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The Quilts of Valor ladies had a sew day at the McIntosh Community Center on Saturday, March 4th, where they gathered to sew the quilt tops for the many quilts they give to our local veteran's each year. Pictured are Dee Dee Natum, Vicki Strom, Kathryn Carver, Lois Boehrsen, Deb Reiersen and Sue Vennes. Not pictured: Sandy Salvhus, Amy Brinkman and Liz Jenson who also were part of the group that spent the day sewing.

Family Math & Art night at WEM

Family Math & Art night will be Thursday, March 23rd at Win-E-Mac School. Supper will be held from 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm and activities will be from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. The theme is circles, there will be art projects to take home and display at school. The entire night is free thanks to local business donations from Jared's Grocery, Groceries Plus, McIntosh Country Store and McIntosh Fire Department.

LUCK

OF THE IRISH



Snow White (Grace Kaupang) and Princess Rose (Savahanna Svalen) discuss Birthday plans during the play held at Win-E-Mac school last weekend.



Luke Klawitter demonstrated soil erosion during the East Polk County Crop Improvement Association meeting held on March 6th at the McIntosh Community Center.



One of the speakers during Dairy Day held last Tuesday at the McIntosh Community Center was Chad Carlson, who is an agriculter Advisor for the MN Board of Animal Health.

Crop and Dairy Day meetings held last week in Mac

Two University of Minnesota Extension events were held last week at the McIntosh Community Center. The 2017 Polk County Crop Improvement Association meeting was held on Monday, March 6th where local area crop producers were able to hear presentations such as '2017 Wheat Variety Selection: Scab Outlook', 'Remote Scouting for Soybean Aphid', and a demonstration by local Soil Conservation Technician, Luke Klawitter during a day of information for farmers.

Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (MCIA) is the exclusive marketing agent of new and improved crop varieties developed by the University of Minnesota. MCIA collaborates with the College of Food Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS) and the Office for Technology Commercialization (OTC) at the University of Minnesota.

Plant breeders in the Department of Agronomy & Plant Genetics are developing new varieties of wheat, barley, oats, soybeans, wild rice, turf grasses and forages. The overall goal of MCIA's Variety Licensing program is to get the products of CFANS' research into the hands of individuals and companies that can best utilize the newly developed technologies. MCIA is the connection between CFANS and agribusiness providing maximum benefit to the University, Minnesota agriculture and the world.

On Tuesday, March 7th, dairy producers gathered to discuss robotic dairy, dairy precision technologies and disaster preparedness with Chad Carlson.

This event is an opportunity for dairy producers and advisors to learn about the latest University of Minnesota research and recommendations held each year in the late winter.

Sheriff wants public to be aware of scams

The Polk County Sheriff's Office wants to make the public aware of a couple scams that are going around. One of the scams involves Facebook. The Polk County Sheriff's Office received a report of a citizen getting a friend request from a name they know. During a conversation with this person through Facebook messenger there was a discussion about a Federal Grant that they received. They were given a name and contact number for this person to apply for this grant and get \$20,000. This ended up being a Fake Account pretending to be somebody they knew.

The other scam is one that the Polk County Sheriff's Office has sent out before. This scam involves getting a call from what they say is a Jail, Law Enforcement Agency, or an Attorney's Office, and say that their relative was recently arrested and they need so much money to assist them in getting out.

What the Sheriff's Department urges people to do, if they get a call like this, is to check into the story. Call your friend or your relative and find out if this story is true. Do not send any monetary funds, until you contact your local law enforcement for assistance.

Community Calendar

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

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

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

Wed. March 22: 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

Thurs. March 23: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. March 24: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. March 27: 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. March 28: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



A fun and entertaining play was presented by WEM Junior High Students last Saturday evening and Sunday Afternoon at the Arts and Event Center. The play, 'Sleeping Beauty and the Beast' was a comedy mash up of many fairy tales and fictional characters.



For those who had not met Jim Stordahl, he was a friendly guy with a head full of knowledge and always willing to help out or just sit for a visit. He spent countless hours helping others in and around our community. Last summer, Jim retired from the University of Minnesota Extension Service after making a career out of educating our communities on dairy, beef, horticulture, small farms, eating locally, sustainability and crop programming. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him, because if you were fortunate enough to meet Jim, you considered him your friend. Jim passed to the arms of God last week at his home in rural McIntosh surrounded by his family.

Pestle & Vessel

by Allison Opdahl

Listen

Well it's been a while since I've written for this column. I've been in a growing season with the Father and learning how to be silent. (I'll always be in a growing season but I hope He won't always ask me to be silent!)

As a Momma of a toddler, I often find what I'm trying to teach my daughter coincides with what the Father is teaching me. Yep. Humbling. Lately, Dinah and I have had many discussions about how to listen, even if she doesn't understand why it's important. She's a strong-willed problem solver and savvy negotiator... and from the look on my Mom's face when she sees these encounters—a lot like her Momma. Sigh.

But as adults we can be like toddlers, right? Digging in our heels when the Holy Spirit nudges us in a direction we don't want to go. Sitting down on our collective bottoms and crossing our arms when the Father challenges our behavior with His Word. Delivering passive ultimatums like, "If You grant this, then I will do such and such..." in the attitude of our prayers. It's very difficult to grow when we spend the majority of our time resisting.

The Father has been asking me to LISTEN to Him. He has been speaking to me of the battleground of the mind; that place hidden from everyone but me and Him. That place where, whether or not I acknowledge it, there is a war raging. Sometimes I am a warrior, other times I am the foe. Sometimes I think God is the enemy and other times the enemy is the enemy. It is a place where even as a Christian I have harbored darkness and allowed the en-

emy a foothold or worse, a stronghold. Only the Word of God can wage effective battle in the arenas of our minds.

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12) Too often we feel free to pass judgement on ourselves and others. When has man ever been able to do that unerringly? In the territory of the mind, only God judges righteously.

As I have been called to LISTEN He has also made it clear His word takes precedence over any other opinion or judgement. Think about it. Yes, God's word is without error but actually applying it to our lives is uncomfortable. Then we might be convicted of sin! It's much easier to seek justification in the opinions of those around us, right?

In order for me to listen, I have needed to be silent. Last fall, I read a post on Facebook which pointed out that "listen" and "silent" use the same letters. That forever changed the way I listen and gave me my new war strategy. Only when I am SILENT can I LISTEN to what the Father is telling me in His word and through prayer.

There are many with unbiblical agendas in our society that we would prefer be silent and listen to what God has to say. Let's be that example, one heart at a time, seeking to align with the Father's agenda. Let's be SILENT and LISTEN and as He grants victory in the battlegrounds of our minds, we will be more effective in the Kingdom War.

ta's railway commission in the early 1900s.

The economic value of our early railroads is illustrated with this example of his:

The cost of transporting each ton of goods on the first roads prior to the railroads was 26c per mile.

This meant that the value of a wagonload of wheat was totally consumed after hauling it 300 miles to St. Paul on earthen roads.

The very first railroads could carry a ton of goods for only 2c per mile...

And speeds of 25mph!

It is evident that the railroads were responsible for ore growth and wealth in our Thirteen Towns that any other single factor.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Laughter Yoga highlighted at luncheon

You've probably heard the saying, "laughter is the best medicine". It also makes for a great workout, just ask Sue Thompson, certified Laughter Yoga instructor. Thompson will be sharing her tips for a great laugh at RiverView's Thursday, March 23rd health luncheon.

When was the last time you had a really good laugh? Do you remember how great it felt? That's because laughter has been proven to lower stress hormones in the blood and oxygenate the body and brain making us feel more healthy and energetic. And you don't have to wait for a good joke to exercise your laughing ability. Let Thompson teach you how to laugh at any time for physiological and psychological benefits.

Laughter Yoga is a complete well-being workout developed by Dr. Madan Kataria, a medical doctor from India. Thompson received her certification training in 2012 from Dr. Kataria and has since conducted Laughter Yoga sessions with children, inmates, businesses, government agencies, senior citizens and various civic organizations throughout Minnesota and North Dakota.

Thompson was born and raised in East Grand Forks. She graduated from Minnesota State University-Moorhead, with a Bachelor's Degree in

Notice of Intent to Amend Polk County Land Use/Zoning Ordinance

Pursuant to MN Statute §375.51 and §394.26, notice of intention to adopt amendments to the Polk County Zoning Ordinance is hereby given. Polk County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing for input on the following date: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 8:50 a.m. in the County Board room at the Polk County Government Center, Crookston, MN.

A brief summary of the draft ordinance amendments are as follows:

- Section 3 – Definitions: Update definitions to go along with ordinance updates.
- Section 4 – Administration and Enforcement: Add Joint Permitting with Airports.
- Section 5 – Board of Adjustment: Update section to reflect changes in state statute.
- Section 12 – General Regulations: Update sign ordinance language to conform with recent rulings from the U.S. Supreme Court. Minor updates regarding swimming pools.
- Section 13 – General Agricultural District: Several updates including: Provisions for backyard chickens, amend ordinance language for signs, amend swimming pool language, add compost facility language to conform to State Rules, amend campground requirements, add specific language for rental storage buildings, and add specific language for shooting ranges.

Interesting facts about St. Patrick's Day

While St. Patrick's Day is renowned for celebrating Ireland, one need not be Irish to enjoy the festivities on March 17th.

In fact, St. Patrick himself was not Irish, having been born in an area of Great Britain then referred to as Roman Britain because it was still governed by the Roman Empire. St. Patrick's birthplace is not the only interesting fact surrounding St. Patrick's Day that might surprise even the most devoted of Patty's Day revelers.

Arguably the most famous St. Patrick's Day parade in the world, the New York City parade is more than 250 years old. The Big Apple's first St. Patrick's Day parade took place on March 17, 1762, when Irish soldiers serving in the British military marched through the city.

While New York and Boston host the largest St. Patrick's Day parades in the United States, more than 100 parades are held in honor of St. Patrick throughout the country each year. For those who love a good parade but don't have much time on their hands, the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, is home to the world's shortest St. Patrick's Day parade. The parade takes place on the city's Bridge Street, which measures just 98 feet in length.

In spite of its proximity to New York City, the city of Hoboken, New Jersey, began

hosting its own St. Patrick's Day parade in 1986.

The United States is not the only place to enjoy a spirited celebration of St. Patrick. Montreal, Canada, whose city flag includes a shamrock, has held an annual St. Patrick's Day parade since 1824. Elsewhere in Canada, Toronto hosts an annual St. Patrick's Day parade that typically attracts more than 100,000 spectators.

Irish ranks among the top five ancestries in nearly every state in the United States. The lone exceptions are New Mexico and Hawaii. Irish leads the way in Delaware, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

While corned beef has become synonymous with St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the United States, the corned beef eaten in the United States is not the corned beef familiar to people in Ireland. That's because the corned beef that in the U.S. is largely from kosher Jewish butchers, whose corned beef is made from brisket, a tougher cut of meat taken from the front of the animal, whereas the corned beef produced in Ireland comes from the hind-quarter.

Another food associated with St. Patrick's Day, Irish soda bread gets its unique name from its ingredients. When baking this beloved bread, bakers use baking soda instead of yeast as a leavening agent.

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.

Food for Fines at Mac Library in March

At Lake Agassippi Regional Library, during the month of March, you can bring your overdue library materials back to the library with unexpired, non-perishable food items and we will erase your late fees! 1 non-perishable food item equals \$2 fine waived. The donations will be donated to the local food pantries.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. March 15: Ashlee Lee, Ray Catahan

Thurs. March 16: Lee Natum

Fri. March 17: Leslie Finseth, Jens Stordahl, Arnie Erickson

Sat. March 18: Jason Voxland, Jay Mahlen, Bill Woods

Sun. March 19: Kelsi Ghajari, Harald Thompson

Mon. March 20: Brady Strom, Larry Hedlund, Bonita Hubbard

Tues. March 21: Ron Grande, *Dick & Corrine Richards



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. March 15: 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 6:30pm Stations of the Cross; 7:30pm Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Fri. March 17: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. March 19: 8:00am Confession 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's Fosston, 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. March 22: 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. March 24: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

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

Worship at Calvary

Sun. March 26: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am

Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. March 19: 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. March 26: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. March 15: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place.

Sat. March 18: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. March 19: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service;

Tues. March 21: 10:00am Sunday Worship service tele-

cast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. March 22: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place; 7:00pm Bible Study

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.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Thurs. March 16: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. March 19: 9:30am Worship at Trinity; 10:45am Sunday School at Trinity; 9:45am

Sunday School at Mt. Carmel; 11:00am Worship at Mt. Carmel; 12:15pm Confirmation at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. March 23: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. March 26: 9:30am Worship at Trinity; 10:45am Sunday School at Trinity; 9:45am

Sunday School at Mt. Carmel; 11:00am Worship at Mt. Carmel; 12:15pm Confirmation at Mt. Carmel

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. March 19: 9am Worship

Sun. March 26: 9am Worship

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FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. March 15: 6:00p Confirmation Class; 7:00pm Lenten Services, Youth serving after-

wards

Sun. March 19 : 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday

School to follow worship service; 7:00pm Bible Study: Jesus the One and Only

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. John Anderson, Pastor

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

Thurs. Mar. 16: 6:45pm Bible Study, Poplar Lake

Sun. March 19: 8:45 Worship Service

Sun. March 26: 8:45am Worship Service

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays



The Railroads Brought Wealth

(From *The Centennial History of the Thirteen Towns*)

At the turn of the century, Minnesota's railroad system was likened unto the 31 roads which radiated from ancient Rome.

"A nation's transportation system is the measure of its civilization, for by it may exchange the flow of ideas, government, commerce, art, wealth and resources," said General James H. Baker, Minneso-

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Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Greetings once again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we certainly know that winter has not left us yet, with the strong winds we had on Tuesday and Wednesday and the frigid temps that are in place, we still need the winter coats and gloves. After temps up to 50 degrees last week end the snow is almost gone but not holding my breath yet as March can surprise us.

Happy St. Patrick's Day next week to all your Irish out there, hope you all enjoy the traditional corned beef and cabbage and yes the green beer. Always makes me think of several Irish ladies that left fond memories of the Irish traditions, namely former mayor Sally Nelson, former school teacher Pearl Ness and former Winger resident Martha Carlson. And I must say it is not only the Irish that like the corned beef and cabbage many of the rest of us do to.

Last Saturday morning as he made his way to work, Paul Carlson stopped in for a brief visit at the Milton Carlson home and topped off his cup of coffee to go.

Marv Engesether of Plummer and Reha Sanstead of Erskine were last Friday afternoon visitors at the Pulskamp home.

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

Laura Grant visited with her Grandmother Martha Henney at the Pioneer Home last Tuesday.

Visitors last Saturday at the Pulskamp home were Aleta Beherns of Glenwood, Grant, Sara, Gabe and Logan Maasjo of Villard and Bev Helgaas of Glenwood. Craig and Bev left for their home in Glenwood along with Grandchildren Gabe and Logan after Craig had spent a couple days at the Pulskamp's and Bev had spent a couple days in Gully with sister Cindy Johnson. Visitors later that same afternoon were Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake, MN and Nola Abele of Fosston.

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

Betty and Mark Syverson were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine last Saturday. They always enjoy the afternoon visiting and playing rock.

Lucy Brtek attended the benefit Saturday evening at The Lunch Box Café for Terri Freyholtz. A spaghetti supper was served along with a silent auction being held. There was a very good turn out during the

evening events.

Dean Johnson and Kelly Johnson were visitors last Sunday at the Pulskamp home.

Martha Henney enjoyed a visit by phone with her Son Dean who is in Austin, TX. He stated that Carol and Lindsay Wang had spent a couple days with him as they were on their way back to Billings.MT from their winter home in Alabama.

Thursday Linda Pulskamp, Marie Scott and Sherry Largis enjoyed lunch together at TJ's in Red Lake Falls. The three ladies had worked together at the Court House.

Until next week and in closing, always keep learning it keeps you young!

MN Commerce Dept.: Tips on insurance & storm damage claims

With last Monday's record early start to the spring severe storm season, Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman urges Minnesotans who experienced damage to their homes, businesses or vehicles to contact their insurance companies to start the claims process.

"Insurance is meant to be there at times like this when people are most vulnerable," said Rothman, who serves as the state's insurance regulator. "Minnesotans who suffered property damage from a tornado, high winds or hail should contact their insurer as soon as possible. The Minnesota Commerce Department is here to help people understand the claims process and provide assistance if they have problems with their insurance."

The Commerce Department website features a Disaster Information Center with guidance about how to plan ahead and what to do after a disaster strikes.

Rothman offers the following tips for Minnesotans affected by the storms:

Notify your insurance company or agent as soon as you can to start the claims process. If possible, have your policy information available when you call. If you cannot locate your insurance company information, the Minnesota Commerce Department may be able to help you with a contact number.

Make temporary inexpensive repairs to prevent further damage. For example, board up broken windows or throw a tarp over a leaky roof. Keep receipts for materials you buy, so you can be reimbursed. Do not make permanent repairs until your insurance company has inspected the damage.

Record the damage. Take

photos or video if possible. Make a detailed list of all personal property destroyed, damaged or lost. You will want to share the list with the insurance adjuster. Do not throw out any damaged items until the adjuster has inspected them.

Work with the insurance company adjuster. Your insurance company will send an adjuster to inspect the damage to your home and personal property. (Make sure your house number is visible or provide directions.) The insurer pays the adjuster, so you should not be asked for any payment.

The adjuster will provide you with a proof-of-loss form. Use this form to file a claim with your insurance company as soon as possible. You will receive your claim payment after you and the insurer agree on the amount of the damages.

Keep records. Maintain copies of all correspondence, photos, documentation, and bills submitted to the adjuster and the insurance company. Keep good notes of your phone calls with your insurance company and the adjuster.

Watch out for "storm chaser" contractors. Once your insurance claim is processed, get estimates from local contractors known to you or recommended by someone you trust. Avoid "storm chaser" contractors from out of town who go door to door. Ask contractors for references and proof of workers compensation insurance. Check their license status and any disciplinary actions at the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry website.

Insist on detailed, written estimates for repairs.

The County Line

By Warren Strandell
Polk County Commissioner, Dist. 2

The Minnesota Department of Revenue is to blame but, unless something is done with legislation during this session, property taxpayers in Polk County will have to pay the bill.

At issue is this: Enbridge Energy Partners LP is challenging the valuation of some of its pipelines in Minnesota. Established for property tax purposes by the State Department of Revenue, those valuations are significantly higher than the valuations set for the same lines in North Dakota and Wisconsin. Counties in Minnesota are required to use the Department of Revenue-ordered valuations when they determine the property taxes assessed to Enbridge.

Two days this month — March 27 and 28 — will be very important for Polk County taxpayers in the first step of a possible settlement. That is when the Department of Revenue and Enbridge have scheduled a mediation session to try to

Avoid high-pressure sales tactics. Some scammers will try to trick you into signing a contract by saying it is an estimate. Your signature is not required to receive an estimate.

Prepare a written contract agreement with anyone you hire. It should specify the work to be done, the materials to be used and the price breakdown for both labor and materials. Do not pay the whole repair bill in advance. Pay in full only when the work is completed according to your agreement.

Your homeowners insurance will generally cover removal of a fallen tree only if it caused damage to your house or other insured structure. There may also be a coverage limit for the cost of removal.

Storm damage to your vehicle may be covered by your auto insurance.

Whether your vehicle was damaged by hail, a fallen tree or flooding, your loss may be covered as long as you selected "Comprehensive" or "Other than Collision" in your auto policy. Check your "Minnesota Insurance Identification Card" or call your agent or insurance company.

Contact the Minnesota Commerce Department if you have a problem with your insurance company or agent. If you have a complaint or cannot resolve your insurance claim, contact the Commerce Department for assistance.

Commerce is here to help

If you have a question or concern about your insurance, contact the Commerce Department's Consumer Services Center by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us or by phone at 651-539-1600 or 800-657-3602 (Greater Minnesota).

reach some numbers that are palatable to both parties.

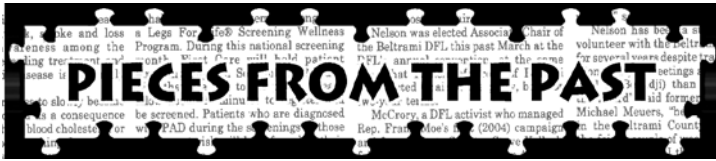
Overall, the prospect for a successful mediation appears very troublesome. Officials at the Department of Revenue are said to be standing by their valuations while Enbridge is saying that if it doesn't get what it feels is a somewhat favorable result in the mediation sessions, which are not binding, it will take the issue to tax court in October.

Likely on the hook

Regardless of whether the mediation session is fruitful or not, there is almost 100 percent chance that Polk County will be on the hook to refund a portion of the tax amounts collected from Enbridge during the past four years. If Enbridge were to get all that it is asking for in refunds, the bill to Polk County could be somewhere in the area of \$2.6 million.

County Line...

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40 years ago...1977: Boys, Sophomores and under, are out for Track with Mr. Khotka as their coach in the school this Spring. Ready for a run are Glen Smeby, Coby Burslie, Mark Molstre, Danny Parent and Dave Rolf.



30 years ago...1987: Jeanie Votava, Sonja Borud, Sheila Olson and Vance Kaupang in a scene from the play "The Diary of Anne Frank."



20 years ago...1997: (R-L) Terri Kaupang has begun five weeks of student teaching in the Win-E-Mac Elementary School in Erskine under the supervision of Kindergarten teacher, Cathi Evenson.



10 years ago...2007: WEM's T-Th Kindergarten group logged a total of 3,315 minutes of reading and writing at home in February to earn a pizza at the WEM Travel Center. Back L-R: Madyson Plante, Hannah Smeby, Mariah McKeever, Tapanga Bratager; Front: L-R Julianna Kutsev, Clavdia Anfilioff.

Regional Ag News

Ed Gindele,
Extension Educator

Land Rolling: Knowing the Where and When If Practiced

Land rolling has become a common soil-finishing practice for soybean in Minnesota and throughout the Upper Midwest.

The practice has been used for decades in alfalfa and grass seed production to improve germination and manage rocks, but it is relatively new for row crops, where its main purpose is to improve harvesting efficiency and reduce combine damage.

The practice prepares the field for harvesting by pushing small and medium-sized rocks down into the soil and crushing soil clods and corn rootballs. This allows the combine head to be set low to the ground, reducing the risk of picking up damaging rocks, rootballs and soil.

Other benefits of soybean rolling include reduced operator fatigue, less down time and wear-and-tear on harvesting equipment, faster combine speeds, and cleaner seed at harvest.

University of Minnesota Extension trials used several styles of land rollers on farmers' fields. These included: 1) a coil packer, which breaks up rootballs, leaving a rougher soil surface but does not push down rocks; 2) a notched roller, which pushes down rocks, breaks up corn rootballs and leaves a rough soil surface;

and, 3) a smooth roller, which breaks up corn rootballs, pushes down rocks but leaves a very smooth soil surface.

There was no significant difference in yield between the different rollers.

In general, wheel tracks cause more plant damage to emerged soybeans than the rollers themselves. Soybeans rolled at V3 suffered significant plant damage at two of the four research sites in 2010.

One of the most practical questions for farmers is "How late soybeans can be rolled without cutting into yield?" Rolling is usually done immediately before or after planting, but delays for wet weather or spring workload are common.

Land rolling does pose agronomic, economic, and environmental concerns. These include potential plant injury, soil sealing, erosion, the loosening of corn stalks and added expense.

Understanding the advantages and disadvantages of land rolling will help farmers decide if - and when - rolling makes sense.

Recommendations

The improved harvesting conditions and peace of mind that rolling offers must be balanced with the damaging effects of rolling on soil quality and the additional expense.

If you decide to roll:

- Confine rolling to rocky fields and flat fields with low erosion risk.

- If soybeans have emerged, rolling should be done as early as possible (before the 3rd trifoliate stage) to minimize plant injury and allow more time for plant recovery.

- If you roll erosion-prone fields, roll before planting or wait until soybeans are in the 1st trifoliate stage. Erosion risk is the greatest right after planting.

- After emergence, roll in the afternoon, during the heat of the day, when soybean plants are flexible.

- Control wheel damage by configuring tractor tires and roller width to minimize plant injury.

- Do not roll when the soil

surface is moist to reduce the risk of crusting or sealing and soil sticking to the roller.

- Avoid rolling when plants are damp because they can stick to the roller and be pulled out of the soil.

- Avoid rolling when it's windy because residue can be moved easily to ditches and neighboring fields.

- Don't use rolling in an attempt to level soil ruts.

- Planting takes precedence over rolling first

- Rolling is annual, rocks will come up after tillage

Source: UMN Extension-Management considerations for rolling soybean in the upper Midwest

Treatment	2008	2009	2010
Average yield (bu/acre)			
Pre plant	35.8	46.6	52.1
Post plant	35.1	46.6	51.2
50% emergence	36.5	46.1	51.8
1st trifoliate	--	45.2	51.6
3rd trifoliate	--	45.3	50.0
No rolling	36.6	44.7	51.8
LSD (0.05)	NS*	NS*	NS*

*NS means no significant statistical difference between treatments
2008 is an average from 2 locations. 2009 is an average from 4 locations.
2010 is an average from 3 locations.

Impact on yield when soybean were rolled at different stages compared to non-rolled soybean in Minnesota.

Random Things and Stuff



Affordable Caribbean Vacations

By: Emily Lynne

Have you been wanting to go on a vacation, but are unsure if you would be able to afford it? Have you been wanting to go someplace warm where you can sit and relax on the beach? According to the US Travel News, these are the best affordable Caribbean destinations to go on:

1. Curacao
2. Puerto Rico
3. Jamaica
4. Barbados
5. Punta Cana
6. Puerto Plata
7. Grenada
8. Dominica
9. U.S. Virgin Islands
10. Turks & Caicos

For more information, you can go on (http://travel.usnews.com/rankings/best_affordable_caribbean_destinations/)

WEM School Announcements

Prom sign-up forms are available in Mrs. Winter's room. All couples must sign-up ahead of time for admittance and planning purposes. WEM seniors and juniors are invited to attend the prom with a guest who is a sophomore or older in or out of school but no older than 20 years of age. Prom will be held May 6th.

Anyone in grades 6-12 interested in playing softball this spring on the Eastpolk Northstars please sign the list on room 40's (Mrs. Lee's) door.

Win-E-Mac Kindergarten Round-up Open House

For the 2017-18 school year
When: March 15th, 2017
from 4:00-6:00 PM

Where: Room #25 at the Win-E-Mac School.

If your child turns five years old before September 1st, 2017 and you plan to enroll them at Win-E-Mac, please plan to attend

SENIORS: Your caps and gowns are in – you may pick them up in the office from Kristi. If you still owe money **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE** to get your cap and gown until payment is paid in full. If you think that you still owe money, please see Kristi.

WEM ECFE

Friday Morning Playdates!

Join us every Friday for a mixed aged play date! Explore our themed learning centers, listen to stories, sing a song, enjoy a snack! 10:30am PreK Rm. Ages 0-5yrs old.

March Special Events:

Tuesday 3/14 6-7pm Little Artists! Join us at the McIntosh Library for National Crafting Day! Cut, paint, and glue your very own masterpiece!

Tuesday 3/28 Daddy/Grandpa and Me Night! 6-7pm PreK Rm Bring out daddy & grandpa and make bird feeders! Supper provided!

April Special Events:

Tuesday 4/11 Lego Night! 6-7pm Come to the library to create and build with LEGO'S. Enter your name for a drawing at the end of the night!

Friday 4/14 No ECFE class- Good Friday

Tuesday 4/25 Book Bingo! 6-7pm PreK Rm Bring along a few gently used books to exchange for bingo. Everyone wins books to bring home! Supper provided!

May Special Events:

Baseball/Softball Buddies Night! (date to be announced!)

Tuesday 5/9 Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! 6-7pm Join us at the McIntosh library for some "not-so creepy" bug activities and stories!

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**.



On Wednesday, March 8th, 2017, the Win-E-Mac Student Achievement Committee hosted the Students of the Quarter Breakfast for Third Quarter at Win-E-Mac School in the FACS room. The Students were selected by various departments in the secondary school for overall performance and leadership in the classroom. Following a wonderful pancake and fruit breakfast, the students were introduced by nominating staff members and received certificates and gifts for their great work! The students selected for the third quarter are: Front Row (L to R) JayDee Reandeau, Olivia Simonson, Alayna Espeseth, Holly Catahan. Back Row (L to R) Kendra Thompson, Mary Catahan, Anisha Saeland. Congratulations!"

WEM Junior High Presents 'Sleeping Beauty and the Beast'



Villians? Perhaps. The Wicked Faerie played by Lany Richardson and Igor played by Brock Trandem.



The town crier was played by Olivia Paradis.



Speaking with the Good Witch of the West. (l-r) Savahanna Svalen, Katrina Jackson, Bryce DuChamp, Paige Breckel, Grace Kaupang and Jadon Kangas.



Snow White (Grace Kaupang) didn't have a fairy godmother in this version, instead a Faerie Godfather (Anton Hickman).

NOTICE OF MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF FOSTON TRI-COOP

Fosston, Minnesota

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of stockholders of Fosston Tri-Coop will be held at Ventures Bar & Grill in Fosston, Minnesota on Thursday, March 16, 2017. 5 p.m. meeting with a supper to follow.

The business meeting will include the presentation of the annual report and election of three directors, who will serve a term of three years.

Dave Kiecker
Secretary-Treasurer

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County Line..

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While that kind of a payback would be huge for Polk, the requested refunds would be a complete catastrophe for three of our neighboring counties... \$3.5 million for Red Lake, \$6 million for Marshall and a whopping \$7 million for Clearwater.

A complete Enbridge victory is not likely, but it is pretty much a certainty that counties will be on the hook for what could be some hefty amounts of payback. The real unfairness of the situation is that counties had no part in establishing the valuations. While a state agency created the problem, the state has no skin in the game as far as making any kind of correction. Counties would have to write the refund checks. They could, however, go back to the other units of local government for their appropriate share of any refunds to Enbridge.

A possible solution to the problem is that proposed legislation — authored among others by State Rep. Deb Kiel in the House and State Sen. Mark Johnson in the Senate — that would make the state liable for the refunds. Since the valuation problem affects other pipelines throughout the state (and other utilities could contest their valuations as well), getting the state to make any refunds could involve a great amount of money.

Change in valuation process Based upon reports, the valuation problem began when there was a change in administration in the Department of Revenue in 2011. The new

leaders changed the process that was used in establishing values. As a result, after starting in 2012, the valuations have been significantly increased in each of the years that followed. The tax bills in the four years of 2013 through 2016 are the ones in dispute.

For Enbridge, the action to challenge the valuations was a natural business decision. It believes it has been paying too much real estate tax in Minnesota when compared to the tax bills paid in the North Dakota and Wisconsin. The company, assuming that it will prevail, is proposing ways that would make it easier for counties to make refunds over a period of time.

Any payback at all, though, doesn't sit well with the counties. Simply put, they didn't do anything wrong. Regardless of how accommodating Enbridge is willing to be with any payback, counties would be hard-pressed to fork out that much money even if it is over time.

Not only would refunding be a huge expense but it would also involve a "tax shift" in which all other property owners in the county would be taxed to replace the disputed Enbridge tax dollars.

Counties didn't create the problem but without a legislative fix they could be on the hook to fix it.

OF INTERESTING NOTE — The 25 Dakota Access Pipeline protesters who were transferred to the Grand Forks County Jail following their arrests had only a momentary stay in the slammer. Not long after their arrival in Grand Forks, a lady appeared at jail the with a wad of new \$100 bills that she used to fund the \$500 needed to bail each of the protesters out of jail. They were all out in a matter of a couple of hours.

And they were fed, too, probably to make sure that they would have full stomachs before moving on to the next protest.

Go figure.
Thoughts for the day:
Wisdom from the seat of an old tractor —The trouble with a milk cow is that she won't stay milked.

To conquer without risk is to triumph without glory — Anonymous

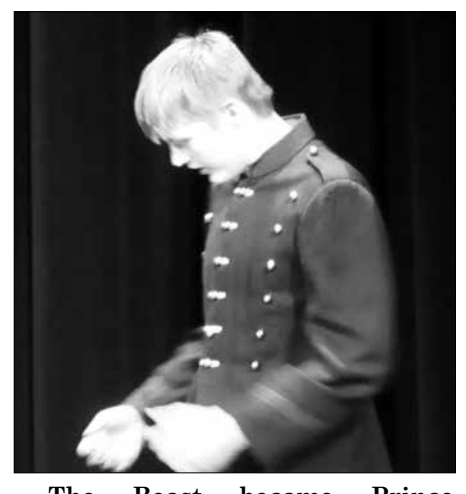
Disclaimer: Thoughts expressed in this column are those of the author and are not necessarily a reflection of the opinions of the other members of the Polk County Board of Commissioners.



Prince Charmless (Jadon Kangas) made some unusual friends in the forest, including Puss & Boots (Jhana Saeland) and the Headless Horseman (Jamie Jerdee).



Stepsisters Haley Sander and Kendyl Johnson with the King's Servant, Hunter Trandem.



The Beast became Prince Frankie (Zach Simonson) after the spell was broken.