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William Klawitter and his mom, Holly make an art project during Math Fun Night at Win-E-Mac School.



With help from his mom, Ashley, Liam Schow makes an art project last Thursday evening during the annual Math Fun Night, hosted by Jessica Strom, who is a math teacher at Win-E-Mac School. This year's art theme was inspired by her trip to Germany last year.

Winger
Lions Pancake
Breakfast Benefit

There will be a benefit for Jody "Stubby" Danielson, a long time Winger resident and cook at Moran's Supper Club in Winger, this Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Winger Community Center. There will be a free will offering to aid with Jody's medical expenses. The menu is pancakes, sausage, strawberries, real whipped cream and a beverage. All are welcome to attend and help support Jody Danielson. This event is sponsored by the Winger Lions.

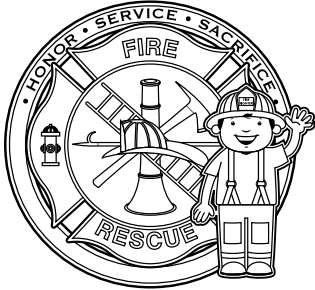
This Saturday, celebrate
127 years of service with the
McIntosh Fire & Rescue Squad

Join the McIntosh Fire and Rescue Squad at the 127th Annual Fireman's Ball that will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at The Club Bar & Grill in McIntosh.

Each Year, the Fire and Rescue Squad hosts the Fireman's Ball in appreciation for the support received from all those they proudly serve in the City and rural areas of McIntosh.

The firemen will be mailing out tickets to all they serve for the ball. The cost of the tickets helps with the Squad's ability to purchase much needed equipment and supplies needed to serve our community.

Members of the McIntosh Fire and Rescue Squad (with their years of service) are: Fire Chief, Justin Shultz (8 yrs.), Assistant Chief, Toby Strom (13 yrs.), Bernie Marshall (16 yrs.), Gary Schommer (30 yrs.), Mark Thompson (22 yrs.), Clay Syverson (21 yrs.), Ron Lemer (21 yrs.), Steve Olson (20 yrs.), Mark Strom (18 yrs.), Ken Kasprzak (17 yrs.), Kris Johnson (15 yrs.), Rick Grove (10 yrs.), Dean Roy (10 yrs.), Dave Senn (9 yrs.), Tamera Ostenaar (8 yrs.), Tanya Hamre (7 yrs.),



Brook Johnson (5 yrs.), Mark Simonson (5 yrs.), Josh Long (1 yr.), and new member Julie Christianson.

Door prizes this year include a 17 HMR Rifle, 2 - \$50 gift certificates to Jared's Grocery, Fire and Carbon Monoxide detectors, as well as an Electric Grill donated by Ottertail Power. You do not need to be present to win and can mail or drop off your ticket stubs with payment to the City Clerk during business hours. If you do plan to attend, please keep your ticket portion of the stub for entrance to the ball. Additional raffle tickets will be available the night of the ball, as well.

Music will begin at 9:00 pm and be provided by DJ "Sound Sensations".

Please join the McIntosh Fire and Rescue Squad on Saturday, April 1st at The Club Bar & Grill and dance the night away with Sound Sensations.

WEM
Senior/Staff
Basketball Game

Come cheer on both teams as the Win-E-Mac Senior Class takes on the Win-E-Mac Staff in a fun and friendly game of basketball on Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 pm.

The Junior Class will serve a taco supper from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

Proceeds from this event will go to help with the Elementary School dance and the 2018 Senior Class Trip.

There will be a bike drawing held at the end of the game, along with split the pot tickets for \$1. The proceeds from this sale will help fund the Elementary dance. See you there for a fun evening!



The 2017 King Town Board members and agency manager. Pictured are: (back, l-r) Richard Johnson, Davin Swanson, Craig Espeseth, Ray Sundrud, Agency Manager, Diane Boucher; (front, l-r) Calvin Skeie, Morris Hendrickson and Dennis Boucher.

Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force seizes money, drugs and guns in 2016

Investigative work done by the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force in 2016 led to 271 arrests for drug trafficking and other violent offenses in an eight-county area of northwestern Minnesota.

That number of arrests — 271 — was almost double the 140 arrests that were made in 2015.

In the process of their work, the 13-member task force team also confiscated 57 weapons, turned up extensive amounts of drug paraphernalia and stolen items, and seized a large amount of drugs. The drugs seized included 1,617 grams of meth, 102 grams of heroin, 38 grams of cocaine, 2.8 pounds of marijuana, and 537 prescription pills.

The 102 grams of heroin was more than triple the 31 grams that were confiscated in 2015 and the 1,617 grams of meth was more than double the 663 grams seized in the year before.

"As our statistics show, we've mirrored the nationwide trend of having an increase in the use of heroin," a task force official notes. "The deadly fentanyl-laced heroin drug combination has been noticed in our area and we are doing everything that we can to get it stopped. Since multiple other agencies have joined in our task force efforts we've been able to be much more effective. This shows in our increased number of cases."

Many now doing time

About those cases, the official says, "A significant number of offenders are now doing time in prison. We have been able to develop air-tight cases; there just haven't been many



This line-up of mostly \$20 bills was seized when 2 pounds of meth was discovered during a search exercised in East Grand Forks.



This assault rifle, other guns, shells and a number of bags of meth were seized by the Task Force during a probation search in Roseau.

not-guilty verdicts."

Also high in popularity is the use of prescription pills. That popularity has resulted in a number of home break-ins where the medicine cabinet was a prime focus. Of crimes committed locally, agents say, drugs and alcohol are a factor in a large percentage of them.

Marijuana, according to

team members, continues to be the "starter" drug... the one that typically precedes the use of meth, heroin and many of the others.

Three of the task force's 13 agents are from Polk County with one investigator each provided by the cities of Crookston and East Grand Forks and a deputy provided by the Sher-

iff's Office.

The Lake of the Woods, Norman, Pennington and Roseau county sheriff's offices each provide an agent while the U.S. Border Patrol commits four agents and U.S. Homeland Security provides one investigator.

Additionally, the City of Thief River Falls has also recently assigned a part-time investigator to work with the team.

While not committing a full-time member to the task force, Marshall, Kittson and Red Lake counties are available to otherwise assist as needed. Marshall and Norman counties and the City of Thief River Falls have new canine officers that are at the disposal of the task force.

The task force receives \$200,000 in state funding annually. This money is split between the cities and counties to reimburse them for a portion of the salaries of the investigators that they provide. A part of the grant is also used for training and to purchase necessary equipment.

Advisory board supervises

The team answers to a 14-member advisory board. That board is made up of Polk County Sheriff Barb Erdman, Crookston Police Chief Paul Biermaier (board vice president), East Grand Forks Police Chief Mike Hedlund (board president), Crookston City Council member Bob Quanrud, East Grand Forks City Council member Chad Grassel, Polk County Commissioner Warren Strandell, Roseau County Sheriff Steve Gust, Assistant



Drug Money: This stack of cash — thousands of dollars — was recovered when the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force exercised a search warrant in Crookston that put a marijuana-growing operation out of business. In 2016, the Task Force made 271 arrests in the eight-county area of northwestern Minnesota in which the organization's 13 officers work. In a typical forfeiture, 20% of the money is directed to the State of Minnesota and 10% goes to the prosecuting agency. The balance is used to support the operations of the Drug Task Force.

Roseau County Attorney Mike Grover, Pennington County Sheriff Ray Kuznia, Thief River Falls Police Chief Dick Wittenberg, Norman County Sheriff Jeremy Thornton, Norman County Chief Deputy Ben Fall, Lake of the Woods County Sheriff Gary Fish and Lake of the Woods County Attorney James Austad.

Associate (non-voting)

Community
Calendar

Wed. March 29:

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

Thurs. March 30:

McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30p; Senior/Staff Basketball 7:00pm game @ WEM School

Fri. March 31:

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

Sat. April 1:

McIntosh 127th Annual Fireman's Ball at The Club Bar & Grill

Mon. April 3:

McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tues. April 4:

McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Community Club 7:00pm @ McIntosh Community Center

Wed. April 5:

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. April 6:

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

Fri. April 7:

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

Mon. April 10:

McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

advisory board members include Polk County Attorney Greg Widseth, Red Lake County Sheriff Mitch Bernstein, Ada Police Chief Jody Bueng, Kittson County Sheriff Kenny Hultgren, Marshall County Sheriff Jason Boman, U.S. Border Patrol Agent Eric Kuhn, and Homeland Security Investigations Agent Josh Goldberg.

In addition to their work in the field, the federal agencies provide a connection to other government resources including prosecution through the U.S. District Court (federal) system.

The task force has agreements that allow it to work across state lines with the Grand Forks Narcotics Task Force and to work extensively with drug task forces in adjacent counties and throughout Minnesota.

Suspicious activities can be reported to the sheriff's office (218-281-0431), the Crookston Police Department (218-281-3111), the East Grand Forks Police Department (218-773-4307), or to Polk County's Help Us 2 Fight Meth and All Crime anonymous number (877-204-7505).

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Repent

Repentance comes with great responsibility. You see, it is not enough to be sorry and to confess. True repentance seeks to make a change in the battleground of the mind; one that subjects itself to scrutiny according to the word of God. There aren't a lot of believers scrambling to get on that boat. In fact, we are experts at avoiding that kind of spiritual delving.

I'm a "tool" kind of gal, "mental" tools that is—although I am extremely fond of my pneumatic stapler! It's amazing! Anyway... the "tools" I have been using to test my inclinations have been simply answering two questions. When I look at my situation I ask: What is the context? When I reach a decision I ask: What is my motivation? Practicing these two questions retrain my reactions, eliminating footholds and strongholds of darkness in me. What a minute... a believer with darkness inside? Yes! Any part of me that is not Christ-like is without "Light" and morally "dark."

The enemy traffics in my moral darkness. He has a legal right to do so.

"And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgement of the great day." (Jude 1:6) Often we think of darkness as a physical place without physical light. What if we look at it as a "spiritual" place without "spiritual" light? In The Three Battlegrounds by Francis Frangipane, he talks about this as moral darkness because God—who is Light—is absent from this place. "This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5)

I am guilty of making assumptions without investigating context: darkness. I am guilty of seeking to serve myself more than I serve others: darkness. I am prone to excuse myself of the difficulty of diving down on the origin of sin, which is in my own mind: darkness. I readily blame circumstances or others before I own my own: darkness. I believe at the heart of this darkness is fear. Fear

that God will see me for who I really am... wait a minute! Didn't He already? "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) It is not a secret I'm a sinner. In fact, it's a well-known truth in the physical and spiritual realms. So who am I kidding?

The idea that God will see me exactly for who I am and turn away is a downright lie of darkness. God wants me to see myself EXACTLY as He does! Certainly I am sinful, unholy and unrighteous but I am the CROWN of His creation. I am made in His image. As I live in relationship with Him I am one of the kedoshim (Hebrew for "holy ones.") His holiness becomes mine through repentance. And this realization, the enemy DOES NOT WANT me to reach! Because when I RE-

PENT according to the word of God, when I AGREE with the enemy that—yes, I am a sinner—I come into alignment with the Father. Only as I confess my sin and repent of it can He place the blood of the Lamb in my stead.

When I allow the Ruach ha-kodesh (Holy Spirit) to confront, convict and condemn sin in my life I give Jesus Christ an opportunity to act on my behalf. God's word becomes living and active in me, my resulting repentance is weaponized. Meeting the accuser and his minions with agreement instead of denial, and inviting Light into my moral darkness means the enemy faces my Mighty Redeemer. But first I must enter into VOLUNTARY relationship with the Father. It is an ATTITUDE I must practice every day. Umm... I could use some company... just sayin'.

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Polk County septic system fix-up program

Polk County Environmental Services has a cost share grant/loan program that is available to property owners in Polk County that have non-compliant septic systems.

Funds are made possible through a grant received from the Minnesota Clean Water Legacy Act.

There is a limited amount of funding available and preference for funding will be determined based on income status, condition of existing system, and proximity to priority surface waters.

The County will provide a cost share grant/loan contributing 25% of installation cost up to a maximum of \$2,500. The remaining loan will have a .0001% interest rate and will be paid back over a 10 year term.

To Qualify Maximum adjusted annual household income cannot exceed: (household size/monthly income) 1/\$41,350, 2/\$47,300, 3/\$53,200, 4/\$59,100, 5/\$63,850, 6/\$68,550, 7/\$73,300, 8/\$78,000.

Applicants will be required

The McIntosh Times Office Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon
Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Call or fax: (218) 563-3585

Ad deadline is Noon on Friday prior to publication

to pay 10% down if approved. If you are interested in learning more about this great program please call Polk County Planning and Zoning at (218) 281-5700 or you can reach us by email at environmental.svs@co.polk.mn.us. The deadline to apply for the Septic System Fix-Up Program is June 1, 2017. After this date remaining funding will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Also remember that Polk County Planning and Zoning requires building/land use permits for all construction projects throughout the County. If you are planning any building/land use projects please contact planning and zoning prior to construction to see what setbacks and ordinance requirements may apply. More information on building/land use regulations can be found on the Polk County Website at www.co.polk.mn.us under the Environmental Services and Planning and Zoning Department pages.

Polk County Public Health

A Polk County Public Health (Crookston office) Open House is planned for Tuesday, April 4th from Noon-2:00pm. Join us in celebrating National Public Health Week and our 1-year anniversary in our new Crookston location at 816 Marin Ave. (Justice Center Building – use our entrance on the South side). Free blood pressure checks, office tours and refreshments will be provided.

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

**Ad deadline:
Noon Friday**

St. Mary's to

present Brendan Case

Brendan Case, nationally known Catholic Lay-Missionary, is coming to St. Mary's Church in Fosston on Saturday, April 1, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. for an afternoon of worship, teaching and prayer for healing.

Brendan and his wife, Andrea, who live in a covenant community in Arizona, have answered God's call to give away all that they had to rely on God for all their needs and to minister where and when they are summoned.

With guitar in hand, leading the Church in heartfelt worship, Brendan's ministry has witnessed the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, quadriplegics walking and the barren conceiving.

Father John and the parishioners of St. Mary's Church welcome all to attend this parish mission, which will conclude with a 5:00 p.m. Mass and soup supper.

St. Mary's is located at 725 6th St. NE in Fosston and is handicapped accessible.

Mt. Carmel

Special Meetings

Living in The Quiet Power of the Risen Christ
April 2 - 5, 2017

Pastor Don Richman, founder of the Eastern European Missions Network

Sunday, April 2nd: 9:30am Trinity
11:00am Mt. Carmel

Sunday April 2 to Wednesday April 5 at 7:30 pm each evening at Mt. Carmel.

Salem

Lutheran Meeting

Salem Lutheran Cemetery Association of McIntosh will be having their annual meeting on April 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the McIntosh Community Center. All are welcome to come

Food for Fines at Mac Library

At Lake Agass 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 29: Chad Haas, Dean Roy, Norma Ness

Thurs. March 30: Mark Thompson, Hazel Grover

Fri. March 31: Tom Hegre, David Kiecker, Amanda Schow

Sat. April 1: Dylan Burslie, *Wendell & Judy Webster

Sun. April 2: Christopher Burslie

Mon. April 3: Bria Weber

Tues. April 4: Destiny Hedlund, Ella Finseth, Justin Juve



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fosston

Fr. John Suvaakeen, Pastor

Wed. March 29: 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Fri. March 31: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. April 2: 8:00am Confession 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's Fosston, 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. April 5: 5:30pm 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. April 2: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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

OURS SAVIOR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

(ELCA)

McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Wed. March 29: 5:30 to 7:00 pm there will be a Lenten Supper with proceeds going to Dylan Roy's and Kobe Hamre's mission trip to Denver, Colorado this summer. Lenten Services will start that evening at 7:00 pm.

Sun. April 2: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. April 9: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN

CHURCH

Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book:

Gosen Church

Wed. March 29: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place.

Fri. March 31: 7:10:00am Telecast of Luther League program on Gaden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Sat. April 1: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. April 2: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service;

Tues. April 4: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. April 5: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place; 7:00pm Bible Study at Don & Sharon Ramberg's

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 30: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. April 2: Sun. April 2: 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. April 6: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. April 9: 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. April 2: 9am Worship

Sun. April 9: 9am Worship

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FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. March 29: 6:00p Confirmation Class; 7:00pm Lenten Services, Youth serving afterwards

Sun. April 2: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School to follow worship service; 7:00pm Bible Study: Jesus the One and Only

Wed. April 5: 6:00p Confirmation Class; 7:00pm Lenten Services, Youth serving afterwards

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. John Anderson, Pastor

Sun. April 2: 8:45am Worship Service

Sun. April 9: 8:45 Worship Service

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays



This is a photo of the Asphult Lutheran Church of Hill River Township's Confirmation class from June 21, 1931. At the time of the picture, A.M Swanson was the Pastor, and he also served as Pastor for Salem, Oak Park and Poplar Lake at the time. Some of the people in the photo have been recognized: (back row) 2. Ervin Brinkman, 7. Clifford Hanson; (front row) 1. Arnie Brinkman, 4. Pastor A.M. Swanson, 4. Bernice Eneison, 5. Elmer Eneison. The photo was brought to MHAC by Carol Fox.



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Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where it continues to be chilly and windy with a fairly nice day here and there. Monday being the first day of spring and it was a nice sunny day but the rest of the week has been cloudy, windy and cool, with a few snow flurries tossed into the mix. Hopefully the temperatures will improve day by day and then it won't be long until the farmers and gardeners will be digging in the sod.

I am sure the ducks and geese are wondering what they are doing back so early but they seem to hunker down near river banks and pot holes. Another sign of spring, I saw a dead skunk laying along the road so they have come out of hibernation.

Dick and Wanda Donavon of St. Francis arrived at the Milton Carlson home last Friday the 17th to spend the week end with Milton and other family members.

Martha Henney has been blessed with phone calls from her children, Dean who is in Austin, TX called and visited with Martha, and Gail Johnson of Karlstad called Martha and they had a very pleasant phone visit, and Carol Wang of Billings, MT also called Martha to let her know that she and Lindsay were back at their home in Montana after spending the winter in Alabama.

Last Sunday Lucy Brtek met Greg and Michelle Gagner of Mentor and along with them were Lucy's Great Grandchildren Lexi and Shane Gagner of Bemidji. All had dinner together at the Dairy Queen in Fosston.

Cindy Horvath and Carol Stordahl attended Charlie Peterson's 2nd birthday party on March 11th at the Elmore Town Hall at Meadowlands, MN. The hall was decorated in yellow and black balloons and tractors, and it isn't every little boy that has 2 Great Grandmothers in attendance, Patricia Horvath and Carol Stordahl - both of them over 90. There was lots of good food, lots of little kids and a lot of noise!!! An enjoyable day!

Linda Pulskamp spent from Wednesday until Sunday at the Brent and Jessie Pulskamp home in Wahpeton to be with her three Granddaughters while Mom and Dad were on a business trip. Grandpa came to the Pulskamp home on Friday and stayed until Sunday also.

Last Saturday Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were dinner guests at the Milton Carlson home along with Milton's house guests Dick and Wanda Donavon. That evening Paul and Donna Carlson were visitors with Milton and Dick and Wanda Donavon at the Carlson home.

Gary and Maxine Walters visited on Wednesday at the

Pioneer Home at Erskine with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Heidi Bergquist of Breckenridge visited Linda Pulskamp last Friday at the Brent Pulskamp home in Wahpeton.

Wednesday the 22nd Lucy Brtek and Richard Brtek had a great visit and dinner together at the Dairy Queen in Fosston.

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

Lucy Brtek made a trip to Dilworth on Monday where she had a Dr. appointment. She stated that there were tons of ducks and geese along the river bank of the Buffalo River and also stated that she had spotted an eagle as she drove.

Monday the 20th Judy Gieseke was a afternoon visitor with Milton Carlson at the Carlson home.

Once again this is the news I have gathered, there is room for lots more.

Until next week, have a good one and food for thought, It's a shallow life that doesn't give a person a few scars.

From Bun Manor:

Floyd and Gerri Balstad recently went on a road trip. The trip was short but fun, the first stop was in Mpls to spend time with Gerris' son Tony and family, next stop was Des Moines to spend time with her daughter, Connie and family, then onto Mesa to spend time with Clinton & Holly Balstad. They are doing great and always fun to visit with them. The days were hot in Mesa, 91* 92* and 95*. OOFDA

Tennis and Lori Balstad recently took their children Trisha, Trent, Faith and Lance to Florida where they enjoyed Harry Potter World at Universal Studios, Kennedy Space Center, Kayaking in Mangrove tunnels near Cocoa Beach and a fun filled beach day at Stuart Beach. They were able to visit and stay with Mary Kay and Kreston Lane at Port St. Lucie who had recently moved to Florida from Fosston.

Bun's brother Andy and his wife Linda came up to visit him on Fri. Linda brought some homemade chicken for lunch and cookies for dessert.

Friday evening, Linda, Andy and Bun met Tennis and Lori Balstad at Moran's for supper. After supper Andy, Linda, Lori and Tennis went down to the casino to see Kris Kristofferson in concert. He was somewhat entertaining at the ripe old age of 80. Nothing to write home about.

Saturday afternoon Roy Broske stopped out at the manor to visit Andy, Linda and Bun. Later on Dr Dougie and his friend from Fargo Cassie and her doggie Poopers came out to spend the night with his uncle Bun. They went into Winger in the evening and at-

Public Notification of Intent to File Application

The City of Winger has filed an application for financial assistance with USDA, Rural Development. The specific purpose of this application is to apply for financial assistance to assist with the costs associated with the proposed water system improvements.

Any written comments regarding this application should be provided within (15) days of this publication to USDA, Rural Development, Attn: Laura Pettit, 809 8th St. SE, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. Requests to receive a copy of this application should be directed to this office.

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tended the Lion's fun night at the Winger community center. The event went over very well. Bun talked to his long time friends Brian and Mary Espeseth from Thief River Falls.

AgCountry Farm Credit Distributes \$21M

AgCountry Farm Credit Services recently paid \$21 million in cash patronage to their member-owners based on the company's 2016 earnings. The distribution was announced in January, and was paid out to member-owners this March in proportion to their 2016 eligible loan business.

"We work hard to maintain a strong cooperative, and being able to share a portion of our income is something that gives us great pride," says Bob Bahl, AgCountry President & CEO. "We're owned by the farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses that we serve, and paying patronage is an important part of the value we deliver."

"We couldn't be more excited to share this achievement with our customer-owners," adds Kevin Geerdes, Sr. Loan Officer and Branch Manager of AgCountry's Fosston and Thief River Falls offices "Our goal is to provide great financial solutions while remaining competitive in our market. Paying patronage back feels great."

Headquartered in Fargo, ND, AgCountry provides credit and financial services to farmers, ranchers and rural customers in eastern ND and northwest and west central MN and to agribusinesses across the United States



Winger Lions raffle winners

1st. place. \$250.00
Brandon Omang. Warroad, Mn.
2nd. place. \$100.00. Dr. Dougie. Long Lake, Mn.
3rd place. \$50.00. Kelsey Thronson. Fertile, Mn.
Two \$25.00 winners. Joann Zahl. Winger, Mn. and Barrent Thronson. Fertile, Mn

Regional Ag News

Ed Gindele,
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Soil compaction: What can you do?

Jodi DeJong-Hughes

As spring approaches, plan to include strategies that reduce soil compaction. Soil compaction concerns have been growing in Minnesota as annual precipitation and the size of farm equipment have dramatically increased.

Wet soils are particularly susceptible to compaction. Heavy equipment and tillage implements amplify damage to the soil's structure, decreasing pore space and limiting soil and water volume even further. Improving soil structure is the best defense against soil compaction. A well-structured soil holds and conducts water, nutrients, and air necessary for healthy plant root activity.

Myths about soil compaction

Don't be fooled by two very common and widespread myths about soil compaction: 1) Freeze-thaw cycles will alleviate a majority of the soil compaction created by machinery, and 2) What compaction "Mother Nature" does not take care of, deep tillage or subsoiling will.

Freeze-thaw cycles

A combination of heavy axle loads and wet soil conditions increases the depth of compaction in the soil profile. For

example, a load of 10 tons per axle or more on wet soils can extend compaction to depths of two feet or more. Since this is well below the depth of normal tillage, the compaction is more likely to persist compared to shallow compaction that can largely be removed by tillage.

Although soils in this region are subject to annual freeze-thaws cycles and freeze depths of 3 feet or more, only the top 2 to 5 inches will experience more than one freeze-thaw cycle per year. The belief that freeze-thaw cycles will loosen compacted soils may have developed years ago when compaction would have been relatively shallow. At that time, machinery weighed less and grass and deep-rooted legumes were grown in the crop rotation.

However, compaction can be alleviated to a limited degree in excessively dry soils. In very dry soils, cracks will form in most Minnesota soils. Considered a natural tillage tool, these cracks will break up compaction, but only to the depth of the crack.

Deep tillage

While deep tillage (greater than 18 inches) is capable of shattering hard pans created by wheel traffic, it has not been proven to increase yield consistently or for a long period of

time. In the Midwest, research results have shown few positive yield responses to subsoiling. When responses do occur, they are relatively small and variable. Predicting the effects of subsoiling is difficult due to soil differences, degree of subsoil compaction, soil moisture, future traffic, weather conditions, crops grown and tillage methods.

Tire inflation pressure (psi) versus axle load

Tractors equipped with either tracks or tires can both create surface compaction. Which, however, creates the least amount? In fact, if radial tires are properly inflated, both tires and tracks will create similar amounts of surface compaction.

Compaction created by smaller tractors (less than 10 tons per axle) usually remains in the top 6 to 8 inches and can be alleviated by tillage. In contrast, an increasing number of tractors, full combines, slurry tankers and grain carts can weigh between 18 and 40 tons per axle. This equipment, whether equipped with tires or tracks, can compact the soil to depths of 3 feet.

Tracks exert a ground pressure of approximately 4-7 psi depending on track width, length, and tractor weight. Radial tires, on the other

hand, exert a pressure of 1 to 2 pounds higher than their inflation pressure. For example, if a radial tire is inflated to 6 psi, the tire exerts a pressure of 7 to 8 psi on the soil. Assuming that loads and soil pressures are similar, both tracks and tires will exert similar stress onto the soil.

Management strategies

One of the most important factors for decreasing soil compaction potential is to stay off the soil when it is wet. Unfortunately, this is not always possible, as planting opportunities are often limited. Other



40 years ago...1977: Shelly Lucken, Lynnette Carver and Donna Larson exhibit their Minnesota History project showing a paper maché landscape of St. Anthony Falls when Minnesota was first settled.



30 years ago...1987: Members of the Winger Volunteer Fire Department have just completed an Emergency Medical Treatment course given by the Fertile Emergency Service. Completing the course are: Dale Hickman, Dale Olson, Craig Helling, Robbie Jones, Craig Helgaas and Steve Massmann. Instructors are Kathryn Swenson and Steve Balau. Not pictured: Bill Brownell.



20 years ago...1997: The decorations are in place and plans are being made for the Easter Parade and ham dinner that will be served at the McIntosh Senior Meal Site. (Seated) Site Manager, Bernice Smith, and volunteers, (Back L-R) Helga Tranby and Agnes Theis enjoy some of the spring flower bouquets and the Easter egg tree that decorate the Site. Tranby and Theis have been volunteers at the Meal Site for more than 20 years and are still helping to serve and clean-up at the noon meal.



10 years ago...2007: This past week Cub Scout Pack 89 with their parents and siblings collected over 800 lbs. of food from the Winger, Mentor and Erskine areas. The scouts had great support for the local food shelf. Pictured are Hunter Chaput, Carver Sannes, Joesph Parenteau, Issiah Basargin, Ruth Hanson, Baniel Basargin, Dakota Chaput, Aaron Weik, Wyatt Stennes, Hunter Parenteau, Kia Bachand, Missy Stennes and Cari Bachand.

effective strategies include maintaining proper tire inflation rates and decreasing axle loads. Radial tires can be inflated as low as 6 to 8 psi, but producers should check with their tire dealers to confirm proper tire pressures. Frequently checking and maintaining proper pressures will not only help reduce soil compaction, it will improve tractor efficiency

Summary

Inflating tires to the proper air pressure will reduce surface compaction, while reducing axle loads will reduce the

depth of compaction. These strategies help maintain a well-structured soil, one of the most important factors when growing a healthy crop. Preventing soil compaction enhances water infiltration and storage capacity, timeliness of field operations while decreasing plant root stress and disease potential.

Looking for more information that includes illustrations of graphs/tables backed with real data?

Find it online at UMN-Extension under Soil Health

WEM School Announcements

Last Chance to order a 2016-2017 yearbook to be called "To Infinity & Beyond!" The cost is \$40. Yearbooks can be purchased during students' noon hours or from Mrs. Winter (room 51) or order forms are available in the office. Yearbook pre-sale ends on March 31, 2017!!!

The Grade report period 'Quarter 3' ended on 3/17/2017 grading period has ended at Secondary. Please check ParentVUE for your student's current grades!

The Patchwork for Kindness Quilt is being created by the 9th graders in FACS. It is a teal and grey color full size quilt. They are now raffling off tickets. The proceeds will be given away in an Act of Kindness. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

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.

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 3/28 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.

Pictured below: Having a great time together making art and just having fun during Math Night at Win-E-Mac School is (l-r) Ella Strom, Emma Strom, Alyssa Morberg and Brook Tofstad.



Students with their artwork at the MSHSL Art Festival, March 22 in Fosston. 7 students participated in the event and entered 18 works of art into the show. Win-E-Mac received 7 Excellent awards and 7 Superior awards. Photo Top (L-R) Aries Qualey, Katelyn Sanden, Tyra Wilson, Grace Spry and Maci Hamre. Bottom: Claudia Anfiliofeff and Mackenzie Fuller. The students artwork and awards will be on display at the Win-E-Mac Art Show on Wednesday April 26.

Random Things and Stuff



Aware of Insecurities

By: Emily Lynne

What is something you are insecure about? Is it your height? Your weight? Your speech? Or is it something else entirely. No matter what it is, I guarantee everyone at some point in their life has gone through insecurities. So if everyone has some sort of insecurity, why do we (as a society) tend to prey on these insecurities in others to make ourselves feel better?

Each of us knows how it feels to have our feelings hurt. It is even worse when someone is throwing our insecurities, which we are already on guard about, back in our faces. How are we supposed to get over these insecurities and move on in our lives positively if someone is constantly pointing out the flaws?

This is where we need to turn our insecurities into strength. If you learn to love yourself, flaws and all, you will lead a happier, more positive lifestyle. Here are some tips from PsychCentral.com for things to do when you feel insecure:

1. Consider your insecurity beautiful.
2. Write out goals for yourself, and hold yourself accountable.
3. Avoid people who make you feel more insecure or negative about yourself.
4. Surround yourself with supportive people.
5. Know that your insecurity is invisible. If you don't show that you are insecure, nobody else will even notice that you have the certain insecurity.

"Don't let fear or insecurity stop you from trying new things. Believe in yourself. Do what you love. And most importantly, be kind to others, even if you don't like them". Stacy London.



Lots of Win-E-Mac Elementary Students showed up to make some math related artwork during Math Night at the school last Thursday, March 23rd.



Kevin Subbert helped out his daughter Ella during Math Night at Win-E-Mac School.



Logan Johnson gets some help with his Math Art project from his Grandma, Nancy Jensen.



Pictured right: (above) Samantha Arme and (below) Josie Johnson were some of the students who made art projects.



Lily and Ruby Breckel worked on the Art project last Thursday during Math Night.



A great art project made by Mya Strom with the help of Grandma Connie!



Colton Schow made a great art project using circles with the assistance of his Grandman, Judy Stenberg during Math Night.

