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Levi Halstad was able to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus when they made a visit to McIntosh last Saturday when the McIntosh Community Club hosted Santa Day.



Two wonderful volunteers in our community of McIntosh, Judi Lindseth and Annie Schow, hand out cookies to kids and parents during Santa Claus Day last Saturday at the Community Center.

Blood drive in memory of Martha Henney brings 21 donors

The family of Martha Henney hosted a blood drive with Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services, on December 3rd at the Winger Community Center which helped collect a total of 25 units of blood for patients in need.

A total of 29 individuals volunteered to donate blood and 21 individuals were able to donate at the Vitalant blood drive on December 3.

A total of four donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC) which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor.

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to Dean Henney, Gail E Johnson and Terry Johnson, who coordinated the drive.

Vitalant strives to keep a 5-day supply of every blood type on the shelf at all times to be able to meet the needs of patients across the region. Donations from O-negative donors, the universal blood type, are especially important this time

of year due to increased accidents and trauma cases.

Vitalant is the only blood provider to nearly 70 hospitals across the region. The blood supply is dependent on selfless donations from volunteer donors to ensure the lifesaving needs of the region are met.

About 30 percent of Vitalant's blood supply goes to cancer patients across the region and one in seven people entering the hospital will need blood. Those relying on blood in the region receive that lifesaving blood from Vitalant.

Donors can make a convenient appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling 877-25-VITAL. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test and earn points in Vitalant's donor rewards program.

Blood donation takes about an hour from check-in to refreshments. Donors can save about 20 minutes by completing their Health History Questionnaire the day they donate on www.vitalant.org



Santa says hello to the families at Breakfast with Santa in Winger last Saturday, due to poor weather conditions at the North Pole, Santa's faithful elf was not able to attend.



Neil's Quality Meats and More and Minnesota Rust, both businesses in McIntosh, hosted a Mitten Tree for families in our community. The results for the Mitten Tree were (Mitten Tree Day December 6th) 18 Caps, 32 Mittens/Gloves, and 1 Scarf. Pictured: Sheila Olson from Head Start, Laurie Bursheim (from Neil's), Andrea Stordahl from Minnesota Rust and Bob Bursheim from Neil's Quality Meats & More.

Sheree Breckel Retires from First National Bank

After 27 years, Sheree Breckel will celebrate her retirement from First National Bank in McIntosh.

Sheree and her husband, Mike moved to McIntosh from Barney, North Dakota in 1989 for a job Mike had taken at the Tri-Coop Association (Rosebud) in Fosston.

Sheree first started working for Dick Holen at the grocery store, and then after two years, she was offered a job at the Bank.

Sheree was hired by then bank Vice President, Bob Hulst. Throughout the years, Sheree has worked for 3 Vice Presidents, Bob, Darrell Johnson and currently Philip Lee. She said each one of these men have been wonderful to work with.

Sheree says her retirement will be bittersweet as she will miss seeing everyone on a daily basis especially her amazing co-workers, as over the years, they have all formed a very close bond. Yet, she knows they will all be friends for life.

One of Sheree's fondest memories is a time when the staff would play games during their afternoon coffee. The tradition was started by John Keller and she said it was always a lot of fun. Each employee would take turns bringing in a fun, quick game to play together.

Working at the bank for the past 27 years has been a big part of Sheree's life, a part that she truly enjoyed. She will definitely miss her job, but is also excited for a new chapter in her life, spending more time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren



and she is hoping that she and Mike will be able to do more traveling in the near future.

Join the party for Sheree on Friday, December 14th in conjunction with the First National Bank Christmas Open House held from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with cake and other refreshments.

There will also be an Open House at King Town Mutual insurance company during the same hours, as well as events and Open Houses at Neil's Quality Meats and More and Minnesota Rust.



Community Calendar

- Wed. Dec. 12:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Thurs. Dec. 13:** 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 5:30pm @ Community Center; Truth in Taxation Meeting 6:30pm @ Community Center; 7:30pm Senior High Concert @ Arts & Event Center
- Fri. Dec. 14:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. Dec.17:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am;; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; WEM Junior High Concert 7:30pm @ Arts & Event Center
- Tue Dec 18:** McIntosh Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; inger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Wed. Dec. 19. :** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Thurs. Dec. 20:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Dec. 21:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. Dec. 24:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am;; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



The Winger Lion's hosted their annual Breakfast With Santa last Saturday, December 8th. Each year the club welcomes Santa to Winger as well as local families with a pancake breakfast before a visit with Santa.

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Rejoice

It came upon the mid-night clear, while shepherds watched their flocks by night. The angel of the Lord came down. And glory shone around. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo, above the earth, angels from the realms of glory rang out the angel chorus.

Gloria in excelsis deo! Born is the King of Israel! Noel! Join the triumph of the skies! Glory to the newborn King! Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the incarnate Deity! Christ is born in Bethlehem! Rise up shepherds and follow!

What child is this? For His bed a cattle stall, the only Son from Heaven, by God the Father given; the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. Mild He lays His glory by, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, born that man no more may die. Christ the child is born today!

O come, all ye faithful. O come one and all. Come and behold Him, the baby Jesus born this night. Come and worship, kneel in awe and wonder. Worship Christ the newborn King. O come, let us adore Him, Jesus our Immanuel.

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Then like the sun the star shone forth, a star there was seen of such glorious light and so it continued both day and night. O'er Bethlehem it took its rest and the sky was bright with a holy light. This star drew near to the northwest. Three wise men came from country far and offered there in His presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Down to the world in need the morning star ascended.



Star of wonder, star of might, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding guide us to thy perfect light. O tidings of comfort and joy the Lord is come; and ye beneath life's crushing load, the silent word is pleading. He knows our need. No more let sin and sorrow grow. True man yet very God, from sin and death He saves us. Life and light to all He brings. O lay aside each earthly thing, Christ was born to save! Joy to the World!

Saints before the altar bending, fall on your knees! Hail, hail the Word made flesh, let loving hearts enthroned Him. Behold your King, before Him lowly bend! Let all together praise our God, Christ is the Lord! Let no tongue on earth be silent. Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. His power and glory evermore proclaim! The Savior reigns! O praise His name forever!

Yea Lord we greet thee, Emmanuel. We need thee blessed Jesus, Israel's strength and consolation. O draw us wholly to Thee Lord, from sin and evil save us. Enter each believing heart, for Thee our hearts are yearning.

I am so glad each Christmas Eve! All my heart this night rejoices. O come to my heart Lord

Jesus, be near me Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee. Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled, within my heart and let it be a quiet chamber kept for Thee.

On a cold winters' night that was so deep, the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight. My soul, extol and sing redemption's story. Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast. And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, when Thou comest to call for me. Let Thy voice call me home for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

He has opened Heaven's door and our eyes at last shall see Him; who gave the world His only Son. May we praise Him there! O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

There is a universal message from these songwriters and poets of the past hundreds of years. Several repeat it often, some say it once. This timeless call, the Ruach utters over and over each day of our lives. Come. No prerequisites, no demands, only a gentle reminder of the One who broke His Father's heart to become flesh and dwell among us.

Yeshua gave us the opportunity to become whole and holy. Do we celebrate it with our repentance? If we lost everything which represented security to us: homes, families, jobs and hopes of the future, would our relationship with Yeshua be enough? Believer, let us lay aside each earthly thing and with our hearts as offering...

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people, for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11



Join Us on Friday, December 14th in conjunction with our open house to celebrate the retirement of Sheree Breckel. Cake and other refreshments will be served. First National Bank thanks Sheree for 27 years of service in our community!

4th Annual Rydell/Glacial Ridge Christmas Bird Count

Rydell and Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) will be hosting their 4th Annual Christmas Bird Count on Thursday, December 20th. This event is administered by the National Audubon Society and is the longest running citizen science bird project in the U.S. This year marks the 119th year of the Christmas Bird Count.

Counts are held in designated areas throughout the U.S. between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 each year. Last year, counts were completed in over 2,500 locations, including Canada and Latin America. Over 76,600 people participated in the counts and almost 59 million birds were tallied!

Information from the count provides important information on winter ranges of birds, population trends, and how a changing climate alters winter bird distribution.

Birds observed in the Rydell/Glacial Ridge Count Circle over the past three years have included 47 different species, including northern shrikes, Bohemian waxwings, bald eagles, pileated and red-bellied woodpeckers, Harris' sparrows, and Lapland longspurs.

People interested in participating do not need to be experienced birders. This event can serve as a learning experience for new birders and those individuals will be paired up with Refuge staff or more



experienced volunteers. Participants should meet at the Rydell NWR Visitor Center at 8:00 a.m. for coffee and a brief meeting. Bring binoculars and a bird book if you have them. If not, we'll have some on hand for visitor use. Counting will take place within a 15-mile diameter circle that stretches from Erskine west to the center of Glacial Ridge NWR. Participants can count from a vehicle or on foot, depending on their preference and the weather conditions that day. Refuge staff will host a potluck lunch back at the Visitor Center at noon. After a hearty lunch, folks can "call it a day", or can go back out and continue to search for birds.

Please RSVP no later than December 17th to Lisa at 218-687-2229 x10 or lisa_wiersma@fws.gov. If you have questions or need more information on the count, call Gregg Knutsen at 218-687-2229 x16.

Thank you so much to the East Polk County Quilts of Valor for the beautiful quilt I received. It was truly an honor. A special thank you to Jan Langemo, Lois Boehrsen, Connie Strom and Stephanie Frisk.

David Hagen

State exports grow 6.5 percent in third quarter

Sales of Minnesota agricultural, mining and manufactured exports grew 6.5 percent to \$5.7 billion in the third quarter of 2018, according to figures released by DEED. Minnesota represents the 19th largest gain in exports nationwide for this period. U.S. exports as a whole were up 8.1 percent during the same period.

"Many of the state's core industries continue to experience strong export growth," said DEED Commissioner Shawntera Hardy. "Minnesota businesses are also succeeding at making inroads into newer emerging markets."



Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Dec. 12: Valerie Brekke, Heidi (Vesledahl) Haaven, *Patrick & Karen Rolf
Thurs. Dec. 13: Teresa Horgeshimer, *Don & Lois Boehrsen
Sat. Dec. 16: John Nord
Sun. Dec. 17: Don Ostenson
Mon. Dec. 18: Jenny Howard, Marcy Wessman, Dusty Juve
Tues. Dec. 19: Clarissa Neste, Erik Roed

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Fr. John Suvakeen,
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Sun. Dec. 16: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
 Sun. Dec. 23: 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. Dec. 16: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary
 Sun. Dec. 23: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson
 Sun. Dec. 16: 11:15am Worship Service.
 Sun. Dec. 23: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church
 Wed. Dec. 12: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's
 Sun. Dec. 16: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tues. Dec. 18: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV--Channel 2; 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place
 Wed. Dec. 19: 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. Dec. 12: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel
 Thurs. Dec. 13: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
 Sun. Dec. 16: 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. Dec. 19: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel
 Thurs. Dec. 20: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)
McIntosh
Pastor Jill Torgerson
 Sun. Dec. 16: 9am Worship
 Sun. Dec. 23: 9am Worship

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FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlunds
 Wed. Dec. 12: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans
 Sun. Dec. 16: 10:00am Worship Service; Adult and Children's Sunday School following worship service
 Wed. Dec. 19: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans
 Sun. Dec. 23: 10:00am Worship Service; Adult and Children's Sunday School following worship service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker,
 Sun. Dec. 16: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School
 Sun. Dec. 23: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH
Erskine
Pastor Joel Smeby
 Wed. Dec. 12: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes
 Thursday, Dec. 13: 4:00pm Confirmation Class
 Sat. Dec. 15: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group
 Sun. Dec. 16: 10:00am Worship
 Tues. Dec. 18: 10:00am Women's prayer group
 Holy Communion 1st Sunday of every month. Visit us on Facebook at RodnesLutheran.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Please join us at the

First National Bank

of McIntosh for our

Christmas Open House

on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018

Christmas goodies, coffee and cider will be served from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm

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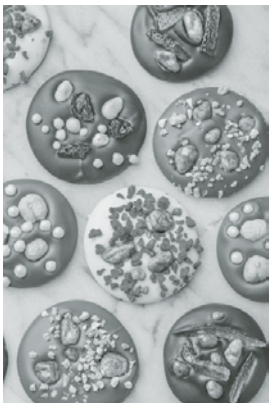
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McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center

As Christmas approaches and the traditional holiday baking begins, you may want to give this Norwegian recipe a try. Found in the archives of the heritage center, this month's recipe comes from Erna Shurson and is tagged "very good". Enjoy!

Bordstavel Bakkgles
 ½ c. sugar
 1 scant cup butter
 2 egg yolks
 ¼ c cream
 2 c flour
 Roll dough thin and cut in lengths 4" long and 1" wide

(or round). Beat egg whites stiff. Beat in 2 tbsp of sugar and spread on top of cookies before putting in oven.
 Sprinkle copped nuts (sliced almonds) on top before baking. Bake in mod. Oven till light brown.





Bob and Laurie Bursheim of Neil's Meats & More dish out seasonal samples to visitors on Saturday, December 1st at the store in McIntosh.

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings again from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we saw the month of November go out and are now into the busy month of December. Our weather is quite comfortable for this time of the year although tonight (Wednesday) is supposed to go below zero but then by the week end it is supposed to warm up again. Guess we should be thankful for every day of this kind of weather as it will help to shorten winter.

Some of the farmers are still combining their corn and with a few more days of weather like this they should be able to finish up this years harvest.

Seeing December come in, more and more Christmas lights are starting to come on, and next Thursday will see the holiday train make it's way through the countryside.

Milton Carlson's Corner
Thursday the 29th Lonnie Gieseke visited with Milton at his home, bringing Milton's mail to him and while there he cleaned the deck off for Milton, Lonnie and Gieseke enjoyed having dinner together after the chores were completed.

Friday the 30th Judy Gieseke was a visitor at Milton's bringing dinner with her that the two enjoyed as they visited. Lonnie joined them after dinner for a cup of coffee and a visit. Later in the afternoon Chad Carlson stopped in at Milton's for a visit and brought rolls with him for a treat.

Saturday morning the 1st Kari Keller was a visitor with Milton at his home..

Monday the 3rd Paul Carlson stopped in at Milton's for a brief visit after which he went on his way to work.

Wednesday the 5th Lonnie Gieseke stopped in at Milton's for a visit over a cup of coffee.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp returned home of Sunday evening after spending the week at the Brent Pulskamp home to care for their Granddaughters while Brent and Jessie were on vacation.

Mark and Betty Syverson

were visitors last Sunday with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Lucy Brtek went to Bejou last Saturday night to the lutfisk supper that was held at Immanuel Church, she said the food was delicious and there was much visiting hat was done with so many that come out to enjoy the supper.

Tuesday afternoon and evening visitors at the Pulskamp home were Dean Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Matt Balstad and Jamie Anderson and Bentley, they all came bringing birthday wishes to Linda.

Helmer and Verlys Homme also took in the lutfisk supper on Saturday night at the Immanuel Church in Bejou, where there was a good crowd of people with well over 200 people being served.

Last Sunday Lucy Brtek had Blanchard and Doris Krogstad, Rev and Mrs. White and Betty Myhrum as dinner guests at her home.

Wednesday Linda Pulskamp was a visitor with Nola Abele at Nola's home in Fosston and at noon the two ladies enjoyed lunch together at DaRoo's.

As Helmer Homme was going to Senior Meals at Moran's on Monday he visited with Truman and Darlene Johnson of Dilworth and their Daughter Denise Enervold of West Fargo. Truman and Darlene and Denise were on their way to the Pioneer Home to visit with Darlene's sister Sylvia Bratager.

Lucy Brtek was the guest of honor at a birthday party that was held for her at Moran's during Senior Meals this week. Sara Lucken brought a cake and along with Sara were three of her sisters. Others that attended were Rev and Mrs. White, Blanchard and Doris Krogstad, Bruce Krogstad and Betty Myhrum.

So much for this week and until next week may your week be filled with happiness and sunshine.



Addison Nordskog sits with Santa in Winger last Saturday for the Lion's Breakfast with Santa.



Sitting with Santa is Noah Lucken after a pancake breakfast last Saturday in Winger.



Hunter and Collin Wescott visit with Santa in Winger last Saturday morning.



Santa had quite a few kids stop to tell them their Christmas wishes including Pacy Perrine.



Carsten Zahl keeps busy making pancakes for the Winger Lion's Breakfast with Santa last Saturday at the Community Center.



(l-r) Laura Perkerwicz, Gerri Balstad and Elmyrna Kaupang serve the crowd of parents and kids pancakes before Santa arrives in Winger last Saturday morning.

18 ideas for making holiday memories

Counting down to Christmas Day means many different things to people across the globe.

Although families likely have several different traditions they anticipate each year, it can be fun to incorporate some new merry-makers into the festivities. Here are some festive ideas to include in the days leading up to Christmas - a special family calendar of fun finds.

1. Annual memento: Have the kids or adults make one new handmade ornament each year. This way the tree is always evolving, and everyone can track milestones.

2. Cookie day: Devote one day to making Christmas cookies. Invite friends or family members over. Distribute some

cookies to elderly neighbors.

3. Holiday classic: Spend a night in and watch a classic Christmas flick you've never seen before. Streaming movie services often put classics and obscure titles into rotation during the holiday season.

4. Christmas concert: Host a gathering of children where they can sing or perform their favorite tunes for an audience. Take it on the road to a nearby nursing home.

5. Dine out: Take a break from cooking, shopping and hosting and stop into a restaurant you've been meaning to try. Keep it local to support nearby businesses.

6. Adopt a child/family: Volunteer with a charitable organization that provides for less fortunate families. Answer the Christmas desires of a needy child or family by purchasing an item on their wish lists.

7. See the sights: Pack the

children into the family car to tour nearby areas and look at Christmas lights displays. Bring along cookies and hot chocolate.

8. Trim a tree: Get together with adult friends at a tree-trimming party. Rotate the hosting house each year.

9. Play dress-up: A gentleman can dress up as the man in red and pop into a friend's holiday gathering.

10. Wilderness walk: Enjoy the crisp air and snow and see a local park from a winter perspective.

11. Acts of kindness: Choose any act of kindness and make it happen this Christmas. It can include feeding the hungry or helping a disabled person shop for the season.

12. Kids' Secret Santa: Spread the joy of giving by having the kids choose a sibling or friend's name from a hat and purchasing or making a gift for that person.

13. Hand out hot chocolate: Make a big thermos of hot chocolate and give it out to shoppers or workers who have been out in the cold.

14. Read religious stories: Understand the true meaning of the season by reading Biblical passages.

15. Camp-in: The first night the tree is decorated, allow the kids to sleep beside it under the glow of Christmas lights.

16. Scavenger hunt: Plan holiday-themed trivia questions and hide small trinkets for children to find.

17. Surprise box: Put a gender and age nonspecific gift into a box. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the person who finds a hidden gift tag under their chair at dinner gets to open the box.

18. Family portrait: Wear your holiday finery and pose for a portrait that actually will be printed and framed.

28 ways to celebrate a merry month

The holiday season begins in late November and runs through New Year's Day. It is marked by various gatherings of friends and family, decadent foods, cocktails, traveling, and gift exchanges. The National Retail Federation says consumers will spend an average of \$967 during the holiday season. However, the joy of the holidays also is about all of the memorable experiences that tend to make the season so beloved.

With that in mind, here are 30 ways to make the holiday season that much more merry.

1. Visit with an elderly or housebound neighbor and share conversation.

2. Donate gently used toys to a children's hospital.

3. Research the history of the holiday and share it with people you care about.

4. Make handmade Christmas tree ornaments.

5. Donate money to a charity or other good cause.

6. Encourage "pay it forward" movements in your community. Start by doing something simple like buying a coffee for a complete stranger.

7. Feed birds facing the cold, winter weather.

8. Take a ride or walk around the neighborhood to look at decorated houses.

9. Make a fire in a fire pit in the yard and toast marshmallows while sipping hot chocolate.

10. Binge watch holiday movies.

11. Attend the concert of a children's choir.

12. Help a friend decorate his or her home.

13. Host a tree-trimming party.

14. Schedule a day for baking cookies.

15. Sing Christmas carols at a nursing home.

16. Put together care packages of items and send them to troops overseas.

17. Share the holidays with

a military family whose spouse is in service and can't make it home.

18. Offer to shop for someone who is homebound due to age, a chronic illness or injury.

19. Visit a large city to look at Christmas window displays.

20. Buy and hang real mistletoe and use it.

21. Make a new friend and invite him or her to a holiday party for the first time.

22. Babysit a newborn so his or her parents can get errands done or just catch up on rest.

23. Volunteer at a soup kitchen.

24. Share the religious traditions of your holiday with someone of a different faith.

25. If weather permits, go sledding, build a snowman or have a snowball fight.

26. Share favorite memories at family holiday dinners.

27. Remember a deceased loved one with a special tribute.

28. Construct a gingerbread house.

We would like to congratulate

Sheree Breckel

on 27 dedicated years to the
First National Bank of McIntosh.
We honor your endless work ethic
and admire your professional
accomplishments.
We are so very proud of you!

**Love,
Your Family**

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Brook and Will Tofstad helped with kids crafts during Santa Claus Day in McIntosh last Saturday.

**WEM
ECFE**

regular schedule on Monday,
January 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the
Win-E-Mac preschool room.



December activities:
There will be ECFE on
Tuesday, December 11th and
Monday, December 17th at
6:00 p.m. in the Win-E-Mac
preschool room. We will not
be meeting during the winter
break. We will resume our



Everyone came out to see Santa during the McIntosh Community Clubs' Christmas with Santa last Saturday at the Community Center. Pictured: Craig, Ellen and Rosanne Burslie.



Helping Clara Roed wrap her presents she bought at the Kid's Mall last Saturday was Bone Builder's member, Carole Burslie. Also pictured is Mary Goodwin.



The Jenkins/Tofstad family gathered for a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus last Saturday during Santa Claus Day in McIntosh.



WEM School Announcements

The WEM Honor Society students organizing the Holiday Food Drive for our local food shelf. Elementary students can bring their donations to their classroom and the High School collection sites are 7th- Bakken, 8th- Aakre; 9th - Strom; 10th- Hanson; 11th- Eckman; 12th- D. Johnson. This is the season of 'GIVING'. Thanks for participating.

FYI - The midterm grades have been posted to StudentVue and ParentVue for Midterm 2

WEM Junior High Band/Choir Concert

The Win-E-Mac Music Department is pleased to announce the Jr. High Band & Choir in concert on Monday, December 17, 2018. The concert will begin at 7:30pm and will take place in the Win-E-Mac School Arts & Events Center! The concert will feature the Jr. High Band & Choir performing several selections, including some holiday music! In addition, girl's group will be performing a special holiday number! Please come out and enjoy an evening of music!

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.

Ralph Engelstad Arena to host Sanford Health Northern Blast Basketball Invitational

Six Minnesota girls and boys varsity basketball teams will be competing in the 4th annual Sanford Health Northern Blast Invitational on Saturday, December 15th. The invitational will take place at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in

Thief River Falls.

The participating teams are Win-E-Mac, Stephen/Argyle Boys, KCC Girls, Fertile-Beltrami, Northern Freeze, Crookston and Thief River Falls.

Show your support and cheer on your favorite team. The cost to attend is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. The scheduled game times are as follows:

10:00 a.m. - Northern Freeze vs. Fertile-Beltrami (Varsity Girls)

Immediately Following - Northern Freeze vs. Fertile-Beltrami (Varsity Boys)

1:30 pm - KCC vs. Win-E-Mac (Varsity Girls)

Immediately Following - Stephen-Argyle vs. Win-E-Mac (Varsity Boys)

5:00 p.m. - Crookston vs. Thief River Falls (Varsity Girls)

Immediately Following - Crookston vs. Thief River Falls (Varsity Boys)

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.



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Jane Aakhus helps out the kids who attended the Kid's Mall that was sponsored and hosted by the McIntosh Bone Builders. The Mall was at the McIntosh Community Center and a part of Santa Claus Day.