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The McIntosh Fire and Relief Association Bingo has moved to The Coop Bar and Grill. It is still on Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 pm. Prizes and payouts are based on number of participant's and the number of weeks between grand prize coverall's being awarded. Come on down and support our McIntosh Fireman.



Breelyn Hegre played a fun game with her mom, Heather, during Win-E-Mac Math Night last Thursday evening.



The games played last Thursday during Math Night at Win-E-Mac School required , what else, math! Here, Nevaeh Simpson, with her grandma, Lila Lucken played with friends.

Pine to Prairie Drug Task force make effort in controlling the drug problem in NW MN

Despite the strong effort that is being waged to control it, the drug problem in north-western Minnesota is getting bigger and bigger all the time. Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force agents were involved in 339 arrests for drug trafficking and other violent offenses in the eight-county area of north-western Minnesota in the past year. That number — 339, or almost one a day — was 68 more than the 271 arrests made in 2016 and almost 200 more than were made in 2015. In the process of their investigations, the 12-member task force team confiscated 60 weapons, turned up extensive amounts of drug paraphernalia and stolen items, and seized a large amount of drugs. Drugs seized in 2017 included 3,641 grams of meth, which was more than double the 1,671 grams removed in 2016 and more than 5 times the amount confiscated in 2015. The use of cocaine, heroin



East Grand Forks meth bust made by the P2P Drug Task Force in 2017.

and prescription pills (opioids) also showed large increases in arrests and seizures in the past year. Cocaine seizures were up more than 15 times from the 38 grams collected in 2016 to 593 in 2017. Heroin seizures were up more than 2 ½ times from 102 to 275 grams. The number of pills con-

fiscated ballooned from 537 in 2016 to a whopping 200,433 in 2017. Marijuana confiscations were also up... from 2.8 pounds to 12.9 pounds in the year. After none were confiscated in 2016, 14.6 grams of synthetic marijuana were seized in 2017. There had been smaller seizure amounts of this drug in 2013, 2014 and 2015. "As our statistics show, we've mirrored the nationwide trend of having an increase in the use of heroin," a task force official notes. "The deadly fentanyl-laced heroin drug combination has been in our area and we are doing everything that we can to get it stopped. Since multiple other agencies have joined in our task force efforts we've been able to be much more effective. This shows in our increased number of cases." Many now doing time About those cases, the official says, "A significant number of offenders are now doing time in prison. We have been able to

develop air-tight cases; there just haven't been many not-guilty verdicts." Also high in popularity is the use of prescription pills. That popularity has resulted in a number of home break-ins where the medicine cabinet was a prime focus. Of crimes committed locally, agents say, drugs and alcohol are a factor in a large percentage of them. The cities of Crookston, East Grand Forks and Thief River Falls each assign an investigator to the task force. Counties providing investigators are Lake of the Woods, Norman, Polk and Roseau. The U.S. Border Patrol commits four agents and U.S. Homeland Security provides an investigator. While not committing a full-time member to the task force, Kittson, Marshall, Pennington and Red Lake counties assist as needed. Marshall and Norman counties and the City of Thief River Falls each have canine officers that are available to the task force. The task force receives \$200,000 in state funding annually. This money is split between the cities and counties to reimburse them for a portion of the salaries of the investigators that they provide. A part of the grant is also used for training and to purchase necessary equipment. Advisory board supervises The team answers to a



Marijuana recovered from a bust near Crookston

14-member advisory board. That board is made up of East Grand Forks Police Chief Mike Hedlund (president), Crookston Police Chief Paul Biermaier (vice president), Polk County Sheriff Barb Erdman, Pennington County Sheriff Ray Kuznia, Thief River Falls Police Chief Dick Wittenberg, Crookston City Council member Bob Quanrud, East Grand Forks City Council member Mark Olstad, Polk County Commissioner Warren Strandell, Roseau County Sheriff Steve Gust, Assistant Roseau County Attorney Mike Grover, Norman County Sheriff Jeremy Thornton, Norman County Chief Deputy Ben Fall, Lake of the Woods County Sheriff Gary Fish and Lake of the Woods County Attorney James Austad. Associate (non-voting) advisory board members include Polk County Attorney Greg

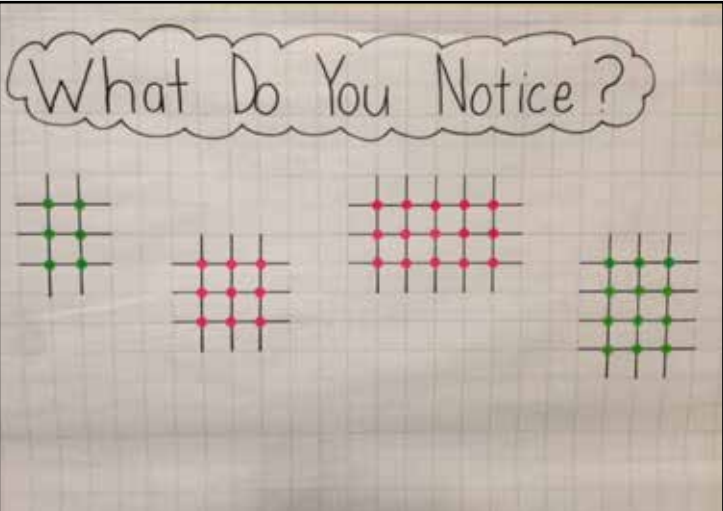
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Congratulations to Abby Lende, Nathan Fortman, and Connor Johnson on winning the Red Lake Falls Vex Robotics Tournament held on January 20th! Their Team number is 5300c and have named themselves the "Nerdanators". With winning this tournament, they have qualified to Participate in the Minnesota Vex State robotics tournament held Feb 2 and 3 in St. Cloud. Win-E-Mac School will have two robots competing in the State Robotics Tournament. These teams hope to perform well enough at the state tournament to qualify for the World Tournament held in Kentucky in April.

Math Night focus: Helping kids see more on their own

By Jessica Strom, WEM Math Instructor Math Night focus this year was how we can help our kids grow in thinking, not just in math facts. The most important question we can ask our kids, on a daily basis, is "What do you notice?". Not just when doing a math problem, but also when you see a picture, while you are driving, playing a game, or playing with toys. Our kids notice a lot, by asking them and talking about it, we help our children grow mathematically. When you are tempted to just answer a question, you can instead ask "What do you notice?" or "What do you think?". When playing a game or helping with homework and your child gives you an answer quickly, you can ask, "How did you get that?", "What else could do?", or "Why?". But don't over do it, about half the time would be more than fine and you don't want to ruin the fun. We had 7 posters around the room encouraging kids to



What do you notice? Skills learned: (Primary) colors, counting, even and odd numbers; (Intermediate) multiplication, multiples of 3.

notice. We got many great observations. Thanks to all of the families for participating! It was a great night! Each week for the next 7 weeks, the McIntosh Times will feature a "What did you notice?" poster to encourage you to see what your kids are noticing.



Brother versus brother during Math Night when Lukas Gensburger played against his brother Erich and along with dad, Nathan.



WEM Parents Night

The Win-E-Mac boys basketball team will be having their parents night on Thursday, February 1st before the game starting at 7:45pm. They will be honoring their parents. Please come and support the boys and their families.



Community Calendar

Wed. Jan. 31: 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; Community Blood Drive 11:30am to 5:30pm @ McIntosh Community Center

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

Fri. Feb. 2: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

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

Wed. Feb. 7: 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. Feb. 8: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; McIntosh City Council Meeting 5:30pm @ Community Center

Fri. Feb. 9: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Feb. 12: 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. Feb. 13: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Value

Value can be represented by something tangible like land, a home or a car. The value of these things, and whether or not we have them, can become the way in which we validate ourselves or others.

Their caliber can speak of how successful we are... in man's eyes. So I've been thinking about these two words: value and validate. What do they really mean? I think the answer leads us back to identity, which I've written about before.

I believe it is the human condition to want to know our value; what it is to others and what it is to our own selves. According to Google, value is: "the regard that something is held to deserve, the importance, worth, or usefulness of something." I think society has nearly abandoned value as it was meant to be understood and lived. Commodities are interchangeable and always changing. Our smart phones are only smart until another model comes along. A car is new until the next year. Too

quickly, things become "not good enough."

So as I have been wrestling with the words value and validate, it has been tricky to find the nuance that makes them different. Google says validate is: "demonstrate or support the truth or value of, recognize or affirm the validity or worth of (a person or their feelings or opinions)." The most obvious difference is that value talks about THINGS and validate speaks of a PERSON. But my analysis cannot rest there. And this is where it gets more challenging.

Our society ascribes value to things and people without testing their validity. Advertising thrives because we are constantly comparing one product or service to another trying to find the best deal. We have confused the two words and almost made them interchangeable without even considering it. There is a clue in the last definition, one small word but so important: TRUTH. You see, without truth, value is subject to individual experiences, opinions and more danger-

ously, feelings. If we let it, emotion can rule us all. And I am not just talking about women. Yes, we can be more "emotional" in our interactions but the tendency of men in displaying "lack of emotion" can be just as detrimental in relationships.

A few days after I started this article, my clever 4½ year old daughter said in five words what I just spent four paragraphs writing about. After I asked Dinah to thank God for something in our morning prayers, she thought about it for a moment then said, "Thank you God for me." Me. Stunned. AGAIN.

Go back and look at those definitions and see if that "toddler theology" (which is what I'm calling it now) didn't just hit the nail on the head. What does true value look like? What does true validation look like? I usually have more to write but this time I will let my daughter's words have the last say. If we can all start praying this prayer, it will change our lives. Thank you God for me.

Rydell Public Scoping Meeting on the future of hunting the refuge

On Wednesday, January 31st, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff from Rydell National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Erskine, MN will host a public scoping meeting to seek public input on the future of hunting on the Refuge. The meeting which was originally planned for Monday, January 22nd had to be cancelled due to the short federal government shutdown. The initial Refuge Hunt Plan opened the majority of the Refuge to hunting deer under special, highly regulated conditions. This included a permit-based, antlerless only opportunity during Minnesota's regular gun deer season, as well as a two-day mentored youth hunt and a three-day accessible deer hunt. The antlerless only hunt was conducted as a means of reducing the Refuge's previously high deer population. In recent years, the only hunting allowed on Rydell NWR has been the mentored youth and accessible deer hunts. The Refuge was never opened to mi-

gratory birds (e.g., duck, goose, woodcock) or upland game (e.g., grouse, squirrel, rabbit) hunting. Hunting is a priority public use on National Wildlife Refuge System lands and the possibility exists to expand hunting opportunities on Rydell NWR. This might include changes to the framework of deer hunting on the Refuge, or opening parts of the Refuge to hunting migratory birds and/or upland game. We are seeking the public's input on any changes they would like to see in future hunting opportunities within Rydell NWR. Ideas and comments received during the January 22nd public mtg. will be taken into consideration when completing the revised Hunt Plan and associated Environmental Assessment. The "open house" style public meeting will be held in the Rydell NWR Visitor Center, from 4:30 – 7:30pm on Wednesday, January 31st. For more information on the meeting or if you have questions, contact Gregg Knutsen, Refuge Manager, at 218-687-2229 x16

Eligibility Worker Position

Polk County Social Services has an opening for an Eligibility Worker position located in our McIntosh Office. The position is responsible for determining eligibility for public assistance programs. The starting wage for this position is \$18.67 per hour. Applicants must be Minnesota Merit System eligible. To view qualifications, apply online, and schedule a time for Merit System testing go to <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mn/meritsystem/default.cfm> (click on Exams Open for Application). Applicants will be notified of exam arrangements via email. Contact LeAnn Holte at 218-470-8459 with questions. Deadline to apply is February 9, 2018. Merit System testing for the Eligibility Worker position will be on February 16, 2018. Polk County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. M45C

— NOTICE —

HILL RIVER BOARD OF AUDIT

The Board of Audit meeting of the Township of Hill River, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ray Sundrud hunting shack. (Call 218-435-1029 for directions). The Clerk's financial records shall be open for review.

Raymond O. Sundrud, Clerk/Treasurer
Hill River Township M44-45C

NOTICE

ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING HILL RIVER TOWNSHIP

The annual election and meeting of the Township of Hill River, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Hill River Town Hall.

The Polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to elect one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years and one (1) Clerk/Treasurer for a term of two (2) years.

The annual meeting will start as soon as possible after the polls close to conduct all and any business that comes up at the meeting.

If necessary, the storm date shall be one week later. Notice will then be given over the Fosston Radio Station.

Raymond O. Sundrud, Clerk/Treasurer
Hill River Township M44-45C

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Widseth, Red Lake County Sheriff Mitch Bernstein, Ada Police Chief Jody Bueng, Kittson County Sheriff Steve Porter, Marshall County Sheriff Jason Boman, U.S. Border Patrol Agent Eric Kuhn, and Homeland Security Investigations Agent Josh Goldberg.

In addition to their work in the field, the federal agencies provide a connection to other government resources including prosecution through the U.S. District Court system.

The task force has agreements that allow it to work across state lines with the Grand Forks Narcotics Task Force and to work extensively with drug task forces in adjacent counties and throughout Minnesota.

Suspicious activities should be reported to local law enforcement offices.

Suspicious activities can be reported to the Polk County Sheriff's office (218-281-0431), or to Polk County's Help Us 2 Fight Meth and All Crime anonymous number (877-204-7505).



This summertime picture features a group of McIntosh ladies.

On the bottom right is Clara Simonson Narveson. As a girl Clara dreamed of becoming a nurse but her father felt nursing was an unsuitable occupation for a woman. Clara took care of her father at the end of his life. He told Clara that he regretted the decision he made so many years earlier because she was so good at nursing.

Clara hoped that one day her daughter Delores would be a nurse, but Dody had other ideas. She wanted to be a secretary. Dody was the McIntosh librarian for 50 years. (minus one month) and she loved every moment of it.

Also in the photo are Dody's two grandmothers.

Front row (l-r) Grandma Narveson, Mrs. Lillesvie, Mrs. Bjorgo, Mrs. Hoel, Clara Narveson; Second Row (l-r) Mrs. Newton, Grandma Simonson, Mrs. Ous, Mrs. Bakken, Mrs. Moen, Mrs. Abrahamson, Mrs. Gilbertson; Back Row (l-r) Mrs. Joas Hedman, Mrs. Andrew Hagen, Mrs. Sampson, Gina Moen.

If anyone can help date the photo please let McIntosh Heritage and Arts Center know.



or gregg_knutsen@fws.gov. For more information please contact: Gregg Knutsen, Manager Rydell NWR 218-687-2229 x16 gregg_knutsen@fws.gov

Vedbraaten Community Benefit Dinner

On Sunday, February 11, 2019, please join the community at the McIntosh Community Center from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm for a dinner served by Mount Carmel and Trinity Churches for a free will offering.

The dinner will be scalloped potatoes, ham, corn, dessert, coffee and juice.

The dinner is to help Mark pay for bills associated with his cancer treatments, as Mark

was diagnosed with lung cancer in March of 2017, and it has recently spread to his spine.

For more information you can contact Wayne Strom at (218)280-0730 or (218) 563-3138 or Earl Roed at (218)686-6592 or (218) 563-4232.

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Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Thurs. February 1: Dakota Hedlund, Todd Tranby, *Mark & Danette Strom

Fri. February 2: Scott Grove

Sat. February 3: Felicity Andress, Joe Blais, Jr., Katelyn Johnson

Sun. February 4: Paul Schow

Mon. February 5: Rebecca Lee, *Craig & Lynette Espeseth

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

Fri. Feb. 2: 5:30pm First Friday Adoration and Benediction

Sun. Feb. 4: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Feb. 11: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. Feb. 14: 1:00pm Mass at McIntosh Nursing Home; 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass, St. Mary's, Fosston

Thurs. Feb. 15: 6:30pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. Feb. 16: 8:30am 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. Feb. 4 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Feb. 11: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) McIntosh Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Sun. Feb. 4: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. Feb. 11: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Wed. Jan. 31: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's

Sun. Feb. 4: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service

Tues. Feb. 6: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV-Channel 2; 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Wed. Feb. 7: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and 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. Feb. 1: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. Feb. 4: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel 11:00am Worship at Trinity; 10:45am Mt. Carmel Sunday School for all ages at 10:45am; Trinity Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Thurs. Feb. 8: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. Feb. 11: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel 11:00am Worship at Trinity; 10:45am Mt. Carmel Sunday School for all ages at 10:45am; Trinity Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Thurs. Feb. 15: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson
Sun. Feb. 4: 9am Worship
Sun. Feb. 11: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Jan. 31: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. Feb. 4 10:00am Worship Service;

Wed. Feb. 7: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. Feb. 11: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School following

Wed. Feb. 14: 7:00pm Bible Study

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. Bruce Blocker, Pastor

Sun. Feb. 4: 11:00am Divine Worship with Holy Communion; 10:00am Fellowship Hour

Sun. Feb. 11: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; Fellowship Hour

Sun. Feb. 18: 11:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00am Fellowship Hour

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THE WINGER ENTERPRISE

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Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings once again from Winger and the Union Lake areas, where another week has passed and January will soon be behind us. I am sure many of you are glad to see the cold weather leave us and welcome the last few days of milder temps. With January on the way out, the worst of the cold weather should be behind us. Guess we will have to wait and see what the Ground Hog sees!

Well, what about those Vikings? Guess they struck out and much of the joy and excitement is behind us and the Super Bowl will not be as stressful. Maybe next year.

Thursday January the 18th Dick and Wanda Donovan and "Pepper" of St. Francis arrived at the Milton Carlson home where they spent several days visiting with the family.

Gary and Maxine Walters were visitors last Friday at the Pioneer Home at Erskine with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Last Sunday afternoon Danny and Angie Brtek hosted a birthday party for their daughters Lilly and Teegan. Lilly turned 4 on Sunday and Teegan turned 4 on Monday. Those in attendance were Grandpa Kelly Johnson and Grandma Lucy Brtek, Tim and Kim Larson and girls of Fertile, Michelle Johnson and Kylie Casavan, Greg and Michelle Gagner of Mentor, Lexie, Tyler and Tony Brtek of Bagley and Butch and Linda Pulskamp. Lilly had the misfortune of falling and breaking her leg a few days prior but still enjoyed all the excitement of the party.

Friday the 19th Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were visitors at the Milton Carlson home and were dinner guests along with Dick and Wanda Donovan. Kari Ann Keller of Bejou was an evening visitor that same day at Milton's.

Visiting at the Pioneer Home last Saturday with Helmer and Verlys Homme were Mark and Betty Syverson.

Judy Gieseke was a visitor and dinner guest last Saturday at the Milton Carlson home along with Dick and Wanda Donovan who were weekend guests at the Carlson home.

Visitors at the Reha Sanstead home in Erskine last Sunday evening to watch the Vikings game were Marv Engesether of Plummer, Butch and Linda Pulskamp, Tom and Terrill Bradford of Mentor and

Gerry and Jamie Mattison of Plummer.

Sunday Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were visitors at the Milton Carlson home, that afternoon Judy and Wanda made a trip to Grand Forks to get Milton's cell phone fixed. I agree with Milton what did we do before cell phones, because now that we have them we can't seem to function without them. Later that afternoon Dick and Wanda Donovan and "Pepper" returned to their home at St. Francis.

Kjelsie Haugen and Steve Cullen of Oslo were Monday afternoon visitors with Betty Myhrum at Betty's home.

Monday Judy Gieseke was a visitor and dinner guest with Milton Carlson at the Carlson home and while there Judy helped to update Milton's cell phone.

Kelly Johnson and Granddaughter Lilly Brtek were Friday evening visitors at the Pulskamp home. Not only did little Lilly break her leg but in February she will be undergoing heart surgery at the Children's Hospital in Minneapolis.

Tuesday Pastor Ernie Christiansen was a visitor and coffee guest with Milton Carlson at the Carlson home.

This is the news for the week, is rather scarce, need more to keep this going.

From Bun Manor:

Tom Anderson spent the night at his uncle Tim's place last week. He was up to Warren doing his job for Frontier Communications and decided he would spend the night before heading back home to Milaca, Mn.

Matthew Massmann along with his girlfriend Hailey and her two daughters came up to Winger on Saturday to spend the night at Steve and Lorri's.

Matthew hadn't been back to Winger for awhile and he missed Biggy's hash browns. Bun, Ole and his brother Brian met Matt, Hailey, Steve and Lorri at Moran's for supper that evening.

The Winger area has been quite during January due to cold weather and people heading south for warmer weather.

Correction: The Winger Lion's pancake benefit for Lilly Brtek will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18th and not the 11th of February.

Valentine's Day numbers to know

Valentine's Day is one of the most popular days of the year to celebrate. Here's a look at some interesting numbers associated with this day to celebrate the love people have for one another.

400: The year that Pope Gelasius declared February 14 a day to honor Saint Valentine.

62: The percentage of adults who say they celebrate the holiday.

1.7: The amount, in billions, that is spent on candy for Valentine's Day, according to the National Retail Federation.

512: The average dollar amount spent per person for Valentine's Day.

58: The number of pounds, in millions, of chocolate bought during Valentine's Day week.

150: The number of cards and gifts, in millions, sent each year for the day of love.

1: The dollar amount, in billions, that Americans are expected to spend on Valentine's Day cards.

61: Percentage of men who purchase flowers or plants for Valentine's Day.

15: Average cost, in dollars, of a box of chocolates.

8.6: Amount of dollars, in millions, spent on sparkling wine for Valentine's Day, making it the second most popular occasion, after New Year's Eve, to enjoy some bubbly.



50 years ago...1968: Car-Train crash claims lives of three McIntosh teenagers



Dianne Karen Roed

Dianne Karen Roed, sophomore at the McIntosh High School passed away January 13, 1968 at McIntosh, Minnesota following a train-car collision. Dianne was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar P. Roed on July 4, 1952 at Fosston. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith on August 17th by Rev. Arthur Grimstad. On October 29, 1967, she was confirmed by Rev. Hubert DeBoer at the Mount Carmel Church. Dianne is survived by her parents, three sisters and two brothers; Mrs. Kermit (Olive) Ferden, Mrs. Robert (Ellen) Fletcher, Earl and Ronald; by her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Roed of Fosston and by 3 nieces and 3 nephews; also 2 aunts and 3 uncles.



David Bruce Strom

David Bruce Strom, Senior at the McIntosh High School passed away January 13, 1968 at McIntosh, Minnesota following a train-car collision. David was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robert Strom on March 11, 1950 at Fosston. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a member of the Asphalt Lutheran Church. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Phyllis Strom and seven brothers and sisters: Wayne, Julie, Joel, Dean, Mary Lynn, Beth and Terry Lee; also his grandmother. He was preceded in death by his father Stanley Robert Strom.



Wayne Harris Johnson

Wayne Harris Johnson was born on October 9, 1949 at Fosston, Minnesota to parents Harvey and Lavine Johnson and passed away January 13, 1968 at the age of 18 years. He was baptized in the Lutheran faith and confirmed at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. He attended the McIntosh Public School and graduated with the class of 1967. At the time of his death, he was attending the State School of Science at Wahpeton, North Dakota. Left to mourn his passing are his parents, Harvey and Lavine, two grandmothers, Mrs. Inez Johnson and Mrs. Anne Swanson and a host of relatives and friends.

50 years ago...1968: Car-Train crash claims lives of three McIntosh teenagers. A car-train crash which occurred in McIntosh Saturday night claimed the lives of three teenagers of the community. The accident happened on the Great Northern Railroad crossing just south of the McIntosh Creamery at about 11:00 pm.

Dead in the crash were Diane Roed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Roed; David Strom, son of Mrs. Phyllis Strom; and Wayne Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Johnson.

The car was driven, presumably, by Wayne as it was his car. Those at the scene and train crew members told the Times reporter, who was at the scene shortly after the accident happened, that the car was traveling south and apparently the driver did not see the train at first. The car stalled on the tracks, it is presumed the driver tried to back off the tracks when he saw the train but could not get traction enough to move the car.

There were eight young people in the car at the time. Hospitalized in Fosston are Donna Roed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Roed, who has a badly broken arm and other injuries; James Sabourin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sabourin, who has a fractured pelvis and other injuries; Susan Tangen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tangen, and Bill Fritz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fritz extent of injuries on the latter two are not available, however, they are reported in good condition by members of their families. Treated and released from the hospital was Mary Jane Vesledahl. Funeral Services for the three who died were held at the McIntosh School auditorium.

40 years ago...1978: Local school nominee for Minnesota Teacher of the Year, Russel Horacek, is seated with his family in their home in McIntosh. "I teach my own son this year in the 6th grade," says the elementary instructor in the McIntosh Winger School District. The selection of Russel Horacek as District 603 Teacher of the Year was made by the Parent-Teacher-Student Association, with Darrel Johnson as President. The purpose of the program in determining a Teacher of the Year in Minnesota is, "to express publicly to those who teach in public and non-public schools, widespread appreciation."



30 years ago...1988: A Girl Scout/Brownie troop organizational meeting was held in the City Hall of McIntosh on Wednesday, previous to the Girl Scout Cookie Drive, which is an annual project of Girl Scouts nationwide. Laura Bursheim, assistant leader of the Brownies was in charge. The girls were to begin the sales coverage in McIntosh on Thursday. They work in pairs. (l-r, standing) Jennifer Hanson, Shelly Fritz, Melissa Stordahl, Kyle Vesledahl, Laura Bursheim (leader), Dena Sandahl, Kathy Votava, Paula Erdman and Heather Olson; (row 2, back of table) Heidi Carlson, Kim Nelson, Amber Stordahl; (front) Holly Hammer, Tina Bursheim, Leah Salvhus and Kara Evenson.



20 years ago...1998: The McIntosh VFW Post #6891 donated funds to the City for the purchase of a lighted clock. The clock will be hung on the south wall of the Community Center above the window facing Main Street. (L-R) Clifford Burslie, Lloyd Carlson, Hilmer (Clipper) Carlson, John Rokowski, Ervin Mandt, Gordon Oseth and Charles Svalen.

Regional Ag News

Eli Gindele,
Extension Educator

Growing Soybeans That Out-Compete Weeds & Private Pesticide Applicator Training

By Eli Gindele Local Extension Educator

Weed management has become one of the most significant challenges in crop production as herbicide resistance continues to increase. Learn about the latest research and information to address these challenges by attending a "Strategic Farming: Growing Soybeans That Out-Compete Weeds" workshop this winter. Registration is now open at <https://z.umn.edu/strategic-farming>.

By attending, you will learn about:

- Growing soybeans that out-compete weeds.
- What are the impacts of row spacing, plant population, canopy closure, and pest pressure on soybean competitiveness and profitability?
- Beating weeds at their own game.
- How can we use weed biology to our advantage?
- Breaking the cycle of loving a technology to death: Get off the resistance treadmill.
- What are some new viable weed management options that we can implement now!
- Implementing a game plan.
- What is your strategy to win against weeds?

McIntosh at the Community Center, 9:00 am-12:30 pm, February 15

Lunch will be provided. Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification will run concurrently at McIntosh location; therefore, attendance until 2:30 pm is required to receive recertification.

Registration is strongly encouraged at least five days prior to each event to assist in meal and program planning. Please visit <https://z.umn.edu/strategic-farming>. This program is being sponsored by the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council.

For more information about this program, please contact Liz Stahl at 507-372-3900 or stah0012@umn.edu, or Seth Naeve at 612-625-4298 or naeve002@umn.edu.

Farmers with Private Pesticide Applicator Permits that expire on March 1, 2018, should get a postcard from the MN Department of Agriculture during December. U of M Extension will mail flyers about renewal workshops that have been scheduled from the middle of January to the end of February. Farmers can renew permits again this year by 1 of 3 options.

1) Attend a "Renewal Workshop" conducted by U of M Extension staff. Bring an official picture ID like a driver's license; and your current Permit Card if you have it. Bring a check to pay the \$75 permit fee. You must arrive on time and stay for the whole workshop. Attend any workshop that is convenient for you. Workshops are listed in mailed flyers and at the UMN Pesticide Safety website listed below.

2) Work through the written exam that is available now at County Extension Offices. Use the 19th Edition Manual as a reference. If needed, the cost of the manual is \$10. Mail the \$75 permit fee along with your test answer sheet in the addressed envelope provided. You can ask County Extension

staff about mailing these items to you. They may ask you to prepay for the manual and postage.

3) Work through the exam online by going to <http://z.umn.edu/ppatprogram>. The \$75 fee is paid by credit card. The manual can be viewed online. The online test should be running by mid-January.

People getting the Private Pesticide Applicator's Permit for the first time, or those with permits that expired PRIOR to March 1, 2018, must use option 2) or 3) to be certified.

The "Private" Applicator's Permit is for farm operators who are applying restricted use pesticide products on their own fields.

This includes some herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and other pest control products that are labeled "Restricted Use." The Dicamba products used on dicamba tolerant soybeans will be "Restricted Use" products this year. Pesticide Safety Education programs are aimed at safety for applicators, the crop, the environment, the community, and food supplies.

For questions about the Private Pesticide Application process, call Eli Gindele's cell #218-280-1129.

The Farm Information Line at 1-800-232-9077 has this information also. The Farm Information Line is answered from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and will record a message for weather related changes after hours when possible.

Always use your best judgment with the weather. Listen to local radio stations or call the coordinating U of M Extension Office before getting on the road



The Annual Math Night at Win-E-Mac took place last Thursday and was a huge success. Families were able to come and enjoy supper provided by Jared's Grocery and Groceries Plus, then play some fun games and have a good time with family and friends.



Even without the game board, these students were able to play math games on Thursday during Math Night at Win-E-Mac, thanks to some paper copies and a couple of dice.



Sydney Tadman took to the court at Thursday nights basketball double header to try to win some money during the halftime half-court basketball contest.



One basket a buck, two baskets five bucks and three baskets fifty bucks! You think this guy, Jake Knutson, wouldn't already be rusty, especially on his old home court? He made it to five bucks.

WEM School Announcements

The Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday February 17th. Registration begins at 11:30, games begin at 12:15. Any alumni, people who went to school at WEM, McIntosh-Winger, Mentor, or Erskine, as well as anyone living in the WEM school district, are invited to participate. Cost is \$10 per person.

There is an After Prom Party sign-up sheet in the office. Please take note that there is one for seniors and one for juniors to sign up you and your guest, if not a WEM Student. All STUDENTS must be signed up and pay their \$25 per person fee to attend the AFTER PROM Party. If you are interested in being hypnotized there are also waiver forms to be signed and returned also. If you have any questions, please see Kristi. You must be signed up before March 15, 2018.

Students ready to take Drivers Education Classroom should sign up in the office. Students ready for BTW let Mr. Hanson know so he can schedule you in. This will give Mr. Hanson an idea of when to schedule the next Drivers Ed Classroom and who is involved with sports.

Win-E-Mac announces 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

The following Win-E-Mac Junior High School and Senior High School students have attained either an "A" or "B" average in academic subjects for the second quarter of the 2017-2018 school year. Congratulations to these students. To be eligible for the "A" Honor Roll, you need to have attained a 3.76 – 4.00 GPA, and to be eligible for the "B" Honor Roll, you need to have attained a 3.00 – 3.75 GPA.

Seniors:
"A": Mackenzie Best, Mary Ris Y Catahan, Mackenzie Fuller, Blake Glass, Jarrin Gunderson, Maci Hamre, Emelian Hanson, Bryce Neubert, Joseph Patenteau, Patience Reep, Cole Shaver, Grace Spry, Lauren Strom, Kylie Stuhaug, Sydney Tadman, Kendra Thompson, and Tyra Wilson.
"B": Noah Bergman, Gretchen Finseth, Jordin Gunderson, Katelyn Sanden, and Ryan Shaumburg.

Juniors:
"A": Clavdia Anfilioeff, Brekken Lindberg, Aries Qualey, Hannah Smeby, and Mason Spry.
"B": Tapanga Bratager, Lily Breckel, Kylie Brekke, Garret Erickson, Clarissa Neste, and Madyson Plante.
Sophomores:
"A": Mary H. Catahan, Rylee Haugen, Katrina Jackson, Abby Lende, Elliana Lindberg, Dustin Osland, Natasha Salsbery, and Carlie Sander.
"B": Alina Basargin, Lindsey Espeseth, Nathan Fortmann, Isabella Hernandez, Connor Johnson, Jaycee Knutson, Lydia Kutsev, Gabriela Qualey, Isaac Salvhus, and Adeline Spry.
9th Grade:
"A": Bryce DuChamp, Nikon Erofeeff, Gavin Haskett, Serendipity Holmes, Alex Jacobson, Autonom Martushev, Reed Neubert, Noah Ostenaa, Sidney Roed, Dylan Roy, Bryer

Strom, and Mia Thompson.
"B": Felicity Andress, Paige Breckel, Catalina Flores, Remy Goodwin, Kobe Hamre, Brianna Johnson, Adam Mills, and Gavin Walker.
8th Grade:
"A": Kegan Dalby, Monania Erofeeff, Anton Hickman, Kerianna Kutsev, Teagan Paulson, Eva Qualey, Alivia Winter, and Tabitha Bratager.
"B": Rebeccas Armeey, Koltan Cherf, Kendyl Johnson, Olivia Paradis, Anisha Saeland, Haley Sander, Chase Shear, Maci Smeby, Savannah Svalen, and Scott Tyler.

7th Grade:
"A": Bret DuChamp, Zachary Luckow, Nadelly Neubert, and Katelyn Vesledahl.
"B": Anna Cymbaluk, Jacob Eggl, Kallie Hand, Vadim Kulikov, Hailey Lemke Berzins, Andray Lisov, Jonathan Moritz, Isabelle Ostenaa, and Jonas Spry.

Random Things and Stuff



Dry Skin Fix
By: Emily Lynne

Did you know that up to 70% of the population suffers from dry skin? A majority of those who have dry skin have their flare-ups during the winter months. This is because the air around us gets a lot dryer than we are used to. Are you noticing your hands are dry and cracking? Is your scalp flaky and itchy? Are you looking for a solution to your dry skin? Look no further, here are some ways to heal your dry skin:

1. Moisturize: this is going to be ESSENTIAL to helping your skin heal up. Be sure to choose a product that is spe-

cific to your skin type. The best thing to do is to apply this product within a few minutes of bathing to trap much-needed water.

2. Humidifier: this can be a bother, however you are going to want this for your skin. The vapor will hyper-hydrate your skin and prevent the flaky, itchy skin.

3. Vaseline: you can use this on your feet, dry elbows, knees, and hands. This little secret will help you all winter long, it can "fix" just about anything.

4. Lotion: keep your hands soft and healthy by always keeping a bottle of lotion in your purse, desk, or car. Whenever you start to notice your hands getting dry, apply!

5. Cool Water: with the colder weather, we all tend to want to take warmer showers. However, when showering in scalding temperatures, your skin will dry out even more. Hot water will remove natu-

ral oils from the skin, and the more oils that are removed, the dryer they begin.

6. Brush your lips: I know this sounds silly, but brushing your lips will get rid of the excess skin on your lips. This will help prevent chapped lips.

7. Aquaphor: this is in the Vaseline family, however it is the advanced therapy you need with this dryer season upon us. Aquaphor is great for exceptionally dry areas.

8. Cold Cream Cleanser: it is handy to use makeup remover towelettes. However, cold cream cleanser will moisturize and remove your makeup. Skin care products with added alcohols, and sulfates not only irritate but dry out your skin. Pond's is a good example of a cold cream cleanser.

9. Chapstick: don't ever forget to use chapstick!

10. No Shave: shaving your legs less often in the winter will help fight dry skin. You will be wearing pants anyways :)

USDA funding helped improve services for rural MN in 2017

Funding Supports Schools, Libraries, Municipal Centers, First Responder Vehicles and Equipment, Other Community Needs

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development State Director for Minnesota Brad Finstad today announced that USDA invested in 13 projects to provide essential services for more than 363,000 people in rural areas throughout Minnesota in Fiscal Year 2017.

"Rural infrastructure development is essential to the continued growth of rural America," said Finstad. "From libraries and schools, to public safety centers and emergency service vehicles, these investments will help ensure that rural communities throughout Minnesota continue to prosper, one community facility at a time."

USDA infused over \$3.6 million into rural areas throughout Minnesota in 2017 through the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program for projects such as schools, libraries, municipal centers, first responder vehicles and equipment, social service buildings, recreational activities and other community needs.

Below are some examples of projects in Minnesota that USDA helped finance in 2017:

•The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians received a \$1.5 million loan to build a new community center that serve nearly 5,700 Tribal members in the surrounding area. Originally built in the 1960's, the current facility is in a state of disrepair, including propane and electric heat that only heat certain sections of the building, inadequate plumbing, a leaky roof that has caused mold to form throughout the entire facility, and an outdated kitchen that is too small to provide food for large gatherings. The new facility will represent the culture of the Red Lake Band by using cedar poles taken from the Red Lake Forests, and will include a commercial grade kitchen, a large gathering space able to hold up to 700 people, and a multi-purpose recreational room. The facility will be used for teaching the Ojibwe language and traditional drum and dance, serving food to those in need, hosting movie nights for youth, wakes/funerals, family gatherings, health cooking classes, diabetes prevention classes, performing arts, and community listening sessions.

•In Bemidji, Minn., the Headwaters Science Center received a \$47,000 loan and a \$50,000 grant to replace their current heating and cooling

system that was installed more than 20 years ago. The current system is recirculating air from the basement rather than circulating fresh air in from outside, causing difficulty in temperature regulation and potential health risks for staff and students. The new system will use pre-conditioned outside air that will allow the Center to better regulate the temperature and make the environment more comfortable and safe for users.

•The city of Mountain Lake, Minn., received a \$125,000 loan to help finance the purchase of a new fire truck. The local Fire Department serves the local community and surrounding six townships – a population totaling more than 2,100. The current vehicle is 33 years old and nearing the end of its useful life with increasing need for costly mechanical repairs. The new 2017 pumper truck will hold a 1,000 gallon water tank that will pump 1,500 gallons per minute, allowing the Fire Department to continue its emergency services for years to come.

•A \$148,000 loan and \$50,000 grant was provided to the city of Littlefork, Minn., to finance the purchase of a new ambulance. Residents of Koochiching County, only 30 miles from the border of Canada, are transported anywhere from 40 to 300 miles round trip for treatment at the hospital located in Duluth, Minn. Additionally, the ambulance service provides transportation for residents of the Littlefork nursing home and assisted living facilities. The current vehicle is nearly 12 years old and in need of many repairs due to high mileage. The new vehicle will ensure that local residents continue to receive quality emergency services with access to state-of-the-art technology. The older vehicle will be retained for back-up use.

Finstad's announcement is made in coordination with Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue's announcement that USDA invested in nearly 400 projects nationwide, including Minnesota, to provide essential services for more than 7 million people across the country in Fiscal Year 2017.

In Fiscal Year 2017, USDA supported projects in Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsyl-

vania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump, which included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. To view the report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity. In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, please view the Rural Prosperity infographic.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

Did you know?

• Currently, Minnesota has 4,444 rail route miles used by twenty different railroads, which annually move more than one trillion tons of freight through the state.

• Approximately one in ten locally maintained bridges longer than ten feet are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete in Minnesota. It would cost cities and counties approximately \$460 million over the next five years to replace most of them.

• Minnesota's commercial ports located on Lake Superior and the Mississippi River connect our businesses to markets across the country and around the world. The state's Lake Superior ports alone generate \$1.3 billion for the state's economy and support over 6,200 jobs.

• 640,000 people (12% of the population) in Minnesota do not have access to basic broadband.

• By 2020, rural Minnesotans are projected to age, with number of Minnesota residents age 65 and older will increase to 19 percent in rural Minnesota.