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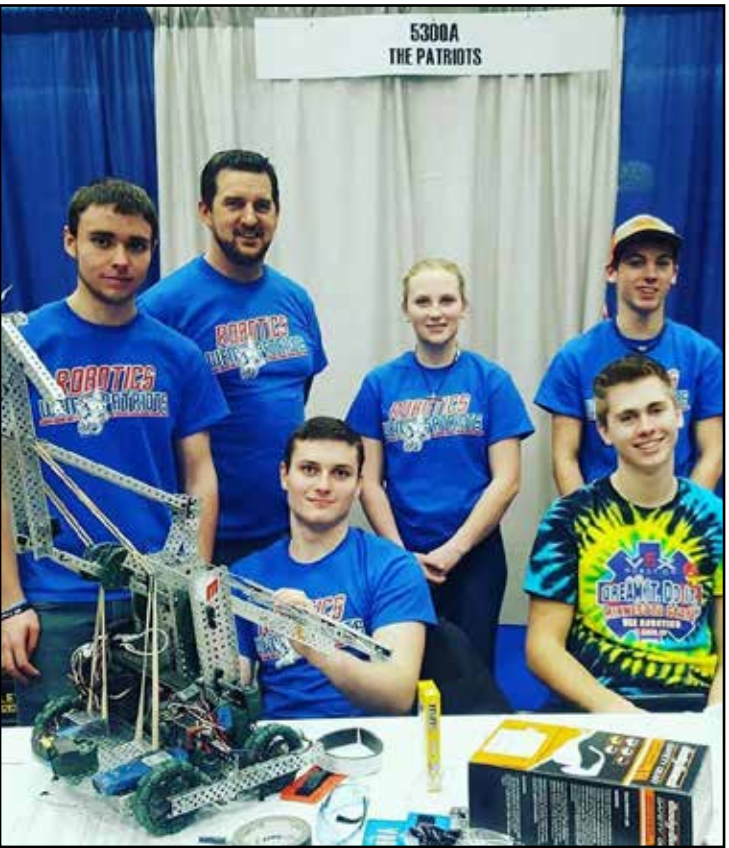
Hub of the Thirteen Townships



McIntosh, Minnesota



The Win-E-Mac Robotics teams headed to the State competition with their coach Nathan Johnson.



Win-E-Mac's Robotics team with Coach Nathan Johnson.



Win-E-Mac Robotics teams headed to state last week.



Hoopman & Kaiser House Fire Benefit

On Sunday, February 19, 2017 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm there will be a benefit for R.C. Hoopman and Jasmine Kaiser at the Great Northern Bar in Bagley.

There will be a spaghetti dinner with a free will donation, a silent auction, bake sale, raffle items and much more.

On January 8, 2017, Jasmine Kaiser and R.C. Hoopman lost their home to a fire. Luckily, Jasmine, R.C. and their animals were able to escape safely.

The house was a complete loss and they only escaped with a few of their belongings.

On top of the devastating fire, due to the recent closing of the B-B Cafe in McIntosh, R.C. is currently without work.

Due to the financial difficulties already going on, they had no house insurance as they could not afford to keep up with the expenses they were incurring.

As they are trying to rebuild their lives, literally from the ground up, please consider donations, help and prayers as they continue through a very difficult time in their lives.

They are in need of cash donations, household items and prayers to heal from this tragedy.

If you are unable to make it to the benefit, there is a GoFundMe page set up as well, you can search with their names to find it.

McIntosh Blood Drive results are in

A total of 57 people volunteered to donate blood, and 46 were able to give during McIntosh's January 17th blood drive. Seven people gave blood on the automated 2 RBC machines that collect two units of red blood cells which resulted in 53 total products. Every community and everyone within each community has a stake in an adequate blood supply. To meet the needs of local patients, United Blood Services needs to recruit 250 blood donors every day! Blood will be available only because of blood drive sponsors, coordinators, and volunteer donors. Blood donors are eligible to donate blood every 56 days. There was one person who volunteered for

their first time!

Mary Goodwin coordinated the drive and the ladies VFW Auxiliary of McIntosh sponsored and assisted with recruiting donors, publicity, providing refreshments, and registering donors. Others who assisted the day of the drive were: Garnet Aanenson, Jane Aakhus, Carole Burslie, Patti Benson and Wanda Olson. Space to hold the drive was provided by the City of McIntosh at the Community Center.

The blood collected at this drive will help meet the needs of patients in 68 hospitals served by United Blood Services in this region. Blood is for sharing; you have truly given the "Gift of Life".

Valentines traditions from around the world

Valentine's Day is celebrated across the globe. Come Valentine's Day, candy, flowers and other gifts are exchanged between sweethearts in one of the many traditions associated with the holiday.

The origins of Valentine's Day are largely unknown. Some suggest Valentine's Day was initially a way to honor St. Valentine on the anniversary of his death.

Others believe it was the Christian church's way of Christianizing the Pagan celebration of Lupercalia, a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture.

Regardless of its origins, Valentine's Day is now celebrated by millions and is one of the retail industry's most lucrative shopping holidays.

Many different traditions can be linked to Valentine's Day. Here is a list of the interesting ways Valentine's Day is celebrated across the globe.

South Korea

In South Korea, men get to enjoy the spotlight on Valentine's Day, as women bestow gifts of chocolate on them. In return, a month later men reciprocate with gifts for women on White Day.

South Koreans take Valentine's Day a step further on Black Day, which falls on April 14. This is an opportunity for all single people who may not have received Valentine's Day gifts to gather at restaurants and eat a dish called "black noodles" as they celebrate their singleton status.

Denmark and Norway

These Scandinavian countries didn't really celebrate Valentine's Day until recently, but have now put their own spin on the traditions.

Men write funny poems or rhyming love notes called Gaekkebrev and send them to women anonymously.

Women must try to guess their admirers by counting dots that are put on the note that correspond to the number of letters in the man's name.

Estonia

In Estonia, Valentine's Day is a day more devoted to friendship than romantic love. It is

called "Sõbrapäev" in Estonian, which translates to "Friend's Day." Cards and gifts are exchanged among friends.

Wales

In Wales, Valentine's Day is not celebrated. Rather, the Welsh commemorate St. Dwynwen's Day, who is their patron saint of lovers on January 25. It is customary to gift love-spoons, a tradition that likely stems from the practice of sailors carving intricately decorated spoons of wood and presenting them to women they were interested in courting or marrying.

France

Considered to be one of the most romantic countries in the world, France can be an ideal place to participate in Valentine's Day traditions.

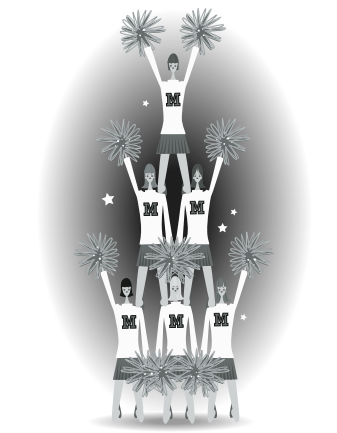
The French have an old custom called "une loterie d'amour," which is a drawing for love. Single men and women of all ages once entered houses that faced one another and took turns calling out to one another to find romantic matches.

The men could refuse the match and leave the woman looking for another man to call on. Women who were not paired up would light a bonfire and damn the men who rejected them. The French government eventually banned the practice because of rowdy crowds.

Italy

Italian lovers celebrate Valentine's Day in much the same way as Americans. One interesting Valentine's tradition in Italy is locking padlocks to different structures, which is called "Lucchetti dell'Amore (locks of love)."

Couples attach the locks to bridges, railings and lamp posts, inscribe their names and throw away the key. The action suggests the couple will be together forever.



Spirit Night!

The Win-E-Mac Cheerleaders would like to invite anyone ages 2 to 12 years old to learn cheers and create a spirit stick with them along with face painting. Children must be supervised by an adult.

Those who attend will receive free admission to the boys' basketball game that night. They will also be able to do some cheering with the cheerleaders during the game!

Join the WEM Cheerleaders on Friday, February, 10th in the Commons area starting at 6:00pm.



Community Calendar

Wed. Feb. 8: McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's

Thurs. Feb. 9: 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 5:30pm @ Community Center

Fri. Feb. 10: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Feb. 13: 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. Feb. 14: ♥Valentines Day!♥ McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Wed. Feb. 15: 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; McIntosh Photography Club 7:00pm @ Community Center

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

Fri. Feb. 17: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Feb. 20: 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. Feb. 21: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



The McIntosh High School Class of 1966 during their class reunion last summer.

Medica announcement good news for NW MN

Representatives Dan Fabian, R-Roseau, and Deb Kiel, R-Crookston, are encouraging northwest Minnesota residents to explore new health insurance options available beginning Tuesday morning as a result of Medica's decision to re-open enrollment for 2017 due to lower-than-expected re-enrollment of previous customers. Medica previously met its approved enrollment cap in November, but opened new slots Tuesday morning.

Included in Medica's options is the Medica Altru plan, which covers a large number of hospitals and providers in northwest Minnesota in Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties. A list of hospitals

covered through the Altru plan is attached, and will be available on Rep. Fabian and Rep. Kiel's website.

"This announcement is good news for northwest Minnesota residents," said Rep. Dan Fabian, R-Roseau. "Many folks may be planning to skip coverage for 2017 due to poor network access—I hope they will take a look and see if these newly-available plans make sense financially and logistically for your families."

Last week, the legislature passed the health care relief bill that provides a 25% premium discount for 2017 coverage. MNSure has since extended the open enrollment period through Wednesday, February 8 to give Minnesotans more

time to shop around. A separate, special enrollment period for 2016 Blue Cross or HealthPartners customers who lost coverage for 2017 can still enroll through another insurer through February 28 for coverage effective March 1.

"This news gives residents in our area additional choices for their 2017 health care," added Rep. Deb Kiel, R-Crookston. "I encourage everyone to look at these new options, and hope this can help provide an affordable coverage option."

Medica policies are available for purchase only through MNSure. Fabian and Kiel encouraged anyone with questions to contact their offices for assistance.

Safety should come first when using space heaters

Space heaters can be a convenient way to add heat to your home in cold weather. But they can pose serious fire and electric shock hazards if not properly used.

The Minnesota Commerce Department advises that safety should be your top consideration when using space heaters.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that more than 25,000 residential fires every year are associated with the use of space heaters, resulting in more than 300 deaths. An estimated 6,000 people receive hospital emergency room care for burn injuries from contact with the hot surfaces of room heaters, mostly in non-fire situations.

Small space heaters can sometimes be a less expensive way to heat one room in a home. They can also boost the temperature in rooms used by individuals who may be sensitive to cold, such as the elderly or someone with a serious illness.

Follow these guidelines when buying or installing a

small space heater:

- Only purchase a new model that has all of the current safety features. Make sure it carries the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) label.

- Choose a thermostat-controlled heater to prevent energy waste.

- Select a heater of the proper size for the room you wish to heat. Do not buy an oversized heater.

- Locate the heater on a level surface away from foot traffic. Keep children and pets away from it.

Combustion space heaters

Unvented combustion space heaters that use fuels such as kerosene, heating oil, propane, charcoal or white gas are extremely dangerous and illegal to use in a confined space. They pose deadly carbon monoxide and fire hazards.

Vented combustion space heaters are designed to be permanently located next to an outside wall, so a flue gas vent can be installed through the wall or ceiling to the exterior.

Look for sealed combustion or "100% outdoor air" units,

which have a duct to bring outside air into the combustion chamber. They are much safer and operate more efficiently.

Proper installation, venting, fuel supply and spacing from walls and furniture are essential for safe operation. Follow the manufacturer's safety instructions and have the heater professionally inspected every year.

Electric space heaters

An electric space heater may be more expensive than a combustion space heater, but it is the only unvented space heater safe to operate inside your home. While avoiding indoor air quality and safety concerns, it can still pose burn and fire hazards. Follow general safety guidelines:

Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Always check and follow any manufacturer's instructions on use of extension cords.

Buy a unit with a tip-over safety switch, which automatically shuts off the heater if the unit falls over.

Check the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Saver website for more on space heaters



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Snowshoe Lacing Workshop at RNWR

The Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association (FRGRRRA) will host a Snowshoe Lacing Workshop at the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Visitor Center southwest of Erskine, MN, on Saturday, March 4th and Sunday, March 5th.

This is a day and a half course and will be held from 8:00am to 4:30pm on Saturday and 8:00am to noon on Sunday.

Class participants will learn how to lace their own pair of Ojibwa-style snowshoes. This is a fun, hands-on class. You'll be able to work at your own pace with provided instructions and friendly presenters to assist you along the way. The goal of the class is to send you home with at least one fully completed snowshoe!

The class is limited to 15 participants; therefore, pre-registration is required. The appropriate number and sizes of snowshoe kits need to be ordered in advance of the class. There is a \$75 registration fee that includes the snowshoe kit and materials.

Snacks and lunch will be provided, courtesy of the FRGRRRA.

The registration deadline is Monday, February 20th. For a registration form, which includes the necessary snowshoe sizing information, contact Lisa Wiersma at 218-687-2229 x10 or lisa_wiersma@fws.gov. You can also download a registration form at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/rydell/>



Polk County Public Health

To schedule an appointment at the McIntosh Office of Polk County Public Health, please call 218-563-2010. Please remember, foot bare is by appointment only.

If you have any questions about foot care clinics or other services provided by PCPH, please call any of the offices: Crookston 218-281-3385; East Grand Forks 218-773-2431; or McIntosh 218-563-2010.

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

VFW Auxiliary #6891 News

The McIntosh VFW Auxiliary will hold their February meeting on Monday, February 13, at 5 p.m. at The Club in McIntosh.

The 9th District VFW Meeting will be held on March 4 in East Grand Forks.

The project for the meeting will be making Sleeping Mats by crocheting plastic bags together for the homeless. So members please bring your plastic bags to the February meeting so that I can bring them to the District VFW meeting. The instructions are to flatten the plastic bag as best as you can and cut off the handles and the bottom seam so that you only have a rectangle left. Then cut each bag into four strips that are loops when opened. The crocheting will be done at the District meeting.

All VFW members are invited to attend the McIntosh meeting for further information about this project.

Grace Food Shelf Advisory Board

The Grace Community Food Shelf Advisory Board (serving Mentor, Erskine, McIntosh, & Winger) will hold it's quarterly meeting beginning at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 9th at the Grace Lutheran Church, 332 Vance Ave S. in Erskine. We are also seeking additional advisory board members.

If you are interested in assisting in this vital community service please contact Dave Hinkley at dhinkley@gmail.com for additional information

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Feb. 8: Renee Brekke

Thurs. Feb. 9: Erich Gensburger

Fri. Feb. 10: Melford Grundyson, Nicole Grande, Ashleigh Bartz

Sat. Feb. 11: Julie Sultvedt, Clay Syverson, Pat Woods

Sun. Feb. 12: Janis Wikstrand, Jan Lange-mo

Mon. Feb 13: Clellie Kiecker

Tues. Feb. 14: *Mark & Tracy Juve

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH Foss-ton

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Sun. Feb. 12: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's Foss-ton, 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Feb. 19: 8:00am Confession 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's Foss-ton, 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. Feb. 12: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am

Worship at Calvary

Sun. Feb. 19: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am

Worship at Calvary

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

Gordon Syverson

Sun. Feb. 12: 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. Feb. 19: 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. Feb. 8: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place.

Sat. Feb. 11: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Feb. 12: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service;

Tues. Feb. 14: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Feb. 15: 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. Feb. 8 7:30pm Bible Study; Youth Group 6:30pm

Thurs. Feb. 9: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. Feb. 12: 9:45am Sunday School; 11:00am Sunday

Worship Service

Wed. Feb. 15: 7:30pm Bible Study; Youth Group 6:30pm

Thurs. Feb. 16: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. Feb. 19: 9:45am Sunday School; 11:00am Sunday

Worship Service

Wed. Feb. 8: 7:30pm Bible Study; Youth Group 6:30pm

Trinity:

Sun. Feb. 12: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday

School

Sun. Feb. 19: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday

School

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. Feb. 12: 9am Worship

Sun. Feb. 19: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Feb. 8: 6:00p Confirmation Class; 7:15pm Bible

Study- Everyone Welcome!

Sun. Feb. 12: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School to

follow worship service

Wed. Feb. 15: 7:15pm Bible Study: Old Testament Taber-

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Sun. Feb. 19: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School to

follow worship service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh

Rev. John Anderson, Pastor

Wed. Feb. 8: 5:30pm Confirmation, Immanuel

Thurs. Feb. 9: 6:45pm Bible Study, Poplar Lake

Sun. Feb. 12: 8:45am worship Service; 10:00am Council

Meeting

Wed. Feb. 15: 5:30pm Confirmation, Immanuel

Thurs. Feb. 16: Bible Study, Poplar Lake

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays



Please contact the McIntosh Heritage and Arts Center if you can identify anyone in this picture from around 1934. Please call Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 218-563-2040.



This picture was brought to the attention of the McIntosh Heritage and Arts Center by Dale Simonson, who sent the picture via e-mail. Knowing very few in the picture he said it was a teacher training class from McIntosh taken in 1934. He could identify Herman and Lawrence Simonson, and Harald Thompson. A member for MHAC took the picture to Harald, who filled in a few blanks. Where there is a "?", the person remains unidentified, but MHAC is looking for names. Top Row 1: (l-r) Maynard Carlson, ?, Herman Simonson, Waldo Erickson, Lawrence Simonson, Inguar Aaseng; Row 2: Renae Dale, Alice Bjella, ?, ?, Bernice Kotman, Ruby Casselman; Row 3: Gene Sannes, ?, Joseph Johnson, Lester Warren, Jack Moen, ?, Arlys Johnson, Margaret Hoyne; Row 4: Milton Johnson, Harald Thompson, Paul Schee, Raymond Knauft, Burnett Strom, and ?.

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Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas and welcome to the month of February and always glad to see January behind us. It is a long month and usually a cold month besides being a rather depressing month after the Thanksgiving Holiday and the hustle and bustle of Christmas.

We have had a change in our weather with some much colder temps and with the colder temps it seems like the wind blows making it so much colder. And yet we still had some freezing rain again too that we could have done with out but so it is we cannot control the weather.

Groundhog Day tells us that we will have another six weeks of winter! I am willing to bet that it will be longer than that, but by that time winter should be getting rather short.

If you're not a ice fisher person and looking for something to do, head to Erskine on Saturday afternoon where the ice races have started on Lake Cameron and will continue for the next few weeks. There are always ways to entertain ourselves in the cold of winter it seems like.

Wednesday the 25th Paul and Donna Carlson brought supper to Milton Carlson and all had a visit while enjoying their supper. Also that evening Kari and Oliviyah Keller of Bejou stopped in at Carlson's for a visit.

Wednesday visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine were Gary and Maxine Walters. An afternoon of visiting and playing rook was enjoyed by all.

Craig Helgaas of Glenwood was a house guest at the Pulskamp home from Thursday until Sunday when he returned to his home in Glenwood. Butch and Craig spent the week end working on an old tractor that hadn't run for a while and by the end of the week end it was back in commission. While Craig spent his time in Winger, Bev spent the week end in Gully with her Sister, Cindy Johnson.

Friday the 27th Dick and Wanda Donavon of St. Francis arrived at the Milton Carlson home where they spent the week end visiting family and friends.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were visitors last Saturday with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Last week end visitors at the Pulskamp home besides Craig Helgaas were Dean Johnson, Kelly Johnson and his Granddaughter Lilly, Reha Sanstead of Erskine and Josh Brevik.

Last Saturday Milton Carlson and Dick and Wanda Donovan who were here visiting went over to Fosston where Polar Fest was going on and got in on the Chili tournament. Milton's Grandson's the Carlson Boys took first place in the Chili Cook off. From reports I heard there was a good crowd and some very good chili that was cooked and tasted. That evening Judy and Lonnie Gieseke were visitors at the Carlson home.

In visiting with Martha Henney she is so thankful for all who remember her with calls, visits and letters.

Last Sunday a family birthday party for Alex, Justis, and Tyler Brtek was held at the Jami Brtek home in Bagley. Among the many in attendance were Great Grandma Irene Green, Grandma Lucy Brtek, Grandma Bonnie Olson along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and many other family and friends. It was an afternoon filled with food, visiting, and birthday cake for the guests of honor. Lots of fun and excitement Lucy stated!

Sunday the 29th Dick and Wanda Donavon left for their home in St. Francis after spending the week end at the Milton Carlson home.

Lonnie Gieseke was a visitor at the Milton Carlson home on Tuesday and while he was there cleaned off the deck for Milton.

This is the happenings for another week that I have been able to come up with. Your input makes this little "Winger" corner of the paper happen so please contribute so that it will.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp visited with Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake, MN and Nola Abele at the Abele home in Fosston on Wednesday afternoon.

Until next week, stay well and stay warm!

From Bun Manor: Scrappy, Lars, Rudy Johnson and Brad "Goatman" Kolden went up north fishing for the day last Monday. They had a fun time and it was good to get away even if it was only for the day.

Since Dale couldn't make it out for shrimp and steak at the fantasy football party on Sunday Bun met him in Winger on Monday for lunch. He also brought some seafood salad that Bob made especially for him. He couldn't find the steak when he got to town. He swore that he told Michele to put it in the van. When he got home he called her and she told him it was in his backpack. He had it all the time.

Lori Lucken called Bun on Thursday and invited him to his god daughter Nevaeh's tenth birthday party at Joe DiMaggio's in Erskine. Bun respectfully declined due to the frigid weather. Seems hard to believe she is already ten.

Roy Broske and his sister Sylvia stopped in and visited at the Brian Espeseth's place in T.R.F. on Saturday. They were celebrating her birthday and they were also going to stop and see Joey Espeseth.

Last week Lois and Byron and their doggie Sadie drove out to Spearfish S.D. to meet Chris and his girlfriend Tammy at the Spearfish Lodge. While there the ladies went shopping in Deadwood and Spearfish while the men hit the trails with the snow sleds. They all enjoyed themselves. Lois even liked Chris' girlfriend.

Elmyrna and her sister Hazel Trostad headed down to the Good Old Times resort in Nisswa to spend the night with Hazel's family. The occasion was a late Christmas gathering. A fun time was had by all.

If you are in Winger next Tues. on Valentine's day be sure to swing over to Calvary Church for Ladies Aid lunch starting at 3:00.

On Sunday the 29th, Joanne and Carsten went to see daughter Denise in Fargo

The **Calvary Sunday School** in Winger invites you to a:

Valentine DINNER

Choice of
Pork Loin or Italian Spaghetti
Free will offering

Sunday, February 12th
11am to 1:30pm

Everyone is Welcome!

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and stayed until Tuesday evening, as Joanne had a doctor's appointment there. Denise took Monday off from work and she was a guide all around Fargo.

On Sunday the 5th, Orrie and Sue Flermoen picked up Joanne and Carsten and went to the Chili Dinner that was served at Our Savior's Church

in McIntosh.

Saturday the 4th, Roy Broske and his sister, Sylvia McCollum spent part of the afternoon at Carsten and Joanne's. They were former neighbors and in the same age group as the Zahl kids, Denise and Dano and were regular playmates.

Celebrating 25 yrs. of a prairie pothole gem

This month marks the 25th anniversary of Rydell National Wildlife Refuge in northwestern Minnesota. This 2,070-acre gem lies on the eastern edge of the prairie pothole region, smack dab in between the tall-grass prairie, to the west, and the broadleaf forest, to the east.

The refuge weaves a mosaic of habitats that include grassland, wetland, forest, and oak savanna. Collectively, these lands and waters support an impressive diversity of wildlife that range from trumpeter swans and mink frogs, to black bear and other forest dwellers. The hardwood forests located in and around the refuge are some of the most westerly maple-basswood forests in Minnesota. The intersection of wooded areas like these with lakes, potholes, and prairie makes the refuge a great place to see nearly 200 species of birds.

Rydell National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1992, by means of a land donation from the Richard King Mellon Foundation. Aside from protecting wildlife habitat and diversity, the refuge also encourages waterfowl and other migratory bird production. It's clear that the refuge is meeting this mission when you see nesting pairs of trumpeter swans every spring. Visitors are treated to several different groups of cygnets each summer.

In addition to trumpeter swans, you are likely to see common loons, red-necked grebes, green herons, and wood ducks in the lakes and wetlands when you visit. Northern harriers, savannah sparrows, river otters, and white-tailed deer are also common sightings throughout the refuge.

With all of this diversity, it's no surprise to hear that people love to watch and photograph wildlife here.

With Grand Forks, North Dakota, and the roughly 65,000 people that call it home, about an hour's drive from the Refuge, we enjoy welcoming folks. In 2016 alone, more than 2,200 people stopped by just to catch a glimpse of their favorite bird or sharpen their photography skills.

One of the most unique aspects of Rydell National Wildlife Refuge is how accessible it is to people of all abilities. Rydell welcomes recreationists to enjoy more than six miles of public trails. Four of these miles are paved, Most

people who come to the refuge for that purpose utilize the trail system, either on foot, or via bicycle, cross-country skis, or snowshoes.

Rydell is also an excellent outdoor classroom. Each May, several hundred area elementary school students take advantage of our popular environmental education program. We focus on increasing their understanding of the ecological significance of the area and developing a lifelong appreciation for wetlands, woodlands, and their associated biological diversity. Opportunities include school field outings, guided tours, and classroom presentations.

We also offer a peaceful and uncrowded fishing experience, which is certainly a rarity in most parts of Minnesota! Anglers come to fish for northern pike, largemouth bass, and panfish from two fully accessible piers on Tamarac Lake from May 1 to November 1. For a chance to reconnect to a favorite childhood activity or try fishing for the first time, make plans to bring your fishing pole along when you visit.

Rydell staff work hard to make sure that interested outdoor enthusiasts of all abilities can access the refuge. To that end, we conduct two special white-tailed deer hunts every October. The hunters with disabilities hunt, which just celebrated its 21st year, and mentored youth hunt, which includes a pre-hunt orientation and safety workshop.

Our staff work to expand wildlife-dependent recreation and biological diversity beyond refuge boundaries too. Each summer walleyes are raised in Rydell National Wildlife Refuge's Clifford Lake for use in stocking lakes on Native American lands in northern Minnesota.

In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Program, some state-managed lakes are also stocked with walleye fingerlings from Rydell.

Learn more about Rydell National Wildlife Refuge: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Rydell/>



10 years ago...2007: Anita Roy helps her son Dylan place the hearts to shape his heart fish. Will Tofstad shows Connie Syverson how he is placing his hearts on his fish at storytime at the LARL Branch Library in McIntosh.



30 years ago...1987: Mike Bauer and Vance Kaupang each placed in the Region competition for Vocational Industrial Club of America. The activities were held in the Thief River Falls AVTL. Over 450 students participated in VICA from the NW area. Mike placed 3rd in 'gas welding' and Vance placed 3rd in 'job interview'.



20 years ago...1997: Cheerleaders for the Patriot Boy's Junior Varsity Basketball team are enjoying a great season. Members of the cheering squad include: (top) Missy Osland, (Moddle) Sandy Brekke, (L) Brooke Foss and Amy Bergman and (R) Michelle Ward and Aria Royal.



The Winger "Bunch" from the Mac-Hi Class of 1966 include (l-r) Calvin Skeie, Vicki Anderson Thune, Kent Espeseth, Sylvia Broske McCollum, John Roux, Cheryl Covlin Hegg, Janet Miliander Flicky, Allan Johnson.



40 years ago...1977: Ten soloists from McIntosh who received the Star rating and advanced to the State Contest are as follows: (back) l-r: David Heideman, Barry Moan, DeAnna Hoagenson, Renita Molstre. (front) Renee Carlson (Outstanding soloist of the day), Ruth Thompson, Lori Sonsteli, Gladys Finseth. David won a Star on both Trombone and Vocal solos. Donna Knudson, Accompanist. Mr. Jeff Nelson, Music Director.

Random Things and Stuff



Keep Your Identity Yours

By: Emily Lynne

Your identity is what makes you who you are. This is how you are unique from everyone else in the world. There may be others similar to you, but none that have your same identity. So what happens if someone steals your identity?

Your identity is essentially your sense of self. Everything that makes you who you are is wrapped up in your identity. So if someone steals your identity, they are basically stealing your sense of self. How can you prevent someone from stealing your identity with the incidence of fraud increasing in the last 10 years?

One of the most important things you can do to protect your identity is to not give out any of your information to a stranger, especially over the phone. This includes your social security number, date of birth, credit card information, banking information, and even your cellphone number. We are in a really technologi-

Wanted: Health Aide

The Win-E-Mac School District is currently accepting applications for a part time Health Aide.

This is a 9 month part-time position (approximately 15 hours per week) beginning March 1, 2017. Salary is dependent upon experience/qualifications.

For a complete job description and application email or call the school. Job application forms can also be accessed at www.win-e-mac.k12.mn.us.

Interested individuals should send a letter of application and resume to:

Win-E-Mac Public School
Randy Bruer, Superintendent
23130 345th St. SE
Erskine, MN 56535
Phone: 218-563-2900
e-mail: rbru@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us

The position is open until filled.

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cal world right now, and a lot of our identifying information is kept on our cellphones. Most people only use their cellphone and don't even have a land-line anymore. It is just as important to be careful who you give your cellphone number to. If you aren't certain if you should give out your cell number, there are a few things you can do.

Instead of giving out your cellphone number, you can give an e-mail address. It is much easier to switch an e-mail address than it is to get a new

number. If you have a smartphone, you could also download different apps that allow you to have a different number than your cellphone number. This way, you never put your real number in jeopardy.

Be aware of what information you give out on social media websites and other places so that you don't put your identity at risk of being stolen. Remember, your identity is what makes you have a sense of self. Don't let someone take that from you.

WEM announces 2nd quarter Honor Roll

The Following Win-E-Mac Senior High School and Junior High School Students have attained either an "A" or "B" average in academic subjects for the second quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. Congratulations! To be eligible for the "A" Honor Roll, you need to have attained a 3.76 – 4.00 GPA; and to be eligible for the "B" Honor Roll, you need to have attained a 3.00 – 3.75 GPA.

Seniors

"A"
Breanna Carroll
Hunter Chaput
Alayna Espeseth
Noah Klinkhammer
JayDee Reandeau
Olivia Simonson
Jessica Thompson

"B"

Rimma Basargin
Tanya Bring
Bailee Burcham
Alaina Juve
Alec Keicker
Christopher Kuznetsov
Adreanna LaCoursiere
David Morel
Anthony Smith
Juniors
"A"
Marcos Bernuy Lopez
Mary Ris Y Cathan
Mackenzie Fuller
Blake Glass
Jarrin Gunderson
Jordin Gunderson
Maci Hamre
Emelian Kaya
Bryce Neubert
Joseph Parenteau
Patience Reep
Grace Spry

Lauren Strom
Kylie Stuhau
Sydney Tadman
Tyra Wilson

"B"

Mackenzie Best
Connor Drewry
Gretchen Finseth
Cole Shaver
Landon Shaver
MacKenzi Tadych
Kendra Thompson
Sophomores
"A"

Clavdia Anfiloff
Brekken Lindberg
Aries Qualey
Hannah Smeby
Mason Spry
"B"

Tapanga Bratager
Lily Breckel
Kylie Brekke
Doug Jackson
Clarissa Neste
Madyson Plante
Makenzie Reep
9th Grade
"A"

Alina Basargin
Mary Catahan
Lindsey Espeseth
Rylee Haugen
Lydia Kutsev
Abby Lende
Elliana Lindberg
Dustin Olson
Carlie Sander
"B"

Eleina Erofeeff
Nathan Fortmann
Isabella Hernandez
Katrina Jackson
Jaycee Knutson
Uliania Mametieff
Noah Roragen

Isaac Salvhus
Adeline Spry
8th Grade
"A"

Paige Breckel
Bryce DuChamp
Nikon Erofeeff
Remy Goodwin
Gavin Haskett
Serendipity Holmes
Alex Jacobson
Brianna Johnson
Reed Neubert
Noah Ostenaar
Dylan Roy
Bryer Strom
Mia Thompson
"B"

Felicity Andress
Zach Gummeringer
Kobe Hamre
Grace Kaupang
Avtonom Martushev
Adam Mills
Brock Trandem
Gavin Walker
7th Grade
"A"

Tabitha Bratager
Anton Hickman
Lukiya Kutsev
Eva Qualey
Alivia Winter
"B"
Kolten Cherf
Monania Erofeeff
Kendyl Johnson
Kerianna Kutsev
Philip Kuzman
Olivia Paradis
Teagan Paulson
Haley Sander
Tyra Schaumburg
Savannah Svalen
Hunter Trandem

WEM School Announcements

Win-E-Mac Playground Fundraising Fun Night!

Come out and support the playground on Saturday, February 11 at the Erskine Community Center. Social hour starting at 5pm and dinner served at 6pm. Tickets are available at the school office or by contacting a member of the playground committee. Cost is \$30 for the meal, beverage and a chance to win one of 6 grand prizes. Only 200 tickets will be sold so get yours today! There will also be many chances to win many different items throughout the night. Silent auction baskets, meat raffle and other mini games will be taking place. You only need a ticket if you plan on eating, otherwise you may also just come out for the games and raffle items! We look forward to a fun evening out to support a great cause! Must be 18 years or older. See you there!

Parent-Teacher

Conferences at WEM

Win-E-Mac Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at the Win-E-Mac School on Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 1:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Parents of students in grades K-6 should have made appointments to see their respective teachers. Parents of 7th-12th grade students, conferences will be self-led by the students, with their homeroom teachers. Signup sheets will be sent home with students to schedule a time. Also, the buses will run at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2017.

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.

Due to the storms and cancellation of school at Win-E-Mac for a couple of days there will be make up days, which will be April 17th, 2017 and May 30, 2017.

WEM Snowfest Week:

Snowfest is February 12-17. There will be a 7th-12th grade dance on Friday, February 17th from 9:00pm to 12:00pm. \$10 per person. We will be doing challenges for teams of 5 throughout the week during homeroom. You can sign up your team in the office. Your team can be of mixed ages and your name should be school appropriate.

Dress up Days:

Monday: Pajama Day
Tuesday: Valentine's Day
Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday

Thursday: Beach Day
Friday: Spirit Day

WEM ECFE

Fun Family Events: Friday 2/10 Little Chefs!

Try your hand at "baking" a healthy treat! Pour, Mix, and Bake! Ages 0-5yrs 10:30am Prek Rm

Friday 2/17 Teddy Bear Check-up! Bring your bear to school and explore our healthy "check-up" stations! 0-5yrs 10:30am Prek Rm

Tuesday 2/21 SPECIAL EVENT! Health SMILES! Meet us at the McIntosh Library for healthy snacks and fun dental health activities! Children ages 0-12 yrs 6pm

Friday 2/24 Five Senses! Look Listen Touch Taste Smell! Explore your 5 senses in our themed classroom stations,

listen to a story, and learn a fun song! Ages 0-5yrs 10:30am Prek Rm

WEM Early Childhood Family Education classes are for ages 0-5 yrs old and families. Events are FREE and pre-registration is NOT required unless noted. For more information, contact ECFE Coordinator, Shannon Svalen 218-688-2170, ssvalen@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us, or LIKE us on Facebook: WEM Early Childhood Family Education.

College News

Local student named to Dean's List at Bemidji State University

Magdaline Spry from McIntosh, MN, earned Dean's List honors from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn., at the conclusion of the Fall 2016 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, BSU students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 GPA during the semester. A total of 1,123 students earned Fall 2016 Dean's List honors from the university.

Bemidji State University, located in northern Minnesota's lake district, occupies a wooded campus along the shore of Lake Bemidji. Bemidji State has an enrollment of more than 5,100 students and a faculty and staff of more than 550. University signature themes include environmental stewardship, civic engagement and global and multi-cultural understanding.

For more, visit bemidjistate.edu or find us at BemidjiState on most of your favorite social media networks.

Flyer icemen tally three wins in a week

The Bagley-Fosston Varsity hockey team is on a roll after earning three consecutive wins last week. The Flyers traveled to Red Lake Falls last Tuesday, Jan. 24, and came home with a 4-2 victory over the Eagles. Goals were scored by junior Jarret Merschman, senior Joshua Dukek, freshman Tanner Levin, and senior Weston Johnson-O'Beirne. Senior goalie Ben Thoma had 28 saves.

The Flyers then faced the Wadena-Deer-Creek Wolverines at home on Thursday, Jan. 26. The puck dropped at 7 p.m. Both teams fought hard and, finally, nearly 15 minutes into the first period, Senior Dalton Agnes scored, making the score 1-0. There were no more goals scored by either team for the short remainder of the first period. Heading into the second period, Dalton Agnes scored again only six minutes after the puck dropped, making it 2-0. Senior Goalie Ben Thoma kept the Wolverines scoreless for over 15 minutes of the second period, until they managed to sneak one by him.

The score was then 2-1 with less than a minute remaining in the period, and sophomore Griffin Brovold scored, but the

Wolverines answered back fast with another goal only a mere 30 seconds after Brovold's shot. The score was then 3-2 heading into the third period. Only three minutes into the third period, Joshua Dukek scored, making it 4-2. Then three minutes later, Dalton Agnes scored his third goal of the night, making the score 5-2.

Later in the period however, the Flyers learned to never get too comfortable. The Wolverines scored not one, not two, but three goals -- all in the six minutes that remained in the game. Tied up at 5-5, the game was sent into overtime. It was a nail biter, as both sides worked very hard for victory. After nearly four minutes of the overtime period, freshman Tanner Levin scored, ending the game with a 6-5 win for the Flyers. Senior goalie Ben Thoma had 34 saves.

The Flyers were on the road again in Wahpeton, N.D. to face the Breckenridge-Wahpeton Blades on Saturday, Jan. 28. The puck dropped at 1 p.m. After about four minutes of the first period, Weston Johnson-O'Beirne scored the first goal of the game, making the score 1-0. Three minutes later, Dal-

ton Agnes scored, making it 2-0. No other goals were scored by either team in the first period.

The second period was an exciting one, starting with a goal by Tanner Levin, five minutes after the puck was dropped. The Blades answered back only 15 seconds after Levin's goal, making the score 3-1. The Blades then scored two more goals within the next three minutes, tying the game up at 3-3. Both teams played back and forth for several minutes, with both goalies keeping the 3-3 tie. Finally, Dalton Agnes broke away and scored with two minutes remaining in the second period. Less than a minute after Agnes' goal, Tanner Levin scored again making the score 5-3 heading into the third period.

The third period went in favor of the Blades, as they scored two goals, tying up the game at 5-5, and sending it into overtime. This nerve-racking game was ended by Dalton Agnes, three minutes into the overtime period. Agnes scored his third goal of the game, and sent the Flyers home with a 6-5 win. Goalie Ben Thoma had 30 saves.

Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer



Win-E-Mac

Playground Fundraiser

The Win-E-Mac Playground Committee has been working on a plan to replace the current playground equipment this coming summer but we need your help. The committee has planned a large raffle/auction event with a meal in the Erskine Community Center on February 11, 2017 beginning with a social hour from 5:00-6:00 pm. Tickets are available from school staff members at \$30 for a meal and chances towards raffle items as a Savage Axis .270 rifle; 55" Smart TV; \$250 Northern Propane Gift Certificate; Kitchen Aid Mixer and a Minneapolis Family Fun Pkg. There are 200 tickets available, and you must be 18 or older to attend and you must be present to win. The Committee has many prizes and silent auction items to give away this evening, so plan a fun night out! If you would like to see pictures of what we have been working on or if you want more information on this project please stop into the school or call the district office @ 218-563-2900. Thank you for your support with this project.

Pre-K

Programs and Daycare

During work sessions, the school board has discussed how Pre-K programs will impact our system as well as the impact it will have on the shortage of day-care in the District. We want to maintain and support our local in-home daycare services but there still seems to be a shortage. The option of providing a service to this ex-

tent requires a thorough study of how we would handle our site plan. Depending on how the Legislature works with Pre-K funding proposal, it will create stress on school districts to provide the room, resources, transportation, special service needs and staff to work with our kids. Our District is next on the priority list to begin the Pre-K program. At the same time, we are also reviewing changes in the Summer Rec programming schedule which will involve daycare issues. We have set up a childcare survey on our District Web site, www.win-e-mac.k12.mn.us, under Quick Links, for you to give us input. Please take time to fill-out the survey by February 20th, 2017 and submit. Your input is valuable to our discussions.

Win-E-Mac Public School

School Bus Drivers are needed. Our school will have one and possibly two open routes this next school year. This is open to both male and female drivers. The District must advertise now so you will have

time to complete the licensing process. It does require a written test, behind the wheel test, a pre-trip inspection and a physical which all take time to schedule. The School will assist you with all the needed expenses and training to get the license. We need you; so if you have the desire to work at school for a short time during the day with a great wage and benefits, please email or call the Superintendent's Office.

Contact info: rbru@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us or 218-563-2900.

Sports

Let's congratulate our Head Basketball Coach Vern Johnson for his 500th Career Win. Vern has been instrumental and inspiring to all his young athletes and students at the school. We truly enjoy his work here at the Win-E-Mac school. Congratulations Vern!

COACH WANTED

The Win-E-Mac School District is currently seeking a JH Baseball Coach. Please send letter of application or contact Aaron Cook: This position will stay open until filled.

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CHS Foundation accepting High School scholarship applications

The CHS Foundation, funded by charitable gifts from CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative, is now accepting scholarship applications.

"The CHS Foundation is committed to supporting the next generation of agricultural leaders," says Mark Biedenfeld, president, CHS Foundation. "These students are the future of our industry and we are proud to support them as they begin their education and career exploration in agriculture."

In 2017, the CHS Foundation will award nearly 300 scholarships to students studying agriculture or STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) fields of study with an interest in agriculture or energy industry careers. One hundred high school students will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships as they enter their freshman year of college in Fall 2017.

High school scholarship applications must be submitted by March 31, 2017. An independent external review committee will select recipients based on essays, transcripts and reference letters. For additional information and to apply, visit <http://www.chsinc.com/stewardship/leadership-development/scholarships>.

The CHS Foundation supports nearly 200 additional scholarships that are available to existing college students pursuing agricultural-related degrees. These scholarships are directly administered by more than 30 partnering universities throughout the U.S. and application deadlines vary by school. For more information and a list of partnering

universities, visit <http://www.chsinc.com/stewardship/leadership-development/scholarships>.

The CHS Foundation is funded by charitable gifts from CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative and a global energy, grains and foods company. As a part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS Foundation supports organizations that develop future leaders for agriculture through education and leadership programs, improve agricultural safety and enhance community vitality in rural America.

USDA to increase rural residents' access to healthy food

Under Secretary Lisa Mensah today announced the selection of Reinvestment Fund to serve as the National Fund Manager for the Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI). As the National Fund Manager, Reinvestment Fund will raise capital, provide financial and technical assistance to regional, state and local partnerships, and help fund projects to improve access to fresh, healthy foods in underserved rural areas.

"Many of our rural communities lack grocery stores," Mensah said. "Without access to fresh and affordable food, residents in these areas suffer poor health outcomes and diminished opportunities. Reinvestment Fund has a well-established record of investing in rural healthy food projects. We are pleased that they will bring their expertise to this partnership with USDA."

The Healthy Food Financing Initiative is an innovative program that enables three

federal agencies, USDA and the Departments of the Treasury and Health and Human Services, to work together to increase access to healthy foods in underserved communities.

While these federal agencies each administer HFFI projects independently, they meet periodically to share the most effective methods to implement healthy food outreach efforts and support state and local governments as well as the private sector.

These types of investments not only improve healthy food options but also increase opportunities for employment, help revitalize distressed communities and open up new markets for farmers to sell their products.

Reinvestment Fund is a community development financial institution (CDFI) dedicated to creating economic and other opportunities in low-income communities. In 2004, it created the first state-sponsored healthy food financing program in Pennsylvania: the Pennsylvania Fresh Food Financing Initiative.

Since then, it has provided more than \$248 million in grants and loans to support 163 projects, including \$73.2 million in rural areas. More recently, in 2014

Reinvestment Fund created ReFresh, a capacity-building initiative that is composed of 19 CDFI partners. ReFresh partners represent an estimated \$8 billion in community investments, including \$2 billion in rural areas.

The Fund Manager, Reinvestment Fund will work with USDA to create financial services to establish and support grocery stores and other businesses to provide fresh and healthy food in rural areas.