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Halloween Fun



Divinity Hedlund clowned around during the Win-E-Mac School Halloween Party held on Sunday, October 28th.

This week is Winter Hazard Awareness Week

The Polk County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Management Division is participating in the state-wide Winter Hazard Awareness Week campaign, which will take place November 5th through the 9th, 2018.

Winter Hazard Awareness Week is promoted by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security Emergency Management.

This week allows Minnesota's an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the hazards we face each winter season.

These hazards include dangers from winter weather, dangers from heating sources, and ventilation issues, just to name a few.

Each day of the week has a hazard topic.

Monday is winter weather overview. Minnesota experiences a vast variety of inclement weather conditions during the winter months.

In Polk County we are especially prone to experiencing brutal cold, heavy snowfall, and extreme winds. A number of different watches, warnings, and advisories are issued during the winter season. Winter Weather

Advisories are issued when winter weather will cause travel difficulties. Winter Storm Warnings are issued for heavy snowfall, or the combination of dangerous blowing and drifting snow. A combination of blowing or falling snow, cold temperatures, and windy conditions can prompt a blizzard warning.

Polk County is covered by the National Weather Service's Grand Forks Office. You can get additional weather information by visiting their website at: www.weather.gov/fgf.



Tuesday's topic addresses outdoor winter safety. Whether you are out enjoying the snow, or forced to work in it, it is important to dress adequately.

During brutally cold weather exposure to the elements can lead to hypothermia or frostbite.

It is also important to consider the dangers of venturing onto thin ice.

Remember that there should be at least four inches of fresh, clear ice before attempting to walk onto a frozen body of water.

Wednesday's topic addresses winter fire safety. During the winter season there is usually an increase of structural fires.

Reasons for the increase in structural fires includes holiday lights, holiday displays, and using alternative heating sources.

To help prevent fires, keep decorations at least three feet from heating sources, and remember to check your furnace and chimney's to ensure they are operating properly.

Thursday's topic addresses indoor winter safety. Some common indoor safety concerns that occur during the winter are monitoring carbon monoxide levels, managing moisture conditions to prevent mold and mildew growth, and minimizing chemical and environmental exposure.

Friday's topic covers winter driving. It is important to ensure that your vehicle has been serviced and is ready to take on the cold weather.

A winter survival kit included in your vehicle could be the difference between life and death, in some situations.

A winter survival kit should include a bag/container to store food and water, a flashlight, candles, matches, a blanket, and a distress sign to display in the window of your vehicle.

More information on the 2018 Winter Hazard Awareness Week can be found by visiting the Polk County webpage at : www.co.polk.mn.us or by visiting the Minnesota HSEM website at : <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/>

Veterans Day facts and figures

Veterans Day, once known as Armistice Day, was first celebrated on November 11, 1919, the anniversary of the end of World War I. In 1928, the United States Congress passed a resolution for Armistice Day to be an annual observation, and by 1938, the day became a national holiday.

Differing from Memorial Day in May, Armistice Day, which would be renamed Veterans Day in 1954 under President Dwight Eisenhower, pays tribute to veterans who survived various wars. Memorial Day commemorates those veterans who lost their lives.

Americans celebrate Veterans Day, while residents of Great Britain, Canada and Australia celebrate Remembrance Day.

Those who want to learn more about Veterans Day can consider the following facts.

According to the American Community Survey, there were 19.3 million military veterans in the United States in 2014. Of those, 1.6 million were female.

California, Texas and Florida comprise the states with the largest number of veterans, equalling one million or more.

Veterans consist of people who served in the military. This includes the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Veterans serve in times of war and peace.

The word "veteran" comes from the Old English language and means "old, experienced soldier." The first use of the word was documented in 1789.

Although many veterans are working, and the average annual income of male veterans is \$37,000, some veterans continue to be unemployed. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the overall unemployment rate for veterans rose to 7.6 percent in January 2013. The unemployment rate of post-9/11 veterans or those who participated in the Gulf War reached 6.2 percent.

Upon retiring or being discharged, veterans may need help acclimating to life outside the military. The Department of Veterans Affairs says about 30 percent of Vietnam War veterans have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD.

Between 1971 and 1977, Veterans Day was celebrated on the fourth Monday in October. It was changed back to its original date, November 11, in 1975 when President Gerald Ford signed bill S.331 into law. The change went into effect beginning in 1978.

An American soldier was buried at the national cemetery in Arlington on November 11, 1921. His identity was unknown, and the gravesite is known as the

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Community Calendar

Wed. Nov. 7 : McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; 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. Nov. 8: 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. Nov. 10: Veteran's Day program WEM @ 9:00am; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Nov. 12: Veteran's Day Program at MSL 2:00 pm; McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tues. Nov. 13: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Wed. Nov. 14: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; 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. Nov. 15: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Nov. 16: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Nov. 19: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tue Nov. 20: McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm



Mya Strom and her dad, Toby, made quite a duo as an Amazon package and a UPS driver on October 28th during the Win-E-Mac School Halloween Party sponsored by the Student Council.

Veterans Day

November 11

Veteran's Day at MSL

Veterans Day will be observed at the McIntosh Senior Living on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Quilts of Valor will be presented to a few people.

The program will consist of the speaker, several Veterans Day readings as well as singing several American songs. American Legion member, Paul Mahlen of Erskine will be the speaker for this event.

A lunch of sandwiches, salad, cake and ice cream will be served after the program.

A brief meeting of the McIntosh Friends of Veterans will be held right after lunch

to talk about Christmas for the Veterans in MSL, Pioneer, Riverside Board and care, and Poplar Meadows. The McIntosh Friends of Veterans are sponsoring this program.

Please bring your Christmas cards for the Friends of Troops program before November 15th.

Just a reminder that the McIntosh Blood Drive has been set for late January 2019.

WEM

Veteran's Day Program

The Win-E-Mac School in conjunction with area Veteran's organizations will be holding a Veteran's Day program at the Win-E-Mac Arts and Events

Center on Friday, November 9th at 9:00 am. We are inviting all veteran's and community members to attend this very special program. Veteran's Day gives all of us a chance to honor and thank those who have served and sacrificed in order to preserve our freedom.



The First Graders at Win-E-Mac had a visit from Mary Gieseke and Scott Van Den Einde of AgCountry FCS of Fosston on Thursday, October 25. Mary and Scott visited with the first graders about our local farmers and the work they do that provides for each of us. The lesson revolved around things that are grown by farmers and things that aren't grown by farmers as well as the importance of thanking a farmer. Each First Grader was able to pick out a pumpkin and take it home as a gift from AgCountry FCS.

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Manna

It always happens. I think I've learned the deeper meaning of some virtue and as I apply it, the Ruach Ha-Kodesh drills down on it. Firmly. It's one thing to know something, it's another to live it. I collect life lessons, stick them in a closet and march them out when I want to, thank you very much, and some reside high on a shelf in the furthest corner. I'm one of a kind, right? Well, there's at least two of us...

Yesterday was beautiful. If I hadn't looked at an October calendar I would have said it was an early September day. It was perfect for a Nature Walk; which was on our schedule for the homeschool week. I read something on social media like, "Try saying 'Put your shoes on,' one-hundred and fifty times until you're yelling to see if parenting is right for you." After the school book-work was done it became one of those mornings.

It unraveled into Dinah complaining about stupid Nature Walks. She didn't want to get dressed for a dumb Nature Walk but she finally came out of her room wearing the clothes I picked for her—all except the tennis shoes. She had substituted strappy, gold sandals—over her purple, pink and white striped athletic socks. By the time we were out the door we were both crabby and the one with the 'adult brain' handled it by slamming the car door before taking off for Fosston. Not stellar parenting, but there it is. The banging car door is always a signal to Dinah that talking to Momma is unwise. She commiserated with herself in the back seat. Sometimes the stiffest challenge of parenting is keeping a straight face! In a car mirrors will betray your involuntary grin if you react to the back-seat dialogue of wrongs perpetrated on children by parents. Honestly! Anyway, we reached the FIT trail and two minutes into the Nature Walk I heard, "Momma, this is fun!" What had changed? Not the plan, not the venue, not the order of the day—only her attitude. And therein is the life lesson for Momma.

I thought I was successfully learning about living in the present. Not borrowing from future uncertainty or chained to past worry. But I hadn't unpacked trust yet. I hadn't practiced it practically. The Ruach has been whispering to me, "manna." Each day has the manna required; the manna of finances, the manna of opportunity, the manna of blessings, the manna of challenges and sometimes even the manna of sorrow. Because manna is about provision. The provision of what we need to step into

relationship with Elohim, our Creator. Jehovah-Jireh, our Provider is in the business of drawing us into a deeper understanding of Who He is. If my life were nothing but ponies eating rainbows and pooping butterflies (Horton Hears a Who Movie) then I would step away from that path of understanding in pride and self-confidence.

This has been a week of manna for Momma and an exercise in patience. You know what? Dinah had never been on a Nature Walk... she didn't

even know what it was before forming an opinion of rebellion and resistance. That kind of behavior is not exclusive to children, is it? There are times I feel wronged or unsheltered and I look at my "manna" and say with my attitude that it's not enough. And what does Yeshua say about that? "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!" Luke 12:24 NASB -a.m.opdahl

Mac Library announces Puzzle Week

The McIntosh Public Library is hosting a week-long celebration of puzzles this month.

Families are encouraged to experience the togetherness promoted by games and puzzles, by visiting the library the week of November 19-23 for puzzles, games and more! Cards, board games and puzzles will be available during the library's open hours Monday November 19 through Friday, November 23. Monday 10:00am to 3:00pm; Tuesday and Thursday 4:00pm to 7:00pm; and Wednesday and Friday Noon to 4:00pm.

The McIntosh Public Library also hosts a weekly Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Attending Storytime at the library helps children develop exceptional reading skills. Each week, we explore

different themes with stories, songs, rhymes, flannel boards, special guests and more. Storytime typically lasts for 45 minutes and is geared for children ages 3-6, although children of all ages are welcome to join the fun. The McIntosh Public Library is located at 15 Broadway NW, McIntosh.

Open enrollment for 2019 health care

The 2019 open enrollment period begins on November 1, 2018 and ends on January 13, 2019.

Enrollees can explore their options and learn about available tax credits on MNsure.org.

This year, individuals earning up to \$48,560 per year and families of four earning up to \$100,400 per year may be eligible to save on their premiums.



Benefit will be held on Sat. for Jeff Abeldgaard

"Lend a Helping Hand" Benefit for Jeff Abeldgaard will be held on Saturday, November 10th starting at 5:00pm. The benefit for Jeff will be held at the Lengby VFW Post #2759.

Jeff is currently undergoing treatments for lymphatic cancer.

His family, friends and neighbors are asking for your support in his fight against this dreadful disease. All proceeds raised during this event will go towards his medical and travel expenses.

There will be a spaghetti dinner starting at 5:00 pm and will serve until 7:00 pm. A free will offering is appreciated.

Raffle Items include a 12 gauge Weatherby Shot Gun, Henry Silver Boy .22, Browning 6.5 Creedmore, handmade

quilts, a Shooting Star Casino package and much more.

There will be a silent auction tables from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm which will include jellies, crafts, knitted items, prints, kids and adult baskets, wood work and metal work, gift certificates and many other items that are still coming in. You are welcome to leave silent auction items for the tables at the VFW Club any time during hours of operation.

Live music from Frank and the James Gang, a baked goods table, raffles, card drawings and much more.

If you wish to make a donation directly to this benefit, please do so in the Abeldgaard Family account at the First National Bank of Fosston/Bagley.



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

Sun. Nov. 11: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Nov. 18: 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. Nov. 11: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Nov. 18: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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

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

Sun. Nov. 18: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent Gary Johnson, Pastor www.gosen-church.com Face Book: Gosen Church

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

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

Tues. Nov. 13: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV--Channel 2; 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Wed. Nov. 14: 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. Nov. 7: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. Nov. 8: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. Nov. 11: 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

Wed. Nov. 14: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. Nov. 15: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson
Sun. Nov. 11: 9am Worship
Sun. Nov. 18: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlunds

Wed. Nov. 7: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans

Sun. Nov. 11: 10:00am Worship Service; Adult and Children's Sunday School following worship service

Wed. Nov. 14: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans

Sun. Nov. 18: 10:00am Worship Service; Adult and Children's Sunday School following worship service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh Rev. Bruce Blocker, Pastor

Sun. Nov. 11: 9:00am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion; 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Sun. Nov. 18: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH Erskine

Pastor Joel Smeby
Wed. Nov. 7: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

Thursday, Nov 8: 4:00pm Confirmation Class

Sat. Nov. 10: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group

Sun. Nov. 11: 10:00am Worship

Tues. Nov. 13: 10:00am Women's prayer group

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of every month. Visit us on Facebook at RodnesLutheran.

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A Salute To America's Veterans

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November 11 is Veterans Day. We salute our nation's veterans for their sacrifices, and thank them for helping preserve the freedom we enjoy.

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McIntosh will be **CLOSED** on
Monday, November 12th in
observance of Veteran's Day



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McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center

Heritage Recipe #27
Found on the back side of an old, uncut, paper doll cutout sheet was a recipe from "OT and Marion". This recipe was rated "v. good" by the originator. The recipe goes as follows:

Lemon refrigerator dessert
Beat yolk of 3 eggs till light. Add juice of 2 lemons and grated rind of one. Add 1 can of Borden Eagle Brand milk. Crush ½ lb. vanilla wafers. Place half of this in 8 in. pan. Add custard and 1 cup cream whipped with 3 tsp sugar. Then add rest of wafers. Put in ref. till ready to be served. Serve with whipped cream. If you wish, add ground peanut brittle to cream. (medium cake pan)

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Nov. 7: Philip Carlson
Thurs. Nov. 8: Haley Burslie
Fri. Nov. 9: Tyler Schow, Lynette Espeseth
Sat. Nov. 10: Travis Plante, Jenna Schommer, Lorene Tranby, Adam Lundquist, Danette Strom
Sun. Nov. 11: Ruth Carlson, Darrin Faldet
Mon. Nov. 12: Steven Widman; Andrea Stordahl, Jayden Gensburger
Tues. Nov. 13: Chris Grettum, Dustin Faldet

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we were graced with some sunshine and warmer weather this past week and most farmers were fortunate enough to get the rest of their crops taken off. Beets and corn are still in the process of being harvested.

With this the first day of November, I wonder where October went but at the same time I wonder where the whole year has gone. My Dad used to say the older you get the faster time goes and that is so true.

Last night was Halloween and I was fortunate enough to have a few little trick or treaters and so cute they were and so excited to be out.

This week end Day Light Savings time ends, so now the mornings will be light earlier but the evenings will be dark very early. Sometimes I think it would be just fine if they left it one way or the other but that's just my opinion.

Milton Carlson's Corner!

Thursday the 25th Lonnie Gieseke was a visitor and coffee guest at Milton's home.

Friday the 26th as he made his way to work Paul Carlson stopped in for a brief visit with Milton and a cup of coffee to go.

Last Saturday the 27th Milton rode with Paul Carlson to Bagley to the Napa Store in search of a part for his tractor. Later on Saturday, Milton along with Paul and Donna Carlson, Traydon and Marissa Carlson, Taylor, Jessica and Cora Carlson and Bob and Kathleen Drellack were all supper guests at the Chad and Michelle Carlson home at Fosston. They all were there to help celebrate Chad's birthday.

Sunday the 28th Milton along with Adam, Jessica, Colette, Oliver, Sage and Missy Carlson, Chris, Sheila, Vincent and Carson Benesh were dinner guests at the Paul and

Donna Carlson home. While there Oliver and Sage modeled their Halloween costumes. Later that evening, Paul and Donna Carlson, Taylor Jessica and Cora Carlson were callers at Milton's home, this time Taylor and Jessica were dressed in their Halloween costumes.

Tuesday while Milton was in Fosston he ran into an old acquaintance of his, Albert Anderson. It had been about 15 years since the two had seen each other and needless to say they had a good time reminiscing. Milton stated that he and Albert had been to Fort Snelling together 75 years ago.

Later in the day on Tuesday Judy Gieseke was a visitor and a coffee guest with Milton at his home.

Lucy Brtek and Sara Lucken enjoyed having lunch together on Wednesday at Ness Café in Erskine.

Marv Engesether of Plummer and Reha Sanstead of Erskine and Kelly Johnson were visitors last Friday evening at the Pulskamp home.

Last Monday Lucy Brtek joined Bunny and Bruce Solberg for lunch at the Ness Café in Erskine. Lucy was proud to tell me that Bunny sprung and bought lunch for them all that day.

Dakota and Kjerstie Poissant of Newfolden and Steven Cullen and Chelsey Haugen of Oslo were visitors with Grandma Betty Myhrum at Betty's home last Saturday afternoon.

Tuesday afternoon Lucy Brtek made a trip to Fosston where she visited with Wilma Wang and Sheldon Lee at their homes in Cornerstone.

This is it for the news for this week, hopefully we will have some deer tales to report next week. Wish all you hunters a successful hunt but also a safe one.

How to utilize social media to help your community

Social media changed the world. Despite their relative infancy, platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are now ingrained in the everyday lives of billions of people across the globe.

Though it has its critics, social media also has the potential to affect positive change. Grassroots fundraising efforts such as the "Ice Bucket Challenge," in which participants dumped ice cold water over their heads to raise awareness about Lou Gehrig's disease, or ALS, might have seemed silly at the time, but that's just one example of how social media was deployed to support a good cause.

In fact, the American ALS Association reported receiving 13 times as much in contributions in 2014 (the year when the challenge was popular on social media) as it did the year prior.

Social media makes it possible for ordinary citizens to help their communities in significant ways.

Prior to social media, affecting such change might have seemed nearly impossible. But the following are just a handful of ways to utilize social media to help your community.

- **Stick to what's important to you.** If you want to affect change in your community but the novelty of social media has worn off, you can still use platforms like Facebook and Twitter to raise awareness about causes that are important to you.

- In fact, limiting your posts to instances where you're raising awareness about certain issues, highlighting events in your community or urging others to donate to important local causes might help ensure more of those posts are actually read.

Friends and followers may be less inclined to read your posts and learn about the issues you care about if such posts are sandwiched between inane posts about everyday life.

- **Start a group.** Another way to help your community is to invite other social media users in your community to join a group focused on ad-

ressing a particular cause or issue in your community. For example, a Facebook group can be a great place to organize a park cleanup and help fellow residents recognize the need to remove debris from a nearby park.

Organizing such groups won't require much time, but they can be an effective and convenient way to connect like-minded individuals in your community.

- **Promote and support others' achievements.** Promoting and supporting others' achievements is another way to use social media to build a sense of community.

A simple expression of support for a local athlete, author, teacher, etc., may inspire others to offer their own support, strengthening your community and the connection you and your neighbors feel to it.

Social media can be used to strengthen communities and foster a sense of pride among residents

Did you know?

Social media has had a profound impact on various industries, and the restaurant business is no exception.

According to the 2018 Dining Trends Survey from Zagat, 53 percent of the nearly 13,000 diners surveyed indicated they browse food photos on social media.

Perhaps more interesting to restaurant owners is that 75 percent of those who admitted to browsing food photos on social media indicated they have chosen restaurants based on such photos.

Customers who take photos of the foods they order and then share those photos via social media are essentially providing restaurants with free advertising.

In fact, Zagat notes that many new restaurants feature interior designs that include photo-friendly lighting, reflecting that restaurant owners recognize the benefits of their customers stopping to snap a photo before diving into their meals



FSA County Committee Elections to begin Nov. 5

Farmers and Ranchers Have a Voice in Local Farm Program Decisions.

Minnesota Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Joe Martin today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin mailing ballots to eligible agricultural producers for the 2018 FSA county committee elections on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018.

Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by Dec. 3, 2018, to ensure their vote is counted.

"County committee members represent the farmers, ranchers and foresters in our Minnesota communities," said Martin.

"Producers elected to these committees have always played a vital role in local agricultural decisions. It is a valued partnership that helps us better understand the needs of the farmers and ranchers we serve."

Nearly 7,700 FSA county committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office.

One-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. County committee members apply their knowl-

edge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs; conservation programs; indemnity and disaster programs; emergency programs and eligibility.

Martin said producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election.

Farmers and ranchers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, may also be eligible to vote.

Farmers and ranchers will begin receiving their ballots the week of Nov. 5. Ballots include the names of candidates running for the local committee election.

Voters who did not receive a ballot can pick one up at their local FSA office.

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 3, 2018. Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2019.

For more information, visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

You may also contact your local USDA Service Center or FSA office. Visit <http://www.farmers.gov> to find an FSA office near you.

USDA issues payments on conservation contracts requiring modifications

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Joe Martin today announced that payments will soon be issued to landowners whose Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts require modifications.

With the expiration of the 2014 Farm Bill on Sept. 30, 2018, USDA no longer has the authority to make modifications to CRP contracts requiring an increase in contract acres.

However, other contract modifications can be made, and payments will be issued for contracts that had been approved by Sept. 30, 2018.

In October 2018, USDA issued program payments to more than 30,000 landowners on nearly 14,000 CRP contracts in Minnesota that had no pending contract modifications. Around 1,000 contracts that require modifications remain unpaid.

"Although the 2014 Farm Bill has not yet been reauthorized or extended, USDA will honor our commitment to deliver programs, services and payments to our customers, and we are currently working on getting these final payments

made in Minnesota and across the Nation" said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue. "I also want to commend Congressman Collin Peterson for his proactive efforts to bring this issue to my attention and advocating for the landowners in his District. While congress works to reconcile a new or extended Farm Bill, USDA is working to ensure all programs are implemented as seamlessly as possible in the interim."

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), established in 1985, offers landowners annual rental and cost-share payments for converting environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production to vegetative cover suitable for the protection of soil and water resources and the improvement of wildlife habitat.

"Landowners who have questions about unpaid CRP contracts should contact and work with FSA at their local USDA Service Center," said Martin. "Our county office staff will be working diligently over the coming weeks to issue payments as soon as possible."

For more information on USDA programs or to locate a USDA Service Center, please visit www.farmers.gov.



Unable to prepare a Thanksgiving meal? No plans for Thanksgiving?

Sunday, November 18th
Calvary Lutheran Church
in Winger

Will serve 11:00 to 1:30 PM

NO Charge but donations are welcome.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

TAXES DUE

Michelle M Cote, Polk County Director of Property Records, reminds Polk County property owners that the second half of the 2018 Real Estate Tax classified as Agriculture is due by Thursday, November 15, 2018. Manufactured Home owners are also reminded that the second half of the 2018 Manufactured Home taxes is due by Thursday, November 15.

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



The Jurassic Period comes to life, as Hudson Smeby becomes a dinosaur.



Who is this masked boy? Sawyer Cook is superkid, Robin.



Breelyn Hegre celebrates Halloween with her sister, Clarissa Neste, along with Nick Plante and baby Autumn.



Tavin Hewitt, Tyus Mahlen, Teeyton Mahlen, and Raiden Hewitt, superheroes and super kids! They are all having a great time during the Win-E-Mac Student Council Halloween Party.



Much more sweet than sour, this pickle is Lucas Eggl.



Nora Earls plays a game at the Win-E-Mac Halloween Party.



Adler Stordahl and Macey Lee enjoy the fun at the Win-E-Mac Halloween party.



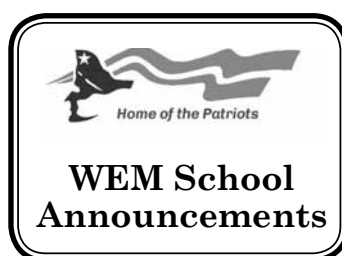
Grace and Clara Roed and their cousin, Heidee Smeby were up for some fun during the Win-E-Mac Student Council Halloween Party.



With mom and dad close at hand, Carter Bartz looks like a pro playing the Halloween games during the Party on October 28th at Win-E-Mac school.



Win-E-Mac Student Council members Sydney Svalen and Kiera Tadman help out with the games for the kids who came to the Halloween party on Saturday, October 28th.



Open gym will begin November 4th and be open every Sunday night through Sunday, March 10th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There will be no open gym on Sunday, December 23rd or February 3rd due to the Super Bowl. The gym is available for basketball, volleyball, jumping rope, running games, hula hoops, etc. Parents are encouraged to come and play with their children. The Win-E-Mac School is also available Sunday evenings for anyone interested in walking for exercise. You can walk in the gym or use the hallways. The weight room in the Events Center is also for adults to use with a yearly \$20 membership.

Piano Lessons: There are still openings for students who are looking for piano lessons for the school year. If interested, please contact the school

to arrange a time and day. All lessons take place at the school. Please call 563-2900 or 687-2236, if interested.

Snowmobile Safety Class with the Polar Beach and Knightriders Snowmobile Clubs will be offered at the Knightriders grooming facilities. This class is offered to students 11 years and older. Saturday, December 8th is classroom training from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.; Saturday, December 15th starting at 8:00am will be the driving portion of the test.

Every Minnesota resident born after December 31, 1976 is required to obtain a safety certificate to ride a snowmobile in Minnesota Kids 11 and older can take either the Traditional class or the online course. Kids & adults age 16+ can attend the traditional class or complete just the online class provided by the DNR.

Students are required to attend the full day class or complete the Online course and also the driving course to receive their certificates.

Preregistration packets will be available at Win-E-Mac school. Student will be respon-

sible to show up for the class they signed up for. Preregistration is not required to attend class. If student takes a packet they are required to bring that packet to class with them. This is the workbook for class.

Yearbook staff is taking pre-orders for this year's book titled "Our Story Unfolds" to be distributed upon completion in May of 2019. Cost is \$35.00 now and until December 21st and will cost \$40.00 after December 21st. Yearbooks can be purchased in the office or from Mrs. Winter (room 51) before or after school or during students' noon hours.

For juniors who sold Cookie Dough, it is scheduled to be delivered November 14. Be prepared to take the cookie dough home with you that day or make arrangements for someone to help you do so.

Jostens will be here on November 26th for the seniors and sophomores. Sophomores will meet with them from 12:30-12:50 and seniors will meet with Jostens from 1:00-1:20 p.m.

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ECFE activities for November.

November 5- Going on a Bear Hunt!

Come join us as we go on an adventure reading "Going on a Bear Hunt" and make a fun craft. If you have blaze orange/pink or camouflage, please feel free to wear it!

November 12- Teddy Bear Clinic

Bring your teddy bear or doll and come to our Teddy Bear Clinic as we pretend to be doctors.

November 19- Thanksgiving

Come make a craft as we learn about Thanksgiving.

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(Pictured left): Beauty and the Beast...Annabelle and Roman Schulz during the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28th at Win-E-Mac School.



Morgan Bauer plays a game while her sister, Nevaeh waits for a turn.



Dakota Hedlund is the cutest zombie ever, along with her (equally as cute) friend, Elsie Kiecker.