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The parade during the McIntosh Memorial Day event on Monday, May 28th.



Clifford Bartz and Gordy Oseth enjoy the nice weather before the Memorial Day Program in McIntosh on Monday, May 28th. Both men are local veterans.

McIntosh Memorial Day brings a Patriotic story from WWII

Theo Scheytt was born in Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany in 1930, 3 years before Hitler became Chancellor. As a young man, he was on the receiving end of Nazi propaganda which told him and all of Germany that Americans were gangsters like Al Capone. From 1939 to 1945, he was a member of the Hitler Youth, and began Youth Flight Training with gliders in 1944 with the goal of becoming a fighter pilot against the Yankee b-17 and b-24 bombers.

At the end of the war, he had his first personal experience with Americans when the 7th United States Army occupied Southern Germany. In contrast to what he had been told, he found the American soldiers to be very friendly, supportive and funny, dropping chewing gum, Hershey's candy bars and Camel, Lucky Strike and Chesterfield cigarettes from their trucks.

Theo graduated from college in 1956 with a textile engineering degree and later became manager of production and machinery in several textile companies. In 1970 he had a change of profession and studied Evangelical Lutheran theology, becoming a pastor in 1974 in and around Ulm, Germany. He retired in 1992 and lives in Weissenhorn (near Ulm) with his wife, Erika.

His interests include reading, jazz music, and airplanes, particularly American WWII aircraft. His interest in the USA was instrumental in his son's decision to become a Foreign Exchange Student in 1976, with 4 of his grandsons later following suit.

A series of change (of divine) occurrences led him on an expedition in 1994 to help solve the mystery of what happened to U.S. Army soldier Herbert Harms or Rutland, Illinois. Herb was the tail gunner in a plane that was shot down in August 1944 near Leipzig, Germany.

In 2014 Theo had the opportunity to meet Herb's family



Rev. Theo Scheytt, the speaker at the Memorial Day program held in McIntosh on May 28th.

in Illinois and tell them firsthand what happened to their brother-in-law and uncle, and how Herb gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Theo shared his story with the McIntosh community during the Memorial Day program held last Monday, May 28th at the McIntosh Community Center.

The Story of Staff Sergeant Herbert Wayne Harms

As told by Rev. Theo Scheytt
My family and I were on summer holidays in Guernsey in the Channel Islands in 1993. One Saturday evening, we went to the beach. But I left the others because there was a Second World War museum. As I was very interested in history, I went to the museum and said to the members of the family, "You go down without me. When you come back, we will go to the grocery store", as it was Saturday evening and the stores would be closed on Sunday.

In the museum, I lost track of time and forgot, and the family came up angry. I got angry also. I said, "We will go into the town maybe and we will get some food." And so we did. We drove back with my son Christian's car, a Chrysler Voyager, Germany.

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Tom Reitmeier received a Quilt of Valor at the Memorial Day program in McIntosh on Monday, May 28th.



During the Memorial Day program in McIntosh on Monday, May 28th, a Quilt of Valor was presented to Jim Wertish.



The 21 Gun Salute during the Winger Memorial Day program held on Monday, May 28th. Presented by the Fenestad-Solie American Legion Post 200 in Winger.



Mike Sylstad, 2018 Firefighter of the Year in West Fargo, ND.

Sylstad named Firefighter of the Year

Mike Sylstad, a West Fargo Fire Department Paramedic was named the 2018 Firefighter of the Year by the West Fargo Exchange Club. He will be recognized for his contributions on June 5, 2018 in West Fargo.

Mike is a career, full-time firefighter for West Fargo Fire Department and received his badge, pinned by his wife, Britany during a Ceremony in December.

Mike is the son of Linda and Walter Sylstad of McIntosh and is a Win-E-Mac Graduate. Congratulations Mike!

Mac Library
Story Time
Wednesday's 3:30 p.m.
Let's Explore!
June 6: Safari
June 13: Ninjas
June 20: Sharks



Members of the Fenestad-Solie American Legion Post during the Memorial Day parade in Winger.

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl



Community Calendar

Wed. June 6: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 3:30pm; 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; Clubhouse Childcare Open House 4:00pm - 7:30pm

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

Fri. June 8: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. June 11: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm

Tues. June 12: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Wed. June 13: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 3:30pm; 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. June 14: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;

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

Mon. June 18: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;

Tues. June 19: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Prairie Fire Children's Theatre and Win-E-Mac Community Education



Present Scores of Local Children in

SNOW WHITE

When: Friday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Win-E-Mac Events Center

Tickets:
Adults - \$5.00
Students - \$3.00

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Two household GARAGE SALE

at 29512 US HWY 2 SE, McIntosh.

Thursday, June 7
3pm-8 PM and

Friday, June 8
8 am-6 pm.

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CARD OF THANKS

A special Thank You to all the volunteers who made the Memorial Day Program & Parade possible.

This community event means so much to many people and we are grateful we can keep it in McIntosh.

Veterans: Gordon Oseth & Clifford Bartz

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Sen. Johnson & Rep. Kiel invite area residents to Town Hall meetings

Senator Mark Johnson, R-East Grand Forks, and Representative Deb Kiel, R-Crookston, have announced five upcoming town hall meetings in June. Rep. Steve Green, R-Fosston, will also be taking part in the Fosston Town Hall. The lawmakers will review the successes of the 2018 legislative session and answer questions. The meetings are open to the public, and residents of Northwest Minnesota are encouraged to attend.

Here are the details: Fosston Town Hall

Who: Rep. Kiel, Rep. Green and Sen. Johnson

When: Monday, June 18, 2018

Time: 8:30-10:00 am
Location: Civic Center, Glass Room, 215 1st Street East, Fosston, MN

Red Lake Falls Town Hall

Who: Rep. Kiel and Sen. Johnson

When: Monday, June 18, 2018

Time: 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Location: City Hall, Basement Hearing Room, 108 2nd Street SW, Red Lake Falls, MN

East Grand Forks Town Hall

Who: Rep. Kiel and Sen. Johnson

When: Monday, June 18, 2018

Time: 5:00-6:30 pm
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers, 600 DeMers Avenue, East Grand Forks, MN

Fertile Town Hall

Who: Rep. Kiel and Sen. Johnson

When: Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Time: 8:30-10:00 am

Location: City Hall, Auditorium, 101 South Mill Street, Fertile, MN

Crookston Town Hall

Who: Rep. Kiel and Sen. Johnson

When: Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Time: 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Location: City Hall, Council Chamber, 124 North Broadway, Crookston, MN

For more information, or if you have questions, you can contact their offices. Sen. Johnson can be reached at 651-296-5782, and Rep. Kiel can be reached at 651-296-5091.



McIntosh Citywide Garage Sale

Saturday, June 16, 2018 8:00am

(some sales may open on Friday)

Call the City Clerk if interested in being on the map. Map is available next week in the McIntosh Times

Who: Rep. Kiel and Sen. Johnson

your area today, to see if you qualify.

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. These findings 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 (PDF, 5.4 MB).

USDA Rural Development loans and grants provide assistance that supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access

Road
Well I've had one of those "Momma" weeks when everything has been a struggle; especially when it has come to regulating Dinah's behavior. I really felt like I had nothing to write about because I was just so angry. So I was going to skip a week. Apparently, that is not what the Ruach ha-Kodesh had in mind. Sigh.

As Dinah and I were discussing her bad behavior and how she needed to apologize to me and ask for forgiveness, I reminded her she needed to offer the same thing to God. She shot me a strange little look and then said, "I asked God to take my bad behavior before but He didn't keep it." I can chuckle now but at the time I still had on my "mad face," as she calls it.

Isn't that how sin skews our perspective? We don't want to own it, from the smallest to the biggest actions. We want it to be someone else's stuff. We don't want to regulate or discipline ourselves. Our human nature does not want to be trained in righteousness, thank you very much. This attitude is a plague in our society and our churches. Opinion trumps humility. The drive to be treated fairly obscures being a servant. We are human after all, but we don't have to be trapped by our humanity.

We're gearing up for VBS next week and I've been working on object lessons. Each Biblical character will have walked a long road from where

they started to where they ended up... and their roads all point to Calvary. Not just geographically but allegorically as well. If Ruth had not journeyed to Bethlehem with Naomi she would not have been the great-great-great grandmother of King David. If King David had not journeyed from tending sheep to bring his brothers food he would not have felled Goliath and learned that YHWH was bigger than any giant. It was foreshadowing. The line of the Messiah came through him.

All believers are walking a road. Dare I call it a road of righteousness? We do not need to walk it perfectly but it sure generates more of a testimony of our Elohim if we walk it with integrity. Which means understanding when we ask God to "take our bad behavior," we will need to continue that process for the rest of our lives. It's like a garden needing to be weeded. As the huge thistles and stubborn dandelions are removed we can spot the smaller weeds. You see, sin is not always a big bad action; it can be a toxic attitude that taints even the soil good fruit tries to grow in.

We are in a season of spiritual awakening. We are being called to deeper understanding of our relationship with Elroi, the God Who sees us. Do we see Him? Is He in our line of vision so clearly that we can easily follow Him on the road He is calling us to walk?

-a.m.opdahl

Statements from Reps. Kiel and Fabian on Governor's Veto

Governor Mark Dayton vetoed the supplemental budget bill (SF3656) and the tax conformity/school funding bill (HF947) Wednesday, blocking the first income tax cut in nearly two decades, funding to help deputy registrars hurt by the MNLARS mess, funding to help avert a 7 percent cut for disability services, school safety funding, reforms to address vulnerable adult maltreatment and abuse, and more.

In the final week of the legislative session, lawmakers addressed nearly 70 percent of the specific concerns outlined by the governor, and provided up to \$84 million in new funding for schools (\$225 million in total when flexibility measures are added), meeting the governor more than halfway on his key priorities and concerns.

"Politics before people. That's what Governor Dayton did by vetoing these bills," said Rep. Dan Fabian, R-Roseau. "These bills delivered on critical needs for Minnesotans like school safety, additional funding for our schools, critical tax relief for hardworking taxpayers, Section 179 conformity for farmers and agribusiness, help for our deputy registrars, preventing a cut to folks who take care for people with disabilities, and more."

"With a stroke of the veto pen, Minnesotans across our state were negatively impacted."

"The significant reforms to

address senior and vulnerable adult abuse I worked on all session are gone with this veto. "Meaningful investments in education including more funding and measures to keep students safe are gone with this veto. Low-income working families who rely on federal child care subsidies are hurt by this veto."

"The first income tax rate cut in nearly twenty years and critical tax conformity are gone with this veto," said Rep. Deb Kiel, R-Crookston. "It seems our governor has chosen to play a political game and the people of Minnesota lost."

Reps. Kiel and Fabian also shared their disappointment of the veto because of the average \$96 per pupil increase it would have provided to schools when all of the bills passed in the final days of session were taken into consideration.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. June 6 : Bernice Voxland, Theresa Agnes, *Albert & Karen Plante

Thurs. June 7: Bob Olson, Sarah Lundquist, Carmen Syverson, Diana Lindseth, Nickie Carlson, Kelly Lee, *Dennis & Diane Boucher

Fri. June 8: Holly Kringlen, Derik Spathe, *Jim & Carla Ferden

Sat. June 9: Calvin Burslie, Ava Frisk, *Gerald & Colleen Borud, *Ron & Heidi Lemer, *Josh & Katie Roed

Sun. June 10: Corey Rasmussen

Mon. June 11: Toby Strom, Calvin Skeie, Silas Lee, *Tom & Wendy Reitmeier

Tues. June 12: Robert Hegland, Tamara Ostenaar, Janelle (Graff) Haas

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Svakeen, Pastor

Wed. June 6: Noon - 8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs. June 7: 6:30pm VBS Family Fun with release of Rosary Balloon

Fri. June 8: 5:30pm Mass for Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus; 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

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

Wed. June 13: Noon-8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration; 1:00pm Mass at McIntosh Senior Living; 3:30pm Mass at First Care Nursing Home, Fosston

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

Sun. June 17: 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. June 10: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

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

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

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. June 6: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's

Sun. June 10: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tues. June 12: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV--Channel 2; 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Wed. June 13: 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

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

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

There will be No Wednesday Bible Study during June; There will be No Thursday Men's Breakfast during June.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. June 10: 9am Worship

Sun. June 17: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlunds

Wed. June 6: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. June 10: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. June 13: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. June 17 : 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. June 20: 7:00pm Bible Study

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. Bruce Blocker, Pastor

Sun. June 10: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Sun. June 17: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again and welcome to June from Winger and the Union Lake area where we have been having some quite pleasant weather, many hot days with a rain shower here and there resulting in not a whole lot of rain in our immediate area but other areas have gotten a tad more. I do believe we could use a nice soaking rain.

Farmers are well on their way with their spring planting and some are already done. Gardens are planted and up and can hardly wait for the first radishes and little green onions.

Welcome back for the summer to snow birds, Bob and Jeanine Perreault and Art and Darlene Ferguson!

The Community Center was once again filled for the Memorial Day Service as it was held on Monday. Was good to see former Wingerites that usually return for the special day. Our speaker delivered a very touching service that morning. Quilts of valor were presented to Dean Johnson and accepting Boyd Bratager's quilt in his absence were his Jeff and Julie Bratager. In visiting with Helmer Homme he made the remark what a good feeling it was to be up front and to look out and see all those gathered to honor the Veteran's.

Dick and Wanda Donovan and "Pepper" of St. Francis arrived on Friday the 25th at the Milton Carlson to spend the Memorial Day weekend with Milton and other family members.

Saturday afternoon Helmer and Verlys Homme attended graduation open houses following graduation at Win E Mac.

Brent, Jessie, Sidnie, Sky-lie and Brylie Pulskamp of Wahpeton spent the Memorial Day weekend at the Pulskamp home in Winger.

Last Saturday Paul and Donna Carlson and Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were visitors and coffee guests with Milton Carlson and Dick and Wanda Donovan at Milton's home. Later they attended the graduation open house at the Brent and Jennifer Carlson home at Erskine for their Daughter, McKenzie who was one of the graduation class at Win E Mac, after that open house they were to the Roy and Lisa Schaumburg home for another graduation reception for Ryan as he also had graduated from Win E Mac that afternoon.

Betty Lou Myhrum visited with Kjersten and Dakota Poissant on Saturday afternoon at Union Lake were Kjersten and Dakota were visiting with the Poissant family.

The Memorial Day Service in Winger was a special service for Milton Carlson and the family as the following family members participated in the service, Paul Carlson, Lonnie Gieseke and Dick Donovan, all of whom served in Vietnam and Nikki Carlson (Dustin's wife) Nikki having served in the Air Force and his Great Granddaughter Emma Carlson who was the soloist and needless to say did an awesome job. After the services Lonnie and Judy Gieseke brought dinner and had dinner with the family. Later in the day Dick and Wanda and "Pepper" left for their home in St. Francis.

Lucy Brtek along with Samantha and Gideon O'Bierne of Bemidji, Josh Gagner of Grand Forks and Sean and Lexie Gagner of Bemidji were all guests at the Michelle and Greg Gagner home near Mentor for a afternoon picnic and game including playing croquet.

Guests at the Pulskamp home on Sunday afternoon for a cook out were Joan Helland of Fargo, Jim Larsen of West Fargo, Marv Engesether of Plummer, Reha Sanstead of Erskine, Kelly Johnson, Brent, Jessie, Sidnie, Sky-lie and Brylie Pulskamp of Wahpeton, Danny, Angie, Teegan, Lilly, Morgan, Peyton, Thielen, Tony and Justis Brtek, along with a friend of Justis and Tony's, Michelle Johnson and Kylie Casavan, Matt Balstad and Jamie Anderson were also visitors that afternoon.

Sunday afternoon Lucy Brtek attended the graduation open house in Fosston for Spencer Hoialmen who had graduated that afternoon from Fosston High School.

Sunday afternoon the 27th, Paul Carlson joined family members at the Chris and Sheila Benesh for Vincent's graduation reception. Vincent graduated that afternoon from Fertile High School.

Asking Milton what he did on the 29th he said he had a well deserved rest!

Saturday afternoon Lucy Brtek visited with David and Elaine Hendrickson of Minnetonka who were here to attend the burial of Harold Nystrom Saturday afternoon in Mahanomen, after the burial there was a gathering of family at the Babe Agnew home in Mahanomen.

Truman and Darlene Johnson of Dilworth were Memorial Day visitors with Boyd and Sylvia Bratager at the Bratager home.

Until next week, may yours be a good one with lots of sunshine and happiness in it.

JOIN US FOR...

What: Experience the moving Bible story of Joseph in Egypt – Beloved Son, Rejected Slave, Exalted Ruler

When: June 11th, 12th, 13th from 8:30 to 2PM & June 14th from 2PM to 6PM for supper, a program and a campfire.

Where: The Historic Gossen School in Winger

Who: All kids from Kindergarten through 10th grade. Older kids are welcome to come and work as helpers.

Pre-school kids are invited to come June 11th from 8:30 to Noon to get a taste of VBS.

Plan to experience the Bible story come alive through music, stories, art and games. We will work on our Norwegian too. (back by popular demand)

All kids are welcome to come and there is no cost. If you have questions about VBS or need a special diet or special accommodations, please call 218-563-2197.



USDA invites applications for grants to help disadvantaged groups

USDA Rural Development State Director Brad Finstad today announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants under the Socially-Disadvantaged Groups Grant program.

The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups in rural areas. Eligible applicants include co-operatives, groups of cooperatives and cooperative development centers.

This program supports Rural Development's mission of improving the quality of life for rural Americans and commitment to direct agency resources to those who most need them. A socially-disadvantaged group is one whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities.

A majority of the applicant's board of directors or governing board must be comprised of individuals who are members of socially-disadvantaged groups.

For FY 2018, USDA plans to award up to \$3 million in grants. The maximum grant award is \$175,000. Grants may be used to develop and operate a Rural Cooperative Development Center that could provide the following technical assistance and other services to rural businesses:

- Conducting feasibility studies
- Developing business plans
- Providing leadership and operational improvement training

Paper applications are due July 30, 2018. Electronic applications are due July 24, 2018. Questions about the application process may be directed to

your local Rural Development Area Office.

For more information, see page 24719 of the May 30 Federal Register or visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the report to the President from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to help improve life in rural America.

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

Save the Date!
Winger Day
&
Lions Fish Fry
June 30th



More info to come

Glacial Ridge and Rydell announce summer programs

Rydell and Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuges (NWR), in collaboration with the Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association (FRGRRA), are excited to announce that they will be hosting numerous free public events this summer at the Rydell NWR Visitor Center. Events that are part of the FRGRRA's Learning at the Lakes Educational Program will take place from 1:00 – 3:00pm on Sundays. The first event will be a Creating Habitat for Pollinators activity on June 10th. Participants will learn about local plants important to pollinators by creating their own "pollinator planter" to take home. On June 17th, the Refuge will host an Introduction to Archery activity for youth from ages 7-15. Instructors will utilize Rydell NWR's new Hoverball Archery System to provide a safe, educational, and fun introduction to this sport. A June 24th Owl Pellet Discovery activity will provide interested public the opportunity to work alongside Refuge staff to dissect the digestive discharge (pellet) of an owl. Using sanitized owl pellets, participants will begin to explore the behavior and diet of local owl species. Kids ages 5-12 can also come out to the Refuge to learn all about Minnesota Animal Track Identification by making their own plaster track replicas! This wild event will take place on July 8th. On July 22nd, children and adults alike are welcome to come build their very own bluebird house. Refuge staff will provide all necessary materials. The final Learning at the Lakes event will be Pond Study program on August 5th. Children ages 6 - 12 can sample invertebrate life in Refuge wetlands and examine their findings under Discovery Scopes.

In addition to the Learning at the Lakes activities, Rydell NWR is excited to be hosting its 3rd Annual Youth Fishing Day on Saturday, July 21st, from 9:00am – 1:00pm. This free event is targeted towards youth, age 15 or younger. Fishing equipment (for participants without their own) and bait will be provided, as will a free lunch and door prizes.

Check out your local library in June, July, and August for a series of "Explore YOUR National Wildlife Refuges" programs. Refuge staff will be presenting these hour-long programs at five area public libraries. These educational programs will include a hands-on component in order to introduce the area public to wildlife viewing and public use opportunities provided at Rydell and Glacial Ridge NWRs. These



programs will be held at the Fertile Library on June 29th at 10:00am, the Crookston Library on July 11th at 1:00pm, the Climax Library on July 12th at 5:30pm, the Mahanomen Library on July 27th at 10:30am, and the Ada Library on August 9th at 4:00pm.

For more information on the above opportunities, call the Refuge at 218-687-2229, ext. 21 or ext. 10. You can also email the FRGRRA at friendsofrydellglacial@gmail.com or check out either the Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association or Rydell and Glacial Ridge NWR Facebook pages. The Rydell NWR website will also include information on these opportunities. It can be accessed at www.fws.gov/refuge/rydell/

The Rydell NWR Visitor Center and Nature Store will be open most weekdays and Sundays through mid-August, pending staff and volunteer availability. These facilities are located approximately 4 miles west-southwest of Erskine, MN, off of County Rd. 210.



Did you know?

Native Americans have one of the highest records of military service of any group of Americans.

While only three percent of the general population choose to serve, twenty-five percent of able-bodied Native Americans enlist in the United States Armed Forces. With such a demonstrated commitment to service, it should also be known that Native American veterans apply for and receive fewer benefits than other groups of veterans.

According to the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, fewer than fifty percent of eligible American Indian veterans in Minnesota apply for the benefits they have earned.

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs operates the Tribal Veterans Service Officer Program, a program dedicated to getting Native American veterans the benefits they deserve.

If you or a loved one is interested in learning more about this program, visit the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs website.

Poison Hemlock: What to know

Emilie Justen, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) is a toxic member of the carrot family. It can grow to heights of eight feet and has clusters of small white flowers that bloom from May to August. The leaves are fern-like and the stems have purple spots. All parts of the plant are toxic if ingested.

2017 was an important year for poison hemlock in Minnesota. Prior to 2017, it was confirmed in isolated pockets of only eight counties. Accurate mapping and reporting led to confirmation of infestations in 17 additional counties. A rigorous evaluation using a weed risk assessment model, was conducted on poison hemlock by the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (NWAC). Press from a subsequent MDA media release also helped increase awareness and interest in the toxicity of this plant.

The NWAC risk assessment was informed by the mapping and reporting in 2017. The risk assessment is a decision tree based on scientific literature conducted for each plant species on the Minnesota Noxious Weed List. Based on the results of the risk assessment, a species may be recommended for listing on the Prohibited – Eradicate, Prohibited – Control, Restricted, or Specially Regulated categories. After the poison hemlock risk assessment was completed, NWAC recommended that the species be emergency listed as a Pro-



A poison hemlock plant in flower.

hibited – Eradicate species, the most severe category on the list.

Because of its current status on the Noxious Weed List, landowners are required to destroy all above and below ground parts of the plant. Most infestations are small, with just a few plants. Effective management must prevent seed production and exhaust the seedbank.

• Mow before seed set to prevent movement of seed to new locations. Clean equipment, clothing, and shoes after moving through an infestation.

• Herbicide applications that target rosettes in the early spring and fall can be very effective. Spring treatments of rosettes should be timed well in advance of flowering and follow-up treatments may be necessary for several years to exhaust the seedbank. If using herbicide treatments, check with your local co-op or certified landscape care expert for assistance and recommendations. There are several businesses throughout the state with certified herbicide applicators that can be hired to perform chemical applications.



Navy Commander Tony Hegrenes, Post Chaplain Helmer Homme, and Post Commander Gary Sonsteli during the Memorial Day Program in Winger.

Steps to a more organized, functional garage

Organization can help homeowners transform their homes into less cramped, more spacious oasis without forcing them to finance potentially expensive expansion projects.

Homeowners who park in their driveways may find that their garages have become crowded, cluttered spaces in which searching for tools can feel like scouring a haystack in search of a needle.

Organizing a garage can create extra room in a home while affording homeowners the chance to protect their vehicles from the elements.



Homeowners who want to turn their garages into something more than cluttered storage units can employ the following strategies to transform these largely overlooked areas into more valuable spaces.

- **Choose the right day.** Garages tend to be separate from the rest of the homes they're a part of, meaning the only way to organize a garage is to first remove all items from the garage and into the driveway. Because items removed from the garage will be exposed to the elements, homeowners should choose a day that's temperate and sunny to clean their garages.
- If possible, homeowners should opt to organize their garages in late spring, summer or early fall when there are additional hours of daylight. This protects homeowners from having to work in the dark should the job take longer than they initially anticipated.
- **Discard or donate duplicate items.** Duplicate items are some of the main cul-

prits behind cluttered garages. As garages gradually become more cluttered, homeowners may buy tools they already have simply because they can not find their original tools.

When organizing the garage, create separate piles for duplicate tools, placing still-useful items in a pile that can be donated to neighbors, local charities or organizations and another pile for old tools that are no longer useful.

- **Host a garage sale.** Homeowners who want to organize their garages and make a buck at the same time can host garage sales. Make only those items that are still functional available for purchase, and let neighbors and bargain hunters do the bulk of your organization work for you.
- **Designate areas of the garage for certain items.** Once the items that won't be going back into the garage have been sold, donated or discarded, organize the garage by

designating areas for certain items, making sure to separate items that can pose safety risks.

For example, store kids' bicycles and outdoor toys in a corner of the garage that is opposite the corner where potentially dangerous items such as power tools and gas cans will be stored. Keep the center of the garage open for vehicles.

- **Periodically park cars in the garage.** Homeowners who are comfortable parking their vehicles in their driveways can improve their chances of maintaining organized garages over the long haul by periodically parking in the garage. Doing so not only prevents the gradual buildup of clutter that can slowly take over a garage, but also protects homeowners' automotive investments.
- Maintaining an organized garage can help homeowners make more practical use of the space in their homes.

Host a successful yard sale

Instead of giving away unwanted items that have gathered dust around the house, many people turn to garage and yard sales to transform their clutter into some extra money. Yard sales may not be a "get rich quick" scheme, but they present an environmentally friendly way to clean up a home. What's more, they can be an ideal way to connect with neighbors and meet new people. Any money earned is an added bonus.

Statistics collecting resource Statistics Brain says that roughly 165,000 yard/garage sales take place in the United States each week. Nearly 700,000 people purchase something at those sales, leading to millions of dollars exchanging hands.

Yard sales may seem straightforward, but there are a few strategies to ensure such sales go boom rather than bust.

- **Choose the right date and time** Plan when to hold the sale by looking at the calendar and choosing an open weekend. Many people host their yard sales on Friday, Saturday or Sunday mornings, theorizing that this is when the most people will be free to browse their wares.
- **Begin early in the morning** so that shoppers will not need to disrupt their schedules much to visit neighborhood sales. A 7 a.m. start time will attract the early birds and free up most of the day.
- **Advertise the sale**

To reach the maximum number of shoppers, advertise your sale in various ways. Signage around the neighborhood announcing the sale is one method. Signs should be bold, simple and easily readable for passing motorists.

Place ads in local newspapers, online and on grocery store bulletin boards, and use social media to spread the word of the sale even further. Be sure to give ample notice of the sale so that shoppers can mark their calendars.

- **Make for easy browsing** Arrange goods for sale into categories and pay attention to presentation. You may generate more sales if items are easy to see and browsing is made easy. Put items you expect to draw the most attention popu-

Win-E-Mac announces 4th quarter Honor Roll

The following Win-E-Mac Junior High and Senior High students have attained either an "A" or "B" Average in academic subjects for the fourth quarter of the 2017 – 2018 school year. Congratulations!

To be eligible for the "A" Honor Roll, you need to have attained a 3.76 – 4.00 GPA (grade point average). and to be eligible for the "B" Honor Roll, you need to have attained a 3.00 = 3.75 GPA (grade point average).

Seniors

"A": Mackenzie Fuller, Blake Glass, Jarrin Gunderson, Maci Hamre, Emelian Hanson, Bryce Neubert, Joseph Parenteau, Patience Reep, Cole Shaver, Grace Spry, Lauren Strom, Kylie Stuhau, Sydney Tadman, Kendra Thompson, and Tyra Wilson.

"B": Mackenzie Best, Mary Ris Y Catahan, Jordin Gunderson, and Ryan Schaumburg.

Juniors:

"A": Lily Breckeel, Brekken Lindberg, Aries Qualey, Hannah Smeby, and Mason Spry.

"B": Clavdia Anfilofieff, Tappanga Bratager, Kylie Brekke, Garret Erickson, Roman Erofeeff, Clarissa Neste, Madyson Plante, Joseph Revier, and Savannah Stennes.

Sophomores:

"A": Mary Catahan, Lindsey Espeseth, Rylee Haugen, Abby Lende, Elliana Lindberg, Dustin Osland, Natasha Salsbery, and Carlie Sander.

"B": Alina Basargin, Nathan Fortmann, Isabella Hernandez, Katrina Jackson, Lydia Kutsev, Gabriela Qualey, Issac Salvhus, and Adeline Spry.

9th Grade:

"A": Paige Breckel, Nikon Erofeeff, Remy Goodwin, Gavin Haskett, Alex Jacobson, Brianna Johnson, Reed Neubert, Noah Ostenaa, Sidney Roed, Dylan Roy, Bryer Strom, and Mia Thompson.

"B": Felicity Andress, Bryce DuChamp, Zachariah Gummeringer, Serendipity Holmes, Grace Kaupang, Aytonom Martushev, Delvin Morel, Brock Trandem, and Gavin Walker.

8th Grade:

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

"B": Feodosia Anufriev, Rebecca Army, Kolten Cherf, Monania Erofeeff, Kendyl Johnson, Jadon Kangas, Keriana Kutsev, Lukiya Kutsev, Olivia Paradis, Haley Sander, Maci Smeby, Savannah Svalen, and Scott Tyler.

7th Grade:

"A": Bret DuChamp, Kallie Hand, Zachary Luckow, and Katelyn Vesledahl.

"B": Jacob Eggl, George Erofeeff, Jayden Gensburger, Hailey Lemke Berzins, Jonathan Moritz, Nadelly Neubert, Isabelle Ostenaa, and Jonas Spry.



Summer heat facts and safety

lar near the end of the driveway to entice passers-by.

A neat and inviting appearance also may convey that you've taken care of your home and your belongings. Play some music and offer light refreshments to create a convivial atmosphere.

- **Price things reasonably** It's tempting to overprice items, but a good rule of thumb is to mark things for one-half to one-third of the original value. Be open to negotiation, but try to haggle with a "buy one get one" approach, rather than marking down the price considerably. After all, the goal is to get rid of as many items as possible, with financial gain a distant second.
- Yard sales are popular ways to make money and clear homes of unwanted items. Hosts can make their sales even more successful by employing a few simple strategies.

For many people, summer-time is synonymous with trips to the beach, water sports and recreation.

Even though summer warmth is a welcome break from winter weather for many people, State Farm warns that heat is one of the leading causes of weather-related fatalities, resulting in hundreds of deaths each year in the United States alone.

Ensuring summer recreation plans remain enjoyable means keeping an eye out for heat-related illnesses and other dangers.

- **Hot cars can be traps.** It is never safe to leave a pet, child, elderly person, or disabled individual locked in a car. Temperatures can climb rapidly inside of a sealed vehicle, even if the windows are cracked.
- **Pay attention.** Listen to or read weather forecasts to stay abreast of potential temperature changes as well as the heat index.
- Discuss safety precautions with members of the family and make sure everyone knows what to do in an emergency.
- **Stock up on fluids.** The Red Cross says to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, even if you are not thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine.
- Make sure the elderly also get plenty of water, as they of-

ten do not recognize dehydration as readily as others.

- **Limit strenuous activities.** Reschedule outdoor activities if there is a heat wave, or move them to cooler times of the day.
- Spend the hottest portion of the day, usually between noon and 3 p.m., in the shade or inside in the air conditioning. People on job sites should take more frequent breaks and find shade whenever possible during these hours.
- **Change your clothes.** Loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing will help keep you cool. Avoid dark colors when spending time in the sun.
- **Recognize distress signals.** Heat stress, exhaustion and heat stroke progress as symptoms worsen. Nausea, weakness, elevated body temperature, clammy skin, confusion, and delirium are some of the symptoms of heat-related illnesses.
- **Find ways to stay cool.** Not everyone has air conditioning. On especially warm days, going to public places with air conditioning, such as libraries, can help.
- Be sure to check on the elderly or others who may have difficulty finding cool places to spend their day.
- Days in the sun are meant to be fun, but hot days also require extreme caution.



These Win-E-Mac kids spent many hours outside of school learning physics. They even spent a day at Valleyfair gathering data on the rides and finding velocity and more. They even got Mrs. Strom on a couple roller coasters.

Memorial Day...

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to the next supermarket. Usually, I also go every time into the supermarket to find my own things, but this time I was too angry and remained in the car until they would come back.

So, as I was sitting in the car, a few minutes later there was a visitor. He came to the car and through the open window he asked me in German, "May I ask you how many horsepower has this engine?" I got much more angry (about having to converse in German while in an English-speaking country) and said, "This is not my car. It is the car of my son. And I don't know how many horsepower it has, or fuel consumption, or things like that."

And there was a long pause; quiet. I thought, "You are an unpolite man. A very unpolite man." And so I tried to make the climate a little better. I asked him, "How did you come from Germany? Are you also on holidays, or are you a German Officer from the Air Force shot down?" He said, "No, no. I am living here." I asked him, "Maybe you have been in the German Air Force?" He said, "yes", Oh, I got great interest.

I asked him, "What type of German aircraft were you flying? Was it the MA-109 or the HE-111 or the Dornier 17?" He said, "You also were in the air war?" But I said I was just in the Flieger Hitlerjugend (The elite Flying Hitler Youth) preparing to be a fighter pilot. He said, "You must come to visit me and together we will have a cup of coffee." I told him, "I will wait for my family to come back from the supermarket, and then we will come and join you." And so we did.

I was very astonished when we arrived. It was like a castle high up over the beach on the coast with a large field around it, like a meadow. Huge. We Looked over the sea. "Wonderful," I thought. That was interesting. And so we had a cup of coffee and he said, "Next evening, you come again. I have a friend, an English traffic pilot, and we will have a discussion on the battle of England in 1940."

So we did, and the next evening did come also this British pilot, Chris Unitt. He asked me after our conversation, "Could you help me to find out the last trace of a member of an American bomber crew which crashed down in Germany?" I said, "Give me information, I will do what I can," but I was from the beginning very skeptical about the result about any positive effect.

So we went back to Germany, and later on I took the information from the papers and thought about them. I was a minister at the time in Ulm in Western Germany. We had a parish in Eastern Germany in the Soviet zone to support them with the most necessary things and money and so on. And the minister of this parish, Ulrich Hochbaugh, I had a very good connection with.

I phoned him up and said to him, "Ulrich, I have some information about a missing American 50 years ago. Maybe you can help me find something about this lost member of an American bomber crew. I only know that the crash of this American four-engine B-17 "Flying Fortress" went down near Meineweh on August 16, 1944 after bombing an oil re-

finery."

His reaction was very, very emphasized, "Oh, my uncle is a minister in Meineweh!" Meineweh is about 40 miles away from where he was. I said, "Well-given information. I am thinking about an expedition to find out something about the missing bomber crew member." He said, "Well, come over; I'll do what I can." And so I gave information to Chris Unitt in England. I said, "Chris, we may have information about the last place of Herbert Harms. Maybe we go there and you can accompany me." And he said, "Oh, I will come!"

And so he came, a few days later. It was in the middle of August in 1994. I prepared our expeditionary course and I asked my very good friend, Konrad Schall, our family doctor. I said, "If you want, we will make an expedition to eastern Germany to find some last days of a missing American." And he said, "I would also like to go with you." And so we started the next morning. Chris Unitt arrived a few days earlier.

So, we went to Meineweh and Hochbaugh. The next morning we discussed it, and he said he knows nothing exactly about the air raid, other than that there were very heavy air attacks in this summer of 1944. And so we said we'll try to find out some dates of that time, and would go to Zeit, a nearby village, to the local paper and try to get into the archives of the paper to find out about reports about the air raids in August 1944.

So we did, and we found a lot of reports in the paper archives but no special information about the B-17 which must have crashed near Meineweh. (Meineweh is a small village near Zeitz.)

We went back in the afternoon and we tried to get further information but weren't very successful. Nobody knew precise information. In the evening we were convinced we had done what we could do; we go home the next morning.

I said, "It's now evening, we'll make a short information tour all over the region especially, to the west," as a German pilot was shot down there, and I wanted to go to see his grave. We went there and on the way back we stopped in a small village called Osterfeld. We went through this, where there were only a few farmers. There was a big court and a big farm and two people stood at a distance of 100 meters and watched us skeptically, as they saw we had a Western German identification number and thought we were from the government. They were very skeptical.

I said to a woman and a man, "Good evening. We are coming from Western Germany looking for a missing American who had been flying in an air raid on Zeitz and must have crashed down in this region. Nobody knows anything else about him. Maybe you know something about a four-engine bomber."

He said, "I know exactly. IT was 12:30 on the 16th of August. I was coming home from school at 12:30 exactly and the bomber came over here" (He pointed to the heavens) "The engine was burning. He made a large curve and crashed down there by the forest." I said, "Can you exactly remem-



Kiersten Anderson laid a wreath at the base of the flag during the White Cross Ceremony in McIntosh for Memorial Day.

ber where it crashed?" He said, "I can show you exactly where it crashed." I said, "Come into the car and we will go and see the site."

He came into the car, and directed us to drive out from the village I can remember: Drive right; Drive up this narrow way to the forest; go through the forest and at the end of the forest is a large tree field. Drive a little right; stop; exactly here was the bomber crash site. He said, "I didn't go there because the munitions were exploding. It burned."

I asked, "Are you quite sure?" He said, "Absolutely." We went out after the wheat was cut. I went with my shoe and tried to dig the earth and at once I had three, four, five aluminum parts in my hand. I have parts of the Boeing."

We went home to the guest house we had rented for the night; we knew exactly where Herbert Harms' aircraft was shot down. It was exactly 50 years later.

The next morning, we made a small voyage through Meineweh to say goodbye with Minister Hochbaugh. Just when we were driving there, he said, "Stop!" There was an old man coming on the right, and he said I must ask him, as he is an old one and he knows something. I asked the man, "Do you know something about this bomber which crashed nearby in Osterfeld? We are looking for a bomber crew member who was never found."

He said, "Oh, yes; I know. It was up there southward from Meineweh on a slight hill. There, they came out with their parachutes and they got sent to prison from the German police. Six weeks later, a farmer was cutting his corn. Suddenly he stopped his machine and looked further; there was something lying in the corn. He went down and said, "Oh, God, a dead Frenchman." Lying there was a bomber crewman with a parachute. He was dead and his hands were clamped into the ground."

This was very strict information and we said we would go there. Hochbaugh also said there is someone who might know something about this missing person who was a Hitlerjugend commander in Meineweh. We contacted him and asked him about this and he said, "I saw this aircraft burning and flying westward. I saw all the crew bailing out with the parachutes and I went up to look what happened. Towards me came the pilot, hands up, so I could see he has no gun and he doesn't shoot. The other ones all came, one after another, because it was a large distance. They got captured."



I gave him this paper with the photo and I asked which one of them came towards you. He watched it for some time and then pointed out someone and it was the pilot.

We also had contact with an older wife living in the next village southward from Meineweh. She saw the parachute from Herbert Harms falling down unopened. So it is absolutely sure that Herbert Harms was killed because his parachute didn't open.

(Note from Theo: In the B-17, there was a strict rule for bailing out: first the tail gunner, then the other gunners, then the pilots, navigator and bombardier – from back to front.)

And so it happened that Herbert Harms was the first one to bail out. The rear gunner cockpit was very narrow, so the tail gunner had to be very small. I suppose Herbert Harms tried to get out, and possibly the cabin malfunctioned. The aircraft was very low; he had no chance. He lay about six weeks in the corn field until the farmer found him. And then we could reconstruct from the people there what had happened.

In the end, he was buried in the cemetery in Meineweh in the corner, and so ends his life in Meineweh.

In the summers of 1945, one year later, came an American Inquisition command from the U.S. Army, to all the villages and towns. They wanted to know what happened with missing Americans. They exhumed his body and had it transported to the collective cemetery in Liege, Belgium. There is a memorial stone



The Memorial Day program this year in McIntosh was part of the hard work of Garnet Aanenson and many others who helped to make the day a success.



Connie Strom, Lois Boehrnsen and Stephanie Fritz presented Quilts of Valor to our local Servicemen during the Memorial Day Program in McIntosh. Here, Lois presents a quilt to Tom Reitmeier. These three ladies, along with many others work diligently each year to make quilts to present throughout the year.



Laying wreaths at the base of the crosses during the Memorial Day program in McIntosh on May 28th is Mason Spaeth and William Shimpa.

where is written, "Herbert Harms, missing in action over Germany 16 August 1944."

Footnote from Darlene Dierkes:

Theo is the grandfather of two foreign exchange students we hosted in 2007 – 2008 and 2011 – 2012. While we were visiting the family in Germany in March 2014 he shared this story with us.

The British pilot, Chris Unitt, was responsible for reporting the results back to the family member he had met in Florida. However, if he did, Theo was not part of that communication. As a result, this 20-year-old story still had no final chapter for him.

Through Ancestry.com, I was able to contact some family members. The ones I spoke with had not heard the details of the expedition. So, I arranged a meeting between them and Theo at the American Legion in Herb's hometown of Rutland, Illinois in August of 2014.

That day, Theo was able to tell the family about the trip to Meineweh and what happened to Herb. He presented them with the pieces of Herb's plane he had kept in his possession since the day he unearthed them with his foot in 1994.

The family had Herb's uniform, his Purple Heart, and other artifacts on display. It was an emotional day for everyone in attendance.

We also stopped by the local memorial, as well as the farm where Herb had grown up.

To this day, Herb is still officially listed as MIA. The family has no idea where his remains are located, or why the Army did not return them after exhuming them from Meineweh cemetery in 1945.

However, a nephew was recently asked to submit DNA through a Marine Corps initiative to find matches for unidentified remains. His family is hopeful that this will provide the link to be able to bring Herb home.



For Memorial Day, the Win-E-Mac Marching band performs several times throughout the morning. Here the band, along with their band leader, Mrs. Schulz, are marching in Winger.



Breelyn Hegre during the McIntosh Memorial Day program on Monday, May 28th.



Ashton Anderson participated in the White Cross Ceremony on Memorial Day in McIntosh.



Jim Wertish received a Quilt of Valor during the Memorial Day program and also accepted a Quilt for John Wertish, who was unable to attend.



McIntosh kids taking place in the Memorial Day White Cross Ceremony. Hudson Smeby, Ruby Breckel, Destiny Hedlund and Cora Earls.



Danielle Winter during the Memorial Day program in Winger on May 28th.



During the Memorial Day program in Winger, Hayden Johnson read to the audience.



Above: William Shimpa puts hand to heart for Joe Collova playing "Taps" during the McIntosh Memorial Day Program.



Right: Todd Tranby showing his patriotic spirit during the Memorial Day parade in McIntosh.



The parade of kids from the McIntosh Community Center to the White Cross Ceremony that took place in front of the old McIntosh school on Memorial Day.