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Roy Ostenaar led the Antique Tractor Parade on Saturday, August 25th in McIntosh. Here he stops to pause for the National Anthem.



Gene and Mavis Haugom brought their two seater tractor for the Antique Tractor Parade on Saturday, August 25th in McIntosh. The couple had traveled over 150 miles together on the tractor.



The oldest driver in the 2018 McIntosh Antique Tractor Parade was Clifford Bartz.



Mike Schultz was one of a few locals who participated in the Tractor Pull during Tractor Day. Others included: Roy Ostenaar, Steve Faldet, Dean Strom, Steve Urness, and Jim Nichols. There was a great turnout of pullers and spectators to make the day enjoyable.

Harvest Festival Sept. 15th in Mac

The McIntosh Community Club will host a Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 15th.

Back and better than ever, the 2018 McIntosh Harvest Festival (formerly McIntosh Market Days) is only a few weeks away.

Plan now for all the new, great events that will be found at the Harvest Festival in McIntosh on Saturday, September 15th.

The fun starts the night before, with Friday Night Movie in the Park. The movie is family friendly and starts around 7:30 pm in Erickson Park. Bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy a movie with family and friends.

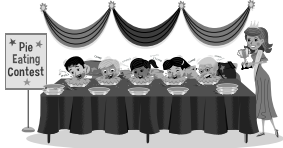


Start out the day with the McIntosh Senior Living 5K. Registration starts at 8:30 am and the run/walk will begin at 9:00 am in the McIntosh Senior Living parking lot.

There will be a craft show in the Fire Hall starting at 9:00 am and ending at 3:00 pm. Browse through and then stop for Pie and Coffee in the Fire Hall meeting room. Pie and coffee will also be available from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.



Speaking of pies, there will be an apple pie bake-off that will take place at the Community Center. Your homemade apple pies can be dropped off from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with the judging taking place at 1:00 pm.



It doesn't stop there, there will be a Pie Eating Contest for both adults and kids. The adult Pie Eating contest will take place at 1:00 pm on Main Street, with the Kids Pie Eating Contest starting at 1:30 pm. Both contests are limited to the first 20 people to sign up, so get there early!

Kids games and face painting by the Win-E-Mac Cheerleaders will be from 10:00 am to Noon on the old football field. There will be a paper plate plane drop at 12:15 pm too.

Stop by the Wertish Parking lot for some McIntosh Senior Living Cow Pie Bingo. Games will take place at 10:00 am, Noon, and 2:00 pm, be sure to buy your spots early.

A Scavenger Hunt will take place throughout the Festival from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, pick-up sheets at Minnesota Rust. While you are close, there will be a selfie station in the yard at the Stordahl Tax Building.

Hay rides will be from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and pick up and drop off will be at the football field.

The McIntosh Library will host a book sale in the Community Center from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

There will be food from Oofda Tacos, Neil's Quality Meats and More, 3 C's Concessions, and The Coop Bar & Grill.

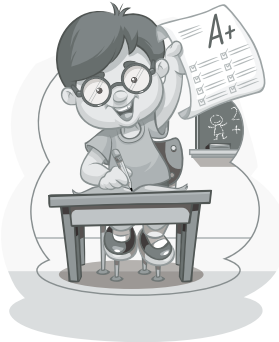
Come early and stay all day to celebrate Fall with your family and friends while taking part in many of the new activities. Get the latest details by following the McIntosh Community Club on Facebook.



Ashton Anderson was one of many kids who had fun competing in the kiddie pull during Tractor Day in McIntosh on Saturday, August 25th.



First Place Trophy Winner, McKenna Peterson.



Community Calendar

- Wed. Sept. 5:** 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. Sept. 6:** McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;
- Fri. Sept. 7:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. Sept. 10:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;
- Tues. Sept. 11:** 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
- Wed. Sept. 12:** 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. Sept. 13:** McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Sept. 14:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Sat. Sept. 15:** McIntosh Harvest Festival
- Mon. Sept. 17:** Labor Day
- Tues. Sept. 18:** School starts at Win-E-Mac; McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas!

Once again Winger took the brunt of a storm that moved through the area close to midnight on Sunday night, and it has been officially declared that it was a tornado that went through, leaving much damage and destruction as it passed through. There was extensive damage to homes, vehicles, Calvary Church, the elevator along with Lucken's Salvage yard. Many many trees were destroyed also. Once again no one was hurt for which we are all thankful.

Our community again pulled together to help one another clean up, many thanks go to all the volunteers that moved through town helping one another, for those who provided food to the workers, it was much appreciated. Although it will take a long time to clean up all the debris and restore and rebuild buildings damaged or destroyed we are thankful for no injuries.

By this time next week we will be into the month of September and all the area schools will be back in session. Please, when you see a school bus with lights flashing as they pick up and let children off, obey the traffic rules.

Sympathy to the families of Beatrice Balstad who recently passed away, her funeral was held in Winger on Wednesday the 29th.

HAPPY 97TH BIRTHDAY to Milton Carlson, Milton turns 97 years young on Thursday the 30th.

Wednesday the 22nd Judy Gieseke was a visitor and coffee guest with Milton Carlson at Milton's home.

Last Friday Mark and Phyllis Chambers of Lake City visited with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine. Mark is Helmer's nephew.

Lucy Brtek was among about 140 people that gathered in Lengby last Saturday to help Darlene Sollie observe her 80th birthday. Was a fun afternoon of visiting and reminiscing.

Monday the 27th Paul Carlson stopped in at the Milton Carlson home for a brief visit and a cup of coffee for the road as he made his way to work. Later that morning Lonnie Gieseke stopped in for a visit bringing with him his chain saw to help Milton with the clean up of branches and to cut damaged trees down. That afternoon Sheila, Jade and Carson Benesh stopped in at Milton's for a visit and Carson got in on the clean up. Later on Paul Carlson stopped in with his tractor and loader and hauled trees and debris away.

Last Sunday Butch and Linda Pulskamp visited Truman and Darlene Johnson at the Sanford Rehab Hospital in Fargo. Truman is a patient in the hospital after being accidentally electrocuted in mid August.

Last Friday at Senior Meals at Moran's a group of ladies helped Betty Myhrum observe her birthday, they decorated with balloons and birthday cake was served in Betty's honor.

Tuesday the 28th Milton Carlson went into Erskine to Senior Meals where he helped his cousin Vivian Hanson observe her 97th birthday. Their cousin LaVerne Benson was also there to help observe Vivian's birthday.

Betty Myhrum met Kjerstie and Dakota Poissant of New Folden last Sunday at the Erickson Smokehouse in Fertile for dinner. Also joining them were Dakota's sister Faith Poissant of Fertile and his Grandparents Bob and Bonnie Poissant of South Carolina.

Dick and Wanda Donovan of St. Francis arrived at the Milton Carlson home on Tuesday the 28th to spend a few days visiting with Milton and other family and friends.

Mark and Betty Syverson visited with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer home at Erskine last Sunday.

Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were the hosts of a birthday supper on Monday evening at their home in honor of Milton Carlson's birthday, guests included Milton's brother Mervin and his wife Marilyn of New Ulm, Dick and Wanda Dono-

van of St. Francis and Paul and Donna Carlson.

Judy Gieseke and Donna Carlson were visitors and coffee guests with Milton Carlson and Dick and Wanda Donovan at Milton's home.

Last Friday evening Lucy Brtek took in the football game in Bagley to watch her Grandson Justis play. Also attending were Danny and Angie Brtek and family.

Until next week and in closing, kindness is free sprinkle the stuff everywhere!

From Bun Manor:
Bun is back!

Congratulations to Trisha Balstad on her recent marriage to Gabriel Eronmosele. They were married August 4th. Proud parents of the bride are Tennis and Lori Balstad of Winger.

Condolences go out to the Tennis Balstad family and his sister Bonnie and her family on the loss of their mother Beatrice. Beatrice was 95 years old and her funeral was at Dove on Aug. 29th. God bless her family and her memory. Bun went to Dove for the funeral but he couldn't get into the sanctuary because his wheelchair was too big for the lift.

Bun's niece Megan and her two year old son Mason Timothy were recent visitors at the Bun Manor.

Congratulations go out to Kristen and Kory Sonsteli on their birth of their daughter Briar Josie Ann born on Aug. 16th.

They were on their way to Fargo from Winger when Kristen went into labor and Briar couldn't wait till they got to the hospital so Kory and Kristin had her in the car somewhere near Ada. Everything turned out okay and Briar is doing just fine. What an experience for the two of them!

Winger was hit by a tornado on Sunday evening Aug. 26th. Damage to Dean Johnson's place, The Sid Anderson baseball field, Calvary Church, the elevator, Lucken's trucks, other dwellings and lots of trees. Thank heavens nobody was hurt. The community got together again and did some cleaning up but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done to damaged buildings.

Greg Anderson was up for a few days last week to help his brother Bun out while Scrappy was out on a bike trip to Denver.

Last Sunday Ole went to his sister Julie and her husband Paul Schow's place south of McIntosh to attend a going away party for his niece Kassie. Her brother Kain and his wife Hunter were also there to wish her well. She is leaving for Kentucky to find another chapter to her life.

This last weekend Dale dog sitted for Halley and Matthew while they handled some business. Clyde (the dog) is very big, likes to slobber and doesn't sit still. Well it just so happens that Dale was sitting in his easy chair with a cup of coffee when Clyde came over and shook his head sending slobber into Dale's cup of coffee. Needless to say Dale didn't drink the rest of his coffee. Now that's an Uff Da!

Bun went to Erskine the other day to have lunch with Bruce, when he noticed that there was a funeral at Grace church. He told Bruce that next time there is a morning funeral to let him know so they can go over there and have free lunch instead of paying at the café.

Sand Hill Watershed District property tax decrease

The Sand Hill River Watershed District board of Managers, at their March 23, 2018 special meeting, voted to withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement. As a result, taxes for property owners in the Sand Hill River Watershed District will decrease and the levy for the Red River Watershed Management Board will not be invoked.

The minutes from the board meeting highlighting their decision can be found at our web-site at www.sandhillwatershed.org.

As a member of the Red River Watershed Management Board, an ad valorem tax of .04836 percent of taxable market value was levied on all taxable property within the Sand Hill River Watershed District. One-half of this levy was credited to the district's construction fund and was used for local efforts such as the development, construction, and maintenance of projects and programs of benefit to the district to include, but was not limited to, a permitting system, flood control stud-

ies, water quality studies, flood control projects, bank stabilization, beaver damage control, benchmarks, stream gaging, watershed hydrologic analysis, rivers, and lakes; the other one-half was forwarded to the Red River Watershed Management Board for funding the development, construction, and maintenance of projects and programs of benefit to the Red River Basin.

In lieu of the Red River Watershed Management Board levy, the Sand Hill River Watershed District board of managers will implement M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3, petitioned by the Polk County Board of Commissioners. As a result, local water management efforts remain the same, while significantly decreasing the watershed tax for 2019.

The Sand Hill River Watershed District will continue communications with the Red River Watershed Management Board. The Sand Hill River Watershed District Board of managers remains devoted to making the best decisions for tax-payer dollars.

Research finds: same Minnesota hospital, same surgery, big price differences

Minnesota Department of Health and employers partner to increase price transparency

As part of an ongoing effort to bring greater transparency to the hidden world of health care costs, a new Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) report finds large swings in prices between hospitals, and also large price differences within a single hospital.

A patient undergoing one of four hospital procedures may pay between two to nearly seven times as much as another patient at the same hospital, according to the MDH report. As shown, this can mean a price difference from about \$7,000 to nearly \$70,000.

This report, the second in a series, analyzes the prices paid from July 2014 to June 2015 for a set of four common procedures at Minnesota hospitals: spinal fusion surgery, major bowel surgery, appendectomy and removal of uterine fibroids. To make direct comparisons meaningful the analysis looks only at commercially insured patients with minor or moderate clinical complexity.

Prices for the most expensive procedures (spinal fusion surgery and major bowel surgery) varied by three-fold or more within hospitals. For example, prices for a bowel procedure at the most expensive hospital ranged from about \$14,500 to \$68,800 (a 4.7-fold difference), and prices at the most expensive hospital for spinal fusion ranged from about \$27,600 to \$80,800 (a 2.9-fold difference). Even the hospitals with the lowest average price exhibited sizable variations in prices.

"This degree of variation shows that the health care market lacks meaningful transparency and a consistent link between cost and prices," said Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "This undermines effective competition and rational pricing of health care services, and contributes to the cost pressure that families and businesses are experiencing. Shedding light on prices is a step in the right direction toward a better functioning market where individuals and employers can play a stronger role as informed consumers."

This round of research aims to describe different aspects of hospital price variation in Minnesota. The research was not designed to show what is causing the differences within and between hospitals. However, national studies provide some sense of what may be driving price differences. Likely factors include differences in labor markets, operating costs, hospital and patient characteristics, and practice styles.

Preliminary results from the MDH study showed that a substantial amount of the statewide variation in prices – about 36 percent– was related to differences within individual hospitals and was not explained by factors such as severity of illness, length of stay, patients' age, and certain health benefit characteristics. National researchers suggest that this type of unexplained variation is likely driven by

how much market or pricing power health insurers and hospitals have.

"Employers and their employees have the potential to help drive health care system transformation," said Carolyn Pare, president and CEO of the Minnesota Health Action Group, a coalition of public and private purchasers dedicated to improving health care outcomes and the overall value of health care services. "To successfully fill that role, we need transparency in health care quality and prices. This series of work, which employers helped initiate, is a strong step forward. Ultimately, though, effective transparency has to identify providers."

The new report, based on commercial payer data only, is the result of employers teaming up with the Minnesota Department of Health to identify new ways to use Minnesota's All Payer Claims Database (MN APCD) to better understand health care trends across the state.

Pricing data are reported to the MN APCD, which consists of data stripped of private, personal identifiers, from more than 1.1 billion health care transactions coming from private and public payers covering more than 4.3 million people in Minnesota.

The prices in the new report reflect the fees paid to hospitals for the inpatient treatment as well as the professional fees (physician services) received for delivering care. The first report in this series, from January 2018, analyzed a different set of four inpatient procedures and focused just on hospital fees. Neither report lists the names of specific hospitals, as Minnesota law prevents the use of the MN APCD to identify individual hospitals or providers.

"By bringing new evidence to the fore, the data and the analysis help shape our understanding of the health care market in a really critical area," said Stefan Gildemeister, state health economist and a co-principal investigator of the study. "MN APCD is such an important tool because it fills knowledge gaps critical for policy-making. To date, data analyses have delivered critical insights in chronic disease prevalence and spending, pharmaceutical trends, health system efficiency, opioid prescribing patterns and more."



Article from *The McIntosh Times*; February 13, 1936.

Dr. Vig now using new pain preventing fluid

New Discovery to Eliminate Pain in Dental Work Given to World by Columbia Doctor.

Dr. Vig, local dentist, is now using the recently discovered desensitizing fluid in preventing pain to patients when drilling excavations for filling in teeth. The new discovery is a boon to people who find that cavities have started in their teeth and dread the painful sensation caused by necessary drilling to prepare the tooth for filling.

Dr. Hartman, the discoverer of the new fluid, is a professor of dentistry at Columbia University. He has worked for twenty years on this pain killer. When it was perfected, he could have made a fortune by commer-

cializing it, but chose instead to give it to the world in order that all people may benefit by it. Thanks to Dr. Hartman, dental patients will find that dental work will not cost any more than it did before.

A big advantage of the discovery is that by its use, teeth in which cavities have been permitted to develop too far can be drilled and prepared so fillings can be made. Previously, many teeth had to be pulled because the pain of drilling sufficiently to warrant a good job was more than many patients could stand. The new fluid does not harm the teeth, according to Dr. Vig. It is applied to the interior of the cavity by the use of a small piece of cotton. The dentine is quickly deadened, but it does not affect the gums nor leave any ill effects.

The new discovery has been enthusiastically hailed by many as a great advancement in dentistry.

Source: *The McIntosh Times*; February 13, 1936



40 years ago...1978: Sue Erdman is up to bat at the Wertish Wonder Women's challenging softball game with their husbands and men friends. Ouch! She hit a fly, and reached first base! Catcher is Kevin Haugen and Umpire is Ray Vaa.



30 years ago...1988: 1988 Patriot football cheerleaders are: Top (L-R) LeAnn Tofstad, Audrey Lucken; Second row: Sonja Borud, Amber Mashburn; Bottom row: Jill Brevik, and Christy Evenson.

Pictured Below: 20 years ago...1998: The McIntosh Womens Action Club (WACS) was a first-year participant in the Relay for Life fund raising to benefit the cancer society. The local service group was one of 22 teams walking for donations for cancer research. (Back L-R) Leann Nichols, Karen Thompson, Kim Bjerke, Lynette Ross, Melissa Kuznia, Lynette Plante and Karen Plante; (Front L-R) Teresa Syverson, Becky Christianson and Amy Boehrnsen.



Win-E-Mac Junior High Football
Schedule subject to change:
First week of school:

> September 3 no practice

> September 4 game away

4:30 PM

> September 5 practice

3:30pm to 5 PM

> September 6 game away

4:30 PM

> September 7 no practice

I will have a printout of the Practice/game schedule available on August 20.

Kiddie Pull at Tractor Day



Breeelyn Hegre makes a great attempt during the kiddie pull at Tractor Day in McIntosh on August 25th.



Kids were sorted by class during the kiddie pull at Tractor Day. Here in the older kids class is Cora Earls.



Dinah Opdahl gives it her all during Tractor Day Kiddie Pull in McIntosh on Saturday, August 25th.



Pulling during the kiddie pull, that was sponsored by the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club at Tractor Day in McIntosh, is Jens Stordahl.



Kalli Roy had fun trying to beat the others in her class during the kiddie pull on August 25th for Tractor Day in McIntosh.



Giving it her all was Kaylen Bedard during the kiddie pull at Tractor Day in McIntosh.



MaKenna Peterson was a winner in her class during the kiddie pull on Saturday, August 25th in McIntosh.



Tractor Day had a kiddie pull in front of the fire hall on Saturday, August 25th. Here, Liveah Kiecker pulls.



Ella Subbert was another great puller during the kiddie pull at Tractor Day on Saturday, August 25th.



Brynlee Bedard was a winner during the kiddie pull at Tractor Day in McIntosh on Saturday, August 25th.



Giving it her best, with a smile on her face was Elsi Kiecker during the kiddie pull at Tractor Day in McIntosh.



The weighted pull used by the pullers in the kiddie parade was made by Polar Beach Snowmobile Club members, as they sponsor the fun event. Here, Rose Subbert gives her best to see how far she can go.



The Winners during the kiddie pull at Tractor Day on Saturday, August 25th in McIntosh. The pull took place in front of the Fire Hall, and there were many kids who participated. The event was sponsored by the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club, who also spent time creating the pull and tractors that were used.

Mac Tractor Day 2018



During the Antique Tractor Parade in McIntosh on Saturday, August 25th, Buddy Kiecker drives by as his grandkids wave.



Driving his Father-in-law's John Deere is Joe Shimpa.



Matt Schow with his son, Liam, during the Antique Tractor Parade held in McIntosh on Saturday, August 25th.



Nick Ostenaar was a driver of one of the many antique tractors that were part of the parade Saturday, August 25th, during Tractor Day in McIntosh.



Sydney, Savahanna, and Cameron Svalen kept the parade crowd entertained with music before the Antique Tractor Parade held in McIntosh as part of Tractor Day on Saturday, August 25th.



One of the many who spend many hours making sure Tractor Day in McIntosh is a hit, Steve Urness.



Granddaughter, Cora Earls with Grandpa Steve Faldet.



Pulling a trailer with the kiddie pull tractors during Tractor Day in McIntosh is Josh Bartz.



George Steinbrenner in the Antique Tractor Parade in McIntosh.



Gordy Ostenaar during the Parade in McIntosh for Tractor Day.



Joey Svalen parades through McIntosh during the Antique Tractor Parade.



Robert Hegland came to town with his International Harvester for the Antique Tractor Parade.



Enjoying the day on Saturday, August 25th was Beverly Anderson during the Antique Tractor Parade.



Bruce Gunderson brings his grandson along for the ride during the Antique Tractor Parade on Saturday, August 25th.



Luke Thom was on hand for the Antique Tractor Parade in McIntosh on Saturday, August 25th.



Jens Stordahl and his dad, Bryce, brought one of Grandpa Jim's tractors into town for the Tractor Parade.



Enjoying the parade and all the fun during Tractor Day in McIntosh was Ella Strom and Kianna Tadman.



Keeping cool in the shade was Bobby Bursheim.



Steve Carlson along with his grandson were a part of the Antique Tractor Parade in McIntosh.



Taking to the street during the Antique Tractor Parade on August 25th was Dennis Boucher and his granddaughter.



All the way from Gully, Pete Anderson came to town to drive a tractor during the Antique Tractor Parade in McIntosh.



Chris Bartz had the help of son Carter to throw candy during the parade in McIntosh.



In memory of her Grandpa, Alan Hedlund, Kelsey Hedlund drove his Cockshutt for the Antique Tractor Parade, held on his birthday, August 25th.



Clayton Bartz was part of the Antique Tractor Parade held in McIntosh during Tractor Day.



Kolton Schow caught a ride with Joel Strom during the Tractor Parade in McIntosh on August 25th.



In part, sponsoring the day was Evergreen Equipment with Jordon Gunafson at the helm.



Don Ostenson took part in the parade during Tractor Day in McIntosh pulling his antique shell fuel wagon.



Danny Svalen was one of the many drivers of Antique Tractors on August 25th.



Along for the ride, Chris Smeby takes part in the parade along with Hudson Smeby and Fuller.



Keeping cool and out of the sun was Dean Strom during the Antique Tractor Parade in McIntosh.



Curt Bartz drove his tractor during the parade in McIntosh for Tractor Day on August 25th.



Earl Roed had plenty of candy for the kids who watched the Antique Tractor Parade on Saturday, August 25th in McIntosh.