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Polk County Sanders will be President of the National Association of County Engineers

Polk County, Minnesota County Engineer Richard Sanders was installed as President of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) at their recent annual meeting and technical conference. Sanders' term will run through April of 2019.

NACE is a nonprofit, non-partisan professional association in its 62nd year, representing over 2,400 county road officials and related professionals in the U.S. and Canada. In the U.S., local roads account for about 75% of highways and roads, or 2.93 million miles. Counties manage 1.74 million miles of those roads. Counties also own 231,000 bridges and operate one-third of the nation's transit systems.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve the nation's county road professionals this year," said Sanders. "With infrastructure a national priority, I look forward to engaging with policymakers and stakeholders to ensure county transportation infrastructure receive the attention needed to provide our nation with a safe, reliable transportation network to compete in today's global economy."

Sanders has served as Polk County Engineer since 2002. Rich served as NACE North Central Vice President in 2013-2015, and President for the Minnesota County Engineers Association in 2013.



Rich Sanders

Air conditioner tips to stay cool and save money this summer

The summer heat is on its way, and the Minnesota Commerce Department has air conditioner tips to help you keep your home cool while also saving money.

The Commerce Department's Home Energy Guide features a Heating and Cooling section that explains how air conditioning (AC) systems work, the importance of maintaining those systems, and the energy- and cost-saving benefits of high-efficiency AC units. It also offers a range of ideas to reduce heat and humidity in your home, which will lower the energy demand on your AC system.

The complete Home Energy Guide (.pdf) is available on the Commerce Department website (mn.gov/commerce).

Here are some key tips to stay cool and save energy with your AC this summer:

AC maintenance and repair

AC systems should be inspected annually. Schedule an inspection as soon as possible before intense heat and humidity arrive.

Proper maintenance will improve your AC's safety and performance, reduce energy use and electricity costs, and

prolong the life of your system.

A typical central AC system inspection should include checking voltage and belt condition, washing condensing unit coils, checking the drain line and confirming proper airflow.

What you can do

Between annual checkups, homeowners can do several things to keep AC systems operating efficiently and safely.

One essential maintenance task is to routinely replace or clean AC filters. Clogged, dirty filters block normal airflow and reduce a system's efficiency.

Central AC filters are usually located in the return duct near the furnace or air handler, while room air conditioners have a filter mounted in the grill that faces into the room. Ductless or high-velocity systems also have filters that need cleaning or replacing on a regular basis.

Some filters may require more frequent attention if the AC is in constant use, operating in dusty conditions or there are fur-shedding pets in the house.

Other do-it-yourself AC maintenance tips include:

- Keep the area around the outside unit free of foliage or anything that can block airflow.
- Make sure the coils of the outside unit don't get clogged with leaves, dust or other debris. This can affect AC efficiency. Clear the coils by spraying with a water hose. For window units, keep filters clean, make sure drain lines are clear and away from siding, and check for proper sealing between the window and the unit.
- Check with your utility for cooling tips and ways to save on your electric bill. Some utilities offer energy-saver programs with lower rates for off-peak use of air conditioners. Many utilities also offer rebates for installing new AC systems.

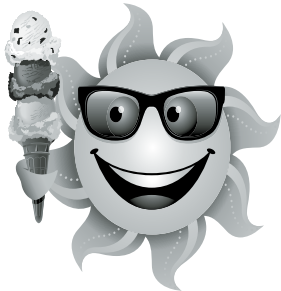
Youth, Adults invited to explore the library this summer

This summer, kids, teens and adults are invited to join the Summer Library Experience at the McIntosh Public Library (115 Broadway NW) to read, learn and have fun all summer long! This program invites kids, teens and adults to explore their imaginations and communities with activities, projects and reading challenges from June-August. To learn more, visit the McIntosh Public Library or www.larl.org/explore.

Events for kids and teens will be held throughout the summer at the McIntosh Public Library. Join the fun on Monday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m., as Dee Dee Narum helps kids and teens explore their creative sides with hands-on art projects. The following week, soar into the amazing world of bats and birds through the book "Stellaluna" by Janell Cannon. The Agassiz Environmental Learning Center will help kids and teens use their senses to explore feathers, animal specimens and houses for both bats and birds on Monday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. The library is also offering an ongoing "I Spy Game" and scavenger hunt, available during open hours.

The McIntosh Public Library also offers a weekly Storytime for young children and their caregivers. Visit the library on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. for songs and stories on a weekly theme. A regular computer class is also held each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. for those interested in learning more about technology.

The McIntosh Public Library is a branch of Lake Agassiz Regional Library, which is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. More information is available at www.larl.org.



Community Calendar

Wed. June 27: 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;; McIntosh City Council Meeting @ Community Center 5:30pm

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

Wed. June 20: 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 21: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. June 22: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. June 25: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm

Tues. June 26: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



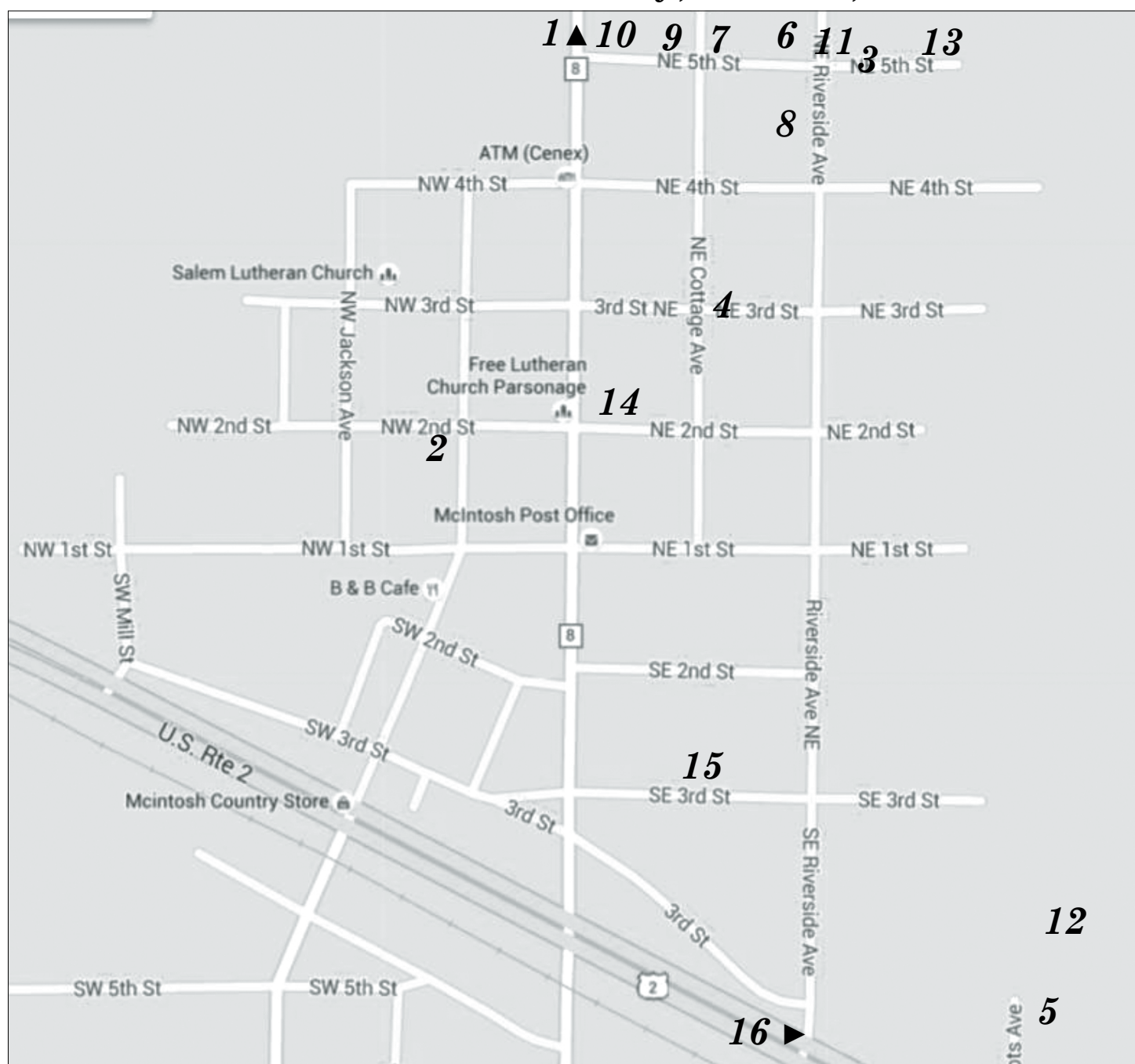
Band and Choir Officers for the 2017-2018 School years were: Kylie Stuhaug, Katelyn Sanden, Dylan Cabrales, Aries Qualey and Grace Spry (Not Pictured).



The Win-E-Mac 6th Grade class at the End of the Year School dance. This was their last Elementary Dance, as they will be Junior High Students next year.

McIntosh Rummage Sales

Saturday, June 16, 2016



1. Sheree Breckel
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and Saturday 8-4
- 2 Joan Kasprzak
- 120 Broadway St NW
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- 425 Riverside Ave NE
4. Paulette Kringlen - 245 Cottage Ave
5. Multi-Household - 450 4th St SE (Old Mac Motors)
6. Kevin Subbert
- 550 Riverside Ave NE
7. Carolyn Lundquist - 560 Cottage Ave NE
8. Joey Svalen - 440 Riverside Ave
9. Donna Skeie - 530 Cottage Ave NE
10. Anita Roy - 100 County Road 30
11. Mavis Haugom
- 540 Riverside Ave
12. Heather Burd - 255 Poplar Ct SE
13. Stephanie Frisk - 330 5th St NE
14. Mult-Household Sale - 130 2nd St NE
15. Heather Hegre
- 240 3rd St SE
16. Dee Dee Narum - 29030 US Hwy 2 SE



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

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
Wed. June 20: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; Noon - 8:00pm Adoration at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. June 22: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. June 24: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Wed. June 27: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; Noon - 8:00pm Adoration at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. June 29: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH
Winger/Bejou
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson
Sun. June 17: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary
Sun. June 24: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson
Sun. June 17: 11:15am Worship Service.
Sun. June 24: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church
Wed. June 13: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's
Sun. June 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tues. June 19: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV--Channel 2; 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place
Wed. June 20: 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 17: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel 11:00am Worship at Trinity;
Sun. June 24: 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 17: 9am Worship
Sun. June 24: 9am Worship

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FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlunds
Wed. June 13: 7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. June 17: 10:00am Worship Service
Wed. June 20: 7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. June 24: 10:00am Worship Service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Rev. Bruce Blocker, Pastor
Sun. June 17: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour
Sun. June 24: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

Story to Share?

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: mcintoshtimes@gmail.com

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Boots

Last week in VBS we spoke to the children about different people in Biblical history who walked a road. For instance, Ruth journeyed from Moab to Bethlehem, with each step she walked to her place in history: part of the genealogy of King David and Jesus Christ. (I made a mistake last week; she was the great-great grandmother of David.) David exchanged his shepherd's staff for five stones and a sling after walking to the battlefield between the Israelites and Philistines. He felled the descendant of the Nephilim who was taunting YHWH. Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem in time for the Savior to be born. The first to be told by the angels were the shepherds; which is of cultural significance. Yet they were YHWH's chosen messengers. Finally, our Adonai walked the streets of Jerusalem to complete the task appointed Him by His Father; dying for our sin.

Many of us are familiar with all of these accounts but there are details which bear further scrutiny that I will share about in the next few weeks. But I want to leave you with a message given to me by a two-year-old.

Just north of McIntosh is a farmstead at the end of a long

driveway. As it reaches the trees it dips into a wooded hollow and brings you up on the other side into a "Y" shaped clearing. Outbuildings trail from one side to the other with the house on one end, nestled in the shade. There was a peace about that place. As I and my daughter wandered among the items in the estate sale, I realized there was more on offer than just the collections of years. The land breathed of a legacy of prayer.

We went back the next day. I was drawn there. As we loaded our vehicle with "new to us" treasures, little blue-eyed, curly blonde-haired Evie approached us. She had been watching Dinah, following her with her eyes at first before deciding to use her feet. She was two and curious, as most are about other "littles" they don't know. We talked to her a bit and she listened. We crouched down to get on her level and after a moment, she mimicked us, studying us with her inquisitive eyes and rosy cheeks.

When Evie decided we were on friendly terms, she toddled over to a line of boots on the grass. Picking up a pair of snow boots—almost bigger than herself—she brought them to us. We smiled, explaining what they were; you see she's from Uganda. She walked back

and brought another brown pair and then barn boots. She was very determined to give us boots. I was smiling and watching the girls interact. Then little Evie tried to put her pink sneaker inside one winter boot. I ended up standing behind her, helping her slip on the boots while sensing I was being given a message which I had to make sense of!

Over the weekend I thought about little Evie who never said a word but had a big message. Her journey began halfway across the world. Those boots swallowed her legs and she couldn't maneuver in them but she put them on anyway. All week we talked about walking at VBS. About a purpose those in the moment could not see but we know about now; culminating in the final journey to Calvary.

As believers we are called to walk. Are we ready to step into the boots our Elohim has for us? Whether or not we think they fit, or match the season we are in or are pointed in the direction we want to go?

The Ruach ha-Kodesh issued me a clear call through a child last week. My feet were made for walking, not for digging in my heels. The journey is about growing not justifying. The road is ahead of me, not behind me.

Gast exhibit at Sorenson Gallery

Currently at the Sorenson Gallery are the life-like fish decoys by artist, Ryan Gast. The gallery is open during regular library hours. Ryan will have his decoys in the gallery through June 22.

Ryan grew up on a small farm outside of Beltrami MN. Starting at the age of 10, his dad would drag him out to the dark house to go spearing. At first, he hated it. But over the years he began to love it, and he now can't imagine life without it. On February of 2001, his dad passed away from cancer. Because of this great loss, Ryan found himself anxious and grieved from the loss. He needed something to occupy his mind and hands. Ryan started attempting to make fish decoys. Over the next few years he tried to perfect a good working fish decoy that he could use while out spearing. The decoys he makes are intended for use for many years.

Tradewell Decoys is named after his grandpa, Chester Tradewell, an avid spearer who



taught Ryan's father how to spear. Every decoy he makes has an anchor mark burned in to honor his father, who trusted Jesus as the Anchor of his life, as does Ryan.

You can find Ryan hanging not too far from the lake in the Erskine area.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. June 13 :
Sherman Tranby, Theresa Agnes, *Albert & Karen Plante

Thurs. June 14:
Shane Burslie, Homan Ghajari, Carter Carlson, *Calvin & Donna Skeie

Fri. June 15:
Nathan Vigoren, Ellen Burslie, Carey Burslie, Kaitlin Marshall, DiAnne Christopherson, *Virgil & Mary Lerfald

Sat. June 16:
Mya Strom, Twila Rolf, *Jon & Cindy Lecy, *Kraig & Elaina Kundert

Mon. June 18:
Jeff Haaen, Braylon Hamre, *Mike & Britany Sylstad

Tues. June 19:
Stanley Ostena, Adam Carlson, *Kyle & Kayla Jore

Father's Day June 17

Towns in 1958 only twelve of the original homesteads remained in their respective families. Those twelve included C.B McManus, Ingvald Moy, Dick Reiersen, Otto Senum, Skore Brothers, Higdem Brothers, Tommy Rystad, Ole Norby, Mrs. Cornelia Johnson, Gunda Grundyson, Elsa Trovatten and Carl Carlson. The Charles Boldt farm was the only farmstead that has remained in the family from the earliest squatter days in the 1870's.

Source: The Saga of the Thirteen Towns; The Centennial History of the Thirteen Towns.



The History of Sletten Township- PART 1

Squatters entered the territory known as the "Thirteen Towns, Dakota Territory" as early as 1876. Some of these early settlers established dwellings in the southeastern portion of what would become Sletten Township. Two of these early residents were

August Boldt and Osmund Senum. In 1878 the territory was closed by the government due to boundary disputes between the government and the Chipewewa Indian tribes.

In 1883 when the greater part of the township was opened settlers claimed their property and by 1885 the vast majority of the township was homesteaded.

As with most of the township, many of the first settlers to the area chose the land along the river for drainage and water supply.

On October 10, 1883, a meeting was held at the Lars Saue home where the township was formally organized. It was

given the name Sletten in honor of Paul Sletten, who was at that time the incumbent of the Land Office in Crookston. The Township board was elected: Ole E. Sonsteli, Chairman; Lars Saue and James Vanvert.

Prior to 1884 the settlers hauled their supplies by wagon or walked and carried them from Crookston or Detroit Lakes. In March of 1884, Louis Foss opened a general store in Fosston. In 1888 the Great Northern Railroad was built from Crookston through McIntosh to Fosston. These events all helped to shorten the distance to travel for needed supplies and groceries. By the writing of the Saga of the Thirteen

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we are in our summer season although we have had a few cooler days and nights, but still nothing much in the way of moisture. Crops and gardens are up and everything is nice and green. Geese and ducks have hatched their little ones and swim so proudly in the lakes and ponds.

The Erskine Water Carnival is again history, and of course as it usually happens they had a rainy Saturday but all in all they had a good week end with lots of people. They also had a good parade on Sunday evening.

Whether you live in Winger or are driving through you will see crews hard at work installing the fiber optic cables.

On to the news, is rather slow this week but none the less have a bit to share.

On Wednesday the 30th Adam Carlson visited in the morning with Milton Carlson at Milton's home, later in the day Donna Carlson visited Milton bringing pizza for supper.

Last Monday Helmer and Verlys Homme along with a friend of theirs had a very enjoyable day spent in Fargo doing some leisure shopping.

Lucy Brtek along with many other family members and friends attended a graduation open house celebration at the Kevin and Bonnie Olson home at Fosston last Saturday for Alexis Brtek. Lexie is Lucy's Granddaughter.

Paul Carlson visited with and was a coffee guest of Milton Carlson at Milton's home last Saturday.

Last Saturday afternoon Butch and Linda Pulskamp were visitors at the Joan Helland home in Fargo. Theresa Helland of St. Cloud was also a visitor there along with Doug Helland of Fargo. They went especially to visit with Doug as he is moving soon to Rapid City, SD.

Last Sunday the 3rd, Milton Carlson met Terry Keller at church and after church they went to Bejou to the Keller home where he was a dinner guest of Mike, Kari, Terry and Oliviyah Keller.

Tuesday the 5th, Lucy Brtek brought treats to the Billy Brtek home near Lengby where she helped him celebrate his birthday.

On Monday, Judy Gieseke took a ride on her 4 wheeler to the Milton Carlson home and was a dinner guest of Milton's.

Thursday, Linda Pulskamp and several of her former co-workers in Red Lake Falls got together for lunch and a good visit.

This past week Lucy Brtek visited with Sheldon Lee and Wilma Wang at their homes in Cornerstone in Fosston. Lucy stated that they both were doing pretty well.

MDA Reminder: use pesticides and fertilizers with care

Spring is here and many Minnesotans will be thinking about their lawns, trees and gardens.

Whether you do it yourself or hire a professional, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) urges the safe use of pesticides and fertilizers in your yards and gardens by following all label directions.

Pesticide and fertilizer labels specify how to use products safely and effectively. In Minnesota, it is unlawful to apply products without following label instructions. The label is the law.

If you hire a professional lawn care provider, do your homework. State law requires pesticide applicators to be licensed by the MDA in order to commercially apply pesticides (including weed and feed products) and plant nutrient fertilizers. To be licensed by the MDA, applicators must know and understand state and federal regulations to safely perform lawn, tree and garden services.

The following are helpful tips for a safe spring gardening season.

If you do it yourself:

- Read and follow all label directions.
- Do not apply products in windy or adverse weather con-

ditions. High wind can cause products to drift and potentially harm people, pets, or plants.

From Bun Manor:

During the Erskine water carnival the Winger Lion's helped serve lunch to the kids who were fishing at take a kid fishing day.

Those members who helped were Brandon Omang, Jamie Morvig, Karl Erickson, Elmyrna Kaupang and Floyd and Gerri Balstad

Bun's brother Andy came up on Thursday to spend the weekend. He chauffeured Bun around in the van. He went to see Tim Lecy on Friday at Pioneer home in Erskine after hitting a bucket of golf balls. Tim is doing good. Floyd and Gerri Balstad returned home on Sunday after spending a couple of days in Minneapolis. Gerri's son Tony had his son Noah graduate from high school.

Saturday evening Bun and Andy headed over to McIntosh to help celebrate Carey Burslie's 60th birthday over at his place east of town. Carey was quite surprised when he came home from fishing and there were all kinds of friends there to meet him and wish him a Happy birthday. They had a tent set up in the backyard and people enjoyed a meal with birthday cake. There must have been over fifty well wishers. High school classmates of Carey's that showed up were Mary Schmidt, Tami Ose, Stephanie Daley, Curt Bartz, Scrappy and Bun. Carey opened up his presents. He got four bed pans among other gifts. Next time you see him ask him about his trip to Duluth.

Sunday afternoon Stephanie and Tami stopped by and visited with Bun for awhile. They had also been up to Pioneer and visited with Joanne Zahl.

Elmyrna Kaupang attended the car show in Fertile on Saturday afternoon. There were over 100 cars in the show. Very impressive! She went over to her sister Hazel's place for dinner and enjoyed visiting with her nephew Doug Trostad and his girlfriend Marilyn.

Over the weekend Steve and Lorri Massmann drove down to Alexandria on Friday evening where they met Lorri's sister and husband in Nelson with several other friends for a bite to eat and try their luck at the Friday nite meat raffle. Steve was lucky enough to win a nice package of pork chops. Saturday Steve and Lorri met Steve's folks and headed for New Brighton for nephew Brett's graduation. Then back to Osakis Sunday for nephew Shane's graduation. Then finally back to Winger to rest. Gets to be a lot of road miles keeping up with family activities.

Remember to submit your news to Linda or Bun.

How S.S. rules work for you

By: Patty Hoffman
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Retirement doesn't have the same meaning for everyone. Some people plan to retire and never work again. Some people plan for second careers in occupations that wouldn't have adequately supported their families, but they do the work for pure enjoyment. Some people, whether by design or desire, choose to work part-time or seasonally to supplement their retirement income.

Retirees (or survivors) who choose to receive Social Security benefits before they reach full retirement age (FRA) and continue to work have an earnings limit. In 2017, the annual earnings limit was \$16,920 for those under FRA the entire calendar year. In 2018, it is \$17,040. If you earn over the limit, we deduct \$1 from your Social Security monthly benefit payment for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit.

In the calendar year you reach FRA, which you can check out at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/ageincrease.html, you have a higher earnings limit. Additionally, we will only count earnings for the months prior to FRA. In 2017, the limit was \$44,880. In 2018, it is \$45,360. In the year of FRA attainment, Social Security deducts \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above the limit.

There is a special rule that usually only applies in your first year of receiving retirement benefits. If you earn more than the annual earnings limit, you may still receive a full Social Security payment for each month you earn less than a monthly limit. In 2018, the monthly limit is \$1,420 for

those who are below FRA the entire calendar year. The 2018 monthly limit increases to \$3,780 in the year of FRA attainment.

Once you reach FRA, you no longer have an earnings limit, and we may recalculate your benefit to credit you for any months we withheld your benefits due to excess earnings. This is because your monthly benefit amount is calculated based on a reduction for each month you receive it before your FRA. So, if you originally filed for benefits 12 months before your FRA, but earned over the limit and had two months of Social Security benefits withheld, we will adjust your ongoing monthly benefit amount to reflect that you received 10 months of benefits before your FRA, and not 12.

Most people understand that if they work while receiving benefits before FRA, their benefit may be reduced. What most people do not consider in their retirement planning is that we recalculate your Social Security monthly benefit at FRA to credit you for Social Security benefit payments withheld due to earnings over the limit. Explaining the earnings limit is another way that Social Security helps secure your today and tomorrow. Understanding both the earnings limit and the possible recalculation of your ongoing Social Security benefits will provide an additional perspective on retirement for you to consider.

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3 common ways S.S. your can grow after retirement

By: Patty Hoffman
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

You made the choice and now you are happily retired. You filed online for your Social Security benefits. They arrive each month in the correct amount exactly as expected. But, did you ever wonder if your Social Security check could increase?

Once you begin receiving benefits, there are three common ways benefit checks can increase: a cost of living adjustment (COLA); additional work; or an adjustment at full retirement age if you received reduced benefits and exceeded the earnings limit.

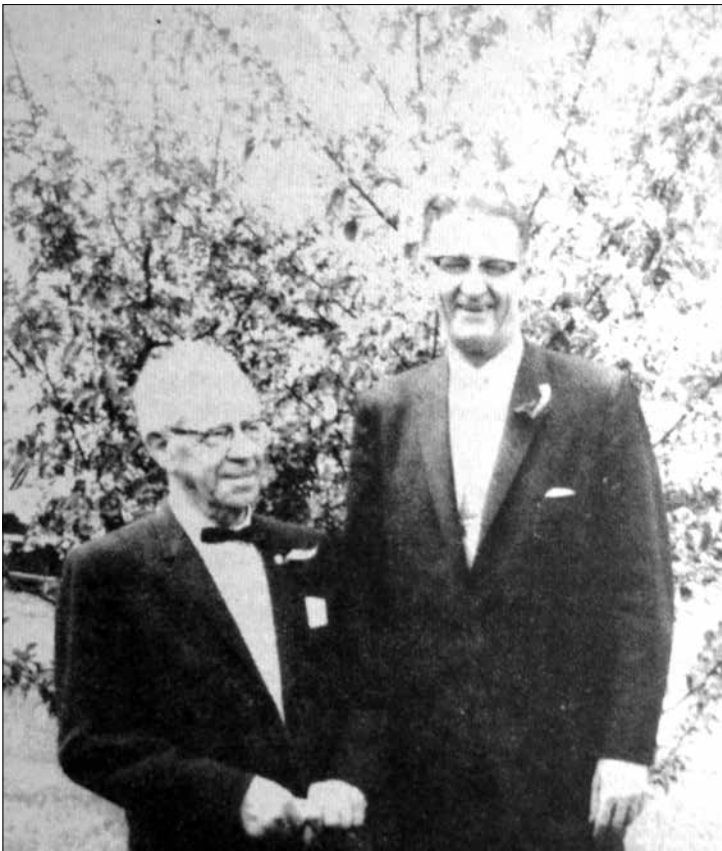
The COLA is the most commonly known increase for Social Security payments. We annually announce a COLA, and there's usually an increase in the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit amount people receive each month. By law, federal benefit rates increase when the cost of living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI-W). More than 66 million Americans saw a 2.0 percent increase in their Social Security and SSI benefits in 2018. For more information on the 2018 COLA, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

Social Security uses your highest thirty-five years of earnings to figure your benefit amount when you sign up

for benefits. If you work after you begin receiving benefits, your additional earnings may increase your payment. If you had fewer than 35 years of earnings when we figured your benefit, you will replace a zero earnings year with new earnings. If you had 35 years or more, we will check to see if

retirement...

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50 years ago...1968: This picture might have been taken in Washington D.C. during Cherry Blossom time, but it wasn't. It was taken in McIntosh when Congressman Odin Langen posed with Mayor Roholt in the setting of a flowering plum tree on the school lawn. The Congressman was in McIntosh to address the Memorial Day audience in a program held last Thursday.



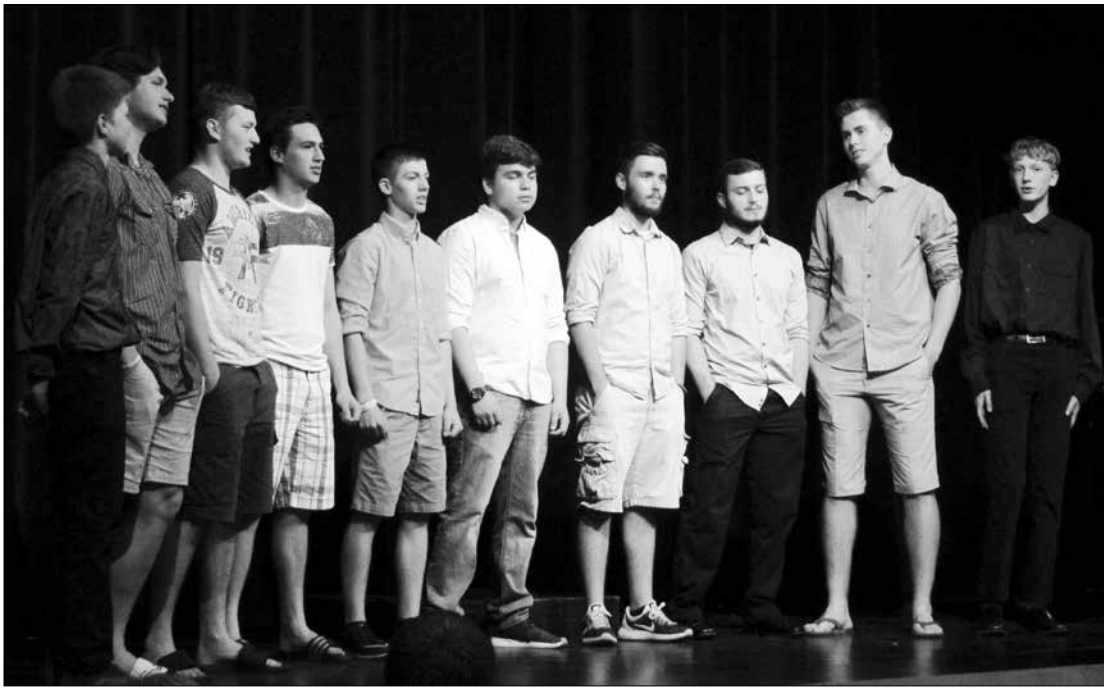
40 years ago...1978: R.L. Edwards (Piney) received a plaque from the City Council on June 8th, for a grateful recognition for seven outstanding years of faithful service to the City of McIntosh. Mr. Edwards served as Mayor from January 1971 - April 1978. Presenting the plaque is City Council member, Ron Strom.



30 years ago...1988: Exuberant McIntosh-Winger sixth grade students celebrate their final day in elementary school. Next year, they will go to Erskine and attend Win-E-Mac Junior High School.



20 years ago...1998: The Winger Flag Cadets proudly hold their flags as they march in the Memorial Day parade in Winger on Monday, May 25th. They are instructed in proper flag etiquette and patriotism by Carol Black for several weeks prior to the big day, as they prepare for the Memorial Day observance.



The Win-E-Mac Senior High Men's Group performed "Nine Hundred Miles", by Douglas Wagner during the Senior High Spring Concert at the School in May.



Performing for friends and family during the Win-E-Mac Spring Band & Choir Concert held in May was the Senior High Women's Group.



Lots of kids showed up for the fun times during the Elementary Spring Dance the night before the last day of school.



Jay Parenteau and Tyra Wilson were soloists during the Senior High Choir performance of "I Can See the River Jordan" at the Win-E-Mac Senior High Spring Concert.



The Senior High Band performed during the Win-E-Mac High School Band and Choir Concert held in May at the Arts & Event Center.

Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer

End of the Year

As graduations wrap up in the region and teachers begin the task of closing up their classrooms for the summer, we want to say thank you teachers and parents for a great year at Win-E-Mac schools. Next year students in the Building Trades Class will learn how to build a house. The school board has approved the construction of a new house built by students and taught by Mr. Johnson. We will be advertising for quotes in electrical, rough-in plumbing and materials. We would like for the contractor to work with students in the install process. If you would like to give us a quote, please contact the District Office. If you have interest in the purchase of a house please contact the District Office.



School Updates

Schools in Polk County and the Sheriff's office have been talking about how we can use SRO officers in the school. The state of Minnesota has yet to release their safe schools funding so we can plan forward. There is interest at various levels at individual districts and we need to make sure we have our questions answered to make any decision about safety for our students.

Free Breakfast and Lunch

During the summer months Win-E-Mac School will be serving free Breakfast from 8:00-8:30 and free Lunch from 11:30-12:00 for all school aged children. Adults will be charged \$4 if they choose to eat with their child. If students want to participate regularly, please call the school and give the office the names of students participating. This program will be available all summer until August 24th, 2018. This is open to any or all students.

Important Immunizations

Now is the time to prepare for student immunizations for the next school year. Do not

wait until the last minute because state law does not allow a student to attend a Minnesota school until their immunizations are up to date. According to Minnesota's School Immunization laws, a child entering Kindergarten should have dates for the following vaccines; 5 (DTaP/DTP) Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis, 4 (IPV) Polio, 3 (Hep B) Hepatitis B, 2 (MMR) Measles-Mumps-Rubella, 2 Varicella (chickenpox) and 1(Tdap booster-7th grade only). Win-E-Mac School along with all schools in Minnesota is required to make sure all students meet the criteria for immunization certification in Minnesota schools. If a parent has a questions about immunizations, please call the school district. In order to remain in school, your student is required to be in compliance.

Bus Drivers

If you would like to earn some extra income during the school year we need sub bus drivers. This is open for both male and females who have the interest in working at Win-E-Mac. We can train and assist you in getting the license. Please call the school at 218-563-2900 for more information.

Retirement...

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your new year of earnings is higher than the lowest of the 35 years (after considering indexing). We check additional earnings each year you work while receiving Social Security. If an increase is due, we send a notice and pay a one-time check for the increase and your continuing payment will be higher.

Maybe you chose to receive reduced Social Security retirement benefits while continuing to work. You made the choice to take benefits early, but at a reduced rate. If you exceeded the allowable earnings limit and had some of your benefits withheld, we will adjust your benefit once you reach full retirement age. We will refigure your payment to credit you for any months you did not receive payments. Your monthly benefit will increase based on the crediting months you receive. You can find additional information about working and your benefit at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10077.pdf.

Retirement just got more interesting since you learned about potential increases to monthly payments. Social Security has been securing your today and tomorrow for more than 80 years with information and tools to help you achieve a successful retirement.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MCINTOSH

Thursday, June 14, 2018,
5:30 PM

— COMMUNITY CENTER —

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
a. MAY 17, 2018 REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

OLD BUSINESS:

a. PAVING QUOTE

NEW BUSINESS:

a. STREET CLOSURE - THE

COOP

b. BB CAFE CLEAN-UP

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:

MEETING UPDATE:

NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT:

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