



Happy New Year

From the McIntosh Times



Ava Frisk had Mrs. Schwarz measure her for a special ribbon that she put into an ornament for her Christmas Tree during the McIntosh Library and Win-E-Mac ECFE event held at the McIntosh Community Center.



Making a special ornament for his Christmas Tree was Carter Bartz.

Polk County implements new emergency notification system

Your safety is our top concern, which is why Polk County wants to make sure that you know about any emergencies or incidents as they happen.

By opting into the Polk County Alerts emergency notification system, you ensure that you can be informed about issues and events that could affect your safety and the safety of your family.

When you register to receive emergency notifications from Polk County, you have the ability to choose what types of alerts you want to get and the preferred methods of contact that you want to be used (such as home or mobile phone, e-mail, or text messages) .

Please use the link below to opt-in to the Polk County Emergency Notification System <https://member.everbridge.net> or call the Polk County Sheriff's office to sign up. 218-281-0431.

If you were previously registered for emergency notifications through the CodeRED system, you will need to re-register to continue receiving notifications from the NEW Polk County Alerts system powered by Everbridge.

Polk County will no longer utilize the CodeRED system after December 31, 2018.

Notification Program Overview

We have launched a new Mass Notification service that allows us to alert you. You opt-in to enter your contact information and subscribe to notification you care about based on your location. The information you provide is protected and will not be used for any other purpose.

How It Works

When we issue a notification about a potential safety hazard or concern, you will receive a message on the voice or text communication methods that you have registered.

If requested for the notification, you can confirm that you have received the message and you will not be contacted by any subsequent methods regarding that particular notification.

If you do not confirm, the system will continue to attempt to reach you at all of the contact paths that you have registered.

Sign up for Notifications

Create an account and add your contact and location information into the Mass Notification system. All information you provide will be kept strictly confidential

About Everbridge

Everbridge was founded in 2002 in the aftermath of the tragic events of 9/11 with the mission of helping to keep people safe amid critical situations.

We initially focused on building out the industry's most reliable and scalable notification engine, backed with redundancy in SMS and other message delivery capabilities, and with very fast execution, to ensure messages are received without fail when life safety is at risk. This high bar has provided us with an extremely reliable underlying infrastructure.

Everbridge's Critical Event Management solutions are used by over 4,000 organizations to keep people safe and avoid and/or lessen disruption to operations when such events as severe weather, workplace violence, active shooters, terrorism, IT and power outages, environmental spills, brand attacks on social media, product recalls, and medical emergencies occur.

Helping the company's customers to protect over 500 million people globally and to improve the resiliency of the operations of many of the leading companies in the world.

NOTICE

Newspaper will be delayed the week of Christmas & New Years.

Available in stores & our shop on Wednesday afternoon & our mailbox on Dec. 27th & Jan 3rd

Sheriff Erdman Retirement

There will be a new Sheriff in town!

Sheriff Barb Erdman is retiring!

31 Years of service with Polk County!

Please join the Sheriff's Office in celebrating Barb's retirement.

Friday, January 4th

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Community Room

600 Bruce Street

Crookston, MN



The winner of the Christmas in McIntosh drawing is Andrea Stordahl. The prize was a Bacon-opoly Game and a gift certificate to Neil's Quality Meats & More.

Community Calendar

Wed. Dec. 26: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Dec. 27: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Dec. 28: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Dec.31: 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 Jan. 1, 2019: Happy New Year!

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

Thurs. Jan. 3: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Jan. 4: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; WEM School dismissed at 12:30pm

Mon. Jan. 7: 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 Jan. 8: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



Win-E-Mac annual ugly sweater day winners. Staff- Ian Hanson, Ashley Gunderson, Kim Mandt. Elementary winners- Calvin Hill, Braylen Hamre, Jade Bendickson, Nathaniel Spry and Josie Johnson. High School winner- Emily Strom, Kiersten Anderson and Zach Simonson. Judges were asked to choose one winner from each category but were unable to choose just one with all of the participants. Ugly Sweater day is hosted by the Win-E-Mac Student Council.

PFA approves \$2.38M in funds for Winger water project

The Public Facilities Authority (PFA) approved loans and grants for water infrastructure projects in two cities totaling \$3.52 million. Funding was approved for Winger and Nashwauk.

"Communities across Minnesota face serious water-quality challenges," said Governor Mark Dayton. "This funding supports improvements that will give residents of Winger and Nashwauk access to the safe drinking water they deserve."

"These projects represent significant investments in our communities' infrastructure," said PFA chair and commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Shawntera Hardy. "By utilizing PFA funds, cities in Minnesota are preparing for future growth and protecting their drinking water."

See details on the projects below:

Nashwauk \$1.14 million

This project consists of the replacement of city water mains, hydrants and valves. Nashwauk will use a \$1,143,472, 20-year-loan from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) to fund the project. The 1 percent loan will save an estimated \$236,188 when compared to the cost of



market-rate financing.

Winger \$2.38 million

The City of Winger will install two new wells and construct a new water treatment plant. The total project cost is \$2,383,985 and will receive a DWRF loan of \$899,920 and a \$1,484,065 DWRF principal forgiveness grant. The 1 percent 30-year-loan is expected to save \$310,485 when compared to the cost of market-rate financing.

The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority helps communities build and maintain infrastructure to protect public health and the environment and promote economic growth. The PFA has financed \$4.5 billion in public infrastructure projects throughout Minnesota since its inception in 1987. Read more at the PFA's website.



The Winner of the Coloring Contest at Neil's Quality Meats & More for ages 8-12 is Callie Herriman from Erskine.



Winner of the Christmas Gift Basket from Neil's Quality Meats & More is Daryl Ohren of Fosston

Notice to Residents of King Township

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of King township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held On Tuesday March 12, 2019, at the McIntosh Community Center.

Filing for township offices opens on January 1, 2019 and continues to January 15, 2019 till 5 pm.

Offices to be Elected are:

- Clerk of a Term of 2 years.**
- Supervisor for a Term of 3 years.**

Affidavits of candidacy may be filled out with the interim clerk. There is a \$2 filing fee.
David Kiecker
King Township Interim Clerk/Treasurer

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Happy New Year

The ringing in of a new year brings cause to stop, pause, look back and remember. It also urges us to look forward with the hope and excitement for new beginnings, adventures and opportunities in the upcoming year. What follows is from the Centennial History of the Thirteen Towns; where we find the tradition of new year resolutions and the pioneering spirit were an iatrical part of our past. That same spirit is also evident up and down the streets of McIntosh as we see the old become new again with a pioneering spirit in the air.

The Railroad Brought Neighbors To The North

"Just Now! Have your picture taken at the beginning of the year when the expression on your face is full of determination to live up to your resolutions!"

That was the advertisement from McIntosh pioneer photographer, P.B. Hole. It ushered in 1910, a year

of fairly great significance, particularly to the north of us. The August 10 newspaper notes that Mac native, Peter Husby was in town and spoke very optimistically about the future of the new village to the north; Oklee. Husby managed the lumber company in the new town. With him in town that day was the man for whom Oklee was named, O.K. Lee. He had come to Mac to be photographed.

On August 25, 1910 the paper announced the sale of business and residential locations in the following new Soo Line Railroad towns: Oklee (August 29), Gully (August 30), Gonvick (August 31), Clearbrook (Sept. 1), Leonard (Sept. 2) and Pine-wood (September 2).

"New country, new towns, new people! Splendid business opportunities!" Claimed the Minneapolis-based railroad.

With our feet grounded securely in the comfort of our pioneering past, may the year 2019 ring in new adventures, new opportunities and new friends for the future. Wishing you the happiest and healthiest of New Years from all of us at the McIntosh Heritage and Arts Center. Happy New Year!!

Filing Notice

The filing dates for Lessor Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota will be from Tuesday, January 1, 2019 to Tuesday January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Filing will be for:

- 1 supervisor for a term of 3 years and**
- 1 clerk for a term of 2 years**

The filing fee is \$2.00 and filing shall be done at the home of the Clerk.

Albert Plante,
Lessor Township Clerk

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Hill River Township Filing Notice

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(1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.

The filing fee is \$2.00. Filing is to be at the Clerk/Treasurer's home.

Raymond O. Sundrud, Clerk/Treasurer
Hill River Township
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The Gosen Christmas Program will be held on Sunday evening, December 30th, at 7 o'clock.

Music will be provided with piano selections by Kendra Morinville, vocal solos by Jennie Shaver, with other possible numbers as well. An original play written by Rev. David Johnson entitled "No Room" will be presented. The play revolves around a family that finds the meaning of Christmas.

Refreshments including Christmas goodies will be served following the program along with a candy bowl.

Join us for an inspirational evening in honor of new-born King Jesus.

Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Highways 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then 1/2 mile east on County Road 206.

For information call 268-4242 or 687-3461.

Did you know?

Minnesota ranked 7th over all in UnitedHealth Foundation's annual health rankings. Their model measures factors like health outcomes, behaviors, community and environment, policy and clinical care. According to their methodology Minnesota is 7th in the nation for overall health.

MN unemployment rate steady at 2.8%

Annual employment gains 1.1 percent over last November.

Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held at 2.8 percent in November, according to data released today by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

In November, Minnesota lost 800 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis. October's previously announced gain of 3,400 jobs was reduced to 2,500 after revision.

Minnesota's unemployment rate remains the lowest since May 1999 and only three tenths of a point above the all-time low of 2.5 percent in both January and February 1999.

Over the past year, Minnesota added 33,460 total jobs, a 1.1 percent growth rate.

The private sector gained 31,365 jobs for a gain of 1.2 percent.

Nationally, growth declined a tenth of a point in total and private employment respectively for 1.6 percent total growth and 1.9 percent private growth.



Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Dec. 26:
*Bill Jr. & Valerie Fritz, *Howard & Sharon Krossen

Thurs. Dec. 27:
Heather Hegre, Erik Jore, Haley Smeby, Dustin Carlson

Fri. Dec. 28: Anita Roy

Sat. Dec. 29: Preston Carlson

Sun. Dec. 30:
*Rudy & Kathy Fins-eth

Mon. Dec. 31:
*Bryce & Andrea Stordahl

Tues. Jan. 1: Katie Chaput



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

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

Sun. Jan. 6: 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. 30: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Jan. 6: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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

Sun. Dec. 30: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. Jan. 6: 11:15am Worship Service.

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

Wed. Dec. 26: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's

Sun. Dec. 30: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Christmas Worship Service; 7:00pm Luther League/Sunday School Christmas Program (see article elsewhere in the paper)

Tues. Jan. 1: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTN--30; 1:30 p.m. No Bible Study at The Country Place

Wed. Jan. 2: 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 1/2 mile east on County Road 206.

MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson
Wed. Dec. 26: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. Dec. 27: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. Dec. 30: 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. Jan. 2: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. Jan. 3: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. Dec. 30: 9am Worship

Sun. Jan. 6: 9am Worship

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FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlunds

Sun. Dec 30: 10:00am Worship Service no Sunday School

Wed. Jan 2: No Bible Study will resume Jan 9th

Sun. Jan 6: 10:00am Worship Service, Adult and Children's Sunday School

Wed. Jan 9: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans Everyone Welcome

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh Pastor Bruce Blocker,

Sun. Dec. 30: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

Sun. Jan. 6: 9:00am Divine Worship Service; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH Erskine Pastor Joel Smeby

Wed. Dec. 26: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

Thurs. Dec. 27: 4:00pm Confirmation Class

Sat. Dec. 29: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group

Sun. Dec. 30: 10:00am Worship

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Winger News by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings again from Winger and the Union Lake areas! How much better could our weather be for this Christmas and New Year season. I remember years ago and probably not so many when we would observe Christmas and New Year celebrations with the weather being from 20 to 30 below, what a treat this is for us.

If you have yet to take a drive in the surrounding areas and take in the Christmas lights you are missing some beautiful lighting and hard work done by those who chose to put out the lights. It isn't to late yet.

With the mild weather we have been having, what snow we have had is almost gone, not complaining but in the back of my mind am wondering what is to come.

I was not able to be in attendance last Sunday afternoon at the Calvary Christmas program that Devra Carlson and the children she works so diligently with perform, but I understand it was something to see, and not only was the program wonderful but the treats that she and Joyce White served the attendees were awesome. Thank you Devra for all you do for the youngsters.

Glad to hear Mike Moran is back in his home but still recuperating, thanks to his dedicated employees and others who have stepped in to make the daily meals and suppers continue on.

Milton Carlson's Corner

Milton almost apologized to me this week for not having very much news to contribute, but I reassured him that without him our Winger news would probably would not be.

Wednesday the 12th Lonnie Gieseke was a visitor and coffee guest with Milton and while there he scraped off the deck for Milton.

Friday the 14th Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were afternoon visitors for coffee and doughnuts with Milton and while there Lonnie again cleaned off the deck for Milton.

Sunday the 16th Milton went to church with Kari Keller and after church Milton was a dinner guest of Mike, Kari, Oliviayah and Terry Keller at the Keller home at Bejou.

Monday the 17th Paul Carlson stopped by Milton's for an eye opener cup of coffee and a brief visit as he went on to work.

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

Monday the 17th Linda Pulskamp, Sherry Largis and Marie Scott all had lunch together in Red Lake Falls, later visited with Joyce Paquin, Nancy Amberson, Sharon Weiss and Curt Casavan at the Court House in Red Lake Falls, was a great time reminiscing.

Last Sunday Kjerstie and Dakota Poissant visited briefly with Grandma Betty Myhrum at her home they were on their way to Fertile to visit with Dakota's family.

Last Friday night Lucy Brtek and Lynn and Sara Lucken went on to Bejou to partake in Bingo that was being held. Lucy remarked what a crowd of people that came out..

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home last Thursday the 13th.

Today the 19th Butch and Linda Pulskamp were visitors with Dean Johnson at this home to bring him birthday wishes.

Last Tuesday Lucy Brtek attended Senior Meals at Moran's and was joined by Joyce Balstad, Lois Ostenaar and her sister, and Judy Hagen all of McIntosh. Lucy and all enjoyed not only the visit but a Christmas dinner that was served to all that included turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

This is the news again for this week, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe travels which will be behind us with the next news I submit.

May you all have a Happy and Blessed New Year.

Good Food Access grant funding available

Proposals due March 14, 2019.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting grant applications for projects designed to improve access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables, for underserved communities in low- and moderate-income areas.

The funding is available through the Good Food Access Program (GFAP). These grants will help organizations such as business and economic development organizations, regional public health organizations, foundations, and community development financial

institutions provide needs-based technical assistance to eligible food retailers, such as grocery stores, corner stores, and farmers markets.

The MDA will award up to \$150,000 in this round of GFAP Technical Assistance Grants. Applicants may request between \$5,000 and \$75,000 and must contribute 25 percent of project costs. Grant applications are due by 4:00 p.m. CDT on March 14, 2019.

For more information, including a list of eligibility requirements, visit the GFAP Technical Assistance Grant webpage.

Did you know?

New Year's resolutions are made every January, and many people use this tradition as a chance to declare their intention to change jobs in the year ahead. The reasons why people change jobs vary, but the most popular reason to do so might surprise you.

According to a LinkedIn survey of more than 10,000 people who recently changed jobs, 45 percent of respondents indicated they changed jobs due to a lack of opportunities for advancement with their previous employers. The next most popular reason to switch jobs was dissatisfaction with the leadership of senior management. Employers may be surprised to learn that dissatisfaction with compensation was relatively low on the list of why people changed jobs, as just 34 percent of respondents listed that among the top reasons why they left their old jobs. While that may encourage employers to find ways other than pay increases to keep their employees happy, it's also important to note that the LinkedIn survey found that money was the second most popular reason job switchers, 74 percent of whom received higher salaries at their new jobs, chose their new positions.



Even though little sister Magnolia did not want to have a visit with Santa, Grafton and Ella Langemo let Santa know what they were wishing for Christmas.



Aiden Espeseth wasn't too sure about seeing Santa Claus during Breakfast with Santa held in Winger on Saturday, December 8th.



Bennett Massmann and his dad, Brian, stopped into the Winger Community Center to visit with Santa on Saturday, December 8th.



Happy to see Santa during Breakfast with Santa in Winger was Ambree Renna.



Brooklyn Courneya visiting Santa Claus during Breakfast with Santa in Winger.



Hiding from view is Aron Morlock, but Hadley Renna (and her mom) and Kinzley Sherer were happy to have their picture taken with Santa during the Winger Lions sponsored Breakfast with Santa.



The Win-E-Mac Student Council hosted an Ugly Sweater contest on Wednesday, December 19th for staff and students. The staff pictured above had fun with the students in competing for the "best" ugly sweater!



Having fun making a Christmas tree ornament with dad, Kevin, are Charlie and Rosie Subbert during the McIntosh Library/Win-E-Mac ECFE program held in December at the Community Center in McIntosh.



Addy Frist gets "measured" with ribbon for a special ornament she made at the McIntosh Library/WEM ECFE event.



Paul Klawitter had his grandma Mary to help him make his ornament.



Mrs. Schwarz helps with measuring Dawson Gunufson with the ribbon he will put into his special ornament for the Christmas tree.



Hudson Swanson, with some help from his mom, Amanda, puts ribbon into his ornament that he will take home with him.

New Years Eve Supper at
Ness Cafe
Monday, Dec. 31
Serving will start
at 4:00 pm

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Changing market of putting a meal on the table

Meal kits have become increasingly popular over the last few years, appealing to consumers who do not have time to shop for groceries. Meal kits also are coveted by those looking for inspiration for meal ideas.

According to Packaged Facts, a leading publisher of market research in the food, beverage and consumer packaged goods sectors, the meal kit industry is worth more than \$1.5 billion. Technavio's market research analysts say the global meal kit delivery service market will grow at a rate of almost 21 percent between 2018 and 2022.

There are several advantages to meal kits. Consumers do not have to plan or shop for groceries, which affords more time to prepare the food. Another benefit is that these carefully curated meal boxes encourage consumers to step outside of their comfort zones to try new ingredients. Furthermore, with step-by-step instructions, customers learn preparation techniques through easy-to-follow recipes. Cooking tips and other information may be provided with the kit.

For the waste-conscious, meal kits are great because only the ingredients needed for the recipe are included. That means that there is little to no wasted food.

Certain services, such as Plated, offer two-, three- and four-serving recipe options delivered right to your door. If a dinner party is in the works, customers can simply order as many kits as they need. Other companies, such as Sun Basket, enable customers to receive two, three or four meals per week, which offers greater variety in subscription plans. Marley Spoon meal service tags recipes with labels like "kid-friendly" or "under 30 minutes" so that customers can find options that work best for them.

Meal delivery services take the work out of putting meals on the table. Such services let people without much time on their hands enjoy homecooked meals, and also can help others expand their culinary horizons.

