tim talked to were Aage Carlsen, cousin Susan and Erskine Postmaster Patti Moore.

Final notes. We need rain bad!! The wind blows so hard that it creates dust storms from the field.

Chewie, the dog never came back.

Trip to Yellowstone in Gerri Balstad's own words: En route to Yellowstone we stopped in Billings, MT to visit with Clinton & Holly Balstad. Clinton had been hospitalized and was doing much better when we checked on him again on the way back from Yellowstone.

While in Yellowstone we saw at least 2000 Bison (no we weren't the people who put the baby bison in the car) and we saw one black bear. The works of nature are amazing at Yellowstone.

We had a good time even thou it was cold and windy.

House and Senate agree on Tax Relief Bill

Legislative leaders announced an agreement today on legislation that will provide \$825 million in tax relief over the next three years, including half a billion in ongoing and permanent tax cuts. Middle-class Minnesotans, farmers, families, small businesses, college graduates and veterans will benefit from the legislation.

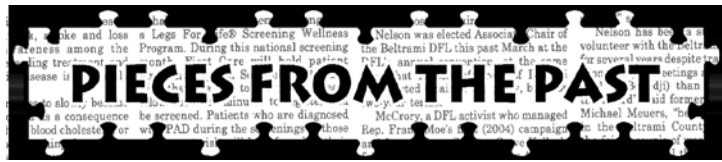
Rep. Dan Fabian (R-Roseau) and Rep. Deb Kiel (R-Crookston) support the legislation and appreciate the money it will return to taxpayers in Northwest Minnesota.

"Using a portion of our budget surplus to provide tax relief to farmers, families and Main Street businesses is great for folks in rural Minnesota, and I'm glad we were able to come to a bipartisan agreement in the legislature," said Rep. Fabian. "This tax bill is a big win for rural Minnesota."

"Meaningful middle-class tax relief is important for hardworking taxpayers in our communities," Rep. Kiel stated. "From reducing property taxes to expanding child care credits to helping border cities like East Grand Forks remain competitive, this bill has something for just about everyone and will help put more money back in your family budget."

House Republicans advocated for a number of key provisions in the bill including a first-in-the-nation student loan tax credit, an expansion of the child care tax credit, tax deductions for families contributing to 529 Savings Plans, an expansion of tax credits for veterans and property tax relief for farmers and rural Minnesota businesses.

Legislators on the Tax Conference Committee will work on assembling the final bill, and it is expected to pass out of both the House and the Senate before final adjournment.



40 years ago...1976: Winger volunteers who served in an Inter-agency capacity on the RSVP program posed for a picture at the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Recognition Banquet on May 6th. Left to right: Hildur Larson, Alma Nelson, Jennie Sevald, Mrs. H. B. Nornes, Alma Salvesson and Nina Skeie.



30 years ago...1986: Singing "Praeleudlum" from the Sound of Music earing a star rating at state contest. Nikki Hegg, Jeanie Votava, Sheila Olson, Marge Rivera, Laurel Hadler, Wendy Wikstrand and Sonja Borud.



20 years ago...1996: (L-R) Kevin Kiecker, Jeremy Gieseke, and Ross Branstner provided the brass tones as the trombone section of the Win-E-Mac Junior High Band played the "Russian Sailors Dance" during the Spring Concert of the music department.



10 years ago...2006: (L-R) Madison Stuhaug and Austin Tadman show technique as they join the music students, directed by Charity Salmonson, playing "Indian Chant" on their recorders during the spring program of the Win-E-Mac elementary grades.



There were so many creative costumes for the Wax Museum at Win-E-Mac School on Friday, May 13th. Here, Alec Haskett portrays Neil Armstrong.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl,
Extension Educator

Reducing Ash Content in Forages

Dan Undersander, Wisconsin Extension Forage Specialist, recently posted an article about reducing ash content in hay crops. He points out that the typical ash content, primarily minerals in a hay crop, runs about 8% in alfalfa and 6% for grass. Higher levels of ash indicate contamination from soil.

A summary of haylage samples from the University of Wisconsin Forage Lab averaged 12.3%. Dry hay samples averaged 10.3% (from 8.8% to 17.6%). At 18%, this would mean that animals would be consuming almost 1 pound of dirt with each 10 pounds of hay or haylage!

Dr. Undersander suggests looking at the following opportunities for minimizing excess ash content in forages.

1. Raise the cutter bar of a disc mower. You will be giving up a little bit of yield, but gaining quality. Research suggests you can cut as short as 1.5 inches for alfalfa to maximize yield. Many grasses will regrow better with a 3 to 4 inch cutting height.

2. Use flat knives on the disc mower. Knives are angled or curve to create some lift for

picking up down hay. Ash is more of an issue with dry soil. Think about your situation.

3. Avoid harvesting lodged forage. That can be tough to do because we can't control the weather. There might be opportunities to select varieties that stand better and still provide suitable quality. Some people lean toward cutting early with a good weather opportunity to avoid getting delayed by weather having more lodging.

4. Watch ground speed, especially on rough fields, to reduce header bounce that shaves the ground.

5. Keep the windrow off the ground, which can be a challenge. Cutting a little taller might help. Laying a wide swath on dense stubble might help. Some people prefer to cut to the same swath width they chop for haylage, hoping that raking won't be necessary for chopping.

Some people don't like to lay hay in a swath so wide that they have to drive on it when soil conditions are wetter because they find that they pick up more dirt in the hay if they need to drive on it in raking it together again.

6. Keep rake tines from touching the ground. This has

to do with height adjustments and ground speed. You can think about baler and chopper pickup teeth the same way. You might figure out whether leaving a few spears of hay in the field is a suitable trade-off for better quality.

7. Use a windrow merger or inverter rather than raking. Your own experience counts.

8. Store bales off the ground. Consider storing dry hay bales on concrete in a shed with a plastic sheet under the hay to prevent it from picking up moisture from the concrete.

9. Put piles and bags on a concrete or asphalt surface to minimize soil picked up during feeding. If not on a hard surface do what you can to reduce muddy conditions

10. If combining 3 swaths, move two swaths on top of a third in the middle rather than moving all three swaths.

Good observations skills and common sense in the field are keys to looking for ways to operate equipment to make the best of forage quality.

Dan's full article can be found at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage> For more information contact me at stordahl@umn.edu or 800-450-2465.

Random Things and Stuff



Camping Season

By: Emily L. Ferden

As the weather warms up, there are more and more people out enjoying the beautiful weather by taking out their camping gear. While camping, there are things you SHOULD do, and things you should NOT do. According to Wide Open Spaces, these are the top 10 things you should not do while camping:

1. Choosing the Wrong Sized Tent

One-man tent, two-man tent, or three-man tent? With so many options available, which one do you pick?

When it comes to tents, it's always best to go a few sizes bigger than the actual number sleeping inside. For tents that are described as three-man tents, look at it as one-man plus their gear, or two people plus their bags and supplies (who don't mind being in close quarters).

However, if you're lucky enough to have a large porch area, most of the gear can be stored here, which will give you more room to play with. For a two-man tent look at it as one "cramped" man and his gear, whereas a one-man tent or bivi will be big enough for one person (and if you're lucky you might be able to squeeze a bag inside).

2. Cooking Inside Your Tent

Despite the fact that there are potential serious risks for starting a fire or cooking with gas/propane inside a tent, people still often do it, even if it's just to get some warmth.

While the risk of fire is considerably high in such a confined area, carbon monoxide poisoning is a silent killer that can be swift in unventilated spaces.

3. Lack of Sufficient Lighting

We've all forgotten to bring our head torch and some spare batteries at some point, but with the night's drawing in, a head torch should be at the top of your list when packing your camping gear.

If you happen to pitch up when there is no light pollution to guide your way, a head torch or a battery-powered lantern will come in handy. A head torch, however, will leave your hands free to do other stuff like making sure your tent has been pitched right and that you've picked a suitable camping spot.

4. Location, Location, Location

While it's easy to just pitch your tent in the first spot you find, it's worthwhile taking the time to scout out the ideal location.

Remove any stones you find underfoot and try to make the ground as flat as possible before pitching your tent. Not only will this stop you from having a painful night's sleep, but it will stop you ripping your tent floor on any loose, sharp stones.

5. Don't Pick the Lowest Spot

If it rains you'll soon know about it, as the rain water will simply pool around your tent floor and possibly inside if your tent is not as waterproof as you imagined. When scouting out a potential location as mentioned above, make sure that you are on high ground to avoid any potential washouts if it does rain.

6. Arriving at the Campsite Late

Unless you're camping in the middle of nowhere, this won't be such an issue for you, but if you're camping on a shared field with other campers, you will know that turning up late can be a full on headache.

Arriving in late hours, searching for a free spot to pitch your tent and having to set up in the dark while trying to be as quiet as possible is the sort of stress you don't want to deal with at the beginning of your camping trip. Not only that, but there is the added risk of making sure you don't run over a tent by mistake while roaming the field for the perfect spot.

7. Not Trying Your Kit Out Beforehand

Camping should be fun, so why make things harder for yourself and not check your gear before leaving your house? Sure, you might know your kit inside out, but you don't want to discover a major issue five hours from home without any way of dealing with the problem.

Pitch your tent before leaving and make sure the poles are working. Pour water over

your tent to see if it's still waterproof. Blow up your air mattress and see if there are any leaks. Check your head torch and make sure you have spare batteries on hand.

8. Leaving Food Unattended

Unless you want some unwanted visitors during the night, you should make sure that you pack away any food before heading off to bed. Foxes, possums and bears are known to wander through the night if they smell something they want.

Before going to sleep, pack up your food items and place them away from where you're sleeping. You could put them on your roof rack or tie them up a tree, although the tree option is not always a deterrent for those keen on finding out what's inside.

9. Not Knowing Where You're Going

While camping should be as relaxed as possible, it doesn't hurt to know exactly where you're heading. Whether you're wild camping or pitching up at a campground, you should have some idea of your destination and surroundings.

By doing sufficient research beforehand, you can spend more time having fun when you get there.

10. Forgetting that Camping is Meant to be Fun

Remember that the reason you're camping is because you enjoy getting away from your day-to-day lifestyle. You may have to abstain from a few creature comforts, you may realize too late that you forgot to pack toilet paper, and you may have to sleep on a hard surface, but apart from these minor trivialities camping is great for the soul.

Laugh, have fun and learn from any mistakes you make to improve on for next time.



Garden Club News

The McIntosh/Erskine Garden Club will meet Monday, June 6th at 4:00 pm at the McIntosh Community Center and carpool to the Nosey Josey Buffalo Ranch south of Fosston.

We will meet and eat at Darro's Pizza in Fosston afterward.

Erskine's Got Talent seeking contestants

Can you sing? Dance? Play an instrument? Are you a juggler? Comedian? Magician? If so, please join us for Erskine's annual "America's Got Talent" event! Why should you enter? Well, for starters, there are prizes! First prize wins \$75! Second wins \$50 and third prize wins \$25. How do you win? The audience will "vote" for their favorite contestant by putting money in the container with their name after all the performances are done--so bring your friends and family to vote! This is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, so they (and you) will be supporting a great cause! You can register online at www.gracerelay.org. "Erskine's Got Talent" will be held on Friday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Win-E-Mac Arts & Event Center.

One person or group acts, ages 5 and up, can register. Contact Andrew Hanson (687-2063 or eahanson@gvtel.com) with any questions.

WEM School Announcements

Summer Basketball

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 at the Win-E-Mac gym.

It is open to anyone, male or female, age 14 and up. Cost would be \$20, which would include a team t-shirt. League play would be on Wednesday nights, starting on June 1st, and would conclude July 27th, with no league play on July 6th.

If interested please attend the meeting. If you're unable to attend or need more information call Vern Johnson 687-3236, or 218-689-0377.

Basketball Camp at Win-E-Mac School
July 25-28 8:30 AM -12:30 PM

For boys and girls in grades 4-11 (during the 2015-16 school year)

Cost \$50 includes T-shirt
Dave Galovich, head boys' coach at Crosby-Ironton High School will be leading the camp. Coach Galovich is a 2007 member of the Minnesota Basketball Coaches' Hall of Fame, and with over 600 wins, is currently in the top ten all time in the history of boys' basketball for career wins. During his 40 years as a coach, he has been named Class AA State Coach

of the Year, Section Coach of the Year several times, and has teams make numerous state tournament appearances including 2 runner up finishes.

Vern Johnson, head boys' coach at Win-E-Mac, Bret Johnson, Assistant boys' coach, and Travis Smith, former Grygla girls' assistant coach will assist Coach Galovich.

Registration forms can be picked up the Win-E-Mac School, or can be downloaded from the WEM school's website.

The forms need to be returned to the school by June 3rd, or mailed to: Vern Johnson 21146 Little Sarah Rd SE, Erskine, MN 56535

For more information contact Vern Johnson 687-3236, or 218-689-0374.

WEM Summer Kick-off Party

A Night to Remember – summer kick-off party – Thursday, May 26th, 7-8:30 p.m. at WEM School Event Center Gym, grades prek-6th – Parent Escort Required!

Contests, music and d.j. light show.

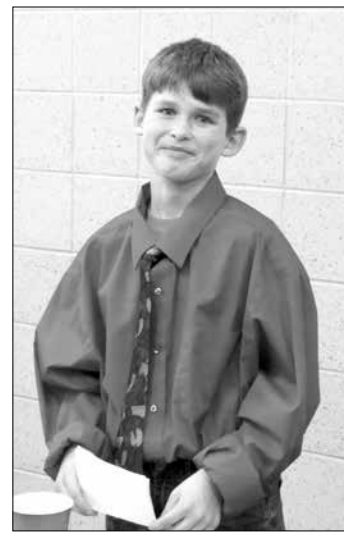
Admission is 1 non-perishable item for Food Shelf per family!



Erich Gensburger dressed as George Washington for the 4th grade Wax Museum Fundraiser.



Making a great Pocahontas is Ella Strom at Win-E-Mac School on Friday, May 13th.



Isaac Schlegal made a great Jimmy Carter for the Wax Museum Fundraiser at Win-E-Mac School.

2016 Fosston Tri-Coop Scholarship recipients announced

By Jen Howard

This is the fourth year the Fosston Tri-Coop is participating in our local scholarship program. "We believe it is important to invest in the next generation of leaders to ensure a bright future for the agricultural industry. With that we decided to establish the Fosston Tri-Coop Scholarship Fund last year. In 2016 the Coop is awarding four recipients with a \$2,500 scholarship" states Mike Breckel, Manager of the Fosston Tri-Coop. "Graduating seniors from Fertile-Beltrami, Fosston, Clearbrook-Gonvick, Mahnomen, Bagley, Win-E-Mac, Goodridge and Grygla with plans for post-secondary education in the agricultural field were encouraged to apply."

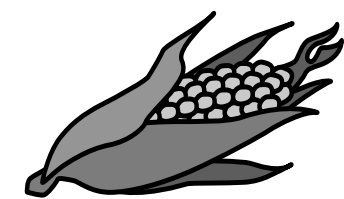
Scholarship applicants are required to write an essay showing knowledge on a special topic. Examples given were "Why are cooperatives important to agriculture?", "What impact has the agricultural industry had on your life?", and "What do you believe is the single best challenge or opportunity for our country's agricultural farmers or industry?" Applicants were also required to fill out an application, submit one letter of recommendation, a current high school transcript and a recent photo.

Recipients were selected based upon their essay, their involvement in agricultural with the youth and their academic achievements.

"Fosston Tri-Coop is proud to award this year's scholarships to Megan Espeseth of McIntosh, Willie Meine of Fertile, Jake Worms of Mahnomen and Blake Kahlbaugh also of Mahnomen", announced Mike Breckel. "It was a tough decision," he continued. "We had several applicants, and each one had a great essay and outstanding academic achievements. But, in the end, our scholarship committee decided on these four because their thoughts about Cooperatives and farming, as well as their ability to express them in writing. We wish them luck and success in pursuing their dreams as they begin their college careers!"

Megan is the daughter of Dan & Karen Espeseth and plans to attend Alexandria Technical and Community College and major in Business Management. When she completes her two-year program she plans to transfer to a larger university in an ag related field. After college she plans to return to the area and use her degree. Megan was involved in National Honor Society, River Watch, Robotics, Band and Student council.

Willie is the son of Leonard and Bonnie Meine and plans to attend Southwest Minnesota state University and major in Agribusiness. After college he plans to use his degree to successfully operate and own his own farm. Willie was involved in National Honor Society, Band, Choir, Wrestling, Foot-



ball, Track and Field, and St. Lawrence Youth Group.

Jake is the son of Steve and Gina Worms and plans to attend college at Concordia in Moorhead and major in Agribusiness (through the Tri-College system with NDSU). After graduation he plans to move back to the area and work as an agronomist or a related job in the Ag Field. Jake was involved in Football, Wrestling, Track, FFA, Band, National Honor Society, Student Council, and St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Blake is the son of Steven and Jennifer Kahlbaugh and plans to attend Concordia College for Agribusiness. After college he plans to return to the area and use his degree. He was involved in many activities including FFA, National Honor Society, Student council, Football, Golf, Band, Meals on Wheels, and St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Congrats again to all of the scholarship winners and Best of Luck in your future careers!

More information about all of the Fosston Tri-Coop services, as well as their scholarship program, can be found on their website at www.fosstonelevator.com.



The Win-E-Mac 4th grade class had a great Friday the 13th (of May) as they had the opportunity to perform for friends, family and schoolmates a historical person, of their choice, during the Wax Museum Fundraiser where the class raised \$516 for the Polk County Humane Society.



Stella Davis and Aria Doyle sang and danced during preschool graduation at Win-E-Mac school.



Having fun while performing are Cruze Jax, Liam Schow, and Mya Strom.



Ice cream truck history

On a sweltering day, few things bring relief as immediately as a favorite frozen treat. The United States leads the world in ice cream consumption, with an average of 26 liters per person consumed per year.

Ice cream has been around for quite some time, and it is believed ancient Greeks ate a crude form of the des-

sert as early as the 5th century B.C. While ice cream parlors, dessert shops and supermarket freezers are popular places to sample favorite flavors, ice cream also can be purchased from ice cream trucks.

The tinkling of the ice cream truck music box and the sight of that dessert haven on wheels is enough to send any child (and many adults) into sensory overload. Some of the early precursors to the modern day ice cream truck were ice and ice cream sandwich carts that gained popularity in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Confectioner and visionary Harry Burt was instrumental in developing the ice cream truck. Burt invented ice cream novelties that could be enjoyed on a stick, including the Good Humor bar. Burt wanted an easy way to deliver the treat into the hands of hungry kids, so he commissioned refrigerator trucks and hired drivers who looked pristine and safe to deliver the treats to neighborhood children. To entice the youngsters outside, the drivers rang a bell so kids would investigate the noise. Eventually the bell and standard routes helped families know when to

expect the ice cream man.

Early ice cream trucks may have sold prepackaged treats, but they eventually broadened their offerings. Some turned into mobile ice cream shops, offering soft-serve or hard ice cream in everything from sundaes to cones to shakes.

Many ice cream truck businesses are independently-owned seasonal businesses. The trucks are seen when the first warm days arrive, and many can still be seen patrolling neighborhood streets into late fall.