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Cooler Days

By Lowell Ostenson
Quotes by Craig Burslie

The cooling days of fall, always manage to stir up a few memories in this Minnesota boy from McIntosh.

The High School Homecoming Bon Fire, with the unspoken drive to make it bigger than last years! Hurry to Jensen's to pick more chestnuts (as they popped in the fire).

The older boys would pick potatoes for area farmers. Those 100 pound sacks were tough to throw around, but worth it for a few dollars gas money and a few afternoons out of the classroom...precious.

Another popular activ-

ity was taking a drive around the lakes to view the brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows of the Maple trees while watching and listening to the geese heading south in their "V" formations.

But, the most enjoyable and attention getting of the late 1950's and early 1960's activities was the unveiling of the new car models by the local car dealers.

People came from miles around to show rooms and shop areas of Burslie Chevy, Hoffer Plymouth, and the Simonson-Henney Ford, to join in the activities to witness the debut of the new models.

I also remember it catching the attention of the McIntosh school students, as school was only a block away. During the noon lunch breaks there would be a steady stream of students coming and going from the display garages.

Craig Burslie was a member of the family that sold Chevy's and said, "Those years were hard work as the display areas needed a good cleaning."

Craig would have been twelve to fifteen years old at that time and said, "Those were also exciting times as I got to work with the three to four cars going on display."

USDA launches data tool to help rural communities address the opioid crisis

Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett announced on Oct. 4, 2018 that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has launched an interactive data tool to help community leaders build grassroots strategies to address the opioid epidemic.

"Under the leadership of President Trump, USDA is committed to being a strong partner to rural America in addressing this monumental challenge," Hazlett said. "Local leaders in small towns across our country need access to user-friendly and relevant data to help them build grassroots solutions for prevention, treatment and recovery."

The opioid misuse Community Assessment Tool enables users to overlay substance misuse data against socioeconomic, census and other public information. This data will help leaders, researchers and policymakers assess what actions will be most effective in

addressing the opioid crisis at the local level.

The Community Assessment Tool is free and available to the public. It can be accessed on USDA's Rural Opioid Misuse Webpage or at opioidmisusetool.norc.org/.

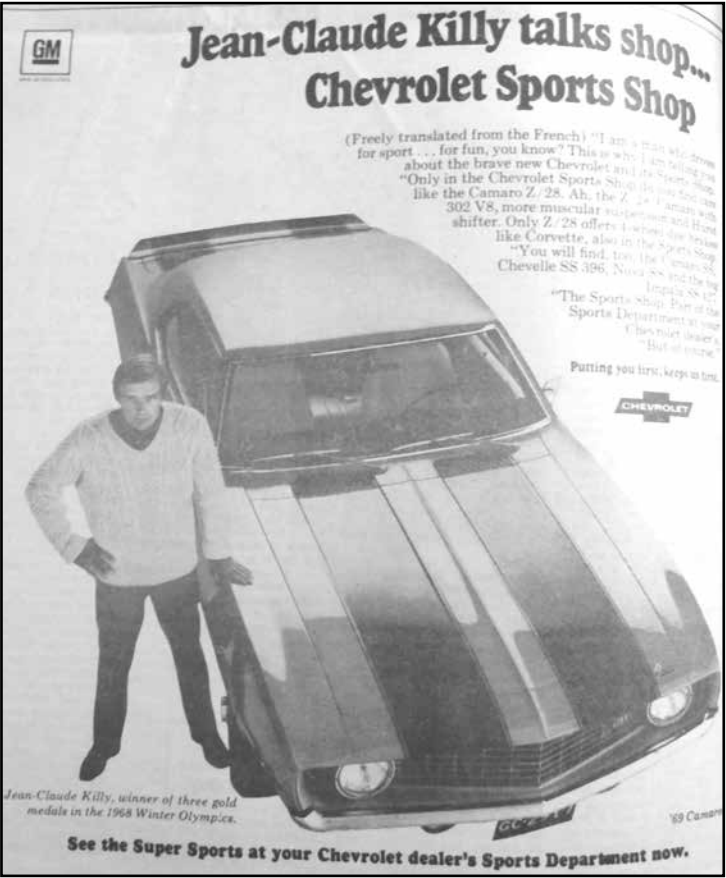
USDA's launch of the Community Assessment Tool closely follows President Trump's declaration of October as National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. Approximately 72,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2017; 49,000 of those deaths involved an opioid. Many of these deaths have been fueled by the misuse of prescription pain medications. The severity of the current opioid misuse crisis requires immediate action.

Rural Development partnered with the Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis at NORC at the University of Chicago to create the Community Assessment Tool. NORC at the University of Chicago is a non-partisan research in-

stitution that delivers reliable data and rigorous analysis to guide critical programmatic, business and policy decisions. Today, government, corporate and nonprofit organizations around the world partner with NORC to transform increasingly complex information into useful knowledge. The Walsh Center focuses on a wide array of issues affecting rural providers and residents, including health care quality and public health systems.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to

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A 1968 Car ad from the McIntosh Times.



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.



Colby Cook and Edith Gieseke were two of the many kids at McIntosh Library Storytime who painted a fall tree picture to take home.



Painting a beautiful fall tree with the Storytime kids at the McIntosh Library was Adler Stordahl.



Firefighters John Nelson and Jim Tadman from the Erskine Fire Department came to the Win-E-Mac School last week, during Fire Prevention Week, to teach about fire safety. They came to the Kindergarten, 3rd and 6th grade rooms.



Community Calendar

- 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; Teddy Bear Band @ Win-E-Mac 6:30pm
- 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
- Wed. Oct. 24:** 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. 25:** McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Oct. 26:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Sun. Oct. 30:** Win-E-Mac School Halloween Party 3:30pm - 5:30pm
- Mon. Oct. 29:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;
- Tues. Oct. 30:** McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Win-E-Mac Halloween Party



- Sunday, October 28th from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm**
School gym
Admission is one bag of candy per child

Sponsored by WEM Student Council

Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings again from Winger and the Union Lake areas. Our golden October days turned white with the snow we got yesterday, Wednesday. After being dreary and wet for the past two or three weeks, we ended up with snow, not a lot here but other places weren't so lucky. Farmers still have a lot of beans and corn to harvest, this weather put the sugar beet harvest on hold too, but there sounds like there is light at the end of the tunnel in the next few days things should turn around. We think the weather here is bad, but after seeing what the hurricane did in Florida, things could definitely be worse. Sympathy to the family of Boyd Bratager who recently passed on, his funeral was held at Calvary Church on Monday.

If you are looking for something to do during these dreary days, craft shows are starting and there are many fall dinners and bazaars being held.

Halloween is getting closer, many have decorated for the holiday. Hope it is a nice night for the little ones that go trick or treating.

Craig Johnson of Monticello spent from Friday until Sunday as a house guest at the Pulskamp home. Craig is the son of the late Curtis Johnson.

Last Sunday Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors at the Pioneer Home at Erskine with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Friday evening Craig Johnson and Linda Pulskamp visited at the Kelly Johnson home, to see his Grandchildren, Peyton, Lily and Thielen Brtek who were staying with Grandpa Kelly while Danny, Angie, Teegan and Morgan went on to a football game.

Milton Carlson's Corner

Wednesday the 3rd Lonnie Gieseke was a visitor and coffee guest at Milton's home.

Thursday morning the 4th found Paul Carlson stopping by Milton's for a brief visit and a cup of coffee as he went on to work.

Friday the 5th Paul Carlson stopped in at Milton's for a visit and helped with some chores that needed doing. Later that evening Chad and Michelle Carlson stopped in for a visit and brought deep fried chicken as a treat for supper. Paul joined them for a visit and supper.

Saturday the 6th Lonnie Gieseke visited with Milton and fixed Milton's garage door opener for him, brought Milton his mail and tapped into the coffee pot while he was there.

Monday the 8th Kari Keller stopped in after work and brought Milton soup for supper.

Tuesday the 9th Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were visitors and dinner guests of Milton's at the Carlson home.

Snow birds, Art and Darlene Ferguson who will be spending the winter this year

in Winger, were welcomed into the Southview Apartments this past week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Last Friday Blanchard Krogstad was honored on his 97th birthday with a gathering at Moran's. Those in attendance were Blanchard and Doris along with Blanchard's sister Evie of California, Rev Gerald White and Joyce, Lucy Brtek, Floyd and Gerry Balstad, Elmyrna Kaupang, Norman Versdahl, Pam Wang, Dave and Marilyn Natwick and Betty Myhrum. All enjoyed a nice time together.

Last Sunday Michelle Gagner of Mentor and Lucy Brtek met at Ness Café in Erskine for dinner. Lucy stated that there was such a crowd of people gathered there for dinner.

Tuesday after having Pizza for lunch at DiMaggio's in Erskine, Marv Engesether and Linda Pulskamp were visitors at the Reha Sanstead home in Erskine.

Lucy attended Ladies Aid at Calvary Church on Tuesday, she stated they had a good meeting and was a mixture of both men and women for the lunch that was served after the meeting.

Once again this the news from the village, until next week, in closing, food for thought. A bad attitude is like a flat tire, it won't go anywhere until you change it.

From Bun Manor:

Lorri Massmann's sister Julie Larson from Detroit Lakes came up to Winger on Saturday for a visit, the girls made a quick trip to Fertile to show Julie Brian and Matthew's houses. They went back to Winger to have lunch at the cafe. They Had a nice talk and for a bonus they saw Bun at the café doing his lunch thing.

Elmyrna Kaupang attended a 80th birthday for Elaine Torpet of rural Fertile.

Her husband Al and other family members were there for the celebration.

We had an early snowfall last week that put a damper on the farmer's harvesting their crops. The weather for this week sounds much better.

Did you know?

Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative (MDFC) is collectively owned by approximately 500 sugarbeet shareholders and growers across Minnesota and the Dakotas. MDFC members grow 115,000 acres of sugarbeets which create the granulated sugar used in the production of many sweet goods. More than one-half of sugar produced in the United States, roughly 4 million tons, comes from sugarbeets. The entire sugarbeet is used in the sugar production process. Sugar and molasses are removed from the plant, and what remains can be processed into a nutrient-rich cattle feed.



Polk County Soybean/Corn Growers President Kevin Kruger from East Grand Forks and John Swanson, Polk County Soybean/Corn Growers Director from Fertile. FFA Students: Front row (left to right): Emma Erickson, Catie Erickson, Tianna Enget; Back row (left to right): Carter Olson, Caidyn Johnson, Britton Fuglseth.

Polk County Soybean /Corn Growers helping support the Future Farmers of Polk County

The Polk County Soybean/Corn Growers recently donated \$1,920.00 toward the purchase of biofuels and registration for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) in Polk County to attend the national convention being held in Indianapolis, IN.

Minnesota is a national leader in the production and use of biofuels, made primarily from soybean and corn oil. Minnesota requires a 20 percent blend (B20) of biodiesel with diesel during the summer months (April 1 – September 30) and B5 blend in the winter months.

Consumers will now have year-round access to E15 (15% ethanol, 85% gasoline), providing Minnesotans and beyond another option at the pump and helping grow demand for the nation's corn farmers. E15 has lower evaporative emissions than E10 and, therefore, less impact on ground-level ozone, as well as lower tailpipe emissions. E15 is a higher-o-

tane fuel available in 28 states at retail fueling stations.

The goal of the endeavor is to show the value of agriculture. "These students have been working extremely hard, and I am honored to be their advisor," said Whitney Rupprecht, Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor at Fertile-Beltrami School. She noted she is always amazed at how much students grow from this experience. The empowerment and self-confidence are shown and passes through our entire FFA Chapter.

Britton Fuglseth, Chapter Reporter said. "FFA is my favorite. I have been able to learn and develop so much. Next year, my plan is to attend UMC for Agricultural Education and be an Ag Ed Teacher in our area."

"I am so excited to attend and see all of the career opportunities in agriculture," noted Solveig Sirjord, Chapter Stu-

dent Advisor.

"We're committed to helping support the next generation of leaders as well as promoting the use of our own products," said Kevin Kruger, chair of the Polk County Soybean and Corn Growers Association. "What better way to tie the two together than to help provide some of the fuel these young leaders need to get to the FFA State Convention."

To learn more about biodiesel and Minnesota's soybean farmers, visit www.mn-soybean.org.

To learn more about ethanol and Minnesota's corn farmers, visit www.mncorn.org

Brought to you by the Polk County Soybean - Corn Growers and the soybean checkoff.

The Polk County Soybean - Corn Growers is affiliated with the Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council, which oversees the investment of soybean checkoff dollars on behalf of approximately

25,000 farmers in Minnesota. The Council is governed by the rules of a federally mandated checkoff program that requires all soybean producers pay a fee on the soybeans they sell. This money is used to promote, educate and develop market opportunities for soybeans.

With nearly 7,000 members, the Minnesota Corn Growers Association (MCGA) is one of the largest grassroots farm organizations in the United States. Working in close partnership with the Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council, MCGA identifies and promotes opportunities for Minnesota's 24,000 corn farmers while building connections with the non-farming public. We accomplish this by investing in third-party research that focuses on water quality and soil health, targeted consumer outreach, developing new uses for corn and working to add value to every bushel of corn grown in Minnesota.



40 years ago...Armond Sannes and Clifton Burslie of McIntosh Motors are happy to display the 1979 Driver's Training vehicles for the Public Schools of McIntosh-Winger, Erskine and Mentor. One of them is a Chrysler LeBaron and two are Volares. Another Volare for Oklee School is not pictured. In past years, these vehicles have been furnished for Driver's Ed in the school on a no-charge basis.



Do you have a story to share?

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

Left top: 50 years ago...1968: Attending the fourth general convention of the American Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska are 1,000 official delegates and more than 200 visitors and advisors. Shown is Reverend and Mrs. Aage Carlsen of Winger, Minnesota.

Left bottom: 20 years ago...1998: (L-R) Tom Lano, local sports caster and emcee of the half-time entertainment at the first Win-E-Mac home game, hands the cash award to Brady Langemo. Brady, a Win-E-Mac senior won a trivia game and the right to kick-for-cash during the half-time show at the WEM vs. Red Lake game.



30 years ago...1988: 1988 Homecoming Royalty at Win-E-Mac High School. (L-R) Tesesa Hegg, Chad Hoeft, Queen Carla Johnson, King Joe DiMaggio, Chris Rock, and Kristen Tangen; John Nelson, Angie Stuhau, Jesse Bradley, Nikki Berg, and Cory Simonson. Not present for photo: Derek Wei by and Renae Leier.



Against fierce competition, Lady Patriot, Paige Breckel, hits the ball over the net to the Fertile-Beltrami Falcons.



Patriot's Elliana Lindberg (6) and Paige Breckel (2) jump for the block on a Falcon return during the volleyball game held at Win-E-Mac School.



Lindsey Espeseth (10) is on the ball to return to the Fertile-Beltrami girls during the game held at Win-E-Mac school.

VFW Post 1902 essay contests announced

Sponsored by VFW Post 1902 and Auxiliary (contest deadline is Oct. 31)

Patriot's Pen essay contest

Crookston Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1902 and Auxiliary are promoting the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest in this area. The annual contest gives sixth, seventh and eighth graders the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills, while they compete for awards.

Students must write a 300-400 word essay on the theme "Why I Honor the American Flag."

All essays should be typed with no color, graphics or poetry. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used.

Contestants cannot identify themselves, their school, city or state in their essay.

Entries should be judged on the basis of their essay alone and contestants are not required to present their essay orally.

Deadline for entries is October 31.

The winning essay will be sent to district competition. Local winners will receive cash awards.

Essays can be turned in at the Crookston VFW Club or contact Twylla Altepeter, Voice of Democracy Chairman, at The Fertile Journal, 945-6120, or evenings at 281-6582. Call Jamie Cassavant at 218-281-

2047 for more information.

Voice of Democracy essay contest

Crookston Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1902 and Auxiliary are promoting the Voice of Democracy audio essay contest in this area. The annual contest is designed to foster patriotism by giving students in grades nine through 12 and home schooled the opportunity to voice their opinion about their personal obligations as an American and address their responsibility to our country.

Contestants write and record an essay on the theme "Why My Vote Matters." Recorded scripts must be at least three minutes but no longer than five minutes. Scripts must be recorded on audio cassette tape or CD only.

A typed, double spaced copy of the speech must accompany the essay.

The essays will be judged and the winning tape sent to district competition. Local winners will receive cash awards.

Deadline for entries is October 30.

Every student who competes in the VOD, whether they place or not, is eligible to apply for a scholarship from the Crookston VFW Post.

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Dawson Gunafson was one of the kids who was able to paint a great fall tree at the McIntosh Library morning storytime.



Paul Klawitter paints leaves on his tree during the McIntosh Library morning story time project. Storytime is held at the Library each Monday morning at 10:30 am for pre-school kids.



Erskine fireman, Jim Tadman demonstrates the fireman's gear while John Nelson explains to the Win-E-Mac kindergartners.



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 office. Forms are due by October 16th, 2018.

Ping Pong picture retakes will be on Tuesday, October 30th at 10:45 a.m. Students if you are choosing to have retakes you will need to bring your original photos and a \$5 retake fee with you on retake day. If you are ordering photos for the first time it is just the cost of the package that you are choosing. We have order forms here in the office.



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 22 - Teddy Bear Band!!!!

October 29 - Pumpkin Party



Painting a great fall tree picture at the Mac library is Ava Frisk.



Who's calling the shots?

The Polk County budget is a very complex document. How about Social Services? Or Road Improvement as it pertains to our economy?

Is *anyone* being fiscally responsible about these issues that are so important to Polk County? Or having a balanced budget?

Anyone who understands these issues clearly is a prime candidate for being a Polk County Commissioner.

Here's one:

Re-Elect Joan Lee
Polk County
Commissioner
November 6

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