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Amie (Salvhus) Erickson with her husband David and their son, Josiah who was recently honored at Northland Community Technical College.

WEM graduate honored at Northland Tech

Amie (Salvhus) Erickson graduated from Win-E-Mac High School. After graduation, Amie attended Northland Community Technical College from 2006 to 2008 and graduated with a Massage Therapy diploma.

Amie played volleyball and was the setter for the Pioneers in the fall of 2006 and 2007. In 2006, Amie was named to the Minnesota Community College

Conference 2nd team all northern division. In 2007, she was named first team all northern division, first team all-state, all region thirteen and NJCAA All American along with Minnesota Community College Conference all academic. In 2008, Amie left Northland with the record career assists with 1,113 total. Amie was fifth in the nation in assists per game and fifth in the nation with to-

tal assists for the season.

Amie lives in Winger with her husband David, their son, Josiah, and Siberian Husky, Siku. Amie works at Riverview Clinic in Crookston.

Shultz Awarded Grant

Amanda Shultz was the recent recipient of the Northwest MN Arts Council Artist Project Grant. This grant was used to purchase an intermediate Yamaha Flute.

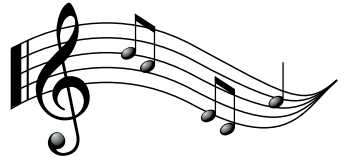
The purchase of this flute was made possible in part by a grant provided by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council through funding from The McKnight Foundation. Amanda will be performing with the UMC Community Band on Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00pm in the Kiehle Auditorium in Crookston, MN. She will also be performing a flute solo at 5:00pm during the Win-E-Mac School's upcoming Art Night on Wednesday, April



Amanda Shultz 26th. Art Night will run from 3:30-7:00pm at the Win-E-Mac School's Arts and Events Center.



Jayden Gensburger



Gensburger wins 1st place in karaoke contest

Jayden won 1st place in her age group for the Kickin' Up Kountry Little Kickers kid karaoke contest that was held in Brooks. Now she advances to the finale in Karlstad on April 21 for a chance to perform on stage at Kickin' Up Kountry.

MN Severe Weather Awarness Week is April 17 - 21, 2017

The week of April 17-21, 2017 is designated Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week. Severe Weather Awareness Week is a public education campaign promoted by the National Weather Service, Minnesota Department of Public Safety and local Emergency Management Agencies. Each day of the week features a different weather hazard, and two state-wide tornado drills will be conducted on Thursday, April 20.

Weather Alerts and Warnings are Monday's topic. Several different types of watches and warnings may be issued for an area.

Remember that watches mean that conditions are favorable for the development of severe weather or tornadoes, and warnings mean that severe weather or tornadoes are occurring, likely to occur, or are imminent. Advisories and special weather statements may come from the National Weather Service for storms that will impact an area but don't quite meet warning criteria. Thunderstorms are considered severe when they have one inch hail or winds higher than 58mph.

Severe weather, including

hail and lightning are covered on Tuesday. Hail develops during thunderstorms when a strong updraft is featured, especially in super cell thunderstorms. Hail causes nearly a billion dollars in damage annually and can range from pea size to over the size of softballs. Lightning kills around 100 people each year, more than tornadoes. If you are outdoors and encounter lightning, remember the saying, "When thunder roars, go indoors." Lightning can strike ten miles from a storm and can strike even when it isn't raining.

Wednesday's topic is flooding. Flooding kills approximately 200 people, and in Minnesota floods kill more people than other weather events. Flooding deaths occur at night 75% of the time, and of those deaths half died in vehicles. As little as six inches of rapidly flowing water can knock you off your feet. Never drive through flooded roadways, a foot of water will float most vehicles. Turn around, don't drown!

Minnesota's state-wide tornado drill will take place on Thursday. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather Radios across the state will be sounded at 1:45PM and



6:45PM. The two drills are intended to allow workplaces and schools an opportunity to test their severe weather plans. The second drill is to allow second shift workers and families at home an opportunity to test their plans. In accordance with the Association of Minnesota Emergency Manager's best practice guidelines, outdoor warning sirens in Polk County are used for tornadoes and intense thunderstorms with expected winds in excess of 70mph. There is never an "all clear" activation for sirens. According to the National Weather Service, Minnesota experiences an average of 40 tornadoes per year. In 2012, 37 twisters touched down. A record was set in 2010 with 104 tornadoes across the state. Understanding this threat and knowing what to do when a tornado is approaching can save

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 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.

Garden Valley Education Foundation provides \$5,000 technology grant to WEM

The Garden Valley Education Foundation recently presented a \$5,000 technology grant to Win-E-Mac school for the purchase of an Interactive Smartboard and Projector. Superintendent Randy Bruer understands the world of technology their students live in; the smartboard and projector is an innovative method of teaching and an inspiring way to engage with the students at Win-E-Mac School.

Garden Valley CEO/General Manager Tim Brinkman and

Garden Valley Director Jim Ferden presented the technology grant check to Win-E-Mac Superintendent Randy Bruer.

The Garden Valley Education Foundation was established in late 1990, by Garden Valley Telephone Company, to promote rural economic development through the use of modern telecommunications technology for educational purposes. Garden Valley Telephone Company funds the Education Foundation with unclaimed capital credits.



Garden Valley CEO/General Manager Tim Brinkman and Garden Valley Director Jim Ferden (left) present a \$5,000 technology grant check to Win-E-Mac School Superintendent Randy Bruer.

The meaning behind Easter Symbols

Easter Sunday is one of the most meaningful days on the Christian calendar. Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe died by crucifixion as a sacrifice to atonement. Many symbols are associated with Easter, and understanding these symbols can help

Christians and non-Christians alike gain a stronger grasp of this deeply meaningful Christian day of worship.

Lamb: According to CatholicCulture.org, the lamb represents Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the Son of God. The lamb can be connected to Jewish Passover, a Jew-

ish holiday that commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. During the celebration of Passover, each Jewish family killed a lamb as a sacrifice. Christians commonly refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God who God sacrificed so Christians' sins could be forgiven.

Easter eggs: While Easter eggs may seem like a secular symbol of Easter, their connection to Easter dates back many centuries. CatholicCulture.org notes that the early Christians saw the egg as symbolic of the tomb out of which Christ emerged when he was resurrected. Early Christians even painted Easter eggs, much like parents do with their children today, and even had them blessed and gave them as gifts. Historians believe King Edward I of England, who ruled from 1272 to 1307, dyed boiled eggs and gave them to members of his royal household on Easter.

Clothing: New clothing is another symbol of Easter that traces its origins back further than many Christians may realize. It's customary for present-day Christians to don their Sunday best when attending Easter Sunday Mass, and the tradition of looking sharp on Easter can be traced to the early Christians, who would wear new white robes for baptisms during Easter services. Eventually, all Easter celebrants began to wear new clothes during Easter services.

Palm fronds: Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, taking place one week before Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. According to the Gospels, Jesus

Community Calendar

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

Tues. April 18:

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

Wed. April 19:

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 20:

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

Fri. April 21:

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

Mon. April 24:

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 25:

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

rode a young donkey into Jerusalem, where the townspeople threw palms in front of him in homage. That practice was a customary sign of respect in Jerusalem, and today Christians believe the palm is a sign of peace. Palms continue to be distributed to the faithful during Palm Sunday Mass.





Blue trees to show support for child abuse prevention are being decorated all around Polk County.

Blue trees are blossoming all around Polk County ...and that's a good thing

Polk County Prevent Child Abuse Advisory Council and Polk County Public Health are encouraging organizations, businesses and individuals to decorate trees blue to show their support of our children. The blue ribbon is the international sign for child abuse prevention and serves as a constant reminder that all of us have a responsibility in helping to protect children. Preventing child abuse requires all of us to work together to preserve the innocence of our most vulnerable citizens. It is our moral obligation to protect children from abuse and our responsi-

bility as leaders and adults to make sure children are free from violence or assault.

Take a picture of your blue tree and email it to Sue Thompson, Polk County Public Health, sue.thompson@co.polk.mn.us. Also, check out other blue trees on the Polk County Public Health Facebook page.

Did you know?

Holy Thursday, which falls on the Thursday before Easter Sunday, commemorates The Last Supper of Jesus Christ. During The Last Supper, Jesus, who Christians believe is the Son of God, established the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Last Supper was the final meal Jesus enjoyed with his disciples in Jerusalem, and it was during The Last Supper when Jesus predicted one of those disciples would ultimately betray him.

Holy Thursday is sometimes referred to as "Maundy Thursday," a reference to the religious rite of maundy, which is the washing of the feet. The Last Supper and the rite of maundy are connected because it was during The Last Supper that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.

Though The Last Supper, during which Jesus gave his disciples bread, telling them it was his body, and wine, telling them it was his blood, is celebrated at every Mass as part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Holy Thursday Mass places even greater emphasis on this significant event.

In memory of Lynn (Bucky) Narnes

3-12-48 - 4-15-06



Every day, in some small way, memories of you come our way. Though absent, you are ever near, still missed, still loved, and ever dear.

Family of Lynn

Happy 80th Birthday Grandma Mary!



Love your Grandson, Remy

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Retirement Party for Virgil Lerfald

The Coop
Bar & Grill, McIntosh

Lunch will be served

**Saturday,
April 22nd**
starting at 5:00pm

Come to visit & wish Virgil congratulations!

NOTICE

HILL RIVER ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the township of Hill River in Polk County, Minnesota, will meet at 9:30 a.m. in said township, at the Town Hall, on Monday the 24th day of April for the year 2017. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 1st day of April, 2017.
Raymond O. Sundrud
Clerk/Treasurer of Hill River Township

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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



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
Win-E-Mac Arts & Events Center

There will be a
Bridal Shower
honoring

Lydia Shafer
bride to be of
Reed Klinkhammer

on
Saturday, April 22nd
at 10 a.m. ... at
**St. Lawrence
Catholic Church**
Mentor

Lydia is registered at
Bed Bath & Beyond
and Target.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Baby Shower

for
Kayla Kringlen
at the
**McIntosh
Community Center**

Sat., April 22nd
1:00 p.m.

Kayla is registered at Target and Amazon.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, Apr. 13, 2017,
5:30 PM

— COMMUNITY CENTER —

CALL TO ORDER:
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
ROLL CALL:
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
AGENDA ADDITIONS:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
a. MARCH 9th, 2017
PUBLIC CONCERNS:
OLD BUSINESS:
a. WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN, PART 1 UPDATE
b. REFINANCING POPLAR MEADOWS
c. CLEAN-UP WEEK
NEW BUSINESS:
a. CITY PARKS GRANT
b. BUILDING PERMIT - DUANE KENT
c. BUILDING PERMIT - JONAS SHEAR
d. RESOLUTION - LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INSURANCE RENEWAL
e. RESOLUTION - LEAGUE OF MN CITIES LIABILITY POLICY
f. NUISANCE PROPERTIES
g. 2016 AUDIT
h. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
i. BJELLA BUILDING RENTAL - EAST POLK SWCD
APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:
COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:
NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:
ADJOURNMENT:

Please contact the McIntosh Times if you move or have a change in your address so we can keep the paper coming to your home on time.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

**Fr. John Suvakeen,
Pastor**

Wed. April 12: 1:00pm Mass at McIntosh Nursing Home
Thurs. April 13: 7:00pm Holy Thursday, Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Fri. April 14: 6:00pm Good Friday, Services at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sat. April 15: 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass, Holy Saturday at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. April 16: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Easter Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Easter Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. April 19: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

**Winger/Bejou
Supply Pastor**

Gordon Syverson

Sun. April 16: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary
Sun. April 23: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. April 16: 11:15am Worship Service.
Sun. April 23: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. April 12: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place.

Sat. April 15: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. April 16: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service;

Tues. April 18: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. April 19: 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 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

Thurs. April 20: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sun. April 23: 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 16: 9am Worship
Sun. April 23: 9am Worship

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**FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlund**

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

Wed. April 19: 6:00p Confirmation Class; 7:00pm Lenten Services, Youth serving afterwards

Sun. April 23: 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 16: 8:45am Worship Service

Sun. April 23: 8:45 Worship Service

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays



"The Golden Age"

Part 1

If McIntosh has ever enjoyed what could be described as a "Golden Age", it would likely be considered the years between 1910 and 1920. At the turn of the century the young community's population total was 569. Ten years later, the population had grown to 634. Between 1910 and 1920, McIntosh swelled to 805.

The years between 1912 and 1916 were particularly explosive; there was much

Social as well as physical and economic growth.

In January of 1912, a Boy Scout troop was organized.

In February, the boys in the local manual training department built a new wooden gymnasium on the Southeast corner of the school grounds. Superintendent Professor Jedlicha had spent one entire day in November of 1911 walking the streets of McIntosh and securing donations from the citizens and Merchants. In less than a day he collected \$1,000. This covered the entire construction cost.

In February of 1912, Levor Bjella was awarded a \$15,000 contract to build a brand new Public School in McIntosh.

In March of 1912, McIntosh was guaranteed a new potato Warehouse and the public street lighting system was installed. When asked what they

most desired, the people of McIntosh responded "lights" and through Mayor Jensen's efforts McIntosh became the first city north of Minneapolis to install a public lighting system. It just so happened, that Jensen was the owner of the local electric power plant.

A \$6,780 contract was awarded to Abel Ness of Crookston for the construction of the First National Bank building upon its present site. Dr. Vig and the Garden Valley Telephone Company would occupy the two upstairs suites.

In 1912, both Trinity and St. John's Lutheran churches were dedicated.

The little Community had led all of Polk County in the construction of silos during 1913. It also received nearly twice as much state aid as any other country School and resolved to keep the public

lighting system on until one o'clock so that those arriving on the midnight train would be able to see their way home.

Source: The Centennial History of The Thirteen Towns

The Minnesota Historical Society is looking for settlement era log structures to document, research and photograph. Full or partial log buildings wanted!! The logs and buildings would be aged, dated and historically researched for documentation. If you know of any log buildings from the late 1800s, in Polk County, Mahnomen County or Clearwater County, please contact Tamara Edevold with Minnesota Historic Northwest at 218-533-0146 or email at tedvold@me.com.

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Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Greetings once again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we are already a week into the month of April and we have been blessed with some mild temps and the upcoming weekend sounds like it will be a beauty with a chance of rain and yes, snow! Goes without saying that even in April it can snow. Good thing about it this time of the year it doesn't stay long.

The ice is completely gone on most all of the smaller ponds and even in some of the area lakes, seems early to me but it is time.

Welcome back snowbirds! Bob and Jeanine Perreault have returned from their winter abode in Texas and are back at home in Winger for the summer.

Congratulations to Angie and Danny Brtek on the birth of their daughter Peyton Kelly who was born on Thursday morning April the 6th. Welcoming her home are sisters, Tegan, Morgan and Lilly. Grandparents are Becky Johnson of Fosston, Kelly Johnson, Lucy Brtek of Winger, Willie Brtek of Naytahwaush and Great Grandma Helen London of Fosston.

Wednesday the 29th Judy Gieseke brought dinner to Milton Carlson at his home where they enjoyed a visit while they ate the dinner.

Steve Johnson of Coon Rapids was a house guest last weekend at the Pulskamp home.

Thursday evening the 30th Milton Carlson was a supper guest at the Paul and Donna Carlson home.

Last Friday Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Michelle Gagner and her Mom Lucy Brtek had lunch together on Tuesday at DaRoo's in Fosston.

Friday the 31st Donna Carlson and Grandson Dusty Wayne Carlson walked over to the Milton Carlson home and visited there.

Sunday Steve Johnson of Coon Rapids, Butch and Linda Pulskamp and Marv Engesether of Plummer were supper guests at the Reha Sanstead home in Erskine where they were treated to a supper of walleye.

Monday morning the 3rd Paul Carlson stopped in at the Milton Carlson home on his way to work for a quick cup of coffee. Later that morning Sheila Benesh stopped in for a visit with Milton and that afternoon Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were visitors with Milton.

Wednesday Richard and Billy Brtek spent the day at their Mother Lucy Brtek's

home where they built a deck onto the house for her. Now for the nice weather to come so she can enjoy it.

A week ago Betty Myrhum and Kjerstie and Dakota Poissant of Fertile along with Steve Cullen and Chelsea Haugen were guests at the Chris and Susan Eischen home at New Folden. Chris's Son Devon was also a guest there where all helped Chelsea celebrate her birthday.

Wednesday Linda Pulskamp visited with Lynda Loiland in Fosston.

Pastor Ernie Christianson was a Tuesday visitor and coffee guest of Milton Carlson at Milton's home.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter, and if you travel safe travels to you all.

In closing may your week be filled with good thoughts, kind people and happy moments.

From Bun Manor:

The Winger Lions club recently held a pancake fundraiser for Jody (Stubby) Danielson at the Winger community center. Almost two hundred people made their appearance to help Stubby out on ongoing medical bills. We are sure lucky to have such caring people in the area. Thanks to everyone who came to support him.

Aunt Karen and uncle Dick Hagen came up to spend a few days at Dale's place. While here they visited with family and friends and attended the funeral for Olga Ostenna.

Joyce Balstad and her friend Jan headed to Bemidji last Friday to shop and browse. Joyce brought some stuff for the Goodwill. The next day they went to Bergeson nursery where they listened to a seminar on how to plant trees and shrubs.

The other day Bun had the pleasure of having lunch with Floyd Balstad and his son's Dale and Paul and grandson Travis. Floyd bought everyone lunch. He isn't as cheap as his cousins Sonny and John.

The Aaron Iverson family from rural Winger attended the girls Grand Am basketball tournament last weekend in Grand Forks. His daughter Josie and her team won one game and lost the other in double O.T. There were over three hundred teams involved.

Sunday afternoon, Judy and Lloyd Schulz came up from Moorhead to take Tim out to dinner at Ness café. Following dinner Tim and Lloyd went back to the manor to wait for Judy who went over to Grace church to attend a baby shower for Jordyn Anderson. She is the daughter of former Erskine resident Jeff Lien and his wife Mary and daughter in-law to



Winger Lions president Scott Revier hands Stubby (Jody Danielson) a check from the proceeds that were made from the Lions pancake brunch.

Vern and Michele Anderson of Fertile. Judy came back after the shower and her and Lloyd went back to Moorhead.

Note of interest. The ice on union lake went off on April 4th.



USDA announces funding availability to help low-income individuals and families buy or repair homes

USDA Rural Development has funding available for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

"Our housing staff will work one-on-one to ensure quality customer service for all applicants," said Acting State Director Mike Navin. "To help prepare would-be buyers for this exciting step, USDA requires applicants to take a homeownership education course that will inform them of the buying process and help safeguard their important investment."

USDA's Direct Home Loan Program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing.

No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of 20,000 people or less.

Data shows that Rural Development's home loan programs increase economic development and job creation in rural communities. For

example, according to the National Association of Realtors, the sale of an existing median-priced home generates more than \$58,000 in economic activity. This includes direct real estate industry supports, home furnishings, appliances and landscaping and other economic activity.

The maximum loan amount for repair is \$20,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for up to 20 years. Grants of up to \$7,500 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

Time is limited to receive these funds. Qualified applicants have until the end of September 2017 to apply. Contact a USDA Rural Development employee today in your area to see if you qualify.

For more information in the following counties: Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau Counties; please contact USDA Rural Development at 201 Sherwood Ave S., Thief River Falls, MN 56701 or 218-681-2843 x 4. You can also visit USDA's website at www.rd.usda.gov/mn.



40 years ago...1977: Present Board of Directors for the McIntosh Co-op Creamery includes: Phil Ostenaar, Vern Tofstad, Walfred Frisk, Morris Johnson, Bertrand Thompson, Clifford Eggers. Missing on picture is Bruce Grundyson. Creamery Manager is Russell Johnson.



30 years ago...1987: Appreciation Day was celebrated at Mac Co-op Association on Saturday. (L-R) Mae Stromen, manager, board member Wayne Gustafson, former manager Wally Vaa and board member Albert Mandt enjoy the special day.



20 years ago...1997: "and the winners are..." (L-R) Bob Lee was named the owner of the "most novel" hat and Alice Hanson has the "most original" chapeau at the McIntosh Meal Site Easter bonnet parade.



10 years ago...2007: The choir made up of men and women from our surrounding area sang beautifully the Easter Cantata "Here is Love", by Larry Shackley, under the direction of Charity Salmonson, and accompanied by Diane Boucher. It was held at the Win-E-Mac School.

Notice of Adoption of Polk County Land Use/Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Pursuant to MN Statute §375.51, notice of the adoption of amendments to the Polk County Zoning Ordinance is hereby given. The Polk County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2017-21, amending the Polk County Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in the County Board room at the Polk County Government Center, Crookston, MN.

A summary of the adopted Polk County Zoning Ordinance amendments are as follows:

Section 3 – Definitions: Updated definitions to go along with other ordinance updates.

Section 4 – Administration and Enforcement: Added Joint Permitting with Airports.

Section 5 – Board of Adjustment: Updated section to reflect changes in state statute.

Section 12 – General Regulations: Updated sign ordinance language to conform with recent rulings from the U.S. Supreme Court. Minor updates regarding swimming pools.

Section 13 – General Agricultural District: Several updates including: Provisions for backyard chickens, amended ordinance language for signs, amended swimming pool language, added compost facility language to conform to State Rules, amended campground requirements, added specific language for rental storage buildings, and added specific language for shooting ranges.

Section 14 – Village District: Minor amendments including: provision for backyard chickens, amended sign language, updated swimming pool language, and added compost facility language.

Section 15 – Commercial District: Minor updates including: provisions for compost facilities and amended sign ordinance language.

Section 16 – Industrial District: Minor updates including: provisions for compost facilities and amended sign language.

Section 18 – Shoreland District: Minor additions to Allowed Use Chart, added backyard composting and campgrounds.

Section 23 – Towers & Wind Energy Management: Amended Section 23 title to read "Renewable Energy and Tower Management". Added some minor amendments plus the addition of Solar Energy rules and regulations.

A complete copy of the adopted ordinance amendments and the Polk County Zoning Ordinance may be viewed during regular business hours at Polk County Environmental Services, 320 Ingersoll Ave, Crookston, MN 56716, or at the Polk County Taxpayer Service Center. Complete copies are also available on the Polk County Website: www.co.polk.mn.us.

Regional Ag News

Ed Gindele,
Extension Educator

Pasture Management Forage Options

Many forage producers are thinking about what to plant this spring. Renovation of forage stands is a smart move, as they tend to lose productivity over time. Stand loss from winter injury or disease is easy to see, but research has shown that even older forage stands that appear healthy do not yield as much forage as younger stands. Many forage producers are curious whether there are additional forage species which may have some advantages over the ones traditionally grown, or if there is a forage species especially adapted to a specific need in a forage production system.

The forage seed industry and University personnel have been active in recent years evaluating additional species and developing improved varieties of traditional ones, some of which are likely to have a useful role in many forage production systems. The ryegrasses have been getting a lot of attention lately. There are two basic types, annual (or Italian) and perennial. They are characterized by very vigorous growth habit and potential for high forage yield and quality. The ryegrasses are widely grown in other parts of the world, but have been limitedly used in the upper Midwest for various reasons. Annual ryegrass may be very useful as a companion crop

for establishment of perennial forages, especially in pastures.

It establishes very quickly to aid in weed and erosion control, and would also provide substantial amounts of good quality forage during the seedling year. Other potential uses for annual ryegrass would be as an emergency forage, or for seeding into winter feeding areas damaged by heavy animal traffic and with heavy concentrations of manure. When used as a companion crop for perennial forage establishment, annual ryegrass should be seeded at a fairly low rate, about four to six pounds per acre, so as not to provide excess competition. Perennial ryegrass has had the reputation of being susceptible to winter injury. However, plant breeders have been developing varieties with improved winter hardiness. A number of varieties have survived for at least two production years in Minnesota.

Harvest management research has evaluated cutting schedules to investigate strategies to improve winter survival. It appears important to have a short stubble height prior to snow cover to minimize damage from snow mold. Perennial ryegrass may have a place in forage systems in the upper Midwest; however producers may want to try it on a limited basis at first. Perennial ryegrass is likely to have a shorter stand life than familiar species such as orchardgrass

or reed canarygrass and is susceptible to rust. Tall fescue is a cool season perennial grass with several traits which can make it useful in grazing systems. In addition to excellent forage yield potential and persistence, tall fescue stays growing later into the fall than many other grasses, so can be useful for fall stockpiling and extending the grazing season, thereby reducing winter feeding Beef Cattle costs. Tall fescue is a sod-forming grass, and is more tolerant of animal traffic than most other grasses, so it may work very well as a pasture for spring turn-out of cows with newly born calves.

In the past, there have been animal health problems associated with tall fescue, due to the presence of microorganisms called endophytes present in the forage. Endophyte-free or friendly endophyte varieties are now available. Also, tall fescue forage has been considered lower in palatability than forage of other cool-season grasses and not readily accepted by cattle. Some fine-leaved varieties have been developed that under proper harvest management are readily grazed. Another cool-season grass which may be useful in upper Midwest grazing systems is festulolium, which is a cross between ryegrass and tall fescue.

In the development of festulolium, plant breeders intended to combine the high

productivity and forage quality potential of ryegrass with the winter hardiness and fall growth of tall fescue. Their attempts appear to be at least partially successful. Several varieties have survived for two production years in a small plot forage yield study in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and have forage yield equal to or greater than ryegrass or tall fescue. Here again, producers may want to try festulolium on a limited basis to evaluate how it performs in their particular forage system.

A forage management factor to keep in mind with these potentially high yielding, high quality grasses is the need for adequate soil fertility management. A common perception with pastures is that many of the nutrients consumed by grazing animals are returned to the pasture via manure. While this may indeed be true, animal waste is not deposited uniformly, and plant nutrients in manure are not all readily available for plant growth.

Addition of commercial fertilizer to pastures will often result in increased forage yield. Development of a soil fertility plan based on soil test data is the most reliable method to make sure the forage yield potential of any species can be realized.

Source: Russ Mathison, Forage Agronomist University of Minnesota Beef Team, UMN-Extension Website

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 was held at the Senior/Staff Basketball game on Thursday, March 30th.

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.

Win-E-Mac Art Show is Wednesday, April 26th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Arts and Event Center. Come to see artwork by all WEM elementary students and many high school students. Listen to live musical performances by band and choir students and taste treats created by Foods for Today students.

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 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.

Random Things and Stuff



Currency Rates

By : Emily Lynne

Recently, I heard back from my sponsor child in Guatemala. I had sent a birthday donation to him in the amount of about \$20-\$25 US dollar. I found out from his letter, this resulted in \$170 in Guatemalan currency! I was so surprised at the exchange difference, but so happy that this gift allowed him to buy new shoes and undergarments. This sparked my interest in other currency rates around the world compared to the US dollar. Here is what I found (each of these is compared to one US dollar):

Win-E-Mac Community Education News

Adult Golf: Adults will have an opportunity to learn the basics of golf from an experienced low handicap golfer. Participants will be taught the basics of gripping a club, which club to use based upon distance, how to tee off effectively, and how to chip and putt. The class will consist of two evenings. Students will begin with night number 1 with opportunities to learn proper mechanics and hit some practice balls. If the golf course is available, the students will be brought over to hit at the driving range or play a couple of holes. Night number two will consist of similar opportunities. Instructor: Steve Bradley; May 15 & 17; 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm; Golf Course Driving Range; \$10.

iPhone: Win-E-Mac will provide the opportunity for anyone with an iOS device, iPad/iPhone, to attend a class to gain a better understanding of how their device works. iPad and iPhones are some of the most advanced, intuitive, and secure mobile devices in the world. iOS 10 offers some of the most enhanced apps and features like Slide Over, Split View, and Picture in Picture, iOS 10 lets you multitask in powerful yet simple ways. Whether you're checking messages while answering email or creating a presentation while watching the big game, iOS 10 helps you get more out of iPad than ever before. iPads and iPhone offer powerful apps for

Canada: 1.34; Mexico: 18.66; Australia: 1.33; Afghanistan: 67; Belize: 2.00; Bulgaria: 1.85; Cuba: 1.00; Costa Rica: 562.67; Denmark: 7.02; Egypt: 18.00; Ethiopia: 22.89; France: 0.94; Finland: 0.94; Germany: 1.72; Greece: 0.94; Ghana: 4.22; Hong Kong: 7.77; Iceland: 112.47; India: 64.27; Ireland: 0.94; Italy: 1709.66; Japan: 111.08; Jamaica: 128.40; Kenya: 103.40; Laos: 8207.05; Liberia: 94.00; Madagascar: 0.94; Mongolia: 2433.00; New Zealand: 1.44; Nicaragua: 29.71; Pakistan: 104.83; Panama: 1.00; Poland: 3.99; Russia: 57.23; Slovakia: 22.24; Spain: 0.94; Sweden: 9.07; Turkey: 3.73; Thailand: 34.61; Uganda: 3621.90; Ukraine: 26.95; Venezuela: 9.99; Vietnam: 22674.00; Yemen: 250.14; Zimbabwe: 361.90(All currency conversions were found on Google Conversion Calculator.)

the things you do every day, like surfing the web, checking email, editing movies and photos, writing reports, and reading books. And there are hundreds of thousands of apps on the App Store, designed specifically for your needs. So, whether it's photography, gaming, traveling, or managing your finances, you'll find an app that will help you do it better. Come, check out, and bring your questions to the iPad/iPhone class. *Please no Androids. Instructor: Troy Reynolds; Monday, April 10th; 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm; Win-E-Mac Media Center; \$5.

Babysitting Class: A babysitters clinic will be offered for all students in grades 6 - 8. This class will include general child care information and child safety that is necessary for quality child care. Students will be American Red Cross certified babysitters upon the completion of this course. The class is limited to the first 20 to sign up. Instructor: Heather Burd; Saturday, April 29th; 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm; Win-E-Mac Media Center; \$5.

Summer Swimming Lessons: In order to help parents plan their summer vacations, summer recreation, athletic camps, and other various activities we are attempting to get as much information out to parents as quickly as possible. Here are the dates for the two swimming lesson sessions that are planned through the Win-E-Mac Community Education program.

Session 1: June 5-22, Monday - Thursday, 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm.

Session 2: June 26 - 29, Monday - Thursday, July 10 -20, Monday - Thursday, Class runs from 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm.

Cost of each session is \$40. Students may sign up for more than one session but would need to pay an additional \$40. These two sessions are reserved for Win-E-Mac students only. There will be a family cap of \$75 per family.

Registration will be done at the Win-E-Mac School. Registration forms will be distributed to all students at school at the end of April.

Transportation will again be provided to the Civic Center and back to the school. This in-

Pestle & Vessel by Alison Opdahl

Unborn Identity

Today, society displays all manner of evil wearing the guise of "free will" as people demand "rights" to their opinions. They assert they could not help being created the way they are. Society must accommodate them while they condemn "rights" others have to their opinions because they're different.

It's an illogical dichotomy. Their demand to claim whatever identity they feel best describes them is—at the heart—evil. It excludes rather than includes because only THEIR lives matter.

Before we—who shake our heads—pass judgement; beware. We are born with moral darkness in our hearts, minds and souls. As loudly as people shout to the world of their "right" to LIVE the way they choose, many perpetrate murder—without conscience—every day. Maybe even you and me.

How can a baby not be a baby until born? As if the intricate arrangement of cells, growing in the womb of a woman, could be anything other than human until it takes its first breath? Some aborted babies breathe after they have been ripped from their refuge,

formation will be made available on the registration forms.

Win-E-Mac Community Education Summer Recreation Registration Night

This is a reminder to all students ages 7 - 15 and their parents that the Summer Recreation registration night will be Wednesday, April 26 from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the school commons area. The purpose of the evening is to register students for their respective teams, pay registration fees, get practice and game schedules, and buy a t-shirt, if needed.

If for some reason you are unable to attend, please bring your registration form along with the registration fee per child to the Win-E-Mac School main office. If you have any question about any of the programs, please contact Bill Solheim or Mr. McKeever at the school by calling 687-2236 or 563-2900.

so why aren't they "human" in that moment? Why does the absence of breathing signify the death of someone but its existence not prove life?

Breathing is the introduction of oxygen into the blood. Babies receive it from their mothers. How is it possible for her to be a living, breathing individual and yet the child she carries is "dead" until born? That child would have never been conceived in the first place without oxygen! How can that baby not be viable life until it is born? Because... it is not about the child at all. It is the hubris of man deciding when life matters.

It is the Cain mentality; stepping into the role of God resulting in abomination. Humans procreate THEIR OWN KIND. And our society is throwing them away at the rate that makes the entire death toll of World War II look like a drop in the bucket. If they are not human babies then why is their unborn identity even debated?

So what is this unborn identity? Why does it give birth to heated exchanges between those on opposing sides? Because any time sin is confronted it justifies, it reasons, it defends, it strikes back—fighting

even harder to establish its worth, its value, its "right" to its opinion... its IDENTITY. What is this compulsion to defend and define ourselves? It is the basest, most primal need to survive. Take this thought process to its inevitable, logical conclusion. How will mankind survive if we discard the lives of our own offspring? The ruthless and sobering truth is that the debate to defend the act of abortion is not an argument about when life begins but when it is permissible to KILL.

This slippery slope is paved with fallible intentions, twisted understanding and leads inevitably in one direction: death. The deaths of our unborn babies results in the deaths of our souls, hearts and minds. When we reach such a state of unified understanding that any life at any time is disposable based on a "right" we have become the snake eating its tail.

Fighting to establish our identities defines us. Which "unborn identity" will you defend? This is an ongoing war in the Kingdom and there is no middle ground. Whether we pray, contribute time or finances or watch as others do battle... one day, we will answer for our "choice."

Information and registration forms will be handed out to students or will be made available at the main office of the Win-

E-Mac School in early May. If you have any questions, please direct them to Kevin McKeever.

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The Polk County Fair Board of Directors and members of the supporting organization "Friends of the Fair" plus members of the new Livestock Barn Committee celebrated the new structure with an official groundbreaking. Pictured from left are: Ron Hanson, Brian Lindberg, Sarah Reese, Brad Grunhovi, Kari Lehmann, Monte Erickson, Tim Olson, Donna Rae Carlson, Brian Grunhovi, Dan Skansen, Dan Grunhovi, Steve Taylor, Diane Fuchs, Jackie Erickson, Jerry Erickson, David Johnstad, Mike Moore, Bob Norland, Matt Erickson, Rumpy Erickson and Paul Reese. The new barn replaces the existing structures which are all 100 years old or older. The dimensions of the new barn are 144 feet by 180 feet. The new barn is scheduled to be open for the 2017 Fair which runs July 5 – 9. Fair Board members not pictured include Michelle Cote, Aaron Iverson and Al "Swede" Olson.