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Grayson Sonstelie had a lot of fun during Winger Day on June 30th. Here he is trying out the driver's seat of a Winger Fire Truck.



Seated together are 97-year-old Lloyd Schleicher and 11-month-old Mae Breckel, the oldest and youngest guests at the reading of the Declaration of Independence. A group of about 50 gathered at the home of Dan and Darlene Dierkes on July 4th to listen as Ben Ramse read the document. Cheryl Jore played patriotic songs on the piano, and friends and neighbors enjoyed a visit over coffee, lemonade and treats.

Minnkota warns the public to avoid power line debris from Winger to Fosston

Minnkota Power Cooperative is warning the public to avoid downed power lines and related debris from the June 29 storm.

About 13 miles of 230,000-volt transmission line running from Winger to Fosston was taken down by strong winds. Debris from the line has been removed from roadways, railroads and other transportation corridors; however, fragments of the 74 damaged power line structures remain in farmland and other areas.

Minnkota has been in contact with affected landowners and continues to assess crop damage.

For your safety, please do not approach the downed lines. The structures can be dangerous, and one must always assume a line is energized.

If there is a safety issue, please contact Minnkota Power Cooperative immediately at 701-795-4000.

Minnkota crews are working as safely and quickly as possible to remove debris from the area.

The cleanup process is expected to be done within 4 to 6 weeks. Please be mindful that there will be extra traffic on Highway 1 for some time and heavier traffic and congestion along township roads from Winger to Fosston.

Once the debris is hauled away, a contractor will replace the 12.5-mile line.

Redundancy built into Minnkota's transmission system allows for energy to be delivered to the area using alternate power lines.

While some shorter power outages may be required to repair the system, Minnkota is working to limit any additional outage time for electric consumers in the region.

Minnkota Power Cooperative is a not-for-profit electric generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Grand Forks, N.D.

Formed in 1940, Minnkota provides wholesale electric energy to 11 member-owner distribution cooperatives located in eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. Minnkota members in the area include Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Clearwater-Polk Electric Cooperative and Red Lake Electric Cooperative. Associated municipal utilities in the area include the city of Fosston and the city of Bagley.



Community Calendar

- 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; McIntosh City Council Meeting @ Community Center 5:30pm
- 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
- Wed. July 18:** 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 19:** McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. July 20:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. July 23:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; 10am to 3pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;
- Tues. July 24:** McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



Bringing his newly restored 1956 Plymouth down to Winger Day was Neil Bursheim. The car has a great history and a pretty cool custom paint job.



Joey Svalen brought his John Deere down to Winger Day on June 30th.



The kids from The Clubhouse Childcare Center in McIntosh had fun on Tuesday, July 3rd with a 4th of July parade, stopping outside of Neil's Quality Meats & More for a picture.



Children's bug event at Mac Library

Don Carey, famously known as "The Bug Man", will bring a selection of insects to the McIntosh Library for a children's event. "Explore the World of Bugs" is scheduled 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 16 at the McIntosh Public Library, 115 NW Broadway. This event is offered free of charge.

The McIntosh Public Library is a branch of Lake Agassiz Regional Library, which is a consolidated LINK Site 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, and the library's app, LARL Mobile, is available in the iTunes and Google Play stores for free download.

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Lamb

So I've been writing about the lessons we covered in our VBS with the little ones in June. Each Biblical account spoke of a journey and a road. I've covered Ruth and David, the next one is very familiar; the birth of Jesus. I might write about the road Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem but I want to focus on a different one.

Being a shepherd in those days wasn't ambling about green hillsides and soaking up the sun. Shepherds were aware of their surroundings at all times. They defended against predators, found shelter in inclement weather and guarded against overgrazing. Around Bethlehem they risked their lives every day to keep the sheep safe in treacherous hill country. They basically led solitary lives.

Bethlehem shepherds had an important role among the Hebrew people; they provided lambs for feasts, most notably the yearly Passover, a command from YHWH to honor His deliverance of their ancestors from captivity in Egypt. From their flocks, they chose only the perfect firstborn year-old male lambs which were offered as blood sacrifices for the Hebrew's sins. Others were used for the Passover feast. Once a year, the Hebrews would journey to Jerusalem (only about six miles from Bethlehem) to offer blood sacrifices to atone for their sins.

Only as the feast of the Passover neared were the shepherds and sheep welcomed by the townspeople. Because of the multitudes of sheep raised to graze far from settled areas. Why? The stench! As Israel prepared for Passover, the shepherds gathered their herds in the great pasture that housed the Migdal Eder; "Tower of the Flock." It was a large well protected area apart from the main settlement of Bethlehem which provided security and a measure of protection for those in Bethlehem from the smell of so many animals.

The ritual purification process required (which was several days) to enter the temple area to offer sacrifices generally prevented the shepherds from participating in the Passover.

Though their profession was an integral part of what made Passover possible; they were culturally apart. In a sense, they were considered too impure to participate in it. How could they participate in the lengthy purification process and tend their sheep at the same time?

With this context in mind, isn't it interesting then, that the angels appeared first to the shepherds to tell them of Messiah's birth? They would have been sheltering at Migdal Eder. Those shepherds made that yearly journey unaware it would be the last ordinary trip for Passover in their lives. They stepped into history, dusty, dirty and unacceptable to enter Bethlehem because of their stink yet they were the

messengers to their nation of the fulfillment of the prophecy.

Even before Jesus uttered a word His entrance into our world heralded the beautiful truth: He came for all. He would not be boxed in by social strata. His humble entrance broke down the barriers between social position and worldly expectation to reveal any heart was welcome as a treasure in the Kingdom. Those shepherds who worked to provide the means of the atonement through blood sacrifices were allowed to introduce the arrival of the lamb that would be the final blood sacrifice for all sin. That road to Bethlehem was a journey for all kinds of hearts then and it still is today.

Grace Community Food Shelf advisory board meeting

Grace Community Food Shelf, serving the communities of Erskine, McIntosh, Winger, and Mentor will hold its quarterly Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday evening, July 19th, at 7:00 PM in the Basement Meeting Room at Grace Lutheran Church, 332 Vance Ave. in Erskine.

Advisory Board Makeup: The Grace Community Food Shelf Advisory Board is an "open board" meaning that there is not a formal selection/election process. Membership is open to anyone that wants to assist in fighting hunger in our area. The only requirement is that you attend the meetings,

participate in the discussions, and help set the policies that govern the Food Shelf. You can help to make a difference!

The Food Shelf is open the second and third Thursdays of each month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Once each month we also distribute the Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors (NAPS) food boxes.

If you are interested in helping with the Grace Community Food Shelf please attend the Advisory Board meeting or contact foodshelfcoordinator@gracechurcherskine.org or stop by the Food Shelf at 332 Vance Avenue in Erskine on the days we are open.

MCINTOSH/WINGER

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Program by Lewy Ronken

FRIDAY, JULY 20
at 7:30

Winger Community Center

ADMISSION: \$10

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BUDDY HOLLY TRIBUTE



Thank you to all who helped us during our recent house fire. We would like to especially mention thanks to the volunteer fire departments of McIntosh, Erskine and Fosston; the Essentia Health Fosston Paramedics; Polk County Sheriff's Department Deputies; Strata Corporation, friends and family who reached out to help and stopped by. Everyone helped make this setback a bit easier to handle. You are all appreciated.

Thanks again,
Joi and Brad Ingman

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The winner of our 4th of July Neil's Quality Meats & More drawing is Tyler Westcott of Erskine along with his son, Hunter.

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. M14-27C

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

McINTOSH
Thursday, July 12, 2018,
5:30 PM

— COMMUNITY CENTER —

CALL TO ORDER:
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
ROLL CALL:
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
AGENDA ADDITIONS:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
a. JUNE 14, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC CONCERNS:
OLD BUSINESS:
a. PAVING QUOTE
b. SECURITY CAMERAS
c. B-B CAFE
NEW BUSINESS:
a. BUILDING PERMIT — JASON SMEBY AND TOM HEGG
b. GENERATOR — COMMUNITY CENTER
APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:
COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:
MEDIA UPDATE:
NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:
ADJOURNMENT: M16C

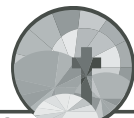
Legal Notice

Hearing for Petition for Use of Red Lake Watershed District Ditch No. 7, RLWD Project No. 20 Drainage System as an Outlet

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 26th day of July, at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Board Room, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN, a public hearing will be held regarding a petition from Wayne and Debra Vetteson for use of Red Lake Watershed District Ditch No. 7, Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 20, located in both Polk County and Red Lake County, MN, as an outlet to drain the NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 26, Equality Township, Red Lake County, Minnesota.

The public hearing will be held in accordance with Minnesota Statute 103E.401 and will consider the petition, the capacity of the outlet drainage system, terms and conditions for use of the drainage system if such use is allowed, the property to be benefited by the drainage system and the amount of benefits to the property for the outlet and any amount to be paid as an outlet fee. If use as an outlet is granted, the properties benefited will be liable for assessments levied after that time in the drainage system, on the basis of the benefits determined, as if they had been determined in the original order establishing the drainage system. The RLWD Board of Managers will consider any input and comments from interested landowners, public or private, likely to be affected by the addition of the land requested.

Myron Jesme, Administrator M15-17C



CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

Wed. 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 15: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am

Worship at Calvary

Sun. July 22: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am

Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

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

Sun. July 22: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen

Church

Wed. July 11: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's

Sun. July 15: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tues. July 17: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV--Channel 2; 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Wed. July 18: 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

Wed. July 11: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. July 12: 7:30am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. July 15: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel 11:00am

Worship at Trinity

Wed. July 18: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. July 19: 7:30am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. July 22: 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 15: 9am Worship

Sun. July 22: 9am Worship

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**FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlunds**

Wed. July 11: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. July 15: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. July 18: 7:00pm Bible Study

Sun. July 22 : 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. July 25: 7:00pm Bible Study

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

**Rev. Bruce Blocker,
Pastor**

Sun. July 15: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Sun. July 22: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Sun. July 29: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the Month



Occasionally MHAC gets anonymous donations, items left by our door with no name or message on them. This means that MHAC is not able to contact the donor when we have questions. The picture presented here is a copy of the original. A notation on the original reads "See back" but whatever was written on the back was not included with this copy. On the right is Hofto Bros. Hardware and on the left is the West Hotel with a farm machinery shed between them. Sometime before 1902 the shed was torn down and a two story building put up. The buildings were located where the east-bound lane of Highway 2 is now. If you are the donor, please contact MHAC at 563-2040. MHAC is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.



Wed. July 11:
Amerlia Vigoren, Preston Lecy

Thurs. July 12:
Koralyn Kringlen, Joey Violette

Sat. July 14: Bridget Huschle, *Matt & Ashley Schow

Sun. July 15: Clifford Bartz, Sarah Violette, Chris Smeby, *Corey & Samantha Rasmussen, *Jerry & Christine Weber

Mon. July 16:
Carol Bursheim, Tyler Burslie

Tues. July 17:
Marvie Johnson, Nick Olson, Amy Carlson, *Nathan & Stephanie Frisk

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we have had some nasty weather this past week to deal with, did get some much needed rain but also got jolt with some damaging winds early last Friday morning that also caused power outages for many. We were without power for all of Friday with it coming back on about 5 in the evening but there were others that were out much longer. Thanks to the power companies and their quick work it didn't last as long as it could have.

Was so wonderful to see so many group together and help with all the tree and branch cleanup, it's in times like these when it takes this kind of team work to help one another. I personally want to thank those who came and cleaned up the big tree that was down in our front yard, was truly a good feeling to know that we have these kinds of people in our little town, and to the implement dealer for lending machines and employees, and for those who brought in their own equipment and helped, to those who donated food to the workers, there was much to do and is still some trees needing to be cut and moved but all in all it is very well cleaned up. Thanks to Jamie Anderson and son Bentley for the time they spent helping me clean up leaves and branches on Friday afternoon.

In spite of the storm and the damage it did, all was up and on schedule for the Winger Appreciation Day, with such a good turn out of tractors, old engines, classic cars and the race car drivers that brought their cars in for the day, Lynn Lucken had an exceptionally good day as the cars were a tribute to him, and he was out and about visiting with so many of the people. The vendors were welcome and a special treat for the little ones were the puppies that were in the park with the vendors. The fish fry was once again a huge success with the Lions running out of food. Special thanks to Jerry Kaupang for all his work and time in organizing the day.

SYMPATHY to Darrell Haugen, Linnae Haugen and Josh Haugen and family and to Jesse Haugen's wife Andrea and Children on the tragic loss of Jesse, who was killed last Thursday the 28th of June in a motorcycle accident in Bemidji. The Haugen's were former Winger residents.

Another big thanks goes out to Craig Helgaas who upon hearing about the storm we had loaded up his generators and brought them to Winger and hooked up her at our house and he also went on to Gully to Cindy Johnson's home with a generator, Fortunately for us and Cindy both the power did come later that afternoon. Craig was a Friday night overnight guest at the Pulskamp home returning to his home in Glenwood after taking in part of the Winger Appreciation Day.

Thursday the 28th of June Judy Gieseke and Milton Carlson drove to Bejou where they had dinner together at the Bejou Café.

Terry Johnson and Sharon Griffith of Newport were Friday overnight guests at the

Pulskamp home. They were here to attend a Memorial Service on Saturday at Waubun for Terry's cousin.

Friday the 29th Paul Carlson and Dusty Wayne were morning visitors at the Milton Carlson home and in spite of there being no electricity a good visit was held anyway. Later that morning Vincent, Carson and Jasmine Benesh brought Milton water and other supplies he might need. At noon that same day Judy Gieseke made dinner bringing it to Milton's home that they enjoyed together. Still later on Friday Lonnie Gieseke and Mike Keller came to Milton's and cleaned up branches and debris from the storm.

Brent, Jessie, Skyline and Brylie Pulskamp of Wahpeton and Harry Johnson of Breckenridge were Friday until Sunday house guests at the Pulskamp home. Brent brought his two race cars to be a part of the Winger Appreciation Day.

Last Saturday Doug and Annette Swedberg of Lakeville, their daughters Stephanie and Kim and their families were overnight guests at the Helmer Homme home. They all attended the Lions Fish Fry on Saturday night.

Milton Carlson accompanied Judy and Lonnie Gieseke to the Lions Fish Fry on Saturday night at the Community Center in Winger.

Lucy Brtek's Grandsons, Justis and Tony and a friend of theirs helped Grandma Lucy pick up and clean up her yard on Friday after the storm went through.

Kari Keller met Milton Carlson at church on Sunday morning and after church Milton was a dinner guest of Mike, Kari and Olivia's at the Keller home at Bejou.

Visitors at the Pulskamp home during the past weekend besides their house guests were Nola Abele of Fosston, Matt Balstad, Jamie Anderson and son Bentley, and Teagan, Morgan and Lilly Brtek and Kelly Johnson and Reha Sanstead of Erskine.

Richard Brtek of Fosston visited briefly with his Mother Lucy Brtek on the morning of the 4th of July. Later that day Lucy went into Fosston to go along with Richard and Betty Brtek to Spring Lake in Lengby for the annual 4th of July picnic. Lucy stated there was a huge crowd for the picnic.

This past Tuesday Helmer and Verlys Homme went to Cass Lake and visited with Bill and Kristy Metler and family and also with Dale Chambers who were spending some time there.

Monday July the 2nd Paul Carlson stopped in at the Milton Carlson home for a visit and while there set up some fans in the basement for Milton.

Hope all of you had a good 4th of July! After some wind and rain again that morning the day turned out to be a very beautiful one for all the activities and fire works that went on. Kelly Johnson, Reha Sanstead and Butch and Linda Pulskamp picked up Marv Engesether and went into Plummer for their 4th of July parade which was a very good one. Lots of people, food, classic

cars and visiting was going on.

Until next week may yours be a good one!

From Bun Manor:

Last week Bun was looking for someone to have lunch with but all his regular crowd were not around. He finally had to resort to calling Bruce Solberg. He told Bruce he couldn't find anybody else to have lunch with and was wondering if he would join him. Bruce reluctantly told him he would join him. However, Bun did buy. Also last week Bun was having lunch again at the Ness café with his friends Stue, Pat, Mark and yes, Bruce was there again sitting at the table when he spotted Al Bauer at the till. He hollered jokingly at Al "Hey Al! We have some tabs here you forgot to pick up." Al had the waitress pick up the tabs and he paid for the whole table. They all laughed and thanked Al for his generosity. Hard to believe that Mike (Pickle) is his son.

Dale entertained his nephew Dalton last week for a couple of days. While here they went fishing at White Earth lake and didn't catch any wall-eyes. They also went to DiMaggio's with grandma Joyce to enjoy pizza. Dale told Bun he had never seen so many people there before at one time.

Saturday afternoon Bun headed into Erskine to attend the funeral for Bob Lerfald. Bob was the father of his good friend Dani Willouby. There was a good turnout from the Erskine and Mac Legion who presented the flag to the family. Bun went home and found that Jay Bob was out on the pontoon with his brother Jim and his two kids Levi and Logan girl. The wind was fairly strong from the south but they had a nice ride.

Sunday, before he went to the birthday party for Elmyrna, Bun bought Ole birthday lunch at the Lunch Box. Dale also joined them.

Bun almost forgot to mention that Ole bought him lunch the other day. Bun was shocked!

Brian, Elizabeth, and Bennett Massmann shot down to Pickeral Lake, SD to celebrate Independence Day over the weekend with Elizabeth's family. They enjoyed plenty of fun in the sun, with yard games, pontooning, a round of golf and ended the night with some fireworks.

Write down on your calendar that there will be a Buddy Holley impersonator at the Winger community center on Friday evening, July 20th. Bun went to see him last time he was in Winger and enjoyed the show.

Please remember to give Linda or Bun some news. We really need some input from all of you readers.



Did you know?

Standing water is a common sight at many homes during summer.

Rainstorms may not last as long in summer as they do during other times of year, but the water they leave behind can still be harmful.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, standing water is a breeding ground for various microorganisms.

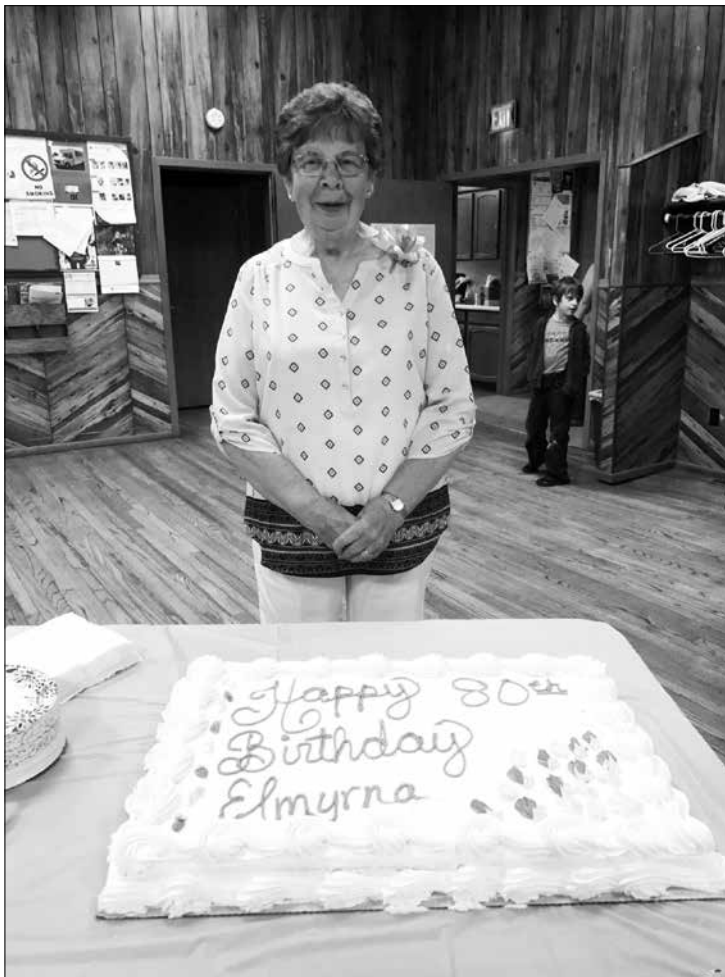
When those microorganisms become airborne, they can be inhaled by men, women and children, potentially triggering allergic reactions.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that studies have indicated that female mosquitoes like to lay their eggs in water that collects or is stored in manmade containers.

If it rains and water covers mosquito eggs, the eggs can hatch and become adults in roughly one week.

The CDC advises men and women to protect themselves from mosquitoes by walking their properties once per week, turning over, scrubbing and covering any containers that hold or may hold water.

Vases, pet water bowls, flowerpot saucers, buckets, and pool covers are just a handful of the items that can make attractive places for mosquitoes to lay their eggs.



Elmyrna Kaupang enjoying her 80th birthday cake Sunday afternoon. Over fifty friends and family from the area helped Elmyrna celebrate her 80th birthday at the community center in Winger. The family put on a nice lunch consisting of ham buns, potato salad, beans, fruit salad, cake, coffee and punch. There was a little rain going on but nobody seemed to mind. Before you know it she will be celebrating her 90th.

Search for Mrs. Polk County announced

Applications are being accepted for the title of Mrs. Polk County!

Mrs. Polk County will have the honor of representing her county at the Mrs. Minnesota pageant, which will be held at "Wellstone Center", April 27th, 2019 in St. Paul, MN.

The woman chosen as "Mrs. Polk County" will become an ambassador from the Polk County area and will receive the official title and sash!!!

The woman chosen as Mrs. Minnesota will receive a prize package worth \$7,000 and the chance to represent Minnesota at the 2018 Mrs. International Pageant in August in Charleston, WV.

The American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" is the official charity of the Mrs. Minnesota pageant. To learn more visit: www.goredforwomen.org



The current reigning 2018 Mrs. Minnesota is Valentina Kostenko of Ramsey, MN.

Traveling all across the state, Valentina speaks on her platform "Raising Awareness of Eating Disorders, The Emily Program". I chose this platform because I suffered from this destructive disease for three years. Just one thought can lead you into a trap that eventually starts to control your life. Eating disorders affect millions of Americans.

For more information go to: www.emilyprogramfoundation.org

Competitions in the pageant are: personal interview, Fitness wear and evening gown.

(There are no talent or swimsuit competitions)

For married women living in Polk County that are interested in applying:

Write for a bio-form: MRS. MINNESOTA

International Pageant
P.O. Box 240537
Apple Valley, MN 55124-0537

Or an online application can be filled out on our website: www.mrsminnesota.com

Or call for information: 1-800-262-0097 (952)432-6758 fax: (952)953-3896

Email: mnpageants@frontiernet.net



Gary Sonsteli and grandson Grayson during the tractor parade at Winger Day on Saturday, June 30th.



Bringing his tractor to Winger Day for the Tractor Show and parade was Russel Reichenbach.



Earl Steinbrenner driving in the tractor parade at Winger Day.

How to keep kids engaged over school breaks

Children in North America will spend, on average, more than 900 hours attending school in a given year.

The average school year in the United States lasts 1,016 hours, the equivalent of 42 continuous days.

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, many developed countries begin their academic years in September and end them in June. Some, like Australia, feature four terms with two-week breaks in between each term. Others go to school for most of the year - with various holiday breaks in between - and then get the bulk of their time off during the summer.

As much time as kids spend in school, there will be times when they are left to their own devices, and during these times it's easy for them to forget classroom lessons. Sometimes called "summer learning loss" or "summer slide," this forgetfulness sees many students fail to retain all of their lessons over prolonged breaks from school.

Studies indicate that students score lower on standardized tests at the end of the summer compared to their performance on the same tests at the beginning of summer. Anywhere from between one to three month's worth of educational achievement can dissipate during prolonged breaks from the classroom.

To help ensure that those hard-earned lessons are not so easily forgotten, parents can help children remain intellectually engaged in various ways over school breaks.

- **Stick to a schedule.** Try to maintain a schedule similar to school, with children waking at the same time each day and going to bed at similar hours. This will make it much easier to get back into a routine when a new school year begins.

- **Encourage reading.** Set aside time for reading each day. All it generally takes is 15 to 30 minutes of reading per day for kids to remember their vocabulary lessons and maintain their fluency and comprehension skills.



hension skills. Children may enjoy picking their own books rather than having a required reading list.

- **Keep a math book handy.** On long car trips or rainy days, children can do a few math problems to keep their skills sharp. This will help keep learning loss to a minimum. Math workbooks may be available at bookstores, or parents can look online or ask a teacher for a summer to-do packet.

- **Plan educational trips.** Vacations and day trips can be fun, entertaining and educational all at the same time. Science centers, museums and living history locations can bring to life information learned in the classroom, even on family vacations.

- **Learn at camp.** Many children attend camp for a portion of their school breaks. Look for camps that do not simply babysit children, but engage them through enrichment activities.

- **Take a class.** Children and families can learn together by exploring new skills. Enroll in something educational and enjoyable, such as a music or dance class, a STEM seminar or something else that engages the mind and body. This gives everyone a chance to learn something new and have a great time together as a family.

Parents and educators can reduce lesson loss over school breaks by encouraging families to remain intellectually engaged in any way they can.



Driving one and pulling one is Roy Ostenaar at Winger Day that was held on Saturday, June 30th.



Thanks to Jerry Kaupang for a great Winger Day celebration, tractor show and parade and car show.



Gene Haugom during the tractor parade at Winger Day.



Paul Carlson with his grandson take a drive during the tractor parade at Winger Day on June 30th.



Showing up with John Deere green was Steve Urness at Winger Day on June 30th.

Monitoring your earnings record with Social Security can really pay off

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You work hard for your money. You're saving and planning for a secure retirement.

Now you need to make sure you're going to get all the money you deserve. Regularly reviewing your Social Security earnings record can really pay off, especially when every dollar counts in retirement.

If an employer did not properly report just one year of your work earnings to us, your future benefit payments from Social Security could be close to \$100 per month less than they should be.

Over the course of a lifetime, that could cost you tens of thousands of dollars in retirement or other benefits to which you are entitled. Sooner is definitely better when it comes to identifying and reporting problems with your earnings record. As time passes, you may no longer have easy access to past tax documents, and some employers may no longer be in business or able to provide past payroll information.

It's ultimately the responsibility of your employers — past and present — to provide accurate earnings information to Social Security so you get cred-

it for the contributions you've made through payroll taxes.

But you can inform us of any errors or omissions. You're the only person who can look at your lifetime earnings record and verify that it's complete and correct.

So, what's the easiest and most efficient way to validate your earnings record?

- o Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to set up or sign in to your own my Social Security account;

- o Under the "My Home" tab, select "Earnings Record" to view your online Social Security Statement and taxed Social Security earnings;
- o Carefully review each year of listed earnings and use your own records, such as W-2s and tax returns, to confirm them;

- o Keep in mind that earnings from this year and last year may not be listed yet; and
- o Notify us right away if you spot errors by calling 1-800-772-1213.

More detailed instructions on how to correct your Social Security earnings record can be found at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf.

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Security when you reach retirement age. Make sure you're getting every dollar you've earned. You can access us any time at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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Did you know?

There are several online resources and help for Social Security. Here are a few and there are many more options available.

Our online calculators, such as the Retirement Estimator, the Life Expectancy Calculator, and the Early or Late Retirement Calculator, can be found at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.

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