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Noah Roragen spent the season on the sidelines due to injury but his Patriot spirit shone through during Parents Night at Win-E-Mac. Pictured here with his dad, Mark Simonson.



Football Manager, Dylan Roy and his mom, Anita at Parent Night on Friday, October 13th.



Cheerleader, Lily Breckel and her parents, Jason and Holly during Parent's Night at Win-E-Mac School.



Emelian Hanson and his parents, Domnika and Ian Hanson.



Koby Hamre with his parents, Erik and Tanya and his brother, Braylon during Parent's Night at Win-E-Mac School on Friday, October 13th before the Win-E-Mac vs. Kittson County Central football game.



Patriot Cheerleader Kallie Hand with her parents, Jennifer Wang, and Ashley and Ben Hand on Parent's Night.

State Representatives urge attendance at ditch mowing meeting

Rep. Steve Green, R-Fosston, Rep. Deb Kiel, R-Crookston, and Rep. Dan Fabian, R-Roseau, are encouraging constituents to attend an upcoming meeting in Crookston, hosted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation early next month, to discuss state ditch-mowing policies.

Last year, MnDOT indicated it planned to change its statewide permitting standards for mowing and baling in ditches along Minnesota's state roadways. A number of concerns arose over the proposed changes and the Republican-led Legislature successfully authored a bill placing a moratorium on new mowing rules along state highways – excluding county and township roads – until May of 2018. This moratorium helped to ensure that the public and key stakeholders had ample opportunity to provide input regarding the changes to permitting standards prior to their enforcement. Republicans pushed for an outright ban on new ditch mowing regulations, legislation that was strongly opposed by the Dayton Administration.

Green said the moratorium was established to ensure the public and key stakeholders had ample opportunity to provide input regarding the changes to permitting standards prior to their enforcement.

"People say they were blindsided by proposed changes to ditch-mowing practices," Green said. "It came across as one of those instances when out-of-touch bureaucrats start tinkering with something they are better off leaving alone. It is just more government overreach. The moratorium gives people a chance to voice their mind to MnDOT and I hope a good number of people will do that by attending this meeting."

"I know many folks in Northwest Minnesota have serious concerns surrounding agency rulemaking and plans to change ditch mowing regulations. Whether attending the meeting or giving your commentary online, this is your opportunity to share your thoughts and input directly with MnDOT and the executive branch," said Rep. Kiel.

"Republicans slowed down the implementation of this onerous ditch mowing rule, ensuring that the public and those affected by bureaucratic agency rulemaking can have a say in state policy," said Rep. Fabian. "I would strongly recommend those with concerns about ditch mowing to make

your voice heard."

The MnDOT listening session on ditch mowing will take place Monday, October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the University of Minnesota Crookston in the Bede Ballroom. More information on this and other upcoming meetings can be found here: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/newsrels/17/10/12mow-hay.html>

Constituents can also submit written comments online through a MnDOT comment form which can be found here: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mowing/comments.html>

All Representatives are encouraging anyone with questions to contact their office for more information.

Sweet Halloween statistics

Candy reigns supreme on Halloween. Candy compels trick-or-treaters young and old to don costumes and spend hours scouring neighborhoods for the best treats. Kids know which houses give out full-sized chocolate bars and which are offering other coveted goodies.

Although consumer spending in October may not be as high as it is during the holiday season, Halloween shopping is considerable. Here is a look at some notable statistics for the season.

Financial resource The Balance states that 171 million Americans celebrated Halloween in 2016. Total spending for the holiday reached more than \$8.4 billion, which was an all-time record.

Around 65 percent of Americans plan to celebrate Halloween, including getting dressed up or handing out candy. The U.S. Census Bureau says 41.2 million trick-or-treaters are children between the ages of five and 14.

The National Retail Federation says 70 percent of Americans hand out candy, spending around \$25 per person on sweets

Many people associate Halloween with children, but the day gives everyone the chance to dress up. The NRF estimates that Americans will spend more money on adult costumes than those for children. Witches, pirates, vampires, Batman, and cats are the most popular adult costumes.

Halloween is celebrated in many different countries. In addition to the United States and Canada, areas of Europe, Asia and Latin America have their own Halloween celebrations.



Mikah Olson and his parents Mary Olson and James Nichols.



Bryer Strom with his parents, Mark and Danette Strom and Krissy Strom.



Community Calendar

Wed. Oct. 25: 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. Oct. 26: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Oct. 27: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Halloween Party @ WEM School 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Mon. Oct. 30: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; McIntosh City Council Special Meeting B-B Cafe @ Community Center 7:00pm

Tues. Oct. 31: Happy Halloween! McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

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

Fri. Nov. 3: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Nov. 6: 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. Nov. 7: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Parenting is a perpetual adventure into frustration, self-doubt and joy. I think I learn more about myself than I teach my daughter. Sometimes I wonder if the seeds of righteousness I'm planting will ever bloom. Earlier this summer we had an epic battle of wills that started because of a CHOICE. At a rummage sale, Dinah and I found a doll-size, plastic pink pony with a mane and tail that she could comb and braid.

It went everywhere: the new Win-E-Mac playground, the grocery store, the bank, on bike rides, to the hospital to visit a friend... she played, slept and ate with that pony.

Not long after, Dinah moved into a phase of venting her frustration by throwing things to the floor, which—she learned from me. Ugly. Well, we both decided we needed to change that. We promised if either of us threw down something in frustration, it would be gone forever. (I lost my favorite kitchen towel this way.)

Can you see it coming? Mm-hmm. The first time, she lost a few books. Then one day, after repeated discussions about sharing toys with her cousin and apologizing for unkind behavior, Dinah lost her temper. She grabbed the nearest thing and threw it. Yep, the beloved PONY. Her eyes widened as I told her I was very sorry she had chosen to throw her pony and took it away. I knew it hurt her heart. I was sad for her. I also knew her choice meant I needed to follow through on the consequence.

Dinah begged for that pony for three weeks I fielded pleas and tears. She resorted to saying she really, really, really hoped I would change my mind. And that is when I realized the spiritual ramification. Her behavior was manipulative. I focused on reminding her who threw the pony. Eventually, even though she kept asking for it back, she also acknowledged the CHOICE she made. Meanwhile, I wondered if there was a way I could restore the pony. But the Ruach kept checking this line of thinking. You see, it wasn't about the pony, it was about the heart of my daughter. And boy, did the Ruach make that abundantly and wonderfully clear a few days ago!

We were at the Goodwill and I heard Dinah exclaim she

wanted to show me something. When I rounded the clothes rack I saw a beautiful pink pony on the shelf. Exactly like her first one. My daughter had tears in her eyes and words she couldn't say. Finally, she asked if I had given her pony away. I said "no." I saw her longing for this pony. My Momma mind was racing, how was I supposed to handle this?! Then the Ruach gave me insight.

I knelt down, looked at Dinah and asked her if that was the pony she had thrown on the floor. She shook her head. I told her God was giving her another chance. She beamed. When we paid for it she told the ladies how she had lost her first one but now she was getting a second chance. In the car I said how glad I was that God had given her another pony and another chance to choose more wisely. Then I explained my heart had been sad when I took her first pony away. But if I hadn't kept my word, I would have made God's heart sad. Then I heard from the back seat, "Yeah, then God couldn't live in your heart."

It was one of those epiphany moments! My four-year-old daughter actively learned about sin and grace! Isn't this what we sweat, cry and pray for? Immediately, the Ruach revealed the great heart of the Father Who uses our choices every day to teach us of sin and grace.

That day He gave balm to my daughter's heart for the pain of missing her beloved pony. But more importantly He gave her understanding that sin keeps Him from His place in our hearts. Her flower has been growing all along and now her righteousness is blooming. Parenthood is a wild, crazy ride but I am blessed!

Calvary WELCA Fall Sale

Calvary Church in Winger will hold its Fall Sale on Wednesday, October 25 at 7:30 pm.

There will be crafts, canned goods and baked goods that will be auctioned off starting at 7:30 pm.

Pie and coffee will be served after the sale.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information call 563-4045.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Pictured right: Paul Martin, grandson of Lloyd Schleicher of McIntosh, earned his doctorate degree in Physics from the University of Oregon in March 2017. Paul and his wife Analisa and 3 year old daughter Elise have relocated to Albuquerque, NM where Paul is now employed with Intel Corporation. Paul is the son of Kalvin and Angela Martin of Albuquerque, NM.



Win-E-Mac Football player, Mason Spry with his parents, Ron and Nancy during Parent's Night at the Win-E-Mac home football game on Friday, October 13th.



Pictured above: Cheerleader's MacKenzie Tadych (l) and Lany Richardson (r) with MacKenzie's parents Jennifer and Brent Carlson.



Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. October 25: Lukas Gensburger
Thurs. October 26: Mark Krossen, Mary Schow, *Kilmer & Dianne Christopherson
Fri. October 27: Mark Sylstad
Sat. October 28: Shelby Mandt, Colten Mandt, Leah Mahlen
Sun. October 29: Brenda Uglade, Bob Bursheim
Mon. October 30: Randy Christianson, Dave Stordahl
Tues. October 31: *Joseph & Kelly Lee

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. Oct. 25: 11:00am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 6:30pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. Oct. 27: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Oct. 29: 8:00am Confession; 8:10am Rosary; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Mon. Oct. 31: 7:00pm All Saints Day Mass, St. Joseph's, Bagley

Tues. Nov. 1: 6:30pm All Saints Day Mass, St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Nov. 5: 8:00am Confession; 8:10am Rosary; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. Oct. 29: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Nov. 5: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. Oct. 29: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. Nov. 5: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. Oct. 25: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place; 7:00pm Bible Study at Don & Sharon Ramberg's

Sun. Oct. 29: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service

Tues. Oct. 31: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV--Channel 2; 1:00pm Bible Study at Don & Sharon Ramberg's

Wed. Nov. 1: 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. Oct. 26: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sun. Oct. 29: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel; 11:00am Worship at Trinity, potluck Dinner following service

Thurs. Nov. 2: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. Nov. 5: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel 11:00am Worship at Trinity

Thurs. Nov. 9: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. Oct. 29: 9am Worship

Sun. Nov. 2: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Oct. 25: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. Oct. 29: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School following

Wed. Nov. 1: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. Nov. 5: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School following

Wed. Nov. 8: 7:00pm Bible Study

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. Bruce Blocker, Pastor

Wed. Oct. 25: 3:30pm Confirmation

Thurs. Oct. 26: Bible Study - Poplar Lake

Sun. Oct. 29: No Church at Immanuel, Church at Poplar Lake 10:45am for Retirement of Pastor John A. Anderson

Sun. Nov. 5: 8:45am Divine Worship with Holy Communion; 10:00am Fellowship Hour

Tues. Nov. 14: 2:00pm Ladies Aid

Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays



Influential people of the Thirteen Townships from the Early Years

The Second in the series of notable personalities that wound their way through the history and hardships of settlement and progress in East Polk County and the Thirteen Towns, as found in the pages of the History & Biography of Polk County Minnesota 1916.

Everett A. Wester

Everett A. Webster, of McIntosh, a leading business man of the county, extensively identified with the interests of the north west as a merchant and land owner, was born in Daleville, Lakawana county, Pa., May 20, 1873, and has been a resident of Minnesota since his early childhood. He was reared in Lake City, and there attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1891.

For five years he was in the employ of Miller & Foote in Crookston and subsequently spent a year in Colorado.

In 1902 he relocated in McIntosh and embarked

upon an independent commercial career, buying a half interest in the Larsen & Carpenter Co., dealers in hardware, agricultural implements and furniture, forming a partnership with Paul Carpenter.

The firm of Carpenter & Webster have conducted a steadily increasing trade during the eight years of their operation and since the destruction of their building by fire in 1909, which entailed a loss of about fifteen thousand dollars. Mr. Webster then became sole owner of the business and has erected a large modern business block, with a frontage of over two hundred feet. Beside his commercial activities, Mr. Webster was also associated with his brother in the management of a farm on a quarter section of land near McIntosh, where they engaged in dairy farming and the breeding of Holstein cattle.

The success of this project led to larger operations and they sold the farm and established a wholesale house a Virginia, Minn., as Webster Brothers, with Walter Webster as resident manager. This company engages in the shipping of stock and hay and the buying and selling of general produce and commands a large territory, including such trade centers as Hibbing, International Falls, Grand Rapids, Deer River and is the distributing point for hundreds of miles of surrounding agricultural country.

They buy seven or eight

car loads of blooded Holstein cattle, annually, in Wisconsin, which they sell in Minnesota and North Dakota, and in 1914, shipped one hundred and sixty-three cars of hay, a record which the steady growth of the business will advance to two hundred, in 1915. Mr. Webster is that type of business man and citizen who is never content with present achievement but who uses each success as a stepping stone to larger accomplishment and is possessed of those positive qualities which have led inevitably to his valuable services in the public interest and to ramification of his business enterprises throughout the northwest.

In 1906, he erected the first building in Epping, North Dakota establishing a hardware, agricultural implement and furniture store, which he operated for seven years in partnership with C.F. Carpenter. Epping has now grown to a population of 100 and is a thriving village with four elevators, two banks and various mercantile companies and enjoys the unique distinction, which likewise attests to it prosperity, of owning, in its twenty-eight machines, automobile accommodations for its entire population.

Mr. Webster's most recent enterprise is the Webster Mercantile Company, of McIntosh, which represents an investment of \$10,000. Mr. Webster is the sole proprietor and opened the store for general mercantile and retail trade on March 1, 1915.

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Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas, where the weather has straightened out a bit and has given us some rather nice fall finish up and clean up days. Some farmers still have some beans left to harvest and there is still quite a bit of corn yet to be harvested and of course he field work itself still needs to be done.

There are still many fall suppers, dinners, sales and bazaars going on. Calvary will have their fall sale next Wednesday the 25th.

Right around the corner is Halloween which is so fun for the young people as they dress to do their trick or treating. And yes, even many adults like to dress and do their Halloween thing. Soon after that is the end of Daylight savings time and then deer hunting.

Still a lot of colds and some flu out there, make sure to get your flu shot.

Last Thursday Helmer and Verlys Homme, Lonnie, Kenya and Charlie Paradis, Tyler and Amanda Schow and David Holoeck all enjoyed supper together in Thief River Falls, to celebrate the birthdays of Kenya and Verlys.

Elim, Elias, Katie and Sammy Troyer were all visitors at Lucy Brteks this past week. While there they picked many boxes of apples from Lucy's tree. They in turn brought Lucy some of their onions, peppers and potatoes for Lucy to enjoy.

Last Friday Butch and Linda Pulskamp spent the day at the Monticello Hospital with Nola Abele, Judy Boeckers and Bette Martin, as they were all there to be with Donnie Johnson while he underwent surgery that day.

Betty Myhrum was a visitor at the Lucy Brtek home on Wednesday evening the 18th.

Truman and Darlene Johnson of Dilworth returned to their home on Sunday after spending several days at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home during that time Truman helped with harvest and field work.

Wednesday afternoon Linda Pulskamp visited with Eileen Roux at the Cornerstone in Fosston. Linda and Eileen spent many years working together in Fosston.

Lucy Brtek visited this past week in Lengby with her friend Kim Thompson after which

the ladies came to Moran's in Winger and had dinner together. They had a very enjoyable visit and day together.

I want to wish Milton Carlson a very speedy recovery as he recovers from a bout with pneumonia!

This is all the news I managed to gather up, hope there will be more next week and until then, no act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted.

From Bun Manor:

Last week Bun had the pleasure of visiting with Bruce Solberg and Dewy Jensen at the Ness café. Bruce was telling Dewy about the time when he was at the café and Bun told him he would Buy Bruce his meal if he left a tip. It turned out that the Tip cost Bruce more money than his bowl of soup cost. They all had a good laugh about that one.

Bun drove past Bruce's home the other day when he noticed that Bruce's mail box had been taken out by a vehicle. If you are wondering who took out your box Bruce, It wasn't Bun. Bun was impressed on how quick Bruce got his box put up again for service.

Bun stopped over at the Gloria Stanhke's home on east union to pick up some homemade sauerkraut that she had graciously donated for the Calvary church bizarre. Thank you Gloria for helping the cause.

Saturday afternoon Pam Wang and Jerry Wang took a ride up to Black Duck lake to visit Pam's daughter Jessica, her husband Brandon and grandson Regor. The Bjerke's are doing just fine and of course Regor was as cute as ever.

Pam also went to visit with Boyd and Sylvia Bratager at their home west of Winger on Sunday.

Bun picked up Steve and Ole early Saturday evening and they headed over to Ventures in Fosston to attend the fund raiser for Harold(Happy Smeby). Harold has been having some health issues. There was a nice crowd present. Some notables from the Winger area were Floyd and Gerrie, Jerry, Ronnie and Cheryl Wang and Dennis and Kathy Omang.

Dale picked up his mother in Winger on Sunday morning and they drove over to Fertile to attend the Confirmation ser-

vice for David and Shawnn's son Grant. Other family and friends included Floyd and Gerri, Shawnn's mother Barb and the Jeff Bratager family.

Sunday afternoon, cousin Gary Nansen from Detroit Lakes along with his wife Darcy, brother Paul and his dad Glen stopped over at the manor for a short visit. They were out cruising the area reminiscing

What is a fair farm rental agreement?

Eli Gindele, Extension Educator

Landlords, Farmers, Agri-Business Professionals should make plans to attend one of the informative meetings being held across Minnesota. These free meetings are being provided by the University of Minnesota Extension. Farmer profits are low or negative and farm land rental rates declined slightly while commodity prices have decreased significantly. Determining a fair profitable farm rental agreement is a challenge in today's economy with recent record corn and soybean prices and record farm land values as recently as 2012 but commodity prices continued to decline since then.

Negotiating a fair rental agreement that satisfies the land owner and the farmer is a challenge. Nathan Hulin-sky, Extension Educator in Ag Business Management, will provide several ways; by examples, factsheets and worksheets to determine a fair farm land rental rate for both parties.

Topics covered at the meetings will include local historic and projected farmland rental

of the old days. Bun was glad they stopped over. It was fun to see Glen and the crew.

Just a reminder that the ladies from Calvary are having their annual fall bizarre at the church in Winger on Weds. evening. Andy will be the featured auctioneer again this year. Everyone is welcome. The more the merrier.

rate trends, current farm land values and sales, a worksheet that will help determine a fair rental agreement. Input costs for 2018 will be presented along with current 2018 corn and soybean prices. Worksheets will examine 2018 costs and what is affordable rent that a farmer will be able to pay in 2018, the rate of return to the landlord at current market values and examine flexible rental agreements.

Make plans to attend one of these forty-two meetings now. Attendees will receive several informative worksheets and factsheets that will help to determine what is a fair 2018 farm land rental rate is.

November 30, 2017: Grygla - Grygla Community Center - 127 N Main Avenue, Grygla, MN at 9:30 AM; **Red Lake Falls** - City Hall - 08 2nd St. SW Red Lake Falls, MN 56750 at 1:30 PM.

December 7, 2017: Crookston - VFW Post #1902 - 121 North Main St. Crookston, MN 56716 at 9:30 AM; **Clearbrook** - Clearbrook Community Center - 200 Elm street Clearbrook, MN 56634 at 1:30 PM.

2018 MN Organic Conference announced

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA's) Minnesota Organic Conference (MOC) will take place on Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12, 2018. The farmer-oriented educational event will be held at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud and is expected to attract 600 attendees.

The MDA is now accepting sponsorships and applications to exhibit at the trade show.

"I encourage people to purchase their spaces early," said MOC Sponsorship and Trade Show Coordinator Cassie Dahl.

"We have space for about 80 booths at the trade show and those spaces have sold out for

the past few years. The trade show is a great way for organizations that work with organic farmers to interact with those farmers directly."

Dahl encourages any organizations with products or services of interest to organic farmers to reserve space, including suppliers of inputs like seed and fertilizer, brokers, buyers, consultants, organic certification agencies, public agencies, and educational and nonprofit organizations.

Other opportunities include underwriting the conference with financial sponsorship and advertising in the MOC program.

The MDA has coordinated



Ryan Schaumburg with his parents, Roy and Lisa Schaumburg during Win-E-Mac Parent's Night for Football on Friday, October 13th before the Win-E-Mac vs. Kittson County Central Varsity game.



Noah Knutson with his parents, Cam and Mike Thompson.

the MOC for the past 15 years. Dahl notes that there are over 900 organic operations in Minnesota, and that domestic and international consumer interest in organic agricultural products continues to grow.

Application materials for trade show, sponsorships, and advertising are all available online at www.mda.state.mn.us/food/organic/conference. Early bird pricing ends Friday, October 20, 2017 at 4:00 PM CST.

For additional information regarding the Minnesota Organic Conference, contact Cassie Dahl at 651-201-6012 or cassie.dahl@state.mn.us.



Reed Neubert and his parents, Aaron and Nevette.



Nathan Fortman and his parents Tim and Diane.



Bryce Duchamp and his parents, Chris and Bobbi.

Regional Ag News

Ed Gindele,
Extension Educator

Cow-Calf Early Fall Management Tips

Dr. Alfredo DiCostanzo,
University of Minnesota Beef Team

Summer and fall cow-calf management permits producers to get ready for the winter and the next production cycle. Preparation is important to ensure that winter feeding costs are kept as low as possible without affecting calf weight or growth.

Two major considerations need to be made when thinking of early fall management: 1) cow condition in preparation for winter, and 2) calf growth in preparation for marketing. The former requires that producers determine cow condition score beginning in late summer and early fall. Assigning a herd or group of cows managed together a score between one (extremely thin) and nine (extremely fat) and then utilizing this score to make appropriate decisions will contribute to reduced feed costs and consistent production of calves. Visual evaluation of calf growth or measuring calf weights on a scale (weighing a small but representative group of calves should suffice) should permit evaluation of cow milking ability and summer cow nutrition. Lower than expected calf growth is a signal for producers to alter early fall management to begin cow reconditioning or recuperate calf weight gains before marketing or placing in the feedyard.

Alternative management strategies in response to poor cow condition or calf growth are: early weaning, creep feeding and pasture supplementation. Some guidelines to select among these alternatives are described below.

In order to manage cow condition and calf growth, producers need to: 1) determine body condition score (scale of 1 to 9), 2) evaluate pasture condition and quality, and 3) measure or evaluate calf growth in mid-to late August and a month prior to weaning.

Some situations and recommended actions are given below:

- **When cow condition averages below a score of five**, pasture condition and calf growth are poor, producers may consider early weaning or creep feeding and pasture supplementation. This strategy permits the calf to recuperate some growth and the cow to regain condition in a compromised pasture situation.

- **When calf growth appears normal**, but pasture and cow condition are poor (below a score of five), producers may choose to early wean and/or supplement the cow herd. This strategy permits cow reconditioning in a compromised pasture situation.

- **When calf growth and pasture condition are adequate**, but cow condition is poor and weaning is less than 45 days away, producers may choose to early wean.

This strategy permits cow reconditioning on pasture. Early weaning is most successful when calves are 4 months old or older. However, early weaning requires facilities, feed and water. When producers can have access to a clean calf pen or yard that can safely contain young calves and has access to clean, cool water and feeding facilities, early weaning is recommended. Additionally, producers are advised that nutrient needs of calves are Beef Cattle higher in protein and relatively high in energy to

maintain or improve on growth achieved while on the cow. In general, earlyweaned calves weighing 300 to 400 lb will require diets containing 74% TDN and 15% CP. As a general reference, corn contains 90% TDN and 9% CP; barley contains 84%TDN and 13% CP; corn silage contains 70% TDN and 8% CP; alfalfa haylage contains 65% TDN and 17% CP; and soybean meal contains 88% TDN and 50% CP. Thus, diets formulated with 80% corn silage and 20% soybean meal (dry basis) should meet early-weaned calf nutrient needs. Also, 50:50 (dry basis) combinations of small grains and haylage would meet early-weaned calf needs. Calf raising cost becomes an issue when deciding to early wean.

Creep feeding is also an alternative when calves will continually be owned through part or all of the finishing period. When presented with the option, calves will eat creep feed and continue to suckle regularly (limiting forage intake). Thus, creep feed cost and quality are important factors to consider when creep feeding.

Nutrient content of creep feed varies with creep feed intake and cow's milking ability. When creep feed is fed at 1% of the calf's body weight (dry basis) and milking ability is moderate to low, creep feed must be formulated to contain 72% to 88% TDN and 20% to 23% CP.

Thus, corn-soybean meal-based creep feed works well for low milking ability situations, while small grains sunflower meal-based creep feed works well for moderate milking ability situations. Pasture supplementation is recommended only when pasture conditions are poor and the cow will be

given a chance to recuperate (in conjunction with early weaning). Feeding the cow to achieve calf gains is usually not cost-effective, because calves convert feed to gain more efficiently than cows. When pasture supplementation is an option, producers should sample pasture clippings to determine what type of supplement to formulate.

Energy supplements include corn silage, corn, small grains, corn gluten feed, good quality hay and haylage. Protein supplements include soybean meal, sunflower meal, corn gluten feed, poultry litter, alfalfa hay or haylage. Under most conditions, when pasture energy falls below 56% TDN or 9% CP, or pasture supply is not sufficient, supplementation is required.

A simple rule of thumb is to supplement corn (or similar energy equivalent) at the rate of .5 lb (dry basis) for each percentage TDN below 56%. Similarly, supplement soybean meal (or similar protein equivalent) at the rate of .5 lb (dry basis) for each percentage CP below 9%.

Thus, if a pasture forage test lists 53% TDN and 7% CP, producers may use 1.5 lb corn and 1 lb soybean meal (dry basis) to meet the respective nutrient deficits.

The situations and recommendations listed herein are but a few of the alternatives producers have to manage cows in the early fall.

These guidelines were provided with the objective to reduce winter feeding costs and maintain cow productivity. Feed and cattle prices and cow and calf nutrient needs must always be considered when choosing these or other strategies.

Random Things and Stuff



Best of Halloween

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Halloween is just around the corner and there are a lot of fun different things you can do for Halloween. From movies, to candy, to costumes Halloween has it all. In this article I will give the top 5 movies for Halloween, top 5 candies that are most popular for trick-or-treaters, and the top 5 costumes of 2017.

Top 5 movies include:

1. *Halloweentown* (1998)--this Disney Channel film is a classic about three siblings who aren't allowed to celebrate Halloween. They run away to be with their Halloween-loving grandmother who happens to be a witch. If you enjoy Halloweentown, there are three sequels!

2. *Scream* (1996)--the original Scream movie is a Halloween classic. The story revolves around a Ghostface killer that kills teenagers living in a small town.

3. *Hocus Pocus* (1993)--this movie is my all-time favorite Halloween movie. It is about three witches who return 300 years after being hung for their spellwork in 17th-century Salem, Massachusetts. To make sure they can stay immortal, they have to take the lives of children. The three kids who accidentally resurrected them are doing all they can to stop the witches from returning Salem to the way it was 300 years ago. If you are looking for a spooky comedy, this is your movie!

4. *Carrie* (2013)--this remake of the originally is creepy good. This outcast is confronted with the meanness of mean girl bullies. She ends up getting her revenge using telepathic powers.

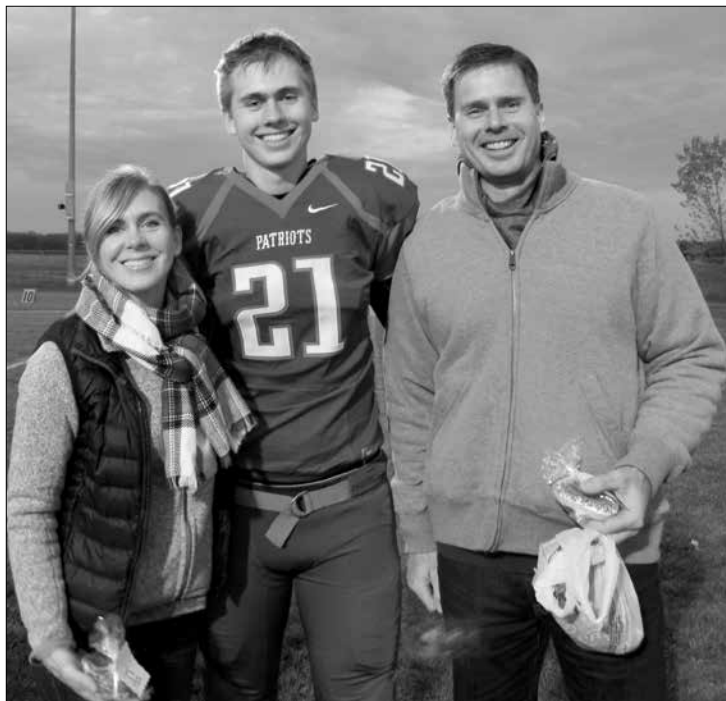
5. *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1993)--this classic is about Jack Skellington who is the Pumpkin King of Halloween Town. He becomes bored with his town's holiday, and accidentally stumbles across Christmas Town. This is when he decides to kidnap Santa and run the holiday. This movie can be both a Halloween classic and a Christmas classic!

Top 5 candies include:

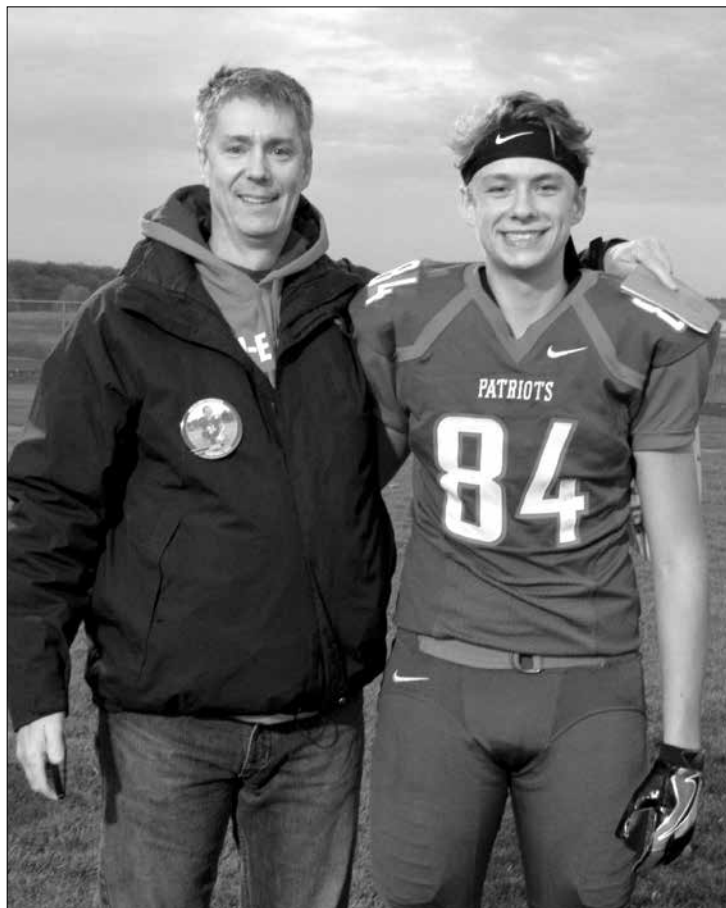
1. Skittles
2. KitKat
3. Twizzlers
4. Snickers
5. Butterfingers

Top 5 Halloween Costumes for 2017 include:

1. Pennywise the Clown
2. Wonder Woman
3. Christmas Story Bunny Suit
4. Eleven from Stranger Things
5. Dancing Hot Dog



Brekken Lindberg and his parents, Troy and Liz.



Dustin Osland and his dad, Brian Osland.



Blake Glass with his mom, Melanie Glass.



Zach Simonson and his parents Heather Simonson and Mark Simonson.



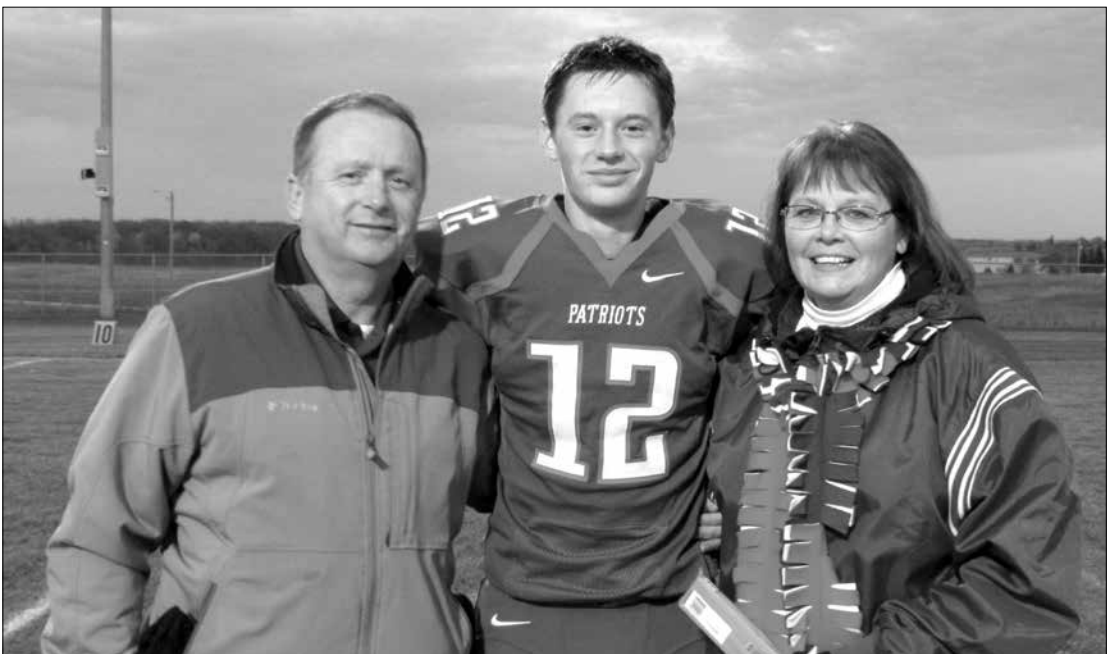
Gavin Hasket and his parents Maggie and Guy Hasket.



Manager, Anton Hickman with his parents, Jesse and Alyssa.



Alex Jacobson and his parents Steve and Dawn.



Gavin Walker and his parents Gary and Angie Walker.



Tapanga Bratager and her parents Jeff and Julie Bratager.



Connor Johnson and his parents Curtis and Krista Johnson