



The Kentucky Derby's 151st running at Churchill Downs

The Kentucky Derby horse race is steeped in tradition and remains the longest-running sporting event in the United States.

Meriwether Lewis Clark Jr., the grandson of renowned explorer William Clark, is credited with founding the Kentucky Derby. After being inspired by horse races he witnessed during his travels in Europe, Clark raised funds to build Churchill Downs on land generously donated by his uncles.

Clark's vision became a reality on May 17, 1875, when the first Kentucky Derby was held at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. Around 10,000 people attended the first Kentucky Derby, and Aristides, a three-year-old chestnut colt, was the first horse to cross the finish line. The race quickly became popular and was soon known as the "Run for the Roses" due to the blanket of roses draped over the winning horse.

Over the years, the Kentucky Derby has become an iconic event in American culture, attracting celebrities, politicians, and horse racing enthusiasts worldwide. The race is the first leg of the Triple Crown, which also includes the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes.

The Kentucky Derby has seen many historic moments, including the first female jockey to ride in the race in 1970 and the first African American jockey to win in 1902. The race has also faced controversy, including protests over the treatment of horses and jockeys and allegations of cheating.

Despite its ups and downs, the Kentucky Derby remains an integral part of American sports and culture. The most exciting two minutes in sports and its rich history and traditions continue to captivate audiences yearly.

Kentucky Derby's famous records

The Kentucky Derby has witnessed numerous record-breaking moments over the past 150 years of premier horse racing. Here are some of the most outstanding records in the history of the event:

- Secretariat holds the record for the fastest Kentucky Derby win in 1973, completing the race in 1 minute and 59.4 seconds, still unbeaten!
- Most wins by a jockey: Eddie Arcaro and Bill Hartack

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Math Masters excel at Win-E-Mac school



The community is asked to help in congratulating the following 4th - 6th grade students from Win-E-Mac Elementary School:

(4th grade) Krosby Jore, Ireland Anderson, Connor Breitbach, Dawson Gunufson, Roman Shultz, Kolby Cook, (5th Grade) Amelia Vigoren, Rosie Subbert, Amy McGlynn, Forry Burd, Jon Hill, (6th Grade) Chandler Bailey, Brody Cook, Ainsley Hickman, Damien Lewis, Grafton Langemo and Cole Breitbach. These students participated in the regional Math Masters Challenge in Thief River Falls on Thursday, April 24th and in Bemidji on Friday, April 25th.

The students competed individually and as teams on eight sets of mathematical problems in this competition. Our students were so excited for this journey.

Results for our competitions:

Results for 5th Grade:
Total 59 students
• Forry Burd: Fact Drill: 22nd Individual: 9th
• Jon Hill: Fact Drill: 31st Individual: 21st
• Amy McGlynn: Fact Drill: 38th Individual: 49th
• Amelia Vigoren: Fact Drill: 31st Individual: 34th
• Rosie Subbert: Fact Drill: 27th Individual: 11th

Team Rounds: Win-E-Mac placed 2nd out of 12 teams!

The team advisors are Mrs. Stephanie Frisk and Mrs. Augusta Maruska.

Congratulations to our Win-E-Mac Math Wizards Math Masters teams!!

Math Masters began as a fifth-grade math competition program in 1989 with teams from 44 schools taking part. In 1995 the competition was expanded to include sixth grade and in 2022 fourth grade was added. Around 6,000 students are expected to compete at over 60 different sites in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Schools are encouraged to involve as many of their fourth, fifth and sixth grade students as possible in the use of the Math Masters packet of challenge preparation materials. A classwide selection test was provided to assist coaches in choosing students to represent their schools

Math Masters is designed to promote excellence in critical thinking skills and problem-solving abilities as well as provide recognition to students for academic effort and achievement.

Teams and individual students from private as well as public schools may compete in Math Masters. Math Masters is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Thank you to the following sponsors and contributing organizations for their generous support of Math Masters 2025 competitions: Enbridge Energy, The Hormel Foundation, Ames Construction, Great River Energy, The North Mankato Activities & Business Association, Mattson Macdonald Young, Janis Cimperman, Sterling State Bank, St. Cloud State University, St. John's University and the Minnesota Twins Community Fund.



The 6th grade Math Masters include: Ainsley Hickman, Brody Cook, Grafton Langemo, Damien Lewis, Chandle Bailey and Cole Breitbach with Mrs. Frisk.



The 4th and 5th grade teams include Ireland Anderson, Conner Breitbach, Dawson Gunufson, Roman Shultz and Kolby Cook in 4th grade along with Amelia Vigeren, Rosie Subbert, Amy McGlynn, Forrey Burd and Jon Hill in 5th grade. Pictured with Mrs Frisk and Mrs. Maruska.



Disney's Frozen Junior was presented at the Win-E-Mac Arts & Event Center on Friday, April 25th, Saturday, April 26th, and Sunday, April 27th. The spectacular musical, which includes performers from 6th through 12th grades, and 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. Front: Evie Ryan, Ana Kolden, Emma Determan, Elizabeth Determan, Anika Paskvan, Faith Omundson, Taytum Smeby; Back: Jacob Kolden, Lillian Shimpa, Gabe Paskvan, Cameron Svalen, Josie Fortman, Shelby Mandt, Henry Swanson, Mya Strom, Caleb Paskvan, Ainsley Hickman, and Hope Omundson. Cast not pictured: Callie Herriman, Krista Shimpa, Haylee Beckett, Brooklyn Tatum, and Ava Sharp. Crew not pictured: Shelby Long, Shelby Shimpa, Jareth Walk, and Cambell Brown.

MN families urged to get young children caught up on vaccines

The Department of Health is urging families to get children caught up on vaccines. The proclamation is being made in conjunction with National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) to highlight the importance of protecting infants and children from serious diseases by keeping them up to date with well-child visits and recommended vaccines.

Vaccines are among the world's most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing serious illness and death. Unfortunately, immunization rates among our youngest Minnesotans have fallen behind. In 2019, 69% of Minnesota's 2-year-olds were up to date for recommended immunizations, but by 2023, that rate fell to 63%, according to data from the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) (Public Health Data Portal: Immunizations).

"Childhood immunizations are a cornerstone of public health, protecting our youngest from devastating diseases like pertussis (whooping cough) and measles (that have been on the rise across the country," said Jessica Hancock-Allen, director of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Division at the Min-



nesota Department of Health (MDH). "Getting recommended immunizations by 2 years of age not only saves individual lives but also protects entire communities by preventing outbreaks."

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Ideally, this protection begins with vaccination during pregnancy. According to Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists legislative chair Dr. Erin Stevens, prenatal vaccinations keep both mothers and their babies safe. By getting vaccinated during pregnancy, antibodies are passed to the developing baby. The antibodies help protect the newborn until they can get vaccinated themselves.

"Protecting babies starts even before they are born with maternal vaccines helping to shield newborns in those criti-

cal first few months," said Dr. Jessica Najarian-Bell, MD, physician director at CentraCare's Plaza Pediatric Clinic.

"Immunizations are one of the most powerful tools we have to protect children from serious, sometimes life-threatening diseases before they are ever exposed."

Health officials are encouraging parents to take these action steps during NIIW:

Check your child's immunization record to see what vaccines your child has received and what vaccines they may need. Visit Find My Immunization Record for more information.

Contact your child's health care provider to schedule a Well-child Visit and Immunizations.

Be informed. Talk to your child's health care provider about any questions and concerns you have. You can find more information about immunizations at Reliable Sources of Immunization Information.

If your child does not have health insurance or if insurance may not cover all the costs, you can find a clinic that offers Free or Low-Cost Shots for Children on Vaccine Map.

If you are pregnant, talk to your doctor about vaccines recommended during pregnancy.



The McIntosh Community Club would like to extend a huge thank you to all who donated their time or funds to make the 2025 MCC Easter Egg Hunt the biggest one yet! This year there were 14 bikes given away and hundreds of eggs filled with goodies. Thank you to Calvin and Annie Schow of Annie's Garden, Stephanie Frisk, Kelsey Gunufson, and the Easter Bunny for their leadership. In addition, we had donations from the McIntosh Fire Department, Erskine Fire Department, The Deuce Bar and Grill, Erskine American Legion, Mentor Fire Department, and the Winger Lions Club. There were many smiling faces due to the generosity of these great organizations. Thank you!



Winner of the Easter Eggstravaganza Drawing from Neil's Meats & The Hen House Thrift Room is Olive Ferden accepting for her is her Daughter Kim both of McIntosh. Congratulations!

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 060-613-007, 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
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.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or technicalities therein.

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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

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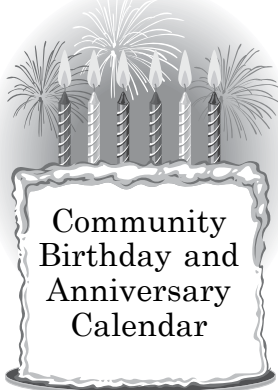
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Wed. April 30: Nicholas Carlin, Wes Kaupang
Thur. May 1: Lavern Tofstad, Ava Carlson, Isabel Burthwick

Fri. May 2: Stacy (Kringlen) Smith, Jessica Strom, Casey Bartz, Marlen Laing, *Philip & Ashlee Lee

Sat. May 3: Donna Skeie, Bonita Shaver

Sun. May 4: Connor Haaven, *Nick & April Ostena

Mon. May 5: Anne Schow, *Carey & Elaine Burslie

Tues. May 6: *Clyde & Paulette Kringlen

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Wed. April 30: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. May 2: 11:30am First Friday Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. May 4: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley; 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction, St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. May 9: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

**OURS SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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McIntosh
Rachel Roggenbuck,
SAM**

Sun. May 4: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. May 11: 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 Sun/7day until further notice.

**MCINTOSH FREE
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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
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Fri. May 2: 10:00am Telecast of the Luther League concert on GVTV-30

Sun, May 4: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, May 6: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, May 7: 6:30pm Bible Study

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
Pastor Lee Laaveg**

Sun. May 4 : 9:00am Worship

Sun. May 11: 9:00am Worship

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker**

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

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Wednesdays: 7:00pm Bible Study

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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: NIA

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 Mortgages 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 foreclosure 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

SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES
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Minnesota State Bar No. 0246074
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M5-10C

SSA introduces secure digital access to Social Security numbers

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is taking steps to provide a significant enhancement for my Social Security account holders, by introducing secure digital access to their Social Security number (SSN). This innovative feature is designed to provide the American public with a modernized, secure, and accessible alternative to the traditional physical SSN card.

SSA is committed to improving service delivery while safeguarding Personal Identifiable Information (PII).

The digital SSN feature will allow account holders to conveniently display their SSN,

when needed, for reasons other than handling Social Security matters.

This enhancement will provide individuals who have forgotten their SSN or misplaced their SSN cards a simple solution allowing them to securely view their SSN online through the my Social Security portal. This will reduce their need for an in-person visit and/or having to wait to receive their SSN card through the mail. They will be able to access it via my Social Security on their mobile devices.

This digital feature not only streamlines the process for those who need their SSN but

also reinforces our dedication to protecting sensitive information. By providing a secure digital option, SSA aims to reduce the risk of lost or stolen cards and enhance the overall user experience.

"We are proud to offer this new digital solution to our account holders," said Lee Dudek, Acting Commissioner. "This enhancement reflects our commitment to providing better service to the public while ensuring that their personal information remains secure. We believe that this modern approach will meet the needs of our constituents in a more efficient manner."

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POLK COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 15, 2025
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 o'clock a.m., April 15, 2025. Members present: Commissioner Paul Reese, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Mark Holy, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee, and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Samuel Melbye, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the April 15, 2025, agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Willhite seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the April 15, 2025, consent items:

1. Approve April 1, 2025, Board minutes.
2. Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Revenue Fund, \$104,326.05; Public Works Fund, \$137,542.66; Public Safety Fund, \$90,255.10; Public Health Fund, \$24,115.96; Opioid Settlement, \$18,536.33; Forfeited Tax Sale Fund, \$360.00; Environmental Services Fund, \$8,007.18; Solid Waste, \$149,744.94; Landfill Fund, \$54,565.76; Per Diems, \$1,725.00; Meal Reimbursements (without overnight lodging), \$88.52; and Sign Audit List.
3. Approve payment to US Bank, St. Louis, MO, in the amount of \$84,064.02 for procurement card purchases.
4. Approve payment to KKCO-FM, Ada, MN, in the amount of \$300.00 for the monthly Environmental Minute ads/education for the Environmental Services Department.
5. Approve payment to Kurita America Inc., Minneapolis, MN, in the amount of \$8,763.13 for RO system parts for the Solid Waste Department.
6. Approve payment to Kurita America Inc., Minneapolis, MN, in the amount of \$8,623.88 for boiler chemicals for the Solid Waste Department.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER
ISSUE FORUM

1. Commissioner Reese brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council meeting.
 - b. Sand Hill Watershed meeting.
2. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a. Tri-County Corrections meeting.
 - b. Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership meeting.
3. Commissioner Holy brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a. Reported on blow soil removal going well after the motion that was passed at the last Polk County Board of Commissioner's meeting.
4. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a. Negotiations Committee meeting.
 - b. Spring Township meeting.
 - c. Polk, Norman, and Mahnomen

- Community Health Board meeting.
- d. Minnesota Rural Caucus meeting.
- e. Tri-County Opportunity Council meeting.
- f. Tri-County Corrections meeting.
5. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended the following meetings:
 - a. Negotiations Committee meeting.
 - b. State Community Health Services Advisory Committee meeting.
 - c. Turtle & Cross Lake Connection meeting.
 - d. East Polk County Development Achievement Center Board meeting.
 - e. Polk, Norman, and Mahnomen Community Health Board meeting.
 - f. Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act (MAAFPCWDA) meeting.
 - g. Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Finance Committee meeting.
 - h. Behavioral Mental Health Transformation group meeting.
 - i. Monthly Radio Program.

SHERIFF

James Tadman, Polk County Sheriff, and Chester Carlson, Sergeant, came before the Board with matters pertaining to Mr. Tadman's department:

1. **Monthly Sheriff's Report**
The March 2025 Monthly Sheriff's Report was discussed and presented to the Board. (Reports on file in the Administrator's Office)
2. **Resolution (2025-24) Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 13-19, 2025**

RESOLUTION (2025-24)

Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 13-19, 2025

The following resolution (2025-24) was offered by Commissioner Willhite:

WHEREAS, The Polk County Telecommunicators daily serve the citizens of Polk County by answering emergency calls for police, fire, and emergency medical services, and by dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the vital link between the citizens calling for help and the agencies which respond and assist them; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are professionals behind-the-scenes and often unrecognized actions are responsible for helping protect people and property; and

WHEREAS, Professional Telecommunicators work to improve the emergency response capabilities of these communication systems through their leadership and participation in training programs to improve their skills; and

WHEREAS, The Polk County 9-1-1 Emergency Network wishes to join with other 9-1-1 entities across the United States in setting aside the second week of April 2025 to recognize Telecommunicators for their crucial role in protection of life

and property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Polk County Board of Commissioners, this 15th day of April 2025, that the week of April 13-19, 2025, be designated as NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK.

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

3. MN Boat and Water Grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the 2025 MN Boat and Water Grant in the amount of \$9,693.00.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Karen Warmack, Social Services Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. **Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Contract Amendment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) contract amendment in the amount of \$23,149.00, now totaling \$31,892.00, through September 30, 2025.

2. **Contract with Angela Holloway MA, LAAC for Family Support Meeting Facilitator**

A motion was made by Commissioner Willhite seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the contract with Angela Holloway in the amount of \$5,000.00 from April 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

HIGHWAY

Darin Carlstrom, Assistant Public Works Director/Engineer, on behalf of Richard Sanders, Polk County Engineer, came before the Board with matters pertaining to Mr. Sanders' department:

1. **Resolution (2025-25) Bridge Replacement Priority List**

RESOLUTION (2025-25)

Bridge Replacement Priority List

The following resolution (2025-25) was offered by Commissioner Reese:

WHEREAS, Polk County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by local citizenry and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Polk County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the following bridges are high priorities for replacement, major rehabilitation, or removal, and Polk County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Polk County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Polk County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

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

2. Award Tilberg-Cross Lake Park Dumpster Quote

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve awarding the contract to Alternative Sanitation LLC of Erskine, MN, in the amount of \$221.13 per month for a 6 CY Dumpster.

3. Award Maple Lake Park Dumpster Quote

A motion was made by Commissioner Willhite seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve awarding the contract to Alternative Sanitation LLC of Erskine, MN, in the amount of \$522.11 per month for a 6 CY Dumpster at Polk County Maple Lake Campground, and \$61.43 per month for a 6 CY Dumpster for East Shore.

4. Award SAP 060-612-015 (CSAH 12) Grade widening from TH 32 (Fertile) to CSAH 41

A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve awarding the contract to Knife River Materials – Northern Minnesota of Bemidji, MN, in the amount of \$2,226,844.10, and have the Administrator and Board Chair sign the contracts.

5. County Ditch Maintenance Request

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the work in CD 90 and to name Richard Sanders, Engineer, over the project.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Sarah Reese, Public Health Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Advertisement and Hiring

A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve advertising and hiring of a 1.0 FTE Wellness Coordinator (and any subsequent vacancies) within Polk County Public Health.

ADMINISTRATION

Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Questica Budgeting Software

Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Willhite seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the three-year agreement with Euna Solutions for its Questica Budgeting software and added support services with Abdo Financial

Solutions.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

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

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS
DATED 04/18/2025 APPROVED 04/15/2025

Vendor Name	Amount
Anderson Crane Company	4,118.35
Baldwin Supply Company	16,915.49
Beltrami Industrial Services	62,307.53
Berhow/Luther	7,976.00
Brost Chevrolet Inc	2,424.66
Central McGowan Inc.	2,421.90
Central States Wire Products Inc	2,802.38
Cheryl's Cleaning Service	2,330.00
Church & Dwight Co Inc	13,183.65
CNH Industrial Accounts	19,802.77
Crookston Fuel Company	9,734.93
Dakota Wholesale Tire	2,812.00
Deceleration Technologies LLC	3,600.00
Destination Transport	2,190.00
Environmental Sentry Protection LLC	5,010.00
Evenaire Systems Inc	5,430.00
Grainger	2,174.82
Hennen Equipment Inc	5,199.32
HN Quality Plumbing Inc	3,315.82
Ironman Welding Inc	2,200.00
Jemco Incorporated	2,784.00
Kaste/Myra G	3,286.00
Kaste/Paul	5,115.00
Kris Engineering	2,798.18
Kustom Kollision LLC	9,010.54
League Of Minnesota Cities	2,880.00
Level 5 Services	4,560.39
LSQ Funding Group LC	3,957.86
Mentor City	2,000.00
MnCCC Lockbox	11,071.00
Motorola Solutions Inc	63,088.24
MRRA	9,000.00
Northdale Oil Inc	2,145.00
Pemberton Law PLLP	8,700.00
Penguin Management Inc	5,640.00
Peterson Sheet Metal Inc	2,350.00
Powerplan OIB	4,836.05
PPC Industries	6,515.74
Regents Of The Univ Of Mn	67,439.33
RJ Zavoral & Sons Inc	5,740.00
Saber Shred Solutions, Inc	6,653.40
Seaberg Solar Salt	2,063.70
Sprout Social, Inc.	7,489.00
Stantec Consulting Services Inc	20,633.75
Sterling Carpet One	5,500.00
Streicher's	3,504.36
Vanguard Appraisals Inc	2,400.00
Vestis	2,161.59
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc	66,199.12
Ziegler Inc	4,236.59
164 Payments less than 2000	67,745.52
Final Total:	587,453.98

With no further business, the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 o'clock a.m., April 22, 2025.

Mark Holy, Chair

ATTEST:

Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator Clerk of the Board

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The County Line
By Warren Strandell
Polk County Commissioner, Dist. 2

My experience from a lifetime in the communications field — some 30 years as a newspaper journalist and after that from years working in public relations and as a county commissioner — has been that it really helps to have a subject burning in your mind when you go to try to put something on paper... like write this column.

When that motivation isn't there, the job becomes very difficult.

That said, there is nothing holding me back from talking about the Honor Flight program and the two back-to-back flights that left from Grand Forks International Airport on Easter Sunday morning for three days in Washington, D.C.

The 225 vets on those flights returned to a welcome home celebration at the airport's Byron Dorgan Terminal last Tuesday evening (April 22) that was fantastic.

The problem with this though is that, even when really motivated, words don't tell the whole story.

The only thing that can begin to do that was "written" on the faces of the returning vets as they walked through the "Walk of Fame" path made for them amid the hundreds of immediate family and friends. There were about 1,200 of them, who filled the airport terminal to overflowing to welcome them back home and to thank them for their service.

The smiles on the faces of those vets — along with the tears that were on the cheeks of many of them — said without one written word that they more than appreciated the Honor Flight trip, the welcome home and the thank you they were receiving.

For many of the vets it was a complete reversal from the reception that they had received when arriving back to their country from service in Vietnam. Most of the vets on these flights, if not all of them, had their service time during the Vietnam era.

What is amazing about the Honor Flight program is that all the organizing, planning and fund raising — at about \$230,000 per flight including the airplane, hotel rooms, meals, etc. — is done by volunteers. None of them are paid. There are no government grants. It is all donated time and effort.

The cost of the two airplanes that left from Grand Forks this spring meant that \$460,000 had to be raised... all by Honor Flight volunteers who called on businesses and other contributors, and/or also sold lottery tickets. The Red River Valley River Motorcycle Club's annual lottery ticket also supports the Honor Flight.

In addition to the 225 vets who were on these two flights were volunteers who were there to push wheelchairs for vets in need of a ride or to provide whatever other services that might be needed. Grand Forks Mayor Brandon Brochenski and Grand Forks County Sheriff Andy Schneider were among the volunteer "pushers" on this trip.

Also, on the trip each time are doctors and nurses — all volunteers, of course — who are there to attend to any medical needs. Some close family members of vets needing attention can also make the trip, but they do it at their own expense, or at about \$1,600 each.

No stones are left unturned in the care of veterans, almost all of whom are up in years with the physical issues that come with age and hard knocks. That's why there are all those wheelchairs and medical personnel.

Stops on the trip include those at the Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine, time to watch the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery, trips past the Capitol and White House, and stops at the Iwo Jima, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Air Force, President Lincoln, Korean, Vietnam, World War I and World War II

memorials. There is also time spent at the National Archives where you can see under glass the original Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and other documents.

It's all just a great program all around.

One last thought, it wouldn't hurt one bit if you were to add the Veterans Honor Flight to your giving practices. If so inclined, you can contact Don Roberts, the main organizer and fund raiser in this northern part of the Honor Flight program. Call him at (701) 746-8261. Or you can contact Veterans Honor Flight of ND/ MN, P.O. Box 644, West Fargo, ND 58078.

And to all the vets that you know you might just tell them "Thank you for your service" because Freedom is not free.

Thoughts for the day:

"I offered my opponents a deal: If they would stop telling lies about me, I would stop telling the truth about them." — Adlai Stevenson in a 1952 campaign speech.

I've learned: That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand. — Andy Rooney

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have a
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There was a welcome home celebration for the 225 Veteran's that participated in the 2025 Veteran's Honor Flight trip from Grand Forks, North Dakota on Tuesday, April 22.

Many mothers will attest that few things are better than a little rest and pampering on Mother's Day. And when it comes to gifts, homemade items are among the most heartfelt.

Although schools and day care centers may take the lead and guide children through Mother's Day crafts, parents and caregivers looking to encourage kids to make crafts at home can explore these ideas that can turn into wonderful gifts or decorative items for Mom.

Floral votive holders

Kids can create special candle holders that they customize with pressed or paper flowers. New jars can be purchased from a craft store or empty jars at home can be repurposed. Using Modge Podge or another durable adhesive, children can attach dried, pressed flowers to the outside of the jar by painting the adhesive over the flowers; otherwise, paper flowers cut out from tissue paper or construction paper can be used. Once dry, attach a piece of decorative twine, yarn or ribbon around the mouth of the jar. Place a tealight candle inside for Mom to enjoy.

Writing pen bouquet

Why not give Mom something that is both beautiful and functional this Mother's Day? Children will have fun making flower pen bouquets. All it takes are a few inexpensive disposable pens, floral tape and artificial flowers. Place an artificial flower stem alongside the pen. It should be short enough



that it will not impede writing, so cut if necessary. The petals of the flower should be up at the non-writing end. Starting at the non-writing end of the pen, begin to wrap floral tape snugly around the stem and pen to just before the tip of the writing end. It is better to use too much floral tape than not enough. Repeat the process for as many pen flowers as you'd like to make, then offer as a gift in a vase.

Jewelry dish

Mom can keep her favorite pieces of jewelry safe with a heartfelt clay jewelry dish. It's easy to make with only a few materials. Using air-dry clay and a heart-shaped cookie cutter, children can roll out the clay and cut out the shape. Turn up the edges slightly to make a rim so that rings or earrings won't fall out of the dish later on. Then kids can press decorative items, such as beads, small seashells, sequins, or faux gems, into the clay. The jewelry dish is beautiful as-is, or it can be painted after dry.

Faux stained glass

This project mixes paint with glue to create a stained glass effect. The colors can be painted on any acrylic surface, whether it's a flat, plastic photo protector in a picture frame or clear, plastic cosmetic bottles. When the light hits the items, it will produce a prismatic effect just like the real stained glass. Take painter's tape and mark off a desired design, such as writing "I Love Mom." Using separate small containers (an empty foam egg carton would work well), add a little bit of clear school glue and a few drops of desired colors or acrylic paint. Paint the different colors as they pertain to the design or pattern. The glue and paint should dry quickly and extra coats can be applied depending on how intense you want the color to be. Once the stained glass is dry, peel off the painter's tape and gift.

Kids can get busy crafting gifts that show Mom just how much she's loved and appreciated.

Kentucky Derby...

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- Most wins by a trainer: Ben Jones holds the record for the most Kentucky Derby wins by a trainer, with six wins.
- Most consecutive wins: The record for most consecutive wins is three, shared by the legendary jockey Eddie Arcaro and the trainer Ben Jones.
- Most wins by an owner: Calumet Farm holds the record for the most Kentucky Derby wins by an owner, with eight wins.
- Most significant margin of victory: 1943 witnessed a remarkable feat as Count Fleet secured victory with an unprecedented lead of 25 lengths.
- Most horses in a single race: This impressive feat was achieved twice, in 1974 and 1984, with 23 horses involved.

Kentucky Derby's famous traditions

As time passes, so do many long standing customs, and the Kentucky Derby is renowned for its abundance of traditions that date back to its establishment in 1875. Let's dig into some of the unique traditions synonymous with this celebrated event.

Drinks

The Kentucky Derby's signature drink is the Mint Julep, which consists of bourbon, sugar, and fresh mint. It's typically served in a silver cup over crushed ice, and it's estimated that more than 120,000 cock-

tails are enjoyed at the event annually.

Dress Code

The "Run for the Roses" is renowned for its trendy dress code. Seersucker suits, bow ties, and hats are the go-to choice for men, while women opt for vibrant dresses and intricate hats.

Rose Garland

Since 1896, it has been a tradition to adorn the winning horse with a garland of red roses. This garland is crafted from over 400 roses and weighs about 40 pounds.

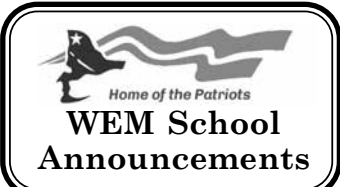
These Kentucky Derby traditions have become essential to the event, contributing to its characteristic and celebratory ambiance.

Today, the Kentucky Derby is a testament to Clark's vision and the enduring passion for horse racing that he brought back from Europe.

As the first leg of the American horse racing Triple Crown, the Kentucky Derby is the most-watched and highest-attended horse race in the United States.

This year's running at historic Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, will be the 151st in the race's illustrious history.

The race takes place on Saturday, May 3rd and coverage starts at 1:30 pm Central Time. Post time for the race will be 5:57 pm and can be viewed on NBC.



Win-E-Mac Elementary school will be presenting their spring program on Friday, May 9, 2025 in the Win-E-Mac School Arts & Event Center Auditorium. Grades K-3 will present the play "Hats" beginning at 12:45.

Following that program, Grades 4-6 will present their band/choir program beginning at 2:00. Both programs will take place in the Arts & Event Center auditorium. The program is under the direction of Amanda Shultz & Charity Salmonson. Come help us celebrate Spring and another wonderful school year!

The Win-E-Mac Junior & Senior High Choirs will be presenting their Spring concert on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at the Win-E-Mac School Arts & Event Center Auditorium.

The concert will begin at 7:00 P.M and will feature both choirs as well as An Outstanding Event Junior Ensemble. A SH Women's group will also perform a special number. In addition, awards will be presented. Our high school singers have been working hard to present a nice variety of music for your listening enjoyment, so we hope you will join us for a night of music!



On Friday, April 25th the Win-E-Mac first graders were able to go see the Shrine Circus in Grand Forks, North Dakota.



The spring weather brought Mrs. Gunufson's and Mrs. Cook's classes outdoors at Win-E-Mac school where they teamed up to pick up garbage last week on the school grounds. Many other classes also participated in the Win-E-Mac spring clean-up.