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Smokey Bear visited with kids and their parents at the McIntosh Library on Tuesday, March 13th. Smokey and his friends had some fun activites including a story.

McIntosh 128th Annual Fireman's Ball is April 7th

The McIntosh Fire and Rescue Squad is proud to announce the 128th Annual Fireman's Ball.

The ball will be held Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at The Coop Bar and Grill in McIntosh with music provided by local Sound Sensations. The Fire and Rescue Squad want to extend a grateful invitation to you for your kind support that you have provided to the Department in years past.

We are very proud of the service we provide to our city and rural areas. We are constantly training and working at providing the best volunteer service we can. With your support we are able to purchase much needed equipment and supplies. Also, your donations help pay for continued training in the fire, rescue, and medical areas.

We would like to take the opportunity to introduce our current members and their years of service with the departments: Fire Chief, Justin Shultz (9 years), Assistant Chief, Toby Strom (14 years), Bernie Marshall (17 years), Gary Schommer (31 years), Mark Thompson (23 years), Ron Lemer (22 years), Steve Olson (21 years), Mark Strom (19 years), Ken Kasprzak (18 years), Kris Johnson (16 years), Rick Grove (11 years), Dean Roy (11 years), Dave Senn (10 years), Tamera Ostenaa (9 years), Tanya Hamre (8 years), Brook Simonson (6 years), Mark Simonson (6 years), Josh Long (2 years), Dave Erickson (new), Kyle Klien (new), Davin Swanson (new).

The Department wishes to



thank retiring member Clay Syverson, for his 21 years of

fire service to the area and community.

There will be a raffle drawing at the ball and additional tickets are available at the door from any fireman on the squad.

The McIntosh Fire and Rescue Squad hopes to see you on Saturday, April 7th at The Coop Bar and Grill for the 128th Annual Fireman's Ball.

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31, 2018
at 2:00 pm at Erickson Park
Hunt for Easter eggs, enjoy refreshments and a visit from the Easter Bunny.
Register to win a bike!

Sponsored by the McIntosh Community Club

Hair Affair a featured business during the Wedding Extravaganza at Shooting Star Casino

Each year brides from all over Northern Minnesota flock to the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen to attend the Wedding Extravaganza. Who wouldn't want to go to see all the businesses that cater to brides and their big day, as well as getting your chance to win the grand prize of a full service wedding celebration at the Casino.

This year, Hair Affair, of McIntosh was there as well.

The event was held on March 4th this year where David Tutera, best known from "Say Yes to the Dress: a TLC television series, was the celeb-

rity guest star.

The girls from Hair Affair styled all the models hair for the event, including Krissy (Stuhaug) Faldet, Ashley Morberg, and Bridgette Hruby.

Faye greeted visitors to their booth and helped them with questions they had.

Hair Affair is open for much more than wedding styles. They offer many services from a new hair style to tanning. You can call them to make an appointment with one of their many stylists at 563-3200.

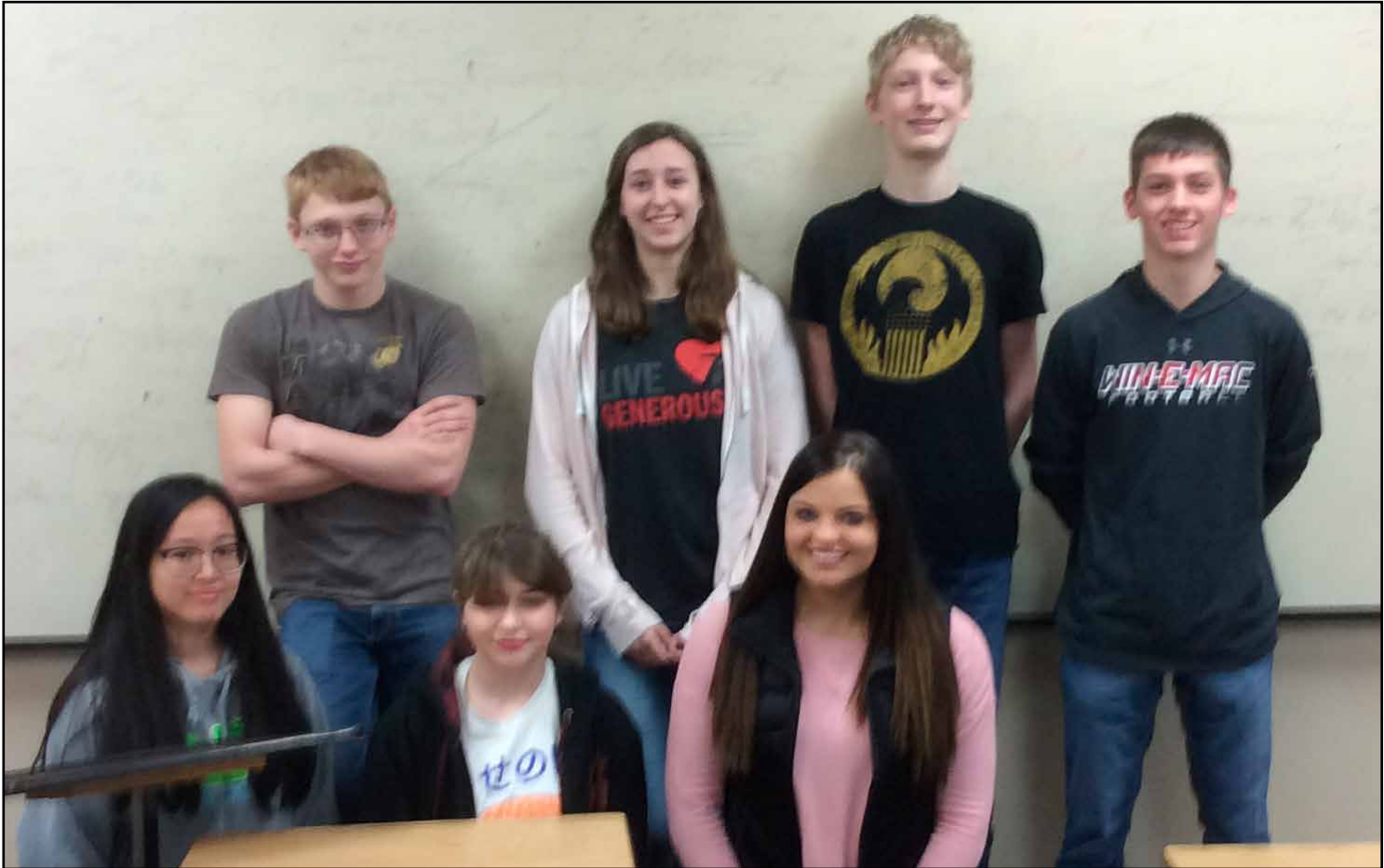
Hair Affair also has a fitness center that is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week.



Hair Affair of McIntosh displayed some of their products and services during the Wedding Extravaganza at the Shooting Star Casino on March 4th.



During the Wedding Extravaganza at Shooting Star Casino on March 4th. All the models hair was done by Hair Affair of McIntosh stylists. Pictured in the center is David Tutera from "Say Yes to the Dress", and to his right is Krissy (Stuhaug) Faldet, owner of Hair Affair.



On Wednesday, March 14th, 2018, the Win-E-Mac Student Achievement Committee hosted the Students of the Quarter Breakfast for third Quarter at Win-E-Mac School in the FACS room. The students were selected by various departments in the secondary school for overall performance and leadership in the classroom. Following a wonderful pancake and fruit breakfast, the students were introduced by nominating staff members and received certificates and gifts for their great work! The students selected for the third quarter are: (L to R, Front Row) Hally Catahan, Sidney Roed, Tyra Wilson. (L to R, Back Row) Delvin Morel, Lily Breckel, Brock Trandem, Blake Glass. Congratulations!



Did you know?

Spring cleaning is a time to open windows, deep clean rooms and closets and take down and launder window treatments and linens.

Others use spring cleaning as a time to sort and donate or discard clutter that might have accumulated over the winter. Even though spring cleaning seems like a modern invention, the act of spring cleaning is believed to have originated centuries ago.

Some say that the ancient Chinese cleaned in preparation for their New Year as they hoped to wipe away any bad luck and misfortune from the previous year.

Similarly, the ancient Hebrew practice of thoroughly cleansing a home before the springtime feast of Passover may have evolved into the spring cleaning we know today.

Another possible connection is the tradition of "shaking the house clean" in Iran. Iranians celebrate Now Rouz (Persian New Year) with many different rituals, one of which involves buying new clothes and cleaning every corner of the family home to signify renewal.



Community Calendar

Wed. March 28: 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. March 29: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

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

Sat. March 31: McIntosh Community Club Easter Egg Hunt @ Erickson Park 2:00pm

Sun. April 1: Happy Easter!

Mon. April 2: 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. April 3: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Wed. March 21: 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

Wed. April 4: 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. April 5: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. April 6: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. April 9: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am

Tues. April 10: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Win-E-Mac Students:

There will be no school on Friday, March 30, 2018 and Monday, April 2, 2018 due to Winter Recess.

McIntosh Community Meeting

The McIntosh Community Club will host a Community Planning meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 2:30 pm at the Community Center.

The purpose of the meeting is for community members to bring ideas for a fall event, whether it be Craft and Market Day or a similar event.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring their ideas and suggestions along.

Pestle & Vessel
by Alison Opdahl

Ice
If you live in the Midwest, there are some things you have to roll with... or go crazy. Like our thunderstorm at the beginning of March. It taunted us with the promise of Spring but it was a false one. Because when the sun went down the terrain was a recipe for the quickest way to break a bone or wreck a car. On the highway a few days later, all the lanes were still rutted with ice. It was rough. I drove carefully because ice like that has a wicked way of throwing you in a completely different direction than you plan to go. Most of the time, that highway is smooth sailing. I think as Believers we can, at times, expect our lives to be smooth sailing. After all, we have faith! We serve God! The mighty YHWH, as He names Himself in the Scriptures. He will right our wrongs and deliver us from the arrow that flies by day or the terror of the night. But what if the "wrongs" to be made "right" are within us? What if we need to be delivered from ourselves?

Lately, everywhere I turn, I hear about struggling Believers; terminal illness, job concerns, family issues, spiritual uncertainty... there is such chaos around us. It's rough, propelling us in directions we

don't want to go. But are these directions outside of His provision? No.

I'm a Type A, firstborn, half Norwegian and Swedish to boot... and I always have a direction I'm heading, thank you very much. But life doesn't care. It throws innumerable challenges at me. Why would my Elohim allow this? Shouldn't I glide through? Ah! But what's the reason for my existence? It's not to make someone a father or mother, or someone a sister, or a wife, mother or therapist... it's to be His. My identity is not to be defined by any human relationship in my life. My identity is His vessel. Sometimes I'm shiny. Sometimes I'm cracked. Sometimes I've been shattered. Sometimes I need rest on the shelf. My ability to function is impacted by my condition. But none of these conditions change this fact: I'm a vessel. Have you ever noticed when life gets rough how He teaches us about our relationship with Him? When I glide down the road of life, I'm not striving. I'm fooling myself. I'm not challenging myself to deepen my fellowship with Him.

I consider myself blessed to have lived to forty-two before encountering the first catastrophic event of my life. As I

reflect on whom I was before and who I became after, I admit I had not invested as I could have in my spiritual identity. I managed to stand and weather the storm for a few months and then staggered. Fear became a stronghold in my heart, pain became a fortress and resentment stewed. In a few years I was toxic; to myself and others. Then came another life-changing event; the "ice" that threw me into the ditch. I was wrecked.

This is how big my God is. This is how mighty my YHWH is. This is how all-seeing my El-Roi is... He gathered my broken pieces in His loving hands and He breathed on them. He spoke of His steadfastness. He whispered His love. He held my quivering being. I began to heal. I'm still healing, I always will be. And do you know why? Because my real struggle in this life is not in circumstances but inside my sinful heart. That place where I cling to assumptions, judgments, opinions and feelings apart from my identity as His. I cannot always control what happens to me but I can manage my reactions. I'm working on a new cruise setting: pressing into Him. Then it doesn't matter if I'm in the ditch or on the Highway because I am His.

-a.m.opdahl

Create and hide
unbreakable Easter eggs

Easter is one of the most important days of the year for Christians. Easter Sunday is filled with symbolism and tradition, some of which harken back to early Christianity, while others trace their origins to paganism.

The Easter Bunny and Easter eggs are two Easter traditions with less extensive histories.

The Easter Bunny, according to sources including History.com, first arrived in America in the 1700s via German settlers who brought with them their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase." Children would make nests where the rabbit could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread from Pennsylvania, where many German immigrants settled, to other areas around the country.

Eggs are symbolic of new life and rebirth in many cultures. To Christians, eggs represent the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Another theory suggests that Christians were once forbidden to eat during the Lent-

en season preceding Easter. Therefore, Christians would paint and decorate eggs for Easter to mark the joyous celebration and cessation of penance and fasting.

Even though these traditions have endured, Easter eggs themselves might not be so strong. This year, Easter celebrants may want to experiment with different materials that are more forgiving and more enduring than standard eggs.

Wooden eggs
Families may find that wooden eggs are much more forgiving than standard eggs. Wooden eggs don't have to be boiled, and they don't need time to harden, and they're quite maneuverable for young fingers.

Decorators can explore different ways to color wooden eggs. Acrylic paints are readily available and safe for users of any age. Wood stains or wood markers also can be used to give the eggs a natural finish. Others may want to rip small pieces of decorative paper to create a decoupage effect on

their wooden eggs.

Sew soft eggs
Those who are handy with a needle and thread can explore patterns for making soft, stuffed eggs. Cozy fleece or other fabrics can be sewn together to make the general egg shape. Then the egg is filled with polyester filling, feathers or another soft material. Ribbons, buttons, trims, and other decorative touches can personalize the eggs and add a touch of whimsy. Check out www.sew4home.com for their ideas on handmade Easter eggs.

Modeling clay
Children who love to get their hands dirty may enjoy making Easter eggs out of modeling materials. Colors can be blended together to create a marbled effect. Depending on the clay medium, the eggs may air-harden or may need to be heated at a low temperature in the oven to fully cure.

Easter eggs are a fun tradition that adds to the festivity of spring. While traditional eggs can be used, many different, more long-lasting materials can be used as well.

Harald Thompson is turning 90!

Please join Harald's family in celebrating his 90th Birthday on
Saturday, March 31,
from 2:30-4:00 pm at
Poplar Meadows in McIntosh.



Winner of the Reuben Rollup Roast Basket from Neil's Quality Meats is Lorene Tranby of McIntosh.



**Salem Cemetery
Annual Meeting**
Sunday, April 8, 7:00 PM
McIntosh Community Center. All friends and family please attend.



Legal Notice

**NOTICE OF STREET VACATION
HEARING
CITY OF MCINTOSH**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of McIntosh, Minnesota will conduct a public hearing on the 12th day of April, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the McIntosh Community Center located at 115 Broadway NW, McIntosh, Minnesota for the purpose of considering and acting upon a resolution calling for the vacation of that portion of Lakeside Street described as follows:

All of that platted street lying between Lot One (1), Block One (1), of the South McIntosh Addition to McIntosh, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Polk and State of Minnesota;

AND
Lot One (1), Block One (1), Kings Addition to the City of McIntosh according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Polk and State of Minnesota.

All persons interested in this matter are encouraged to attend the hearing.

Dated: 2-12-2018
Melissa Finseth
Melissa Finseth
City Clerk of McIntosh

Community
Birthday and
Anniversary
Calendar

Wed. March 28:
*Wayne & Vicki Strom
Thurs. March 29:
Chad Haas, Dean Roy, Norma Ness
Fri. March 30:
Mark Thompson
Sat. March 31: Tom Hegre, David Kiecker, Amanda Schow
Sun. April 1: Dylan Burslie, *Wendell & Judy Webster
Mon. April 2:
Christopher Burslie
Tues. April 3: Bria Weber

CHURCH DIRECTORY

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Fosston**
Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor
Wed. March 28: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Thurs. March 29: 7:00pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. April 1: 8:00am Confession; 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. April 1 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary
Sun. April 8: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

**OURS SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
(ELCA)
McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson**
Sun. April 1: 11:15am Worship Service.
Sun. April 8: 11:15am Worship Service.

**GOSEN LUTHERAN
CHURCH
Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church**
Wed. March 28: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's
Fri. March 30: 10:00am Luther League telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV Channel 2 & GVTV 30
Sun. April 1: 9:30am Easter Brunch; 11:00am Easter Worship Service
Tues. April 3: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV--Channel 2; 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place
Wed. April 4: 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. Mar 29. : 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sun. April 1: 7:30am - 9:00am Easter Breakfast at Mt. Carmel, the offering from breakfast will go to support scholarships for students at the Free Lutheran Seminary; 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel
11:00am Worship at Trinity
Thurs. April 5: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

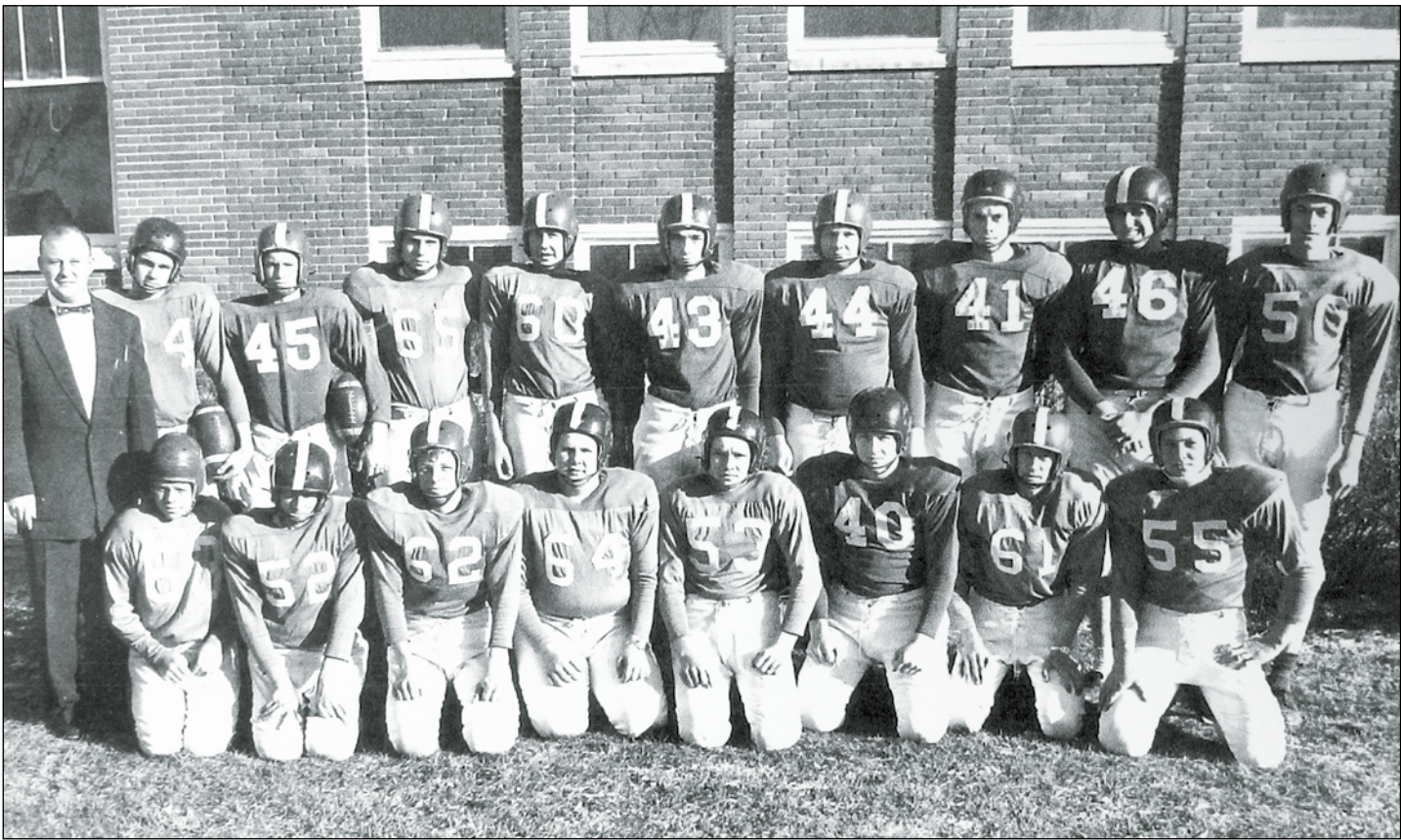
**VERNES LUTHERAN
CHURCH (LCMC)
McIntosh
Pastor Jill Torgerson**
Sun. April 1: 9am Worship
Sun. April 8: 9am Worship

**DOVRE
FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlunds**
Wed. March 28: 7:00pm Lenten Service
Sunday, April 1: 10:00am Easter Services
Sun. April 8: 10:00am Worship Service; Sunday School following; 7:00pm Bible Study on Hebrews

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
McIntosh
Rev. Bruce Blocker,
Pastor**
Sun. April 1: 7:30am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion; 8:45am Congregation Easter Breakfast
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the Month



During the 1956-57 school year the Mac-Hi Cardinals had reason to celebrate. Shown here is a photograph that was attached to the trophy that was presented to the undefeated Mac-Hi football team. Each player was awarded a gold medal. The Cardinals defeated the following teams by the corresponding score: Clearbrook 21-0; Erskine 14-13; Gonvick 40-0; Goodridge 48-18; Plummer 47-0; Mentor 6-0; Oklee 12-6. This was the last year of the Cardinal mascot, the following school year, the school became the Scots.



Pictured (left - right): Kneeling: Karsten Syverson, Lyman Olson, Nick Igler, Ronnie Solberg, Gerald Hanson, Robert Evanmo, Noel Aasen, Rodney Thompson; Standing: Coach Allen Brink, Steven Dille, David Korsmoe, Adlai Pederson, Jerry Polley, Paul Anderson, Paul Erickson, Lindsay Wang, Ames Fosse. Not Pictured: Floyd Balstad, Dean Gimmetstad, Sharol Johnson.

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we find that winter is still hanging around, have had some snow fall a couple times this past week but nothing major, but sounds like the upcoming week end could find some areas under the gun again. Only good thing about snow now is that it doesn't stay long. We should not complain about snow when we have seen what the east coast has gotten and continues to get! Think spring, it's soon April.

Along with winter hanging around, so is the flu and colds, have visited with several that have the flu bug and it seems to hang on. Then in the younger children has been a rash of pink eye making the rounds too. Always something to make life complicated, but it could be worse.

Sympathy to Barb Iverson and all the families of Muriel Aanenson. Muriel was Barb's Mother and her funeral was held on Tuesday at the Sundal Church of rural Fertile.

Once again the news is pretty scarce, need help to keep it going.

Thursday March the 15th Donna Carlson, Dusty Wayne and Evelyn Carlson were morning visitors with Milton Carlson at Milton's home.

Craig and Bev Helgaas of Glenwood were Monday overnight guests at the Pulskamp home. They were here to attend the funeral of Craig's Aunt Muriel Aanenson. Muriel was the sister of Craig's Mother, the late Bernadine Helgaas.

Last Sunday Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors at the Pioneer Home at Erskine with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Judy Gieseke was a visitor and dinner guest with Milton Carlson at Milton's home last Friday the 16th.

Friday afternoon visitors at the Pulskamp home were Marv Engeseth of Plummer, Reha Sanstead of Erskine, Kelly Johnson and Granddaughter Lilly Brtek and Evan Evenson. They all were curious to see what the two loggers were doing.

Paul Carlson stopped in at the Milton Carlson home last Saturday for a visit bringing Milton his mail and helping with some household chores after which the guys enjoyed a cup of coffee together.

Jeff and Julie Bratager and family have been frequent visitors at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home in the past few days.

Last Sunday Dick and Wanda Donovan and "Pepper" of St. Francis arrived at the Milton Carlson home to spend a

few days with the family. That evening Donna Carlson visited at Milton's with the family.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem visited with Helmer and Verlys Homme last Saturday at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Judy Gieseke was a visitor and dinner guest on Monday at the Milton Carlson home joining his house guests Dick and Wanda Donovan. Lonnie Gieseke stopped in later and joined them for a cup of coffee.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp and Marv Engeseth of Plummer were Sunday evening supper guests of Reha Sanstead at the Sanstead home in Erskine. The guests were served a delicious corned beef and cabbage supper.

Lucy Brtek ventured over to Fosston one day last week and while there she visited with Sheldon Lee and Wilma Wang at their homes in Cornerstone, she stated that they both were doing very well.

Tuesday the 20th Paul Carlson stopped in at the Milton Carlson home on his way to work and enjoyed a brief visit over a cup of coffee with Milton and guests Dick and Wanda Donovan. Later that day Lonnie and Judy Gieseke stopped in for a visit with the family.

On her travels this past week and driving on Highway 32 at Twin Valley Lucy Brtek encountered a flock of wild turkey that stopped traffic on the highway while they meandered across the road. She said it was quite an awesome sight and they took their time as they crossed the road.

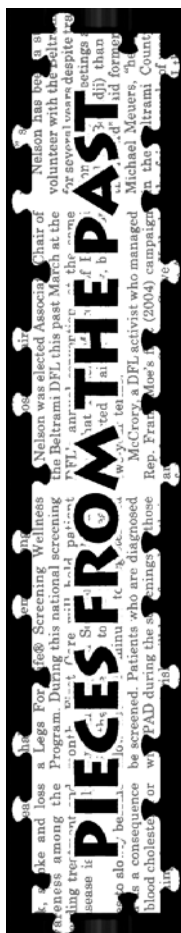
In closing I want to wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter!

From Bun Manor:

Floyd and Gerri Balstad recently returned home from a trip on the road. Below is a summary of that trip in her own words:

"We were able to visit all 3 of my kids during the trip, Tony and family in MPLS, Connie & family in Des Moines and Sheila & Allen in Atlanta. Trees and plants were blooming in Atlanta which was easy on the eyes comparing to this white snow.

"While in Atlanta we toured the Federal Reserve Bank and saw millions of dollars stacked in pallets. We also toured the Civil Human Rights Museum. In Louisville Kentucky we stayed at the Seelbach Hilton which was built in 1905. Eight presidents have stayed there and the Presidential Suite rents for \$700 per night (we didn't stay in that room). A security guard gave us a tour of the hotel and when he said we should meet him downstairs



40 years ago...1978: Mrs. Sherman Tranby's Kindergarten class in Winger School is wishing all McIntosh Times subscribers a "Happy Easter".

in the Rathskeller, due to his accent I thought he said "rat cellar" and wasn't sure that I wanted the tour. The hotel is one of a kind and it has a ghost.

"While in Louisville we toured the Kentucky Derby Museum, stables and grounds. They said that a race horse can go from 0 to 40 mph in three strides, better be hanging on!!

"A beautiful drive was on highway 61 North of La Crosse, WI which follows the Mississippi River, saw many Bald Eagles."

Bun headed into Erskine last Tuesday to have lunch with Lars and Stue. Stue was nice enough to bring some Walleye that he had recently caught up at the Lake of the Woods for Bun to take home and have Scrappy cook it for him. Bun hadn't had fresh Walleye for some time. He thanks Stue for the treat.

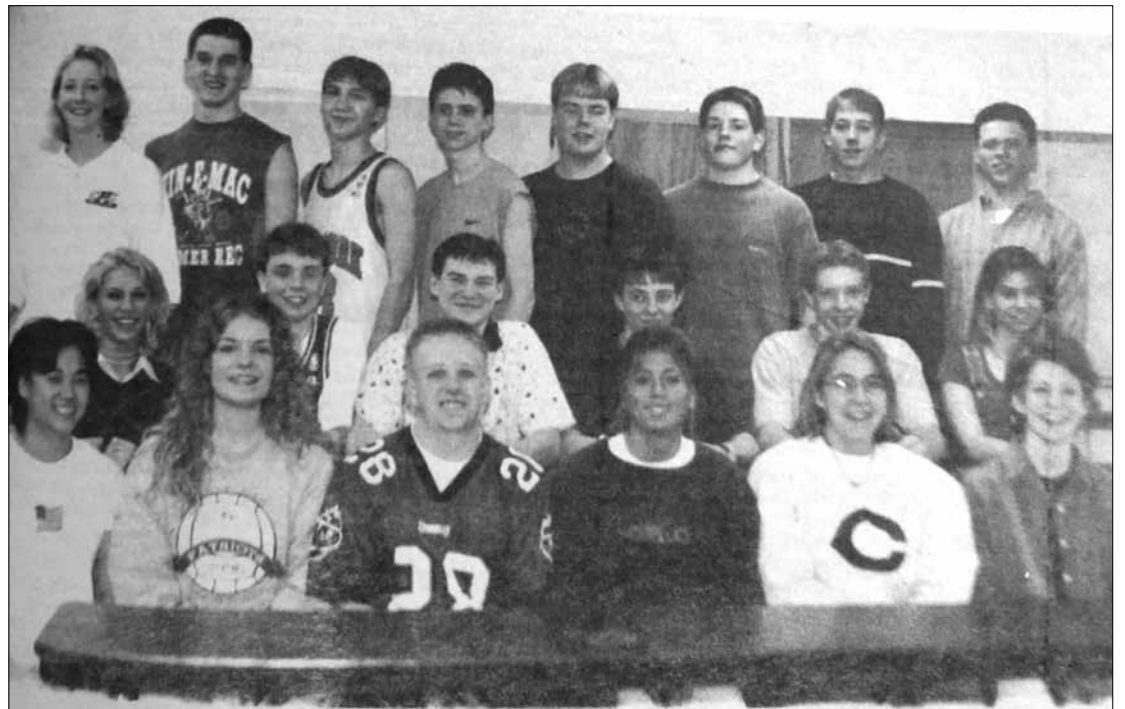
Bun got his cataract removed last week and was eating at DaRoos in Fosston when he ran into Lorene Tranby and Karen Rolf (a couple of cuties from McIntosh.) They briefly chatted about the little things. He also saw Lori Balstad there and she told him that her family had just returned home from a trip to Mexico. Bun had a good laugh when she told him that Tennis had worn shorts and enjoyed them. Tennis never wears shorts. Maybe from now on he will wear them occasionally.

The Lions had a good turnout at fun night on Saturday and they thank the surrounding communities for there support.

That is all the news for this week from the manor. Again, we need your news.



30 years ago...1988: WELCA Ladies' Aid members "Over 80" from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McIntosh were honored on March 2nd. (front L-R) Ann Holte, Cora Grove, Myrtle Lillesve and Rikka Reiersen, (2nd row) Belle Borgeson, Gertrude Torske, Edella Hedman and Ida Mjovig, (standing) Alma Rokke, Alette Peterson, Gayea Stowe, Mavis Henney, Helga Tranby, Ann Reese and Alice Moen.



20 years ago...1998: The Win-E-Mac Varsity Knowledge Bowl Team is coached by Ann Vesledahl and has a 5 contest season. Members include: (back L-R) Katie Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Brady Langemo, Sam Trandem, Casey Bartz, Jon Ingman, Tyler Kolden and Sterling Balstad. (Middle) Amy Bergman, Jeremy Gieseke, Tim Stordahl, Alan Ingman, Dave Jensen and Kim Nelson, (Front) Holly Hammer, Tessa Johnson, Matt Sannes, Julie Pearce, Amanda Langemo and Kara Evenson.

Using public Wi-Fi networks

Your Legal Rights: From the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

While public Wi-Fi networks (or Wi Fi "hotspots") offer free and convenient access to the Internet in public spaces, other network users may be able to watch your activity online and obtain your passwords and account information, putting you at risk of theft or identity theft.

How Can Someone Get My Information Using Public Wi-Fi Networks? Criminals can use software from the Internet to monitor your web browsing activity and view anything that appears on your device's screen while using the public Wi-Fi network. In addition, hackers may use public Wi-Fi networks to remotely access people's smartphones, tablets and computers to install malware or spyware that can transmit information from the device directly to the hacker.

What Information is at Risk? Almost everything on your device, from user names, passwords, and e mail addresses to the apps installed, credit card and bank account information, Social Security numbers, and birth dates can be vulnerable. If a hacker acquires your account credentials (user name and password), this information may be used to steal additional information or money from your accounts.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MYSELF?

Use the Most Secure Network Available. If you use a public Wi-Fi network, choose the most secure network avail-

able. If you aren't sure whether the network is secure, ask an employee.

Common secure network types include WEP, WPA, and WPA2 (the strongest). Even encrypted networks aren't a guarantee that your device will be safe while using the network, however, as some hackers may be able to bypass a secure network's encryption methods.

Use Encrypted Websites. If you send personal information through a website using a public Wi Fi network, make sure the website is encrypted (encryption converts the information to jumbled code that reverts back to its original state once it reaches its destination). You can determine if a website is encrypted by looking at the web address.

If it begins with "https," then it is encrypted (the "s" stands for "secure").

Check for encryption on every webpage where you send or receive information—even within the same website—as some pages may be encrypted while others are not.

Log-out Immediately After Use. If you log-in to an account using a public Wi-Fi network, sign out as soon as you are done using the account. Otherwise, someone could access your account long after you were accessing it.

Protect Your Device. Keep your software up-to-date and never turn your firewall off. Your device will notify you when an update is available. Install anti-spyware/anti-mal-

ware software (there are several reputable products available online for free or with free trial periods).

Identify any public Wi-Fi network that you connect to as a "Public Network" and turn off file sharing on your computer. Consider disabling your wireless connection if you are using your device in a place with a public Wi-Fi network and do not need Internet access.

Look into using a virtual private network ("VPN"), or other add-ons or plug-ins which encrypt information between your device and the Internet.

A Word On Mobile Phones and Apps. Since mobile apps may have limited or no encryption, it can be best to avoid using them to relay important information on a public Wi-Fi network. If you have to use a mobile app to send sensitive information, only use networks you know are secure or a 3G or 4G network. Some smart phones have a feature that automatically connects them to any available network. Turn off this feature in the phone's settings, or turn the phone to "airplane mode."

Steps to Take if Your Online Account is Hacked. You might not realize your online account was hacked right away. Once you discover the intrusion, however, take the following steps:

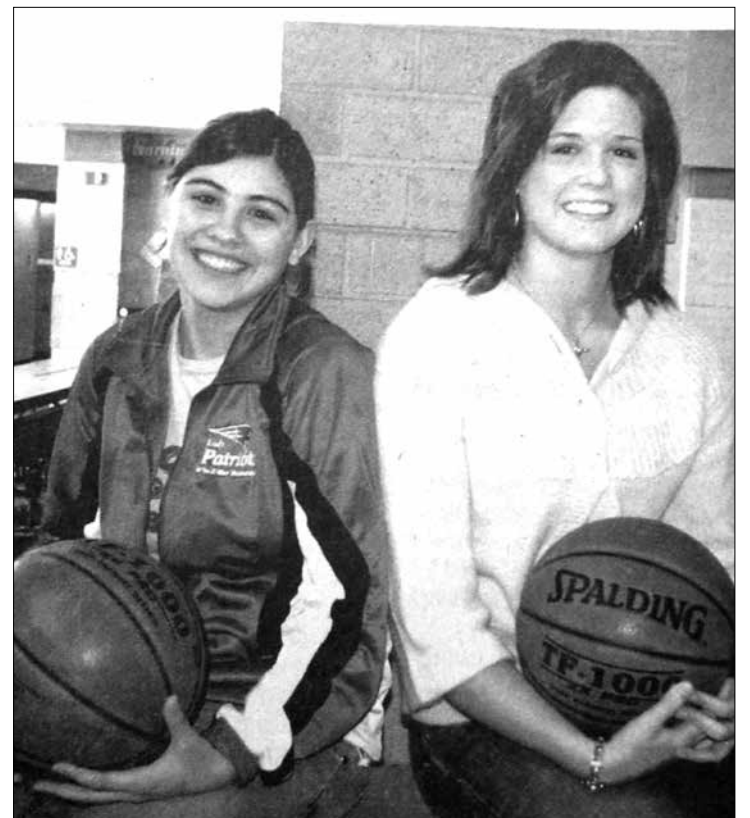
1. Change your password immediately. Hackers may change your password, preventing you from accessing your account. If you are unable

to access your account, contact the website directly and it can assist you in restoring your account.

2. Contact your bank or credit card companies immediately and let them know your account may be compromised. Monitor the activity on the account for any fraudulent transactions (in some cases, hackers may not use your information right away, so it can be helpful to regularly monitor your account).

3. Contact your friends and family to let them know your account has been hacked. Hackers may try to gain access to your e-mail contact list and send e mails from your account purporting to be from you. Notifying family and friends that your account has been compromised may help protect them from hackers.

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10 years ago...2008: Congratulations to Kelis Kiecker(right) for being named to the Pine-to-Prairie All Conference Team. Missy Fritsch (left) was named Honorable Mention.

Random Things and Stuff



Spring Cleaning Tips By: Emily Lynne

Now that it's officially spring, even though it may not always feel like it, many may be in the mood to do some spring cleaning. Do you ever wonder where to even start with? Or what you should do with the stuff? Here are my tips for spring cleaning: Start small. If you aren't sure where to start, start with something small. Generally, I usually start with a closet. From there, work your way out of the room. Do one room at a time and it won't seem so hectic.

If you are unsure what you want to do with the items you want to get rid of, there are always donation bins. For clothing, there are a number of clothing donation bins around town, as well as donating at local shelters. You can also try to sell your gently used (or new) items that you want to part with on Facebook, Poshmark, Craigslist, etc.

Spring has finally sprung! :

WEM School Announcements

FYI - The elementary report cards are now available on ParentVue/StudentVue

Win-E-Mac Kindergarten Round-up Open House
For the 2018-19 School Year

When: Wednesday, March 28th from 4:00-6:00 PM
Where: Room #25 at the Win-E-Mac school.

If your child turns five years old before September 1st, 2018 and you plan to enroll them at Win-E-Mac, please plan to attend. You will be filling out registration forms.

Get your pre-orders in for this year's yearbook. Cost is \$40.

Yearbooks can be purchased during students' noon hours or from Mrs. Winter (room 51) before or after school.

Order forms are available in the office. Complete the form and return it with your payment. Be sure to make your order so you are guaranteed a yearbook!

Staff vs. Seniors Basketball Game
The annual Staff/Seniors Basketball game will be held on Friday, April 13! This year's event is being hosted by the Win-E-Mac 6th Grade class as a fundraiser for their upcoming class trip!

The 6th graders will be serving a BBQ, Chips, Dessert, and Beverage meal before the game. Serving will begin at 5:30, and the price for the meal will be \$5.00.

The big game will begin at 7:00 and admission to the game will be: \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students, and preschool & under FREE! There will also be SPLIT THE POT! Please come out and support our 6th graders in their fundraising efforts!



The Win-E-Mac boys and girls basketball teams helped out during the ECFE Basketball Buddies night. The kids had a fun time learning about basketball, running around and shooting baskets with the team members.

WEM announces third quarter Honor Roll

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

Seniors:
"A": Mary Ris Y Catahan, Mackenzie Fuller, Blake Glass, Jarrin Gunderson, Maci Hamre, Emelian Hanson, Joseph Parenteau, Patience Reep, Ryan Schaumburg, Cole Shaver, Grace Spry, Lauren Strom, Kylie Stuhau, Sydney Tadman, Kendra Thompson, and Tyra Wilson.

"B": Mackenzie Best, Gretchen Finseth, Jordin Gunderson, Bryce Neubert, and Katelyn Sanden.

Juniors:
"A": Clavdia Anfiloff, Lily Breckel, Brekken Lindberg, Aries Qualey, Hannah Smeby, and Mason Spry.
"B": Tapanga Bratager, Kylie Brekke, Garret Erickson, Roman Erofeeff, Searra Gerber, Douglas Jackson, Clarissa

Neste, and Madyson Plante.

Sophomores:
"A": Mary H. Catahan, Lindsey J. Espeseth, Rylee Haugen, Katrina Jackson, Lydia Kutsev, Abby Lende, Elliana Lindberg, Dustin Osland, Natasha Salsbery, and Carlie Sander.

"B": Alina Basargin, Eleina Erofeeff, Nathan Fortman, Isabella Hernandez, Jaycee Knutson, Isaac Salvhus, and Adeline Spry.

9th Grade:
"A": Paige Breckel, Bryce DuChamp, Nikon Erofeeff, Remy Goodwin, Gavin Haskett, Alex Jacobson, Avtonom Martushev, Reed Neubert, Noah Ostenaar, Sidney Roed, Dylan Roy, Bryer Strom, Mia Thompson, and Gavin Walker.
"B": Felicity Address, Kobe Hamre, Joshua Hegre, Serendipity Holmes, Brianna Johnson, Grace Kaupang, Delvin Morel, Kendyl Nelson, Will Tofstad, and Brock Trandem.

8th Grade:
"A": Tabitha Bratager, Kegan Dalby, Anton Hickman, Teagan Paulson, Eva Qualey, and Alivia Winter.

"B": Rebecca Army, Mo'nanie Erofeeff, Jadon Kangas, Kerianna Kutsev, Lukiya Kutsev, Olivia Paradis, Haley

Sander, Chase Shear, Maci Smeby, and Savannah Svalen.

7th Grade:
"A": Bret DuChamp, Nadelly Neubert, and Katelyn Vesledahl.

"B": George Erofeeff, Jayden Gensburger, Kallie Hand, Vadim Kulikov, Hailey Lemke Berzins, Zachary Luckow, Jonathan Moritz, Izabelle Ostenaar, and Jonas Spry.

Winners of WEM After Prom Fundraiser

Congratulations to the following winners of the WEM After-Prom Party Fundraiser Gun Raffle Drawing held on March 13, 2018:

Savage 7 HMR Mossy Oak Brush - Tim Fortmann - Erskine
Camo Rifle with 3X9X40 Scope - Joe Miller - Bejou
\$150 - Fran Pries - Erskine
\$100 - Alice Plante - Erskine
\$50 - Jason Haas - Fertile

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to our fundraiser. We thank you so much for supporting our students.

WEM After Prom Party Committee.



Passing, catching and making baskets were all part of the fun during Win-E-Mac ECFE Basketball Buddies night.



During the ECFE Basketball Buddies Night the kids practiced passing the ball.

Search for Miss Pre-Teen Polk County

Young girls between the ages of 10 to 12 years, applications are being accepted for the title of "2018 Miss Pre-Teen Polk County."

Miss Pre-Teen Polk County will represent her county at the Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota pageant, which will be held at the "Wellstone Center, April 28th, 2018 in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota."

The young lady chosen as Miss Pre-Teen Polk County will become an ambassador from the Polk County Area and will receive an official title and sash.

The young lady chosen as Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota will receive a prize package and chance to represent Minnesota at The Miss Pre-Teen International pageant held in Charleston, West Virginia in July.

The "American Heart Association's" Go for Red for Women" is the official Charity of the Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota

Pageant.

Pre-Teens will compete in Personal Interview, On-stage Interview, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Wear. (There is no talent or fitness or swimsuit competition)!!!

Young Pre-Teen ladies living in Polk County interested in applying should go on line to: www.misspreteenminnesota.com or write for bio-form to: Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota International Pageant, P.O. Box 240537, Apple Valley, Mn, 55124-0537 or call for information: (952) 432-6758 or Fax (952) 953-3896. Email: pagunltd@frontiernet.net.

The current reigning "2017" Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota is Rebeka Mihalik of Waterville.

As Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota, Rebeka speaks out on "STOMP OUT BULLYING"

For more information go to: www.stompoutbullying.org
Entry deadline is March 31st 2018.



The 2017-2018 Win-E-Mac Basketball Cheerleaders: Laila Roragen, Krysten Price, Julianna Kutsev, Katrina Jackson and Alcecia Fitzgerald. Not pictured: Jayden Gensburger.



This group of kids is having fun practicing dribbling during ECFE Basketball Buddies night at WEM School.

Easter Buffet

at Ness Cafe

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