



Amy Bartz, Family Service Specialist, Win-E-Mac School, accepts a donation to the Backpack Program from Highway 2 Cruisers car club. The donation was presented by Elmyrna Kaupang and Randy Bruer. The Backpack program provides additional food for children both in elementary and high school that are identified. The students often look forward to the boost of food for the weekend or holiday. The food is child-friendly and is easy for the students to prepare themselves without adult support. If you are interested in learning more about the Program or if you wish to donate monies to assist in underwriting the Program for the Win-E-Mac School, you can contact Amy Bartz, Family Service Specialist, Win-E- Mac School at 687-2236 or D'Wana Carroll, Backpack Coordinator, at Grace Lutheran Church, 687-4035. Checks can be written to the Grace Backpack Program and mailed to Grace Lutheran Church, PO Box 124, Erskine, MN, 56535.

Rising Stars Dance Show

The Community Education Rising Stars Dance show will be held at Win-E-Mac School Art & Event Center at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 13th 2016. \$2.00 adult admission/\$1.00 students with all proceeds going to Win-E-Mac Community Ed.



WEM presents fall play

Win-E-Mac High School will present their fall play, The Beatles Slept Here, by Craig Sodaro on Saturday, November 19th at 7 P.M. They will do a second performance on Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 P.M.

The play is set at the Penny Lane Hotel where reportedly the Beatles once slept when they were passing through. The hotel is operated by the crochety Sgt. Paprika (Hunter Chaput) and his trusty accountant Eleanor Digby (Breanna Carroll). Alaina Juve plays Lizzie, one of the hotel maids. Some of her friends that stop by to visit and organize a raffle are portrayed by Bryce DuChamp, Tyra Wilson, McKenzie Fuller, and Kylie Stuhaug. Their rowdy male “friends” are acted by Micah Olson, Zach Simonson, Eoina Kulikov, and Mason Spry. The chief crook Mr. Mustard (Joe Parenteau) has three young assistants Jinx, Minx and Finx (Jordan Jerdee, Jhana Saeland and Brock Trandem). The law is represented by Johnny B. Goode (Joe Rivier). The villainess Clarabel is portrayed by Olivia Simonson and her skeptical cohort Dr. Robert (Chris Kuznetsov). The four elderly avid Beatle’s fans are brought to life by Maci Hamri, Katelyn Sanden, Aries Qualley and Andrew Hanson.

Please come and support this talented cast. The play is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Englewood, Colorado

Left: Still a mighty hunter, Donna Larson shot this big guy during Deer Opener this past weekend.

Community Veteran’s Day programs this Friday

Win-E-Mac School
The Win-E-Mac School in conjunction with area Veteran’s organizations will be holding a Veteran’s Day program at the high school gymnasium on Friday, November 11th at 9:00 a.m. We are inviting all veterans and community members to attend this very special program. Veteran’s Day gives all of us a chance to honor and thank those who have served and sacrificed in order to preserve our freedom.

The Program Agenda includes: Presentation of Colors; Pledge of Allegiance; National Anthem – Performed by the Sr. High Band; Welcoming Remarks from Lee Hoas; Elementary 4-6 Grade Choir will be singing: “Thank You Veterans” by Teresa Jennings; Guest Speaker ; Senior High Choir will be singing: “We Honor You” by Roger Emerson (Accompanist: Diane Boucher); Quilts of Valor Presentation; HS Band will perform “Marches of the Armed Forces” by Michael Sweeney; Flag Folding Ceremony/Presentation; Recognition of all Veterans/Closing Remarks – Lee Hoas; Taps; Retiring of Colors.

All Community Members are welcome to attend this event.

McIntosh Senior Living
The Annual Veteran’s Day Program will be held at McIntosh Senior Living Nursing Home on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 2:00 pm. There will be a speaker, Veteran’s Day poems, American songs sun, and Quilts of Valor presentation.

All Veteran’s and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend to support the Veteran’s at the Nursing Home. Lunch will be served after the program.

Remembering our Veteran’s

Veterans Day, once known as Armistice Day, was first celebrated on November 11, 1919, the anniversary of the end of World War I. In 1928, the United States Congress passed a resolution for Armistice Day to be an annual observation, and by 1938, the day became a national holiday.

Differing from Memorial Day in May, Armistice Day, which would be renamed Veterans Day in 1954 under President Dwight Eisenhower, pays tribute to veterans who survived various wars. Memorial Day commemorates those veterans who lost their lives.

Americans celebrate Veterans Day, while residents of Great Britain, Canada and Australia celebrate Remembrance Day. Those who want to learn more about Veterans Day can consider the following facts.

· According to the American Community Survey, there were 19.3 million military veterans in the United States in 2014. Of those, 1.6 million were female.

· California, Texas and Florida comprise the states with the largest number of veterans, equalling one million or more.

· Veterans consist of people who served in the military. This includes the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Veterans serve in times of war and peace.

· The word “veteran” comes from the Old English language and means “old, experienced soldier.” The first use of the word was documented in 1789.

· Although many veterans are working, and the average annual income of male veterans is \$37,000, some veterans continue to be unemployed. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the overall unemployment rate for veterans rose to 7.6 percent in



January 2013. The unemployment rate of post-9/11 veterans or those who participated in the Gulf War reached 6.2 percent.

· Upon retiring or being discharged, veterans may need help acclimating to life outside the military. The Department of Veterans Affairs says about 30 percent of Vietnam War veterans have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD.

· Between 1971 and 1977, Veterans Day was celebrated on the fourth Monday in October. It was changed back to its original date, November 11, in 1975 when President Gerald Ford signed bill S.331 into law. The change went into effect beginning in 1978.

· An American soldier was buried at the national cemetery in Arlington on November 11, 1921. His identity was unknown, and the gravesite is known as the “Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.” A guard from the Society of the Honor Guard stands watch over the grave each year on Veterans Day, and the president or another high-ranking member of the government places a wreath on the grave.

Veterans Day occurs each year on November 11, marking the end of World War I. The day has evolved into a celebration and remembrance of the heroism of America’s brave soldiers

Community Calendar

Wed. Nov. 9: 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. Nov. 10: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

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

Mon. Nov. 14: 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. Nov. 15: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm;

Wed. Nov. 16: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; 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. Nov. 17: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Nov. 18: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Nov. 21: 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. Nov. 22: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm



Congratulations to Win-E-Mac Patriots Volleyball team for a great season and your win in the sub-section playoffs.

Open House
50th Wedding Anniversary
 for Del & Audrey Hemmingsen
 on **Sunday, November 20, 2016**
 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 at the **Rodnes Lutheran Church**
 Rural Erskine, MN
 2-1/2 Miles south of the Erskine CHS Grain Terminal
 - No Gifts please, just your presence

VFW Auxiliary #6891 News

The McIntosh VFW Auxiliary #6891 will have their November meeting on Monday, November 14, at 5:00 pm. The 9th District Vice Chairman will be present to inspect the books at 4:15pm with the President, Secretary and Treasurer with the meeting to follow. All members are urged to attend this meeting. Annual dues are also to be paid now and they are \$20 (\$10 is for National and State dues, and the other \$10 is for the Auxiliary Cancer Fund).

Winter Hazard

Awareness Week 2016

The Polk County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management Division is participating in the state-wide Winter Hazard Awareness Week campaign, which will take place November 14th - 18th, 2016. Winter Hazard Awareness Week is promoted by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security Emergency Management. This week allows Minnesotan's an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the hazards we face each winter season. These hazards include dangers from winter weather, dangers from heating sources, and ventilation issues, just to name a few.

Each day of the week has a hazard topic.

Monday is winter weather overview. Minnesota experiences a vast variety of inclement weather conditions during the winter months. In Polk County we are especially prone to experiencing brutal cold, heavy snowfall, and extreme winds. A number of different watches, warnings, and advisories are issued during the winter season. Winter Weather Advisories are issued when winter weather will cause travel difficulties. Winter Storm Warnings are issued for heavy snowfall, or the combination of dangerous blowing and drifting snow. A combination of blowing or falling snow, cold temperatures, and windy conditions can prompt a blizzard warning. Polk County is covered by the National Weather Service's Grand

Forks Office. You can get additional weather information by visiting their website at: www.weather.gov/gf.

Tuesday's topic addresses outdoor winter safety. Whether you are out enjoying

Winter Hazard...
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Community Health Services expands STI screening

HIV, Hepatitis C and Syphilis screening now available

Norman-Mahnomen Public Health and Polk County Public Health are happy to announce that we are offering new services to meet the needs of the community. We are excited to be able to offer HIV, Hepatitis C and Syphilis screening, diagnosis, counseling, and referral for treatment in addition to Chlamydia and Gonorrhea screening.

HIV and Hepatitis C are lifelong, chronic illnesses without a cure. These illnesses left undiagnosed and untreated lead to higher healthcare costs and mortality. Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease that can have very serious complications when left untreated, but it is simple to cure with the right treatment. By offering HIV, Hepatitis C and Syphilis screening at our Public Health Agencies, this will increase access to free testing and identify cases earlier, which will reduce the spread of disease, extend life expectancy, and reduce costs of care. Clients that we serve appreciate having these services available to them locally.

Polk County Public Health (PCPH) and Norman-Mahnomen Public Health (NMPH) remain committed to supporting the continuation and expansion of sexual health/family planning services in Polk, Norman and Mahnomen Counties. The organizations wholeheartedly embrace the importance of partnerships and collaborations that have played a lead role in establishing linkages to facilitate access to services.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Amy Van Den Einder RN, PHN at 218-281-3385 or email at Amy.vandeneinder@co.polk.mn.us.



Mac Community Thanksgiving Service

The McIntosh Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.

The service will begin at 7:30pm and Pastor Karl Anderson will be the speaker.

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise." Psalm 95:2

Please join us for a time of praise and thanksgiving.



A Brief History of Erskine As Told by T. K. Berge from the Saga of the Thirteen Towns, published in 1958.

"The Thirteen Towns in East Polk County were opened for permanent settlement in 1883. Many squatters had lived in this community as early as 1875, and these became Homesteaders.

The Great Northern Railway Co. built their road from Crookston to Fosston in 1888 and the townsites were surveyed and laid out. The land in the section selected as the Erskine Townsite was homesteaded by Martin Rathstock, Daniel Cameron and Ole J. Brenna. Mr. George Q. Erskine, a banker, acquired the Cameron and Rathstock homesteads and he had the land platted as Erskine Original Townsite, Park Addition, and First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Additions to Erskine. He also had the town named ERSKINE. O.J. Brenna had part of his land platted as Brenna's First and Brenna's Second Additions. He also sold many parcels from his land and these were

TAXES DUE

Robert L. Wagner, Polk County Director of Assessment Services, reminds Polk County property owners that the second half of the 2016 Real Estate Tax classified as Agriculture is due by Tuesday, November 15, 2016. Manufactured Home owners are also reminded that the second half of the 2016 Manufactured Home taxes is due by Tuesday, November 15th.

Please include the tax statement stub with your payment. Checks should be made payable to Polk County or Polk County Administrator. Thank you.

The History of Knute Township: The Village of Erskine

plated by the owners who gave their names to the additions. Thus Erskine had about eighteen different Additions.

The land on which Erskine was located lay between two lakes and there were also slough and pot holes, and the dry land was heavily timbered. For these reasons, the first settlers had quite a problem clearing their lots and building streets and roads. In the spring the frost boils would make the roads almost impassable until the frost was out of the ground.

H.T. Gilbertson and G.K. Espeseth established the first Hardware and Farm Implement business in the new town. They also sold the first timber, the first coal and cord wool. Gilbertson was the first Express agent, the first postmaster and the first Mayor of Erskine. O.T. Berge built the first general store in Erskine, THE PIONEER STORE, which he operated from 1888 to 1906 when he passed away.... O.T. Rovang built and operated the first livery and feed barn which he operated until 1905. He also built and operated the Merchants Hotel for a number of years. He had homesteaded in the town of Knute. Gunder and Knut Stenerson built the Stenerson Brothers Lumberyard and they supplied most of the building materials used by the people in the Erskine vicinity....

The Village of Erskine was

incorporated in 1897. H.T. Gilbertson, mayor...

The first school in Erskine was held in O.J. Brenna's house. Later the building on the southwest corner of Main Street or Vance Ave. (its real name) was used as a school house, with Oscar E. Melsnes as teacher. About 1898 a four-room school house was built...

About 1902 the Erskine Creamery Association was formed and H.T. Gilbertson served as the first Secretary and Treasurer. The Creamery was successful from the start and won many first prizes for the fine quality of its butter."

Many other businesses started and were lost in the early days of the rural village including general stores, a jewelry business, a watch repair shop, hardware store, blacksmith shop, restaurants and rooming house. The Johnson restaurant was a very popular eating place and much frequented by cord wood haulers and traveling salesmen. A barber shop and butcher shop were also located within the city limits in the late 1890's and early 1900's

Source: The Saga of the Thirteen Towns

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Nov. 9: Tyler Schow, Lori Johnson, Lyle Evenson, Lynette Espeseth

Thurs. Nov. 10: Travis Plante, Danette Strom, Lorene Tranby, Adam Lundquist, Jenna Schommer

Fri.. Nov. 11: Ruth Carlson, Darrin Faldet, Alice Nephew, Martha Henney

Sat. Nov. 12: Roy Quam, Steven Widman, Andrea Stordahl, Jayden Gensburger

Sun. Nov. 13: Verniz Jore, Betty Morvig, Dustin Faldet

Mon. Nov. 14: Lois Boehrsen, Bev Anderson

Tues. Nov. 15: Elvera Just

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Sun. Nov. 13: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Tues. Nov. 15: 3:30pm Mass at Cornerstone, Bagley

Wed. Nov. 16: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Thurs. Nov. 17: 11:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Fri. Nov. 18: Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Nov. 20: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am 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 Winger/Bejou Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Sun. Nov. 13: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Nov. 20: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) McIntosh Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Sun. Nov. 13: 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. Nov. 20: 11:15am Worship Service

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

Wed. Nov. 9: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Sat. Nov. 12: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Nov. 13: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service

Tues. Nov. 15: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Nov. 16: 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:
 Wed. Nov. 9 7:30pm Bible Study

Thurs. Nov. 10: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. Nov. 13: 9:45am Sunday School; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service

Wed. Nov. 16: 7:30pm Bible Study

Thurs. Nov. 17: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Fri. Nov. 18: 7:30pm Annual Meeting

Sun. Nov. 20: 9:45am Sunday School; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service

Trinity:

Sun. Nov. 13: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School

Sun. Nov. 20: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson
 Sun. Nov. 13: 9am Worship
 Sun. Nov. 20: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Nov. 9 : 7:15pm Bible Study: Old Testament Tabernacles

Sun. Nov. 13: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. Nov. 16: 7:00pm Bible Study: Old Testament Tabernacles

Sun. Nov. 20: 10:00am Worship Service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh Rev. John Anderson, Pastor

Wed. Nov. 9: 2:00pm Ladies Aid; 6:00pm Confirmation

Sun. Nov. 13: 9:00am Worship Service; 10:00am Council Meeting; 10:00am Sunday School

Wed. Nov. 16: 6:00pm Confirmation

Sun. Nov. 20: 9:00am Divine Worship with Holy Communion

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

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First National Bank of McIntosh will be CLOSED on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.

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Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas and welcome to the month of November, and certainly there has to be a lot said about the weather.

We could be in a raging snow storm and temps much colder, but is so wonderful to have the weather we are having.

With the opening of deer hunting this week end and all the hunters that are ready to go to the woods, is going to be a warm and muddy hunt, but I hope you all get your deer and more importantly have a safe hunt.

By this time next week we will have turned our clocks back which means our mornings will be lighter but darkness will come earlier in the evenings. There is something to be said about spring and summer with the long days, but there is also something to be said about the shorter days in the fall and winter where one can find more time to sit back and relax.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MARTHA HENNEY! She will be 96 years young on November the 7th, and is looking forward to many family members visiting with her and helping her to celebrate another milestone. More next week.

Paul and Donna Carlson were visitors and brought supper to the Milton Carlson home on Wednesday the 26th. Kari Ann Keller also was a visitor at the Carlson home that evening.

Last Thursday afternoon Linda Pulskamp and Reha Sanstead were visitors with Marvin Engesether in Plummer and Linda also visited with several former co-workers of hers.

Last Thursday Paul Carlson stopped in at the Milton Carlson home after work and helped Milton with some household duties that needed tending to. Later that same day Kristen Erickson visited with Grandpa Milton.

Last Saturday Linda Pulskamp visited with Nola Abele and Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake at the Abele home in Fosston.

What a coincidence on Thursday the 27th of November, Judy Gieseke brought Wild Rice Soup for dinner and enjoyed it with her Dad Milton Carlson. That evening Paul and Donna Carlson stopped in for a visit and bringing supper with them which was Wild Rice hot dish, none the less it was all very tasty and enjoyed by all.

Last Sunday Lucy Brtek visited with Wilma Wang and Sheldon Lee in Fosston. Lucy stated that they were both having an off day and would return later in the week to visit them.

Judy Gieseke was Friday visitor and dinner guest at the Milton Carlson home.

Dean Johnson was a visitor last Monday with Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake, MN and Nola Abele at the Abele home in Fosston.

Last Saturday Milton Carlson was a dinner guest at the Paul and Donna Carlson home. That evening Milton was a supper guest at the Benesh home of Chris, Sheila, Jade, Vincent, Jasmine and Carson, other guests were Adam, Jessica and Cosette Carlson, Jessica's Mother Missy, Paul and Donna Carlson, Dustin, Mickey and Dusty Wayne Carlson of Fosston.

Lucy Brtek returned to Fosston on Tuesday where she again visited with Wilma Wang and Sheldon Lee finding them both in better spirits and more enjoyable company.

Milton Carlson and Kari and Oliviayah Keller of Bejou were Sunday dinner guests at the Lonnie and Judy Gieseke home.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were last Saturday afternoon visitor with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at

Erskine.

Halloweeners at the Milton Carlson home on Monday evening were Nikki and Dusty Wayne Carlson of Fosston, Sheila, Jade, Vincent, Jasmine and Carson Benesh, Monte, Kristen, Emma, Tory, Mia, and Hadley Erickson of Fertile, Paul and Donna Carlson were visitors and brought supper to the Carlson home.

Jamie, Alex, Tyler, Tony and Justis Brtek of Bagley were visitors this past week with Grandma Lucy Brtek at Lucy's home.

So much for this week, hopefully we can be back again next week, but only with your input.

Happy Hunting to all you hunters.

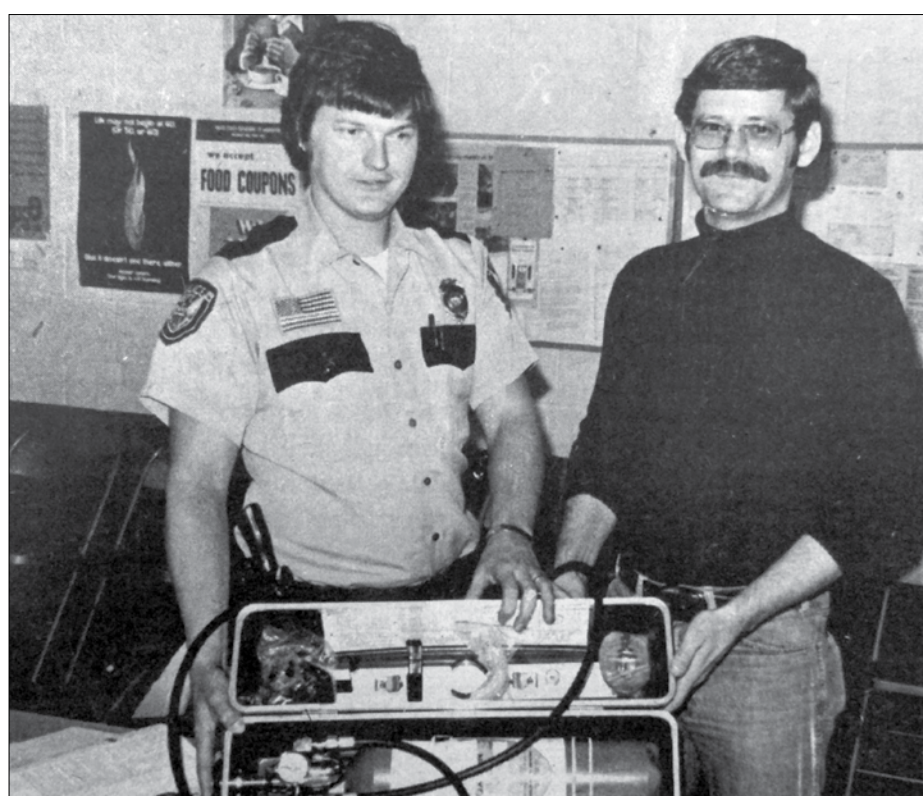
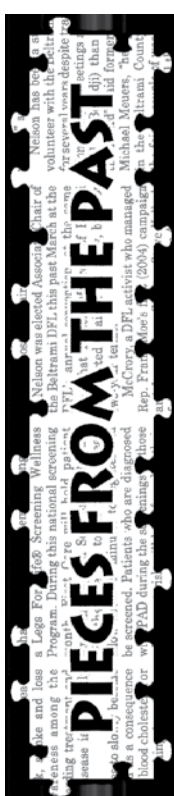
From Bun Manor:

Andy and his son Tommy came up to the manor last weekend to try their luck at deer hunting. No deer were shot by those two but Andy is up for the week and Tom will be back next weekend to try again.

Congratulations to Pete

Winger News...

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40 years ago...1976: McIntosh Chief of Police, Darrel Johnson, and Mac Jaycee President Mik Evenson, are demonstrating the correct use of the resuscitator which the Jaycees have recently contributed to the local fireman to provide 100% emergency oxygen in case of a heart attack, smoke inhalation or other emergencies.



30 years ago...1996: The Win-E-Mac Patriots are going to State. They won the championship in the Regionals against East Grand Forks in three games: 15-4, 15-8 and 15-2. Row 1: l-r: Sheila Olson, Jeanie Votava, Shelly Evenson, Lisa Carver, Nikki Hegg, Sheila Vasend. Row 2: Caren Boucher - Manager, Shari Rolf - Manager, Teresa Hegg, Traci DiMaggio, Becky Jensen, Stacy Sandberg, JoAnne Engebretson. Row 3: Varsity Coach - Mike Roysland, Doug Johnson, Darrell Johnson.



20 years ago...1996: A troop of clowns provided entertainment and treats at the McIntosh Meal Site Halloween party on October 28th. (Center) Linda Sylstad and her assistants (l) Michael Sylstad and (r) Carl Hedlund entertained with jokes, riddles, games and prizes and offered Halloween treats to all the guests.

USDA enrollment for Safety Net in 2017

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini today announced that producers on farms with base acres under the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, can begin visiting FSA county offices starting Nov. 1, 2016, to sign contracts and enroll for the 2017 crop year. The enrollment period will continue until Aug. 1, 2017.

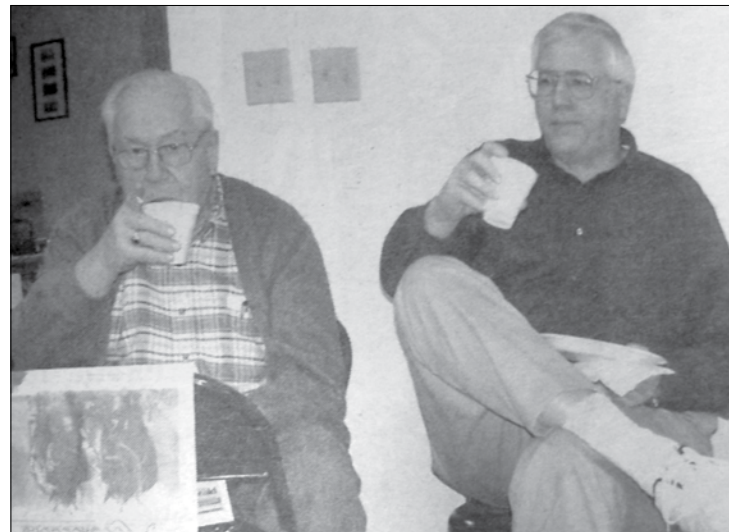
"FSA issued more than \$7 billion in payments in October 2016 under the ARC-County and PLC programs for the 2015 crop to assist enrolled producers who suffered a loss of price or revenue or both," said Dolcini. "Since shares and ownership of a farm can change year-to-year, producers on the farm must enroll by signing a contract each program year. I encourage you to contact your local FSA office today to schedule an appointment to enroll."

If a farm is not enrolled during the 2017 enrollment period, the producers on that farm will not be eligible for

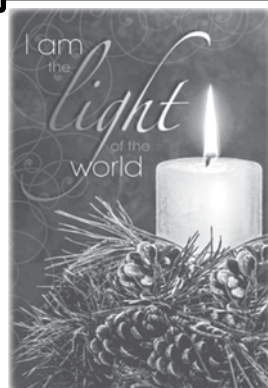
financial assistance from the ARC or PLC programs for the 2017 crop should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program. Producers who made their elections in 2015 must still enroll during the 2017 enrollment period.

The ARC and PLC programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues for covered commodities. Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. For more details regarding these programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.



10 years ago...2006: Father and son have an opportunity for a cup of coffee and a little visit at the McIntosh Community Center for Garden Club. They are Roy and Ray Schleicher.



A Night of Hope & Healing

Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

With the Holiday Season approaching we invite you to join us for an evening of remembrance and encouragement. The service will include a message of love and practical suggestions for the upcoming holidays. Each person attending will be given a specially designed ornament to take home as symbol of your love and precious memories. We invite and encourage **anyone** in the community who has lost someone they love (even if it was not in the last year) to attend.

Kelly Woltjer, Paige Ennen,
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Random Things and Stuff



Thankful for....Freedom

By: Emily L. Ferden-Melott

Along with family and friends, one of the biggest things I am thankful for is freedom. I am thankful that I was born and raised in a country where freedom is possible. Around the world, there are countries that don't have the amount of freedom we have here in the United States, and I think that sometimes we take that for granted.

I am thankful that I get to go to bed each night knowing that I don't need to be afraid of waking up. That there are men and women out there keeping our freedom safe and standing up for our country. I am thankful that in the United States, women have the same freedoms as men do. I am thankful that we live in a country that it is a freedom to marry whom ever you want, be whatever you want, and where equality is possible. I am hopeful that in some point in the future, other countries will be able to be like the United States, and their citizens would have the freedoms we have. Freedom doesn't come free, and it is something we should always be thankful to have and not forget that it could be taken away.

Winter Hazard...

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Thursday's topic addresses indoor winter safety. Some common indoor safety concerns that occur during the winter are monitoring carbon monoxide levels, managing moisture conditions to prevent mold and mildew growth, and minimizing chemical and environmental exposure.

Friday's topic covers winter driving. It is important to ensure that your vehicle has been serviced and is ready to take on the cold weather. A winter survival kit included in your vehicle could be the difference between life and death, in some situations. A winter survival kit should include a bag/container to store food and water, a flashlight, candles, matches, a blanket, and a distress sign to display in the window of your vehicle.

More information on the 2016 Winter Hazard Awareness Week can be found by visiting the Polk County webpage at : www.co.polk.mn.us or by visiting the Minnesota HSEM website at : <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/>

Winger News...

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Aasen on bagging a ten point buck last Saturday northeast of Winger. Also a big Whoopi out too Steve Massmann on his seven pointer he shot.

Bun heard Linda retired from her job. Now she will have plenty of time to write news.

Matthew Massmann, along with Brandon and Angela Bjerknes made their way to Las Vegas, Nevada over MEA break. It had been over a year since the crew was out there, so it seemed like a good time to go. The group got in on Wednesday and stayed at the Planet Hollywood. While in Las Vegas, they were able to enjoy not only the beautiful weather, but also trip around the High Roller Ferris Wheel, which dwarfs the London Eye. They also saw Keith Urban from the front row of the new T-Mobile arena. Culinary highlights included a trip to Gordon Ramsey's Burger (that is not a spelling error) as well as Hash House A Go-Go and a fantastic Italian feast at Batista's Hole in the Wall. Everyone was forced to return to work as the winnings were not massive. A good time was certainly had by all.



Karlle Schow took the cake when she won one of the best costume prizes during the Community Club Halloween Party in McIntosh last Sunday, October 30th.



Another costume prize winner was Tyus Malen at the Halloween Party in McIntosh.



Heidi Smeby had fun playing all the games during the McIntosh Community Club Halloween Party.

Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer

Exercise your privilege to VOTE

On Tuesday, November 8th you will have the opportunity to vote for a new U.S. President, local School Board members and numerous offices which will impact our district and region in the future. Do your research on the candidates to determine what is important to them and where they stand on issues that will affect us. At the November election there will be 5 candidates on the School District ballot for the four year terms. Incumbents for this office include Jim Ferden and Jason Carlson. New candidates include Sarah Strom, Shannon Brekke and Anita Roy. Jim Tadman is the only incumbent who filed for the open 2 year term. Get out and vote!

Inclement Weather

Winter weather will soon be upon us and we will be faced with decisions to close school, dismiss early or start school late because of unsafe weather conditions. The district will use a School Reach system to notify parents when unsafe weather conditions are upon us. We will send out a notification to all numbers you have listed with the school - your home phone, cell phone, email or other means

of programmed communication if such weather exists. If we have nasty weather, please listen to the TV and radio stations and check our school website for emergency weather announcements. We make numerous contacts and visits throughout our district and region to make a concise decision of whether to close school or not. Our first priority is the safety of students.

School Levy

Just before Thanksgiving each of you will receive your Proposed Property Tax Statement/s. The school levy Portion of the Statement for the 2016 Pay 2017 school year will show an increase by approximately 8.9%.

This is due to a three factors: a line item, which affects the levy shows Win-E-Mac will have no Debt Excess (more money than needed in the account to make bond payments) to give back this year because of extra money in the Debt Service account.

It normally will be a negative adjustment of \$33,000. Another factor of the levy will have a double payment this year of an early Bond payment and a Lease payment due which represents \$60,000. The last factor will be the additional excess levy this year passed during the 2015 referendum campaign.

Halloween in McIntosh



Kalli Roy won the pumpkin carving contest during the Halloween Party on Sunday, October 30th at the Community Center in McIntosh.



Remy Goodwin and Erich Gensburger helped out with the games during the Halloween Party in McIntosh.



Playing games and having fun during the Halloween Party on Sunday, October 30th was Liam Schow.



Breelyn Hegre was one of the many kids who dressed up to come and have fun at the Community Club Halloween Party in McIntosh.



Dressed up and ready for some fun times was Mya Strom during the Community Club Halloween Party in McIntosh.



Braylon Hamre enjoyed a treat during the Halloween Community Club Halloween Party.



A treat won by Mason Halstad during the Halloween Party in McIntosh on Sunday, October 30th.

These factors contribute to an increase in school taxes Proposed in your Property Tax Statement.

Another factor to compare is last year's Market Value to this year's Market Value. An increase will affect the amount of tax paid.

Win-E-Mac Playground Committee

The playground committee has been very busy sponsoring fund raisers for the much needed new playground equipment. We hope to run a few small evening meals before some of the better attended basketball games this winter. These fund-raisers will help cover the cost of the new Win-E-Mac School playground which is projected to be built in the summer of 2017. Our pre-school students can no longer use the exist-

ing equipment due to safety regulations. The committee is planning a large raffle/auction event with a meal, at the Erskine Community Center for February 11, 2017. If you would like to see pictures of what the new playground will look like please stop at the school. The students are eagerly waiting to play on new, functional and safe equipment. Thank you for your support with this project!

Wanted

•Our School District will be in need of 2 bus drivers next year. If you know of anyone - male or female who would like to make an average of \$90 a day for 3-4 hours of work, please call or email the District Superintendent. We need to begin the license process soon so it can be completed by the time

school starts in the fall. We are open to the option of having 2 drivers share one route which would give both drivers more flexible time off. Substitutes for paraprofessionals, kitchen help, bus drivers and custodians are always needed also.

If you have any interest in any of these areas, please call (218-563-2900/218-687-2236) or email (rbruer@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us) the Superintendent's Office.

Sports

The Win-E-Mac football has completed their season and volleyball team is in the final stages of play. Let's get out and support their efforts as we move forward into section playoffs. Catch the Patriot Spirit and come out and enjoy the activities and functions of the Win-E-Mac School!