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Mac Community celebrates 127 years of service from Fire & Rescue Squad



Saturday night the McIntosh Fire and Rescue Squad held their 127th Annual Fireman's Ball at The Club Bar & Grill. The Department and Community danced the night away with music from Sound Sensations. Pictured are McIntosh Fire and Rescue service members: (Front L-R) Brook Simonson, Tanya Hamre, Julie Christianson, Tamera Ostenaar, Toby Strom, Chief Justin Schultz, Mark Strom; (Back L-R): Rick Grove, Steve Olson, Dave Senn, Bernie Marshall, Gary Schommer, and Mark Simonson.

Annual Community Club
Easter Egg Hunt

The McIntosh Community Club will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th at 2:00 pm at Erickson Park.

Kids can hunt for easter eggs filled with treats, enjoy refreshments and visit with the Easter Bunny. There will also be a bike drawing for four bikes donated by the McIntosh Fire Department.

In case of rain the fun will take place at the Community Center.

WEM announces
3rd Quarter Honor Roll

The following Win-E-Mac Junior High and Senior High School students have attained either an "A" or "B" average in academic subjects for the third quarter of the 2016 - 2017 schol year. 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, Adreanna LaCourse, JayDee Reandeau, Olivia Simonson, Jessica Thompson.
"B": Bastian Benson, Tanya Bring, Jorey Carlson, Alaina Juve, Alec Kiecker, Christopher Kuznetsov, Anthony Smith.

Juniors
"A": Mary Ris Y. Catahan, MacKenzie Fuller, Blake Glass, Jarrin Gunderson, Jordin Gunderson, Maci Hamre, Emelian Kaya, Bryce Neubert, Joseph Parenteau, Patience Reep, Cole Shaver, Lauren Strom, Sydney Tadman, Tyra Wilson.
"B": Marcos Brenuy Lopez, Mackenzie Best, Landon Shaver, Gracy Spry, Kylie Stuhau,

MacKenzie Tadych, Kendra Thompson.

Sophomores
"A": Clavdia Anfilofieff, Lily Breckel, Brekken Lindberg, Aries Qualey, Hannah Smeby, Mason Spry.
"B": Tapanga Bratager, Kylie Brekke, Clarissa Neste.
9th Grade
"A": Mary H. Catahan, Lindsey Espeseth, Rylee Haugen, Lydia Kutsev, Abby Lende, Eliana Lindberg, Dustin Osland, Natasha Salsbery, Carlie

Honor Roll...
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McIntosh
Fireman's Ball
Raffle Winners

Arlene Bly - 17HMR Rifle

Earl Roed - Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Detector

Heather Hegre - Electric Grill donated by Otter-tail Power

Todd Tranby and Lora-e Roed - \$50 Jered's Grocery Gift Certificates donated by Jered Agnes



The nice weather has meant lots of outside fun for local kids. Here, Rosie Subbert, Jens and Adler Stordahl, Charlie Subbert and Dinah Opdahl are "fishing" in a puddle at Roholt Park.

Mac Council plans City Clean-up Week

The McIntosh City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the Community Center. All member of the Council were present, with the exception of Steve Urness, who resigned from the City Council due to moving out of the City.

The City approved Part One of the Wellhead Protection Plan for the City of McIntosh. This is a plan required by the State of Minnesota to protect the drinking water of municipalities. Plans are tailored for source water protection requirements and recommendations for public water suppliers (PWS). Considerations for these required plans include the population served, regulatory protections in place, and natural protections offered by the geology and soils.

The Council discussed the Community Center kitchen updates. Mayor Strom informed the Council that the Community Center kitchen will have to be re-inspected by the Minnesota Department of Health to find out what changes will

need to take place to be able to serve the public out of the kitchen. Melissa, the City Clerk will contact the state and make arrangements for another inspection.

The aerial mosquito spraying contract from Airborne Custom Spraying was approved by the Council during the meeting.

The Annual Pet Registration Day at the Fire Hall will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2017. City Residents will be able to register their pets on that day as well as be able to get their pets their annual vaccinations from Cornerstone Veterinary Clinic in Gonvick.

McIntosh Clean Up week will begin on Sunday, April 23rd and continue through April 30th. There will be places for disposal of household debris again on the east side of town. There will be dumpsters yet some items such as tires and refrigerators will still have

to be taken to Fosston for disposal by the resident.

The Council approved the gambling licenses for the charitable gambling at The Coop and The Club for the year.

Karvako Engineering send the Clerk a check-off sheet of various City projects for the Council to review. Karvako would then research available grant money if the City decided to pursue any projects. The Council asked the Clerk to find out what the engineering fees would be should they agree to any projects.

Mayor Strom asked the Council to put together a Wish List of projects they would like to see done around the City. This could work in conjunction with Karvako's grant research.

The City Council will meet again in regular session on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the Community Center.

Community
Calendar

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

Tues. April 11: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Community Club 7:00pm @ McIntosh Community Center

Wed. April 12: 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. April 13: 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 5:30pm @ Community Center

Fri. April 14: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Cantata Performance 7:30pm @ Win-E-Mac Arts & Event Center

Sat. April 15: Community Club Easter Egg Hunt 2:00pm @ Erickson Park

Mon. April 17: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



Win-E-Mac Seniors who played against the Staff during the Staff/Senior Basketball Game last Thursday evening.



Win-E-Mac Staff who played against the Staff during the Staff/Senior Basketball Game last Thursday evening.

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Thankful

I grew up saying my thanks to God quietly in my prayers, with no one but Him to hear. I will say my thankfulness looks different than it has before. For instance, I now pray out loud like this: "Thank you Father, that my daughter is having a meltdown at home and not at the "brand new grocery store..." (her favorite place to go!) Speaking it instead of thinking it keeps me focused on the right way to discipline but I am not a perfect Momma!

I have also been consciously praising and thanking Him for the little things. One of my friends shared that her daughter had been asked at youth group "What if you only had today the things you thanked God for yesterday?" Umm, sobering. I have now been giving thanks for: a flushing indoor toilet, a working dishwasher, an electric bill because it means I have a warm house, toilet paper—no explanation needed, clothing... what comes to your mind?

I find when I focus on what I do have, the desire for things I don't tends to recede. While material comfort and security are probably what most

of us would term basic human rights, I believe the illusion of them can steer our focus away from what matters most. The relationship that is possible with the Father. The heated home I live in serves an important function yet its true shelter lies in the Word of God that I read and pray in it every day. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12)

How many of us are thankful for trial by fire? It takes mature believers to rejoice and praise in the midst of life crashing down around us. Another friend encouraged me to thwart the attempts of the enemy to grab victory in my life with praise. When I face impossible situations or emotional immaturity in believers I can throw a first-class pity party for myself. This feeds my moral darkness. But guess what? If I offer a sacrifice of praise, to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob I confound the enemy. Trafficking in my moral darkness no longer produces

the desired result. She also reminded me that only we—as believers—can offer this sacrifice of praise in these situations and—only here on earth! In Heaven we will no longer have the opportunity to praise in spite of our circumstances.

There is beauty in thankfuly praising in spite of our own moral darkness or that of others. It offers a wonderful opportunity to meet our Elohim with more vulnerability. We can experience His presence on a deeper level. The victory is ours in Him but only if we voluntarily submit in relationship with Him. "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place." (II Corinthians 2:14)

Thankfulness is not an action but an attitude. It's a choice. It's not something I "do" but something I can "be." I want to be the sweet aroma and not a spiritual stench! For as I press into the Father, as I align myself with His agenda—no matter my circumstances—I will bring glory to His name and claim victory for the Kingdom. Will you join me?

Honor Roll...

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"B": Katelynn Cavalier, Nathan Fortmann, Isabella Hernandez, Katrina Jackson, Gabriella Qualey, Noah Roragen, Isaac Salvhus, Zachary Simonson, Kalisfenia Snegirev, Aedine Spry.

8th Grade:
"A": Paige Breckel, Nikon Erofeeff, Gavin Haskett, Alex Jacobson, Brianna Johnson, Noah Ostenaar, Dylan Roy, Bryer Strom, Mia Thompson.

"B": Felicity Adress, Bryce DuChamp, Daniel Erofeeff, Remy Goodwin, Zachariah Gummeringer, Kobe Hamre, Serendipity Holmes, Grace Kaupang, Avtonom Martushev, Adams Mills, Reed Neubert, Brock Trandem, Gavin Walker.

7th Grade
"A": Tabitha Bratager, Anton Hickman, Keriann Kutsev, Eva Qually, Alivia Winter
"B": Rebecca Armev, Monania Erofeeff, Kendyl Johnson, Jadon Kangas, Lukiya Kutsev, Teagan Paulson, Haley Sander, Tyra Schaumburg, Chase Shear, Ethan Shimpa, Savannah Svalen, Hunter Trandem.

USDA Designates

Natural Disaster Areas

In response to a request from Brian Haugen, Farm Service Agency's (FSA) acting State Executive Director in North Dakota, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated 25 counties in North Dakota as primary natural disaster areas due to losses caused by mul-

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tiple disasters that occurred in the 2016 crop year.

Disaster Number 2: USDA has designated 15 counties in North Dakota as primary natural disaster areas due to losses caused by excessive rain, high winds, tornados and hail that occurred from Jan. 1, 2016, through Nov. 15, 2016. Those counties are: Benson, McIntosh, Steele, Burke, McKenzie, Towner, Cavalier, Pembina, Traill, Divide, Ramsey, Walsh, Grand Forks, Rolette, and Ward.

Farmers and ranchers in the following counties in North Dakota also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are: Barnes, Dunn, LaMoure, Nelson, Billings, Eddy, Logan, Pierce, Bottineau, Emmons, McHenry, Renville, Cass, Golden Valley, McLean, Wells, Dickey, Griggs, Mountrail, and Williams.

Farmers and ranchers in the following counties in Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota also qualify for natural disaster assistance because their counties are contiguous. Those counties are: Minnesota: Kittson, Marshall, Norman and Polk; Montana: Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan and Wibaux; South Dakota: Campbell and McPherson.

All counties listed above were designated natural disaster areas on Feb. 15, 2017, making all qualified farm operators in the designated areas eligible for FSA's low emergency (EM) loans, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for loans to help cover part of their actual losses. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the EM loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

VFW Auxiliary #6891 News

The McIntosh VFW Auxiliary #6891 will hold their April meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 10, at The Club in McIntosh.

There will be election of officers for the 2017-2018 year. All Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

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 north-west and west central MN and to agribusinesses across the United States

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.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. April 5: Levi Halstad, Earl Roed, Joan Lee

Thurs. April 6: Kasi Schow, Judi Linseth, Caillie Boucher

Fri. April 7: Allen Carver

Sat. April 8: Charles Lindseth, Brenner Sylstad, Lorraine Rustad, Ethan Shimpa

Sun. April 9: Dylan Roy, *Kain & Hunter Schow

Mon. April 10: Bobby Strom, Jeffrey Brekke

Tues. April 11: Don Sultvedt

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fosston
Fr. John Suvaakeen,
Pastor

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

Fri. April 7: 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. April 9: 8:00am Confession 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's Fosston, 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. April 12: 1:00pm Mass at McIntosh Nursing Home

If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

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

Sun. April 16: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

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

Sun. April 16: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Gary Johnson, Pastor
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Wed. April 5: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place.

Sat. April 8: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

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

Tues. April 11: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. April 12: 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. 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

Thurs. April 13: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. April 16: 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 9: 9am Worship

Sun. April 16: 9am Worship

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FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlund

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

Sun. April 9: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School to follow worship service; 7:00pm Bible Study: Jesus the One and Only

Wed. April 12: 6:00p Confirmation Class; 7:00pm Lenten Services, Youth serving afterwards

Sun. April 16: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School to follow worship service; 7:00pm Bible Study: Jesus the One and Only

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. John Anderson, Pastor

Sun. April 9: 8:45am Worship Service

Sun. April 16: 8:45 Worship Service

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

Keep It Local

DNR starts spring burning restrictions

With warm temperatures, little to no snow and dry vegetation, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have started spring burning restrictions in parts of the state..

As conditions for wildfires increase, exposed dead grass and brush can light easily and burn quickly, especially in windy conditions.

To find burning restrictions for different areas, go to mndnr.gov/burnrestrictions or call a local DNR Forestry office. Fire conditions may change quickly. So, be sure to check before burning.

During spring restrictions, the state will not give out burning permits for burning brush or yard waste. Debris burning is especially dangerous in April and May when most wildfires occur in Minnesota. Residents are encouraged

to use alternatives to burning such as composting or hauling brush to a collection site.

"Burning restrictions for southern and central Minnesota will begin on Friday, March 31," said Linda Gormanson, DNR burn permit coordinator. "We anticipate that north-central Minnesota restrictions will start Monday, April 3, and the rest of the state will follow."

The restrictions usually last four to six weeks until sufficient green growth occurs. These spring restrictions have resulted in a dramatic decrease in the number and size of fires the DNR responds to each year.

Burning restrictions do not apply to campfires, they are still allowed. Clear an area around the campfire, watch it continuously and make sure it is out cold to the touch before leaving.

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McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center

The maternal heritage of ReMar Voxland can be traced back four generations, to the Lerum family who homesteaded in Lessor Township. In 1933 her mother, Loraine, married the farmer next door. Loraine remained on her husband's farm the rest of her life, passing away at the age of 90.

ReMar shares her mother's Rhubarb Dessert recipe. Although the origin of the dessert is uncertain, it may have come from a friend, it is certain that this was a favorite dish. "I feel she must have really liked Rhubarb Des-

sert since she served it for special family meals. This dessert was topped with ice cream, because Alfred loved ice cream."

Rhubarb Dessert
1 cup sifted flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
2 tbsp. butter
Combine as for pie crust; then add:
1beaten egg
2tbsp. milk
Mix and roll to fit pan. Place 3 c. or more cut up rhubarb in the crust. Sprinkle 1 pkg. dry strawberry jello over the top.
Streusel topping:
1 c. sugar
1/3 c. Butter
1/2 c. flour
Mix and sprinkle over top before baking. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 45 minutes.

EASTER CANTATA

The community choir, led by Charity Solmonson, accompanied by Diane Boucher, will perform, "Hope In The Shadows," a worship musical.

Good Friday, April 14, at 7:30 pm at the
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Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Winger News Linda Pulskamp

March 29th News

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 here 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.

April 5th News

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we have had some very nice temperatures, snow mostly gone and the fields are once again black, waiting for the farmers to turn them over and plant their crops for another season.

With the mild temperatures it is obvious that spring is in the air as people are walking, bike riding and the smell of grilling has been in the air too.

With the turn of the calendar on Saturday, being April 1st, means we have gone through one fourth of the year 2017. Scary, but the time flies, with the month of April we should see April showers that will bring May flowers. Spring is a time of transition from the cold and nasty days of winter to the more pleasant and warm days that lead us into the hotter days of summer. Is a beautiful time of the year, as everything seems to come alive.

Jon Clementson of Erskine was a visitor and coffee guest of Milton Carlson at Milton's home on Wednesday the 22nd.

Last week end guests at the Pulskamp home were Terry Johnson and Sharon Griffith of Newport, MN.

On the 23rd Paul Carlson was a visitor at the Milton Carlson home on his way to work, later that afternoon Chad Carlson was a visitor at the Carlson home.

Cindy Horvath and Lois Plante both celebrated their birthdays together this past week, both birthdays being on March 24th. Friends that gathered together at Parkview Apartments were Carol Stordahl, Betty Lou Myhrum, Da-

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.

MTC

vid Myhrum, Deb Mattson, Jerome Doll and Evalyn Swenson. Evalyn Swenson brought ham sandwiches, bread and butter pickles and crackers and a meat and cheese tray. Carol Stordahl made the birthday cake with strawberries and cool whip. Betty Lou made the coffee. Lois is very appreciative of all who contributed he food and also wants to thank all for the greeting cards and the gifts. It was a wonderful afternoon with a good time had by all.

Last Friday the 24th Judy Gieseke brought dinner to Milton Carlson at his home and they both enjoyed had a very pleasant meal and at the same time a good visit.

Miles and Renee Henney of St. Hilaire were visitors with his Mother Martha Henney at the Pioneer Home at Erskine last Friday.

Kelly Johnson and Granddaughter Lilly and Dean Johnson were visitors last week end at the Pulskamp home, they came especially to visit with Terry Johnson and Sharon Griffith who were house guests there.

Last Sunday Milton Carlson, Roy, Lisa and Ryan Schauburg along with Ryan's friend Angel and Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were dinner guests of Mike, Kari, Terry and Olivia Keller at the Keller home at Bejou. That evening Chad, Michelle, Traydon and Marissa Carlson of Fosston brought home made soup and cookies to the Carlson home for supper. They were joined by Paul and Donna Carlson where all had an very enjoyable evening.

Last Saturday afternoon Mark and Betty Syverson vis-

ited with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Martha Henney had a very pleasant phone call from Rev. Eugene Dahlgren of Fullerton, CA on Wednesday of this week. In visiting with Martha she stated that Rev. Dahlgren had married Martha and Myren those many years ago and before that he had confirmed Martha, to add to the story Rev. Dahlgren's Sister, Margaret was the flower girl in Martha and Myren's wedding. Such beautiful memories.

Helping Emma Erickson celebrate her 13th birthday on Tuesday the 28th at the Milton Carlson home were Monte, Kristen, the birthday girl Emma, Tory, Hadley and Mia of Fertile. Paul and Donna Carlson joined in on the festivities. Pizza was enjoyed by all.

Until next week, hope yours is a good one.

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

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40 years ago...1977: Shelly Lucken, Lynnette Carver and Donna Larson exhibit their Minnesota History project showing a mache 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, Joseph Parenteau, Isaiah Basargin, Ruth Hanson, Daniel Basargin, Dakota Chaput, Aaron Weik, Wyatt Stennes, Hunter Parenteau, Kia Bachand, Missy Stennes and Cari Bachand.

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

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

Regional Ag News

Ed Gindele,
Extension Educator

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

WEM School Announcements

Thank you to all who supported the seniors in their Raffle. Winners of the raffle were: Custom Engraved sign – Shannon Gray; Custom Engraved sign – Terri Qualley; Tesoro Gift Card – Kenny Polovitz; Fire Pit – Paulina Snegirev. This drawing washeld at the Senior/Staff Basketball game on Thursday, March 30th.

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!

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.

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 draawing 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.



Catching the rebound during the Senior/Staff basketball game last Thursday was Dave Kiecker, who is an assistant coach for Win-E-Mac boys basketball.

Random Things and Stuff



Urban Legends of Minnesota

By: Emily Lynne

Minnesota is often viewed as the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" or the home of the famous Mall of America. Most do not think of urban legends when thinking of Minnesota. One reason behind this could be because of the infamous saying that everyone from Minnesota is "Minnesota Nice". After hearing about some urban legends that originated on the east coast, I was curious to see if there were any in Minnesota. My research led me to finding 6 urban legends that originate in Minnesota.

1. The Kensington Runestone: this 202 lb slab of greywacke is covered in runes on its face and side. Founded by Swedish immigrant Olof Ohman in 1898 in the rural township of Solem, Douglas County, Minnesota; Ohman named it after the nearest settlement, Kensington. It is said that the runes have an inscription that was left behind by Scandinavian explorers in the 14th century. Whether this runestone is fact or fiction, it is currently on display at the Runestone Museum in Alexandria, MN.

2. The Hairy Man of Vergas Trails: You may have recognized this urban legend when it hit Hollywood on the SyFy series, "Haunted Highway". This urban legend is housed in Vergas, Minnesota where it is said an aggressive, eight-foot humanoid monster called the Hairy Man resides. The Hairy Man has been said to have been spotted frequently, and is being held responsible for unknown causes of animal attacks. The earliest talk of the Hairy Man began in the late 1960's, with numerous people reporting sightings since. Fact or fiction, you decide by visiting the Vergas Trails not far from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

3. Dead Man's Trail: This trail is said to be the home of a young Native American woman who is searching for her baby. Legend states that the baby was carried away by the rushing of "Thief" river and over the falls to the rocks below. She is said to have then cursed the river, saying that it had stolen the tribe's future chief. Visitors to this park have reported hearing her crying and seeing a woman's figure. Want to explore this place yourself? Head on over to Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

4. Grey Cloud Island: Located not far from St. Paul, MN and in the Washington County, there is said to be a haunted white pickup truck. This truck is said to tailgate living drivers and chase them off the island. People who have experienced a run-in with this white truck have said they have witnessed green orbs or clouds around the lantern of Chief Grey Cloud's ghost. It is said if you are to venture farther into the cemetery, you will also hear the sound of a woman screaming. Want to see for yourself? Check out Grey Cloud Island, Minnesota.

5. Lake Pepin Serpent: Seemingly a relative of Scotland's Loch Ness Monster, Pepie has found its home in Minnesota. According to the Minnesota Almanac, April 28, 1871 "a lake monster is seen swimming in Lake Pepin". Lake Pepin is almost identical in size and geography to Scotland's Loch Ness, which is why most think that this serpent is a relative to the Loch Ness creature named Nessie. If you would like to learn more about Pepie you can check out its website: www.pepie.net or go to Lake Pepin in Minnesota.

6. Wendigo: This spirit was believed by the Algonquin-based Native American tribes to possess humans and turn them into cannibals. This creature is said to be human-like, but very tall and gaunt, with deep sunken eyes and yellowish, decaying skin. The Wendigo is said to be very impossibly thin and cannot be seen from the side. It is also said to have an unending hunger that only craves human flesh. This

urban legend is said to have started in Roseau, Minnesota and that it dwells in the northern woods of Minnesota.

"The seed of an urban legend find fertile soil at the corner of tragedy and imagination." – Thomm Quackenbush, We Shadows.

JH Volleyball Coach:

The Win-E-Mac School District is currently seeking a JH Volleyball Coach. Please send letter of application or contact Aaron Cook:

Aaron Cook, Activities Director
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This position will stay open until filled. M2-3C

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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 attended 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.

Story to Share?

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: mcintoshtimes@gmail.com



These three junior were given the task of refereeing the Senior/Staff basketball game last Thursday evening.



Alayna Espeseth make a block against the staff during the basketball game last Thursday at Win-E-Mac School.

It's an Easter Eggstravaganza!



COME TO ERICKSON PARK SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH AT 2P.M. TO HUNT FOR EASTER EGGS FILLED WITH treats, enjoy REFRESHMENTS, and See the EASTER BUNNY!

(If bad weather, to be held at COMMUNITY Center)

Register to Win a bike donated by the McIntosh Fire Department!



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Once again, it's time to starting seeds indoors

Each year at this time, it is important to remind gardeners it is time to start some of your seeds indoors. Time can sometimes slip away from us, and there are some seeds that already needed to be started, but for many the time is now or will be coming in the next month or so.

As a reminder the key to growing good transplant plants is having the proper light, temperature, and humidity. Often the most common problem is inadequate lighting. Supplemental lighting is needed if you are starting seeds indoors. An inexpensive lighting option is to use shop lights with a 40-watt fluorescent that can be adjusted to different heights above the flat or container of seeds. The light should be placed within two to four inches above the tallest seedlings. If the lighting is placed too high the plant may become "leggy" as it reaches for the light. Seedlings need to be placed under this direct light for 14-16 hours each day. Timers may be used with the lights to provide consistency and ease for the gardener.

It is critical from the very beginning to provide adequate water to the seeds or seedlings. The soil should be kept moist but not wet. The starting medium must be loose, well-aerated, well-drained, and sterile. Pre-mixed seed starting mixtures can be used or a soilless mixture consisting of equal parts of vermiculite, and peat moss can also be blended.



Most importantly, using sterile mixture is critical to the health of the seedlings; that also includes using sterile containers. Wash containers with one-part bleach, nine-part water mixture to clean the trays, pots, or even recycled containers or cans. Another option is to use boiling hot water to clean the containers.

Once you've cleaned the containers and have a good, sterile growing medium, fill the container to one-half inch below the rim. Read the seed packet for specific instructions on planting depth; some seeds have different requirements including chilling or scarifying (scratching the seed coat). Once you've planted the seeds, water them in carefully. Using a spray bottle will allow you to water with a fine mist without disrupting the growing medium or seeds.

Cover the containers using plastic domes or a sheet of polyethylene plastic. The containers will now need to be placed in a warm location

with a constant temperature of 60-75°F. Using a growing heat mat can help maintain consistent temperatures. Heat is critical to the success of the seeds' germination; placing it in a window sill is typically not a good idea because it tends to be too inconsistent in temperature and can become too cool for germination. As soon as germination occurs and you see emerging plants, loosen the plastic cover. Continue to water the containers so that the growing medium is moist, but not wet. Begin fertilizing once the seedlings have several sets of true leaves using diluted fertilizer at one-quarter strength every week; water with plain water as needed the rest of the week.

Here is a list of when to start common plants indoors:

- Early February: geraniums, wax begonias, and violas or pansies
- Mid-February: dusty miller, fountain grass, impatiens, larkspur, lobelia, and celery
- Early-March: ageratum, coleus, dahlia, petunias, rudbeckia, snapdragons, verbena, vinca/periwinkle, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and head lettuce
- Mid-March: bells of Ireland, candytuft, cleome, dianthus/pinks, hollyhock, African marigold, ornamental pepper, annual phlox, salvia, sweet alyssum, peppers, and eggplant
- Early-April: amaranthus, aster, baby's breath, bachelor buttons, celosia, cornflower, four o'clock, French marigold

, morning glory, nasturtium, ornamental basil and kale, and tomatoes

- Mid-April: cosmos, sweet peas, black-eyed susan vine, and zinnia

With some work, starting seeds indoors can be an inexpensive way to get a wide variety of plants in your gardens. Visit the University of Minnesota Extension website at: <http://www.extension.umn.edu> and search "Starting Seeds Indoors" for more information.

Source: Beth Berlin, Extension Educator-Horticulture University of Minnesota Extension

Stearns, Benton, & Morrison Counties

Post-winter garden prep

Lawns and gardens can bear the brunt of winter weather and are often in need of tender loving care by the time spring arrives.

Preparing a garden for spring and summer involves assessing any damage that harsh weather might have caused.

As temperatures climb, gardeners can heed the following post-winter garden preparation tips in an effort to ensure some successful gardening in the months ahead.

• Assess the damage. Even if winter was mild, gardens might still have suffered some damage. Inspect garden beds and any fencing or barriers



Mrs. Stephanie Frisk takes a shot during the Senior/Staff Basketball game at Win-E-Mac last Thursday.

designed to keep wildlife from getting into the garden. Before planting anew, fix any damage that Mother Nature or local wildlife might have caused over the past several months.

• Clear debris. Garden beds and surrounding landscapes that survived winter without being damaged might still be littered with debris. Remove fallen leaves, branches and even litter that blew about on windy winter days before planting season. Make sure to discard any debris effectively so it does not find its way back into the garden.

• Turn the greenhouse into a clean house. Spring cleaning is not just for the interior of a home. Cleaning a greenhouse in advance of spring can help gardeners evict any overwintering pests that can threaten plant life once spring gardening season arrives. A thorough cleaning, which should include cleaning the inside of greenhouse glass and washing flower pots and plant trays, also can prevent plant diseases from surviving into spring.

• Check for pests. Speak with a local gardening professional to determine if there are any local pests to look out for and how to recognize and remove these pests from gardens. Pests may hibernate in the soil over the winter, and such unwelcome visitors can make it difficult for gardens to thrive come spring and summer.

• Assess plant location. If plants, flowers or gardens have struggled in recent years or never grew especially vibrant, then gardeners may want to assess the location of their plant life before spring gardening season begins. Some plants may not be getting enough sunlight in certain locations on a property, while others might be overexposed to the sun during spring and summer. Moving plants that are not thriving prior to the start of spring gardening season may be just what gardens need to flourish in the coming weeks.

Spring gardening season is right around the corner, so now is an ideal time to prepare gardens for the warmer seasons ahead