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Jens Stordahl was one of the many people who volunteered to help with the storm clean-up in McIntosh after a storm with strong winds blew through town around 4:30 am last Friday, June 29th. Jens is the son of Bryce and Andrea Stordahl, owners of Minnesota Rust.



Fire broke out at the Brad and Joi Ingman home after a lightning strike due to the severe storm that passed through McIntosh on Friday, June 29th. The McIntosh Fire Department was quick to respond, despite the mess of downed trees that were all over the streets of town. Along with the McIntosh Fire Department, Erskine and Fosston Fire Departments also responded to the fire, along with the Essentia Health Fosston Paramedics and Polk County Sheriff's Department.



Electric power transmission lines from the Winger station to just south of Fosston were scattered and laying on the ground last Friday afternoon as high winds were a part of the dangerous storm that passed through East Polk County earlier that morning.



Polk County Fair starts July 11th

Again this year, everyone is ready for the fun to begin at the Polk County Fair held from July 11th to July 15th at the Fairgrounds in Fertile. The 118th Annual Fair will bring 5 days of action, excitement and fun for all.

The Fair opens it's gates on Wednesday, July 11th at 8:00 am with "Sneak a Peek Day." The midway will open around 5:00 pm and the rodeo begins at 7:00 pm. Karaoke, which is free for all ages will start around 9:00 pm and last until midnight. The famous Polk County Chocolate Contest will also be held on Wednesday on the Free Stage with entries being due by 6:30 pm and judging

starting at 7:00 pm. There will be catagories for both adult and kids for recipes made from "scratch".

Thursday, July 12th is the day the 4-H Open Class judging will begin., also Thursday will start the kids bike drawing which will take place each day of the fair at 4:00 pm. The midway will open at 4:00 pm and there will be another night of rodeo action starting at 7:00 pm.

The talent contest will take place on the Free Stage beginning at 7:00 pm as well, there will be a pre-teen, teen and adult division for the talent show. Admission to the show is free.

Senior Citizens Day will be on Friday, July 13th, with the gates opening at 9:30 am in the Christian Fellowship tent. Everyone is welcome 55 years old and over.

The midway will open on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm as well as the Hanson Memorial Free Stage. Opening on Friday as well is the Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo. Bingo will take place at 2:00 pm with cards at 2 for \$3 that will be good for all 11 games with a total of \$1,000 in cash prizes. and a kids pedal pull starts at 4:15 pm. Firday will bring Baja Racing with a night full of action for the 8 cylindrs and pickups.

On Saturday, July 14th, the day will start with a 5K walk/run that will take place at 9:00 am. Reigstration for the walk/run starts at 8:00 am near the Free Stage. Pre- registration is required by July 6th to guarentee a T-shirt, same day registration will be accepted. There will be a prize for the first male and first female finishers. Proceed for this event will go to the Polk County Fair Building Improvement Fund.

There At noon, the midway and free stage will open for the day and Dock Dogs Registration will start with the Dock Dogs event starting at 1:00 pm.

Dock Dogs is a competition event if your dog loves to run, jump and swim then DockDogs is definitely the right place for

McIntosh and Winger Communities work together to clean up in wake of storm

In the wake of the severe storm that blew through East Polk County early Friday morning, community members in both Winger and McIntosh were out and about helping their friends, family and neighbors clean up the trees and debris which lay throughout the towns and scattered about all over the rural areas.

Winger was preparing for their annual town celebration the following day, and with the help of residents and many of the businesses" volunteering their employee time the town was pretty close to ship-shape on Saturday and Winger Day and the Lion's Fish Fry was a huge success.

McIntosh had young and old alike out helping with the clean-up and lending a hand where it was needed.

The storm's main damage was to trees with many residents experiencing at minimum quite a few branches in their yards. There was damage to a few houses and businesses. Minnesota Rust and Rick's Repair lost a good part of the roof off their building. The Stordahl's owner's of Minnesota Rust were so grateful for the many volunteers who stopped by to help them as they moved their goods out of the damaged building to safer storage.

Much of East Polk County was without power for at least a few hours after the storm. Minnkota Power Company which has a station to the northwest of Winger lost approximately 75 transmission towers in an 11 miles span from Winger to Fosston. The impact of the loss of that line is only speculation, but it will be months before the repairs can be felt by the Company.

Power was rerouted from other areas and as of press time, there was nobody without power in East Polk County.

A lightening strike, in the town of McIntosh, during the storm started a fire at the Brad and Joi Ingman home, located just east of Our Savior's Church. The McIntosh

Fire Department along with the assistance of the Erskine and Fosston Fire Departments were able to extinguish the fire but there was significant damage to their home.

Despite the damage to property, there was no severe injuries due to the strong and dangerous storm that was experienced early Friday, June 29th by the residents of East Polk County and that we can be grateful for.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH

INDEPENDENCE DAY



Win-E-Mac Summer Rec Waterpark Trip

Wed. July 11th (10:00-2:00) Thief River Falls

Bus Times: School (8:40) Erskine (8:45) Winger (9:00) McIntosh (9:15)

Permission and sign up sheet at Win-e-mac School office

Deadline: Fri July 6th

Community Calendar

Wed. July 4: Independence Day! Happy 4th of July

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

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

Mon. July 9: Explore Ricks & Gems at the McIntosh Library 10:30am; McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; 10am to 3pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;

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

Wed. July 11: Summer Rec Waterpark Trip 10:00am, information and signup at the WEM School office; 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. July 12: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;;

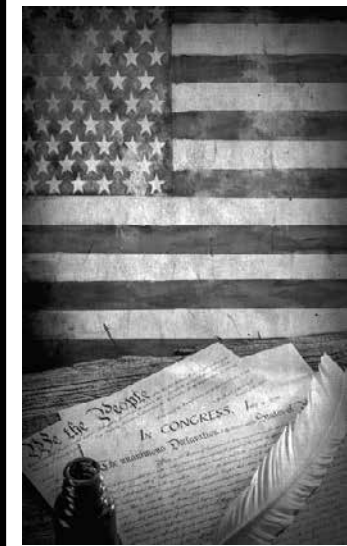
Fri. July 13: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. July 16: Explore Bugs! at the McIntosh Library 10:30am; McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;

Tues. July 17: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



Reading of the Declaration of Independence



Dan and Darlene Dierkes invite you to their house for the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. The reading will be at 10:00; please arrive after 9:30. Enjoy a visit with friends and neighbors over refreshments as well as some patriotic music, before hearing the words of our founding fathers that gave us the liberty we enjoy today. The event will be held in the garage if the weather is bad, so come, rain or shine! Bring your coffee mug and a lawn chair.

Rep. Fabian and Sen. Johnson applaud PUC approval of Line 3 Pipeline

On Wednesday, June 28, 2018, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) voted unanimously to approve a certificate of need for the Line 3 Replacement Pipeline in Northern Minnesota. The pipeline was ordered to be replaced during the Obama Administration, and a study done by the University of Minnesota Duluth estimates the project will bring \$2 billion in direct and related spending to our state and create 8,600 jobs.

"The PUC's decision yesterday to grant Enbridge's project the certificate of need can be viewed with great optimism by the residents of Greater Minnesota, as it marks one of the final hurdles that the project will face. The proposed project has long had the approval of residents of Northern Minnesota and will provide a boost to

the regional economy, bringing good-paying jobs, property tax revenue and enhanced environmental protections," said Senator Mark Johnson, R-East Grand Forks.

"Today, folks across Northern Minnesota are celebrating that after years of runarounds, roadblocks and unnecessary delays, Line 3 has finally been granted a certificate of need by the PUC," said Rep. Dan Fabian, R-Roseau. "This pipeline will use the latest technology and will be much safer and better for the environment, as well as provide a significant boost to our economy. Line 3 is a win for everyone."

While the certificate of need was approved, additional action was taken to determine some conditions for the certificate, and conditions to the route with alterations in the

Big Sandy Lake region in Aitkin and Carlton counties. Earlier this session, Rep. Fabian authored House File 3759, legislation that would have granted a certificate of need and route approval for Line 3. The bill, which passed the Legislature and also had strong support from Sen. Johnson, was vetoed by Governor Dayton. Rep. Fabian also has been a strong advocate for reforms at the PUC, championing legislation that would give more balanced and rural representation on the commission.

"The PUC has seen there is a real need for Line 3 in Minnesota, and I want to thank them for that. Now, we must remain steadfast and do what's best for our state. I remain hopeful that cooler heads prevail and we allow this project to move forward," concluded Rep. Fabian.

Stay safe during thunderstorms

Fireworks are not the only thing that light up the sky on warm evenings. Hot, humid weather often presents the ideal conditions for the formation of thunderstorms to form.

The National Severe Storms Laboratory estimates that 16 million thunderstorms occur across the globe each year. The NSSL says that, at any given moment, there are 2,000 thunderstorms in progress. In the United States, eight cities in Florida top the Farmer's Almanac list for the most thunderstorm-prone areas. The regions' average conditions can be highly favorable for producing thunderstorms.

Although thunderstorms can be exciting to watch from the safety of indoors, these storms can be strong and dangerous. Thunderstorms are of-

ten accompanied by damaging winds and large hail. Thunderstorms can move in very quickly and produce flash flooding conditions. The American Red Cross offers that every thunderstorm produces lightning, which kills more people each year than tornadoes or hurricanes.

Despite advance warnings, people are killed or seriously injured by severe thunderstorms each year.

Respecting the power of a thunderstorm can help keep people safe.

- **Follow the 30/30 lightning safety rule.** When lightning flashes, immediately go indoors if you cannot count to 30 before hearing a thunder clap. Remain indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last rumble of thunder.

- **Upon hearing thunder,** get out of boats, pools and other bodies of water.
- **Unplug electronic equipment** that may be susceptible to damage from power surges caused by lightning hitting power lines.
- **Be sure to have a flashlight** and extra batteries handy in the event of a power outage.
- **Listen to the local news or NOAA Weather Radio** for emergency updates.
- **Get to higher ground** if flash flooding is possible.
- **Avoid contact with plumbing fixtures,** as water conducts electricity.
- **Do not try to drive during severe thunderstorms.** Afterward, do not drive through standing puddles. They may be too deep to gauge.

NOTICE

ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING VERNES CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The annual election and meeting of the Vernes Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, July 9, 2018 at the Vernes Lutheran Church. The meeting shall start at 7:00 p.m. and all association members are invited to attend. Association members are all members of Vernes Lutheran Church and anyone else who has relatives or friends buried in the cemetery. Again, all members are encouraged to attend.

*Gordon Syverson
Secretary/Treasurer
Vernes Cemetery Association*

M14-15C



Giant trees, that have stood through decades were brought down by the high winds that last Friday's storm delivered to our communities.

- **Stay away from windows.**
- **If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter if possible.** If shelter is not available, find a low area away from metal areas or tall objects that can attract lightning. Curl into a ball and make yourself as small as possible.
- **After the storm,** stay away from downed power lines and report them immediately.

Haying opportunity on Rydell NWR

There is an opportunity for individuals to bid on the opportunity to hay up to 84 acres (4 different fields) on the Refuge this August.

The objective of haying these fields is to remove existing vegetation to reduce the litter layer, stimulate new growth, and remove young woody vegetation.

This is done in an effort to maintain as much open grassland as possible for waterfowl and other ground-nesting birds.

Bids are due July 11. Interested people can ask questions or get a copy of the bid package mailed to them by contacting Gregg Knutsen at 218-687-2229 x16, 218-686-4329, or gregg_knutsen@fws.gov.

The bid package will also be posted on the Rydell NWR webpage (www.fws.gov/refuge/rydell/).

Bid packages can also be picked up directly at the Rydell NWR Office, located approxi-



mately 4 miles southwest of Erskine, MN.

MAC TO FLUSH WATERLINES

The City of McIntosh will be flushing waterlines and hydrants each Thursday throughout the summer.

Residents are encouraged to watch for rusty or dirty water on these days. Fill washing machines to check water before adding clothes.

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Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. July 4 : Josh Bartz, Barb Urness, *Phillip & Amy Carlson

Thurs. July 5: Ron Roed

Fri. July 6: Timothy Perreault, Ella Strom

Sat. July 7: Karol Langemo, Macy Carlson

Sun. July 8: Devra Carlson, Colleen Borud, Macey Lee

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

Fri. July 6: 5:30pm Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley (First Friday)

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

Tues. July 11: 1:00pm Mass at McIntosh Nursing Home; 3:30pm Mass at First Care Nursing Home, Fosston

Fri. July 13: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. July 15: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. July 18: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. July 20: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. July 22: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. July 25: 6:00pm Mass at Lengby Lake Pavilion

Fr. July 27: 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. July 8: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. July 15: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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

Sun. July 8: 11:15am Worship Service.

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

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

Tues. July 3: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV-Channel 2; 1:30pm Bible Study at The County Place

Sun. July 8: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wed. July 11: 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. July 8: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel 11:00am Worship at Trinity;

Sun. July 15: 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. July 8: 9am Worship

Sun. July 15: 9am Worship

DOVRE
FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlunds

Sun. July 8: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. July 11: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. July 15 : 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. July 18: 7:00pm Bible Study

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Rev. Bruce Blocker, Pastor

Sun. July 8: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Sun. July 15: 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

McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center

The History of Sletten Township-PART 3

In the fall of the year the Thirteen Towns was opened for homesteading, two births were recorded; Bendik Louis Sandvig, born on November 10th, 1883 to Johannas and Anne Sandvig, and Johan Alfred Moen, born on December 25th of the same year, to Andreas and Olia Moen.

In the early days there was a Medicine Man by the name of Smith living in the southeast part of the township.

He made regular rounds with his medicines made from herbs and roots for treatment of headaches and minor illnesses. He had fought the Sioux Indians in the late 1850's. In the south

part of the township the reservation fires were an annual event and great hazard, destroying some homes and much of the hay.

Early annual town board meetings were held in the homes of Board members, and in school houses; later they were held in the Town Clerk office, Sletten Post Office and also in the Sletten Store.

At the annual township meeting of 1893 held in the town of Sletten at the schoolhouse District No 17, the motion was made and carried that stated: "On motion it was resolved that all persons not residents of the town of Sletten are prohibited after this for fishing and hunting in this township and that the Town Board is authorized to investigate and find out the legal way to make this a legal act and the Town Board is authorized to amend this if necessary as to make this a lawful act."

Salaries for town officers were determined on the 13th of March, 1894, at the Sletten Annual Meeting, "it was resolved

that the compensation of town officers elected at this meeting shall be paid one dollar and fifty cents per day."

The Kvein Telephone Company built a line from Fosston to Sletten Village in 1904. The poles for the line were hauled with horse and wagon, and the post holes were dug by hand with a posthole digger.

There were three initial patrons that tapped into this line of communication: Sletten Village, Halvor Espeseth, and Halvor Torgerson. In 1912 the Kvein Company was sold to Garden Valley Telephone Company. In 1909 Garden Valley had established and exchange in McIntosh, and served north Sletten. In 1911 this company began serving the Winger area and west Sletten.

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

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we are about to close the month of June and move on into July and with that the 4th of July is right around the corner. I want to wish you all a safe and happy 4th of July holiday, although it comes in the middle of the week there will be many parades and celebrations being held in the area.

We have managed to get little more rain over the past few days along with some very hot and humid days along with it. The crops are looking wonderful with some of the small grain heading out already. The old saying that good corn is knee high by the 4th of July is following true to pattern this year, the corn in most places is more than knee high. The gardens are looking good to with some fresh vegetables already being picked.

On Wednesday the 20th Donna Carlson stopped for a brief visit bringing with her dinner to Milton Carlson for him to enjoy.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp were house guests at the Craig Johnson home in Monticello from Friday until Sunday. Saturday evening Craig did a cook out for supper with his daughter Shelby of Monticello and his daughter Cassie Johnson and her twin daughters Jessica and Emmalynn joining them.

Thursday the 21st, Dick and Wanda Donovan and "Pepper" of St. Francis arrived at the Milton Carlson home to spend the week end with family and friends.

Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine both on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, while there they played several games of Rook.

Paul and Donna Carlson were Friday the 22nd visitors at the Milton Carlson with Milton and also with Dick and Wanda Donovan. Later that same day Judy Gieseke stopped by for coffee and a visit with the family.

Friday afternoon Butch and Linda Pulskamp were visitors with Chris and Amy Brynteson at the Brynteson home in Maple Lake. Judy Boeckers of Buffalo also visited briefly at the Brynteson's.

Paul Carlson stopped in on Saturday morning the 23rd for a brief visit and a cup of coffee with Milton Carlson and the Donovan's.

Kjerstie and Dakota Poissant were visitors on Saturday morning with Grandma Betty Myhrum at Betty's home in

Winger.

Dick and Wanda Donovan and "Pepper" of St. Francis left for their home on Sunday the 24th after spending the weekend at the Milton Carlson home.

Sara Lucken, Sara's sister Ellie and Lucy Brtek got together on Wednesday for a visit and had lunch together.

On Monday the 25th Vincent and Carson Benesh visited with Milton Carlson at Milton's home, the boys brought Milton fresh strawberries they had picked.

Last Saturday morning Butch and Linda Pulskamp and Craig Johnson visited with Mark and Judy Boeckers at the home of the late Donovan Johnson in Maple Lake, MN. The Boeckers were finishing up their preparations for the estate sale of Donovan's that was held on Sunday.

Paul Carlson stopped in at the Milton Carlson home on Monday morning as he made his way to work for a visit and a cup of coffee to go. Later in the day Lonnie Gieseke stopped in at Milton's for a visit and cup of coffee.

Saturday afternoon the 23rd Butch and Linda Pulskamp and Craig Johnson visited at the Tim Yager home at Howard Lake, MN.

Wednesday noon Lucy Brtek and Michelle Gagner met at the Ness Café in Erskine where the two ladies had lunch together.

In closing you are never to old to set another goal or dream another dream!

From Bun Manor:

Friday morning found people from Winger and the surrounding area out of electricity. Around five in the morning strong winds came through and knocked down power lines. Many roads had power lines laying across them. The town of Winger didn't get power restored till around five in the afternoon. Lots of trees fell over in town and it was a mess. Thank the good Lord nobody was hurt.

The Bun Manor on Union was lucky because the power was off for only three hours in the early morning

The Winger Appreciation Day on Saturday was a success. Thanks to all the volunteers on Friday cleaning up all the tree debris. The town looked good. Thirty two tractors, thirty classic cars and ten race cars showed up on main street. The car club dedicated the show to Lynn Lucken. Lynn was around talking to everyone and really had an enjoyable afternoon. They had some vendors there

also.

Later in the afternoon the Lion's had their annual fish-fry. The fry was attended by around 400 people. The Lion's ran out of food. They usually serve around 200 people. There were only a few unlucky ones who got there too late. The Lion's appreciate all the support from the surrounding area.

Judy, Lloyd, Doug and Maxx Schulz along with Odney and Linda Hegrenes stopped out to visit Tim at his place on Saturday afternoon before heading into Winger to attend the fish-fry.

Steve and Lorri Massmann survived the storm on Friday morning. Several holes in his roof caused by a fallen tree but no one hurt. It was really great to see so many people come together and help each other out. By Friday evening it was not as easy to tell that a bad storm had devastated so many trees other than the large piles of branches. Many thanks to all the local businesses that provided people, machines, food, and water for the many who volunteered to get Winger back up and running. Matthew and the girls, Lorri's sister Jody and husband Joel, Brian, Elizabeth and baby boy Bennet all came to visit, attend Winger day and the Lions Fish Fry. Great turnout for the fish fry, ran out of food by 6:30.

Happy 4th of July to all you readers!! Stay safe if you're traveling around.

Carsten Zahl writes:

I woke up early Friday morning to the storm. A big ash tree had blown down, right along side my garage, had it fallen 8 feet further north, I would have needed a new garage. A few branches, from another tree, were on the roof of

Minnesota's blueberry and raspberry season starts soon

Minnesota blueberries and summer raspberries will be ready for picking soon. Growers across the state have reported fields full of blossoms and are expecting to be open for pick-your-own and pre-picked blueberries and raspberries the first two weeks of July.

Blueberry and raspberry season starts towards the end of strawberry season. As with strawberries, seasonal availability begins in southern Minnesota and moves northward. Blueberry season usually lasts at least 3 full weeks depending on the variety and weather conditions. Mild temperatures in the 70s and 80s extend the season and allow berries to ripen at a steady pace, while excessive heat can cause berries to ripen more quickly and shorten the season.

Minnesota blueberry and raspberry varieties are grown

the living room, no damage. I had an appointment with Altru in Erskine, but when I got home around noon, everything was all cleaned up, three branches had been removed from the big ash tree and the whole yard was cleaned up, I couldn't believe my eyes. Many thanks to all the volunteer's! The employees of Titan Machinery were all out in force, as well as family members and many friends, and other business employees, and friends of theirs also, even small kids. The main trunk of the big ash was cut into pieces, but later that was hauled away also. There was several crews doing clean-up, people I didn't know, and the kids. God Bless them all! What a wonderful neighborhood to live in.

From The Mayor's office:

As you all know Winger woke up Friday morning to a huge mess, no power and trees down all over town. That's when the community stepped into action. There were people of all ages here to help with the cleanup.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped, get our town cleaned up. It was truly a community effort. I heard many times on Saturday how impressed people were with how a community stepped up to help get our town cleaned up and ready for Winger Appreciation Day, which turned out to be a fantastic day. So again THANK YOU to the people who helped out from the cleanup crew to the business's in town who supplied meals and beverages for the volunteers. I would also like to give a big shout out To Jerry Kaupang for organizing a great Winger Appreciation Day. I am proud to say I am from Winger.

Mayor, Darrell (Ole) Olson



for their robust, juicy flavor, and not for long shelf life or shipping ability. Sam Kedem of Sam Kedem Nursery & Garden in Hastings shares tips on how to pick and preserve Minnesota berries.

"Blueberries and raspberries are best harvested during the morning hours and should be refrigerated as soon as possible," said Kedem. "Wait to rinse your berries until you are ready to use them. Raspberries

Bears and birdfeeders: creates a recipe for conflict

Many homeowners enjoy feeding birds but in bear country the practice often comes with unintended consequences, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Wildlife managers and conservation officers know that the majority of bear-related calls involve bears destroying birdfeeders after homeowners underestimate how attractive bears find birdfeeders as a food source.

"Bears use a feeding strategy called 'high-grading' where they seek out rich patches of concentrated food, and skip over places with low food density," said Dave Garshelis, DNR bear research project leader. "They also have excellent memories about where they've found good sources of food," "A birdfeeder is a bountiful source of high-calorie food."

All about the calories

A well-stocked birdfeeder could supply more than 10,000 calories in one place with little effort. Compared to the energy it would take to obtain the same number of calories from scattered patches of wild berries, nuts or insects, bears find it much more efficient to feed at a birdfeeder, especially if the food there is continually replenished.

In late summer, bears transition into a state of rapid weight gain that prepares them for six months of hibernation. During this time bears' caloric needs increase and they can gain three to five pounds of body fat every day, a feeding pattern they continue until shrinking day length and disappearing foods signals them to begin hibernating.

"If a bear found an easy meal at your birdfeeder or trash can, chances are it will remember how to find your yard again. And you can plan on that bear and possibly others coming

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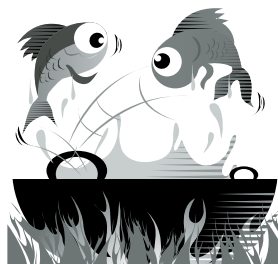
One bear could mean several bears

Bears have an innate preference for wild foods, but if frequently rewarded with highly-concentrated human foods, they may grow to prefer that, and then seek out such foods. Mothers then pass this feeding behavior on to their offspring. In a controlled feeding trial, researchers observed that most bears chose black oil sunflower seeds above acorns once they had the chance to try them.

Bears so conditioned sometimes become very bold. Some have been known to open unlocked car doors, enter open windows and patio doors of homes, push through screen doors, enter livestock pens, raid gardens and stir compost piles – anywhere food is left unattended and unsecured. Such bears become hard to scare away, because they are not only intent on getting the human-related foods, they have experienced no negative

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Winger Lions fish-fry raffle winners

\$500: Barb Iverson.
Winger
\$250: Ron Wang. Winger
\$100: Michelle (Hoeft) Miller. Erskine
\$100: John Keller. Foss-ton
\$50: Gerald Paulson. Winger

said Daugaard. "Prepare for being outside. Bring hats, sunscreen, and a water bottle. Most farms provide containers, but call ahead to ask if you need to bring your own."

The Minnesota Grown Directory, available in print or online, is a great place to find local pick-your-own berry operations or farmers market.

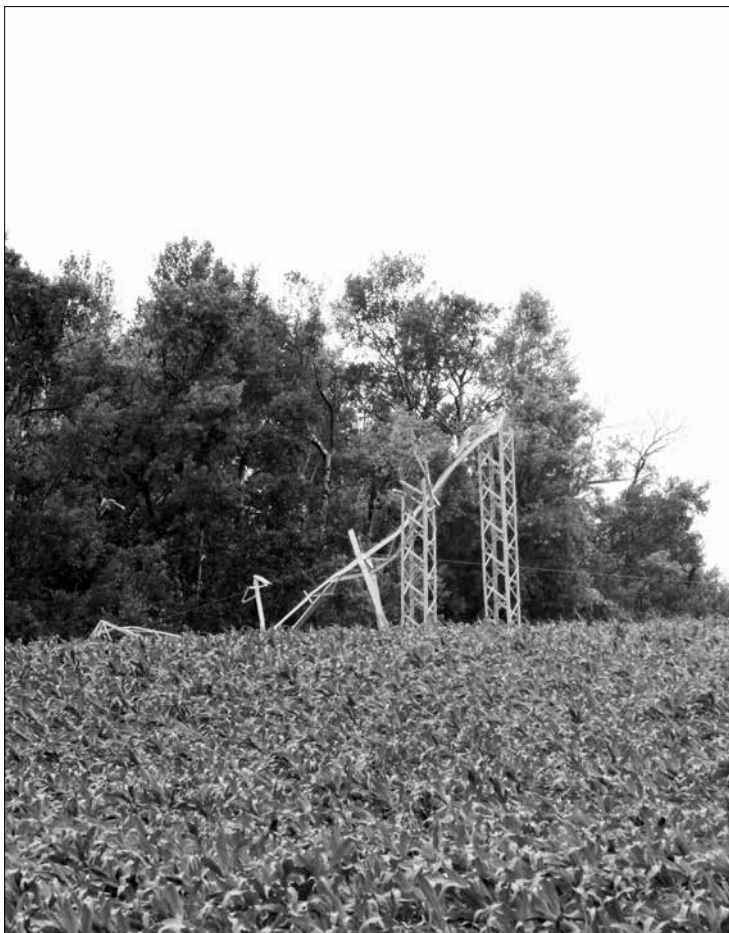
The 2018 Directory includes 36 summer raspberry farms, 31 blueberry farms, and other specialty berry farms like elderberries, currants, honey berries, and aronia berries. Free, printed copies of the Directory can be ordered online or by calling 1-888-TOURISM (1-888-868-7476).



The Mac-Winger class of 1968 got together recently for a reunion. The reunion was held at Cindy Tangen Johnson's home in Gully and then on to the Sportsmans Grill on Pine Lake for dinner. We had a great time visiting and remembering good times.



Heavy storm damage in Winger after a strong storm passed through early Friday morning. Here, a large tree lay broken off near the base. Also, in the background is a Minnesota State Trooper who was serving as a road block due to the large electric transmission lines that lay across many roads near Winger after the strong winds crumpled and snapped off many of the towers that the lines were strung through.



Amidst the corn lay the twisted metal of a transmission line south of McIntosh on County Road 8.



Winds so powerful that it uprooted trees was quite evident throughout the town of McIntosh last Friday.



Narrow misses were seen after the storm, here a tree that broke off narrowly missed the truck.



Equipment was damaged here and there throughout our communities. Here, the grain auger at the McIntosh Elevator lay twisted against a building.



There were quite a few examples of trees on houses, most only delivered minimal damage, most were cleaned up quickly, but this tree lay, as the homeowner was busy working on restoring power to the residents of East Polk County.



The City of McIntosh had quite a large mess of trees and debris to pick up after the storm that hit the town on Friday, June 29th, but thanks to the help of many volunteers, some not even from around here, the town was cleaned up and looking good again quite quickly. Here, Shawn Hedlund helps Bob and Lorraine Lee with branches that fell into their yard and onto their house during the storm.

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tive consequences from being near people. When behavior escalates to this point, people often become fearful of bears and perceive them as a safety threat.

The DNR does not trap and relocate bears because it is nearly impossible to find a release site in Minnesota where a food-conditioned, traveling bear wouldn't find another house to frequent. Relocating a bear can also put it in conflict with other resident bears, or disrupt its ability to find natural food sources in a new location. The DNR discontinued the practice of trapping and relocating bears in 1999, and relies instead on the public removing attractants.

Avoid creating a problem

DNR wildlife managers and conservation officers recorded 700 to 900 bear complaints per year by the public in each of the past three years – a slight increase over the past decade. Homeowners most commonly reported damage to birdfeeders and trash cans, and an associated fear of bears being too close to their house.

Homeowners are advised to remove the source of the attractant to solve the problem. For example, the solution might be as easy as taking in birdfeeders in the late afternoon. In most cases, removing the food source removes the problem but it may take the bear a few days to leave the area. This is a simple solution, requiring a slight modification in human behavior in order to change the bear's behavior, or better yet, to prevent a bear from becoming food conditioned in the first place, and possibly saving its life.

Homeowners can sometimes become frustrated with that simplistic advice and perceive it as a lack of action on the part of wildlife staff. But with relocation not an option, the remaining option is killing the animal – a result wildlife managers and most of the public prefer to avoid. The DNR offers practical tips about avoiding bear conflicts at home and while camping at mndnr.gov/livingwith_wildlife/bears.