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Helmer Homme received his Veterans quilt on Veteran's Day, Thursday November 11th. Quilt was presented to him by Val Brekke and Connie Strom.



The three guys who have renewed the art and sport of Darkhouse Spearing in Northwest Minnesota, Trent Oftedahl, Jered Gunufson and Jordan Gunufson, all partners in Northern Spiked Darkhouse Spearing. They are also the promoters of the Spears, Beers and Decoys show held recently at the Lean To Tavern in Bejou.



Terry Strom (along with his wife, Heidi) from McIntosh, brought his Smart Teasers to the Spears, Beers and Decoy show held recently in Bejou. Terry is a darkhouse fisherman and invented this teaser and now shares his great invention with other enthusiasts of the sport.



Win E Mac Quilt Guild recently donated 16 quilts and numerous pillowcases to Polk County Care and Share. Care and Share Center of Crookston, Inc. is a regional shelter that provides hospitality, support services, and hope to those in need by providing basic needs in a welcoming and safe environment, strength-based supportive services that offer hope and empowerment for growth, help in finding housing and making community connections, and opportunities to develop physical and emotional wellness. Pictured in picture are Ann Pederson, Val Brekke, Louise Baumgartner, Connie Strom, Betty Tangen, Ilene Reirerson, Lois Boehrnsen, Kathy Finstad and Denise Disrud.

Kick off the holiday season with A Very Merry McIntosh

McIntosh will have its first ever Christmas parade on Saturday, December 4th starting at 4:00 pm.

Any licensed adult driver can enter a road legal fish house, side by side, ATV or Golf Cart decorated with our without lights in holiday fashion. There will be prizes for the best of the best in fish house and other vehicles.

There is no need to register, but for planning purposes drop a note, email (neilsinc@gvtel.com) or stop by Neil's Quality Meats & More so a count of participants can be made or just show up with your decorated vehicle and have some fun parading with friends.

Parade will run down Main Street with the route continuing to McIntosh Senior Living and ending at Poplar Meadows Assisted Living.

After the parade, stay and enjoy A Very Merry McIntosh. It is a magical evening celebrating the wonder of Christmas.



Enjoy shopping, music, bonfires, hot cocoa, s'mores, food, lights & much, more.

There will be hot cocoa and s'mores kits for sale throughout the evening.

Little Bobby's Bar & Grill will have Tom & Jerry's on Saturday evening from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm with McIntosh legendary bartender, Charles Svalen serving. Kathy Erickson will also play that evening at Little Bobby's.

Grab your family & friends & spend the night with The Shoppes of McIntosh.

The event is brought to you by Neil's Quality Meats & More, The Red Poppy, Minnesota Rust, Howard Soap Company and The Ginger Junker.

Breakfast with Santa

The Winger Lions will host Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11th at the Winger Community Center. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am with a visit from Santa Claus at 10:00 am.

The Lions will also offer a free Kids Sight testing to kids ages 6 months to 12th grade during the event.

30 ways to celebrate a merry month

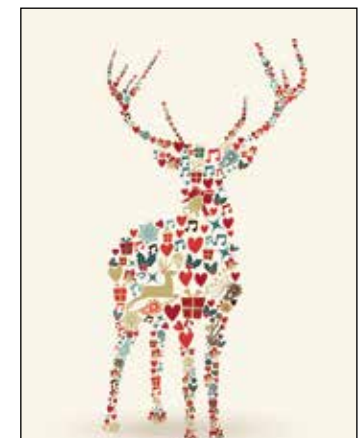
The holiday season begins in late November and runs through New Year's Day.

It is marked by various gatherings of friends and family, decadent foods, cocktails, traveling, and gift exchanges. The National Retail Federation says consumers will spend an average of \$967 during the holiday season.

However, the joy of the holidays also is about all of the memorable experiences that tend to make the season so beloved.

With that in mind, here are 30 ways to make the holiday season that much more merry.

1. Visit with an elderly or housebound neighbor and share conversation.
2. Donate gently used toys to a children's hospital.
3. Research the history of the holiday and share it with



people you care about.

4. Make handmade Christmas tree ornaments.
5. Donate money to a charity or other good cause.
6. Encourage "pay it forward" movements in your community. Start by doing something simple like buying a

coffee for a complete stranger.

7. Feed birds facing the cold, winter weather.

8. Take a ride or walk around the neighborhood to look at decorated houses.

9. Make a fire in a fire pit in the yard and toast marshmallows while sipping hot chocolate.

10. Binge watch holiday movies.

11. Attend the concert of a children's choir.

12. Help a friend decorate his or her home.

13. Host a tree-trimming party.

14. Schedule a day for baking cookies.

15. Sing Christmas carols at a nursing home.

16. Put together care packages of items and send them to troops overseas.

17. Share the holidays with a military family whose spouse is in service and can't make it home.

18. Offer to shop for someone who is homebound due to age, a chronic illness or injury.

19. Visit a large city to look at Christmas window displays.

20. Buy and hang real mistletoe, and use it.

21. Make a new friend and invite him or her to a holiday party for the first time.

22. Babysit a newborn so his or her parents can get errands done or just catch up on rest.

23. Volunteer at a soup kitchen.

24. Share the religious traditions of your holiday with someone of a different faith.

25. If weather permits, go sledding, build a snowman or have a snowball fight.

26. Share favorite memories at family holiday dinners.

27. Remember a deceased loved one with a special tribute.

28. Construct a gingerbread house.

29. Teach someone how to make a cherished family recipe.

30. Surprise a distant relative with an impromptu visit.



Star knife maker, Tony Roed was part of the Spears, Beers and Decoy show at the Lean To Tavern in Bejou. He brought many filet knives for the darkhouse spearing crowd.

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS!

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"Kathy Erickson Band" at 8:00 pm

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Wed. to Sun. open at 10 AM. Coffee and goodies in the AM with lunch specials.**

Take precautions with live holiday greenery

Insects and diseases can hitchhike on trees and holiday greenery brought into Minnesota from other states.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) inspects holiday products for elongate hemlock scale, boxwood blight, oriental bittersweet, Lymantria dispar (gypsy moth), and many more.

Elongate Hemlock Scale
Elongate hemlock scale (Florinia externa) is found almost exclusively on the underside of conifer needles. Given their small size and inconspicuous appearance, the elongate hemlock scale may appear to be dirt or debris to the untrained eye.

Oriental Bittersweet
Oriental bittersweet (Celastrus orbiculatus) vines have been used in holiday decorations and other crafting items for many years. Fruiting



branches, which have red berries and yellow fruit capsules, make wreaths charming but easily spread seed. Oriental bittersweet is designated as a noxious weed on Minnesota's Eradicate List.

If craft arrangements, such as wreaths, are placed outside, birds can eat the fruit and move the seed to new locations.

Lymantria dispar (for-

merly known as "gypsy moth")

Lymantria dispar lay their eggs in protected areas on both natural and artificial surfaces. Christmas trees can have egg masses on trunks and branches. Egg masses are quarter-sized fuzzy, tan colored and contain 500 - 1,000 eggs.

Boxwood Blight
Holiday wreaths, garlands, and planters often contain shoots from boxwood plants. Boxwood is an evergreen shrub with dark green, rounded leaves. Boxwood blight is caused by the invasive fungus Calonectria pseudonaviculata. This disease causes leaf spots, stem lesions, and leaf drop in boxwoods.

If you see any signs of the following pests or others on your holiday greenery, please contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Leftover turkey? Try this casserole

- Green Chile Turkey Tetrazzini**
- 1 tablespoon Butter
 - 1 yellow Onion, diced
 - 8 ounces Mushrooms, thinly sliced
 - 1 Red Bell Pepper, diced
 - 1 Green Bell Pepper, diced
 - 1 Poblano Pepper, diced
 - 4 cloves minced Garlic
 - 3 tablespoons Butter
 - 1/4 cup Flour
 - 1/3 cup Dry White Wine or Sherry*
 - 3 cups Turkey Stock or Chicken Broth
 - 1/4 teaspoon Dried Thyme
 - 2 ounces cream cheese, softened and cut into cubes
 - 3 cups cubed or shredded Turkey
 - 8 ounces diced Fire Roasted Green Chiles
 - 2 1/2 ounces fresh grated Parmesan
 - 1 cup shredded Pepper Jack Cheese
 - 1 tablespoon minced Cilantro
 - 10 ounce Spaghetti, cooked al dente
 - salt and pepper, to taste
- For the Crunchy Panko Topping*
- 1/2 cup Panko Breadcrumbs
 - 1/4 cup Fresh Parmesan
 - 1 tablespoon Butter

Recipe Preparation
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Prepare a 9x13 inch casserole dish by greasing with butter or non-stick cooking spray.

In a large saute pan or cast iron skillet, heat the 1 tablespoon of butter. Sauté the mushrooms and onion over medium heat until tender, about 10 minutes.

Add the green bell pepper, red bell pepper, poblano and saute for about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and saute for an additional 2 minutes.

Transfer the vegetables to a large mixing bowl and set aside.

Add the 3 tablespoons of butter to the same pan. Whisk in the flour. Slowly slowly add the chicken broth, making sure to whisk constantly as you pour.

Add the thyme, cream cheese and the wine or sherry (if using) to this mixture, whisking to eliminate any lumps. Simmer for about 5 minutes.

Add the sauce mixture to the bowl with the vegetables along with the fire roasted green chiles, parmesan, pepper jack, and cilantro. Stir to

combined.

Add the pasta to the bowl, stirring until it is evenly coated with the sauce and the ingredients are evenly distributed.

Transfer the pasta mixture to the prepared 9x13 casserole dish.

For the Topping: Combine the panko bread crumbs, 1/4 cup of parmesan, and butter in a small food chopper or food processor. Process until mixture is well combined and coarse crumbs. Set the breadcrumb mixture aside.

Cover with foil and bake in the oven at 400 degrees until the sauces are heated through, about 10-15 minutes.

Remove from the oven and discard the foil.

Sprinkle the buttered bread crumbs on top, return the turkey tetrazzini to the oven and bake until the topping is golden, about 10 minutes.



Jordan Gunnufson used his auctioneer talents for a live auction at the end of Spears, Beers and Decoys recently held in Bejou

LARL will participate in 6th chapter of Statewide One Book Program

Lake Agassiz Regional Library will participate in the sixth chapter of One Book | One Minnesota, a statewide book club that invites Minnesotans of all ages to read a common title and come together virtually to enjoy, reflect, and discuss. The sixth title for the program is The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father by Minnesota author Kao Kalia Yang. Presented in partnership with State Library Services, a division of the Minnesota Department of Education, the program aims to bring Minnesotans together during a time of distance and adversity and highlight the role of libraries as community connectors.

From October 25 through December 19, through their local libraries, Minnesotans will be invited to read the featured book selection and will have access to reading guides, and virtual book club discussions. Readers can access the ebook and audiobook for free on Ebooks Minnesota for eight weeks. In addition to the digital formats, hard copies of the book will be available at Lake Agassiz Regional Library's locations.

All Minnesotans are invited to participate in a statewide discussion with the author:

Virtual Author Discussion, featuring Kao Kalia Yang

Thursday, December 9 | 7:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public | Registration required

About The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father

In the Hmong tradition, the song poet recounts the story of his people, their history and tragedies, joys and losses. He keeps the past alive, invokes the spirits and the homeland, and records courtships, births, weddings, and wishes. In The Song Poet, Kao Kalia Yang retells the life of her father, Bee Yang, the song poet—a Hmong refugee in Minnesota, driven from the mountains of Laos by America's Secret War. Bee sings the life of his people through the war-torn jungle and a Thai refugee camp. The songs fall away in the cold, bitter world of a St. Paul housing project and on the factory floor, until, with the death of Bee's

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mother, they leave him for good. But before they do, Bee, with his poetry, has burnished a life of poverty for his children, polishing their grim reality so that they might shine.

Kao Kalia Yang is a Hmong American writer. She is the author of the memoirs The Late-homecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir, The Song Poet, and Somewhere in the Unknown World. Yang is also the author of the children's books A Map Into the World, The Shared Room, The Most Beautiful Thing, and Yang Warriors. She co-edited the ground-breaking collection What God is Honored Here?: Writings on Mis-carriage and Infant Loss By and For Native Women and Women of Color. Yang's work has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Chautauqua Prize, the PEN USA literary awards, the Dayton's Literary Peace Prize, as Notable Books by the American Library Association, Kirkus Best Books of the Year, the Heartland Book-seller's Award, and garnered four Minnesota Book Awards. Kao Kalia Yang lives in Minnesota with her family and teaches and speaks across the nation.

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Sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. For more information on this and other LARL events and services, contact the Lake Agassiz Regional Library office at 1-800-247-0449 or online at www.larl.org.

**LSS
Meals Menu
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Tues, Dec. 7th - BBQ Pork on Bun - Potato Wedges - Peas - Coleslaw - Fruited Jello - Milk
Wed, Dec. 8th - Turkey - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy - Beets - Wheat Rolls - Carrot Cake w/ Cream Cheese Frosting - Milk



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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Pastor

Wed. Dec. 1: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 6:00pm Mass at St. Mary's
 Thur. Dec. 2: 11:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
 Fri. Dec. 3: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 5:30pm First Friday Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
 Sun. Dec. 5: 8:00am Confession, St. Mary's, Fosston; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
 Tues. Dec. 7: 5:00pm Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
 Wed. Dec. 8: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed)
 Fri. Dec. 10: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
 Sun. Dec. 12: 8:00am Confession, St. Mary's, Fosston; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

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Interim Pastor Keith Zeh
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Minister Katie DeMarais

Wed., Dec. 1: 6:00 pm-Confirmation class at Our Savior's; 6:00 pm-Supper at Our Savior's; 7:00 pm-Worship at Our Savior's with Pastor Keith Zeh
 Sun., Dec. 5: No Worship at Our Savior's; 8:30 am-Worship at Immanuel in Bejou with Pastor Keith Zeh
 Wed, Dec. 8: 4:30 pm-Our Savior's Council Meeting
 Sun., Dec. 12: 9:30 am-Coffee hour at Our Savior's; 10:30 am-Worship with Pastor Keith Zeh
 Our Savors 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 Savors service will be available by 8:30 am each Sunday until further notice.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Pastor Karl Anderson

Sunday Services
9:30 Mt Carmel
1100 Trinity
Video Sermon -
GVTel Channel 30
9:00am Sunday
Repeated 6pm Wednesday
Also available on the McIntosh Free Lutheran YouTube Channel

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Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church

Fri, Dec 3: 10:00am Tele-cast of the Luther League program on GVTV--30
 Sun., Dec. 5: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (also on Facebook: gosenchurch and gosenchurch.com); 7:00pm Luther League (see article elsewhere in the paper)
 Tues, Dec. 7: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30
 Wed, Dec. 8: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home

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.

Mac Fire Dept. to host Angel Tree

The McIntosh Fire Department will have an Angel Tree at placed at Little Bobby's Bar & Grill this year.

There will be tags on the tree to purchase items for an anonymous child.

After purchasing the item for the child, there will be a drop off box at Little Bobby's for dropping of the gifts.

The child will then receive that item wrapped and ready for Christmas.

If you wish to donate money instead of purchasing an item, there will be a box for the funds and the items will be

purchased for a child in need.

If you have any questions about the Angel Tree, please contact a McIntosh Volunteer Fire Department member who can provide you with more information.



- Wed. Dec. 1:**
Lindsie Biggerstaff, Linda Jorgenson
- Thurs. Dec. 2:**
Judy Bemish, Jessica Panek, Tom Perkerwicz
- Fri. Dec. 3:**
Carole Burslie, Wesley Brekke
- Sat. Dec. 4:**
Kay-see Mandt
- Sun. Dec. 5:**
Cody Bartz, Tyler Roed, Paxton Rock
- Mon. Dec. 6:**
Treyton Mahlen
- Tues. Dec. 7:**
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Helmer Homme from Winger MN was inducted into the US Army April 23, 1953. He had his basic training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD. Following basic he was transferred to Atlanta General Depot, Atlanta, Georgia, for 12 weeks of Vehicle Repair & Maintenance School. After school, he was assigned to overseas duty in Korea. He went by Troop Transport from San Francisco, CA to Japan and from Japan to Korea by aircraft to K55 an Air Base near Osan, Korea arriving in December 1953. He served in Korea until November 1954 when his overseas duty was filled. He was home for Christmas furlough and reported to Camp Carson, Colorado in January. He finished his two year duty and was discharged on April 22, 1955 This present to share with Helmer receiving his Veterans quilt were Gary and Maxine Walters, his nephew and wife from Shelly, MN Barry and Kay Malme, Jessica Thompson, Lonnie and Kenya Paradis, Spencer, Olivia, and Charlie Paradis, Tyler and Amanda Schow with Peyton and Piper.

MDA celebrates 35 years of sharing ag stories with students

Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom's AgMag turns 35.

For 35 years, a free, agricultural education magazine has been sharing the stories of real farmers from across the state and the food, fuel, and fiber they grow with Minnesota students to help them learn more about the world of agriculture.

AgMag started 1986 with sixth-grade audiences in mind, but it has grown over the years, both in its publication and its digital presence, said Keri Sidle, education specialist for Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom (MAITC), which makes the magazine available to classrooms around the state.

"The past two years have really shown a need for educational resources about agriculture to meet teachers and classrooms where they are," she said. "AgMag has responded and now for the first time, we have fall and spring editions tailored to every elementary grade level."

The publication also recently unveiled a new website which makes access to the magazine content easier, said Sue Knott, MAITC education specialist.

"We want teachers to be able to use AgMag in the way that makes the most sense for their classroom, whether in print or digital," she said. "They also work well together, with complementary content and interactive lessons."

Each edition includes information about the plants and animals that farmers produce, along with a glossary to help kids learn more about the world of agriculture. The magazine is based on Minnesota academic standards and National Ag Literacy Outcomes.

Last year, more than 41,000 students learned about agriculture through their classroom AgMag subscriptions.

The best part is any educator or agriculture advocate can subscribe to receive AgMag! Sign up online to receive AgMag, or read AgMag online.



Pictured right: 30 years ago...1991: Four members of the Win-E-Mac football team also received honorable mention. Patriots named were (l-r, front) Danny Vesledahl, Ryan Tangen, Coy Simonson; (back) Josh Kickman and honorable mention: Shane Erickson and Jason Carlson.

PIECES FROM THE PAST
 This column features historical photos and stories from the Winger community. Each piece is a reminder of the rich history and traditions that have shaped our town over the years. From the early days of settlement to the present, these photos capture the spirit of Winger and the people who have called it home.



50 years ago...1971: This unidentified group of youngsters who were out to meet Santa Claus on Saturday is only representative of the hundreds of youngsters who braved the cold to visit their patron saint and collect their treats.

Pictured right: 20 years ago...2001: Win-E-Mac's third grade class had recently completed one of their service projects in the Grad Standards package. They collected \$29.33 to be donated to the Afghanistan Children's Food Fund. They will send the money along with a letter to President Bush. Pictured are those students who participated in the collection project: (Back) Mrs. Tuenge, Riley Nornes, Alex Egoroff, Darian Wibbels, Matthew Simonson, Trevor Hoas; (middle) Kaitlin Olson, Tyle Oppegaard, Mihail Kutsev, Tara Christianson, Chris Ruel, Mrs. Haaven; (front) Zachary Boehrnsen, Ashley Cherf, Jenna Schommer, Bryan Gunderson and Rachel Benbo.



Pictured right: 10 years ago...2011: Polk County Veterans Service Officer Les Goodwin receives a flag from Senator Amy Klobuchar in honor of his continued dedication to Minnesota's Veterans. Pictured above are: Mary Goodwing and her husband, Polk County Veterans Service Officer, Less Goodwin, along with Senator Amy Klobuchar and Les' sisters Patty Benson and Judy Hagen at the flag presentation.



40 years ago...1981: Introducing Mac-Winger Girls Varsity Team: Front: Shelly Lucken, Joan Kroshus, Donna Larson, Angie Benson; Back: Diana Westcott, manager, Candace Stordahl, Theresa Voxland, Lynette Carver, Nancy Balstad, Gayle Bergman, and Dave Rold, Coach.

Did you know?

On December 7, 1941, Japan launched a surprise attack on the American naval facilities at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

According to History.com, the goal of this attack, which claimed the lives of more than 2,400 Americans, was to destroy the Pacific Fleet. Though the attack crippled or destroyed roughly 20 Ameri-

can ships and more than 300 airplanes, the Pacific Fleet was not destroyed. History.com notes that, by the time of the attack, aircraft carriers, and not battleships such as the USS Arizona and the USS Oklahoma, both of which were heavily battered during the assault, had become the most important naval vessels. All of the

Pacific Fleet's aircraft carriers were elsewhere on December 7, 1941.

Within a day of the attack, U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt declared war on Japan, a declaration that ultimately paved the way for the United States to enter World War II.

Ice spearing for northern pike

Spearing is a fascinating way to harvest one of Minnesota's largest fish. Looking down from above, you seek – and see – the fish in its world rather than blindly pulling the fish in on a line strung with enticements and attractions from your world.

Found in in nearly every Minnesota lake and river, the northern pike is a voracious predator. That instinct draws it to the decoy dangling in the portal from which you'll be peeking into the northern's world.

Though somewhat challenging to fillet, the northern pike is excellent table fare.

Generally, spearing is limited to rough fish such as sucker. But spearing on the ice for northern pike is allowed from mid-November to the last Sunday in February.

Minnesota has three northern pike zones and regulations vary depending on where you're spearing. Northern pike in winter in many of the same places you find them in autumn, points, narrows, vegetation lines and other vegetation places where this top predator can hide while waiting to ambush prey.

Typically, northern pike spearing occurs in relatively shallow water, commonly in the six-to 10-foot range. Spearing works best if your dark house is over a sandy or light-colored bottom rather than a dark muddy bottom. That's because northern pike show up better when suspended over a light background.

Spearing is a fascinating way to harvest a northern pike but it requires equipment different from standard ice fishing. So, if you want to try spearing you will need to borrow or buy a few specialty items, including a spear, dark house or roomy portable shelter, fish decoys, ice chisel, ice saw, auger and maybe even ice tongs.

Given the items you need, a good way to get into spearing is to try it first with someone who knows how to do it.

The best part of darkhouse spearing is the viewing hole. Typically, viewing holes are about three feet long and two feet wide.

To make a viewing hole drill four holes where you want your four corners. Next, use an ice saw or chisel to connect the four holes, thereby creating a rectangular slab of floating ice. When the ice is relatively thin you can push the slab under the ice and away from the hole with your chisel. Later in the year, when slabs are thick



Griffin Roragen, from Fin's Spins and Fin's Lures, was one of the many vendors during the Spears, Beers and Decoys show recently held at the Lean To Tavern in Bejou.

and their buoyance makes them difficult to push down, it is best to pry them out of the water with your chisel. If you do this always return the slab to the water when you are done spearing.

You don't want to leave large chunks of ice on the lake as they become safety hazards for snowmobilers and other motor vehicles. Also, when finished spearing mark your spear hole with a tree branch or brush. This is a traditional signal to others not to drive or walk over this spot as the ice may not be safe.

Fish decoys attract northern pike to your viewing hole. Artificial decoys come in a variety of shapes, lengths and colors. It's smart to buy decoys that mimic common prey in the lake you fish. A live decoy – typically a large sucker minnow trussed in a harness – is another option. Decoys are typically tied to a short rod and reel, and jigged fairly frequently to attract curious and hungry fish. Larger jigging motions are best for attracting distant fish. More subtle motions are best for keeping the fish's interest when it is in or near the hole. The decoy's purpose is to lure the fish into the center of the hole and relatively close to the surface so spearing success is higher.

Since you never know when a fish is going to swim into the

The most popular gift 25 years ago

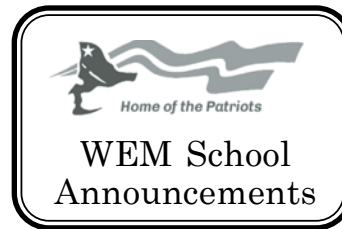
It's easy for adults to experience a little nostalgia when holiday shopping for their children. The holiday season has long been considered a special time of year, and much of that magic can be traced to the joy kids feel when unwrapping

hole it is best to keep the spear tip in the water. This way you won't splash the water with your spear and scare the pike away when it arrives. When throwing a spear be sure to keep it perpendicular to the water. You want the fish to be directly beneath the spear. Don't throw a spear at an angle because this most often results in a miss due to the light-bending properties of refraction.

Though anglers talk about "throwing" the spear in reality many spearmen more or less drop the spear with a two-fingered motion akin to tossing a paper airplane. This type of release is effective because spears are heavy, sharp and gravity works. Finally, when possible it is best to drop the spear when the fish is facing away from you. Aim for the back of the head. Make sure your spear is tethered to the wall of your dark house or some other fixed object. If you have speared a large pike keep pressure on the fish until it stops moving by keeping the spear perpendicular, thereby essentially pinning it to the bottom. If you let the spear fall flat on the bottom there is a chance the fish will wiggle off, swim away and die elsewhere.

An internet search of "how to spear northern pike" will yield various articles and videos that further expand on how to spear northern pike.

gifts from mom, dad and, of course, Santa Claus. Many parents who now have youngsters at home grew up in the 1990s. When such moms and dads are shopping for holiday gifts this season, they might wonder what was the must-have item for them back when they anxiously awaited the arrival of Christmas morning? According to Insider.com, who worked in conjunction with the Strong National Museum of Play in Rochester, New York, 1996 was the year of "Tickle Me Elmo." This ticklish toy was the most sought-after item of the 1996 holiday season, and it was so popular that retailers experienced shortages. Those shortages led to some surprising sales on the secondary market, with figures that will undoubtedly drop some jaws even now, a quarter century after the Tickle Me Elmo craze erupted. Though the Tickle Me Elmo doll retailed for around \$30 in 1996, some parents intent on getting their youngsters the most in-demand gift that year reportedly spent more than \$1,000 on a single doll. To put that latter figure into perspective, data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis indicates that the average price of a new car in 1996 was \$18,525. And according to Yahoo! Finance, drivers in the market for a used car in 1996 could have purchased a 1986 four-door Oldsmobile for just over \$2,600.



Editorial Correction: Sophomore Luella Strom was recently left off of the "A" Honor Roll list for the 1st Quarter at Win-E-Mac School. We apologize for this error.

WEM to have Holiday Giving Tree. Win-E-Mac School will once again be having their annual Giving Tree.

We will be sharing the "ornaments" virtually this year. We will anonymously post "ornaments" for children in the Win-E-Mac School District that may have a need this holiday season for clothes, toys, or other items.

Their wish list will be printed on the "ornament." If you are interested in taking an ornament or donating, please follow the link posted on the school website (wemschools.org) There you will find prompts that allow you to choose a child by age and it will display their wish list. All gifts will need to be delivered, unwrapped, to the school no later than December 15th so they can be distributed to the families.

If you need some assistance or you know of a child or family that may be in need this holiday season, please contact Amy Bartz, Cassie Subbert, Melissa Smeby or Alyssa Hickman at the school, 563-2900 or 687-2236. The Giving Tree also accepts monetary donations.

The donations go toward food gift certificates for families to use over the holidays. If you are interested or have questions about donating, please contact one of the people stated above.



2021 Holiday Food Drive: November 29th - December 10th - Elementary class with the most donations will win a pizza party and high school prize will be an assignment waiver for the grade with the most donations.

Note: expired items do not

Deck the halls with DIY decor

Decorating is one of the joys of the holiday season. Families often decorate together, and such traditions may include dressing the Christmas tree and hanging holiday lights around the house.

A day spent making homemade ornaments is another great way to decorate and spend quality time together as a family during the holiday season. Though families can let their imaginations run wild when making ornaments at home, the following are some great starting points that can serve as springboards for holiday crafting sessions.

Snowmen: The holiday season simply wouldn't be the same without snowmen. Homemade snowmen can be made out of ping pong balls, which are the ideal size when making ornaments for the Christmas tree. Those who want to go a little bigger can glue wiffle balls or large polystyrene balls together or create their own papier mâché snowmen to display on mantles or on console tables in a foyer or hallway.

Santa Claus: Another staple of holiday decor, Santa Claus has inspired many a DIY holiday ornament over the years. A paper plate Santa Claus with a cotton ball beard glued on can make for a fun Christmas craft, especially for young children who can't wait for the big guy to appear on Christmas Eve.

Penguins: Though they might not have a direct link to

count towards your totals. All elementary classrooms will have their own drop-box.

High school each grade will have a drop-box in their assigned classroom: 7th – Ms. Bakken/Mr. Hendrickson; 8th – PLTW; 9th – Mrs. Winter; 10th – Mr. Breitbach/Mrs. Aakre; 11th – Mr. Eckman; 12th: Mrs. Strom.

Priority items – canned soups, hygiene products, juices, sugar, canned pasta, and

FYI: The report cards for quarter 1 are now available on StudentVue/ParentVue in Synergy.

The Win-E-Mac Virtual Veterans Day Program will be on the Win-E-Mac YouTube channel (linked below.) Thursday night at 7 pm. https://youtube.com/channel/UCgip1CCnJb_mSbwX3o9U2w

Open Gym will begin November 7 and be open every Sunday night through Sunday, March 6. There will be no open gym on Sunday, December 26 or February 13 due to the Super bowl.

The gym is available for basketball, volleyball, jumping rope, running games, hula hoops, etc. Parents are encouraged to come and play with their children. The Win-E-Mac School is also available Sunday evenings for anyone interested in walking for exercise. You can walk in the gym or use the hallways. The weight room in the Events Center is also for adults to use with a yearly \$20 membership.

Dates: Sunday, November 6 – through March 6
Time: 2:00-5:00

Reminder: NO OPEN GYM ON DECEMBER 26 or FEBRUARY 13 DUE TO THE SUPER BOWL

Information for parents: If your family lives in any of the following situations:

In a shelter; In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation; In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station; Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act

Your eligible children have the right to:

Receive a free, appropriate public education; Enroll

in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment; Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents; Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference. *If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you and inform you of your right to appeal its decision; Receive transportation to and from school of origin, if you request this; Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your pre-school age children.

Local Liaison: (218) 563-2900; State Coordinator: (651) 582-8385.

If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education: 1-(800) 308-2145; homeless@serve.org; <http://nche.edu.gov>.

Yearbook staff is taking pre-orders for this year's book to be distributed upon completion in May of 2022. The Yearbook will feature a classic theme featuring letter art, and it will contain 80 pages! Seniors, underclass, students, events, activities and fun memories will be captured and displayed from cover to cover in full color!

Cost is \$35.00 now and until December 22nd and will cost \$40.00 after December 22nd. Yearbooks can be purchased in the office or from Mrs. Winter (room 51) before or after school or during students' noon hours. Complete a form and submit your payment.

Caulfield's will be here on Friday, December 3rd for class groups, yearbook groups and winter sports team's pictures. We will plan on being there at 9:00 and starting with the class groups, then yearbook groups and then the winter sports teams and individuals.



I would like to thank the McIntosh Community for all the cards and notes of support while I've been battling COVID (which has caused additional health concerns).

It's such an insidious disease and it affects everyone differently. You detest food so you starve yourself and develop a feeling of ennui. You don't care to do anything but sleep. Being fully vaccinated, I had hoped to avoid this confrontation. The booster recommendation came a little bit late for me.

I'm so grateful to my family and community for their encouragement and support. My thanks to the Winger Lion's for their generosity. I'd also like to thank my (our) barber for lifting my mood.

Again, thank you for your support and I would appreciate the continued prayers as the healing process continues.

Bruce McWilliams "Mr. Mac" M37C



The traveling art exhibit at the Fertile Library.

Traveling art exhibit visits Fertile Public Library

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) sponsors an annual Traveling Art Exhibit, which visits northwest Minnesota communities throughout the year.

After a break last year due to the pandemic, the exhibit will once again be coming to your area.

The exhibit includes 15 original pieces of art by regional adult and student artists, chosen from works submitted for our annual juried exhibit.

The exhibit is currently at the Fertile Public Library in Fertile until December 16th. Please stop by to see these works of art. See below for the schedule for the year.

November 17th–December 16th, 2021 Fertile Public Library

Dec 16th, 2021– January 12th, 2022 Thief River Falls Public Library



January 12th – February 16th, 2022 Fosston Public Library

February 16th -- March 16th, 2022 Crookston Public Library

March 16th -- April TBD** Red Lake Falls Public Library

The start and end dates at each location are approximate, depending on weather, venue hours and other circumstances that may occur to prohibit travel. For specific library hours, please contact each location before planning your visit, especially if you are planning on bringing a group.

**Tentatively scheduled

For more information about the Traveling Exhibit or our other exhibits look to our website at www.NWArtsCouncil.org, call our office at (218)-745-8886 or contact Trey at treyeverettcreates@gmail.com or NWArtsCouncil@gmail.com.



the holiday season, penguins evoke feelings of cold weather, making them an ideal addition to holiday decor schemes. Make your own penguin family using polystyrene craft balls in assorted sizes and then hang them on the tree or place them around the house.

Reindeer: Santa would not be able to get the job done each Christmas Eve without his trustworthy team of reindeer. Popsicle stick reindeer projects can be fun for kids of all ages and a great way for youngsters to recognize the efforts of Dasher, Dancer, Comet, Cupid, and, of course, Rudolph, among others.

Cookie cutters: Family baking sessions are a holiday



Wayne Benbo talks with Belle River Spears' . Maybe they are talking about a new retirement spear for Wayne?