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"Once upon a time..." never seemed so funny!



The Win-E-Mac Junior High production of the play "Bedtime Stories (as told by our dad, who messed them up)" was a lot of laughs as the great cast played their parts skillfully. Pictured: (Back, l-r) Alyssa Morberg, Anton Hickman, Tommy Revier, Jadon Kangas, Savahanna Svalen, Bret DuChamp, and Jayden Gensburger; Middle: Erich Gensburger; Front: Paige Lacy, Ella Strom, Kianna Tadman, Sydney Svalen and Bridget Roggenbuck.



Rumpelstiltskin (Erich Gensburger) trying to convince Ella Strom (daughter of the poor old woman) to take back the baby he had her promise him.

Flooding fast facts

Floods can be highly destructive natural disasters. The U.S. Geological Survey's Water Science School says that around 71 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water. While oceans hold about 96.5 percent of all the planet's water, rivers, lakes, ice caps, and glaciers also are large water sources.

National Geographic points out that flooding has caused more death and destruction than any other kind of natural disaster in the United States. Flooding may result from overflowing streams or rivers; when coastal storms cause the sea to surge inland; if a dam or levee has ruptured; if ice melts rapidly in the mountains; or if excessive rain cannot be absorbed by the ground fast enough. Flooding can even occur without warning, and such instances are referred to as "flash flooding."

Staying safe during floods involves understanding floods. The following information, courtesy of the Emergency Management Institute, FEMA, Ready.gov, and National Geographic, can help men and women better understand floods and how to stay safe in flooding situations.

- No region is safe from flooding. Floods can occur anywhere, but are rare in areas where water is scarce.
- Floods may develop very slowly or in just a matter of seconds after an extensive rainfall.
- Areal floods can occur where saturated grounds are present.
- Although the term "hundred-year flood" describes an extremely large and very rare event, these types of floods have recently been occurring worldwide with increased regularity.
- In the United States, floods cause about \$6 billion worth of damage and kill, on average, 140 people every year.
- Coastal flooding alone attributes to \$3 trillion in dam-



age worldwide.

- China's Yellow River valley has been home to some of the worst floods in history.
- Flood waters can quickly knock people off their feet and carry them away.
- It's important to sanitize oneself after coming in contact with flood water, which could be contaminated with various natural and manmade substances.
- It may be necessary to move to higher ground when flooding situations occur. It's important to heed safety precautions and evacuation messages.
- Rapidly moving water has the potential to carry a house, car, trees, or other structures away.
- Drivers should not try to navigate through flood waters. Many deaths that occur during floods happen when drivers try to move through flood waters.
- It's imperative to keep an emergency kit, nonperishable food, flashlights, and batteries on hand to combat potential disasters like floods.
- Flood damage is not necessarily covered by homeowners insurance. Those who live in high-risk flood zones would be wise to purchase flood insurance to protect themselves.
- Floods can be formidable foes. Armed with information, people can be safer when the waters rise.



Anton Hickman played the dad to Wendy (Kianna Tadman), Ashley (Sydney Svalen) and Katie (Bridget Roggenbuck). With the help of his three daughters, his fairy tales didn't turn out quite like they were written.



The Prince (Jadon Kangas) speaks with his mom, the Queen (Jayden Gensburger) and the Prime Minister (savahanna Svalen. about finding a wife.

Health officials urging well users to protect private wells from potential flood contamination

With the risk of flooding increasing in many parts of the state, Minnesota health officials urge private well users to prepare for the possibility that their wells might flood. Taking preventive action now may save well users more trouble down the road.

Wells contaminated with floodwater pose a health risk, but the impact floodwaters have on wells and water quality are often not as visible as other flood damage. With that in mind, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) offers well users the following recommendations:

If your well is in a flood-prone area and you have time, consider contacting a licensed well contractor to check your well and make any necessary repairs or changes to help protect it from flooding. These changes may include repairing cracked or damaged casing, extending the well casing above the expected flood level, or temporarily replacing the vented well cap with a water-tight cap or cover. You should also make sure that grading al-

lows water to flow away from your well.

If you think your well might become flooded, store a supply of clean water that will last for at least a few days. Shut off power to the well pump to avoid having floodwater pumped into your plumbing system or home. If you only have a little time before a flood, you can cover the well with a heavy plastic bag or sheeting and secure it with electrical tape. This won't completely protect your well from contamination, but



Community Calendar

- Wed. Mar. 20:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Thurs. Mar. 21:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Mar. 22:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. Mar. 25:** 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. 26:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Wed. Mar. 27:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
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- Fri. Mar. 29:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. April 1:** 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 April 2:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

will help reduce the amount of water and debris that could enter your well, making clean up easier.

If floodwater reaches your well, assume your well is contaminated. Water from a contaminated well should not be used for drinking, cooking, or brushing your teeth until the floodwater recedes and the following steps have been completed:

Avoid electrical shock. Do not approach a flooded well until it has been completely disconnected from its power source.

If floodwater covered your well or may have entered your well directly, have a licensed well contractor inspect the well, clean out sediment or debris, and disinfect it. Using your well pump to remove sediment or debris could ruin the pump. A directory of licensed well contractors is available on the MDH website at Licensed Well and Boring Contractor Directory.

If floodwater reached your well but you are confident that floodwater did not enter the well, have a licensed well contractor disinfect your well or complete the disinfection yourself. Detailed instructions are available on the MDH website at Disinfecting Flooded Private Water Wells.

After you or the licensed well contractor disinfects your well and pumps out the chlorine solution, contact your Wells...

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county health department or a laboratory accredited by MDH to get your well tested. Tell them you need to have your well water tested for coliform bacteria. They will provide sampling instructions. You can find accredited labs on the MDH website at Accredited Labs in Minnesota Accepting Samples from Private Well Owners. If your well water test

comes back positive for coliform bacteria, repeat the disinfection and testing process. You may need to disinfect and test your well several times before your well is free of bacterial contamination.

Do not use the water from your well until the lab has informed you that it is safe and free of bacterial contamination.

If floodwater came within 50 feet of your well – but did not reach the well – MDH recommends having your well

water tested for coliform bacteria as a precaution. You do not need to disinfect your well before having it tested. However, if the test comes back positive for bacteria, the well needs to be disinfected.

Well owners needing more information can contact the Well Management Section of MDH at 651-201-4600 or health.wells@state.mn.us.



The winner of a Reuben Roast and Crusty cut buns from Neil's Quality Meats & More St. Patrick's Day Drawing is Dr. Gabe Wiener from Fosston.

program that helps children develop literacy skills.

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.

Mac Library to have Seuss-Themed Magic Show

The McIntosh Public Library will host a Dr. Seuss-themed magic show, "The Magic of Dr. Seuss", on Monday, April 1 at 6 p.m. Dive into the wacky and wonderful world of Dr. Seuss with this performance of magic, storytelling and silly comedy featuring the characters found in some Dr. Seuss' most famous works. Perfect for families with toddlers, preschoolers and pre-kindergartners, this show is offered free of charge, thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

This event is offered in connection with 1,000 Books before Kindergarten, a library

Otter Tail donates to RiverView Building Project

RiverView Health and Otter Tail Power Company have a lot in common: Both provide important services to people in rural communities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Each entity also recognizes the importance of the other. In that regard, Otter Tail recently made a \$35,000 donation to the RiverView Foundation to go toward RiverView's building project.

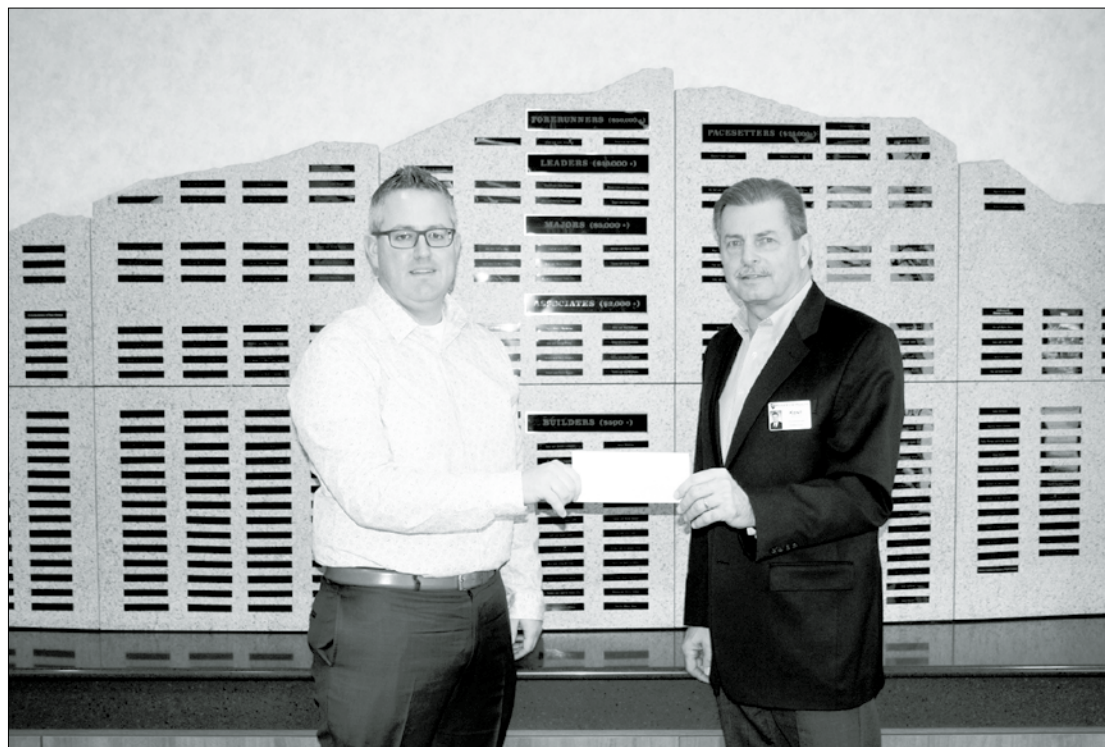
"Part of our company's mission is to improve the quality of life in the areas in which we do business," said Otter Tail Power Company Area Manager Jake Ellefson.

"We're proud to provide financial support for RiverView Health's expansion, which will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the Crookston community."

RiverView's building project, titled RiverView 2020: Our Vision is Clear, will be a new, two-story facility consisting of 81,000 square feet.

The top floor of the new build, with a view of the Red Lake River on the east and Castle Park on the west, will house a patient-centered, family-inclusive Inpatient Unit with 21 patient rooms and four family suites.

The ground level will be home to all three of RiverView's current Crookston clinics consolidated into one large clinic with one entrance and a registration area just steps from the front door. The new clinic will have 47 patient exam rooms, patient education rooms, and well-equipped spaces for in-



Left to right: Otter Tail Power Company Area Manager Jake Ellefson and RiverView Foundation Director Kent Bruun.

clinic procedures.

The facility will also feature other amenities, including a meditation chapel, lobby café, relocated gift shop, and an 80-occupant training and conference center.

The project is currently in the bidding stage. A groundbreaking will take place this spring, with a completion date in the fall of 2020. The total cost is estimated at \$47 million, with the Foundation committed to raising at least \$2 million.

Otter Tail Power Company is a long-time supporter of Riv-

erview Health's projects and programs.

"The Foundation appreciates that Otter Tail Power Company's foremost concerns are for its customers, neighbors and employees," stated RiverView Foundation Director Kent Bruun.

"We share Otter Tail's hometown understanding of the people and places we serve, and we vow to improve the quality of life for those in our shared community."

For information on RiverView's building project or other projects through the RiverView

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American war casualties will never be forgotten or our freedom they bought with their last breaths. In WWII alone—405,399 lives were lost. There's a bigger body count than that: 54,559,615—all American casualties. Not soldiers. Babies. Fifty-four million five hundred fifty-nine thousand six hundred and fifteen and counting...

Among this American casualty list are those who never experience a first breath. That's right—every year—nearly 455,000 babies are lost to America's war of "choice." According to Humancoalition.org, this yearly death toll is "roughly equal to the number of United States military deaths in all U.S. wars combined."



Trinity Free Lutheran Church in Rural McIntosh will be hosting Special Meetings March 24-27, 7:30 each evening Sunday through Wednesday. Our speaker will be Pastor Roger Olson from Tioga, ND. Pastor Olson is a gifted pianist who will be leading a time of singing every evening. His theme will be, "What's The Problem? - Reaching a troubled world for Christ." There will be Coffee Fellowship following the Sunday and Wednesday evening services. Everyone is invited

Did you know?

WalletHub once again named Minnesota the best state for women. Every year Walthehub aggregates data on things like, women's health, their earnings, and number of women in leadership to create their rankings. This marks the second year in a row Minnesota ranked number one place for women.



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

Sun. Mar. 24: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Mar. 31: 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. Mar. 24 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Mar. 31: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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

Sun. Mar. 24: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. Mar. 31: 11:15am Worship Service.

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

Wed. Mar. 20: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's

Sun. Mar. 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tues. Mar. 26: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTN--30; 1:30 p.m. Bible Study at The Country Place

Wed. Mar. 27: 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. Mar. 20: 7:30pm Ash Wednesday, Mt. Carmel 7:30pm

Thurs. Mar. 21: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sun. Mar. 24: 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. Mar. 27: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. Mar. 28: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
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VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh Pastor Jill Torgerson Sun. Mar. 24: 9am Worship Sun. Mar. 31: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlunds

Wed. Mar. 20: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans Everyone Welcome

Sun. Mar. 24: 10:00am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School

Wed. Mar. 26: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans Everyone Welcome

Sun. Mar. 31 : 10:00am Worship Service, Adult and Children's Sunday School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh

Pastor Bruce Blocker,
Sun. Mar. 24: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School
Sun. Mar. 31: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH Erskine

Pastor Joel Smeby
Wed. Mar. 20: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes
Thurs. Mar. 21: 4:00pm Confirmation Class
Sat. Mar. 23: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group
Sun. Mar. 24: 10:00am Worship

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



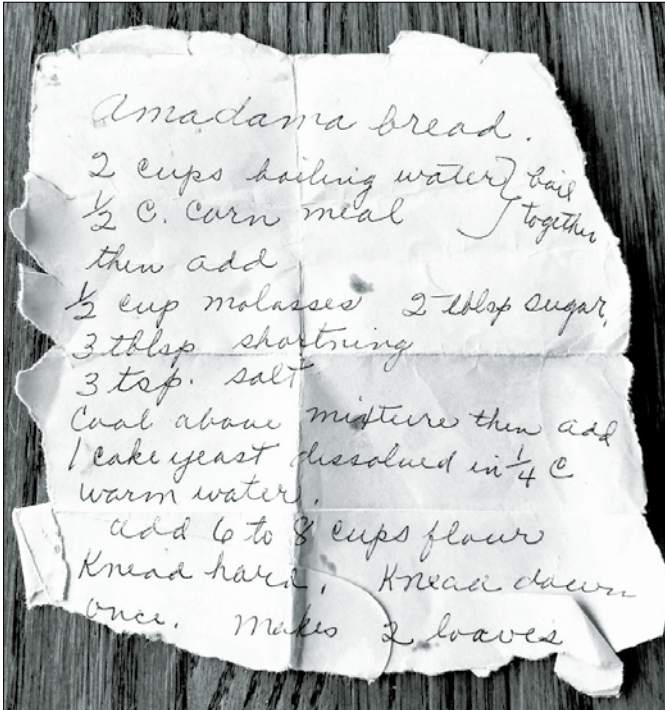
Digging through the recipe archives I stumbled upon this beauty. Having never heard of Amadama Bread (or Anadama Bread) and not knowing its origin and history, a google search ensued. The history is fascinating, and the bread sounds delicious.

It is described as "a buttery, cornmeal-flecked bread that skirts the edge of dessert territory due to its deep, dark sweetness from a healthy dose of molasses in the batter."

The story behind the bread was as delicious as the bread sounded. There are several versions to the tale, but, the New England bread came about as

an accident. The recipe found scribble on the tattered and torn envelope begins sometime prior to 1850 when a fisherman or perhaps a Finnish stonecutter from the Rockport or Gloucester, Massachusetts area, was upset with his wife's lack of cooking skill, or lack of dinner time variation. In disgust, he lashed out at his wife Anna, for serving him the same cornmeal and molasses mush one too many times. In frustration he yelled, "Anna, damn her!" while throwing flower and yeast into the mush to make it something new and different then threw it into the oven.

The name "Anadama Bread" first appeared in print in 1915, but it was likely to have been baked in many New England homes before then. In 1936 a recipe for the bread found its way into The New England Cook Book, 300 Fine Old Recipes, by Kate Morrow. In this book of fine old recipes, they have the bread listed with an M instead of an N. Leaving



people to wonder about the story behind the misspelling.

We may never know the story of how this recipe ended up in the wooden recipe box at the

MHAC, but however it got here, give it a try. It is great for sandwiches and with soups on cold winter days.

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Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor: On National Ag Day and Every Day, we Celebrate #OurFarmers

By: Joe Martin, State Executive Director, Minnesota Farm Service Agency and Troy Daniell, State Conservationist, Minnesota Natural Resources Conservation Service

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America. They grow food to feed us, fiber to clothe us, and fuel to run our homes and cars. Their hard work and dedication provide economic stability across the nation – stability that supports rural economies and creates much-needed jobs in local communities.

No matter who we are, where we live, or what we do, we all have a reason every day to celebrate and thank #our-

farmers.

March 14 is designated as National Ag Day. Today and every day, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Minnesota join fellow agencies, non-profits, private industries, and consumers in thanking our agricultural producers for their contributions to our nation and beyond.

This year's National Ag Day theme, Agriculture: Food for Life, spotlights the hard work of American farmers and ranchers who diligently work to provide food and fiber for the United States and countries around the world. At USDA, our driving commitment is to support them as they put food on America's tables.

USDA works with millions of rural producers through a network of local service centers that serve every county. Our farmers face challenges each day, and we're proud to offer a variety of programs to help them fund their operations, manage risk, conserve natural resources, and recover from natural disasters.

On behalf of USDA, we would like to thank #ourfarmers for feeding our nation and the world. To our farmers and ranchers:

We are here to support you every step of the way. Visit your local service center for one-on-one support with USDA programs and services, or learn more at farmers.gov. On National Ag Day, and every other day of the year, we celebrate you.

Loans available to help MN farmers restructure debt

Minnesota farmers may seek assistance from the Rural Finance Authority's (RFA) Restructure Loan program if they have good credit but are having trouble with cash flow.

The Restructure Loan program is available for refinancing debt related to agricultural activities only and requires collateral of a first mortgage on farm real estate.

"This may be a good option for Minnesota farmers who are in good standing with their local lender but are struggling with cash flow," said RFA Senior Loan Officer Ryan Roles. "The current interest rate is 4.25 percent and the participation term may be up to a maxi-

mum of ten years."

The RFA will participate on 45 percent of a qualifying loan up to a maximum of \$525,000. There is a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee on all loans.

An applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a resident of Minnesota, a Minnesota domestic family farm corporation, or family farm partnership.

2. Be the principal operator of the farm.

3. Not be a current or previous participant in an RFA farm debt reorganization program.

4. Have a total net worth that does not exceed \$1,777,000 (indexed for inflation).

5. Have received 50 percent of their gross income from farming over the past three years.

6. Have expenses that do not exceed 95 percent of income.

Information on the Restructure Loan Program and all RFA loan programs is available at www.mda.state.mn.us/restructure.

Taking Bids

Sletten Township is accepting bids for gravel and application for 2019. Send specifics to Terri Kaupang at 25296 430th St. SE Winger MN 56592. Please submit by April 29.

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MDA Knotweed Survey

Mari Hardel, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

In 2018, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Noxious Weed Advisory Committee (NWAC) revisited the risk assessment of non-native invasive knotweeds and developed a survey to gather information from the public. Knotweeds typically grow in residential areas – often planted in landscapes – and therefore affect a different group of people and settings than most species on Minnesota's Noxious Weed List. In surveying the public, the NWAC hoped to gain insight on perception and knowledge of knotweeds in Minnesota and potential responses to a change in regulation of knotweeds.

This past September, an online survey was created and distributed to both the public and land managers asking a variety of questions related to non-native invasive knotweeds in Minnesota, beginning with whether survey participants were familiar with the three invasive species present in Minnesota and surrounding area: Japanese, giant, and Bohemian knotweeds.

If participants claimed to have a low level of knowledge on knotweeds, they could choose to opt out of completing the bulk of the survey and skip to the end, answering general questions about where they obtain information on plants. Participants who completed the entirety of the survey were tasked with identifying photos of knotweed and knot-



A flowering Japanese knotweed stand in Duluth, Minn. weed look-alikes, answering questions about perceptions of knotweed and management techniques, and describing resource desires regarding managing knotweed.

The survey was distributed through the MDA's September Weed of the Month article titled Knotweeds, various newsletters and social media pages, handouts at Duluth's Western Lake Superior Sanitary District, via email to MDA stakeholder groups, and additional avenues.

Complete survey results are available on the MDA Noxious and Invasive Weed Program page. Survey results were also presented in a poster format at the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference in Rochester, Minnesota from October 15-18, 2018.

The following are some highlights from the survey data:

• 211 people responded to the survey. Participants responded from across the state, with the Duluth area the best represented.

• In general, respondents had some knowledge of knot-

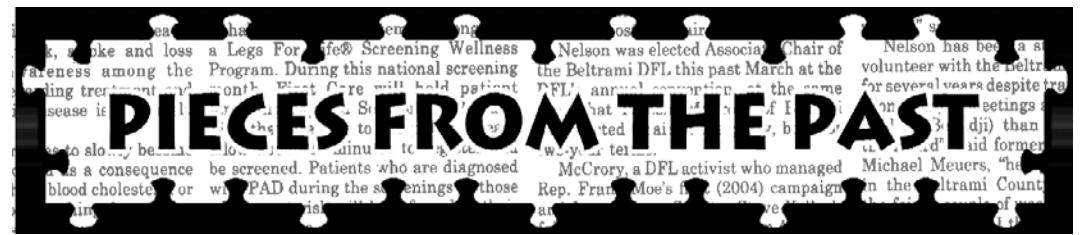
weeds (Japanese, giant, and Bohemian): 16% were familiar with all three species of knotweed; 33% were not familiar with any; 38% were familiar with Japanese ONLY; and fewer were familiar with Bohemian and giant knotweeds.

• More people correctly identified knotweed when viewing a photo containing knotweed stems (and leaves) than any other features of knotweed.

• Most felt that there are NOT sufficient resources for managing non-native invasive knotweeds.

• Eight out of ten respondents agreed that knotweeds should be regulated in Minnesota.

After reviewing survey results, in addition to considering research and other sources of information, the NWAC recommended regulation of knotweeds as 'Prohibited-Control' on the Minnesota Noxious Weed List. This is a change from the current status from 'Specially Regulated'. The Commissioner of Agriculture approved this recommendation and the change will become effective January 1, 2020.



50 years ago...1969: As the American Legion marks its 50th Anniversary, members of Posts will honor World War I veterans. At the birthday party in McIntosh last week these members were present: Jim Casey, Pete Thompson, Martin Swanson, Albert Mandt, Sr., and Haldor Hegg.



40 years ago...1979: Mic Evenson's Freshman basketball team won the 3rd place trophy and the 1979 Sportsman Trophy at the Fosston Freshman Tournament. Back: (l-r) Brian Kaupang, Jeff Haugen, Tim Molstre, Tim Finseth, Bob Bursheim and Coach Evenson; Front (l-r) Mike Carver, Blake Burslie, Dave Balstad, Kevin Haugen and Steve Aanenson.



30 years ago...1989: Angela Ledding (25), Stephanie Jones (14), Jennifer Burkman (10), April Sebenaler (52), Jennifer Warmsbecker (21), Cristina Leier (33), Carrie Hegg (23), Teresa Hegg (11), Angie Stuhau (20), Lisa Carver (55), coaches Daryl Halverson and Bruce Nelson head to the locker room at half time to get ready for the second half of action during tournament play.



20 years ago...1999: Members of the Win-E-Mac Patriots cut a souvenir section of the new following the sub-section final game against Fertile-Beltrami in Crookston.



10 years ago...2009: Win-E-Mac 5th grade girls take championship at the TRF tournament. Back Row: Coach McKeever, Madison McKeever, Megan Espeseth, Jesse Kasprzek, Indiana Nornes, Kelsey Knutson and Kinley Faldet. Front Row: Anne Weick, Rachel Morberg, Morgan Senn, Cecelia Peterson, Amanda Farrell, and Manager Hunter Parenteau.



The Captain (Bret DuCahmp) and the Mayor (Erich Gensburger) talking to the girl who cried dinosaur while her sheep listen up.



Rumpelstiltskin (Erich Gensburger) made sure that Ella Strom (daughter) knew his name, for then he was able to give her baby back.

A spring craft combining fantasy and fun

Spring is a season of rebirth marked by flowers pushing through the soil and tender green leaf buds appearing on trees.

As adults begin tinkering in their gardens and clearing away the vestiges of another winter, children also can get into the spring gardening spirit - with a touch of whimsy mixed in. A fairy garden is the perfect project.

Fairies are mythical beings of romance and folklore that ap-

pear in ancient stories passed down by various cultures.

Diminutive in size, fairies are often depicted as spiritual or supernatural beings in possession of magical powers who live in close proximity to mortals.

Fairies tap into the imaginations of children, who may be enticed by fairies' mischievous and/or magical attributes. A desire to capture fairies can inspire a great spring crafting project.

Fairy gardens can be constructed in just about any container and make an enchanting addition to a home landscape, patio or child's bedroom. It's easy to get started today.

Begin by collecting the materials needed. Materials will vary depending on each individual project, but some good suggestions include:

- a container, such as a flowerpot, basket, wine barrel, or another vessel that will hold soil

- potting soil
- stones, pebbles and glass baubles
- pea gravel
- small plants, such as clover, moss and succulents
- twigs
- miniature garden accessories and figures

Begin by filling the container with the soil. Then arrange the plants as desired while still in their individual potting containers to get an idea of the layout. When the design is es-

tablished, use a spoon or small trowel to plant the greenery.

Now is the time when the whimsy can set in. The child can create a fairy home, a garden, walkways, and much more with natural materials. Many craft stores even sell ceramic and plastic fairy furnishings.

Gravel and stones can add color and extra appeal. Some peat moss or trailing Spanish moss can serve as the finishing touches.

Once completed, it's time to wait to see if the fairies will come for a visit.



Some of the cast of the Win-E-Mac Junior High play "Bedtime Stories" performed Friday, March 8th and Sunday, March 10th.



Marcella Arnold Nursing Scholarship deadline April 1st

Application deadline: April 1

Through VFW Auxiliary, Post 1902, Crookston

The Marcella Arnold Nursing Scholarship is designed to provide financial aid to eligible nursing students in their final year of nursing school.

The applicant must be a full time nursing student in an associate or bachelor degree school of nursing, or prior to the start of a LPN program.

The scholarship is designed to help fund the final year.

Applicant must be a resident of Minnesota or a non-resident of Minnesota with a membership in the Minnesota

Veterans of Foreign Wars or Auxiliary, attending a nursing school in Minnesota.

The applicant must be a member of or eligible to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars or VFW Auxiliary, or be a child or grandchild of a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or VFW Auxiliary.

A reservist can be eligible if they have been awarded a campaign or service ribbon which establishes eligibility for the VFW.

The scholarship can be used for tuition, books, laboratory or similar fees.

Applications are available from Marcella Arnold Chair-

man Twylla Altepeter at The Fertile Journal, 945-6120, or evenings at 281-6582 or from the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Minnesota (mn-vfwauxiliary.org/Marcella-Arnold-Application).

A signed application, financial statement and personal statement must be sent together to:

VFW Auxiliary Department of Minnesota
Veterans Service Building
20 West 12th Street, Floor 3,
St. Paul, MN 55155-2002.

The deadline to submit a scholarship application is April 1, 2019.



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

Last Chance to order a 2018-2019 yearbook! The cost is \$40. Yearbooks can be purchased during students' noon hours or from Mrs. Winter (room 51) or order forms are available in the office. Yearbook sale Ends on March 31, 2019!!

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The Magic of Dr. Seuss

Dive into the wacky and wonderful world of Dr. Seuss with this performance of magic, story-telling and silly comedy featuring the characters found in some Dr. Seuss' most famous works. Perfect for families with toddlers, preschoolers and kindergartners, this show is offered free of charge!

Monday, April 1 at 6 PM
McIntosh Public Library, 115 NW Broadway

Admission is free, thanks to funding from the Minnesota Legacy Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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More Info: www.larl.org/legacy

The 3rd quarter mid-term grades are now available on StudentVue and ParentVue for 7-12th graders.

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 Spring Blood Drive is Friday, April 12th from 8 am - 2 pm. If you are interested in donating please use the link to sign up: <https://www.bloodhero.com/index.cfm?group=op&step=2&opid=819752&opidh=E1D0F128AEF6F642E06C4D162EB607E2&idt=43536.5486806>

Lace 'Em Up Basketball Camp will be held again this year at Red Lake Falls high school from June 3-7, 2019. Camp is open to any boys or girls who are currently in grades K-11. Camp time is 8:00-11:30 for grades 6-11 and 12:00 noon until 3:30 for grades K-6. Cost is \$60 with a maximum cost per family of \$100. Register by May 25th for a camp T-shirt. Registration forms can be picked up in the office.

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.