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Sunday morning, the sun shone through the high winds as the McIntosh area was under a blizzard warning. With plows pulled from the roads, it did not take long for the snow to drift across and cut off passage ways around the area.

WEM announces snow days make up plan

Beginning Monday, March 4, 2019 and continuing through Friday, April 26, 2019, the Win-E-Mac school will add 21 minutes to the school day. The school day will begin as usual and end at 3:28 p.m.

Lunch and recess will not get any longer, just moved if needed slightly to match everything else.

March 22, 2018 will become a full student school day, and April 22, 2019 will become a regular school day. Even though this may disrupt some schedules, Win-E-Mac Superintendent states that this arrangement is the best option for students and parents.

If family members decide they would like to have their child picked up at the regular time, they can do so. The child will not be penalized for early dismissal. The Governor has said the state will not penalize districts for weather issues and local school districts should make those decisions for their district.

Here is a brief update from MSBA which came out of what we know about the possible intervention by the legislature and Governor regarding the impact of our winter weather. We have a state statute regarding hours and number of days a district must meet during a school year.

The only way that those requirements can be changed is through legislative action which is then signed by the Governor. This has not happened yet. There have been some discussions with members of the legislature. In order to make this happen, the education committees will have to pass the bill and refer the bill to the floor of the respective body (House and Senate).

The state would need each body to pass the same bill and have the Governor sign it. Even if this process plays out, it will take time. The MSBA and Associations keep local school districts informed as the situation progresses. We have been told to make local decisions for our district. Because of the diversity of students, illness and absences the district needs to have time available for education before our state mandated MCA testing. Having school the end of May does not help the process.

I know this has been a challenging time, and thank you for your patience but we are working for the betterment of our students and staff we serve. We do not know what the rest of the winter will bring us beginning with Sunday into Monday. We have another system coming in next weekend and our worst month for snow will be the beginning of March.

Grace food shelf to partner with MN FoodShare

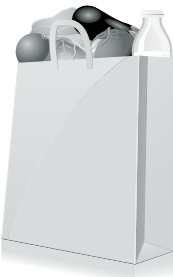
The Minnesota FoodShare Campaign starts on February 28th and runs through April 7th. Grace Community Food Shelf, serving the communities of Erskine, Mentor, Winger, and McIntosh, is an active partner in the campaign and could really use your support.

We are reaching out to our area church congregations, businesses, schools, and community groups asking you to get involved. We have mailed out information packets to the area churches with specifics on the campaign. If you or your organization would like to receive information on how you can help please contact foodshelfcoordinator@grace-churcherskine.org.

Won't you please consider making a food or cash donation to the Grace Community Food Shelf during this March Campaign? The more we can collect during this drive the more we will benefit from funding shared through the Minnesota FoodShare organization. Donations can be dropped off at the Food Shelf at Grace Lutheran Church and monetary donations can be mailed to Grace Community Food Shelf, PO Box 204, Erskine, MN 56535.

In partnership with Grace Community Food Shelf, Minnesota FoodShare will continue to look for innovative solutions to one of our more pressing local, state, and national challenges – eliminating hunger.

Thank you for lending a helping hand!



Polk County thanks resident's for help and patience

The Polk County Highway Department would like to thank all the individuals that go out of their way who have helped us this winter.

Many times we have come up to areas of deep snow blocking the roadway and a local farmer or rural resident have been out on the road with a blower to open up the driving lanes.

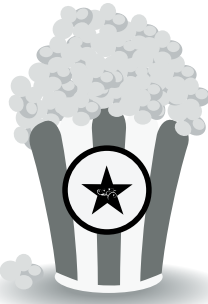
Our plow operators have stated many times that they don't think they would have made it through without the help of somebody blowing out the drift.

As winter keeps roaring upon us we would like to remind all residents and travelers to have patience. The crew is working long hours day and night and we have breakdowns from time to time as well.

We would like to remind everyone to listen to the weather, when they say no travel advised it is for a reason.

If you are stranded on the road you are putting your life and others at risk as well.

Win-E-Mac Family Movie Night



- Friday, March 1,
- Doors open at 5:30pm
- Move starts at 6:00 pm
- Arts & Event Center
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The WEM Literacy committee is hosting a movie night to celebrate Dr. Seuss Week. All ages are welcome. Concession stand will be available before and during the movie. Dr. Seuss items will also be for sale.



Senior Patriot Mason Spry was one among the boy's basketball team at Win-E-Mac School to honor their parent's at a recent game. Pictured with Mason are his parents, Ron and Nancy.



Community Calendar

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- Mon. Mar. 11:** 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 Mar. 12:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



Though the Win-E-Mac Patriot boys basketball team lost to the Ada-Borup Cougars on Saturday, they were honored with a plaque for being the Pine-To-Prairie North half conference champs. Congratulations! Ada-Borup West claims the overall Pine to Prairie Conference Championship with the 84-63 win over Win-E-Mac on Saturday, February 23rd. After going undefeated through the regular season conference schedule the Cougars started fast and finished strong in their 22nd victory (22-1). Win-E-Mac's Patriots entered the game with a 12 game winning streak and 19-4 overall record. The Patriots used four timeouts in the first half with the Cougars leading 44-27 at halftime. Win-E-Mac was able to cut the deficit to 12 points later in the second half and could get no closer with the Cougars attacking the basket and making 18 free throws in the second half.

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Empower

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." John 3:19. It seems to me, as the battle intensifies to make our nation great again, there is an important struggle to identify: distraction. In our eagerness to rectify so many wrongs, discretion is paramount. I'm learning the importance of prayerfully concentrating on where I can make the most difference. While it's very useful to learn about the "bigger picture," I don't want to be distracted from the role He has called me to: writing.

What is condemnation? When we think about that word, there's a sense of judgement being passed and an inevitable punishment as a result of the actions that led to the condemnation. Because of what we learn in the Bible we know God calls those actions sin. But I am really being challenged on this lately. Because sin is an

action but more importantly it is an "attitude." It is the attitude which tells Adonai, "I can do this on my own," or "I want to do it my way." For some, it is an attitude that only runs to YHWH in prayer when we don't know what else to do. These attitudes focus on our own selves and not our Creator. And in the end we empower "darkness rather than light."

As I was thinking about the "light" that John writes about in chapter three, this analogy came to mind. When we are in our houses at night and need light, we can flip a switch and we're surrounded in it.

We may move from room to room and follow that same pattern. Flipping the switches we need. It's an automatic choice we make with a known outcome. Those switches are so easy to flip, but finding the switch to flip our attitude can be hard.

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which

are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:1. Walking after the Spirit is a choice. As we move throughout our day, from one circumstance to another we choose our pattern. It is easy to get distracted by the details and the unknown outcomes looming. But what if we praise in those times? In everything give thanks.

No one needs this more than me right now. It's so much work being a Momma sometimes and just when I think I have a handle on one part of it, another part unravels. It's humbling to realize many of the behaviors I'm trying to regulate in my daughter are the exact ones the Father has been highlighting in me. Sigh.

What if we train our attitudes to find the hope He has woven into every moment? What if we strive to recognize the potential blessing in every breath? What we focus on we EMPOWER! Let it be LIGHT. -a.m.opdahl

Statement from Legislators on Governor Walz's budget proposal

Governor Tim Walz released his budget proposal for the FY20-21 biennium on Tuesday, highlighted by more than \$3 billion in tax increases over the next two years alone, and \$4.7 billion in tax increases for FY22-23.

His proposal would raise Minnesota's gas tax by twenty cents—a massive 70 percent increase—vaulting Minnesota's gas tax to 4th highest in the nation. It also includes increases to tab fees, the motor vehicle

sales tax, the Metro Area sales tax, business taxes, and reinstatement of the sick tax, which is set to expire at the end of the year, adding \$1 billion to the cost of health care for Minnesotans over the next two years.

"Governor Walz's proposal does nothing to lower the costs of health care," said Rep. Dan Fabian (R-Roseau). "It reinstates one of the most regressive taxes in the state at a time when we have a \$1.5 billion surplus. It's unnecessary and wrong to ask Minnesotans to pay even more for already expensive health care when we have the opportunity to find real solutions to this problem."

Sen. Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) added, "Governor Walz unveiled his budget for the state, and like his predecessor, the Governor has outlined his desire to burden Minnesotans with higher taxes and fees along with attacks on the Second Amendment."

With the economic challenges on Minnesota's horizon and one of the highest tax burdens in the nation, it is simply irresponsible for the Governor to tax and spend in such a reckless way.

Fundamental government

reforms need to take place. Simply taxing and spending is not how we move our state forward. I believe we need a new way of thinking - not this failed approach - to keep Minnesota prosperous."

"The Governor's proposed tax increases, particularly the gas tax and the sick tax, are going to hit middle and low income families hard," said Rep. Deb Kiel (R-Crookston). "There is absolutely no need to raise taxes by over \$3 billion when we have a surplus. I'll oppose any efforts to make Minnesota's health care and daily living more expensive."

In FY20-21, the Governor's budget raises general fund tax revenue by \$1.224 billion. The extension of the sick tax adds an additional \$947 million, with transportation-related taxes adding \$907 million for a total tax increase of \$3.078 billion. In FY22-23, the tax increases balloon dramatically; the governor increases general fund tax revenue by \$1.43 billion, with another \$1.52 billion for the sick tax and \$1.73 billion in transportation taxes.

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McIntosh Senior Living had a spur of the moment chili cook off last week with staff to raise money for bus fund. There were 5 entries. There was \$506.00 raised to go toward the new bus. And the winner by one vote was..... Carissa Affeldt! Congratulations. If you would like to make a donation, you can visit the go fund me page or stop in to McIntosh Senior Living to donate.

Hoist a hurricane this Mardi Gras

If you can't make it to the French Quarter to indulge in a hurricane or two this Mardi Gras, fear not. Hurricanes are a relatively simple concoction that amateur mixologists can whip up at home or wherever they're spending Mardi Gras this year.

According to Liquor.com, hurricanes can be traced to New Orleans tavern owner Pat O'Brien, who dreamt up the boozy concoction in the 1940s. Legend has it that O'Brien needed a way to offload the rum he was forced to purchase from local distributors.

The now beloved concoction known as the hurricane, so called because it was initially served in hurricane lamp-shaped glasses, is now available at various establishments throughout the French Quarter.

That includes Pat O'Brien's Bar, which has been open since 1933.

When celebrating Mardi Gras this year, this recipe for Hurricanes, courtesy of Liquor.

com, can help you get in the spirit of this festive occasion.

Hurricane

2 ounces white rum
2 ounces dark rum
1 ounce lime juice
1 ounce orange juice
2 ounces passion fruit juice
1/2 ounce simple syrup
1/2 ounce Grenadine
Garnish: 1 orange wheel and cherry

Add all the ingredients to a shaker and fill with ice. Shake, and strain into a large Hurricane glass filled with fresh ice. Garnish with an orange half-wheel and a cherry



Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Feb. 27: Shirley Defrang, *Jason & Leah Smeby

Thurs. Feb. 28: Bud Kiecker, Eli Kringle, Thomas Reitmeier, Todd Goodwin

Fri. Mar. 1: Isaac Salvhus

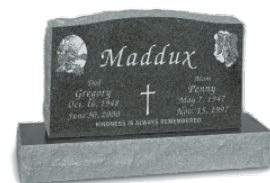
Sat. Mar. 2: Nicki Carlson, Bryer Strom, Josh Roed, *Walter & Linda Sylstad, *Alex & Brenda Uglade

Sun. Mar. 3: Mason Halstad, Kristi (Schow) Grettum, *Steve & Barb Urness, Shawn Romin-ski

Mon. Mar. 4: David Votava, Ryan Krossen, Rudy Hoffman

Tues. Mar. 5: Chad Burslie, Rick Grove, Sam Finseth, Patrick Paskvan

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KING TOWNSHIP Notice of Annual Election & Meeting

The annual meeting and election for King Township, Polk County will be held on Tues. March 12, 2019 at the McIntosh Community Center.

The annual meeting will take place at 3:00 pm and voting will follow for one supervisor for a term of 3 years and one clerk for a term of 2 years. Voting will take place 3pm-4pm with meeting following from 4-8 pm.

If bad weather meeting will be held Tues. March 19.

Loren Gieseke, Clerk M48-49C

MARCH 1ST
world day of prayer

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Sun. Mar. 3: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Mar. 10: 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
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Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Sun. Mar. 3 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Mar. 10: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson
Sun. Mar. 3: 11:15am Worship Service.
Sun. Mar. 10: 11:15am Worship Service.

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Thurs. Feb. 28: 10:30am Ladies Aid program at Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Sun. Mar. 3: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tues. Mar. 5: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GWTN--30; 1:30 p.m. Bible Study at The Country Place

Wed. Mar. 6: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's

For information on free rides to any of the above activities call 218-268-4242 or 218-687-3461 Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Hwy. 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then ½ mile east on County Road 206.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Wed. Feb. 27: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. Feb. 28: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. Mar. 3: 9:30am Worship at Trinity; 9:45am Sunday School for all ages at Mt. Carmel; 10:45am Sunday School for all ages at Trinity; 11:00am Worship at Mt. Carmel

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Pastor Jill Torgerson
Sun. Mar. 3: 9am Worship
Sun. Mar. 10: 9am Worship

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Pastor Don Edlunds
Wed. Feb. 27: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans Everyone Welcome

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

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McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker,
Sun. Mar. 3: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

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

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Erskine
Pastor Joel Smeby
Wed. Feb. 27: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

Thurs. Feb. 28: 4:00pm Confirmation Class

Sat. Mar. 2: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group

Sun. Mar. 3: 10:00am Worship

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



Familiar local family names have pioneering heritages that have made contributions in the farming business. Henry O. Balstad is one such pioneer. His progressive farming efforts were documented in the Compendium of History and Biography of Polk County written in 1916.

Henry O. Balstad, was a stock farmer and well-known citizen of Sletten Township. A native of Minnesota, he was born in Ferguson Falls, on June 2, 1886. He was the son of K.O. Balstad and Gina (Weiby) Balstad.

When he was nine years old, his father moved the

family to a farm in Sletten Township. It was here that Henry was raised and received his early training. Henry devoted his attention to farming, with a desire to build on the practical experience that he had already gained, he spent two years studying at the State Agricultural College of St. Anthony Park. His education would further his knowledge and prepare him for his life's work.

Henry had always been associated with his father in his business operations and transactions, and like his father, devoted his farming interests to the stock business. His farm of one hundred and sixty acres was in section twenty-eight of Sletten Township. He also used an additional three hundred and twenty acres in his farming operation. He was known for breeding Hereford stock as well as grazing and feeding cattle for market. Mr. Balstad was one of the younger farmers capable of carrying

on the development of the county and increasing the prosperity established by the thrifty pioneers. Able and intelligent management and alertness to anything which would promote the efficiency of his work combined to render him successful in all undertakings. Henry and his father were among the first to build silos in the township.

Aside from his private interests, Mr. Balstad found time to consider matters of public welfare and served as clerk of the school board. He was married to Olga Olson, also a resident of Sletten Township.



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Winger News by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings from the Winger area where we are still in the clutches of winter, although today (Thursday) is a beautiful day after an all day snow yesterday and another round of snow to move in Friday until Saturday.

The snow banks are getting taller and some of the roads are getting narrower as the snow piles up. The temps have gotten better, we are not in that 30 below zero temps any more and hopefully we are done with those. One good thing about it is there are no mosquitoes, but that won't be long and then we will be complaining again. Guess that is just human nature.

In just another week we will say good bye to February and will welcome in the month of March and March can be a snowy month too, but maybe we will be do with snow by then or at least we can hope so.

Not much news for the past week but will get into what I have.

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

Last Saturday a birthday party was held in the dining room at Parkview Apartments in honor of Kjerstie Poissant, those in attendance were Kjerstie and Dakota Poissant, Betty Myhrum, Chris and Susan Eischens of New Folden, Chelsey Haugen and Steve Cullen of Oslo with David Myhrum joining them later for a visit. The afternoon was spent visiting and playing board games.

Last Sunday Butch and Linda Pulskamp visited at the Kelly Johnson home and later with Reha Sanstead at her home in Erskine.

On Friday afternoon of last week Maxine and Gary Walters visited with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Milton Carlson's Corner
Lonnie Gieseke was a visitor and coffee guest with Milton Carlson at Milton's home last Wednesday the 13th, while there he cleaned the deck of snow.

Naturally because Lonnie had cleaned Milton's deck on Wednesday we ended up with a blowy and snowy day on Thursday resulting in a deck

full of snow again for Milton.

Friday the 15th Paul Carlson stopped in at Milton's bringing him his mail and taking the garbage away with him, later that afternoon Lonnie was a visitor and coffee guest at Milton's home and again cleaned the deck for Milton. After work that day Paul Carlson came to Milton's with his B John Deere and cleaned out the yard and driveway for Milton.

Sunday the 17th Milton Carlson along with other family members gathered at the Paul and Donna Carlson home to celebrate an early birthday for Donna.

Judy Gieseke was a Monday the 18th visitor and dinner guest with Milton.

In closing, no act of kindness no matter how small is wasted.

Until next week may yours be filled with good health and sunshine.

Notice to Sletten Township

Sletten township will hold its annual election on Tuesday, March 12 from 5:00-8:00p.m. at the Sletten town hall.

We will be electing a supervisor for a 3 year term and a treasurer for a 2 year term. Sletten township annual meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. after the election
Terri Kaupang M48-49C

Pictured below: 30 years ago...1989: First place winners of the sixth grade tournament in Erskine are the Win-E-Mac Patriots, coached by Al Salverson: (back) Kevin Mashburn, Corey Benesh, Kari Martin, Holly Roed, Heidi Quam, Matthew Rivera, and Matthew Bernhard; (middle) Jerrod Finseth, Josh Roed, Shane Fladhammer, Nathan Malon, Jenny Carlson, Jessica Carlson, Tanya Ostenaar, and Teresa Benbo, Coach Al Salverson; (front) Mark Melby, Meredith hegg, Jesse Hickman, Melissa Warmsbecker, Kristi Evenson, Jodi Kiecker and Lynnae Tofstad.



40 years ago...Two young men from McIntosh who work at the Erskine Manufacturing Inc. are Todd Tranby and Cal Schow. Todd is assembling a gear box into the blower and Cal runs the cutting torch and makes parts in the manufacturing section.

Agriculture and the economy

Though it's easy to look at the tech industry and think this increasingly influential sector is what makes the world go round, something closer to the very core of the Earth may be what's driving your economy.

The agricultural sector plays a strategic role in a nation's economic development and prosperity. From the earliest days, agriculture has been heralded as playing a crucial role in North American culture. Farmers who grow produce and raise livestock for meats and other products have long exemplified what it means to work hard and take initiatives to be self-sufficient.

The symbiotic nature of agriculture and the economy is noticeable when examining the ups and downs of each.

This is because food production and the potential of agriculture extends beyond the fields and local food stands. These resources impact supply chains and other markets.

A strong agriculture base influences other employment sectors like food manufacturing, biotechnology, hospitality, machinery building, and much more, while a weak agriculture can adversely affect those sectors.

While it can be difficult for residents of developed nations to visualize agriculture's effect, one only needs to turn to impoverished and developing nations to see just how big an impact agriculture can have on an economy. Agriculture pro-

vides food and raw materials, eventually creating demand for goods produced in non-agricultural sectors. Also, food provides nutrition that can serve as the foundation of a healthy nation.

Earning a living in agriculture strengthens purchasing power, which fuels other markets. Eventually, farming can pave the way for development, including roads, markets, shipping services, exporting, and many other sectors.

Agriculture is an important economic building block. An especially important sector, the agricultural industry, when supported, can contribute greatly to sustained economic growth.

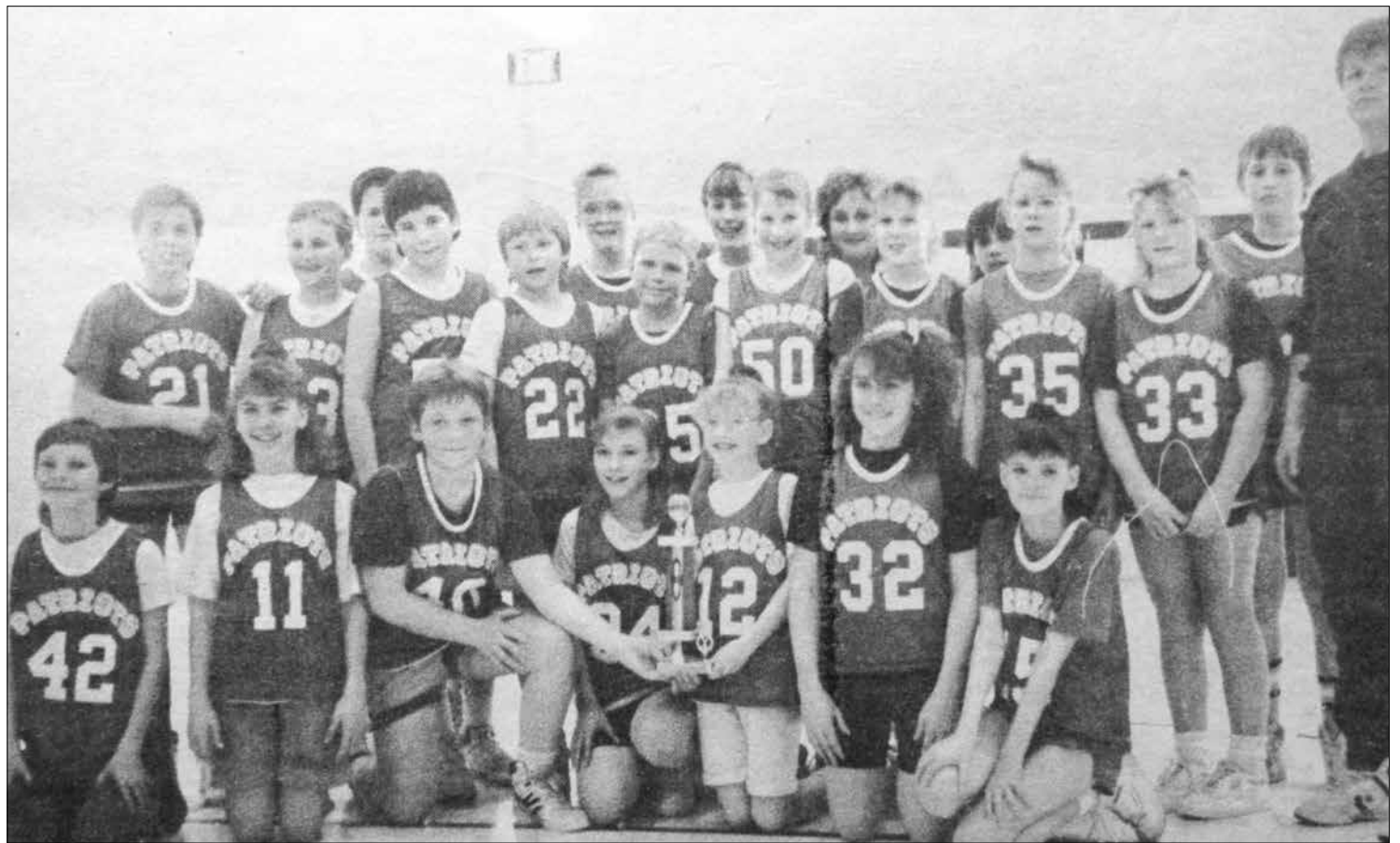
Pictured right: 20 years ago...1999: Students from Win-E-Mac School and their adviser, Bob Nephew, had just returned from their River Watch Forum in Crookston on February 18th. The students share their river monitoring results with students from eight other northwestern Minnesota schools that are participating in the river monitoring efforts in the Red River Valley. Students include: Nate Johnson, Karla Pippin, Michelle Ward, Ryan Voxland, Julie Pierce, Amy Bergman, Casey Bartz, Kim Nelson, Kim Rock, Tami Erickson, Tessa Johnson, Jeremy Gieseke and Tyler Kolden.



60 years ago...1959: The Mac-Hi Scots are pictured here after they were presented with the Sub-District Championship trophy. From left to right they are: Buddy Kiecker, Ray Schleicher, Maurice Ferden, Gerald Eggers (hidden), David Warford, Donnie Peterson, Gary Jallen, David Grundyson, David Solie, and Leslie Goodwin.



50 years ago...1969: Fire Completely destroyed the Farmer's Cooperative Elevator at Winger on Wednesday evening in a spectacular fire which was fanned by a southeast wind that endangered a large part of the Village of Winger. Fireman from Winger and five surrounding communities battled the blaze and protected other property. The fire, which started in the upper part of the main elevator building, was discovered about 10:30 pm. At the height of the blaze the flames could be seen from 20 miles around.



Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer



Dylan Roy at the Win-E-Mac boy's basketball Parent's Night with his parents, Anita and Dean and his sister, Kalli.

Win-E-Mac School Snow Days

School closures or late starts are always a difficult decision for the District to make when the weather is bad. The National Weather forecast out of Grand Forks, Highway Departments, local spot checks, surrounding school districts and our transportation department assist in making the decision. I physically drive in our district at 5:00 am or during the day to make a concise decision for school closure. What happens for Win-E-Mac school may not be the same for other schools or on the west side of the county. There can be a total white out or no travel advised through Crookston but clear with light wind from Mentor to McIntosh. Weather differences can be so different in our County. Safety of students is our top Priority.

Pre-K, Summer Rec and Daycare

During work sessions, the school board has talked about how Pre-K programs will impact our system as well as our shortage of day-care in the District. We want to maintain and support our local in-home daycare services but there still seems to be a shortage. The Summer Rec committee will be meeting to review changes in the Summer Rec program



schedule, Century 21 learning, daycare and activities during summer rec. We will have a complete summer program again this year with daycare built into the schedule. There will be free breakfast and lunch for all school aged children under 18 who participate in activities or who come to school for just the meals. Your input is valuable. If you have questions or ideas on the summer program please contact the Superintendent.

Positions

needed at School

Substitute positions are needed at the school. If you are interested in subbing for a cook, custodian or have a teacher license, please give us

your contact information. Substitute School Bus Drivers are also needed. Our school may have a route open next school year as well. This position is open to both male and female drivers. The District must advertise now so you will have time to complete the licensing process. It does require a written test, behind the wheel test, a pre-trip inspection and a physical which all take time to schedule. The School will assist you with all the needed expenses and training to get the license. We need you; so if you have the desire to work at school for a short time during the day with a great wage and benefits, please email or call the Superintendent's Office.

Contact info: rbru@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us or 218-563-2900.

Extra-Curricular

Let's congratulate our students and coach's Nathan Johnson and Brady Langemo in the Robotics Program. They were state competitors this last week and now are looking at the National Competition. This program is open to both boys and girls. Our District offers a High School Program, Junior High Program and an Elementary Program. We truly enjoy the efforts of our young people here at the Win-E-Mac school.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER "A SPECIAL NIGHT FOR YOUNG GIRLS"

Saturday, April 6, 5:00 p.m.

Sit down dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Dance to follow

Memorable photo of each couple

Activity and Gift for each girl

Save the date for this special event!

\$30 per couple & \$10 for each additional girl

The 2019 Theme for this year's dance is "Love you to the moon and back". Our hope is to make this special event an annual event for families and young girls to look forward to each year! If you are 4 years old to 6th grade this night is for you! Bring your Dad, Uncle, Grandpa or an adult male role model to accompany you. Attire for the evening is whatever your young girl is comfortable in. Social Hour beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline is March 15. Please call the school at 687-2236 or 563-2900 for more details or to obtain registration materials. This event is sponsored by Win-E-Mac Community Education



WEM School Announcements

WEM Kindergarten Round-up Open House

For the 2019-20 School Year

When: Wednesday, March 27th from 4:00-6:00 PM

Where: Room #25 at the Win-E-Mac school.

If your child turns five years old before September 1st, 2019 and you plan to enroll them at Win-E-Mac, please plan to attend. Bring a copy of the immunization records.

Our school health personnel will be here to answer your questions

If you are a federal employee and have been negatively impacted by the government shutdown, your family may qualify for free and reduced lunch benefits. Please fill out a form, available on the school website or in the school office as soon as possible so the application can be processed. If you qualify these benefits will last the remainder of the school year. If you filled out a form previously and were denied, you may still qualify based on the current income change.

Prom is May 4th! Complete sign-up by April 15, 2019 ~ all prom attendees and their guests must sign-up and pay attendance fee ahead of time.

Win-E-Mac seniors/juniors are invited to attend the prom with a guest who is a sophomore or older in school or out of school but no older than 20 years of age.

Each individual attendee's \$15 cover fee needs to accompany sign-up.

Fee is to offset costs (food and beverages included). All prom grand march attendees are expected to wear formal attire.

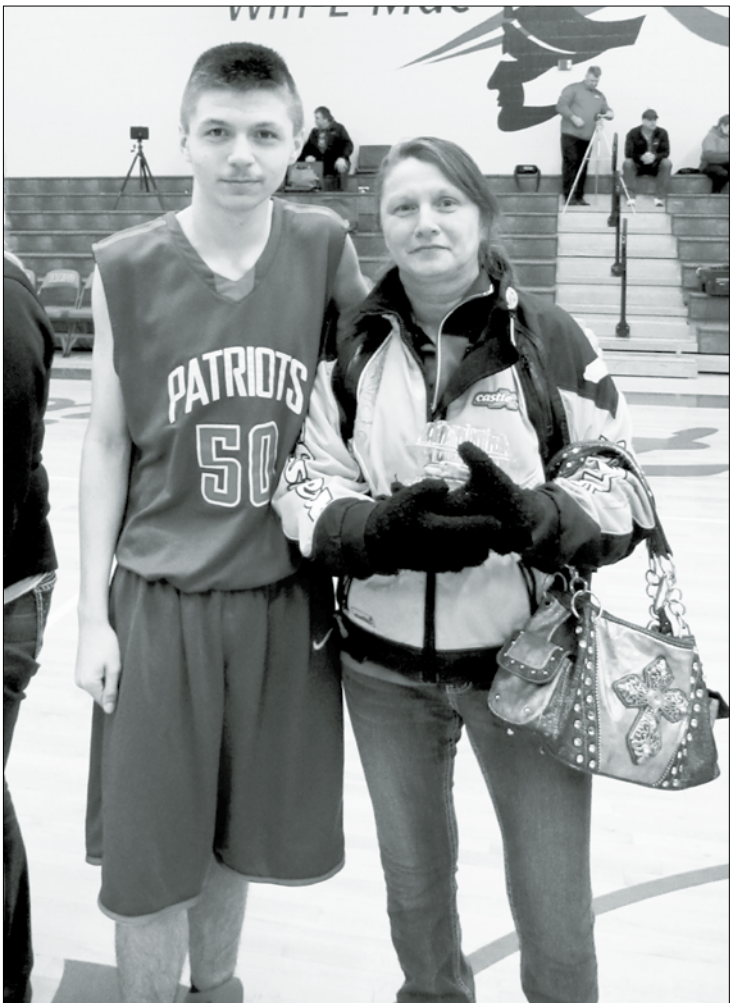
Sign-up sheets available in Mrs. Winter's room.

WEM ECFE



Join us as March will be the Month of Movement! This will be a great time for the kids to get their wiggles out as we will have another great month of fun and learning. ECFE meets every Monday from 6:00-7:00 in the preschool room unless otherwise noted.

Look to our Facebook page at WEM Early Childhood Family Education.



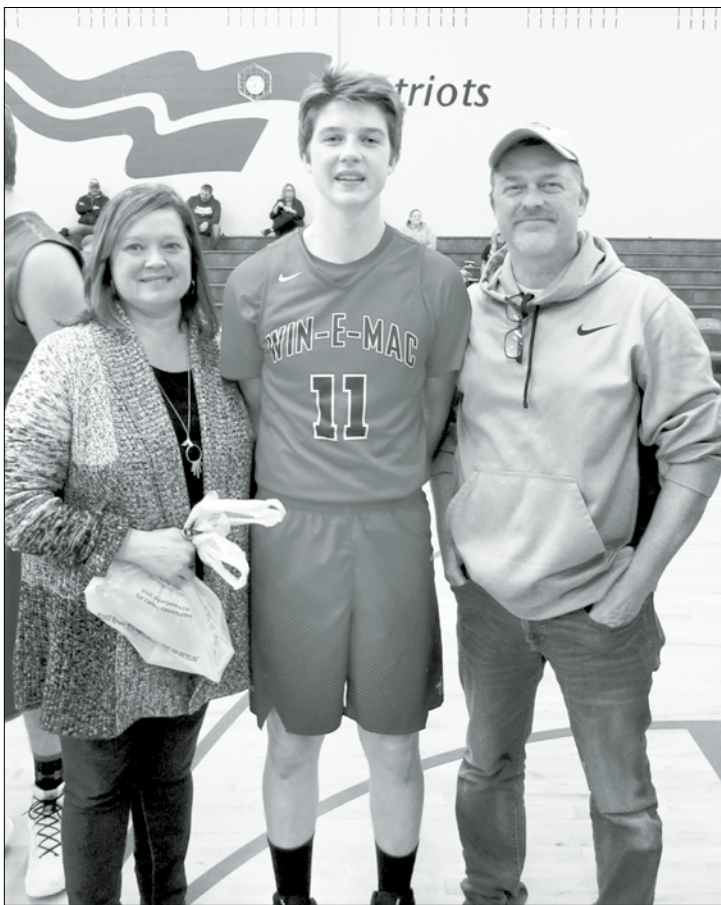
Tristen Segle with his mom, Julaina.



Anton Hickman with his parents, Jesse and Alyssa.



Tom Martushev with his mom, Lisa and little sister.



Alex Jacobson with his parents, Steve and Dawn.



Ethan and Annika Shimp with their parents, Joe and Jessica.



Julianna & Linda Kutsev with their parents Anastasia & Alex and their family.