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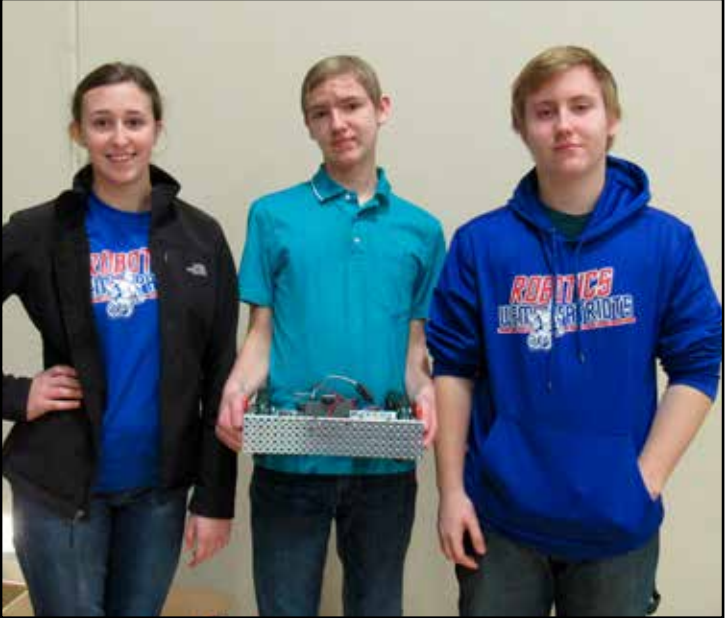
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McIntosh, Minnesota



The VEX Robotic Tournament Runner-up's were Noah Klinkhammer, Alec Kiecker, Emelian Kaya and Noah Bergman a Win-E-Mac Team last Saturday as Win-E-Mac hosted it's first robotics tournament in the new Arts & Event Center.



Lily Breckel, Garrett Erickson and Doug Jackson make up a Win-E-Mac Robotics team that participated in the VEX Robotics and Skills Competition last Saturday at Win-E-Mac School.



Participating in the Robotics tournament and one of 5 teams from Win-E-Mac were Kobe Hamre, Gavin Haskett, and Alex Jacobson.

Looking back: 2016 in review

April:
Polk County Public Health moved into their new McIntosh office in the Bjella Building and hosted an Open House in conjunction with National Public Health Week; The McIntosh Fire Department hosted their Annual Fireman's Ball making it the 126th year the Fire and Rescue Squad has invited the Community to attend and show support to our hard working volunteers on the Squad; Neil's Quality Meats and More celebrated 45 years of doing business in McIntosh with an Open House and drawings; The City of McIntosh had the first Clean-Up week in April, where property owners in the City limits were able to bring items of no use to a location to drop off and be hauled away; McIntosh Heritage and Arts Center hosted Swing into Spring with a Pancake Breakfast and a Silent Auction; Win-E-Mac School hosted their first ever Spring Art Showcase where all the students from kindergarten to Seniors showcased their art projects for the community to come and enjoy;

There was a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction hosted by Base Camp Hope, to offer Veterans who suffer from PTSD and their families a non-fireworks 4th of July camping event; Jump Rope for Heart took place at Win-E-Mac school where elementary school kids jumped to raise money for the American Heart Association; local author Allison Opdahl spoke at the Library about her debut novel, Awakening.
The Win-E-Mac School hosed a spring band concert in the new Arts & Event Center for Community Members to come and enjoy an evening of great music; The McIntosh City Council made the decision to crack down on nuisance properties throughout the City; Win-E-Mac hosted a All-School Choir Concert; Travels to Narnia was the theme for the 2016 Win-E-Mac Prom held on Saturday, May 7th; Win-E-Mac students were awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships at the Academic, Athletic and

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McIntosh VFW Auxiliary Blood Drive set for January 17th

It might look like a winter wonderland at times, but the winter weather is no wonderland for hospital patients who depend on blood to keep them healthy and alive. McIntosh residents are gearing up for a community blood drive to help prevent possible blood shortages in the coming weeks.
"In areas with harsh winter weather, cold weather and storms often keep people from donating blood," says Katie Bartelson, Senior Donor Recruitment Representative of United Blood Services. "With fewer people donating blood, some parts of the country run the risk of having critical blood shortages," Bartelson says. To make sure there is a dependable blood supply locally, VFW Auxiliary Post #6891 of McIntosh has scheduled a community blood drive on January 17, 2017 from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, call Mary Goodwin at 218-563-3827. The blood drive will be held at the McIntosh Community Center. "For those who are out and about and the winter weather hasn't dampened their routine, we invite them to stop by the blood drive and donate blood," Bartelson says.
United Blood Services provides a free cholesterol screening with each donation. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height and weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 and 17 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian.
To help speed up the process, donors can now complete their Health History the day of their donation by visiting www.unitedbloodservices.org.
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Blood transfusions save more than 4 million lives each year. It is estimated that blood is needed every two seconds,



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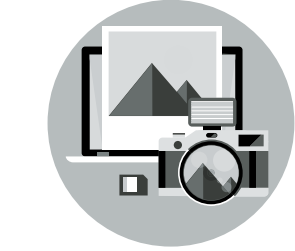
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and that 1 out of 7 people entering the hospital will need blood.
Since blood cannot be manufactured or harvested, it can only come from Heroes like YOU – the volunteer blood donor!
Depending on patients' needs, your blood donation may be separated into several different components that may be used to treat a variety of medical conditions or illnesses.
In fact, the majority of blood is not used by accident victims, but for everyday needs such as cancer treatments, orthopedic surgeries, organ and marrow transplants, cardiovascular surgery and blood disorders such as anemia or sickle cell disease.
Blood is separated into components so that several patients may benefit from one blood donation.
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Be a part of the McIntosh Photography Club

Join a "round table" discussion of photography topics and meet with community members who have the similar interests as you.
Whether you are just a beginner or a seasoned photographer, you are invited to come to an informational meeting about starting a photography club in McIntosh.
The first informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:00pm at the McIntosh Community Center.
There will be discussion on meeting times and frequency



as well as ideas on what the club could do.
The meeting will be hosted by Shane Voxland. For more information you can leave a message for Shane at 563-2151. Hope to see you there!



Breanna Johnson, Delvin Morel, Will Tofstad, Serendipity Holmes and Kolton Crocker made a great team and had a lot of fun during the Win-E-Mac VEX Robotic Competition last Saturday.



There were 24 robots competing from 7 different schools. Win-E-Mac, Fosston, East Grand Forks, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Bagley, and Verndale. Win-E-Mac had 5 teams in the tournament and here, Jarrin Gunderson, Blake Glass, Brekken Lindberg, and Abby Lende make up a team. Each team built their own robot for the competition and they also maintained it throughout the competition.



Community Calendar

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

Thurs. Jan. 12: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; McIntosh City Council Meeting @ Community Center 5:30pm

Fri. Jan. 13: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. Jan. 14: Sewing Day at the McIntosh Community Center 9:00am

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

Wed. Jan. 18: 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. Jan. 19: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Jan. 20: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Jan. 23: 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. Jan. 24: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



Did you know?
According to the American Red Cross, after a person has donated blood, his or her red cells need about four to six weeks before they are completely replaced. That is why organizations like the Red Cross require donors wait at least eight weeks between donations. That is not to be confused with apheresis, a process by which platelets and other blood components, such as red cells and plasma, are collected from a donor. During apheresis, a cell separator is used to collect platelets or other components from blood that is drawn from the donor. The remaining components are then returned to the donor during the donation process. As many as 24 apheresis donations can be made in a single year, though the apheresis donation process, which can last as long as two hours, takes longer than a typical blood donation

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Plasma: The liquid portion of blood that contains proteins that help treat severe bleeding problems.

Plasma isn't transfused as often as red blood cells or platelets, so once patient needs are met, plasma can be sent to manufacturers that make other treatment products such as albumin and immune globulin.

Cryoprecipitate: A component of plasma that contains blood clotting proteins. It is used to treat or prevent bleeding and disorders such as hemophilia or von Willebrand disease. It may also be used as a hemostatic preparation in surgery.

White Blood Cells: Granulocytes are a type of white blood cell that can be collected through apheresis and used for infections that are unresponsive to antibiotic therapy

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Fine Arts Banquet and Awards program; The McIntosh VFW Auxiliary met and installed new officers during the month of May; The Win-E-Mac Senior Class consisted of 38 students who graduated as the Win-E-Mac Class of 2016; Win-E-Mac preschool also held their graduation in May to celebrate the new class of kindergartners; The Win-E-Mac 4th grade class held a Wax Museum Fundraiser and raised money for the Polk County Humane Society; Memorial Day was celebrated in McIntosh with a parade, singing, speeches a white cross ceremony and two beautiful Quilts of Valor given to Veteran's Mark Langemo and Jim Votava.

June:
Oh My...a bear was spotted in the City limits on the south side of McIntosh in early June;

Addressing health care affordability

On Thursday, House Republicans attempted to declare a state of urgency to pass House File 1—premium assistance and health care reform to help folks struggling with skyrocketing insurance premiums and a failing individual market. Unfortunately, House Democrats blocked the measure on the floor.

House File 1 is a top priority for House Republicans, and included in the bill is a premium assistance rebate of 25 percent for eligible Minnesotans for the first three months of 2017, followed by an up to 30 percent premium reduction based on income. If signed into law, the Office of Minnesota Management and Budget would disperse premium assistance directly on a monthly basis to Minnesotans, helping provide financial relief for those struggling to cover skyrocketing health care costs.

In addition, to begin addressing needed reforms to our insurance market, HF 1 includes a number of important changes that would improve

Polar Beach Snowmobile Club
Update

Trails: Josh Bartz reported all trails have been groomed at least once. The Whitetail trail was completed today. Some members had ridden the Winger Trail at night and there are some areas in need of improvement, but overall condition is still positive. One area of concern would be the presence of Horse/Buggy traffic from Amish landowners on the trail. This is a big safety concern for both kids that may be near the trail or for horses that may be on the trail with snowmobiles coming through. Some diplomatic discussion is needed to avoid any dangerous situations in the future. A possible reroute in the future may be a good option as well.

One concern that has come up from speaking with groom-

ers and riders is more signage on the reroute which needs to follow the roadway on the Whitetail Trail. The only viable option is blazers on a temporary basis until spring. The club hopes this is a temporary route anyway. Josh Bartz and Philip Lee will most likely need to address this issue.

The annual fun run set for February 4th with registration beginning at 10 a.m. at the Coop Bar and Grill in McIntosh and the run beginning at 11 a.m. There will be seven stops on the run and the riders will be due back to the final stop at the Club Bar and Grill at 6 p.m. with drawings being held at 7 p.m. Rules will be the same as in previous years and will be posted the day of the event and on posters

Plan ahead
for home purchases
and repairs

USDA Rural Development, a federally funded agency, offers loans for very low and low income households to purchase or build single family dwellings, as well as home improvement loans for very-low income households who already own their homes. Applicants for both programs must meet established income guidelines, have an acceptable credit history and show repayment ability.

Our home loan program offers: no down payment; a current interest rate of 3.25 percent; and a 33 year term. Depending upon your income, your payment could be subsidized making homeownership more affordable.

Already own a home? Our home improvement program for very-low income households offers: an interest rate of 1 percent; up to a 20 year term; and a maximum loan amount of \$20,000. Grants up to \$7,500 may be available to those 62 and older who qualify to remove health and safety hazards from their homes.

To learn more about our requirements, please call the USDA Rural Development Office in Thief River Falls at (218) 681-2843 Extension 4, or write to USDA Rural Development, 201 Sherwood Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. You can also visit the website at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/mn>. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



Thank You

We would like to thank the McIntosh Fire Department for their quick response to our recent fire. We are all extremely fortunate to have a group of individuals in our community that are willing to serve in times of emergencies.

Jim and Larry Ferden M42C

NOTICE

HILL RIVER BOARD OF AUDIT

The Board of Audit meeting of the Township of Hill River, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ray Sundrud hunting shack. (Call 218-435-1029 for directions.) The Clerk's financial records shall be open for review.

Raymond O. Sundrud,
Clerk/Treasurer
Hill River Township M41-42C



Sewing Day
in McIntosh

Now is the time to start anew! Have you been saying you want to start sewing!

Well, Saturday, January 14 starting at 9:00am local ladies who love to gather and sew on their projects together will be gathering at the McIntosh Community Center, bring new and or old projects to work on!

If you are new to sewing there will be plenty of help available! You will need to bring your own machine, fabric, thread, scissors, iron and any other notions you may want!

We do a pot luck breakfast and dinner so bring a dish to share also.

We hope to see you there! And questions call Connie Strom at 563-266 or Lois Boehrnsen at 563-4977. Bring along a friend! All are WELCOME!



Community
Birthday and
Anniversary
Calendar

Wed. Jan. 11: Davin Faldet, Delores Schow
Thurs. Jan. 12: Julie Schow, Amanda Roue
Fri. Jan. 13: *Les & Mavis Finseth
Sat. Jan. 14: Jan Galland
Mon. Jan. 16: Connor Johnson
Tues. Jan. 17: Isaac Schlagel

Bible Study: “Jesus The One And Only”

A Beth Moore DVD 11 week in-depth study filmed in Israel. Led by Debbie Gunderson.

This Bible study is for men and women of all denominations; Everyone welcome!

Held at Dovre Free Lutheran Church, Winger, MN on Sunday Evenings; Beginning January 29th at 7:15 p.m.

Workbooks need to be ordered by JANUARY 15th Please call Debbie Gunderson @ 218-945-6288 if you plan to attend, to get your workbook ordered, and for more information

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MCINTOSH
Thursday, January 12, 2017 5:30 PM
— COMMUNITY CENTER —

CALL TO ORDER:
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
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DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
AGENDA ADDITIONS:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
a. DECEMBER 12TH, 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES
b. TRUTH IN TAXATION – DECEMBER 12TH, 2016
PUBLIC CONCERNS:
OLD BUSINESS:
NEW BUSINESS:
a. LIST OF COMMISSIONERS
b. 2017 COUNCIL MEETING DATES
c. SET DATE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING
d. CITY CODE
e. RESOLUTION – POLAR BEACH SNOWMOBILE CLUB
APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:
COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:
NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:
ADJOURNMENT: M42C

NOTICE

LESSOR TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that filing for the township offices opens on January 3, 2017 and continues until January 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm. Offices to be elected are 1. Supervisor for a 3 year term; 2. Treasurer for a 2 year term.

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. There is a \$2 filing fee.

Albert Plante
Township Clerk M42C



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

Sun. Jan. 15: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's Fosston, 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Jan. 22: 8:00am Confession 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's Fosston, 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

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

Sun. Jan. 15: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Jan. 22: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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

Sun. Jan 15: 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. Jan. 22: 11:15am Worship Service

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

Wed. Jan. 11: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place.

Sat. Jan. 14: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Jan. 15: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service;

Tues. Jan. 17: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Jan. 18: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place; 7:00pm Bible Study at Don & Sharon Ramberg's home

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. Jan. 11 7:30pm Bible Study; Youth Group 6:30pm
Thurs. Jan. 12: 7:00am Men's Breakfast
Sun. Jan. 15: 9:45am Sunday School; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service
Wed. Jan 18: 7:30pm Bible Study; Youth Group 6:30pm
Thurs. Jan. 19: 7:00am Men's Breakfast
Sun. Jan 22: 9:45am Sunday School; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service
Trinity:
Sun. Jan. 15: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School
Sun. Jan 22: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School; 12:00pm Trinity Annual Meeting

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)
McIntosh
Pastor Jill Torgerson
Sun. Jan. 15: 9am Worship
Sun. Jan 22: 9am Worship

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FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlund
Wed. Jan. 11: 6:00p Confirmation Class; 7:15pm Bible Study: Everyone Welcome!
Sun. Jan. 15: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School to follow worship service
Wed. Jan 18: 7:15pm Bible Study: Old Testament Tabernacles
Sun. Jan 22: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School to follow worship service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Rev. John Anderson,
Pastor

Wed. Jan. 11: 3:30pm Confirmation

Sun. Jan. 15: 8:45am Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion

Wed. Jan. 18: 3:30pm Confirmation

Sun. Jan. 22: 8:45am Worship Service; 10:00am Annual Voter's Meeting

Wed. Jan 26: 3:30pm Confirmation

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays



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Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Greetings and Happy New Year from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we once again had a snowy, stormy holiday week end. We had a very stormy start to 2017 and now we are having the brutal cold temps again. Oh well it is winter and we are in Minnesota. Not much we can do about it but complain. It is good for the snowmobilers who have been out and about and of course for those who like to ice fish is making ice.

Word was received here that Mary Lou (Flermoen) Binkins formerly of Winger and now living in Wappapillo, MO passed away New Years Day. Mary Lou had been battling cancer for some time. She is survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins in the area. SYMPATHY TO THE FLERMOEN FAMILIES!

Paul Carlson was a visitor at the Milton Carlson home on the 28th and while there shoveled some snow for Milton.

Christmas Eve services at Calvary Church was very well attended with a full house. There was special music by Lars Krogstad with the candle light ending of the service makes it very impressive. After the Calvary Christmas Eve candlelight service Carol Stordahl and some of her family and friends enjoyed Christmas Eve supper at the Parkview Apartments.

New Years Eve Helmer and Verlys Homme, Walter and Betty Syverson and Sheldon and Rita Trandem enjoyed supper together. After supper Sheldon and Rita Trandem visited at the Pioneer Home with Homme's and all spent the evening playing rook.

Friday the 30th Jade Benesh was a visitor with Grandpa Milton Carlson at the Carlson home, later in the day Donna picked Milton up and they took a drive to Fosston where they had dinner at the new Palubicki's deli.(Is quite a store).

The Bruce Bratager family of Rochester and the Brian Bratager's of Greenleaf were guests during the Christmas and New Year Holiday at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home. Joining them all during the holidays were

Jeff and Julie Bratager and family.

New Year's Eve day Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were visitors with Milton Carlson at the Carlson home. While they were there Lonnie did some snow removal for Milton.

New Year's Eve week end Butch and Linda Pulskamp were house guests at the Donnie Johnson home in Maple Lake, MN and also visited with Mark, Judy, Matt and Jordan Boeckers of Buffalo. Donnie is recovering from recent knee surgery.

Last Friday Lucy Brtek visited with Sheldon Lee and Wilma Wang at there homes in Cornerstone in Fosston. They enjoyed krum kake and coffee. Larry Solberg had made the krum kake and Lucy said "was it ever good".

New Year's Day Paul Carlson was a visitor at the Milton Carlson home bringing fresh cinnamon rolls with him, that he and Milton enjoyed while visiting and drinking coffee.

Manley and Vannie Hillestad of Mahnomen were visitors last Thursday with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home.

Monday Chris Benesh stopped in at the Milton Carlson home and while there he plowed out the yard for Milton and Vincent shoveled off Milton's deck.

New Year's Eve Lucy Brtek and Darlene Sollie enjoyed visiting and supper together at the Lunch Box.

Last Sunday afternoon Walter and Betty Syverson were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home.

Tuesday the 3rd Chris and Sheila Benesh stopped in at the Milton Carlson home, while Sheila and Milton visited Chris did snow removal in Milton's yard.

This is the "happenings" for the past week, and until next week stay warm!

From Bun Manor:

Brian and Elizabeth Massmann shot down to Turton, SD to celebrate Christmas and New Years with her family. While in Turton they got together with extended family and friends to bring in the new

year. They celebrated playing games at the community gym.

Steve and Lorri Massmann rang in the New Year with good friends and food at their house. Joining them and bringing a treat to share were Mark and Teresa Klinkhammer, Dan and Joanne Hertwig and Mike and Kathy Gieskie. Food was enjoyed and Joanne won a card game. Since a New Year was coming in Steve was Ok with that figuring there is always next year to win. Happy New Year to All!

Floyd and Gerri Balstad held a post Christmas dinner for Floyd's boys David, Paul and Dale. David had his wife Shawnn and kids Grant and Everett with him and Dale brought his dog Lucy with him. Floyd must have been in the Christmas spirit because Lucy got to be in the house on a rug. Lucky dog!

They also hosted a New Years eve supper consisting of ribs and meatballs. Guests included Shirley Sonsteli, Pam Wang and Carsten and Joanne Zahl. Elmyrna couldn't make it because of furnace problems and Norm got unexpected company. They enjoyed listening to Shirley and Carsten tell stories of days gone by.

Greg and Linda Anderson came up to the manor after Christmas for a couple of days. Linda made her renowned pheasant dinner again this year with Lars donating some grouse breasts. Guests included Dale, Panzer, Stue, Scrappy, Lars, Big Brad and Mark and Shelly Broden. Ole forgot about the gathering and he ended up going to Ada to pick Mickey Vesledahl and drive him back to Winger. Mike had to leave his vehicle in Ada to get fixed. It is very uncharacteristic like for Ole to miss out on a free meal.

Friday, Dec. 30th Jay Bob's sister Lori, his parents Donnie and Sylvia and brother Jim came out to the manor with cake and food to help Bob celebrate his 50th birthday.

New Years eve. Bun met Susie and Dave Christianson, Mark and Shelly Broden and Ole at the Lunch Box (the Depot) in Winger for supper. Dave was sporty enough to buy everyone their meal. What a nice way to bring in the new year. Bun knows he is getting old when he went directly home after the meal.

New Years day, Craig and

Laura Kotsmith along with their children Anna, Clairra, Eli and Estelle came and visited uncle Tim. They had to leave earlier than planned on Mon. due to the weather conditions. Little two year old Estelle took a liking to uncle Tim who thought that was pretty special. Too little time but better than nothing.

Tim talked to his sister Linda on the telephone and she told him that her and Odney were adjusting nicely to their winter home in Palm River Az. They will be there until the end of March.

Ole enjoyed dinner and spending sometime at his sister Julie and her husband Paul's home on Jan. 2nd. His nephew Kain and his wife Hunter along with his niece Kassi and her friend Myra were also there to help bring in the new year.

Applications for Conservation Stewardship

Starting in November 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will accept and process applications for enrollment in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), the nation's largest conservation program. Applications will be made available in local service centers.

NRCS has made several updates to the program this year to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natural resources. New methods and software for evaluating applications will help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These new tools also allow producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process.

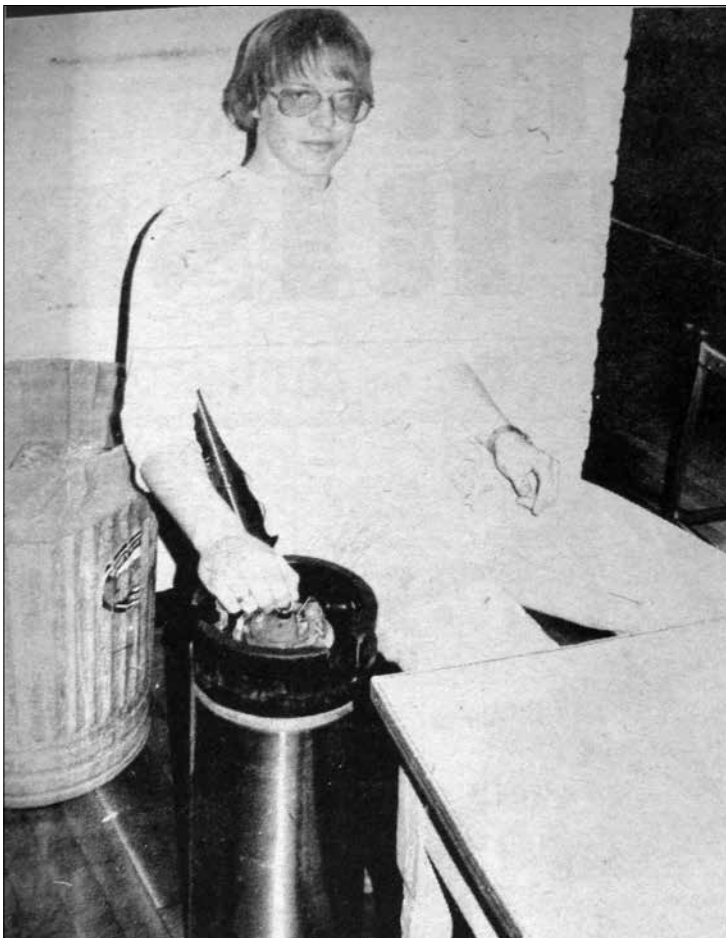
"This year, the Conservation Stewardship Program provides even more opportunities for conservation and greater flexibility at the local level to prioritize resource concerns and conservation approaches," says Cathee Pullman, State Conservationist. "Customized CSP tools for Minnesota will improve the customer experience during application evaluations."

NRCS offices will begin processing applications for the program on November 14, 2016, with sign-up running through February 3, 2017. People interested in the additional opportunities the updated CSP will offer can find information on the new CSP portal, located at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp>. This one-stop shop, which provides information to help producers determine whether CSP is right for them, will be continually updated as more information becomes available. Changes that producers can expect to see include nearly double the enhancements and conservation practices offered and better reporting tools to tell producers the results of their conservation efforts on their land.

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively

USDA..

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40 years ago...1977: Scot Hero, Tim Anderson, plays with a new "toy" in the lunch room, between halves at the Girl's Basketball game last week when the Lady Scots won 47-32 over Gonvick.



30 years ago...1987: The cast of the one-act play "When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet". (front row) Janie Otava, Laurie Carlson, Paula Weseman (back row) Sonja Borud, Sheila Asend, Lesa Carlson.



20 years ago...1997: McIntosh City Clerk, (center) Ann Lohse, watches while newly elected members of the McIntosh City Council, (l-r) Ron Lemer and Mark Thompson, sign the Oath of Office. Lemer will serve a two year term on the Council and Thompson was elected to the council for a four year term.

Regional Ag News

Ray Bisek,
Extension Educator

New Polk and Clearwater County Ext. Educator Hired

On January 9th, Eli Gindele will be assuming duties as the Extension Educator in Polk and Clearwater Counties with emphasis in Agricultural Production Systems/ Home and Community Horticulture. I encourage farmers, homeowners, and members of our local communities to welcome Eli to the area as he starts his new duties with the U of M Extension Service. The two counties are continuing to support the position on a 60% basis, the same as when Mr. Jim Stordahl worked before his retirement last June. As of this writing I'm not sure what Eli's scheduled office hours will be in McIntosh and Bagley but feel free to contact him at 218-563-2465 (McIntosh) and 218-694-6151 (Bagley). I would encourage calling first before a visit because of the part-time nature of the position and the dual offices. You may also be able to reach him on the Extension Cell at 218-280-1129.

I thank you for your support, visits, and calls while I worked the Interim position and encourage you to continue to utilize the resources your University of Minnesota and Counties bring to you. I will continue on as the Interim Extension Educator for a couple of more weeks to help orientate Eli in his new position. As I leave this position, I will be focusing some of my available time, working with landowners/producers through the Mahnomen Soil and Water Conservation District. Again thank you for your support.

U of M Extension launches new soil management and health website

Balancing the economic and environmental benefits of soil management strategies can be a challenge. U of MN Extension Crops team has launched

a website that offers research-based resources to help producers improve soil and crop productivity, while minimizing environmental risks. The website, Soil management and health, features articles and videos in three primary sections:

- **Soil properties** – includes descriptions of Minnesota soils and how they are formed, the importance of soil structure and the roles of organic matter and soil biology in building structure.

- **Tillage and soil management** – includes resources for reducing soil compaction and erosion, managing crop residue, and evaluating tillage systems.

- **Cover crops** – includes discussions on the benefits of cover crops and resources for selecting, establishing and maintaining them.

- **Soil fertility** - provides a direct link to the U of M Extension Nutrient management website, which houses current crop fertilizer suggestions and data from the University of Minnesota.

The website also includes presentations, an A to Z library to find topics more easily, and links to other University soil websites.

Visit the new Soil management and health website at z.umn.edu/soil.

Source: by Phyllis Bongard, U of M Extension

Engenia Herbicide Recently Registered by EPA

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has registered Engenia, a low-volatility formulation of dicamba from BASF. Farmers who are anxious to take advantage of the new dicamba-tolerant herbicide trait in soybeans now have another herbicide to choose from.

Both BASF's Engenia and Monsanto's XtendiMax herbicides are new technologies

with chemistry that helps to control volatilization and thus off-target – off site damage to other crops that are susceptible to injury by dicamba herbicide. Remember damage to susceptible crops is not only by volatilization though but also by particle drift.

Engenia's registration is a two-year conditional registration from EPA, which is contingent upon farmers using both proper drift mitigation measures and resistance management tactics. Current registration allows only one nozzle and no tank mixes. Adjuvants are very limited. Some of that may change before or during the growing season, so producers should stay current on the law. Boom height maximums, spray volumes, and downwind buffers, wind, weather conditions is other language requirements important for producers to heed.

Nozzles: Get to know your nozzles better than your wife! Just kidding but a couple of weeks ago I did mention looking at human capital investment when analyzing the farm business. I encourage producers to become up to date on nozzle technology. The weed control technology is changing due to resistant weed issues in many soybean fields. Recommended nozzles and required nozzles provide the spray coverage and a reduction in drift potential that is needed with the various herbicide systems producers might use on their soybean acres. Five years ago ninety five percent of the acres were glyphosate resistant technology. Today we have a mix of conventional, glyphosate, Liberty Link, and Xtend soybean genetics and probably in a year Enlist trait will be added to the mix. Thus its very important to use the right nozzle with the right herbicide.

With all pesticide use, read and follow the label.



10 years ago...2007: Members of the Win-E-Mac One Act Play are (back l to r) Cassey Hyde, Marissa McWilliam, MarJenna McWilliam, and Jake Hertwig, (middle) Nicole Gieseke, (Front l to r) Samantha Gagner, Alyssa Tranby, Casey Nornes and Lisa Buchholz.

Random Things and Stuff



Favorite Household Cleaners

By : Emily L. Ferden

With the Holiday's over, I am sure I am not the only one who feels like a clutter-bug. Taking down the decorations, and trying to re-organize everything back to the way it was before decorating is almost an all-day ordeal.

Having to travel to see loved ones and living out of a suitcase, or hosting loved ones at your house, things have been left for 'later'. At least at my place, there are things I have waited to get done until I was done traveling and being around loved ones. These things include really deep cleaning and organizing again after the hustle and bustle of the Holiday's.

In this article, I have come up with a list of my favorite household cleaners I use when I deep clean my place.

1.Lysol Disinfectant Wipes: These are my go to for almost everything! I think I use them at least once a day. I like that they are a cloth and disinfectant all in one to wipe up any mess and also disinfect the area. I use these on all of my counters, the stove, and the

sinks.

2.Swiffer Dust & Shine: This stuff is amazing on all of the old wood ledges around my place. It really polishes up the old wood and makes it shine like new. I like using this stuff on all of the window ledges, dressers, TV stands, bookshelves, and desk.

3.409 Carpet Cleaner: Even though this stuff is great for cleaning up spills that end up on the carpet, I also like to use it just to freshen up the carpet once in awhile. I spray this stuff down on my indoor/outdoor mats, rugs, and carpet before I vacuum. It really makes the old carpet in our place smell and look a lot cleaner.

4.Scrubbing Bubbles Mega Shower: This is my favorite stuff to use to clean the shower and tub. Not only is it fun to watch the foam, but it really makes the shower look brand new. I like that the foaming bubbles do basically all of the work, and you hardly have to scrub to make the shower look spotless.

5.Windex Glass Cleaner: An oldy, but a goody; this stuff really makes the mirrors and windows spotless. If there is one thing that annoys me, it is streaks that are left after cleaning the windows. Thank goodness this stuff has never left streaks when I have used it!

6.Clorox Anywhere: This spray is another one of my favorites to use on hard surfaces. This disinfects and cleans the

surface, but the reason I don't use it as often is because the Lysol wipes are more convenient. When I have the time to get all the cleaning rags and towels out, this is one cleaning spray I definitely use.

7.The Works Toilet & Shower: Now this stuff, I don't use in the shower as often as I use the Scrubbing Bubbles cleaner. However, I use this in the toilet to clean all the germs away. This is the one thing I have found to really get the toilet clean no matter what.

8.Lysol Disinfectant Max Cover: This handy spray has a wide nozzle on the bottle to cover more areas. I really like to use this stuff on furniture, bedding, carpet, and anywhere I feel that needs a little freshening up. I recently started using this stuff, and I really love it!

9.Pine Sol: I like using this to clean the floors. It might be because I grew up with my mom using it, but the smell is comforting to me as well. After cleaning the floors and smelling the Pine Sol, it gives me a sense of being home with my family. It not only is a comfort, but a great cleaner.

10. Bleach: Finally, a very oldy but a goody. I like using bleach when I need to really deep clean areas. Normally, I use this first before using the scented products. The only downfall about bleach is that it stains clothing. So someone being clumsy, like myself, really needs to be careful when using bleach.

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managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, ecologically-based pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat – all while maintaining active agriculture production on their land. CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and new management techniques such as precision agriculture applications, on-site carbon storage and planting for high carbon sequestration rate, and new soil amendments to improve water quality.

NRCS has addressed producer and stakeholder input requesting greater flexibility to address local resource concerns. Now, NRCS will more effectively utilize input from farmers, ranchers and partners in State Technical Committees and local workgroups to inform and expand conservation strategies under the program. Producers will be better prepared to apply because they will know these local ranking priorities and targeted resource concerns in advance.

CSP is for producers who are already established conservation stewards, helping them to deliver multiple conservation benefits on working lands, including improved water and soil quality and enhanced wildlife habitat. Information about CSP, including national and state ranking questions and enhancement descriptions, is available at www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp Producers interested in the program should visit their local USDA Service Center to submit an application.

Since 2009, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect over 400 million acres nationwide, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conser-

vation improvements, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water and enhancing wildlife habitat. For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit <https://medium.com/usda-results> off-site link image

Individual Artist \$1,500 grants deadline near

The application deadline for Individual Artist Grants for \$1,500 from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NW-MAC) is January 15, 2017. Applications are being accepted in our seven county service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties in Minnesota. Individual artist grants are awarded to individuals in our region in performing, visual, media and creative writing arts. To be eligible you must be out of high school and at least 18 years of age. College tuition is not an eligible expense.

What is a typical project? Often, grant proposals are to buy items that directly relate to your art like upgrading an instrument or replacing worn out visual art equipment. Sometimes proposals are to attend a workshop that is important for your artistic growth then create a new body of work as a result of that learning. Some grants are to allow artists to create a new body of work, then promote and showcase the result.

What is hard to get funded? It is difficult to receive funding for items that are part of daily life like computers, printers, cameras, cell phones, etc. It is also difficult to receive funding to travel to destinations for art training that have the appearance of a vacation. It is difficult to receive funds to start a new arts medium since your current work sample is

important to the application process and must show work within the medium you are applying.

Can I pay myself while I work on my project? Yes, the McKnight Foundation encourages established artists to be able to use grant funds to pay themselves to work on the project. If awarded a grant, however, careful tracking needs to occur on the form provided. If awarded, all receipts for expenses need to accompany the final report or full or partial funding will be returned including the completed time tracking form.

Support for our Individual Artist Grant program comes from the McKnight Foundation. The McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis awards the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council \$70,000 annually to provide grants and services to artists. Please see the McKnight page on our website under About Us that provides a summary and links to this programming. To see if you qualify for this grant visit the grants link at www.NorthwestMinnesotaArtsCouncil.org/grants or call 218-745-9111 or email mara@nwrdc.org.

WEM School Announcements

Students interested in clay target league this spring, please sign up in the office. Students in grades 6-12 can participate as long they have their firearms safety completed.

There will be a clay target league meeting for students interested on Wednesday, January 18th during homeroom.

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

Blood Donation Facts:

Blood donations remain an urgent need. The Central California Blood Center says 75 percent of all Americans who reach age 72 will need blood in their lifetimes. Around 97 percent of people will have a friend or loved one who will need lifesaving blood. The American Red Cross says more than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day, and a total of 30 million blood components are transfused each year in the United States alone.

Various surgeries, from joint replacements to bypass surgeries, require several pints of blood. Car accident victims may require as much as 100 pints of blood.

Unfortunately, blood cannot be manufactured in labs, so hospitals and medical centers rely on blood donations to meet their blood needs. But donation centers often fall short of their needs, which only highlights the important role donors play.

According to the Red Cross, only 10 percent of the nearly 40 percent of the population eligible to donate blood actually does so. That may be due to misinformation or even fear about the process. A whole-

blood donation takes between 45 and 60 minutes, but the actual blood donation lasts only 10 to 12 minutes (the rest of the time involves preparation and recovery). Donors are typically given a brief physical exam, which includes checking temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and hemoglobin to ensure it is safe for donors to give blood.

The Mayo Clinic Blood Donor center says a person can donate whole blood as frequently as every 84 days.

Specific blood components also can be donated, such as red blood cells, platelets and plasma. These donations may occur more frequently and the process is called apheresis. Since many donated red blood cells and platelets must be used within days of collection, new donations are in constant need.

One blood donation can save the lives of up to three people. The Red Cross notes that donors who begin donating blood at age 17 and donate every 56 days until they turn 76 would have donated 48 gallons of blood, potentially helping to save more than 1,000

lives.

While all blood types are needed, O-negative blood is in the highest demand. That's because this blood can be given to people of all blood types, and is often relied on in emergency situations when a patient's blood type is not yet known. Only 9 percent of the U.S. population has type O-negative blood, making these donors even more valuable. People with AB-positive blood type are universal donors of plasma. There is always a great need for donors that are Rh-negative as well.

Donating blood is a relatively easy process that has countless rewards. Investigate mobile blood donation drives or centers that handle blood donations nearby, or visit www.redcrossblood.org for more information.

Story to Share?

If you have a story or photos you want to share,

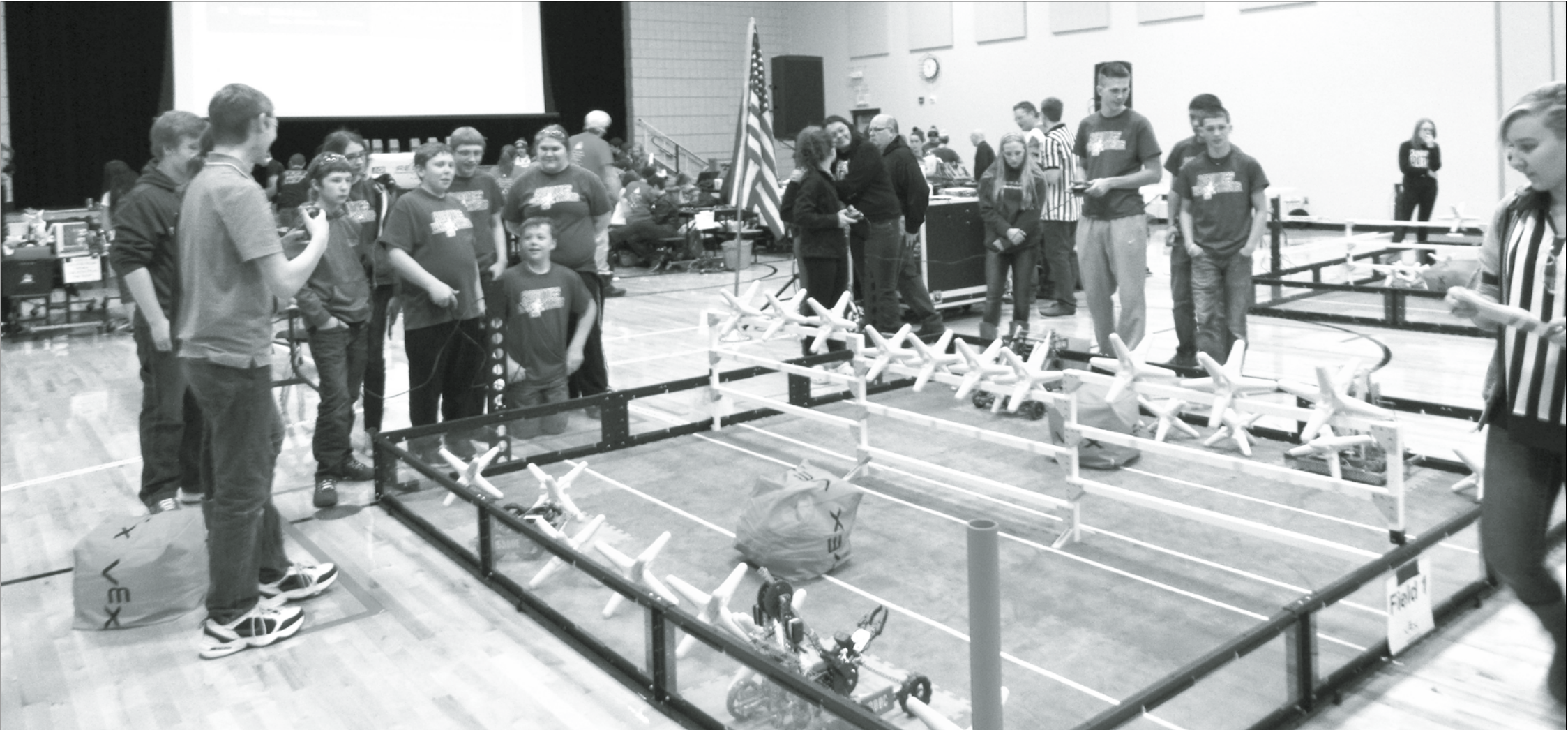
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Win-E-Mac Robotics team members ready for a match during the VEX Competition held at Win-E-Mac School last Saturday.



Two Win-E-Mac Robotics team members team up with two Fosston Robotics team members during a competition last Saturday at Win-E-Mac School.



Part of the fun of having more than one Robotics team at school is you get to go head-to-head with your classmates during a Robotics competition. Here it is Win-E-Mac vs. Win-E-Mac!