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McIntosh and Winger Fire Department’s encourage residents to “Look. Listen. Learn.” during Fire Prevention Week

Today’s home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

The Fire Department’s in McIntosh and Winger are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 90 years to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere™,” which works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire.

NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent

higher in 2016 than in 1980.

“These numbers show that while we’ve made significant progress in teaching people how to prevent fires from happening, there’s still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy.

“This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today’s home fires grow and spread.”

Carli also notes that although people feel safest in their home, it is also the place people are at greatest risk to fire, with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home. That over-confidence contributes to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice.

People often make choices in fire situations that jeopardize their safety or even cost them



their lives. Teaching people about the potentially life-saving difference escape planning and practice can make and motivate them into action.

This year’s “Look. Listen. Learn.” campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire:

- **Look** for places fire could start.
- **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- **Learn** 2 ways out of every room.

While NFPA and the McIntosh and Winger Fire Departments are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere.

Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go. No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.

About Fire Prevention Week

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage.

This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Importance of fire prevention

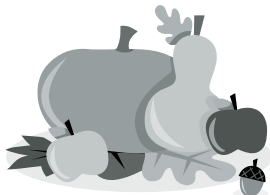
In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn’t just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

Bring awareness

While children under 5 and adults over 65 are at the highest risk for injury or death in a fire, people of all ages are vulnerable. In fact, the risk of a nonfatal fire injury is highest for those between 20 and 49, showing that fire safety education is essential for everyone. Additional risk factors include race, socio-economic status, education level, and geographic location.

The purpose of Fire Prevention Week is to bring awareness to the risk of death in case of a fire and provide educational resources to people of all ages, races, and socioeconomic status in order to keep everyone safe.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.



Community Calendar

Wed. Oct. 10: 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. Oct. 11: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm; WEM School dismissed at 12:30pm; McIntosh City Council @ Community Center 5:30pm

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

Mon. Oct. 15: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm;

Tues. Oct. 16: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Wed. Oct. 17: 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. Oct. 18: No School at Win-E-Mac; McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm;

Fri. Oct. 19: No School at Win-E-Mac; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Oct. 22: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm;

Tues. Oct. 23: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm



Congratulations to the new inductees to the Win-E-Mac Chapter of Minnesota Honor Society 2018-2019 school year. Inductees are Dustin Osland, Elliana Lindberg, Mason Spry, Lindsey Espeseth, Hally Catahan, Rylee Haugen, Abby Lende, Claudia Anfiliouff. They will be joining the current members; Brekken Lindberg, Aries Qualey, Tapanga Bratager, Lily Breckel. The induction ceremony was held at Win-E-Mac on October 3rd to honor their accomplishments and encourages students in their future involvement in the community and school. Ceremony was led by senior Aries Qualey. The Honor society is based on the pillars of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. The Win-E-Mac chapter consists of juniors and seniors and are advised by Mrs. Jore.



Highway 2 Cruisers member, Sandy Sultvedt, fans out the 14 checks that were written to local communities supporting food shelves and backpack programs.

Hwy. 2 Cruisers donate locally

The Highway 2 Cruisers Club has a membership of over 100 families and covers a large geographic area along the Highway 2 corridor.

Members of the Club come from Crookston, Mahanomen, Oklee, Clearbrook, Bagley, Fosston, Fertile, Erskine and many other surrounding towns.

Thanks to local sponsorship and membership dues, The Highway 2 Cruisers can financially host a car show, promote healthy and family orientated activities and give to many es-

sential programs in the area.

This year, club members voted to donate to the backpack program in 7 area schools, food shelves in 7 communities, after prom parties at 7 area schools and to our area Quilts of Valor.

The Club also offers a scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors going into a degree that's related to automotive.

The Highway 2 Cruisers Board of Directors are Ira Hill, President; Krystal Tranby, Secretary; Jen Howard, Treasurer; Roger Black, and Gabby Gustafson.



B.Y.O.T.B. (Bring your own Teddy Bear)

Grab your teddy bear and head on over to the Win-E-Mac Arts and Event Center on Monday, October 22nd from 6:30pm to 7:15pm the Teddy Bear Band will perform.

Rydell NWR closed during special hunts in Oct.

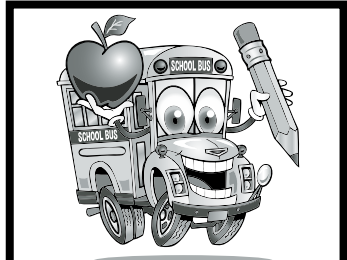
Rydell National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will be closed to the general public during two special deer hunts that will be held on the Refuge in October of 2018. The Accessible Deer Hunt is conducted in cooperation with the Options Resource Center for Independent Living and will take place Thursday, October 11 through Saturday, October 13. The Mentored Youth Deer Hunt is a cooperative effort with the Minnesota DNR for youth between the ages of 12 and 15. It will take place Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28. Both of these hunts have a limited number of participants that were selected through a drawing, earlier in the year. Signs will be posted at Refuge entry points during both of these closures.

Additionally, despite misinformation printed in the 2018 Minnesota DNR Hunting and Trapping Regulation Hand-



book, there will not be any deer hunting allowed on Rydell NWR during the general gun deer season and the Refuge trails will be open for other public use.

For more information on the meeting or if you have questions, contact Gregg Knutsen, Refuge Manager, at 218-687-2229 x16 or gregg_knutsen@fws.gov.



Win-E-Mac Parent - Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 1:00pm to 7:30 pm. School will be dismissed at 12:30 that day and busses will run shortly after that.



The West Polk FSA Office has recognized the following staff for years of service in the agency: Gary Schommer (35 years), Vickie Huelskamp (25 years), and Jackie Zammert (35 years). Combined, they have 95 years of dedicated service with the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency. Gary and Vickie deliver USDA's farm loan programs in East Polk and Red Lake FSA as well.

Nationally recognized MN Premium Security Plan reverses double-digit premium hikes

Reps. Fabian & Kiel applaud lower health care costs.

On Tuesday, the Minnesota Department of Commerce released final rates for the 2019 individual insurance market. For the second consecutive year, Republican-led reforms have proven to help reduce or hold flat individual market health insurance rates after years of double-digit increases following the implementation of Obamacare in Minnesota.

All five of the carriers on the individual market are lowering premiums for 2019, with average rates dropping between 7.4 percent and 27.7 percent. For example, in Northwest Minnesota a family of four could save \$3,372 and a 60-year-old could save \$2,868 next year as a result of Republican reforms compared to two years ago. The individual market serves Minnesotans who buy health insurance on their own, not through an employer or the government.

"This was about pushing back against the harmful effects of Obamacare and ad-

vancing real reforms to lower health care costs for folks across the state," said Rep. Dan Fabian, R-Roseau. "Republicans have looked at what will really work to help Minnesotans who purchase their own insurance, and we are seeing another year of significantly lower costs that will help save folks money and make health care more accessible and affordable."

"Improving and protecting access to care, lowering costs and putting an end to annual double-digit premium increases—that's what our meaningful health care reforms did for Minnesotans," said Rep. Deb Kiel, R-Crookston. "When folks go to purchase health insurance coverage for themselves and their family on the individual market, they will see on average significantly lower costs, and that's a real win for folks in our area who have been hurt by our state's MNsure mess."

From 2014-2017, average rates increased by double digits every year, including up to 67 percent for 2017. Thanks to

Republican reforms enacted in 2017, individual market rates for 2018 remained flat or were reduced for most Minnesotans on the individual market. The Minnesota Department of Commerce confirmed last year and this year that without Republican reforms, rates would have risen by 20 percent or more.

The nationally recognized, Republican-led reforms were supported by just one Democrat in the Minnesota House. Governor Dayton refused to sign the measure, opting to let it become law without his signature.

Republicans also pushed for and successfully passed other key reforms to increase the number of health care options for Minnesotans by expanding agriculture co-op plans, and allowing more insurers into the market, a move that is already paying dividends for seniors on Medicare and employees. Democrats pushed unsuccessfully during the 2018 session to eliminate these health plan options.



The East Polk County Farm Bureau recently held their annual meeting at the McIntosh Community Center. Board members for 2019 are: Back row (l-r): Donny Vaa, Brady Lee, Bennett Osmonson, Philip Swenson, Verdell Olson; Middle: Joan Lee, Jim Lee; Front: Katie Lee, and Deb Whalen. Not pictured is Aaron Iverson.



The beautiful fall weather brought out more than 50 ATV's for the annual 4-wheeler ride at Vernes Church on Sunday, September 16th. The riders had a relaxing ride through Hill River Township and a lunch afterwards.

Property Taxes Due

Michelle Cote, Polk County Director of Property Records, reminds Polk County property owners that the second half of the 2018 Real Estate Tax, except Real Estate classified as Agricultural, is due by Monday, October 15, 2018.

Please include the tax statement stub with your payment. Checks should be made payable to Polk County or Polk County Administrator. Thank you.

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Have you decided?

Have you decided who you'll vote for for Polk County Commissioner in the coming election?

Think about it: It would have to be someone who does understand the importance of the job, and who never plays 'favorites.' Someone who is more interested in the continued growth of Polk County than the holding the actual title.

There's really only one person like that...

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Mt. Carmel to host marriage seminar

Mt. Carmel Free Lutheran Church in McIntosh will be hosting "Unless the Lord Builds the House"- a Marriage Seminar with Pastor Jerry Nelson.

Hollywood would have us believe we get married and "live happily ever after." You know better. "Unless the Lord Builds the House" draws from the Bible to look at those factors which actually contribute having a joyful relationship with your spouse.

Seminar times will be:

Sunday, October 14:
9:30am Trinity Free Lutheran Church and at 11:00am Mt Carmel Free Lutheran Church (Pot-Luck to follow).

Sunday, October 15 to Wednesday October 17:
7:30pm each evening

Interesting facts about pumpkins

Halloween isn't complete without jack-o'-lanterns, and jack-o'-lanterns can't be made without pumpkins. Plenty of people are familiar with pumpkins thanks to their connection to Halloween and, of course, pumpkin pie, but few may know some of the more interesting aspects of this Halloween staple.

Indigenous to the western hemisphere, pumpkins have been grown in North America for 5,000 years. But while they might be indigenous to the west, pumpkins can be grown in the eastern hemisphere as well. According to contributors to the online pumpkin resource Pumpkin Nook, pumpkins are more popular in southern China than northern China.

History.com notes that pumpkin seeds do not have a long planting season. Ideally, seeds should be planted between the last week of May and the middle of June. That gives pumpkin lovers precious little time to do their planting. Once seeds are planted, pumpkin lovers must wait somewhere between 90 and 120 days for the pumpkins to grow. That makes October a great and popular time to do some

Monday, October 15 to Wednesday, October 17:
9:30am Morning Bible Study

Meet the Speaker:

Pastor Nelson is Pastor of Marriage and Family Ministries at Christ is Lord Free Lutheran Church in Onalaska WI. His wife Kristi is co-director of New Image Women's Ministry. Together they also have a private clinic. The Nelsons have 6 grown children, eleven grandchildren and enjoy spending their free time together. Pastor Nelson and his wife Kristi are both licensed therapists and have been married for over 40 years.

They have been helping couples for over 20 years through seminars, retreats and counseling.

picking.

Pumpkin weighoffs have become popular events in many communities. At such events, growers of giant pumpkins bring their largest ones to be weighed. In 2016, Belgian Mathias Willemijns grew a pumpkin that is believed to be the biggest ever grown. That pumpkin weighed an eye-popping 2,624.6 pounds.

Pumpkins support heart health. Perhaps because they're most often associated with pumpkin pie and pumpkin-flavored beer, the health benefits of pumpkins might go unnoticed. But pumpkins are rich in antioxidants that can help prevent damage to the eye, and the potassium found in pumpkins can have a positive impact on blood pressure. Pumpkins also are a great source of beta-carotene, and some studies have linked diets rich in beta-carotene with a reduced risk of prostate cancer.

According to Fruits & Veggies - More Matters®, a health initiative aiming to promote increased consumption of fruits and vegetables, pumpkins are fruits because they are products of the seed-bearing structures of flowering plants. Pumpkins are part of the gourd family, which means they're closely related to fruits such as cucumbers, honeydew melons and cantaloupes.

Pumpkins are as fascinating as they are tasty, proving they are more than just a ubiquitous Halloween decoration.



Heritage Recipe #26

Pulled from the depths of a stack of archived recipes is a refrigerator cake recipe penned by Florence Bjella.

Cranberry Refrigerator Cake

Mix in blender:

2 Cups fresh or frozen (thawed) cranberries
1 large banana
2/3 Cups sugar
2 Cups crushed vanilla wafers

Mix in mixer:

½ cup butter
1 cup Powder sugar
2 eggs
½ cup chopped nuts
1 cup whipping cream-whipped

Place 1 cup wafer crumbs in bottom of 9x9 inch pan

Then butter, powder sugar and egg mixture

Then add cranberry, banana and sugar mixture

Then chopped nuts

Then whipped cream

Then other cup of Crushed Wafers

Chill for 4 hours

Double recipe makes 9x13 pan



Wed. Oct. 10: Jim Ferden, Jonah Salvhus

Thurs. Oct. 11: Annabelle Shulz, Sandra Jore, Ambrose Anderson, Shawn Ostenaa

Fri. Oct. 12: Brady Finseth, Kyle Mandt

Sat. Oct. 13: Darren Kringlen, Paisley Roed, Louis Ott

Mon. Oct. 15: *Bob & Laura Bursheim, *Ray *Felly Catahan

Tues. Oct. 16: Connie Strom, Calvin Schow, Bonnie Klein, April Ostenaa

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Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Sun. Oct. 14: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Oct. 21: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. Oct. 14: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Oct. 21: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. Oct. 14: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. Oct. 21: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. Oct. 10: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's

Sun. Oct. 14: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tues. Oct. 16: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV--Channel 2; 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Wed. Oct. 17: 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.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Wed. Oct. 10: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. Oct. 11: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. Oct. 14: 9:30am Worship at Trinity; 9:45am Sunday School for all ages at Mt. Carmel; 10:45am Sunday School for all ages at Trinity; 11:00am Worship at Mt. Carmel

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VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. Oct. 14: 9am Worship

Sun. Oct. 21: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlunds

Wed. Oct. 10: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans

Sun. Oct. 14: 10:00am Worship Service; Adult and Children's Sunday School following worship service

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Sun. Oct. 21: 10:00am Worship Service; Adult and Children's Sunday School following worship service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. Bruce Blocker, Pastor

Sun. Oct. 14: 9:00am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Sun. Oct. 21: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello once again from Winger and the Union Lake areas and welcome to October, where does the time go? Have had some cold and windy weather with rain mixed in making for a miserable combination of sorts. Now snow is in the forecast, I hope they are wrong. I still hope to see some nice weather yet. Farmers did get a chance to do some combining a couple days this week, but the rain put an end to that again. Still see many gardens that are not all cleaned out yet so hopefully we will get some nice days after this bump in the road.

For those who are trying to get buildings up before the weather sets in are hoping for some nice days yet. Bert Gunderson is building himself a nice shop and Dean Johnson is building a garage to replace the one he lost in the tornado this past August.

Milton Carlson's Corner

On Wednesday the 26th those helping Wanda Donovan observe her birthday at the Milton Carlson home before she and Dick left for the Host Fest in Minot were Paul Carlson who stopped by Milton's in the morning on his way to work for a brief visit and a cup of coffee and later Judy Gieseke stopped in for a visit and a cup of coffee with the family.

Thursday the 27th Donna Rae Carlson and Jasmine Benesh were visitors and coffee guests at Milton's home bringing with them home made bread and pie for a treat.

Paul Carlson stopped in at Milton's on Friday the 28th as he made his way to work, that first cup of coffee seems to make Paul's day go better. Later that same day Lonnie Gieseke stopped in at Milton's and helped him with some projects and later visited over a cup of coffee.

Sunday the 30th after spending a few days in Minot at Host Fest, Dick and Wanda Donovan left for their home in St. Francis.

Also on Sunday Chris and Vincent Benesh were visitors with Milton bringing him apples to enjoy.

On Monday the 1st of October Paul Carlson stopped in at Milton's briefly as he made his way to work.

Craig and Bev Helgaas of Glenwood were Friday overnight guests at the Pulskamp home. Saturday Craig and Bev Helgaas and Butch Pulskamp all went to Gully to the Cindy Johnson home to visit and help her with some outside work she needed done. Bev stayed and spent the night with Sister Cindy, Butch and Craig returned to Winger where Craig again spent the night. Sunday Craig and Bev left for their home in Glenwood.

Last Friday Helmer and Verlys Homme took a drive and spent the day in Fargo.

Visitors at the Betty Myhrum home last Saturday were Carol Dyrdaahl of Rogers, and Linda Cornelison of Laughlin, Nevada. The girls are cousins, Carol is the daughter of the late Orvis and Lily Ann Roed and Linda is the daughter of the late Carlton and Hazel Roed. They had a very enjoyable afternoon together.

Visiting during the weekend at the Pulskamp home besides the Helgaas's were Kelly John-

son and Granddaughter Lily Brtek, Matt Balstad and Jamie Anderson.

Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors at the Pioneer Home last Saturday with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Noel and Sheri Aasen of Reedsport, OR and Jay Pearsall of Williamsburg, VA were house guests at the home of Camilla Aasen Pearsall in Minnetonka for a week in mid September. While visiting, there was a party for family to celebrate Jay's 60th birthday. Noel is Camilla's brother and Jay is her son. Was a wonderful family gathering for all.

Helmer and Verlys Homme enjoyed supper with several of their friends on Monday night at Moran's Supper Club.

This brings you another week of the bits and pieces gathered this week. Always room for more.

Until next week, may you all have a great one.

From Bun Manor:

Steve and Lorri Massmann took off the weekend to enjoy some of their German heritage. They made their way to New Ulm, MN courtesy of a gift certificate from their boys and families for several nights at a bed and breakfast.

While there Steve and Lorri attended several German traditional activities and enjoyed some of the ethnic foods and beverages. Lots of good food and people. On their way back they followed the MN river basin to Montevideo to enjoy the beautiful scenery and fall colors before heading back north to Winger.

Last week Bruce and Bun had the pleasure of eating lunch with John and Sandy Balstad. They are going on a bus trip with Steve and Candace Heaven up to Canada and over to the east coast. Sandy told Bun she may have some news and pictures for the Winger news when they get back. Watch for that in coming issues.

Nan Rumiliote came up last week to spend a couple of days visiting with her friend Joyce Balstad. Thursday they met their friend Jan Ward at the Bagley sales barn. Nan wanted to see some of her friends she used to work with. They enjoyed a delicious lunch there and spent the rest of the day hanging out. That evening Nan and Joyce went to the Coop in McIntosh to play Bingo. Joyce won three times She had never won that many at one time before. Nan went home on Friday and Joyce came to Winger and bought Dale and Bun lunch with the money she won playing Bingo. Bun hopes she will win again soon.

Sunday morning Elmyrna and some others from Winger headed down to Bejou for the fall dinner at Immanuel Church. They also had baked goods and crafts for sale along with a silent auction.

Elmyrna's grand daughter Jill and her two girls Katelynn and Taylor from Crookston came down to visit her on Sunday afternoon. She always enjoys spending time with them.

Sympathy goes out to the Boyd Bratager family on his passing. The funeral was held at the Calvary church in Winger last Monday.



Emerald ash borer larve.

USDA proposes deregulation of emerald ash borer

Emerald ash borer has been regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) since 2002 when it was discovered in southeastern Michigan. As of September 2018, emerald ash borer can be found in 35 of the 48 continental states (73%) and the area federally regulated for emerald ash borer includes most of the native range of ash in the U.S.

Recently, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced a proposed rule change to deregulate emerald ash borer at the federal level. This would mean that APHIS would no longer regulate the interstate movement of products which can carry emerald ash borer. Comments on this federal proposal are being accepted through November 19, 2018. To comment, go to: <http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=APHIS-2017-0056>, or mail your comment to: Docket No. APHIS-2017-0056, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Emerald ash borer has been regulated by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) since 2009 when it was discovered on the Minnesota / Wisconsin border. As of

September 2018, emerald ash borer can be found in 17 of Minnesota's 87 counties (16%) and the state regulated area does not include one of the densest concentration of forestland ash in North America. In addition, emerald ash borer has only been found in 63 of Minnesota's 853 cities (7%).

Currently, the MDA regulates the intrastate movement of products that can carry emerald ash borer through an internal quarantine and collaborates with APHIS on interstate movement with the federal quarantine. Should APHIS proceed with federal deregulation, Minnesota has the option to continue regulating emerald ash borer at the state level or not. If a decision is made by MDA to continue regulating emerald ash borer at the state level, Minnesota also has the option to modify the structure of those regulations. The MDA is currently preparing several detailed options for discussion with partners and stakeholders. We also anticipate posting those options for a general audience in the near future (www.mda.state.mn.us/eab). In the meantime, any comments regarding future Minnesota regulation of emerald ash borer should be made to arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us.



50 years ago...1968: Lois Jorgenson, Sharon Kiecker and Philip Jore relax a moment between scenes of the Junior Class play, *Clementine*, which is currently under rehearsal at the McIntosh High School.

Apply now for help with this winter's heating bills

It may seem early to start thinking of winter and the heating season. But for Minnesotans who struggle to pay their heating bills, now is the time to apply for financial assistance to help pay those bills.

Eligible Minnesotans are encouraged to apply for the state's Energy Assistance Program, which helps low-income households earning less than 50% of the state's median income (\$49,698 for a family of four).

More than 126,000 Minnesota households received energy assistance during last year's heating season. The average grant was about \$545, paid directly to the household's utility or heating fuel provider.

Funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Energy Assistance Program is administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce with 29 service providers throughout the state.

Households with seniors, disabled individuals and children are especially encouraged to apply for energy assistance because they are more vulner-

able in low-heat situations and may live on fixed low incomes.

Nearly 40 percent of Minnesota households that received energy assistance last year included seniors. But many seniors who are eligible still do not apply. The Commerce Department encourages families to talk with older family members about applying for energy assistance if they qualify.

To apply, contact the local service provider in your county and request an application. To find your service provider, visit the Energy Assistance Program on the Commerce Department website (mn.gov/commerce) or call 1-800-657-3710.

Minnesotans who qualify for energy assistance may also be eligible for the Weatherization Assistance Program, a companion program that uses the same application as energy assistance. The weatherization program helps permanently reduce energy bills for low-income Minnesotans by providing free energy-saving upgrades to ensure that their homes are warm, healthy and safe.

Rep. Deb Kiel applauds school safety grant funding

Rep. Deb Kiel, R-Crookston, issued the following statement regarding recent news that Fertile-Beltrami Elementary School in Fertile is receiving \$439,400 and J.A. Hughes Elementary in Red Lake Falls is receiving \$40,000 in school safety grant funding. Last session, the Legislature approved and Governor Dayton signed into law \$25 million in capital investment funds that schools could apply for to make physical safety improvements. The Minnesota Department of Education also formally announced the grant allocations in a news release.

"Student safety was a top priority at the Capitol this year, and I was proud to support a comprehensive school safety package that focused on

keeping kids safe and addressing student mental health. Most importantly, with all of our legislation, we put the needs of Minnesota kids first, giving flexibility to our local districts to make decisions that work best for their students, schools and community," said Rep. Kiel.

"I am pleased that Fertile-Beltrami Elementary and J.A. Hughes Elementary were awarded school safety grant funding, and I will continue to champion measures that support our Northwest Minnesota students and schools."

The Legislature approved an additional \$25 million in school safety grants as part of the supplemental budget bill, but those funds were vetoed by Governor Dayton



40 years ago...1878: Joanne Carver of rural McIntosh, Carol Bauer of Erskine, and Cathy Schell of McIntosh are the new help at the Highlander Restaurant in McIntosh. Joanne is a Monday - Friday day waitress since a month ago; Carol has been head cook and baker for 2 1/2 months, and Cathy serves as evening cook and day and weekend cook's helper. All are mothers of school children.



(Pictured above) 20 years ago...1998: (L-R) Cathi Evenson, Mark Nelson and Pam Kerssen were the proud team of construction volunteers who assembled the tentire bouncer, one of 33 sites completed at the Win-E-Mac School playground.

(pictured left) 30 years ago...1988: Interest in football is growing, and a large group is out in the 7th and 8th grade classes. (Back row) Nathan Salverson, Shane Voxland, Jason Noyes, Ethan Weiby, Glenn Vasend, Jason Carlson, Matthew Bartz, Jim Langemo and Ricky Busch; (third row) Richard Carlson, Matt Maxfield, Casey Sannes, Jason Bradley, Scott Kaupang, Jerrod Hoaas, and Matthew Evens; (second row) Robert Carlson, Chad Olson, Shawn Ostenaar, Matt Stennes, Ryan Johnson, Ross Salerson, and Chad Benson; (front row) Liberty Lucken, Eric Hamre, Mike Brumwell, Terrance Nefzger and Richie Hoiland.





Congratulations to the new inductees to the Win-E-Mac Chapter of Minnesota Honor Society 2018-2019 school year. Inductees are Dustin Osland, Elliana Lindberg, Mason Spry, Lindsey Espeseth, Hally Catahan, Rylee Haugen, Abby Lende, Claudia Anfiloff. The Win-E-Mac chapter consists of juniors and seniors and are advised by Mrs. Jore.



The Win-E-Mac elementary students joined in the fun and showed their school spirit during the Pep Fest held Friday afternoon during Homecoming week.



Morgan Bauer waves to her sister in the stands as the little girls get ready for their dance during the Homecoming pep fest held on Friday, September 28th at Win-E-Mac School.



The 4 to 7 year olds dance for the Homecoming pep fest at Win-E-Mac School.



The Win-E-Mac Pep Band always shows their school spirit by entertaining the crowds during school events. Here they entertain during the school pep fest for Homecoming week.

Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer

Taxes and School Levy

Our school levy for the 2018 Pay 2019 school year has decreased to a 2.97 increase. This increase is due to an increase in student enrollment and an increase Referendum Market Values.

People who own Ag property or farm land will see a decrease due to the new Ag credit legislation. This is a new property tax law only applied to Ag acres so the tax burden of school buildings is not a heavy burden on farmers.

Market Values have increased in our district so if you see increases of tax on your statements in November, please see the RMV amount of increase from 2018 to qualify the amount of tax increase.

Century 21 Grant

Our school is 1 of 4 School Districts to receive a 3-year grant for an after school program.

This is the second year of the grant and we know students enjoy the program. Win-E-Mac, Waubun, Stephen-Argyle and Fosston were the recipi-



ents of this grant. Our school includes grades K-12 with an emphasis on 5-12. We will have a homework help time, intro to robotics, Lego competition, nutrition, fitness, stem and arts along with field trips and community work projects. We are seeking help after school if you would like to work some hours with students. Please call the school and speak with the Superintendent.

Driver Education this Fall

Drivers Education classroom will be offered beginning October 22nd, 2018 from 3:15-6:15 p.m. Classes will be October 22-26, 29-31 and November 1 and 2. November 5th will be the makeup day.

Students must be 15 years old by June 1. This class needs to be completed and the written driving exam passed prior to Behind the Wheel. The oldest will be given first chance. There will be a parental course on October 16th. Cost of the class is \$50. Please pick up forms in the district office. Forms are due by October 16th, 2018.

School

Construction Class

The Construction class is building a new house this year. The house is located in back of the school if you would like to view the progress. The process takes time to arrange so if you are interested in a house, please call the Superintendent. If you have a plan for the next build, please give Nathan or myself a call.



The Win-E-Mac Construction class has been working hard on building a new house. If you would like to view their progress, it is located in back of the school.

Sheriffs endorse Jim Tadman for Polk County Sheriff.



Barb Erdman, Polk County Sheriff (2011-2018)

Mark LeTexier, Polk County Sheriff (2003-2010)

Doug Qualley, Polk County Sheriff (1987-2002)

JIM TADMAN FOR POLK COUNTY SHERIFF

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Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 1:00-7:30 p.m. School will be dismissed at 12:30 that day and busses will run shortly after that.

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FAFSA meeting for juniors and seniors as well as parents will be held on Monday October 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the WEM Media center. Come and learn the process of completing the college FAFSA application and have questions answered by experienced college aid Director. FAFSA applications are accepted starting October 1, 2018 for the school year 2019-2020

Mid-term Report cards are now available on StudentVue/ParentVue

WEM ECFE

Make way for the Teddy Bear Band coming on Monday, October 22nd!

Here are the Win-E-Mac ECFE events for the month of October.

October 15 - Who Hibernates

October 22 - Teddy Bear Band!!!!

October 29 - Pumpkin Party

