



Kalli Roy portrayed Clara Barton during the 4th Grade Wax Museum held at the Win-E-Mac School.



The 4th grade students raised money for the Polk County Humane Society by holding a Wax Museum. Here, Lucas Eggl portrays the pirate, Blackbeard.

More Than \$569,100 of Garden Valley Capital Credits Paid in May

Over 15,900 checks, totaling more than \$569,100, were issued on May 16 to Garden Valley Technologies members who had service with the co-operative in 2000 and/or 2018, including over \$31,000 for members with McIntosh and Winger addresses.

Advantages of a Cooperative

Nearly \$20-million of capital credits have been authorized by the board of directors for payment to Garden Valley members over the last 15 years.

Article VII of the cooperative's By-Laws provides that capital credited to members may be retired and paid if the financial condition of the coop-

erative will not be impaired.

114th Annual Meeting

Garden Valley's 114th annual membership meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Win-E-Mac Public School near Erskine on Tuesday, June 4, beginning at 10:30am. Registration starts at 8:30am and "The Woodpicks" will entertain from 9:00 to 10:15am.

Memorial Day events planned in Winger and McIntosh

McIntosh Memorial Day Program & Parade

The annual Memorial Day program will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27, 2019 at the McIntosh Community Center.

The Parade will begin at 10:20 a.m. leading with a Color Guard, Veterans, The Win-E-Mac Band directed by Amanda Schultz, students who carry the wreaths, etc. Other people are asked to march behind the Color Guard. You do not have to be a Veteran—just a volunteer supporting our Veterans.

The main speaker will be Colonel (Ret) Jeff Kappenman from Huntsville, Ala. He started his aviation career at UND in Grand Forks where he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S Army and proceeded to Rotary Wing Flight school at Ft Rucker, Ala. His wife is Beverly Rustad of McIntosh and they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren and live in Huntsville, Alabama.

People are needed to set up chairs on Sunday, May 26 at 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center and help install the crosses at the old School lawn. Call Patrick Rolf if you are able to help with these items.

A light dinner will be served at the Community Center after the ceremony at the school. There will be a free will offering to defray the cost of serving this meal.

The choir will rehearse from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the Community Center with Gerald Borud leading the choir.

The McIntosh Friends of Veterans are sponsoring this Memorial Day event and would ask for donations so that the organization can continue to help with Christmas for local Veterans, Letters to Friends of Veterans, Blood Drive, etc.

Everyone is welcome to attend this program to salute all of our Veterans in giving thanks for their service.

Winger

Memorial Day Services

The Winger area Fensstad Solie American Legion Post 200 will host a Memorial Day program at 8:30 am at the Winger Community Center.

The National Anthem will be sung by Emma Erickson, and the service will be lead by Post Chaplain Helmer Homme and Post Commander Gary Sonstelie.



There will be a Quilts of Valor presentation during the program as well.

The memorial address will be from Army Colonel Jeff Kappenman. Over the course of his 26 year military career, Kappenman flew operational missions across the globe in every environment and condition. He is a master Army aviator and served from Platoon leader through Squadron Commander in 5 different Cavalry Squadrons.

There will then be a ceremony in the Memorial Park, that will include placing of the wreath, 21 gun salute, Taps, and the National Anthem by the Win-E-Mac Marching Band.

Following the program, everyone is invited to stay for refreshments in the auditorium, provided by the Dovre Church.

Win-E-Mac Graduation



The Win-E-Mac Class of 2019 will celebrate their graduation on Saturday, May 25th at 2:00 pm at the WEM Arts & Event Center.

Friends, family and community members are welcome to attend.

Polk County to collect household hazardous waste

Polk County Environmental Services is once again holding its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection events.

The first collection event will be held at the Fertile Fairgrounds on Friday, May 31st from 3-6pm. The second collection will be at the East Shore Beach Area of Maple Lake off County Highway 10 on Saturday, June 1st from 9am-12noon.

Household hazardous products, if not properly used, stored, and disposed of, can pollute the air and water.

These collection events, along with year-round collection facilities in Crookston and Fosston, give Polk County residents the opportunity to take part in protecting the environment.

Household hazardous wastes accepted at this event include: cleaning solvents, paints, stains, strippers, automotive products (carburetor cleaners, brake, steering or transmission fluid, etc.), aro-

sols, adhesives, pool chemicals, photographic chemicals and hobby chemicals.

Products that are NOT accepted include: business and agricultural wastes, compressed gas, explosives, radioactive materials, tires, fluorescent bulbs or used oil.

Polk County's collection events are part of the Northwest Minnesota Household Hazardous Waste Program in cooperation with Polk County Environmental Services, the Maple Lake Improvement District and the city of Fertile. Polk County Environmental Services accepts household hazardous wastes from Polk County residents year-round.

This ongoing collection in Crookston is located at the Polk County Transfer Station and is open M-F from 7-5:30. For more information on household hazardous waste or how to package and transport it, please contact Polk County Environmental Services at 1-800-482-6804.



Community Calendar

- Wed. May 22:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; WEM preschool graduation 7:00pm @ Arts & Event Center
- Thurs. May 23:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. : May 24:** Last Day of School at WEM; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Sat. May 25:** Win-E-Mac Graduation 2:00pm @ Arts & Event Center
- Mon. May 27:** Memorial Day
- Tue May 28:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Wed. May 29:** 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. May 31:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. June 2:** 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. June 3:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



River of Dreams: Basin-wide Watershed Education

River of Dreams education program reached 1,200 students at 32 schools across the Red River Basin this year. The River of Dreams program engages students to better understand their watershed through reading, writing, art, and geography. Students experience virtual tours of their watershed, see where their local river flows, and visualize their watershed during a classroom visit by Red Lake Watershed District and International Water Institute staff. The students decorate a trackable, 14" cedar canoe and write a dream for its river journey. Canoes are launched into the local river the students learned about during the classroom visit. A web page is created for each canoe which includes the date and location of launch along with a picture of the canoe and "dream" story. Canoes found by area residents can be logged into the database by following instructions and recording the unique ID number which accompany each. View decorated canoes, read dream stories, and see where they are discovered at www.riverofdreams.org. On May 15th, 4th grade students from Win-E-Mac School launched their canoes into Clearwater River at Riverside Park in Red Lake Falls for a trackable journey to Lake Winnipeg and beyond.



Leah Anderson (pictured above) shot her first Turkey on Saturday, May 4th while hunting with her husband Ambrose. The Turkey weighed 22 pounds and has 5 beards with the longest beard measuring 10 inches.

Beards begin growing when turkeys are about 5 months old, and keep growing 4 to 5 inches annually. According to Turkey & Turkey Hunting magazine, a 2-year-old gobbler's beard usually measures 8 to 10 inches. When it's 3 years old, a gobbler's beard will have grown about 14 inches. However, few toms have beards that long because bristles wear off at the tip as the beard grows.



Bridal Shower

There will be an Open House Bridal Shower in honor of Madison Stuhau (bride-to-be of Zach Plante) held on Saturday, June 1st at 1:00 pm at the Grace Lutheran Church in Erskine. Everyone is welcome.

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Insurance Agency

Will be closed on Monday, May 27th, for Memorial Day.



Essentia Health named among highest performing health systems

Essentia Health has been recognized by IBM Watson Health as one of the top 20% highest-performing medium size health systems.

The annual Top 15 Health System study provides an objective measure of health system performance overall and offers insight into the ability of a system's member hospitals to deliver consistent top performance across the communities they serve, all based on a national health system scorecard. The 2019 study analyzed 337 health systems.

The study delivers a rigorous, aggregate analysis of system metrics from individual hospital data. That data is then used to identify the top-performing systems in the nation, according to a balanced scorecard of measures derived from publicly available clinical, operational and patient perception of care data.

"Our colleagues consistently provide excellent and compassionate patient-centered care," says David C. Herman, MD, chief executive officer.

"This recognition affirms that quality on a national level. I am proud of every member of our team."

Essentia Health is an integrated health system serving patients in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Idaho.

Headquartered in Duluth, Minnesota, Essentia Health combines the strength and talents of 14,400 employees, including more than 2,000 physicians and advanced practitioners, who serve our patients and communities through the mission of being called to make a healthy difference in people's lives.



Andrea Stordahl, with Minnesota Rust recently held a Mother's Day Open House featuring Katherine Howard with her soaps and Jason Steinbrenner with his artwork.



There was a flurry of activity during the Mother's Day in McIntosh Open House at Neil's Quality Meats & More. Customers were treated to samples of new products, as well as some classic favorites and fresh bread from CUB bread deliveries.

Memorial Day A Time Of Remembrance

Memorial Day was first observed in 1868 for the purpose of decorating the graves of those who died in the Civil War. Since our nation began in 1776, over a million soldiers have given their lives for our country.

We now observe Memorial Day the last Monday in May. This Memorial Day we remember the brave men and women who fought and died so we may live in freedom.



First National Bank will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.



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The Solie Family in the Service during WW1

One of the few families from the area to attain this record, Mr. and Mrs. John Solie, Jr. had five sons serving in the armed forces during WW1. The Solies were life long residents of the Winger area, but moved to Washington.

The sons were Vincent Solie (Invasion Army in Germany), Leslie Solie (with 7th Army in France), Henry Solie (Belgium), Raymond Solie (Medical Corps in India) and Donald Solie (Stationed at Camp Cooke, CA).

During WW1, Henry Solie dies of meningitis in France and was buried in the cemetery at aune-et-Lore, France.

Henry Solie is the second soldier in whose honor the Winger Post of the the American Legion is named.



Gosen Luther League

The Gosen Luther League meets on Sunday evening, May 26th, at 7 o'clock.

The Gloryland Gospel Team, who this year are celebrating 50 years of ministering together, will be presenting a music concert.

The Gloryland Team began their ministry on August 3, 1969, and have ministered throughout the United States and Canada. In 1973, the "Notes of Glory" radio broadcast began and is aired each Sunday morning on KKCQ, KROX, and KTRF radio stations.

Come join us for a special time of music, testimony, and fellowship.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

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.



Mentor Memorial Day Service

The Mentor American Legion Post #421 and the SAL Squadron are conducting a Memorial Day Service at the Mentor Community Hall on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 11:00 am. The speaker will be 1st Lieutenant Erika Beckett. Following the service in the hall all are invited to gather at the Stanley L. Larson Memorial Park for a military service to honor deceased Veterans. Everyone Welcome.



Wed. May 22:

Nick Burslie, Gary Schommer, Walter Sylstad, Darlene Dierkes

Thurs. May 23:

Gwen Rue, Kris Faldet, *Mike & Angela Lindseth

Fri. May 24:

Joyce Sultvedt

Sun. May 26:

Rainee Haaven, DeeDee Narum, Chad Smeby, Angela Breckel

Mon. May 27:

Zach Plante, Gordie Goldsmith, Jackie Huschle, Charlie Roed, Brady Grove

Tues. May 28:

Elizabeth Klemer



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. May 22: 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. May 24: 8:30 a.m.. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. May 26: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. June 2: 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. May 26 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. May 26: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. June 2: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed May 22: 7:00pm Bible Study at Don and Sharon Ramberg's

Sun. May 26: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service; 7:00 p.m. Luther League (see article elsewhere in the paper)

Tues. May 28: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTN--30; 1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Wed. May 29: 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.

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from the Winger area! With another week behind us we have seen some more favorable weather that has helped the drying some. Once again the last Saturday for the fishing opener was cool and very windy, which is very often the case.

Farmers have been busy the past week, working hard at getting their crops in. Gardens and flower beds are being worked in and being planted too.

Have made a couple trips to area nurseries and they have so many beautiful plants along with their vegetable plants.

Memorial week end is coming up next week end and will be a busy one with most of the area schools have graduation exercises scheduled, along with many of the communities observing Memorial Day with programs and ceremonies. Already have seen that families have been at the cemeteries decorating graves of loved ones.

Once again I have to make a correction on the Winger Day Calvary Church Auction, it will be held at the Calvary Church not at the Community Center as I had stated, and in case of rain will be held at the fire hall. Once again I apologize.

Welcome back to snow birds, Bob and Jeannine Perreault who are back in Winger for the summer.

Milton Carlson's Corner

Friday the 10th Paul Carlson stopped in at Milton's before work for a brief visit and a cup of coffee to get his day started.

Saturday the 11th, a birthday party was held at the Embassy Center in Fosston to celebrate Cora Fern Carlson's 1st birthday, Cora is the daughter of Taylor and Jessica Carlson and the granddaughter of Chad Carlson's the Great Granddaughter of Paul Carlson's and Milton's Great Granddaughter. This five generation celebration was attended by about 50 family and

friends.

Lonnies Gieseke was a Sunday the 12th visitor and coffee guest of Milton's and later Paul Carlson stopped by Milton's and while he was there he took care of Milton's garbage.

Monday the 13th Paul Carlson stopped in at Milton's had a cup of coffee and while there helped Milton with some household chores that needed tending to. Later on Monday Milton went on to the Win-E-Mac Junction where he got a pizza to take out, while Donna Tradewell carried it to the car for Milton the two had a good visit. Judy Gieseke joined Milton at noon and the two visited while enjoying the pizza for dinner.

Tuesday found Milton busy as he picked up and planted some flowers.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp met Joan Helland of Fargo and Jim Larsen of West Fargo at the Shooting Star Casino and the four of them took in the Beach Boys Concert which was an excellent concert and there was a full house.

Mother's Day Sunday Helmer Homme joined Ver-

lys at the Pioneer Home at Erskine for dinner and later Helmer took Verlys out to the Dairy Queen for a treat.

Betty Myhrum and David Myhrum were guests at the Chris and Susan Eischens home in Newfolden where they celebrated an early Mother's Day. Dakota and Kjerstie Poissant joined the family and did the grilling outside for all to enjoy.

Another reminder of the Winger Days planned for June 29th with something for everyone as there will be a car and tractor show, a parade at 2:00. There will be a farmers market and a flea market along with the Calvary Church auction which will be held at the church and in case of rain will be held in the fire hall. Completing the day will be the Lion's fish Fry beginning at 4:30 at the Community Center. Let's hope for a nice day so all can come out and enjoy the day, contacts are Jerry or Kathy Kaupang at (218) 694-3158. They have put a lot of time and work into planning this day so come on out and take part.

Congratulations to all the area high school graduates that will have commencement exercises next week end, and good luck to each of you as you move on to another phase of your life. May you all have a good week full of happiness and sunshine.

USDA opens signup for new on-farm trials effort

Funding is available in three focus areas, including grazing lands, organic systems and soil health.

USDA is investing up to \$25 million per year over the next five years to help support the adoption and evaluation of innovative conservation approaches on agricultural lands. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting proposals through July 15, 2019, for On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials (On-Farm Trials), a new, additional sub-program created by the 2018 Farm Bill for the USDA's Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program.

On-Farm Trials include a Soil Health Demo Trial, also created by the 2018 Farm Bill.

The On-Farm Trials funding announcement, including the 2019 funding priorities, is available here.

"Our Conservation Innovation Grants program is time-tested, highly successful and has led to tremendous discoveries and enhancements in conservation over the years," NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr said. "The addition of On-Farm Trials and the Soil Health Demo Trial provide us with ex-

USDA..

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The County Line

By Warren Strandell
Polk County Commissioner, Dist. 2

On the wall behind the center chair at the front of the County Board meeting room hangs a framed copy of the dedication program for the then new Polk County Courthouse.

That was on June 27, 1969, which was 50 years ago.

The name of the building, which is still as sound as the Rock of Gibraltar, has been changed to the Polk County Government Center. Renaming occurred after District Court was moved to the new Polk County Justice Center when that building opened in 2008. The move ended any reference to "courthouse."

Besides District Court, the Justice Center, which is now already 11 years old, houses the 200-bed Northwest Regional Corrections Center jail and Probation Department, both of which are operated by the Tri-County Community Corrections agency. Also re-located there in 2008 was the Polk County Attorney's Office. Polk County Public Health moved into the building as a part of a remodeling project a few years ago.

Despite 50 years of use — actually it is a bit more than that because construction of the "courthouse" was completed in late 1968 — the "Government Center" is more than functional and still has a long life ahead. The building's heating and cooling systems have recently been updated. So has the lighting. As needs and uses changed over the years there have also been a series of remodeling projects. The roof is showing signs that it will need some attention but replacement is on the maintenance schedule.

One exception

Everything is in really good shape... well, that's except for the elevator, which has hiccupped a few times, most recently with a county employee aboard. The telephone in the elevator telephone didn't work then, too, but there was nothing to worry about as it concerned safety. But now, after 50 years it is time for replacement and that process is underway.

After that recent incident, County Building & Grounds Director Mark Dietz sent out this email message to staff.

All: Many of you may have heard of the elevator malfunction earlier today. The carriage stopped short, did not fully close the inside doors and did not open while someone was inside. While we have worked to keep the elevator functioning, we've reached a point where this requires more serious remedies. We've already had two incidents this year.

Dietz noted that the problem centers on the old electrical control system and that there might likely be some truth to the story that this control system wasn't new when it was installed in 1958. Word is that, in an effort to reduce construction costs, it had been salvaged from another building beforehand.

While the elevator now works just fine virtually all of the time, riders are being encouraged to have their cell phones with them just in case. And Dietz has taken action to have the elevator turned off and unavailable to anyone who might be in the building during non-regular office hours.

Buildings maintained

Taking care of county buildings, whether with something like the elevator problem or a leaky roof, is a concern that is always right up there at the top of the list of things that have to be done. In that regard, Polk County is in really good shape. Buildings are taken care of either on schedule or when they come up out of nowhere.

Remodeling of the Human Service Center building in East Grand Forks where additional space was created for the Northwest Mental Health Center was the most recent building upgrade. Additional work in that building is also planned through next year to upgrade the heating and cooling systems, to re-roof the building, and to do some other less extensive remodeling for other needs and uses.

After 18 years of county ownership, this work will see the building up for many more

years. Before Polk County acquired it in 1999, the building had been home to the Maury's TV & Appliance store after having been built initially in the 1970s for Warehouse Foods.

Biggest projects

The other recent projects include \$24.5 million solid waste program improvements. These include expansion of the material recovery facility (incinerator) in Fosston, construction of the new transfer station in Crookston, and creation of the compost pad at the Polk County Landfill near Gentilly.

These projects give Polk County what is likely the best solid waste disposal/recycling program in the state of Minnesota and none of the cost this work is ever going to show up on your property tax bills. Grants paid for \$17.5 million of the work. Tipping fees will pay for the \$7 local share... and tipping fees haven't been increased as a result.

Other work in recent years has involved conversion of the old jail into expanded space for the Sheriff's Department and for a new Dispatch Center. Space was also created in the Law Enforcement Center for Information Technology Department offices and for the "server room" where all of the data technology is based.

What could be a better location for this data than in a building that was constructed to be a jail and which houses the county's law enforcement agency.

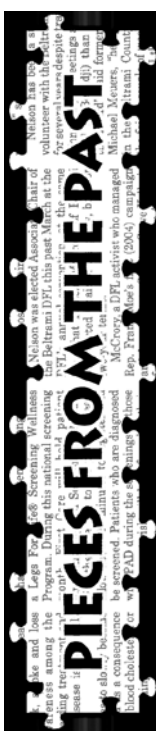
Other recent projects include the creation of a satellite office for the Sheriff's Department in Fosston and the development of an east county base for the Social Services in the Bjella Building in McIntosh.

Buildingswise, things are good. When any unplanned issues come up, they get immediate attention.

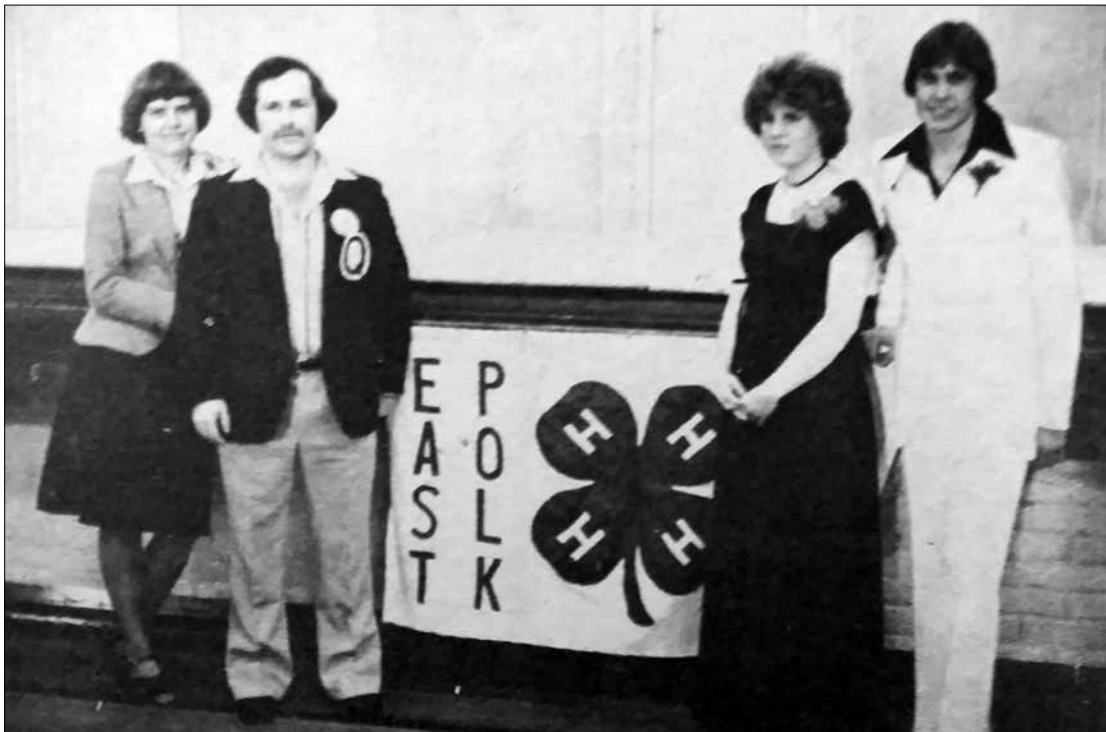
History lesson

Now, for history buffs, back to that 1969 courthouse dedication event and the wall hanging in the County Board room:

The dedication was held outside in the parking lot that had been created after the old



50 years ago...1969: Champions All! Proudly displaying their hard won bowling trophies are left to right, Nancy Roskowski, Pat Tranby, Garnet Aanenson, Carole Burslie and Ellen Burslie.



40 years ago...1979: Engineering the 4-H "Share The Fun" in McIntosh last Sunday afternoon were East Polk County Extension Agent, Barb Klixbull, of Lengby; County Extension Agent, Bob Quinlan, of McIntosh, with Michelle Munter, Queen 4-H and Randy Kaupang of Winger 4-H acting as Emcees.



30 years ago...1989: (L-R) Kelsey Thompson, daughter of Mark and Karen Thompson, Rebecca Lee, daughter of Mark and Joan Lee, and Rainee Haaven, daughter of Bruce and Debbie Haaven, enjoyed a pause for refreshments at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday.



20 years ago...1999: Four generations were present at one table at the Men and Boy's Supper at Our Savior's. (L-R) Brandon Tranby, Shawn Ostenaar, Peter Tranby, (grandpa and great-grandpa) Piney Edwards, Sherman Tranby, Gordy Ostenaar, Matthew Trulsen, Nicholas Ostenaar.

courthouse, built in 1914, had been razed. The Fosston High School Band played the Star Spangled Banner. Polk County Veterans Service Officer Harry McFarlin raised the flag. Honorable Judge Harley Swenson served as master of ceremonies. Crookston Mayor Harold Thomforde gave the welcome.

Monsignor A. I. Merth of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in East Grand Forks did the invocation. And Oscar R. Knutson, chief justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, was introduced prior to remarks that were given by Dean Witcher,

the contractor, and by Cecil Griffith, the architect.

Keys to the new building were presented to Orris Moen, Fertile, who was chairman of the County Board. Other commissioners then were Hillard Mykleby, Eldred; Alfons Hanson, Crookston; Olaf Enerson, Fosston; and Viggo Nelson, East Grand Forks. Martin Vanseth, the county auditor and clerk of the board, had served as chair of the program committee.

Do you remember any of them or those names? If not, it was 50 years ago.

Thoughts for the day:

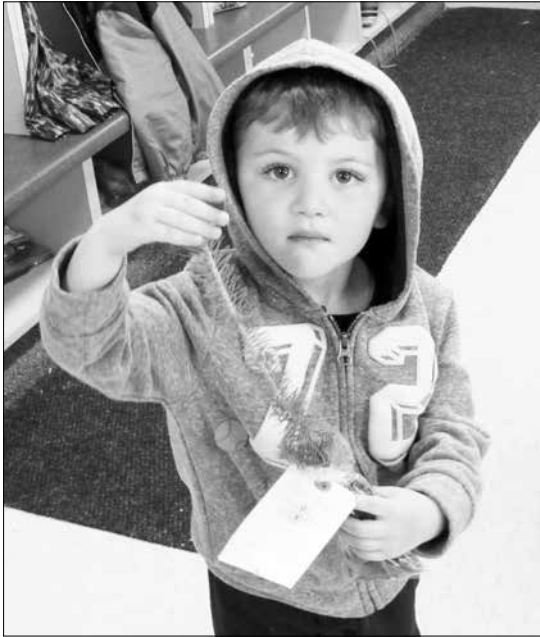
In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one part of the citizenry to give to the other. — Voltaire (1764)

The ultimate distinction of greatness is determined by the amount of excellence over and above the required.

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An annual 4th grade class project at Win-E-Mac School, when the students write a biography of a famous person and then the class holds a Wax Museum, where students and community members donate change to hear the 4th grade students facts about their person, whom they have also dressed as. The money raised is for the Polk County Humane Society. This year the 4th graders from Mr. Svalen and Mr. Roragen's classes raised over \$600 during the Wax Museum.



(above left) Grayson Schwartz and (above right) Sawyer Cook each received a tree to take home and plant for the ECFE Arbor Day night held at Win-E-Mac School.



Tapanga Bratager
An Open House will be held honoring Tapan-ga Bratager following the graduation ceremony on May 25th at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Jeff & Julie Bratager, 20544 410th St SE Erskine, ending at 8 pm. MSC



Cora Earls gives her presentation about Lindsay Whalen to her brother, Hank during the 4th grade Wax Museum at Win-E-Mac School.



Kelsey Hedlund, from East Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District visited with the kids and parents at the Monday Win-E-Mac Early Childhood Education Program about Arbor Day and the importance of trees for the environment. Here, ECFE teacher, Holly Klawitter is showing the kids how to plant the trees they were given to take home.



Lily Breckel
Open House honoring Lily Breckel following the Win-E-Mac graduation ceremony on May 25 at our farm, 29207 330th St SE McIntosh. Every-one welcome! MSC



Gym Rats Resurrection 2019 – WEM Girls Basketball – girl's grades 4-8 (next year's grade). Love the game of basketball and want to improve your skills and understanding of the game, here is a great opportunity. Head Coach Kaster is reviving the "Gym Rats" a GBB summer youth program where participants will be working on the fundamentals of the game with instruction to include foot work, defense, shooting, passing, rebounding, moving without the ball, screens, dribbling, etc. Dates – July 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30; time – 5:30-7:30 p.m.; cost - \$25 – all proceeds go to the varsity GBB program. Girls that register will also receive a gym rats t-shirt. Forms are available in the office – please have it filled out with your payment to WEM GBB by Thursday, May 23rd

Winger Marching Cadets will meet all the Mondays in May 2019 (May 6, 13, & 20). The Cadets will be a special part of the Winger program on May 27, 2019. Children can ride the Winger bus to the Gopher Den in Winger after school. Our practice is 4:00-5:00 p.m. Snack will be served. Children must be picked up

at 5:00 p.m. Children K-6th grade are invited. Hope to see you there.

Take It To The Rim Basketball Camp

Location: Win-E-Mac School
Dates: July 22-25 (Monday-Thursday)
½ day sessions

For Grades 4-11(School year 2019-20)

Boys and Girls 8:30-12:30
About the Camp

Crosby – Ironton Coach Dave Galovich, a 2007 member of the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, will be camp director. Coach Galovich brings 40 years of coaching experience. He was named the 2008 Class AA Coach of the Year, had several teams appear in the state tournament, included 3 runner up finishes, and with over 700 wins, is currently in the top five in the history of boys' basketball with career wins.

Win-E-Mac Coach Vern Johnson a 2013 Member of the MN Basketball Coaches' Hall of Fame, will assist Coach Galovich. Coach Johnson has received 6 Section 8A Coach of the Year honors, with teams finishing 4 times as section runner up.

The camp will include many different individual and team drills for offense and defense. Individual skills will include ball handling, shooting, passing and full court drills. The camp will also include games and contests.

Cost \$55.00 – Includes a Camp T-Shirt. The camp fee must be turned in by June 4th, and is not refundable after that date.

Summer Basketball League

There will be an organization meeting on May 29th at 7:00 PM at the high school gym, for those interested in playing summer league basketball. The league is open to anyone 14 or older, with league games scheduled for Wednesday nights starting at 6:30, beginning on June 5th thru June

26th, and July 10 & 17th. Cost is \$25. If you are unable to attend on the 29th, Contact Vern Johnson if interested. 218-689-0377 or 218-687-3236

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. Registration forms can be picked up in the office.

Road Construction: Beginning May 1, we will see signs installed with Bridge and Road construction to begin on Highway 59 and US 2 intersection. The bridge and Highway 59, near the school will close on May 20th. This will cause a detour getting to school. The roads available will be through Erskine or the County Highway 35, north of the school. This will cause some bus delays after the school day for students and parents getting home. Please be patient with the time of drop-off for the remainder of the year.

Summer meals: The school will again offer free breakfast and lunch every day this summer except for the week of July 4th, to any student who wants a meal during the day. We will need the names or numbers of those attending the day before for planning purposes. Parents can eat also for a cost, but students are free. The school district will offer a Century 21 program along with a re-energized summer rec program from 7:30 am until 5:30 pm, with a free breakfast and lunch to all kids. There is a fee for the summer rec activities and we will offer supervision after the programs until 5:30 pm, which will extend through the summer. The District will offer a bussing service to the cities within our district.

College majors that can lead to higher earnings

Choosing a college major is an important decision that many students delay making until their sophomore or even junior years.

Only after taking a few courses and uncovering one's interests do some college students figure out what they want to do with their lives.

Each student is different, and while some may pursue a degree based on a particular passion, others may choose majors that can lead to high-paying jobs.

While men often lean toward majors like engineering and computer science that have traditionally been linked to high earnings, women have historically gravitated to lower-paying specialties like education and social sciences.

But in recent years a shift has occurred, and more women have begun to choose majors associated with higher post-graduate salaries.

Reports from the career guidance site Glassdoor analyzed how much male and female professionals with the same college degree earned and identified many instances in which women went on to earn more than men in the first five years of their career.

They've identified several majors where female college graduates can earn as much or more than their male counterparts and find successful careers.

- Architecture
- Pharmaceutical sciences
- Information sciences
- Chemical engineering

- Computer science
- Electrical engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Computer engineering
- Business economics
- Civil engineering
- Sports management

Despite these findings, the college resource CollegeFactual and the U.S. Department of Education says that women remain likely to pursue education, design and applied arts, health services, and social work as career options.

Female students unsure of which major they want to pursue can take career assessments to help narrow down their options.

Working with mentors or engaging in internships also can present a first-hand idea of high-paying career paths.

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provided opportunities to work with partners to encourage the adoption of innovative conservation approaches that, for any number of reasons, have yet to be widely adopted by agricultural producers."

NRCS is now accepting proposals from the following eligible entities:

- Private entities whose primary business is related to agriculture.

- Non-governmental organizations with experience working with agricultural producers.

On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials

Through On-Farm Trials, NRCS and partners will collaborate to encourage the adoption of innovative practices and systems on agricultural lands.

On-Farm Trials funding goes directly to partners, which in turn provide technical assistance and incentive payments to producers to implement innovative approaches on their lands. Producers receiving On-Farm Trials payments must be eligible to participate in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

The maximum On-Farm Trials award for 2019 is \$5 million. The minimum award is \$250,000.

A critical element of each On-Farm Trials project is the project evaluation.

Partners must propose robust scientific approaches to their on-farm trials, resulting in data and analyses of the environmental, financial and (to the extent possible) social impacts of the trials.

For the Soil Health Demo Trial, partners must agree to use consistent soil health assessment protocols developed by NRCS.

On-Farm Trials is distinct from traditional national CIG competitive grants funding, which is used to support early pilot projects or demonstrations of promising conservation approaches and technologies and is not typically provided directly to producers.

On-Farm Trials funding is designed to flow through partners directly to producers to implement innovative approaches that have been well-studied and known to provide conservation benefits.

"We are asking partners that have access to producer networks to join us in putting

innovative conservation under the microscope to figure out how to expand the adoption of innovative practices and systems," Chief Lohr said. "NRCS intends to use On-Farm Trials results to inform our own work with farmers, ranchers and forest landowners."

More Information

On December 20, 2018, President Trump signed into law the 2018 Farm Bill, which provides support, certainty and stability to our nation's farmers, ranchers and land stewards by enhancing farm support programs, improving crop insurance, maintaining disaster programs and promoting and supporting voluntary conservation.

NRCS is committed to implementing these changes as quickly and effectively as possible, and today's updates are part of meeting that goal.

A webinar for potential On-Farm Trials applicants is scheduled for May 29, 2019, at 3 p.m. EST.

To learn more about the webinar and program, visit the CIG On-Farm Trials webpage.

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