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McIntosh Easter Fun



The Easter Bunny was a part of the fun during the McIntosh Community Club's Annual Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. Here Gage, and Baily Bauer get to visit with the Easter Bunny along with mom, Mary.



Hailey Hedlund gives the Easter Bunny a big hug with her sister, Brooklyn who is not so sure about the big bunny last Saturday at Erickson Park during the Annual Easter Egg hunt sponsored by the McIntosh Community Club.



Friends, Mya Strom and Dakota Hedlund had fun finding eggs together last Saturday at the Easter Egg Hunt in McIntosh.



Kalli Roy was one of many kids out finding eggs last Saturday during the Community Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Marial Harbor adds Biocharger to their services

Marial Harbor Body Wellness Center in McIntosh has added a new service to their many wellness services that are available. A Biocharger is a wireless transmission of healing energy. The electrotherapeutic device generates and transmits energy by exciting noble gases within glass tubes and radiating the resultant color and energy out into the environment and to whoever is in proximity of the machine. Living tissues and cells act as capacitors and condensers, concentrating and dispensing the healing energy that is emitted. The non-invasive technology of the Biocharger stimulates individual cells by increasing their voltage. If you

think of each cell as being like a battery with a voltage, the more energy each cell has the healthier its chemical makeup. Studies found that healing cells have a charge of 75 millivolts and healthy cells a charge of 55 millivolts. Sick cells, in turn only have a charge of 55 millivolts and cancer cells only 15 millivolts. So anything that can raise the voltage of your cells allows them to become healthier. The Biocharger can be used for multiple ailments and chronic health problems. It has helped improve pain, fatigue, mood, high blood pressure and stress. It has also been used as a complement to cancer therapy and as part of treatment for Lyme Disease. The

Biocharger can also be used to optimize athletic performance and recovery time, improve sleep quality, increase focus, improve mobility and flexibility and more. Besides the Biocharger, Marial Harbor offers many services for mind and body wellness from massage to counseling, they also have many wellness products available. An 11 minute session with the Biocharger is around \$25 or \$15 with another service on the same day. There is opportunity for additional discounts when there are two or more in a session. Please contact Marial Harbor at 563-2504 or visit www.marialharbor.com

McIntosh Clean up Week will be April 23rd to April 30th

The City of McIntosh Council would like to promote a clean and healthy community by designating the last week in April as City of McIntosh Clean Up Week. Property owners within city limits may bring items to the lift station located on the east end of First Street south of the baseball field. This service is free of charge, but donations would be greatly appreciated to help defray cost. Be prepared to show proof you own property or reside within the city limits of McIntosh. Having a McIntosh mailing address does not necessarily mean you live within city limits. This service is provided solely to McIntosh City Taxpayers. If you are unsure, please call the city clerk's office: 218.563.3043. Pick-up service is available for those unable to bring in their own items. Items must be piled near the street no later than 8 am on April 30th. If further help is needed with removing items from property please call the city office and help will be scheduled. If interested in volunteering to pick up items and/or use of your truck and/or trailer please call the City Office. Acceptable Items: Small Amounts of Demolition Material (Wood, Metal, Shingles, Windows, Sheet Rock), Dry Paint Cans, Mattresses, Box Springs, Couches, Chairs, Other Miscellaneous Household Items.

Non-acceptable items: Tires, Appliances, TV's, Computers or Monitors, Railroad Ties, Fluorescent Bulbs, Cement, Hazardous Materials Please note that we are not accepting yard waste: branches, leaves, grass clippings, etc. These items can be taken to the green dump on the south end of town. If you need assistance please contact the City Office. It's that time of year when folks are doing extra cleaning around the house and trying new products to make those jobs easier. We strive to make sure the sewer system stays clear and doesn't back up into buildings. You can help us (and your neighbors) by not flushing: grease or oil down drains. Grease such as cooking oils, tallow, bacon grease, etc. will harden in the lines, and on the float switches, causing the pumps not to work. non-biodegradable items down drains. Items such as cigarette butts, dental floss, Q-tips, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons or condoms can clog the pump and pipes. flushable manufactured wipes. Even if product states it is flushable it does not disintegrate like toilet paper so it clogs and tangles in the rotors of the pumps and lines. rigid or gritty materials down drains such as cat litter, coffee grounds, chicken bones,

egg shells, fish scales, etc. Limit the materials you put through a garbage disposal to edible food products only. flammable or volatile liquids down drains such as gas, waste oil and thinners. It is illegal to dispose of these items in the sewer system. household chemicals down drains, such as paint, pesticides, herbicides, strong cleaning products, or other toxic chemicals. Manufacturers list many things as flushable, but the only thing that belongs in a toilet is toilet paper and human waste. On behalf of your neighbors and friends, thank you for helping to keep clogged sewer lines at a minimum! To all McIntosh resident pet owners: It's time to make your pet(s) legal for 2017. The City will be hosting its annual pet license and registration day on Saturday, May 6th, at the McIntosh Fire Hall, from 1:00-3:00. Dog licenses are only \$5.00 and Cats \$2.00 - after May 6th, the fee doubles. Can't make the Pet Registration Day? No problem, you can always register your pets at the City Clerk's office Monday through Friday. Cornerstone Veterinary Services will also be on hand to provide vaccines and medications to any cat or dog - city or country. Hope to see you there!



Only two days old, Devinity Hedlund was the tiniest one at the Easter Egg Hunt.



Diane Boucher was the accompanist for the choir during the Easter Canata at Win-E-Mac School last Friday evening.



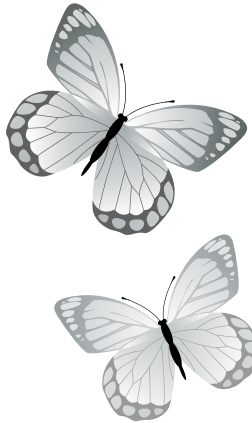
Starting out the evening last Friday during the Community Easter Canata was Neil Bursheim.



Andrew Hanson performed "Forever" last Friday Evening at Win-E-Mac school during the Easter Cantata.



The Biocharger is located in a private room at Marial Harbor, where one or a small group can relax and enjoy the benefits from their session.



Community Calendar

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: Clean Up Week in McIntosh; 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 Wed. April 26: 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 27: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm Fri. April 28: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm Mon. May 1: 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. May 2: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



Jack & the Beanstalk

The play will be performed on Saturday, April 22nd at 2:00 pm at the Win-E-Mac Arts & Event Center. Prairie Fire Theater & WEM Community Education will present 40 plus Win-E-Mac Students in one great performance for the general public. Come out and enjoy the play production of "Jack & the Beanstalk" performed by a talented group of students.



Win-E-Mac quilt club made fleece mittens to donate to coats for kids.

Pestle & Vessel by Alison Opdahl

Attitude

I am learning how I FEEL about my relationship with the Father has more to do with my ATTITUDE than it does with His faithfulness or trustworthiness. Women can be ruled by their emotions but it can't be mistaken for a gender tendency, it's a human trait. Women usually reveal more how they feel—which are emotional decisions. Men can check

Pestle & Vessel...
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Baby Shower

Megan Sveen and
baby Evalynn

Sat., April 29th
@ 11am

IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH, McIntosh
Registered at Target

Baby Shower

for
Ragla Kringlen

at the
McIntosh
Community Center

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

Kayla is registered at Target and Amazon.

The McIntosh Times Office Hours

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

Call or fax: (218) 563-3585

Ad deadline is Noon on Friday prior to publication

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!

Accepting Gravel Quotes

King Township is accepting
gravel quotes for 2017.

Quotes will be accepted
until April 30, 2017.

Quote should be for 1000
+/- yards of gravel.

Mail Quotes to:

Loren Gieseke
King Township Clerk
26696 360th St SE
McIntosh, MN 56556

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Retirement Party for Virgil Lerfald

The Coop
Bar & Grill, McIntosh

Lunch will be served

Come to visit & wish Virgil congratulations!

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

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



Win-E-Mac quilt club made fleece mittens to donate to coats for kids.

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Notice: King Township

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of April 2017, at 2:00pm has been fixed as the date for the meeting of the Board of Review - Equalization for King Township. The meeting will take place at the McIntosh Community Center.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Loren Gieseke, King Township Clerk

Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property

This may affect your 2018 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for township of Sletten will meet on Tuesday, April 25th, 3:30 pm, at Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this February 10, 2017

Terri Kaupang, Clerk of the Township of Sletten



Dog & Cat Clinic

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

1:00-3:00 pm

The annual Rabies Clinic, with the Cornerstone Veterinary Service of Gonvick, will be held in McIntosh, Saturday, May 6th, from 1:00-3:00 pm, at the fire hall for all dogs and cats.

CITY LICENSES WILL BE SOLD AT THAT TIME.

COST THROUGH JULY 1 st :	Dogs	Cats
\$5.00	\$2.00	

COST AFTER JULY 1 st :	Dogs	Cats
\$10.00	\$4.00	



"The Golden Age" Part 2

In 1914, Fred Kvauth's McIntosh Auto Co. began offering day and night livery (taxi) service, just by phoning "No. 33."

Flourishing secret societies in town including the Knights of Pytheas, Royal Neighbors and I.O.O.F. Lodge, a.k.a. The International Organization of Odd Fellows.

The annual ice harvest began in earnest, ushered in by 45 degree below zero

days in February. Meanwhile, Mayor Jensen, George Beito and Stan Hotto lobbied for the Poplar River Bridge. The county finally consented, and promised to replace the old wooden bridge with a steel one in ninety days. On a September morning, M.O. Homme and his crew began the new project which stood until the 1970s.

In March McIntosh voted 102-61 to remain "dry".

March 23, 1914 marks the anniversary of the very first trip by auto from McIntosh to Gully. A Hupmobile, owned by the McIntosh Auto Co., made the four passenger trip in one hour and forty-five minutes. As strange as this sounds (since the two cities are so close), a newspaper article claims that the day before, that same Hupmobile had become the

very first car to ever make the trek from Mac to Fosston. In April, the latest dance craze, the Tango, invaded this peaceful City and a peculiar new machine called a "motorcycle" was exhibited in the McIntosh Auto Company garage.

In July, the town's attentions were captured by the town baseball team, the Mac Pirates, and their string of 13 consecutive victories. The news that Germany has declared war on Russia and invaded France went virtually unnoticed in McIntosh. More important was the new telephone exchange which connected Mac and Oaklee.

The night the Electric Light Plant had trouble and the town had an honest to goodness blackout, which caused Selmer Stardig's horse-drawn meat market wagon to collide

with H.P. King's new Hupmobile, was prominently noted. Also not to go unnoticed were the rainwater baths offered at Joe Espeseth's barber shop or the return home of Alfred Narveson following a successful season as a minor league pitcher on the Pacific coast.

In December, the local citizens and businessmen protested Great Northern's decision to discontinue Sunday passenger service; the citizens prevailed. And finally, the town was beginning to notice the war in Europe: \$78.78 was sent from here to the Belgian relief program.

Source: *The Centennial History of the Thirteen Towns*



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen,
Pastor

Wed. April 19: 11:30am
Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. April 21: 8:45am Mass
at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. April 23: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley; 3:00pm Divine Mercy at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. April 26: 11:30am
Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. April 28: 8:30am Mass
at St. Mary's, Fosston

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

If you have any questions
please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

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

Worship at Calvary

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

Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

(ELCA)

McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

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

Sun. April 30: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. April 19: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place.

Sat. April 22: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. April 23: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service; 7:30pm (NOTE: time change) Luther League (see article elsewhere in paper)

Tues. April 25: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. April 26: 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.

MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

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

Thurs. April 27: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sun. April 30: 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 23: 9am Worship

Sun. April 30: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlund

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

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Sun. April 30: 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 23: 8:45am Worship Service

Sun. April 30: 8:45 Worship Service

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THE WINGER ENTERPRISE

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Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where today (Thursday) is a absolutely beautiful spring day. Seems like we have windy from one direction or another every day but so it is.

Farmers have started their spring's work, some fields have already been planted. Soon everything will be nice and green. Must say it would be nice to have a washing rain and clean some of the winter dirt up.

My apologies to Martha Henney for an article I had in the paper a couple of weeks ago. I stated that Martha had a call from Eugene Dahlgren who resides now in California and I stated in the article that he had confirmed Martha and married Martha and Myren. Eugene's Father Elmer Dahlgren was the pastor who confirmed Martha and married Martha and Myren. Sorry Martha.

Thursday the 6th Paul Carlson stopped by for a brief visit and a cup of coffee with Milton Carlson on his way to work that morning.

Craig Johnson and Shelby Johnson of Monticello were last week end house guests at the Pulskamp home.

Milton Carlson had an unexpected visitor in his yard last week when a moose out for a walk stopped in Milton's yard. The moose caught the dog's attention but was not at all scared of the dog, but by the time Donna was ready to get the picture of the moose it de-

cided to travel on.

Last Friday Helmer and Verlys Homme and Gary and Maxine Walters attended the fish supper that was held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Mentor. After the supper they all gathered at the Walter's home for an evening of playing rook.

While Bev Helgaas of Glenwood spent from Thursday until Sunday last week end at the home of her Sister Cindy Johnson's at Gully, Craig was a guest at the Pulskamp home where the men completed a project they had started a few weeks ago.

Chad Carlson brought rolls last Thursday afternoon to Milton Carlson at his home and the two enjoyed the rolls and had a good visit at the same time.

Wednesday afternoon Miles Henney of St. Hilaire visited his Mother Martha Henney at the Pioneer Home bringing her a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Saturday visitors at the Pulskamp home were Kelly Johnson and Granddaughter Lilly and Dean Johnson.

Judy Gieseke brought freshly made wild rice soup to Milton Carlson last Friday and both enjoyed the tasty dish for dinner.

Last week Lucy Brtek and Betty Lou Myhrum were visitors at the Michelle and Greg Gagner home near Mentor to see Lucy's Granddaughter Samantha O'Bierne and great Grandchildren Kyle and Gide-

on.

Last Saturday the 8th Paul and Donna Carlson were visitors and coffee guests with Milton Carlson at Milton's home, bringing with them fresh sticky buns they all enjoyed.

Monday visitors at the Pulskamp home were Dean Johnson and Marv Engesether of Plummer.

Enjoying a very delicious grilled steak supper hosted by Lucy Brtek and cooked by Richard Brtek on Saturday evening at the Lucy Brtek home were Richard and Betty Brtek of Blaine and their Daughter Janell and Grandson Derrick. Lucy said the steaks were done to perfection and lip smacking good. And I may add that she stated the steaks had been purchased at the Depot.

Sunday the 9th Brent, Jennifer, Josh and Dominic were visitors and coffee guests with Milton Carlson at Milton's home.

Wednesday morning visitors at the Pulskamp home were Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake, MN and Nola Abele of Fosston. That afternoon Craig and Bev Helgaas of Glenwood were visitors as they were here for the funeral of Dean DeFrang held in Fosston that morning. Later that afternoon Kelly Johnson was a visitor.

Until next week may yours be a good one.

In closing the greatest healing therapy is friendship and love.

From Bun Manor:

Saturday afternoon the door bell rang at the Floyd and Gerri Balstad's home and there stood 26 family members with flowers, banners, balloons. The occasion was to help Gerri cele-

brate her birthday. Son Tony & wife Jess from Mpls, daughter Sheila & husband Allen from Atlanta and daughter Connie & husband Ted and their 3 sons from Des Moines plus many other family members from Red Lake Falls, Thief River Falls, Detroit Lakes and Fertile. They also brought the food to feed all of the guests and enjoyed a campfire in the evening. Geri was completely surprised. Floyd was aware of their plans but didn't let on! Good job Floyd!

Linda and Odney Hegrenes came up Saturday to spend the Easter weekend with Tim. Linda wanted to check out the ne store Fosston so they went there and had a pizza for lunch. While there they ran into pastor Aage and Kay Carlsen. They enjoyed chit chat and a cup of coffee together. They came back to the lake for a while before Odney and Linda went to visit their friends Ginny and Gary Frisk over by Foote lake. Easter morning Tim got up and met Odney and Linda in Winger for Easter services at Calvary. Following services, they went and had dinner at Moran's. Linda and Odney headed back home latter in the afternoon. They stopped at Long lake near Vergas and picked up Maxx Schulz and took him back to school at the University of Minnesota.

Saturday afternoon, Paul and Julie Schow picked up Ole and they headed out to Devils Lake for Easter weekend. They met Kain Schow and his wife Hunter in Grand Forks and they followed them to Devils

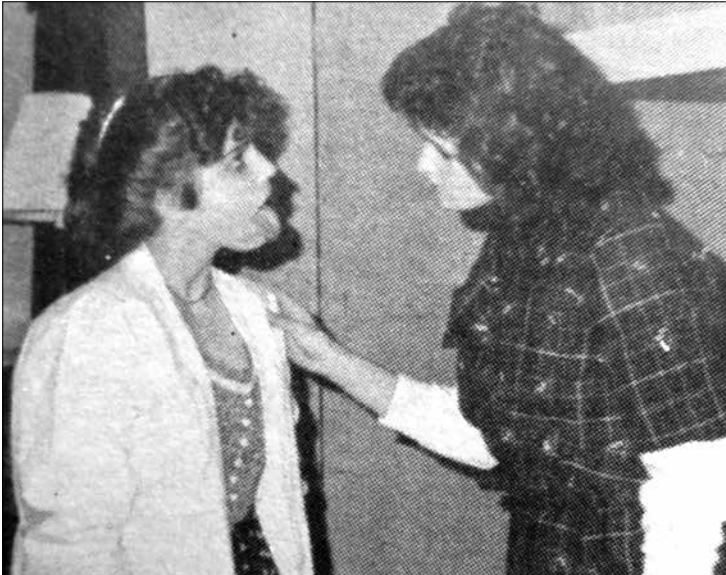
Winger News...
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50 years ago...1967: Members of the McIntosh Lions Club accepted a brochure produced by Otter Tail Power Company. The book sets forth the many services and facilities of the town and will serve as a promotional piece to secure new businesses or industry for the community. Making the presentation is Lee Engen district Otter Tail manager. On the left is Mayor Roholt. Armand Sannes accepted the publication for the Lions and is pictured next. On the right is Ken Mosser, local Otter Tail representative.



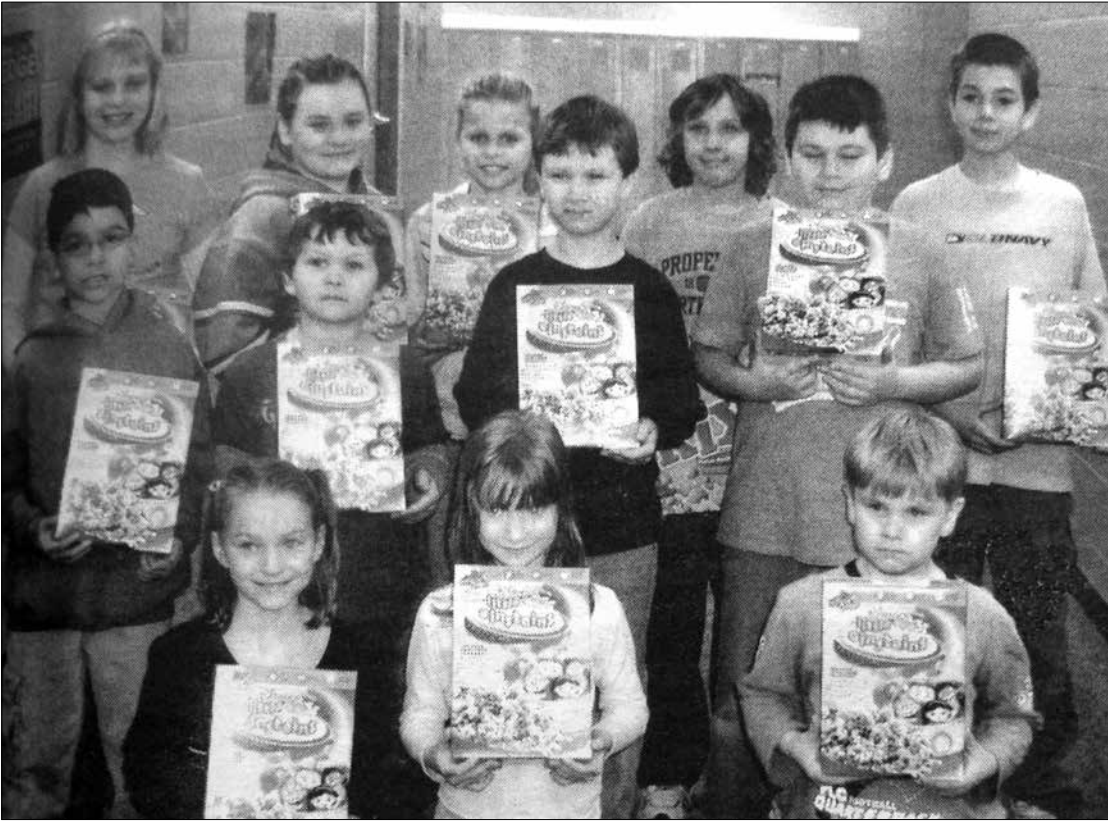
40 years ago...1977: Displaying their Easter Bunnies made in the Homestart Class on Tuesday in McIntosh are the following children who will advance to Kindergarten next year. Mark Strom, Stephanie Voxland, Janet Kiecker, and Jason Smeby.



30 years ago...1987: In a scene from "The Diary of Anne Frank", Anne (Sonja Borud) shows her mother her tongue. "I am not sick." Mrs. Frank is played by Sheila Olson.



20 years ago...1997: (L-R) Skyler Hoaas and Brian Massmann were in charge of ticket sales at the Win-E-Mac Sixth Grade Pancake Supper. The students, their teachers and parent volunteers and members of the WEM Yearbook staff, were kept busy serving over 740 meals.



The County Line

By Warren Strandell
Polk County Commissioner, Dist. 2

The book written to mark East Grand Forks' 125th birthday in 2012 ("Everybody Has a Story, Everybody Is the Story") includes over 50 stories of people who were heavily involved in the floodfight waged in 1997. Those accounts were only the tip of the iceberg, though. Like the book's title, everyone had a story.

In my mind, I often go back to some of my experiences. With that cue during this week of the 20th anniversary of that "event," I invite you to come along for a trip back in time... but that's only if you are if you are so inclined.

I was at East Grand Forks City Hall when news came to those who were coordinating the floodfight that a dike had been breached. That was at about mid-afternoon on April 18, 1997.

That particular area of diking on the Point had been keeping the Red Lake River out of the residential area. Devastating as the news was, no one at flood control center was ready to concede defeat. An attempt was quickly organized to construct secondary diking that would protect the inner circle of the Point area. A good idea but there just wasn't time to get it done.

Then a dike along the Red River on the west side of the Point area was overtopped.

Not in the plan

These things just weren't supposed to happen... not in East Grand Forks where year after year the community had forged a remarkable record of keeping the Red and Red Lake rivers out of town.

One of the greatest of the battles with the rivers occurred in 1979 when wall of a wall of sandbags kept the Point area dry for a full week. It was an island with no way in or out except but by boat and affectionately became known as Isle deSandbag.

The thinking 18 years later in 1997 was that the Point area, along with all of the rest if the city, could be kept dry again. Looking back, though, there really wasn't any chance for that to happen again.

My job during the 1997 flood fight was rather insignificant. In the role of being a gopher, I would go around to the different sandbag efforts with things like the refreshed batteries that were needed to maintain the radio communications that were so important. On my travels I got to see the flood from almost every perspective... all of the trouble spots, the extremely slippery dikes, the people who threw bags into place for as long as there were bags to throw, and the earth-moving

equipment that was always driven with the cab door on the dry side of the dike in case the machine were to slide into the river and the operator needed to bail out.

Called home

As word of the dike failures developed, I called my wife, Annie. Cell phones weren't that good 20 years ago, but I got through. Her response came in some very understandable terms... that I needed to find a way to get my butt back across the Red Lake River to where we lived on the Point.

With water several feet deep on the south side of the Murray Bridge there just wasn't any to drive through it. But thanks to a Zavoral Construction Co. payload operator, who let me ride in the cab with him, I did get across. He was delivering sandbags to the dike break area. Once there, he tried to dump the bags into the bucket of a tracked backhoe from where the bags could be placed. Most of the bags spilled into the three feet or more deep water that was pouring in from the Red Lake River. After completing the semi-successful transfer of bags, he edged his machine close to the backhoe and instructed me to jump from the cab of the payload operator to the top of backhoe's engine compartment.

That scary maneuver accomplished, the backhoe operator edged his machine toward a portion of the earthen dike that remained in place. Then he brought the bucket back up to near where I was on top of the engine compartment and told me to get in. With me in the bucket, he extended it out to the dike and dumped me off on dry ground. From there, I was then able to walk the few blocks home.

Toured the neighborhood

At home, after cooking some steaks on the grill (yes, really), we did the dishes and went on a tour of the neighborhood. It appeared that there was good reason to hope that our homes would stay dry. But things began to deteriorate as evening came on. Water kept coming up... both on the streets and, in our case, up through the ground and onto the basement floor.

Our floodfighting effort, with me running the wet vac and Annie dumping the water out on the street, lasted until about 2 a.m. or so. That's when National Guard troops ordered us out ahead of the waters that were by then coming up the street from both directions — from the Red Lake River to the east and from the Red River to the west.

Dropped off at the Senior Citizens Center, which was the collection site, we sat there for several hours before getting our ride via helicopter to Northland Community College. From there we had a bus ride to the new, not yet opened Crookston Central High School. That was the landing spot for all coming from East Grand Forks. They recorded who we were and where we would be in an effort to try to keep track of us. From the school we were driven to the University of Minnesota-Crookston where we were assigned cots on the floor of Lysaker Gymnasium.

That's when a very harsh realization occurred. We were homeless with just had the clothes we had on.

That afternoon, using all of my influence as a first-term Polk County commissioner, I snagged a ride back to my car in East Grand Forks. I had left it on high ground next to the BN Railroad tracks. I had read some years before that railroads built their tracks on high ground whenever possible. Right next to the tracks would be high ground.

Back in East Grand Forks, when I went to start the car the battery was dead. With the help of a boy from our neighborhood and his friend, who had the jumper cables, I was soon on my way back to Crookston.

Stopped in Fisher

On the way, I made a stop in Fisher where Annie's brother Ron Parkin and his wife, Bev, lived. On hearing about the cots in Lysaker Gymnasium, Ron wasn't about to have us live anywhere else but with him and Bev... and we did for the next 18 days. During that



Pictured right: 10 years ago...2007: General Mills shipped a case of "Disney Little Einstein Fruity Starts" which is now a cereal they are marketing, to every school that participates in the Box Tops for Education program. The following people were top contributors of Box Tops at the Win-E-Mac School. They each received a box of the new cereal. Back row (l-r): Kylee Mandt, Megan Espeseth, Madison McKeever, Mareia Schommer and Zach Lene. Middle row: Noah Klinkhammer, Noah Knutson, Cade Escue, Zac Tradewell. Front Row: Brylie Lene, Alaina Juve, Ryan Schaumburg. Justin Shaver is not pictured.

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 3:00pm 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.

Lace Em Up Basketball Camp – June 5-9, 2017 in Red Lake Falls. Open to anyone in grades K-11. Cost of the camp is \$60 with a max of \$100/per family. If you register before May 20th, you will receive a camp T-shirt. After May 25th, registration will be \$70 and the family max will be \$120. Registration forms can be picked up in the office.

There are Shrine Circus tickets available in the office for kids in grades K-8 who would like to pick up a ticket.

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

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lake. Easter Sunday they went over to their families house and enjoyed Turkey, ham and all the trimmings. They returned home latter in the day, fat and sassy.

Easter Sunday, Gary Sonstlie and his family along with the matriarch Shirley took off for Moorhead to have Dinner at his sister Lori and David Headman home. Brother Mark and his wife Loreen and their son also joined them. Shirley really enjoyed herself as she had her whole family with the grandchildren and great grandchild present.

Following Easter services, Dale entertained his mother Joyce, brother Paul and his son Dalton, brother David, Shawn and their boys Everett and Grant. They had a little different kind of dinner. They grilled brats outside that Dale had picked up in Detroit Lakes.

Bun hopes everyone had a blessed Easter.

Brian and Elizabeth Massmann spent the Easter Holiday in Fargo with her parents, sisters, and their husbands.

Random Things and Stuff



Four-Legged Furry Friends

By: Emily Lynne

I definitely love my pets! I was very fortunate growing up to have animals to love and take care of. I have had various pets throughout the years including dogs, cats, chickens, a hamster, an axolotl, various fish, and parakeets. I think that the greatest thing about having pets is that you have something to take care of, love, and have something that will always be there for you when you need them. There are lots of interesting facts about various pets out there, and here is a list from MentalFloss.com of 12 Facts about Pets and Pet Owners:

1. According to the American Pet Products Association (APPA), pet owners in the USA spent \$60.28 billion on their furry friends in 2015.

2. Cats don't typically meow at each other, that is a communication tool reserved for their humans.

3. Nearly 80 million households in the USA have a pet, and 42% of those households have more than one, according to a 2015-2016 APPA survey. There are approximately 77.8 million pet dogs and 85.8 million pet cats in the USA.

4. Goldfish have a reputation as short-lived creatures, but given proper care, they can live as long as 30 years in captivity. The oldest captive goldfish ever recorded was won at a fair in 1956 and died in 1999 at the age of 43.

5. Parrots, according to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), are the nation's fourth most popular pet; according to a 2012 survey conducted by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), 3.1% of households in the USA owned birds. Some parrots can scream as loud as an ambulance siren. These birds are beautiful, but they're difficult to care for and require lots of space, so the HSUS doesn't recommend keeping them as pets at all.

6. Many dogs have a condition nicknamed "Frito Feet", in which their feet smell a little bit like corn chips. As Matt Soniak wrote, this could be due to bacteria found on the dog's feet. This could be due to a yeast or Proteus bacteria, which are both known for their sweet, corn tortilla-like smell.

It could also be Pseudomonas bacteria, which smells a little fruitier, but pretty close to popcorn to most noses.

7. One survey found that 81% of cat owners let their felines sleep on the bed, compared to 73% of dog owners.

8. The red-eared slider is one of the most popular pet turtles in the United States. They grow to be a foot long and can live up to 20 years.

9. 45% of pet owners say they occasionally (or frequently) buy presents for their animals.

10. Of the many species of hamsters, the five most commonly kept as pets are Syrian, Dwarf, Campbells Russian, Dwarf Winter White Russian, Chinese, and Roborovski. These little creatures can fit an insane amount of stuff in their cheeks. How do they do it? Well, when the BBC x-rayed a hamster eating for a series "Pets--Wild at Heart", they discovered that the animals' cheek pouches extend down to their hips.

11. There are 49 domesticated rabbit breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association.

12. According to the ASPCA, around 2.7 million shelter animals are adopted each year.

Interested in adopting a pet? Make sure you do your research as to how to prepare for and best care for the animal that is right for you!

(<http://mentalfloss.com/article/78383/12-facts-about-pets-and-pet-ownership-national-pet-day>)

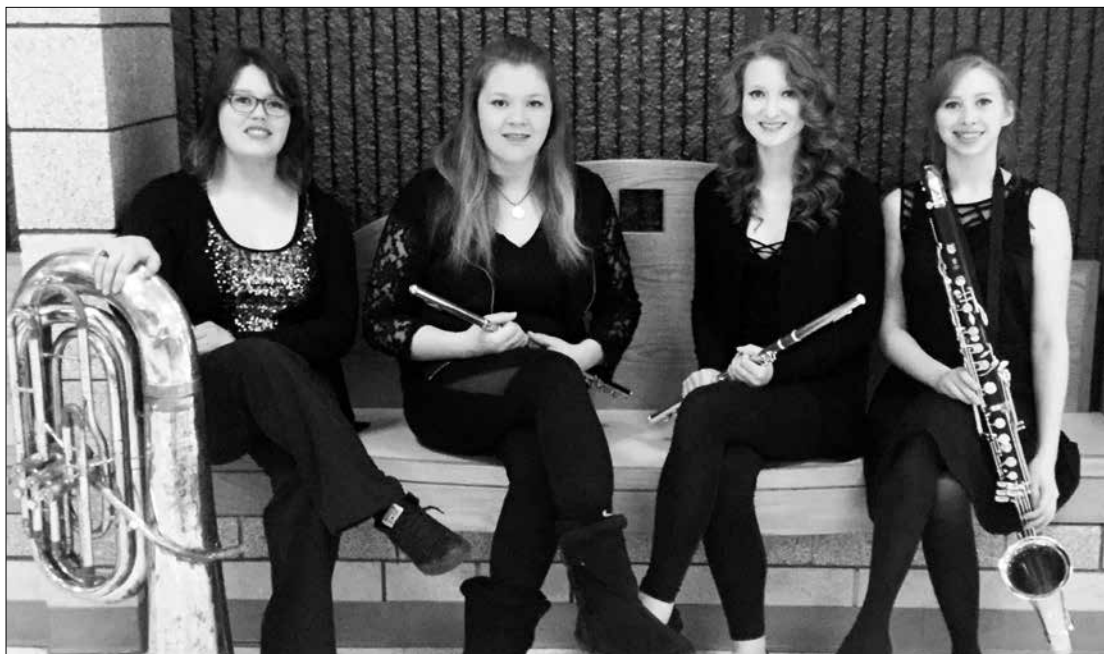
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out—avoiding is also a decision based on emotion. Both of these reactions have the same outcome. They separate us from right relationship with our Father.

I really appreciate King David. He was unabashedly and sometimes foolishly honest about how he felt. He let the Lord know it. ALL. THE. TIME. I wonder if this is why he was a man after God's own heart? Because while he was praising, lamenting, singing, crying... while he was doing all of these things he was in relationship! This is what God is seeking from me above all things!

I have relationships everywhere. My fallacy is to focus on my human relationships more than the ONE that matters the most. I tell myself I'll have more time or a better opportunity later. As if I can put life on hold. It's like building a dream house without pouring a foundation. If I don't ab-



On Friday, March 31st, WEM Junior High music students participated in the honor band and choir held in Mahanomen, MN. On April 7, 2017 the WEM Senior High students participated in the District 8A Subsection 30 honor band and choir in Ada, MN. Congratulations to all participants! Senior High Honor Band: Aries Qualey, Bailee Burcham, Alaina Juve, Katelyn Sanden.



Win-E-Mac Senior High Choir: Dylan Cabrales, Micah Olson, Kylie Stuhaug, Gretchen Finseth, Tyra Wilson, and Savannah Stennes.

sorb the Word of God daily, if I don't spend time in His presence each day when the world crashes around me, I will topple.

Remember that pride I had to lay on the altar to begin repenting? Well it wasn't a one-time deal. It's become an everyday deal. Pride is an attitude that tells me I am okay on my own. That verse, the one niggling at my conscience... is for them. You know, THEM and they better wise up or else... welcome to the log in my own eye. Enter the chainsaw of the Word of God. It has a way of chewing through resistance and leaving the sawdust of reality behind. The reality is that the Word of God is to be applied in every area of my life

regardless of my willingness to admit it.

It's strange how I think the Word of God will trap me and keep me from doing what I want to when the actual result is the opposite. It frees me. As the Ruach ha-Kodesh (Holy Spirit) speaks to me through scripture, the chains of unrealistic expectation and self-doubt give way to new understanding. His truth begins to crumble the walls of protection I have worked so hard to maintain. Lately, I have been clambering over the rubble of forty-four years of walls. I get weary some days, frustrated and cranky. This emotional spring-cleaning is not a gentle sweep of the broom into dusty corners but a deep scouring of

the soul with uncompromising steel wool.

What is He trying to do with me? And you know what? That is exactly the question I need to ask every day. Not, "What is He DOING to me?" but "What is He trying to do WITH me?" Because you see, I am here for His purpose. I am in covenant relationship with Him and only as I seek the Father am I going to be blessed in my other relationships. Only as I submit myself to His understanding will I begin to understand others. Then He will grant the discernment I need to be His Light no matter whom or what I face. Did you catch that word? Submit? Mm-hmm, not fun. I'll have to tackle that one in a different column.



Win-E-Mac Junior High Honor Choir: Mary Catahan, Lukiya Kutsev, Eva Qualey, Kendyl Nelson, Felicity Andress, Andrea Reandeau, Jaycee Knutson, Lindsey Espeseth, Carlie Sander, Elly Lndberg, Gabriela Qualey, Kobe Hamre, Daniel Erofeeff, Bruce Duchamp, Hunter Stennes, Jadon Kangas, Kolton Krockner, Will Tofstad (NOTE: Choir students names are not in picture order.)



Win-E-Mac Junior High Honor Band: Row 1- Savannah Svalen, Rylee Haugen, Abby Lende, Ethan Shimpa, Grace Kaupang, Remy Goodwin, Brock Trandem; Row 2 - Anton Hickman, Anisha Saeland, Katrina Jackson, Paige Breckel, Mia Thompson, Brianna Johnson, and Jhana Saeland.