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East Polk Heritage Day Sept. 9

Music, traditional arts and crafts, children's activities, food and more will all be included in the 2017 East Polk Heritage Day held on September 9 in Fosston. The festivities begin on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM at the Heritage Center Grounds.

A full day of activities will feature something for everyone! Children can take part in the Kids Fun Run. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial and Essentia Health of Fosston, youngsters can begin registering at 8:00 AM at the picnic shelter. They can choose from a 1K or 2K run that will begin at 9:00.

A back porch concert will be performed by "The Snowmen". Back by popular demand these entertaining musicians will begin performing at 11:00. Lunch under the picnic shelter will also begin at that time.

Two dedications will be held this year. At 10:00, the Lade School Bell will be dedicated. This past year, a bell tower was constructed to showcase this historic bell. Former teachers and students will be honored at the dedication. At 2:00 a re-dedication of the Wayside Chapel will be held to recognize the beautiful new stained glass windows that were installed this year. Sponsored by

the Fosston Athenian Club, a cake and ice cream reception will follow.

Other activities throughout the day will include Scandinavian arts and food demonstrations in the Moen School Building, line-dancing, a Children's Tent will have craft activities, hay rides will be offered and vintage tractors will be on display.

Forged in Fosston will again be demonstrating two blocks east of the heritage center at Ventures. The Fosston Farmer's Market will be hosting additional vendors for the day.

Heritage Days began in the 1990's to celebrate the history of East Polk County. It has been held annually providing opportunities for learning, sharing and being entertained with talents and experiences that honor the past.

All activities are free and open to the public. Plan to attend and invite your friends!



Community Calendar

**Wed. Sept. 6:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;

**Thurs. Sept. 7:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

**Fri. Sept. 8:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Family Movie night at Erickson Park 7:30pm sponsored by McIntosh Community Club

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

**Tues. Sept. 12:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

**Wed. Sept. 13:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;

**Thurs. Sept. 14:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

**Fri. Sept. 15:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

**Mon. Sept 18:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

**Tues. Sept. 19:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



Along with his Dad Chris, Carter Bartz made his way through the streets of McIntosh during the Tractor Parade on Saturday, August 26th.



Leyland Horsley had a lot of fun during the Kiddie Pedal Pull on Saturday, August 26th in McIntosh.



Pulling with all her might during the Kiddie Pedal Pull in McIntosh was Ella Subbert.



The Tractor Parade on Saturday, August 26th brought Brian Hedlund to McIntosh on his dad, Allen's Cockshutt tractor.



Danny Svalen took a drive through town during the Tractor Parade in McIntosh on Saturday, August 26th.



Dawson Gunafson tried his best during the Kiddie Pedal Pull at Tractor Day in McIntosh on Saturday, August 26th.



Movie Night at Erickson Park

Come join McIntosh Community Club for a movie in the Park! Enjoy the hit movie "Trolls" while munching on some trolls popcorn and you choice of beverage. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the show.

The show will begin at 7:30 pm at Erickson Park on the East Side of McIntosh.

Rainbow Routes: Fall Color Drives

Here's a sampler of routes for viewing a rainbow of colorful fall foliage in Minnesota. The list includes some well-known favorites, and some lesser-known gems where you don't have to share the view with a crowd.

North Shore of Lake Superior

Route: Hwy. 61, Duluth to Grand Portage

Peak color: mid-Sept. to early Oct.

Great color and great lake views, very popular with fall color fans. Several state parks with wilderness rivers, waterfalls, hiking trails and scenic overlooks.

Iron Range Loop

Route: Hwy. 169 from Virginia to Tower, Hwy. 135 through Biwabik back to Virginia

Peak color: mid-Sept. to early Oct.

There's a beautiful mix of color on this circle drive, but plenty of other highlights as well: a tour of the Soudan Underground Mine, two major golf courses at Giants Ridge--The Legend and The Quarry--and the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame at Eveleth. At Virginia, there's an overlook of the area's deepest open pit mine and the new Mesabi Bike Trail.



The participants from the 2017 McIntosh Tractor Day Kiddie Pedal Pull held in McIntosh on Saturday, August 26, 2017.



Pictured are some of the members of the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club in McIntosh. The crew hosts the Kiddie Pedal Pull each year on Tractor Day. They also serve McIntosh and our surrounding rural areas by putting in many hours of hard work on maintaining the snowmobile trails as well as other volunteer opportunities.



Joining in the fun of the McIntosh Tractor Parade on Saturday, August 26th were Bob and Brenday Fritz.

## Funds available through USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Development currently has funds available for very-low and low-income residents of rural Minnesota that are interested in purchasing a home or for current homeowners in need of essential repairs.

Interested in purchasing a home? Rural Development's single-family housing Section 502 program offers subsidized loans with affordable monthly payments in rural areas. Home

loans may be used to purchase a new home, existing home or build a new home. To qualify, applicants must meet Rural Development's income limits, have adequate and dependable income, have an acceptable credit history, be unable to obtain sufficient credit from other sources, and show repayment ability.

Is your home in need of repairs? Rural Development's single-family housing Sec-

tion 504 program assists local homeowner's complete essential repairs and removes health or safety hazards from their home. To qualify, applicants must own and occupy the home; applicants must meet Rural Development's income limits.

For loan eligibility, applicants must also have an acceptable credit history, show repayment ability, be unable to afford a conventional loan and live in a community with a population of 20,000 or less.

## Polk County Public Health

Polk County Public Health walk-in times are available in the Public Health McIntosh office, located at 275 Cleveland Ave.

Services covered during these walk-in times include: contraceptive refills, emergency contraceptives, condoms, pregnancy testing, counseling, HIV/Hepatitis C screenings and STI screenings and treatment. No appointment is necessary for walk-in services.

McIntosh hours will be the second and fourth Tuesdays from 3-4:30pm. Other family planning services including exams and STI testing and treatment available by appointment only. Call 218-281-3385 for more information.

The maximum loan is \$20,000, repayable over 20 years with a 1% interest rate.

Grants are limited to elderly homeowners over the age of 62, and grant funds can only be used to remove health or safety hazards or remodel dwellings to make them accessible to household members with disabilities.

For more information, contact the local Rural Development office in Thief River Falls at (218) 681-2843, ext. 4. More information is also available at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn).

## Letter to the Editor

**Rep. Kiel Wishes Students, Families and Teachers the Best as New School Year Begins**

To the Editor,  
Fall is in the air which means it's time to head back to school for students, educators and staff across Northwest Minnesota. I wanted to take a moment to wish all the students a great new school year. I hope you do well, learn many new things and enjoy the year!

I also wanted to thank all

of the world-class educators and staff in our area who are dedicated to providing every student with a great education, and helping them to prepare for a bright future. You are inspiring a future generation and are part of what makes our community such a great place to live and raise a family!

At the Legislature this session, we worked diligently on behalf of our students and schools—putting more money in every classroom, implementing meaningful reforms and investing in students from our littlest learners through high school. We also overhauled our broken teacher licensure system to address our state's teacher shortage which is especially prevalent in parts of Greater Minnesota.

Also, as you finish up your back-to-school shopping, don't forget to save your receipts! Many school supplies and other essential purchases for your K12 student qualify for either the Minnesota K12 Education Credit or Subtraction and could save you money come tax time. Feel free to contact my office with questions or find out more on the Minnesota Department of Revenue's website.

So as we head into another busy year of homework, extracurricular activities and more, I want to wish students, parents and educators across Northwest Minnesota a fun, safe and wonderful school year!

## McIntosh Library News

In September, the McIntosh Public Library will host representatives from Head Start and ECFE as they lead kids in back-to-school activities. All are welcome to celebrate the beginning of the school year on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. The next week, discover amazing bargains at the library during the Book Sale! All proceeds will support programming at the library.

The Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and from September 18-23 during regular library hours.

The McIntosh Public Library is a location of Lake Agassiz Regional Library.

More information is available at [www.larl.org](http://www.larl.org), and the library's app, LARL Mobile, is available in the iTunes and Google Play stores for free download.

## VFW Auxiliary #6891 News

The McIntosh VFW Auxiliary #6891 will have their meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at The Club. Ninth District Officers, President Diane Rux and Cilio Pippo, will do the Annual Inspection of the Auxiliary records beginning at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held after the inspection.

There will be more information about disbanding to be discussed at the meeting.

All Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend so that all will be able to ask questions and discussion about the spending of the Auxiliary's monies.

## MAC TO FLUSH WATERLINES

The City of McIntosh will be flushing waterlines and hydrants each Thursday throughout the summer.

Residents are encouraged to watch for rusty or dirty water on these days. Fill washing machines to check water before adding clothes. M6-25C

## Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

**Wed. September 6:** Bob Theis, Leo Herem, \*Mike & Sheree Breckel

**Thurs. September 7:** Emily Ferden, Wendy Reitmeier, Kiersten Anderson, \*Jerry & Robin Shimpa

**Fri. September 8:** \*Todd & Jessica Goodwin

**Sat. September 9:** Alexys Perreault, Kendyl Johnson, Chris (Boucher) Springer, Ryan Linden, \*Coby & Gayle Burslie

**Sun. September 10:** Chad Ekeberg, Ashley Schow, Leah Smeby, \*Kevin & Anna Mandt

**Mon. September 11:** Wendel Webster, Chrissy Roue

**Tues. September 12:** Karen Plante, Shania Christianson, Zach Grove

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

**Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor**

Wed. Sept. 6: 3:30pm Mass at First Care Nursing Home, Fosston

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

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

Wed. Sept. 13: 1:00pm Mass at McIntosh Nursing Home

Fri. Sept. 15: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Sept. 17: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. Sept. 20: 11:30am Mass at ST. Mary's, Fosston

If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

### CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

**Winger/Bejou Supply Pastor**

**Gordon Syverson**

Sun. Sept. 10: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Sept. 17: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

### OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

**McIntosh Supply Pastor**

**Gordon Syverson**

Sun. Sept. 10: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. Sept. 17: 11:15am Worship Service.

### GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

**Gary Johnson, Pastor**

[www.gosen-church.com](http://www.gosen-church.com)

**Face Book: Gosen Church**

Wed. Sept. 6: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place; 7:00pm Bible Study at Don & Sharon Ramberg's

Sun. Sept. 10: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service

Tues. Sept. 12: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV--Channel 2

Wed. Sept. 13: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place; 7:00pm Bible Study at Don & Sharon Ramberg's

For information on free rides to any of the above activities call 218-268-4242 or 218-687-3461 Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Hwy. 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then ½ mile east on County Road 206.

### MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

**Pastor Karl Anderson**

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

Sun. Sept. 10: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel; 11:00am Worship at Trinity

Thurs. Sept. 14: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. Sept. 17: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel 11:00am Worship at Trinity

Thurs. Sept. 21: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

### VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh

**Pastor Jill Torgerson**

Sun. Sept. 10: 9am Worship

Sun. Sept. 17: 9am Worship

### DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN

**Pastor Don Edlund**

Wed. Sept. 6: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. Sept. 10: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. Sept. 13: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. Sept. 17: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. Sept. 20: 7:00pm Bible Study

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh

**Rev. John Anderson, Pastor**

Thurs. Sept. 7: 6:45pm Bible Study - Poplar Lake

Sun. Sept. 10: TIME CHANGE: 8:45am Divine Worship Service; 10:00am Fellowship Hour and Council Meeting

Tues. Sept. 12: 2:00pm Ladies Aid

Wed. Sept. 13th: 3:30pm Confirmation

Thurs. Sept. 14: Bible Study - Poplar Lake

Sun. Sept. 17th: 8:45am Divine Worship with Holy Communion; 10:00am Fellowship Hour

Wed. Sept. 20: 3:30pm Confirmation

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays



### Lessor Township

On March 10, 1885, the first meeting in town of Lessor was held at the A. Lundgren home-then the Alfred Hegland farm. The meeting was called to order by John N. Sanden, clerk. A. West was then chosen to preside as moderator. These officers were elected: G.G. Onstad, chairman; Even Olson and Andrew Johnson, supervisors; H. Helgeson, clerk; N. Olson, treasurer; John N. Sanden, assessor; C. D. Olftos and T. A.

Mandt justices of the peace; Gunder Bjorgo and A. Lundgren, constables. Sixty-nine votes were cast at this first election. The judges of the election were G.G. Onstad, Even Olson, and August Stromberg. Herman Helgeson was sent to Crookston to complete organization procedures and to enter the township's name as Onstad. It was found that another town in Polk County was known as Onstad, so Helgeson chose the name of Lessor, the name of his hometown in Wisconsin.

In the same year, 1885, the Swedish Congregation was organized and a log building erected. The Rev. James Moody was the first pastor, serving until 1892. J.S. Reedling served until 1902 and then J. Alm. Trinity congregation also used this building from

1885 to 1897, when they built their own church.

It is believed that the Lutheran New Sweden congregation of Lessor Township erected the first church edifice in the Thirteen Towns.

The first school in District 162 was held at the Tom Mandt farm home, later the George Hegland farm. The first teacher was C.C. Ostby, who taught a six-week's term. In District 189, the first school was held at Andrew M. Olson's home, later the O.J. Ramse farm. Myrtle Stoddard was the first teacher. Einar Edwards School District 172 held at the home of Mrs. K Nelson, the first teacher was Anna Brandt

Source: *The Saga of the Thirteen Towns*

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Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Greetings once again from Winger and the Union Lake areas! It's good bye to August and hello to September! The end of summer. Schools start in our area next week. Wow, how fast time passes, shopping for school supplies and clothes for school are in the last minute stages before the kids get on the buses back to classes!

Our weather after the week end has been warm and muggy, but still with a hint on fall in the evenings and also in the mornings. Also it is very evident that the days are getting shorter.

Another sign that fall is in the air is the fact that area churches are scheduling their fall bazaars and dinners.

In spite of the cool, and misty day last Saturday the Tractor Day in McIntosh was very well attended, with many bringing their antique tractors to the parade. Thanks again to Mary and Roy and so many others who put in so much time and effort to make it what it is, not to mention those who take the time to bring in their tractors for all to see.

Dick and Wanda Donovan of St. Francis arrived at the Milton Carlson home on Thursday the 24th to spend the week end with family and friends. Vincent Benesh and his friend Mickayla Olson were visitors that same day at the Carlson home.

Eddie and Bette Martin of New Brighton and Sharon Johnson of Spring Lake Park were house guests at the Pulskamp home from Sunday until Tuesday.

During the past week Helmer and Verlys Homme visited several times with Roy and Judy Raben at the Pioneer Home at Erskine. Roy is a patient in the Rehab Unit at Pioneer.

HAPPY 96th BIRTHDAY to MILTON CARLSON! Judy and Lonnie Gieseke hosted a birthday celebration in honor of Milton Carlson to observe his 96th birthday last Saturday at the Gieseke home. A gathering of about 40 family members were in attendance including Milton's brother from New Ulm, a Grandson from Isanti, and his niece Darla and her husband from Colorado. His Granddaughter Kari Keller mad the birthday cake which had a John Deere theme but also include Holstein cows and horses. Was very special for Milton.

In addition to Eddie and Bette Martin and Sharon Johnson being guests at the Pulskamp home on Sunday, Dean Johnson and Kelly Johnson were visitors.

Saturday afternoon Stacy Myhrum and her friend Eric Abrahamson attended the reception for Tanika Lucken and Jon Hillstad at the Shooting

Star Casino in Mahanomen.

Last Sunday Wanda Donovan made dinner for several family members at the Milton Carlson home, among them were Dick and Wanda Donovan, Paul and Donna Carlson and Dusty Wayne Carlson, James, Roxanne, Jami, Bailey, Justin and Jayden Peterson, Mark and Melinda and Brandy and Milton's niece Darla Figoli of Colorado. Later that afternoon Dick and Wanda Donovan and "Pepper" left for their home in St. Francis.

Betty Myhrum spent last Saturday and Sunday in New Folden with her family. Saturday afternoon she spent with Dakota and Kjerstie Poissant, and Saturday night was spent with her daughter Susan Eischens.

Monday visitors at the Pulskamp home along with house guests, Eddie and Bette Martin and Sharon Johnson were Dean Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Angie, Teegan, Lilly, Morgan and Peyton Brtek and Michelle Johnson and Kylie.

Monday the 28th Milton Carlson along with his daughter Judy Gieseke went into Erskine to Senior Meals where they observed Vivian Hanson's 96th birthday, Milton's 96th birthday, also attending was LaVerne Benson. They are all cousin's with birthdays back to back, Vivian's was on the 28th, Milton's was on the 30th, and LaVerne's on the 31st. There was a special round table set up for the occasion . Joining them Milton's daughter Judy Gieseke, along with Sherry Hoasas, and Jim and Diane Wahl of Bemidji and Verleen Aaker.

Last Sunday Betty Myhrum was a guest at the Dakota and Kjerstie Poissant home along with Stacy Myhrum and her friend Eric Abrahamson of Rock Rapids, Iowa. Stacy and Eric left for their home Sunday afternoon.

Marv Engesether of Plummer was a Thursday visitor at the Pulskamp home.

Last Sunday Kjerstie Haugen and Steven Cullen of Thief River Falls, Susan and Chris Eischens and Betty Myhrum were all visitors at the Dakota and Chelsey Poissant home.

This wraps up another week of bits and pieces, hopefully more next week!

In closing, believe you can and you are halfway there!

Visiting Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home this past week were Helmer's nephew Mark and Phyllis Chambers of Rochester.

From Bun Manor:

Last week Bun had the pleasure of having lunch with Joyce and Dale in Winger. Joyce was nice enough to bring Bun some delicious bars that she had made. Dale didn't get any treats. In all fairness Bun

has to take back what he said about Jerry being tight. He bought Bun and Bert lunch and left the tip too. Sometimes it pays to complain about those tight wads. Now we have to work on John and Sonny.

Bun's friend Nate from his college days came up for a couple of days over the weekend. They managed to get on the pontoon for a ride. The leaves around the lake are turning colors and should be worth a drive around the area lakes this weekend for viewing.

Bun took Nate out to lunch at Ness café on Mon. before he returned to his home in Moorhead. Lars and Panz joined them. During their lunch it started to rain. Bun asked the co-owner Tommy if he would go out and shut up his doors that he had neglected to shut. He did get the wheelchair lift up but he couldn't figure out how out how to shut the doors. Any way as luck would have it when he was outside a thunder boomer happened and the rain came pouring down soaking poor Tommy.

One has to say that you definitely get full service at the Ness.

Elmyrna went to the car show on Sunday at the Maple lake pavilion. The lake association does this every Labor day Sunday. They also have a live band in the evening followed by fireworks.

Monday afternoon Dale had a car drive into his yard and he saw Steve and Lorri get out of their car and head towards the garden. He was working in the shop and didn't have a chance to go out and meet them Thinking that they would come down to meet him in the shop when

they were down in the garden he went back to work on his project. Wouldn't you know it they took off and didn't even come down to say hello. How rude!

Lorri, Brian, and Elizabeth Massmann ventured down to Detroit Lakes to pick up Matthew on August 25th to head down to Lorri's sister Jodi's in Nelson. Before leaving DL, they enjoyed supper with Haley and her daughter at Long Bridge. Haley had to stay in DL as she had to work. Steve was fishing in Canada. The next day, the group ventured to Big Lake to celebrate Lorri's sister Jan's 60th birthday. A fun time was had by all. On the way home, a stop was made at the Albertville Outlet Mall as Matthew needed some new work shoes. Shopping in Albertville the Saturday before school started proved to be a busy mess and Matthew was unable to find shoes. The group made it safely back to Nelson, and although the Nelson Fun Fest was going on, everyone decided that staying in would be more fruitful. The next day a stop to the Massmann's was made to visit and the group ventured back home.



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

Pursuant to MN Statute §375.51, notice of the adoption of amendments to the Polk County Zoning Ordinance is hereby given. The Polk County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2017-53, amending the Polk County Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 in the County Board room at the Polk County Government Center, Crookston, MN.

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

- Section 1 - Statutory Authorization and Policy and Purpose: Minor update to statutory authorization to include Buffer Law language.
- Section 3 - Definitions: Update definitions to go along with ordinance updates relating to buffers.
- Section 12 - General Regulations: Minor amendments for buffer regulations.
- Section 18 - Shoreland District: Minor amendments for sign regulations in 18.2611 and minor amendments in regards to buffers in 18.2621.
- Section 25 - Buffer Regulations: Created a new section in ordinance for Buffer Regulations. This section outlines the Purpose and Intent of section and the following: Jurisdiction, Requirements, Measurement, Alternative Practices, Compliance Determinations, Enforcement, Administrative Penalty Orders, Right to Appeal, and Reporting and Documentation Requirements.

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



This year's McIntosh Tractor Parade was made brighter with MaKenzie Roed in it.



Jered Agnes makes it to the McIntosh Tractor Parade each year on his John Deere.



Making his way through the parade in McIntosh on Saturday, August 26th was Bob Olson.



Earl Steinbrenner during the Tractor Parade in McIntosh.

Landowners have new options to meet Buffer Law requirements

Funds available to soil and water conservation districts for implementation of buffer law.

Almost \$5 million dollars is now available to support

landowners in meeting the requirements of Minnesota's buffer law. The buffer cost-share program funds were approved at the June meeting of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). These Clean Water Funds, passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Dayton at the end of the 2017 legislative session, provide important support to the Governor's Buffer Initiative.

The funds will be distributed to soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) and are to be used for cost-sharing contracts with landowners or their authorized agents to implement riparian buffers or alternative practices on public waters and public drainage ditches.

The 2017 legislation also recognizes that some landowners may have hardships (such as weather) in meeting the public waters deadline. The added language allows for an eight-month extension for implementation when a landowner or authorized agent has filed a riparian protection "compliance plan" with their local SWCD by November 1, 2017. Compliance waivers offer a buffer deadline extension until July 1, 2018.

The state buffer law requires a buffer on public waters by November 1, 2017 and a buffer on public drainage ditches by November 1, 2018.

For more information on the buffer law, including the cost-share program, contact West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District 218-281-6070 ext 4 or East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District 218-563-2777 or visit the BWSR webpage at [www.bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers](http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers).

Regional Ag News

Ed Gindele,  
Extension Educator

Field studies:  
What do you mean 5 bushels per acre is not significant?

By Elizabeth Stahl, University of Minnesota; Sara Berg, South Dakota State University; Josh Coltrain, Kansas State University; John Thomas, University of Nebraska Lincoln

Utilizing sound research results to help make decisions on the farm is a wise business practice. It can be confusing, however, when you see two numbers that are clearly not the same labeled as "not significantly different." One can quickly calculate the value of a few bushels per acre over hundreds of corn or soybean acres. It is key to look at just what this terminology means and its practical importance when using this information to make decisions.

First, consider why research is conducted in the first place. Research is typically conducted so that we can use the results to help make the best decisions possible in the future. We want to use practices that have a high likelihood or probability of paying off. Statistically sound research trials help us determine the likelihood that a practice really did influence yield versus any differences being due to some other factor(s) or random variability.

A term commonly used in research is the Least Significant Difference or LSD. In a hybrid variety trial, for example, this is the minimum bushels per acre that two hybrids must differ by before we could consider them to be "significantly different". Note there is no way to calculate the LSD if a person simply splits a field in half and puts one treatment on one side of the field and a different treatment on the other. In this scenario, you have no way to sort out if a difference in observed yields was due to underlying factors such as soil type, planting population, drainage, compaction, disease, insect pressure, harvest issues, topography, etc., or the treatment.

When you see the LSD calculated at the .05 significance level, this means we can be 95 percent certain that the treatments (or hybrids, etc.) really did differ in yield if the difference between them was equal to or greater than the LSD. A significance level of .05 or .10 are most commonly used in agricultural research.

How do we end up with "no significant difference?" This can occur when there is so much variability in the results due to other factors that we can't make a conclusion with confidence, or when the treatments or hybrids in the study

simply don't differ in yield.

Results from a U of MN tillage trial demonstrates the importance of statistical analysis in helping determine if a yield difference is likely "real." Three long-term tillage systems were evaluated at multiple locations over three years across southern MN. Tillage treatments were randomized and replicated four times at each location. At one site in 2011, average corn yield for strip tillage (ST) was 10 bu/ac greater than in moldboard plow (MP). Yield was not statistically significant,

however, so we couldn't say one tillage system resulted in a higher yield than another (Table 1).

Closer examination of data shows that while ST out-yielded MP in the first replication (rep) by 13 bu/ac, MP out-yielded ST by 14 bu/ac in the fourth rep.

Also, chisel plow (CP) was the lowest yielding treatment in rep 2, while it was the top yielding treatment in rep 3. Due to this variability, statistical analysis revealed we couldn't say with confidence

that any of the tillage systems resulted in a higher yield than another. Other factors we couldn't account for appeared to have impacted results at this site, highlighting the value of conducting research over a number of locations and years.

Lastly, if yields are not statistically different, don't treat them differently. Resist the temptation to put economics to average yields if they are not significantly different. Doing so could lead to poor and costly decisions in the future.

| Tillage system        | Rep 1            | Rep 2 | Rep 3 | Rep 4 | Average |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
|                       | bushels per acre |       |       |       |         |
| Strip tillage         | 149              | 179   | 174   | 162   | 166     |
| Chisel plow           | 152              | 136   | 181   | 173   | 160     |
| Moldboard plow        | 136              | 177   | 133   | 176   | 156     |
| LSD (0.05)            |                  |       |       |       | NS*     |
| *NS = Not significant |                  |       |       |       |         |

Table 1. Corn grain yield for each plot by replication (rep) and average yield by tillage system at one on-farm, long-term tillage trial site in MN in 2011. Although average yields were numerically different, statistical analysis determined we could not say with any confidence that the tillage systems resulted in different yields.

## Random Things and Stuff



### Job Hunting

By: Emily Lynne  
When searching for a job, there are always different things you look for. Some of these may include the

hours, the wage, the flexibility, and the benefits. As much as you are looking into what a new job would offer, the employer is also looking at a lot of different aspects. They want to make sure they will hire a person that will be the best fit for their company. According to Forbes, there are 12 qualities employers look for when they are hiring. Employers want to hire people who...

1. Understand their own path--- it is important to tell your story to the employer in such a way that you make it clear how you've followed an interest or passion of yours to get to the place you stand in right now. It also helps if you can talk about your path going forward into the future.

2. Know what they want in their career---employers tend to look for 'self-directed' new hires, meaning they know what they want and are willing to work for it.

3. Point to successes at work or elsewhere--- when an employer asks, "Can you tell me a story about a time when you have felt triumphant?" it is important that you can talk about your successes. It doesn't have to be elaborate, you can just tell a simple story about when you have felt triumphant.

4. Know their strengths--- employers tend to look for people who know what they're good at.

5. Think independently--- generally, strong managers want to hire someone who has their own ideas. Managers need smart people around to brainstorm with!

6. Like to problem-solve--- tell the employer about a problem you have solved. In the best job interviews, your manager will see your brain working and you'll see his or her brain working too!

7. Have ambition--- this means you have the goal of getting smarter and stronger throughout your life.

8. Are proactive--- these employees don't wait to be told what to do. They jump into action when they see how they can help out. Managers want people who are proactive in working for their company.

9. Are happy to learn new things--- managers want to hire people who like to learn.

10. Are goal-oriented--- if you like to set goals and hit them, make that clear in



Parading down the Main Street of McIntosh during the Tractor Parade was Dean Strom.



Curt Bartz during the Tractor Parade in McIntosh.



Dave Olson brought his tractor to town for the McIntosh Tractor Parade on Saturday, August 26th.

## How to create a great study environment at home

A student's academic performance is influenced by a host of factors, including the learning environment both inside the classroom and at home. While students may have only limited control over the environment in their classrooms, they and their parents can do much to create home study environments that are conducive to learning.

• **Create a "distraction-free" zone.** Today's students are inundated with distractions. Whereas students were once most distracted by radios, televisions and the great outdoors when studying at home, nowadays kids must also find time to focus on their studies with their tablets and smartphones just a stone's throw away. When choosing a study area at home, parents can designate a "distraction-free" zone where no televisions, radios, tablets and smartphones are allowed. Children are increasingly dependent on their smartphones and tablets, and while such devices can sometimes prove useful to students, that benefit is often outweighed by the distraction they present.

• **Emphasize organization.** Various organization techniques can help kids be more efficient when studying. Encourage kids to separate their learning materials by subject, and keep a calendar or daily planner at home listing when their assignments are due and which days they will be tested. Encourage youngsters to keep their home study areas tidy as well.

• **Establish quiet hours at home.** Quiet hours at home while kids are studying can help them better absorb their coursework, and that may lead to improved performance in the classroom. While it's important that a kids' study areas remain distraction-free, it can also help if distractions outside those areas are minimized. Keep televisions and other potentially noisy distractions turned off while kids are studying. If you want to catch up on a favorite television show or watch a movie, do so on your tablet instead of the television, connecting earphones so kids are not over-hearing anything while they're trying to study.

• **Keep healthy snacks on hand.** Hunger can be just as distracting as electronics or noisy housemates, so keep healthy snacks on hand. In lieu of unhealthy fare like potato chips or empty calories like pretzels, keep your home stocked with fruits and vegetables and protein-rich snacks like Greek yogurt. Such snacks will quell kids' hunger pangs while also providing a boost of energy.

A strong home study environment can help students do their best in the classroom

### Seeking entries for NW MN booklet

Deadline -- September 15!

The deadline to submit an entry for the 4th Edition of the Artists of Northwest Minnesota Booklet has been extended to September 15. We are also looking for designers interested in working with our office on the layout and "look" of this edition.

We are looking for a variety of creative people and artists to provide information for this booklet. Arts organizations, dance studios, stores with local art, local suppliers of supplies and materials for artists, coffee shops that have open mic or live bands often, etc. will be included in the back of the booklet.

If you would like to be listed, please visit our website to fill out an entry form, print it out and mail to us.

There is a processing fee of \$20.00 for individuals to be listed. It also costs \$20 for businesses/groups that want to have a logo or picture in the booklet. Please contact NWMAC with questions at 218-745-9111 or email [mar@nwrdc.org](mailto:mar@nwrdc.org)



Hunter Wescott pulls for the win during the McIntosh Tractor Day Kiddie Pull on Saturday, August 26th.



Making a full pull in his first attempt during the Kiddie Pull in McIntosh was Erich Gensburger.

## Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer



### Social Media

This is a huge problem among young people today. We know that some students send illegal texts and pictures which can be considered a crime. We have seen the news media asking parents to speak with their children about the use of cell phones. Please take the time to speak with your children because we know this is happening among our student population. We have arranged to have law enforcement speak to our 7-12 students about the law and the potential ramifications for violating those laws. It can also be considered a form of bullying which is a common and potentially damaging form of violence among students.

### Pre-K Program in Win-E-Mac

Win-E-Mac's application for funding a Pre-K Program was approved on August 25th this year. This is a very short time period to plan for the program, so we have been moving quickly to get it in place for an opening on Sept. 11th. This program is funded by the Dept. of Education for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 school years. After that period, we are not sure if funding will be provided. We will be providing a mixed delivery system with Head Start/Prek with 2 days a week of instruction for all students signed up for the program. We are full with 20 students a day. Part of Governor Dayton's legislative agenda was to get more

funding for Pre-K programs in Minnesota and he received more money from the legislature to add more districts to the program. Our school board and administration will be reviewing ideas to free up some room for additional education space if this program continues into the future.

### Important Notice:

### Free & Reduced Application Forms

I know you read and hear this announcement time and time again but I cannot stress enough how important these forms are to the school district to access funding for our school. Our school lost \$35,000 in compensatory funding this year because our eligibility percent has dropped. This is another teacher salary. If you are the parent of a child and know you may meet the eligibility requirements of the pro-

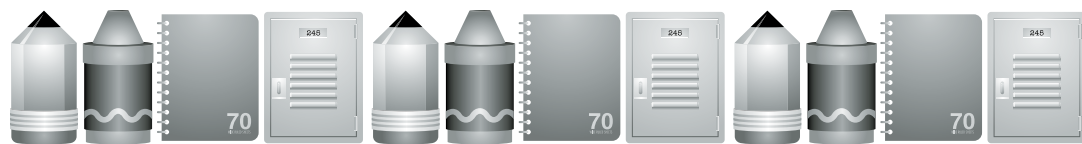
gram, please fill them out and return them to the school or see the Superintendent. The forms are confidential and it does not mean you need to take advantage of what the form has to offer, but we still ask you to fill it out. It does affect our compensatory funding for our school, free or reduced meal money for kids, 0% interest on QZAB loans, reduced phone and internet bills for our school, Title 1 funding, Federal funding, computer, technology and equipment grants, and learning materials. At the beginning of the year or anytime during this year, we ask parents or custodial parents to fill out the free and reduced request forms.

### Construction Class Project

The Construction Class is ready to do the work to construct a garage or outside building. If you have a project or would like to find out what we can do for you, give Nathan Johnson or the Superintendent a call at the school.

### Extra Curricular Activities

Please take the time to visit our school, enjoy our student activities and get to know our staff. The district has many extra-curricular activities and sports taking place after school. Catch the Patriot Spirit and come out and enjoy Football and Volleyball activities this fall at the Win-E-Mac School!



## Pickling Beyond Cucumbers

By: *Suzanne Driessen, Minnesota Grown Guest Author and University of Minnesota Extension Food Safety Educator*

Pickling is a skillful blending of spices, sugar, and vinegar with a fruit or vegetable. Many vegetables, from carrots to peppers, can be pickled. Last year, I pickled red beets, green beans, relish, and jalapeño peppers. The beets weren't a hit but we are definitely pickling more green beans this year. Choose a research-tested recipe, use quality ingredients and follow correct processing time for a safe and tasty pickled product.

### Research-tested Recipes

There are tons of pickling recipes, blogs, and videos on the Internet. Some are great - some are not. Look for sites referencing tested research recipes and methods. University, USDA, and canning and supply companies are reliable sites. The goal of food preservation is to ensure safety with the best quality possible. Use credible resources and eliminate food safety worries by using recently updated resources - particularly those published after 1994 - like the ones on the University of Minnesota Extension website.

If you are just starting out, I recommend the Ball Blue Book. It is inexpensive and has great pictures and step-by-step directions. Remember to adjust for Minnesota altitudes by choosing processing times for 1001-2000 feet. Usually you should add 5 minutes of processing time to recipes that aren't from the University of Minnesota Extension website.

Another resource is the Na-

tional Center for Home Food Preservation. They do research and provide tested recipes and methods on their website including step-by-instructions for pickling a variety of foods. There is lots of great food preservation information on our food safety website. Check out my mini-modules on 20 food preservation topics. To learn how to make a perfect pickled product, view Crunch Time: Pickling 101.

### Quality Ingredients

Selecting and handling your ingredients is extremely important. Be sure you: Select fresh, firm, high-quality produce; Discard bruised, moldy or insect-damaged produce; Pickle within 24 hours of pickling; Clean produce before pickling under running water; Scrub carrots, cucumbers and peppers with a clean produce brush.

Adding an acid like vinegar to a low-acid food like cucumbers decreases the pH to levels in which most microbes can't grow. The amount of acid added is very important to the safety of the product and to get the right 'pickled' flavor - that tangy flavor we all love.

Never alter the proportions of vinegar, food, or water in a recipe and use only tested recipes. All researched pickling canning recipes are tested using 5-percent acidity. There are vinegars on store shelves that are 3% - 4% acidity. Check the label and use only vinegars with 5% acidity in canning recipes calling for vinegar. This is both a safety and a quality issue. The ratio of vinegar to water varies by the vegetable. Select a recipe for the vegetable you are pickling. Onions, mushrooms, and artichokes are pickled in straight 5% vinegar with no additional water.

Soft water is best for pickling as hard water causes odd flavors and discoloration. If only hard water is available, boil it, skim away the surface scum, and let it sit for 24 hours. Then draw water off the top of the container without disturbing any sediment at the bottom or buy distilled water.

Salt is added to pickling recipes for flavor and quality. Use pickling or canning salt. Other salts contain anti-caking agents that make the brine cloudy. Salt with iodine darkens the pickled product. Salt concentrations can be modified. For best results use tested low-salt recipes.

Tested recipes provide you with the exact amounts of spices to give you the best flavor. Use whole spices for a fresher and more concentrated flavor. Powdered spices cloud the brine. Fresh garlic and dill can change the acidity level of the final pickled product. Limit the quantity of spices used to what is specified in the recipe.

### Processing

The water bath processing time is determined by the acid level of the vegetable, the pickling solution and the size of jar. Water bath processing times range from five minutes to 30 minutes to insure a safe, home-canned product. Follow

exact processing times indicated for your product.

Give pickling a try! You will be rewarded with a tasty product. For best flavor, store the pickled product in a cool dark place for four to five weeks to develop the ideal flavor.

### Pickled Sweet Onions

8 cups thinly sliced sweet onions

2 tablespoons canning salt

1-3/4 cups white vinegar

1 cup sugar

1 teaspoon dried thyme

Place onions in a colander over a plate; sprinkle with canning salt and toss. Let stand 1 hour. Rinse and drain onions, squeezing to remove excess liquid. In a Dutch oven, combine vinegar, sugar and thyme; bring to a boil. Add onions and return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Carefully ladle hot mixture into four hot half-pint jars, leaving 1/2-in. headspace.

Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace, if necessary, by adding hot mixture. Wipe rims. Center lids on jars; screw on bands until fingertip tight. Place jars into canner with simmering water, ensuring that they are completely covered with water. Bring to a boil; process for 10 minutes. Remove jars and cool. Yield: 4 half-pints

## Kids and sleep

School-aged children are busier than ever before, and some may be sacrificing sleep to accommodate their lifestyles. The National Sleep Foundation says school-aged children need between nine and 11 hours of sleep each night to function at a healthy level. Sleep deprivation can be linked to a host of health ailments, including issues affecting the development of the brain. Growing evidence suggests that lack of sleep can cause disturbances in metabolic rates that could affect the risk for cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity. A recent study from Johns Hopkins University found that, for each additional hour of sleep a child gets, the risk of that child becoming overweight or obese decreases by 9 percent. Children who slept the least, according to the research, had a 92 percent higher risk of being overweight or obese compared to children with longer sleep duration.

The NSF adds that poor or inadequate sleep can lead to mood swings, behavioral problems and cognitive problems that impact kids' ability to learn in school. To promote good sleep habits in children, parents and other caregivers can establish consistent sleep/wake routines; ensure children avoid excess caffeine, particularly late in the day; create a cool, dark sleep environment; keep televisions and other media devices out of bedrooms; and help children work through stressors that may impact sleep.

Ad deadline:  
Noon Friday

## WEM School Announcements

### Elementary and Jr. High football

Practice will resume Wednesday, Sept. 6th after school from 3:30pm -5:00pm for both Elementary and Jr. High. Elementary has their first game Sept. 8th at home. Will need parent volunteers to help in the concession stands.

### Upcoming ECFE Fall Events!

**Tuesday, 9/12** Back to School Night at The McIntosh Library! 6-7pm Meet us at library for fun back to school stories, songs and a snack! Check out a library book! Ages 3-12 years old invited to attend.

**Thursday 9/21** Annual Pumpkin Patch Field Trip! Join us as we go "Over the River and Through The Woods" to Voxland's Pumpkin Patch! Buses will leave the school at 6pm. Ages 0-5 years old and siblings.

-Pre-registration IS required.

-Cost \$4.50 per child attending field trip. Each child attending will get to take a pumpkin home!

-All parent/guardians and children MUST ride the bus to the event. Pumpkin Patch has requested no exceptions to this.

-Children should wear long pants and tennis shoes.

-Payment can be made before boarding the bus.

-Buses leave school at 6pm.

Pre-register by Friday, Sept 15th. Contact Shannon Svalen: [ssvalen@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us](mailto:ssvalen@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us) or call 218-688-2170.

## Mac Kiddie Pull fun

Though the morning's weather made more than a few question if McIntosh Tractor Day would go as scheduled. The rain stopped and the parade, kiddie pull and tractor pull were a great success.

This year 2 members of the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club, who hosts the Kiddie Pull each year, Josh Bartz and Dominic Kringlen, fabricated a new pulling tractor and pull wagon for the kids. Everyone had a lot of fun and did a great job.

The participants in the Kiddie Pedal Pull as as follows, listed by division, with their pull in parenthesis.

### Allis:

Ella Langemo (19'9")  
Grafton Langemo (5')  
Fore Byrd (2'5")  
Eli Kringlen (2'2")  
Emmett Rock (5')  
Allis Horsley (2'6")  
Dawson Gunufson (1'2")  
Ronan Jenkins (2")  
Mason Tofstad (-)  
Charlie Rue (1'5")  
Ava Frisk (6")

### Oliver:

Colin Wescott (1'10")  
Lynn Byrd (5')  
Liam Kringlen (1'8")  
Dakota Hedlund (2'4")  
Addy Frisk (6'9")  
Liberty Jenkins (7'9")  
Max Rue (18'4")

### Farmall:

Breelyn Hegre (5')  
Avery Bodneschule (19'9")  
Matthew Tofstad (20'2")  
Xavier Jenkins (15'6")

### Ford:

Kyra Bodneschule (21'6")  
Leland Horsley (21'10")  
Makenzie Tofstad (47'6")  
Avery Ostenaa (44'2")  
Ella Subbert (18')

### New Holland:

Leif Hofstad (56'5")

### Did you know?

Who would have ever thought hooking things up to a tractor for it to pull would become such a rising form of entertainment? But the truth is that tractor pulling is a highly successful event with popularity across the country.

This type of competition has quite a long history and many of the tractors that compete in such events do not look like the typical ones you'd see plowing the farm fields.

Here are some fun facts you might not have known about the sport of tractor pulling:

The "idea" of hooking one thing up to another to see how far it could be pulled originated in the 1860's with horses. Farmers would attach a horse to a barn door with people sitting on it and tested to see how far the horse could pull the load. This popular strength test began to include tractors in the 1930's.

The average feet a tractor has to drag a "sledge", which is a heavy sled comprised of metal materials, is 300 feet. However, some tractors are spruced up with as many as three V8 engines so the distance could actually be much farther.

Tractors involved in this sport look more like forms of art than actual tractors. Owners do all they can to make theirs look original, with decorative paint jobs, multiple engines and discarded military machinery.



Ava Frisk (6")



Dakota Hedlund (2'4")



Allis Horsley (2'6")



Breelyn Hegre (5')



Colin Wescott (1'10")



Avery Bodneschule (19'9")



Lukas Gensburger (3'4")



Kyra Bodneschule (21'6")



There was quite a group of onlookers waiting for their turns during the Kiddie Pull for Tractor Day in McIntosh on August 26th.

# McIntosh Tractor Day 2017

Saturday, August 26th



Bruce Gunderson



Gene Haugom



Clifford Bartz



Joey Svalen



Pete Anderson



Dennis Boucher



Eric &amp; Peyton Roed



Mark Hartel



Steve Urness



Joel Strom



Steve Faldet and his crew.



Bud Kiecker



Watching and waiting despite a little rain during Tractor Day in McIntosh on Saturday, August 26th.