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The Win-E_Mac prom attendees spent part of their after prom party time at The Puzzled Escape Rooms in Grand Forks. Here, (l-r) Mariah Overgaard, John Refshaw, Hunter Westcott, Annika Larson, Hudson Smeby and Destiny Molstad were able to escape.

"Wild About Reading" summer reading program for youth and teens at McIntosh library

Go wild about reading with the McIntosh library this summer! Lake Agassiz Regional Library is bringing a jungle-themed Summer Reading Program to youth and teens in communities in Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Mahnomen, Norman, Polk, and Wilkin counties. Beginning June 1, participants can read to win prizes as well as attend educational and entertaining programs at their local library or library LINK Site. The summer reading kick-off is at the McIntosh library on Monday, June 2, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

▪ **Wild About Raptors -** Featuring the Headwaters Science Center is Monday, June 9, from 10:30am - 11:00am.

Join the Headwaters Science Center and get a close-up view of live raptors. Attendees will learn about the characteristics that make raptors different from other birds.

▪ **Wild About Music -** Featuring Susan Lee on Monday, June 16, from 10:30am - 11:00am.

It will be a fun morning of music so let's get our feet tapping and our hands clapping with the music from Susan Lee.

▪ **Let's Get Wild with Animal Signs -** Featuring Itasca State Park will be on Wednesday, June 25, from 10:30am - 11:00am.

Join a park naturalist from Itasca State Park to explore some of the signs that wild animals leave behind.

▪ **Dazzling Dave -** National Yo-Yo Master is coming to the McIntosh library on Tuesday, July 1, from 3:30pm - 4:15pm.

Join your library for a showcase of yo-yo tricks with national yo-yo master Dazzling Dave!

▪ **Learning Express Trailer -** Courtesy of Prairie Public will be in McIntosh from Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11 during library hours.

Come to the McIntosh Public Library and explore and play with the educational resources and activities provided to families from the Prairie Public Learning Express Trailer. The trailer is packed with bins full of kits, games, and activities. An adult must be present and actively supervising children while bins are in use.

▪ **Wild about Zumba -** Featuring Nicole Cook on Monday, July 14, from 10:30am - 11:00am.

Go wild about Zumba! This dance fitness program involves dance and aerobic elements. Nicole will teach kids a kid-friendly version of this popular dance routine.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to stop by the McIntosh library starting on Monday, June 2, or the information about the program and event lists are available at larl.org/explore.

McIntosh Library hours are:
Monday: 10:00am - 3:00 pm.
Tuesday: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
Thursday: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
Friday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
These hours exclude Federal holidays.

The program will be offered from June 1 - July 31 at libraries and LINK Sites in the following communities: Ada, Bagley, Barnesville, Breckenridge, Climax, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fertile, Fosston, Hawley, Mahnomen, McIntosh and Moorhead. LARL's LINK sites are found in Cormorant, Frazee, Gonvick, Halstad, Hendrum, Lake Park, Rothsay, Twin Valley and Ulen. A number of fun programs will be held in connection with the reading challenge, including yo-yo performances by national yo-yo master Dazzling Dave, author visits, craft events and much more. All programs are offered free-of-charge. More information is available at larl.org and a full list of programs can be found at larl.org/explore.

Memorial Day in McIntosh and Winger

Winger:

There will be a Memorial Day program on Monday, May 26th at 8:30 am at the Winger Community Center and a Ceremony in the Memorial Park following the program.

McIntosh:

The Friends of McIntosh Veterans will once again be sponsoring the Memorial Day program, both in person and on Garden Valley/online on Monday, May 26th.

Here is the timeline:

9:45 AM: Choir practice at the Community Center, under the direction of Garnet Aanenson and accompanied by Diane Boucher. We welcome all singers!

10:15 AM: Color guard, youth (under the guidance of Heather Hegre) and Win-E-Mac High School Band (under the direction of Amanda Schulz) meet at the 1st National Bank parking lot and begin the parade to the Community Center at 10:20-10:25. Color guard members, please pick up the flags from the Community Center before lining up.

10:30 AM: Star-Spangled Banner outside of the Community Center, followed by the inside program. Janice Aanenson will lead the program. Invocation by Pastor Jerry Moan, and address by Chaplain Doug Hedman. East Polk County Quilters will present Quilts of Honor to Alan Carver and Todd Goodwin.

11:15 AM: Wreath-laying service on the school lawn, with the Honor Roll called by Ben Ramse and Taps played by Joe Collova.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be providing lunch at the Community Center following the program. Also, the Friends of McIntosh Veterans will be selling poppies that morning; please consider making a donation to the organization. We work hard to honor those from our community who have proudly served our country.

1:00 PM: Online program airs on Garden Valley TV, Channel 30. This is not a broadcast of the in-person program, but honors our veterans in a different format, including photos of the veterans in the Honor Roll. The program airs again at 7:00 PM.

The online program will also be available later that day on the Friends of McIntosh Veterans website (www.friendsofmcintoshveterans.com) as well as the organization's Facebook page.

Thank you to all of the men and women who have served our country, and for the continued support of the McIntosh community to honor them.

Interesting facts related to Memorial Day

Memorial Day is celebrated annually on the last Monday of May across the United States. The proximity of Memorial Day to the summer solstice has led many to view the weekend preceding the holiday as the unofficial kickoff to summer. However, Memorial Day is about more than backyard barbecues and weekend getaways.

Memorial Day honors service members who died while serving in the United States military. Though Memorial Day traces its origins to the years following the American Civil War in the mid-nineteenth century, it did not become an official federal holiday until 1971. That's one of just many interesting facts that are worth noting as the United States prepares to commemorate the sacrifices of military personnel who died in service of the country.

Memorial Day began as something of a grass roots movement. According to History.com, by the late 1860s individuals in towns across the war-ravaged United States began holding springtime tributes to soldiers who lost their lives during the American Civil War.

Among the more notable postwar commemorations was one organized by former slaves in Charleston, South Carolina.

Postwar commemorations also were organized by northern veterans of the Civil War. General John A. Logan, who led an organization of Union veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance in May 1868.

Early commemorations of Decoration Day, which gradually came to be known as Memorial Day, initially honored only those soldiers who died during the American Civil War. However, that changed over time as American servicemen fought in various wars, including both World Wars, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and other conflicts.

The red poppy has become a symbol of Memorial Day. That red poppy can be traced to a poem by Canadian John McCrae, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel in World War I. "In Flanders Field" notes the red poppies that grew in fields where countless soldiers had been buried in modern-day Belgium. The poem was published in 1915, three years before the war ended. Sadly, McCrae himself was a casualty of the war, succumbing to pneumonia in France in 1918 while still in the service.

Memorial Day honors service personnel who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. military. The holiday's inspiration and lengthy history merits consideration as the nation prepares to commemorate countless soldiers' sacrifices once more.

The Class of 2037 is about to finish Kindergarten! They have been preparing for the first grade and visited their first grade classrooms last week. (L-R: Back) Greyson Simonson, Aubree Lisburg, Aubrey Gunufson, Mrs. Jill Landsverk, Lucas Hornbuckle, Kendall Guns, Alexander Kildal, Nikita Kutsev, Magnus Vigoren, Brynley Henderson, Issac Berdogin, Kristopher Berdogin, Hudsen Christianson, Roman Seals, Beau Subbert, Mrs. Eileen Cook, Briar Sonstelie, Savannah Basargin, Elanor Hanson, Finn Frisk; (L-R: Front) Alexandra Kutsev, Eddison Gieseke, Enafa Egoroff, DJ Sharp, Sophie Finseth, Mihael Boianoff, Peyton Schow, Daxton Smith, Klement Erofeeff, Miles Oppegaard, Jackson Kaupang, Jaxson Knopps, Ryder Boe, and Isaiah Piatkoff. Not pictured: Rosie Boyum.

RiverView Sleep Center offers pediatric services, summer sleep advice

Before the final school bell rings and schedules become more relaxed, make sure you have a plan to help your children maintain healthy sleep habits over the summer.

May is Better Sleep Month and a great time to educate your children about the importance of sleep, whether it's during summer vacation or the school year.

"Sleep is a vital need that is essential to a child's health and growth," shared Dr. Arveity Setty, pediatrician and medical director of RiverView Health's Sleep Center. "Sleep promotes alertness, memory, and performance. Children who get enough sleep are more likely to function better and are less prone to behavioral problems and moodiness."

RiverView's Sleep Center is accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), the gold standard by which the medical community evaluates sleep medicine facilities. Dr. Setty, who is certified by both the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Sleep Medicine, along with registered polysomnographic technologists, offer services to patients of all ages, from birth to the end of life.

According to Lori Cayler, RPSGT, it's never too early to start children on the right path to quality sleep habits.

"Sleep education should begin at an early age so that it becomes a lifestyle and not something that is dreaded by the youth," she stated. "Sleep is the easiest thing you can do for your health, so start good sleep habits early."

Let your children know that lack of sleep during the summer can lead to serious issues such as Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, depression, and more. The following strategies are encouraged to help protect your children from the negative effects of summer sleep disturbances.

Maintain a Consistent Sleep Schedule: If you let your children stay up later during the summer, be sure their wake-up time is also pushed back, allowing them to get the amount of sleep they need.

The AASM recommends the following daily sleep hours:

- Infants (4-12 months): 12 to 16 hours
- Toddlers (1-2 years): 11 to 14 hours
- Preschoolers (3-5 years): 10 to 13 hours
- School-aged children (6-12 years): 9 to 12 hours
- Teenagers (13-18 years): 8 to 10 hours

Stick to a Bedtime Routine: Establishing a consistent bedtime routine can help promote a regular sleep schedule for children. They should start their bedtime routine about an hour before going to bed. This routine might include changing into pajamas, brushing their teeth, dimming the lights, and enjoying some quiet time.

Don't let your children go to bed hungry. Give them a light, healthy snack before bedtime, avoiding anything spicy, sugary, or caffeinated.

Make sure they stop using devices during this quiet time. Any light emitted from TVs, computers, tablets, video games, and phones can reduce melatonin production - the natural hormone that signals to the brain that it's time to sleep.

Child sleep...

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Celebrate Flag Day in Winger on June 14th

On Saturday, June 14th, the Winger Fengestad Solie American Legion Post 200 will hosta Flag Day celebration in downtown Winger and at the Winger Community Center.

The celebration will begin at 10:00 am until 3:00 pm and include a car and tractor show, a flea and swap market, a silent auction, including a kids auction, with live music, and a meal at the Community Center at 11:00 am after the flag retirement ceremony held at 10:30 am.

The Car and tractor registraion will be south of the bank at 9:00 am and awards will be at 2:30 pm.

There will be plenty for the kids, including a free t-shirt for kids, while supplies last, and bike drawings every half-hour from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.

At the baseball field there will be many other Flag Day kids events. For a $5 wristband from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm kids will be able to win prizes and participate in games,including a kickball game and scooter races. There will be water balloon spoon races at 2:00 pm and so much more.

There will be many local vendors, including Ohana Shaved Ice, Lulu's Little Bits, and Sweet and Salty Concessions.

The community of Winger and the Fengestad Solie American Legion Post 200 welcomes everyone to attend this fun event on Saturday, June 14.

Organize and protect phone photos

When Fred R. Barnard coined the phrase, "A picture is worth a thousand words" in an advertising trade journal, he likely never imagined just how pervasive photography would become. Photos can tell a story, and thanks to digital technology putting cameras in our pockets, there are now more photos being taken than ever before. According to PhotoAiD®, a passport photo service, smartphones now capture about 92 percent of all pictures with the average American taking out a phone to capture an image six times a day. The typical smartphone user stores around 2,795 photos in their camera roll, and many date back several years.

Although phone storage capacity has increased in recent years, leaving so many photos on a phone presents challenges. What do you do if your phone is lost or the data becomes corrupted? What happens when you've finally reached the storage limit? It can be helpful to identify different ways to organize and store images somewhere other than on their phones.

▪ **Consider cloud storage.** Cloud storage enables phone users to often automatically have their images copied to a managed cloud server, typically at a cost. This enables the individual to access these images from various devices.

▪ **Utilize another backup storage device.** External hard drives are available in various storage capacities and often are handy for storing data-heavy files like videos. Software can be used to back up images to these devices automatically upon connection, or people can manually move over images as needed.

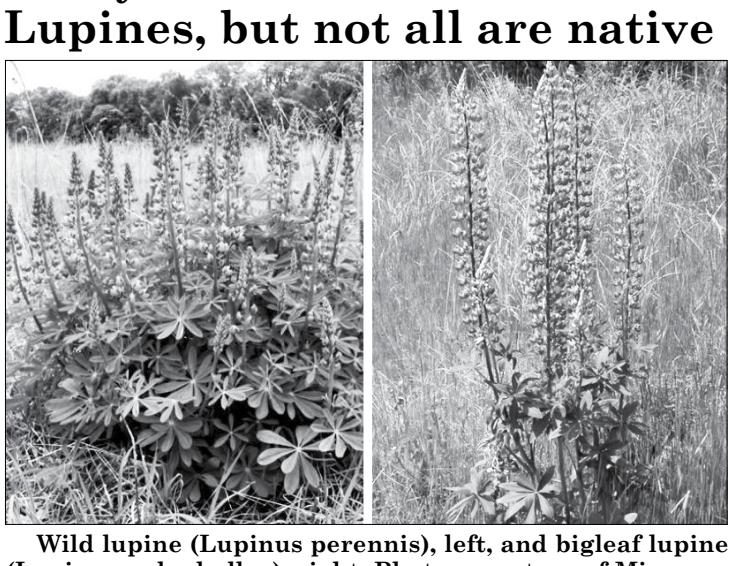
▪ **Get prints made.** Some may be old enough to remember the days when rolls of film were taken to a store to be developed and people waited to see how the photos would turn out. Digital cameras removed the mystery, but still required inserting a memory card into a photo kiosk to have prints made. Many modern phone users just leave images on their phones, and the majority are never seen again. Individuals can narrow down their favorite images and order prints so that they will be more likely to view and enjoy the photos they've taken.

▪ **Make photo books.** Various photo printing services offer photo book products. Images can be curated into bound photo albums featuring a few different images on each page depending on the book size and the layout. Photo books also can be given as gifts.

▪ **Create digital albums.** People can organize the images on their phones by breaking them down into albums. This will make it easier to recall and find certain images. Albums can be made for specific vacations, people, pets, and other events.

The winner of the Spring Shop Hop/Mother's Day Drawing from Neil's Meats and The Hen House Thrift Room is Kelsi Gunufson of McIntosh. Congratulations!

Everyone loves Lupines, but not all are native



Wild lupine (Lupinus perennis), left, and bigleaf lupine (Lupinus polyphyllus), right. Photos courtesy of Minnesota Wildflowers.

Wild Lupine (Lupinus perennis) is a native plant with showy blue and purple, pea-like flowers that bloom in the spring. It flourishes in oak and jack pine savannas in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Wild lupine grows in open, sunny areas with sandy soil, and because it is a legume, it increases nitrogen found in the soil.

In addition to supporting several butterfly species, wild lupine is the only host plant for the larvae of the endangered Karner blue butterfly.

But this lovely plant has a look-alike that is not native and does not host the Karner larvae. It's Lupinus polyphyllus, which is native to the western United States and was introduced to Minnesota by gardeners. These plants produce white, pink, red, and purple flowers. Bigleaf lupines were planted along roads near the North Shore of Lake Superior and have expanded from there. This plant readily outcompetes native plants and wildflowers, including the milkweed that monarch butterfly larvae depend on. Still, many people find it irresistible.

Bigleaf lupine is not on the Minnesota Noxious Weed list, so it is not illegal to plant it. However, you might consider planting the native variety if you live where they flourish.

To identify wild lupine: Flowers grow along several spikes up to 8 inches long. Individual flowers are ¾ to 1 inch long and a typical pea-shape, on a short stem. The lower parts of the flower are blue. The upper parts may be blue, or two-toned blue and purple, or blue and white. Both upper and lower parts have many darker blue veins running through them. The lower parts are forced open by insects to reveal a horn-shaped stamen.

To identify bigleaf lupine: Spikes are 6 to 18 inches long; flowers are ½ inch long on stems about ½ inch long. Flowers are typically blue to violet, but may be pink, white, or two-tone. The upper petal (standard) curls or folds back on the sides and is a bit smaller than the lateral wings below it. The spike may be tightly packed or looser, the flowers spiraling or nearly whorled around the stem.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 18, 2023

MORTGAGORS: Robert Renney Sr. and Kathleen Renney, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC D/B/A Veterans United Home Loans

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: October 20, 2023

Polk County Recorder

Document #: A000748999

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

Said mortgage was assigned to SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES on March 4, 2025 and said assignment was recorded on March 6, 2025 and given document number A000756040.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

THAT PART OF LOT TWO (2), BLOCK TWENTY-TWO (22), TOWNSITE OF CROOKSTON, POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT, A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT, A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT, A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING THE SOUTHERLY 85 FEET OF SAID LOT, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF MINNESOTA

PARCEL ID #: **82.00346.00**

PROPERTY ADDRESS: **716 North Broadway, Crookston, Minnesota 56716**

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT ID NO.: 1003502-9107057843-9

LENDER OR BROKER: Mortgage Research Center, LLC D/B/A Veterans United Home Loans

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: N/A

CURRENT MORTGAGE SERVICER: BSI Financial Services, Inc.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Polk

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $297,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $311,381.71

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no Mortgagors have been released from financial obligation on said Mortgage; that no action or proceeding has been instituted by law to recover that debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; that all conditions precedent to foreclose of the Mortgage and acceleration of the debt secures thereby have been fulfilled;

PURSUANT to the power of sale therein contained, said Mortgage will be foreclosed and the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Polk County Sheriff's Office, 600 Bruce St., Crookston, MN 56716

to pay the debt the debt then secured by the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of sale by the mortgagors, their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 of the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes sections 580.23 is December 12, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGORS RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Dated: April 16, 2025

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Sat. May 24: Joyce Sultvedt

Mon. May 26: Rainee Haaven, DeeDee Narum, Chad Smeby, Angela Linden, Elise Mae Tranby

Tues. May 27: Zach Plante, Gordie Goldsmith, Jackie Huschle, Charlie Roed, Brady Grove

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Fri. May 23 : 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. May 25: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. May 28: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. May 30: 11:30am Mass at St, Mary's, Fosston

Sun. June 1: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Rachel Roggenbuck, SAM

Sun. May 25: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. June 1: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, McIntosh will run church services on Channel 30 on Garden Valley Channel 30. They will also be available on YouTube on channel One in Spirit - The Journey. Our Saviors service will be available by 8:30 am each Sun7day until further notice.

MCINTOSH FREE LUTHERAN AFLC
McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Pastor:
Jerry Moan

Trinity: (27262 315th St. SE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 9:30am; 10:45am Sunday School

Mt. Carmel: (305 State St. NE, McIntosh) 9:45am Sunday School; Sunday Worship: 11:00am

Wednesdays: 6:30pm Confirmation; 7:15pm Free Lutheran Youth meets at Pastor Moan's home

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Fri. May 23: 10:00 a.m. Telecast of the Luther League Concert on GVTV-30

Sun, May 25: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, May 27: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, May 28: 6:30pm Bible Study

Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Highways 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then 1/2 mile east on County Road 206. For information call 268-4242 or 687-3461.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)
McIntosh
PastorLee Laaveg

Sun. May 25 : 9:00am Worship

Sun. June 1: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker

Sundays: 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

DOVRE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Winger, MN

Sundays: 9:00am Adult and Children's Sunday School; 10:00am Worship Service

Wednesdays: 7:00pm Bible Study

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Winger

Sundays: 10:30am Coffee Fellowship; 11:00am Worship

Early intervention can slow progression of symptoms and extend lives

Sundays: 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

Come early and enjoy fellowship and a good cup of coffee. It will also be available at the same time on Garden Valley Channel 30, Facebook and YouTube.

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MDA reminds Minnesotans to use pesticides and fertilizers with care

With the arrival of spring, many Minnesotans are thinking about their lawns, trees, and gardens.

Whether you do yardwork yourself or hire a professional, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) urges the safe use of pesticides and fertilizers on your property by following all label directions.

Pesticide and fertilizer labels specify how to use products safely and effectively. In Minnesota, it is unlawful to apply products without following label instructions. The label is the law.

If you hire a professional lawn care provider, do your homework. State law requires pesticide applicators to be licensed by the MDA to commercially apply pesticides and fertilizers, including weed and feed product.

The following are helpful tips for a safe spring season.

If you hire a professional:

Professionals must be licensed by the MDA and carry their pesticide applicator license with them. Ask to see their license before they start work. You can also look up license holders on the MDA website: mda.state.mn.us/licensinglookup. Search under "Fertilizer Companies with Commercial Pesticide Applicators" or "Pesticide Applicator/Manure License"

• Be cautious of people who claim their products are completely safe or pressure you to sign a service contract.

• Recognize posted warning flags in areas that have been chemically treated.

• Applicators are required to provide an application record to you. Review the records, including products used and the amounts applied.

• Be sure the applicator sweeps the sidewalks and hard surfaces clean of any dry or granular products.

If you do it yourself:

• Read and follow all label directions.

• Do not apply products in windy or adverse weather conditions. High wind can cause products to drift and potentially harm people, pets, or plants.

• Sweep sidewalks and hard surfaces of any dry or granular product and reapply to the intended site. Pesticides left on watertight surfaces easily wash into our water supply.

• Buy only what you need. Unused products must be stored according to the label. They can also lose effectiveness over time and be difficult to dispose of properly. For more information about how to dispose of pesticides, visit the MDA website: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/household-waste-pesticides

For information about applicator licenses, call the MDA at 651-201-6615. To report unlicensed applicators, please file a complaint on the MDA website or call 651-201-6333.

CITY OF MCINTOSH SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of McIntosh to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at the City Hall, 115 Broadway NW. Questions about this report should be directed to Ms. Melissa Finseth, Clerk/Treasurer at (218) 563-3043.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS (GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS)

	Total 2024	Total 2023	Increase (Decrease)	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues				
Property Taxes	$ 133,184	$ 101,747	$ 31,437	30.90%
Special assessments	3,042	6,234	(3,192)	-51.20%
Licenses and permits	1,621	624	997	159.78%
Intergovernmental	337,278	333,702	3,576	1.07%
Charges for services	82,999	78,637	4,362	5.55%
Gifts and contributions	25,167	16,684	8,483	50.85%
Investment earnings	10,146	7,141	3,005	42.08%
Miscellaneous	89,513	166,789	(77,276)	-46.33%
Total Revenues	**$ 682,950**	**$ 711,558**	**$ (28,608)**	**-4.02%**
Per Capita	**1,140**	**1,174**	**(34)**	**-2.90%**
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	$ 117,619	$ 127,660	$ (10,041)	-7.87%
Public safety	52,470	49,480	2,990	6.04%
Highways and streets	75,191	108,432	(33,241)	-30.66%
Sanitation	39,988	54,365	(14,377)	-26.45%
Culture and recreation	54,008	63,828	(9,820)	-15.39%
Economic development	66,543	25,702	40,841	158.90%
Debt service				
Principal retirement	24,934	24,686	248	1.00%
Interest	502	749	(247)	-32.98%
Capital outlay				
Highways and streets	-	14,070	(14,070)	-100.00%
Public safety	38,094	-	38,094	100.00%
Total Expenditures	**$ 469,349**	**$ 468,972**	**$ 377**	**0.08%**
Per Capita	**784**	**774**	**10**	**1.25%**
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	**$ 213,601**	**$ 242,586**	**$ (28,985)**	**-11.95%**
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers out	$ (278,356)	$ (69,696)	$ (208,660)	100.00%
Total Long-Term Indebtedness	**$ 25,060**	**$ 49,994**	**$ (24,934)**	**-49.87%**
Per Capita	**42**	**83**	**(41)**	**-49.28%**
Fund Balance - December 31	**$ 1,173,935**	**$ 1,238,690**	**$ (64,755)**	**-5.23%**
Per Capita	**1,960**	**2,044**	**(84)**	**-4.12%**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Economic Development Authority Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Sewer Enterprise	Total
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and pooled investments	$ 202,585	$ -	$ -	**$ 202,585**
Investments	15,899	89,905	-	**105,804**
Taxes receivable				
Current	2,098	701	1,051	**3,850**
Prior	6,449	2,640	2,640	**11,729**
Special assessments receivable				
Current	-	2,388	1,232	**3,620**
Prior	-	16,938	4,461	**21,399**
Accounts receivable	11,709	9,244	9,727	**30,680**
Due from other funds	-	12,000	-	**12,000**
Total Current Assets	**$ 238,740**	**$ 133,816**	**$ 19,111**	**$ 391,667**
Noncurrent Assets				
Special assessments receivable	$ -	$ 57,622	$ 31,570	**$ 89,192**
Capital assets				
Non-depreciable	257,408	12,925	12,926	**283,259**
Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation	495,528	748,156	2,221,618	**3,465,302**
Total Noncurrent Assets	**$ 752,936**	**$ 818,703**	**$ 2,266,114**	**$ 3,837,753**
Total Assets	**$ 991,676**	**$ 952,519**	**$ 2,285,225**	**$ 4,229,420**
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Related to pensions	**$ 120,656**	**$ 2,610**	**$ 2,747**	**$ 126,013**
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	$ 13,579	$ 329	$ 9,837	**$ 23,745**
Salaries payable	28,564	241	379	**29,184**
Compensated absences payable	19,888	860	860	**21,608**
Due to other governments	450	-	-	**450**
Accrued interest payable	1,750	-	3,659	**5,409**
Customer deposits	14,400	-	-	**14,400**
Advances from other funds	297,949	-	67,916	**365,865**
General obligation bonds payable	-	34,000	88,000	**122,000**
General obligation revenue bonds payable	160,000	-	-	**160,000**
Total Current Liabilities	**$ 536,580**	**$ 35,430**	**$ 170,651**	**$ 742,661**
Noncurrent Liabilities				
Compensated absences payable	$ 919	$ 85	$ 85	**$ 1,089**
Net pension liability	275,798	9,792	10,307	**295,897**
General obligation bonds payable	-	594,000	450,000	**1,044,000**
General obligation revenue bonds payable	890,000	-	-	**890,000**
Unamortized premium on bonds	53,226	-	-	**53,226**
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	**$ 1,219,943**	**$ 603,877**	**$ 460,392**	**$ 2,284,212**
Total Liabilities	**$ 1,756,523**	**$ 639,307**	**$ 631,043**	**$ 3,026,873**
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Related to pensions	**$ 166,002**	**$ 6,378**	**$ 6,714**	**$ 179,094**
Net Position				
Net invesment in capital assets	$ (297,064)	$ 133,081	$ 1,696,544	**$ 1,532,561**
Restricted for Wasterwater Infrastructure Replacement	-	130,235	-	**130,235**
Unrestricted amounts (deficits)	(513,129)	46,128	(46,329)	**(513,330)**
Total Net Position	**$ (810,193)**	**$ 309,444**	**$ 1,650,215**	**$ 1,149,466**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Economic Development Authority Enterprise	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Total
Operating Revenues				
Charges for services	$ 873,944	$ 49,290	$ 115,549	**$ 1,038,783**
Miscellaneous	14,342	-	-	**14,342**
Total Operating Revenues	**$ 888,286**	**$ 49,290**	**$ 115,549**	**$ 1,053,125**
Operating Expenses				
Personnel services	657,613	27,737	27,612	**712,962**
Contracted services	-	-	1,458	**1,458**
Supplies	7,937	23	6,852	**14,812**
Dietary supplies	74,542	-	-	**74,542**
Utilities	45,030	1,614	4,320	**50,964**
Insurance	59,071	3,042	3,339	**65,452**
Professional fees	1,476	-	-	**1,476**
Repairs and maintenance	31,263	1,165	11,060	**43,488**
Other services and charges	13,057	-	-	**13,057**
Miscellaneous	20,998	4,982	4,781	**30,761**
Depreciation	73,404	27,991	67,045	**168,440**
Total Operating Expenses	**$ 984,391**	**$ 66,554**	**$ 126,467**	**$ 1,177,412**
Operating Income (Loss)	**$ (96,105)**	**$ (17,264)**	**$ (10,918)**	**$ (124,287)**
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) and transfers				
Property taxes	$ 26,794	$ 20,478	$ 30,570	**$ 77,842**
Donations	2,767	-	-	**2,767**
Special assessments	-	2,535	2,859	**5,394**
Investment earnings	1,719	4,053	1,383	**7,155**
Miscellaneous revenue	-	457	481	**938**
Interest expense	(37,042)	(6,620)	(21,765)	**(65,427)**
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	**$ (5,762)**	**$ 20,903**	**$ 13,528**	**$ 28,669**
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	**$ (101,867)**	**$ 3,639**	**$ 2,610**	**$ (95,618)**
Transfers in	$ 278,356	$ -	$ -	**$ 278,356**
Change in Net Position	**$ 176,489**	**$ 3,639**	**$ 2,610**	**$ 182,738**
Net Position - January 1	**(986,682)**	**305,805**	**1,647,605**	**966,728**
Net Position - December 31	**$ (810,193)**	**$ 309,444**	**$ 1,650,215**	**$ 1,149,466**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents

	Economic Development Authority Enterprise	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Receipts from customers	$ 888,286	$ 51,705	$ 114,486	**$ 1,054,477**
Payments to employees	(725,692)	(28,289)	(28,219)	**(782,200)**
Payments to suppliers	(219,566)	(9,807)	(26,399)	**(255,772)**
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	**$ (56,972)**	**$ 13,609**	**$ 59,868**	**$ 16,505**
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities				
Property taxes received	$ 27,250	$ 20,341	$ 30,344	**$ 77,935**
Special assessments received	-	12,352	16,649	**29,001**
Miscellaneous receipts	-	4,770	45,266	**50,036**
Transfers to governmental funds	278,356	-	(28,334)	**250,022**
Net cash provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	**$ 305,606**	**$ 37,463**	**$ 63,925**	**$ 406,994**
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities				
Principal paid on debt	$ (150,000)	$ (34,000)	$ (118,000)	**$ (302,000)**
Interest paid on debt	(49,190)	(6,620)	(22,484)	**(78,294)**
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	**$ (199,190)**	**$ (40,620)**	**$ (140,484)**	**$ (380,294)**
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Investment earnings received	$ 1,283	$ 4,053	$ 1,383	**$ 6,719**
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**$ 50,727**	**$ 14,505**	**$ (15,308)**	**$ 49,924**
Cash and Cash Equivalents at January 1	**167,757**	**75,400**	**15,308**	**258,465**
Cash and Cash Equivalents at December 31	**$ 218,484**	**$ 89,905**	**$ -**	**$ 308,389**
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities				
Operating income (loss)	$ (96,105)	$ (17,264)	$ (10,918)	**$ (124,287)**
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities				
Depreciation expense	$ 73,404	$ 27,991	$ 67,045	**$ 168,440**
(Increase) decrease in assets				
Accounts receivable	(8,546)	2,415	3,357	**(2,774)**
Increase (decrease) in liabilities				
Accounts payable	7,810	(605)	5,411	**12,616**
Salaries payable	1,148	(30)	(47)	**1,071**
Compensated absences payable	(15,429)	215	215	**(14,999)**
Net pension liability	(19,254)	887	(5,195)	**(23,562)**
Total adjustments	**$ 39,133**	**$ 30,873**	**$ 70,786**	**$ 140,792**
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	**$ (56,972)**	**$ 13,609**	**$ 59,868**	**$ 16,505**

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The vital role of school health nurses and health aides

School health nurses and health aides play an essential role in promoting the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of students. As key members of the educational team, they ensure that health-related barriers to learning are minimized, enabling students to thrive both academically and personally.

School Health Nurses are licensed professionals trained to assess and respond to a wide range of health issues. They provide direct care to students with chronic illnesses, manage medication administration, and intervene during emergencies. Beyond treatment, school nurses also focus on preventive care—conducting vision and hearing screenings, ensuring immunization compliance, and offering health education that empowers students to make informed choices.

Health Aides, under the supervision of the school nurse or other healthcare professionals, provide crucial support in managing the day-to-day health needs of students. They often serve as the first point of contact for students visiting the health office, tending to minor injuries, recording vital signs, and assisting with clerical tasks. Their compassionate presence provides comfort and continuity, especially in schools with high student populations.

Together, school nurses and health aides create a safer and healthier school environment. They collaborate with families, teachers, counselors, and community providers to address student health holistically—supporting not just the treatment of illness, but the cultivation of lifelong wellness.

Amy VanDenEinde

Heidi Strom

In a time where health is at the forefront of every community, the presence of dedicated school health professionals is more important than ever. Their work not only safeguards the individual child but also contributes to the overall well-being and academic success of the entire school community.

WEM School Announcements

Summer Arts Stages will be back at Win-E-Mac this summer! The show this year is Pinocchio! Their camp this summer will be from August 4th through the 8th, and the public performance will be at 7pm on Friday, August 8th. This show will be for students entering 3rd through 9th grades. Register and learn more at wemschools.org/stages.

A sports performance program this summer. The program will focus on Agility, Explosiveness, Jumping, and Strength. The program will be on Mon, Tue, Wed, & Thur mornings and run from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. If you would like to be a part of this program, please fill out form and return it, along with the semi-refundable fee of $40, to the office by ASAP or you may email the completed form to blangemo@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us and then bring the registration fee with the first day of the program.

Child sleep...

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Cayler stated that studies indicate video games and other electronic devices can trigger the fight-or-flight response, which puts the body under stress. This can lead to increased blood pressure and heart rate, even hours after playing. Additionally, activities like internet surfing and texting also place stress on the brain and body due to the high level of visual and cognitive stimulation. Over time, these activities can disrupt the sleep-wake cycle and reduce the duration of deep, restorative sleep.

Promote Healthy Daytime Habits: Daytime activities play a crucial role in how well people of all ages sleep at night. For instance, children who are more physically active during the day tend to fall asleep more quickly at night.

Encourage your children to participate in regular physical play or exercise and to eat nutritious foods such as fruits, vegetables, and whole grains throughout the day.

Prepare an Ideal Setting: An essential part of summer sleep hygiene is adjusting their bedroom conditions to fit the season. To keep sunshine from waking your child up too early, consider investing in blackout curtains to block out light. An eye mask is another option for blocking out potentially disruptive light. Also, with longer days, consider transitioning inside, out of daylight, about an hour before bed. This will signal to the body that it's time to prepare for sleep.

Using a fan or air conditioning can also help create comfortable summer sleep conditions, but make sure they have enough blankets to keep warm.

Seek Help if Needed: Watch for signs your child might not be getting restorative sleep, including complaints of not being able to sleep (even if it appears otherwise), dark circles under their eyes, poor memory, poor focus, difficulty with learning retention, hard to wake up in the morning, disorganized in the morning, irritability, and meltdowns.

Let RiverView's Sleep Center Team help find the underlying causes of your child's sleep issues. According to Cayler, all sleep-wake disorders that affect adults can also impact children, including insomnia, sleep apnea, narcolepsy, and restless legs syndrome. RiverView offers services such as sleep studies, testing for narcolepsy, and actigraphy (a watch worn to monitor sleep) for children and adults.

If your child is experiencing sleep-wake issues, talk to their primary care provider about a referral to the Sleep Center or call Rehab Services at 281.9463 for more information. In-clinic and tele-health appointments are available.

UMN Extension to offer Tractor & Farm Safety Training for youth this summer

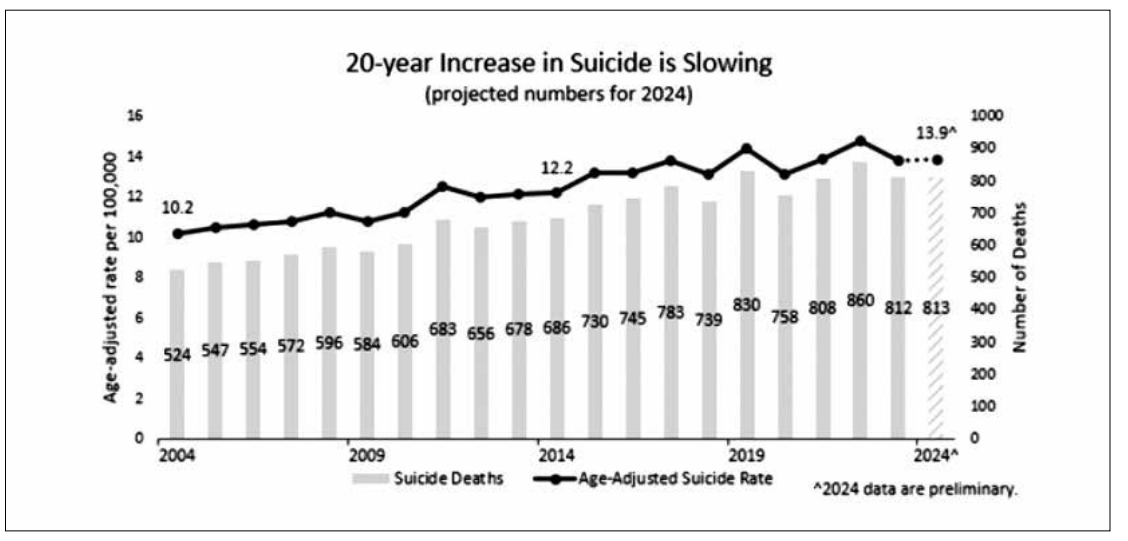
University of Minnesota Extension will be offering Youth Tractor and Farm Safety The youth tractor and farm safety certification program provides youth 14 years and older the opportunity to learn about safe equipment operation and general farm safety. Students who complete the program are eligible to receive a U.S. Department of Labor certificate of training.

This hybrid training includes an online course on the National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program learning objectives and two days of in-person training that include tractor operation instruction in a safe learning environment. The online course takes 8 to 10 hours to complete and can be done at the participant's own pace. After completing the online course, participants attend a two-day in-person training with hands-on instruction. All sections of the online course must be completed prior to attending an in-person session.

In-person training days are scheduled for July 23 -34, 2025 at the Norman County Fairground in Ada, Minnesota.

The cost of taking this course is $40 per student and includes all materials and meals on training days. Scholarships are available to ensure all students who want to complete the training can do so. Contact Emily Krekelberg at krek0033@umn.edu for more information about scholarships. Registration can be found at z.umn.edu/TractorSafetyReg25. Each location is limited to 10 students.

Preventable deaths by suicide steady in 2024



Suicide is preventable, recovery is possible and people can seek help by calling or texting 988

The suicide rate in Minnesota remained the same in 2024, compared to 2023, with 813 suicides among residents, according to preliminary data. This marks two years of suicides below the state high set in 2022.

The rate, based on death certificates filed in Minnesota for the state's residents, was 13.9 per 100,000 people in 2024. This rate and number of deaths is approximately the same as 2023.

The data brief is available at the MDH suicide data and reports webpage, and being preliminary, the 2024 stats are subject to change when finalized.

Deaths by suicide in Minnesota have been trending up for the past 20 years with some slight fluctuations each year, mirroring patterns across the United States.

"The overall increase in deaths by suicide over the last couple of decades continues to be concerning," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dr. Brooke Cunningham. "Every death by suicide is a tragedy and can have an ongoing impact on families and communities. Our aim is to help make sure people know suicide is preventable and recovery is possible."

The 2024 data also showed an ongoing trend that rural areas in Minnesota have higher suicide rates, on average, than areas that are more urban.

Here are some key data points regarding this health inequity affecting Greater Minnesota.

In 2024, the suicide rate in entirely rural counties was twice that of the Twin Cities metro counties.

Entirely rural counties made up about 1.6% of the Minnesota population and 2.8% of all suicide deaths in 2024.

Counties in the Twin Cities metro area made up about 55.1% of the Minnesota population and about 46.7% of all suicide deaths in 2024.

This is not a new phenomenon. In the most recent five years of final data (2019-2023), the most rural counties in Minnesota had a suicide rate of 19.5 per 100,000, which is 59% higher than the Twin Cities (12.3) and 46% higher than counties with urban areas outside the Twin Cities.

Some of the contributing factors putting Greater Minnesota residents more at risk for suicide could include higher rates of firearm ownership, less access to health and mental health care, and higher poverty rates than urban areas. In a separate report confirming the trend MDH researchers are seeing, the Center for Rural Behavioral Health and Minnesota State University, Mankato, recently looked into the rural-urban suicide health inequity in the report, The Suicide Epidemic in Rural Minnesota: How we got here and how we move forward.

Minnesota's suicide prevention efforts are based on the evidence that suicides are preventable, mental illness is treatable and recovery is possible.

Rural prevention efforts include collaborating with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to provide training opportunities for mental health and suicide prevention in rural Minnesota farm and ranch communities.

In addition, MDH has a pilot project where young adults ages 18-24 share information about 988 with their peers. There were three participating grantees.

Restoration for All (metro based), Cook County Public Health and Clay County Public Health. MDH also promotes and provides Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training to achieve safe storage and reduce access to lethal means, such as firearms, among people at a higher risk of suicide.

Minnesota has also invested in providing local Minnesota lifeline workforce to answer 988 calls. This has resulted in high answer rates and short wait times.

Preliminary 2024 data shows that 988 Minnesota Lifeline Centers answered 90,080 contacts, a 75% increase from 2023, according to the 988 data website.

"We must continue our work to support our local staffing of 988 and promote it as a lifeline, so that every Minnesotan knows that hope and help are out there," said Commissioner Cunningham.

As has been the case for several decades, more males died by suicide in 2024 than females, with males comprising almost 80% of suicides.

The male suicide rate was 21.6 per 100,000, whereas the female rate was 6.4 per 100,000. However, the rate among females in 2024 was higher than in 2023. Rates for other sexes or gender identities are not available because this information is not included on death certificates.

Firearm injuries made up the majority (51%) of suicide deaths in 2024. While firearms have been the leading injury mechanism in suicide deaths for decades, this percentage is higher than in recent years.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) 2023-2027 Minnesota State Suicide Prevention Plan calls for a comprehensive approach including improving infrastructure, increasing collaboration and building capacity for local communities to implement strategies in prevention, early intervention, crisis intervention and support after a death by suicide.

The plan supports suicide prevention efforts such as the 988 Lifeline System and Services, suicide prevention trainings in communities and the Zero Suicide initiative, which is a framework to improve the suicide and self-harm care within health care and behavioral health clinics and organizations.

State officials are closely watching initial proposed federal funding cuts that could significantly undermine this work to protect Minnesotans. Specifically, it calls for the elimination of both the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at CDC and key SAMHSA Mental Health Programs, as well as possible cuts to some 988 funding.

If you need immediate emotional or mental health support, or are worried about someone else, please call or text 988 or visit the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline - Call. Text. Chat. (988lifeline.org) to connect online with a trained specialist.

The fourth grade wax museum brings history to life, and the crowd loved it! The halls of Win-E-Mac were buzzing with excitement this week as 4th grade students hosted their highly anticipated Wax Museum event, a living history experience that drew a large and enthusiastic crowd of families, staff, and community members. Dressed as famous historical figures—from Albert Einstein to Rosa Parks, students transformed into "wax" versions of notable people, delivering one-minute speeches full of fun facts, dramatic flair, and big personalities. With a simple "press of a button," these young historians came to life and shared what made their character extraordinary. "It was like a museum, a play, and a history lesson all rolled into one!" said one delighted parent. Not only did the event showcase students' research and public speaking skills, but it also turned the school event center (turned "exhibit hall") into a fun and educational experience for all ages. "The kids did an incredible job," said 4th grade teachers Mr. Svalen and Mr. Roragen. "They put their hearts into learning and had so much fun sharing their knowledge in such a creative way." From Johnny Cash to Joe Mauer, laughter and applause echoed through the museum as each student confidently presented their character's story. The Wax Museum wasn't just a success, it was a reminder of the amazing things young learners can do when creativity, curiosity, and courage come together.