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Chris Hove and Madison's cow, Lucky were betting on.... well, it was an exciting day of Cow Pie Bingo in McIntosh last Saturday during Craft and Market Day. Cow Pie Bingo was sponsored by McIntosh Senior Living.



Helping out and making the Kiddie Pedal Pull possible were (Front Row): Casey Hansen, Philip Lee, Darren Kringle; (Back Row): Dominic Kringle, Curt Bartz, and Josh Bartz, members of the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club.



The winner's of the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club Kiddie Pedal Pull each received a ribbon or a trophy last Saturday during McIntosh Craft and Market Day.



Fourth grade fun on the farm

The fourth grade class of Win-E-Mac Elementary began to harvest some knowledge this year by visiting a corn field planted by Vesledahl Farms. Steve and Bob Vesledahl planted a few acres of corn around the area this spring specifically for the Win-E-Mac School District.

The fourth graders were given a quick lesson in which cobs would be the best for picking and then were set loose collecting the best cobs they could harvest.

Students picked and shucked the corn and delivered it back to the school. The corn was served the next day along with tater-tot hotdish. The fresh corn was fantastic and enjoyed by everyone at the school.

A huge thank you goes out to Vesledahl Farms for their time and effort in feeding our students!



The Win-E-Mac 4th grade classes of Mr. Svalen and Mr. Roragen had a great time at the Vesledahl Farm gathering corn for lunch at the school.

Mac Council talks about Fire Dept. calls to Poplar Meadows

The McIntosh City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 8th at the Community Center.

The Mayor, Toby Strom called the meeting to order, all members of the Council were present as well as City Clerk, Melissa Finseth.

The Council first discussed the possibility of mail-in ballots again. Councilmember, Steve Urness voiced his concern that a mail-in ballot system may be a good idea as far as increasing voter participation, but that it would possibly be bad for the businesses in town, as no one would have to come to town on Election Day.

The leaky vent in the kitchen at the Community Center was repaired by City Maintenance man, Pete Tranby. Council member Steve Urness made it known that Pete had to provide his own, personal ladder to complete the job, as there are no ladders at the City Shop. Mayor Strom asked that Pete order a ladder for the City from the McIntosh Country Store.

Councilmember Wanda Stordahl shared concerns from Poplar Meadows' manager, Julie Christianson, about the understanding that the McIntosh Fire Department is no longer responding to any calls for fall

victims at the assisted living facility. Mayor Strom informed the council that the Fire Department could be held liable if a fireman lifts a resident and causes an injury or if the resident has an unknown, existing injury that was caused by the fall. Mayor Strom also informed the Council that the Fire Department did donate \$500 to Poplar Meadows to off-

Council...

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ECFE Spirit Night

Parents bring your kids ages 0 to 12 to Win-E-Mac Spirit Night!

Meet the cheerleaders, make a spirit stick, learn a cheer! Meet in the Commons on Thursday, September 22nd from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Participants are invited to help cheer at the home FB game on September 23rd!



Community Calendar

Wed. Sept. 21: McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's

Thurs. Sept. 22: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Sept. 23: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Sept. 26: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; B-B Cafe Public Meeting @ Community Center 7:00pm

Tues. Sept. 27: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Wed. Sept. 28: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Sept. 29: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

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

Mon. Oct. 3: 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. Oct. 4: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



WEM ECFE pumpkin patch trip

Join us as we go "over the river and through the woods" to the Pumpkin Patch!

Children Ages 0-6yrs old and Parents are invited to take a trip to the Voxland's Pumpkin Patch on Thursday, September 29th. The bus leaves Win-E-Mac School @ 6:00pm.

*Pre-registration is Required to plan for the number of participants

*All children and adults MUST ride buses from school. (We are requesting that NO cars follow or meet us at the pumpkin patch to ensure safety for all participants).

*All children should wear long sleeves, pants and tennis shoes to ensure safety during hike through the woods, pumpkin patch and hill rolling!





Shopping with her son, Lucas during Craft & Market Day is Wendy Eggli.

September is Hunger Action Month

Teen food insecurity is threatening American youth and their well-being, according to two new reports by the Urban Institute and Feeding America.

The reports reveal that low-income teens are aware of their parents' struggles and often share in their worries and efforts to protect the youngest and most vulnerable members of the household by shielding younger siblings from hunger.

Teens engage in various coping strategies to deal with food scarcity, including risky and potentially dangerous behaviors.

Nearly seven million children ages 10-17 struggle with hunger in America.

While there is significant literature on food insecurity and children, most of this research has focused on the risks to and impact on children under age 6.

This new research examines several topics related to the impact of food insecurity in teens' lives.

The findings are based on focus group conversations with 193 13-18 year olds in 10 communities across the country and are presented through two reports.

The first report, Bringing Teens to the Table, by Elaine Waxman, Susan J. Popkin, and Martha Galvez, explores how teens help their families acquire food during financially challenging times; their experiences with school, sum-

mer, and charitable feeding programs; and the ideas teens have for addressing food insecurity in their communities. The second report, Impossible Choices: Teens and Food Insecurity in America, by Popkin, Galvez, and Molly Scott, takes a deeper look at coping strategies teens use when facing food insecurity.

Those strategies include engaging in criminal activity or transactional dating relationships that can allow desperate teens to secure food and other resources they need to get by.

Feeding America is the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

Rural Hunger Facts
Rates of food insecurity among rural households are generally higher than urban households. The irony is that many of these food-insecure households are in the very rural and farm communities whose productivity feeds the world and provides low-cost wholesome food for American consumers.

Challenges facing rural areas differ from metro/urban areas in several significant ways [i]:

- Employment is more concentrated in low-wage industries;
- Unemployment and underemployment are greater;
- Education levels are lower;
- Work-support services, such as flexible and affordable child care and public transportation, are less available;

Bursheim.

Laurie's favorite heritage dish is Slumgullion. "Historically the word Slumgullion is English or Irish. However Gramma was half Norwegian and half Swedish. The definition of the word is: an inexpensive stew, soup or hash."

"For us it was a bean hotdish that could feed a large family inexpensively. Gramma always would make this for family picnics, which could get as large as 25 to 40 family members plus neighbors." Slumgullion was a mainstay for every family picnic and is one of Laurie's most favorite memories of her Gramma Mary. "Gramma Mary was the happiest when she could have all of her family together for a picnic at the farm."

Slumgullion
1 ½ lb. Ground beef
3 Cans kidney beans
1 Can peas (save liquid)
2 Cans tomato soup
Ketchup
Dry or fresh onion
Salt & Pepper
Brown ground beef with fresh or dry onion, salt and pepper. Drain meat then add drained kidney beans, peas (save pea liquid), tomato soup, and ketchup to taste. Use pea liquid to thin as needed. Simmer until hot or can be baked.



Walking together for the 5K, sponsored by McIntosh Senior Living was Lois Bohrneson and Dianne Christopher-son.

Gosen Luther League

The Gosen Luther League meets on Sunday evening, September 25th, at 7 o'clock. The Fraser Family from Puposky will be in concert.

The Fraser family enjoys serving the Lord together in ministry and music. They have been involved in full-time ministry in Native America since 1993 and have had the privilege of working with and alongside First Nations people in Canada and the US, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and encouraging believers in their walk with Him. In more recent years, the Lord has added gospel bluegrass music to the ministry as another way of serving Him together as a family.

They've been blessed to be able to sing in many different places including churches, reservations, nursing homes, county fairs, festivals, and prisons. Kent, Kimberly, and their five children are grateful for the opportunities to serve together and share about the hope they have in Jesus Christ.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

Join us for an inspirational evening in honor of our Lord Jesus.

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.

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the City of McIntosh will meet in the Community Center at 7:00 PM on September 26th, 2016, to evaluate the progress of BB Café, since the August 29th, 2016 meeting. Such persons who desire to be heard with reference to the BB Café will be heard at this meeting.

Melissa Finseth
Clerk/Treasurer
City of McIntosh

M25-26C



Grace Church to hold food shelf meeting

Grace Food Shelf meeting @ Grace Lutheran Church in Erskine on Thursday September, 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

September is Hunger Action Month to raise awareness to the fact that millions of Americans go to bed hungry each day.

Anyone interested in the action of the food shelf in our area, please come join us for an informative meeting.

B-B Cafe Menu

Wed. Sept. 21: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Cream of Tomato Soup, & Dessert

Thurs. Sept. 22: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Carrots, Roll, & Dessert

Fri. Sept. 23: Chicken ala King over Biscuits, & Dessert

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. M52-27C

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Sept. 21: Siri Vigoren, Kenneth Rolf, Lynda Loiland, *Bob & Shelly Quinlan

Thurs. Sept. 22: Mark Strom, Milan Wirth, Delores Syverson, *Curt & Judy Bartz

Fri. Sept. 23: Kolten Bartch, Angel Hedlund, Garnet Aanenson, Michael Lindseth

Sat. Sept. 24: Nathan Frisk, Shawn Burslie, Caitlyn Espeseth, *Reggie & Jan Galland

Sun. Sept. 25: Paulette Kringlen, *Dan & Mary Schow, *Orlett & Larry Hedlund

Mon. Sept. 26: Marvin Rolf, Elliot Carlson, Sherree Breckel, *Jan & Mark Langemo

Tues. September 27: Dominic Kringlen, Emma Ekeberg, Makenzie Roed, *Joel & Connie Strom, *Wesley & Valerie Brekke, *Cody & Jackie Huschle



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. Sept. 21: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. Sept. 23: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sat. Sept. 24: 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. Sept. 25: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley; 11:00am - 1:30pm St. Mary's Annual Fall Bazaar and Turkey Dinner

Wed. Sept. 28: 11:30am Mass at Hansville Cemetery, Fosston

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

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH Winger/Bejou Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Sun. Sept. 25: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary
Sun. Oct. 2: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) McIntosh

Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Sun. Sept. 25: 11:15am Worship Service
Sun. Oct. 2: 11:15am Worship Service

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

Wed. Sept 21: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place.
Sat. Sept. 24: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Sept. 25: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service; 7:00pm Luther League (see article elsewhere in paper)

Tues. Sept 27: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Sept. 28: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

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

MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Mt. Carmel:
Sun. Sept 25: 9:30am Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School

Wed. Sept. 28: 7:30pm Bible Study

Thurs. Sept. 29: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. Oct. 2: 9:30am Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School

Trinity:
Sun. Sept. 25: New Member Sunday; 9:30am Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School; 12:00pm Potluck Dinner
Sun. Oct. 2: 9:30am Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. Sept. 25: 9am Worship
Sun. Oct. 2: 9am Worship

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FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Sept. 21: 7:15pm Bible Study: Old Testament Tabernacles

Sun. Sept. 25: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. Sept. 28: 7:00pm Bible Study: Old Testament Tabernacles

Sun. Oct. 2: 10:00am Worship Service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh

Rev. John Anderson, Pastor

Wed. Sept. 21: 6:00pm Confirmation

Sun. Sept. 25: 9:00am Worship Service

Wed. Sept. 28: 6:00pm Confirmation

Sun. Oct. 2: 9:00am Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion; 10:00am Sunday School

Wed. Oct. 5: 6:00pm Confirmation

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays



Laura Marie (Mary) Carlson Hanson

Laura Marie (Mary) Carlson Hanson's parents John and Caroline (Naess) Carlson homesteaded in Sletten Township. Mary was married to Ingvald Hanson; the couple raised their family of 5 children on a farm south of Bethel Church Cemetery in Sletten Township. Mary is the grandmother of Laurie



Winning a Blue Ribbon at the State Fair was Katlyn Balstad.

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where it is definitely feeling and looking like fall. We lucked out on Tuesday night and missed the frost that was predicted, at least I saw no damage on the garden or any of my flowers. The weekend was beautiful, the last of the summer celebrations was held last week end in Brooks with the Blast to Brooks being held, there was a parade, a car show, pig races along with many other activities going on during the day on Saturday which did bring a lot of people out.

So we are now moving on to the middle of September and already I am seeing Halloween decorations and Halloween candy on sale in area stores, and not only that Christmas decorations also! And as I have said before and which is probably my favorite holiday is Thanksgiving and it seems to get lost in the shuffle.

After Halloween and before Thanksgiving and Christmas is the Election coming up in November and that is a subject I never want to get involved in but from here on we will hear a lot of promises and a whole lot of picking and poking from both candidates.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO WILMA WANG! On Monday September the 26th come join Wilma observe her birthday! She will be at Moran's during their senior meals and would appreciate your company as she celebrates her 96th birthday. After the meal their will be bars as a treat brought by her good friend Lucy! Senior meal serving starts at 11:30!

In speaking with Milton Carlson this week he tells me that Fern continues to do her rehab and is overwhelmed with her company both family and friends. She continues to make progress and Milton states they are both looking forward to her getting to get back home again.

Last Saturday evening a group of friends and family gathered together at Moran's for supper to help Helmer and Verlys Homme celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. **CONGRATULATIONS HELMER and VERLYS.**

Becky Stordahl and Lori Burchill brought ribs and garlic and garlic toast for supper to Carol Stordahl's apartment on Monday evening in honor of Lori's birthday which was September the 13th. They also enjoyed angel food cake with strawberries and cool whip.

Last Saturday evening house guest Leonard Taylor, Butch and Linda Pulskamp, Kelly Johnson and granddaughter Lily, Marv Engesether of Plummer all helped Reha Sanstead celebrate her birthday at the Sanstead home in Erskine.

Calvary WELCA had potluck for the September meeting with lots of good food for all! This is a monthly meeting with such good food, keep the date in mind and all are welcome, is the second Tuesday of every month.

Dean Henney and his cousin Diane Henry of Texas spent several days in the area visiting with family and friends. On Wednesday the 7th Orton and Joyce Stardig of Bemidji (now back in their winter home in Texas), Bill and Marlene Henney of Fosson. All gathered at the Henney home with Dean bringing Martha to the farm to enjoy the family gathered there.

Spending last weekend at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home were Chris Miller, Kathy McHale, and Diane Whittaker all of the Minneapolis area. The girls are all nieces of Boyd and the daughters of the late Charlotte (Bratager) Bonde. (I apologize for any misspelling of names.

Visiting last weekend with Helmer and Verlys Homme

were Rick and Sharon Carlson of Minneapolis, Bill and Kristy Metler of Spring Valley, Dale Chambers of Rochester, Barry and Kay Malme and Oris Moen of Fargo.

Truman and Darlene Johnson of Dilworth were visitors last week end at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home.

Until next week and I am open for more "tids and bits" in order to keep our communities of Winger and (Erskine) Union Lake areas in our little corner of the paper.

MN Wheat

Council seeks

Board candidates

The Minnesota Wheat Research and Promotion Council is seeking candidates for three positions on its board of directors.

Members of the Minnesota Wheat Research and Promotion Council are elected to direct Minnesota wheat checkoff dollars to benefit wheat producers.

Board members must be wheat producers willing to serve as leaders and advocates for the Minnesota wheat industry and to work to improve industry profitability and viability.

To be considered, a person must have shared in the profits and risk of loss from producing wheat during the current or preceding marketing year.

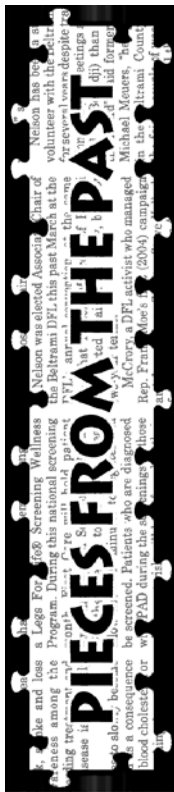
Directors are elected to serve three-year terms, and the board meets approximately six times throughout the year. The following positions are open:

Area 1 Representative: One (1) Position open:

Area 1 includes the counties of Beltrami, Clearwater, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Polk, Pennington, Red Lake and Roseau.

Area 2 Representative: One (1) Position open:

Area 2 includes the counties of Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Traverse, Wilkin, Aitkin, Becker, Carlton, Cass, Clay, Cook, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Itasca, Kanabec, Lake, Mahanomen, Morrison, Norman, Pine, St.



50 years ago...1966: At the September meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary this picture of all the past presidents in attendance was taken. This climaxed the presentation of past presidents plaques, which were purchased and given the past year. Left to right are Mrs. C.M Ostby, Mrs. Alma Ramse, Mrs. Alfred Messelt, Mrs. Lydia Henney, Mrs. Armand Sannes, Mrs. Harvey Gustafson, Mrs. Gust Hedman, Mrs. Harold Thompson, and Mrs. Sherman Tranby.

Louis, Todd and Wadena.

Area 3 Representative: One (1) Position open:

Area 3 includes all counties south of Traverse, Grant, Douglas and Todd counties.

Minnesota wheat producers who are interested in running for a board seat need to indicate their interest prior to December 19, 2016.

To become a candidate you need to fill out a short candidate form. Call Minnesota Wheat Council Office 1-800-242-6118 extension 3, for candidate form.

Council elections will be held at multiple polling locations throughout Minnesota. These locations will be in conjunction with the Small Grains Update meetings the week of January 16-20, 2017. Alternatively eligible producers can request an absentee ballot by December 28, 2016. Request a ballot by calling the MWRPC office or emailing Ruth White, Minnesota, Department of Agriculture, at ruth.white@state.mn.us.

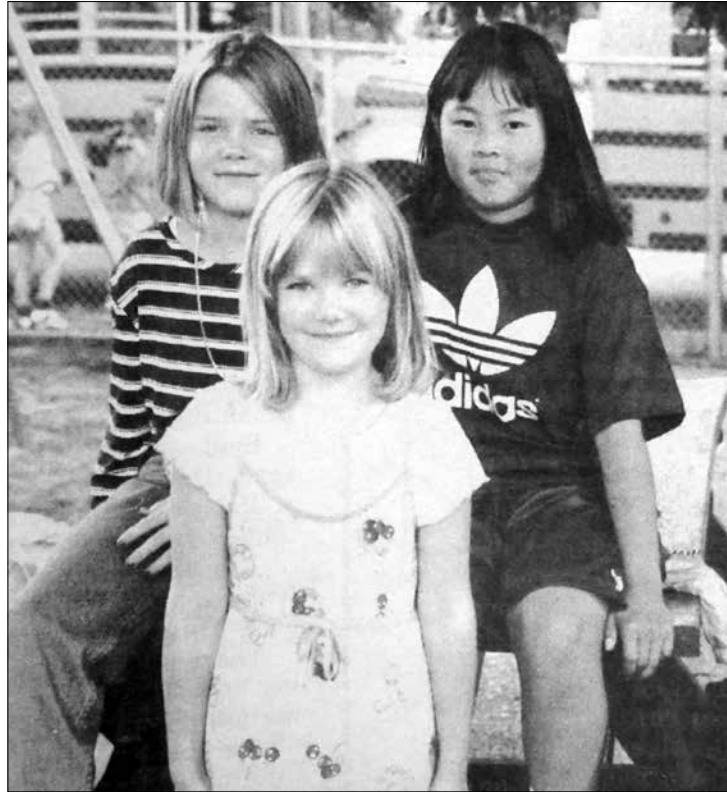
Absentee ballots need to be returned with a postmark of January 13, 2017.



40 years ago...1976: Stephanie Sorvig was crowned Queen at the 1976 Homecoming festivities in the McIntosh-Winger School this past weekend. Her escort is Bill Finkle. Gift Bearer, Karen Bauer, is standing by their side. Winning theme of the weekend was "Watch the Scots drown the Skippers in the Middle River," which was submitted by Michelle Voxland.



30 years ago...1986: The McIntosh-Winger class of 1956 held its 30 year class reunion at Lions Park. Loretta Minnesota. Those present were (back row): Gordon Sonstelle, Peter Bovee, Donald Hansen, Gilbert Sovland, Rudolph Johnson; (front row): Hazel (Johnson) Rost, Bernice (Syverson) Voxland, Nancy (Buhn) Forster, Dawna (Hagen) McMillan, Lois (Johnson) Johnson, Lois (Barness) Tolentino.



20 years ago...1996: The first day of school was a good one for "upper class" Win-E-Mac Fifth Grade students (back l-r) Ashlee Stordahl and Sarah Lundquist and (front) Kristen Hartel enjoyed her first day back in the Third Grade classroom, too!



Regional Ag News

Ray Bisek,
Extension Educator

This week is National Farm Safety Week. I'll highlight silo gases since this week corresponds with a lot of silage harvesting for many in northern MN, including for myself. Another confined space is manure pits on some farms. Proper safe habits when emptying and or entering manure pits should also be followed. Both confined spaces have caused the loss of loved ones and or major health disabilities. Make it a point to follow safe procedures when entering any type of confined space on your farm.

Dangers of Silo Gases

After harvested forages are placed in a silo, they often produce gases during the early stages of the fermentation process. Silo gases are difficult to detect because they are almost invisible, but signs of such gases may include:

- the formation of a faint yellow or red haze that appears from the top of a conventional silo to the bottom of the ladder chute,
- staining on the silo and silage, and
- a bleach-like odor that may be present even at the base of the silo and in the milking parlor.

If you detect silo gases, leave the area immediately. Physical reactions to silo gases may not be noticeable immediately after your exposure, but damage to your lungs may have already occurred.

The most common silo gases are carbon dioxide (CO2) and nitrogen dioxide (NO2). Types and concentrations of silo gas vary depending on whether the silo is a conventional silo or oxygen-limiting silo and how much time has passed since the silage was placed in the silo.

The most abundant type of gas in a conventional silo is nitrogen dioxide, which has a bleach-like odor and produces low-lying yellow, red, or dark brown fumes. Because it is heavier than air, nitrogen dioxide settles on top of the silage or flows down the chute and collects in adjoining feed rooms or other low-lying areas in the barn near the base of the silo.

Nitrogen dioxide begins to form within hours after the

forages are ensiled, with the amount of gas peaking about three days after harvest. From that point, the amount of gas begins to decrease rapidly.

Nitrogen dioxide is harmful because it causes severe irritation to the nose and throat, which can lead to lung inflammation. After low-level exposure to nitrogen dioxide, a person may experience very little immediate pain or discomfort but may later suffer from fluid collection in the lungs that may be fatal. Prolonged or recurring pneumonia-like symptoms can occur two to six weeks after initial exposure. Any person who has been exposed to any level of nitrogen dioxide, for even a short period of time, should seek immediate medical attention.

Decreasing the Risk of Exposure to Silo Gases in Conventional Silos:

Ventilation: When you use a conventional silo on your farm or ranch, ventilation is the best defense against nitrogen dioxide buildup in areas of your barn and the best away to lower the risk to your livestock.

Provide adequate ventilation in and around your silo during the first 72 hours of silage fermentation and for at least two to three weeks after filling the silo.

Keep the door between the silo room and the barn closed.

Consider using barn exhaust fans to blow air into the silo or feed room to decrease quantities of silo gases that may have flowed down the chute.

Timing: Avoid the silo during critical periods when silo gases are forming. Gas concentrations are highest between 12 and 72 hours after filling.

If at all possible, do not enter the silo for two to three weeks after filling because of the high level of silo gases. If you must enter the silo during that time to level silage or set up an unloader, enter immediately after the last load is in and before the fermentation process begins—a period that may be only a few hours. (Follow the same precautions below if entry is required within four to six weeks after filling.)

Prior to entry, run the silo blower for 15 to 45 minutes and

keep it running while you are in the silo.

Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and a harness attached to a lifeline and anchor point.

Always maintain visual contact with a second person outside the silo.

If the level of the silage is low, a silo blower will not provide enough ventilation to dilute the silo gases. Do not enter the silo without wearing an SCBA.

Prior to entering any silo at any time, make sure that the power supply for all unloading mechanisms is locked out.

Personnel: Never enter a silo unless there is another person present outside the silo who can quickly get help if necessary. This person should maintain visual contact with you at all times because if you are overcome by silo gas, you may not be able to call out for assistance.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): If, in an emergency, it is necessary to enter a silo containing silage, the individual entering the silo must wear an SCBA.

Signage: Post appropriate signage warning people of the potential for silo gases. By posting "Danger—Deadly Silo Gas" signs around the base of the silo, you are warning visitors, family members, and workers to stay away from the area.

Additional Recommendations: Keep children away from the silo and adjoining areas during filling and for at least two weeks after. When uncovering the filler opening, stays positioned on the ground and use a rope to pull the cover off the filler opening. Remove the cover several days before you start using the silage. If you begin to cough or experience throat irritation while working near a silo, move to a source of fresh air immediately.

Source: Linda M. Fetzer, Pennsylvania State University
Basal Corn Stalk Nitrate Test

Now is the time to complete the Basal Stalk nitrate test to help manage the nitrogen use on your farm. This is an ana-

lytical test not a predictive test such as soil nutrient sampling, but does help fine tune future nitrogen applications for corn.

The end of season corn-stalk test was developed to help evaluate the N management strategies being used on a field. Corn that has received inadequate N will remove N from the lower cornstalk and leaves during the grain filling period.

On the other hand, plants that have received more N than needed to attain maximum yields tend to accumulate nitrate-N in the lower stalks at the end of the season. Results from this test can be used to help modify and improve N management strategies on the farm in future years. Results are reported in parts per million (ppm) nitrate-N on a dry matter basis. A stalk nitrate-N value below 700ppm is considered to be low, a level above 2000ppm is considered to be in excess and values between 700 and 2000ppm considered to be optimal.

The test and the interpretation of the results is calibrated based on samples taken between one and three weeks after black layers have formed on about 80% of the kernels of most ears.

The portion of the plant sampled is the 8-inch segment of stalk found between 6 and 14 inches above the soil. Leaf sheaths should be removed from the segments and stalks that have been damaged by insect or disease should not be used. Fifteen 8-inch samples should be collected to represent each field.

Samples should be submitted to the laboratory for analysis as soon as possible following collection. Samples should be collected and stored in paper bags and not plastic to facilitate drying and minimize the risk of molding. Ideally stalk samples are split lengthwise in 4 and dried overnight. If the sample will not be submitted to the lab within a day of being collected it should be stored in a refrigerator but not frozen.

Numerous labs provide analysis for this analytical procedure.



The Win-E-Mac Rising Stars Lil Stars got ready to perform during halftime at the home football game last Friday evening.

Random Things and Stuff



I Cannot Imagine Life Without.... Clouds

By: Emily L. Ferden-Melott

How many of you have spent time just looking up at the sky, watching the clouds roll by? Have you looked at the clouds and tried to figure out what they look like? Do they look like certain animals? Do they look like different household objects? My favorite is when you are driving down a dirt road, the fields are full of new crops, and the sky is bright blue with white fluffy clouds. No matter what mood I am in, looking at the calmness of those white, fluffy clouds always puts me in a better mood. That being said, the clouds can tell us a lot of different things. They show us when there is a possibility of rain, a storm coming, and on the other hand, no signs of rain.

My favorite thing about looking at the clouds is remembering back to when I was a child and would sit staring at the clouds. Sometimes they would look so close that I could grab them. I used to imagine being able to float on the clouds, and be able to help turn on and off the rain. The clouds were a sign of happiness and endless possibilities.

I cannot imagine life without clouds. Even though they are technically only a collection of tiny droplets of water or ice crystals, I couldn't imagine looking up at the sky and never seeing another cloud.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

WEM School Menu

Wed. Sept. 21: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Turkey Wrap, Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers, Italian Pasta Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. Sept. 22: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, French Toast, Sausage Links, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Spaghetti, Lettuce salad w/ dressing, Garlic Toast, Fruit Bar, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Sept. 23: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Yogurt Parfait, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Carrots, Celery, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Mon. Sept. 26:: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Pork Riblett on Bun, Seasoned Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Tues. Sept. 27: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Sausage Gravy over Biscuits, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito (lettuce, Tomato, sour cream, cheese, salsa black olives), Fried Rice, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Wed. Sept. 28: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Bites, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thurs. Sept. 29: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Omelet, English Muffin, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Beef & Tomato Cassarole, Corn, Fresh Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Sept. 30: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Sweet Roll, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk Lunch: Sub Sandwich, Lettuce Salad w/dressing, Tomato Slices, Cucumbers, Pickles, Cole-slaw, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Let's all cheer for Homecoming!

Like prom and graduation, homecoming is another highly anticipated event at many schools.

Students may think that their proms and graduation ceremonies mark the last time they will spend time together on campus. But there will likely be many more opportunities for students to proudly wear their school colors and cheer for their alma maters.

Homecoming parades, dances and sporting events offer opportunities for recent grads to return to the hallowed halls of their schools. The origins of homecoming celebrations may be traced to a 1911 football game at the University of Missouri. However, Baylor University and the University of Illinois also take credit for

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WEM School Announcements

Financial Aid Night

For Juniors, Seniors and their parents
Sept. 22, 2016
Financial Aid Night
Presentation by: Northland College Representative
WEM Media Center
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Attention: Sophomores and seniors – Josten's will be here Monday, October 24th to discuss class rings and senior information – sophomores will meet from 2:20-2:40 and senior will meet from 2:40-3:07. Room to be determined. Jostens will be back on October 27th to take orders during lunch hour.

WEM Patriot Decals (\$5) are being sold by the Student Council. You can put them on your car, coffee mug, water bottle, folder, notebook and more. See a student council member, Mrs. Strom, or buy them at a game.

Homecoming shirt orders are being taken until Wednesday. They are \$12 each, return your form with money to a

classroom teacher or 1st hour teacher in the high school.

Congratulations to the entire 5th grade for achieving 52,103 steps in the first MOVE day of the year in PhyEd class. Way to go!

WEM ECFE

Friday 9/16 Fun Friday Playdate! The Wheels On The Bus! Join us in the prek room for school themed learning centers, stories, songs and snacks! 10:30-12 Ages 0-5yrs old

Thurs 9/22 Spirit Night! Join us in the school commons! 6-7pm Meet the cheerleaders, make a spirit stick, learn a cheer! Ages 0-12yrs old Participants are invited to help cheer at the home FB game on 9/23! **Children need to attend with a guardian

Friday 9/23 Fun Friday Playdate! Apples! Make an apple craft, enjoy yummy snack, sing a silly song! 10:30-

12:00 Ages 0-5yr old. Prek room.

Tues 9/27 Meet at the McIntosh Library! 6-7pm A selection of stories for book lovers everywhere, activities and art projects will be provided. Featuring the book "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Books." Ages 0-12 yrs old.

FB Buddies Event! Wed 9/28 6-7pm Meet the football players, stretch, run, kick and throw! Ages 2-8yrs old



WEM Homecoming will be the week of October 3rd

This year's Win-E-Mac Homecoming will be the first with no Coronation. Though Homecoming will continue to be an important event at the school, in August the school board agreed to discontinue Homecoming royalty.

Instead the school will be having the first Bonfire! We are inviting all community members to join us for the Bonfire following the Volleyball Game Homecoming Week at Win-E-Mac 2016 will be from October 3rd – October 7th.

Dress-up days:
Monday – Pun day (Dress like the literal meaning of a pun) **Tuesday** – Scrabble Day (Wear a letter on your shirt) – Volleyball Fans are invited to wear a letter on their shirt and spell out cheers during the game! **Wednesday** – When I grow up Day (Dress as the pro-

fession you want to be when you grow up); **Thursday** – Dress like a Teacher Day; **Friday** – Spirit Day

Best dressed each day gets free entrance to dance. Voted by Student Council

Activities:
Monday: Volleyball at home vs. TRF

Tuesday: Volleyball at home vs. Fertile/Beltrami. Followed by a Bonfire (all are invited to attend)

Wednesday: Junior/Senior Powderpuff and Peach Fuzz Games

Thursday: Volleyball at Twin Valley

Friday: Football home vs. NCW; Dance from 9:00 – 12:00 for grades 7-12; Doors lock at 10:30; DJ is the Undertakers; Price is \$10; Free Pizza and Pop,



Out in the field finding a few ears to take back to school is Heaven Ferguson.



Ben Cymbaluk gathers up an armload of fresh picked sweet corn.



The entire fourth grade class got in on shucking corn that was transported back to school for lunch.



Emelia Boianoff and Zion Holmes at the Vesledahl farm finding the perfect ears of corn to pick.



The fourth grade class had a blast picking corn at the Vesledahl farm last week. The corn was then served for lunch at the school!

homecoming...

Continued from page 4 ... homecoming traditions.

Typically homecoming is the start of a spirit week designed to boost the morale of students and athletes alike. Homecoming also may signal the first game home after teams have been on the road. Homecoming celebrations are often built around football games, but basketball and hockey also have shared the homecoming spotlight.

Homecoming enables current and former students to celebrate and display their pride for their schools. Celebrations may include parades, rallies, speeches, and dances. Homecoming festivities also may serve to have alumni mingle and network with others who have sat in the same classrooms and played on the same fields.

Some schools elect homecoming courts, which include homecoming kings and queens, as well as accompanying princes and princesses. Students who are elected to the court are usually heavily involved in school activities. The court may participate in a parade that includes floats and music from the school's marching band.

Homecoming dances tend to be a culmination of homecoming festivities at the end of the spirit week. Students are welcome to attend, and alumni from past years often show up as well. The dance may include a banquet, in which particular students are recognized for their efforts. Alumni may be asked to deliver speeches or hand out awards.

Homecoming is celebrated across much of North America, among both high school and college students. It is a special time to rekindle relationships with one's school and show off pride in one's alma mater.

Council...

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set the cost of a Hoyer Lift for the facility. He went on to say that the Fire Department will continue to be First Responders for serious medical issues. The cost to the fire department per call is currently around \$100, and the Department is hopeful that the purchase of a Hoyer Lift will reduce the number of calls to Poplar Meadows.

The City will purchase a small piece of property near the water tower for the price of \$1,900. The Clerk will start the process my contacting the City Attorney.

The Council all voted in favor of replacing the carpet in the auditorium of the Community Center. The old carpet will be removed and new carpet installed by Schulz Carpeting for roughly \$10,000. The carpet is still the original carpet from when the building was new.

The Truth in Taxation meeting was set for December 8, 2016 at 7:00pm for all residents of McIntosh.

Councilmember Wanda Stordahl was impressed with the turnout at the Public Hearing for the B-B Café. She said that the Committee is looking into putting signs out along Highway 2 to draw in more business.

A resident came into the



Polar Beach Snowmobile Club members, Curt Bartz, Dominic Kringlen and Darrin Kringlen watch as Ella Langamo trys her hand at the Kiddle Pedal Pull pulling 36'10" last Saturday in McIntosh.

City Clerk's office asking if the City could restart the Welcome Wagon Program again. The Council agreed that the Community Club should be in charge of something like that.

Mayor Strom reported that there was a resident's dog barking for 5 days straight and it resulted in a visit to the residence from the Sheriff's Department.

Due to rain and scheduling issues, the Tractor Pull has been cancelled for this year.

The next McIntosh City Council meeting will be held on October 13, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the McIntosh Community Center.

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>.

Do you have a story to share?

If you have a story, a story idea or any photos you want to share, please send to: mcintoshtimes@gmail.com



Erich Gensburger gives it his best shot at the Pedal Pull last Saturday.



Dawson Olson tried his hand at the Kiddie Pedal Pull last Saturday afternoon.



Who knew Dominic Kringlen was a tractor mechanic? What can't the guy do?



Pulling 23'3" last Saturday was Ella Subert.



On a roll during the Kiddie Pedal Pull is Jayden Gensburger.



Having fun trying out the Kiddie Pedal Pull last Saturday was Lukas Gensburger.



Cora Earls gives the Pedal Pull her best pulling 24' 3".



Jake Wickham had a full pull on his run during the Kiddie Pedal pull sponsored by the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club in McIntosh.



Pulling a full pull last Saturday during the Pedal Pull was Jake Howard.



Nerrick Erickson pulled 37' during the Kiddie Pedal pull in McIntosh on Saturday.



Jumping off the tractor after his pull is Shawn Aannenson.



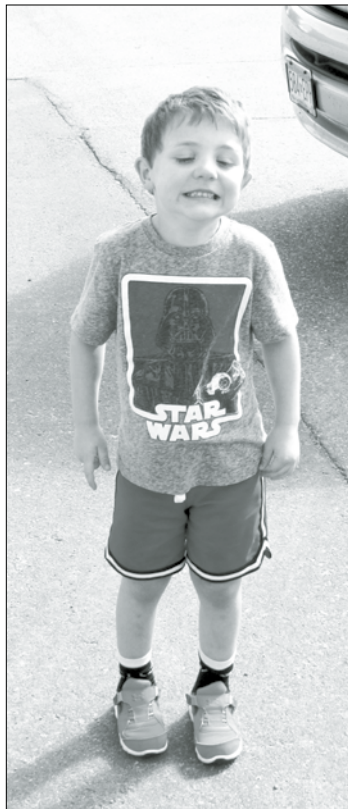
There were many people out and about last Saturday, including Jane Aakhus, looking at all the vendors had to offer during Craft and Market Day in McIntosh.



Tia Wickham made an amazing pull of 48'9" during the Kiddie Pedal Pull in McIntosh.



Pulling 55'3" last Saturday was William Klawitter.



Happy to be out on a beautiful day, was Grafton Langemo, who showed it with a big smile!

Left: Dawson was doing some shopping with his mom, Kelsey Gunafson during Craft & Market Day.



Dave and Wanda Stordahl found some great reads at the book sale at the Library during Craft and Market Day. Toni Epema helps them check out.



Laura Evans (right) stops by her daughters Avon display in the Community Center during Craft & Market Day. Pictured with her husband, Troy is Dara Dyrdal.



Fun at Craft & Market Day



Visiting with customers at the McIntosh Country Store last Saturday during Craft and Market Day was Lee Narum.



During Craft and Market Day last Saturday, McIntosh Senior Living had a great selection of baskets for their silent auction.



A popular place to be was where Judi Lindseth and Melissa Finseth were serving pie and coffee, in the Fire Hall, during Saturday's Craft and Market Day.



Isabella Perrine, with the help of her dad, Levi, picked out a perfect purple pumpkin.



Announcing at the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club Kiddie Pedal Pull last Saturday was Phil Lee, with the help of his son, Silas.



Remar Voxland helps out quite a crowd of pumpkin buyers during Craft and Market Day.



Katie Roed and her girls picked up some great pumpkins last Saturday morning at Craft and Market Day in McIntosh.