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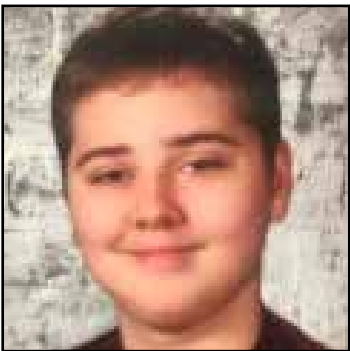
Nicole Grande and Paulette Kringlen will celebrate their retirement from the First National Bank of McIntosh on Friday, June 28th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm with everyone welcome.

Fundraiser BBQ
this Saturday:Countin’ for Carter

There will be a fundraiser event on Saturday, June 29th, 2019 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. for Carter Bendickson to raise money to help offset the cost of traveling, being away from home and any non-covered medical expenses. The event will be held at the Lean To Tavern in Bejou. There will also be door prizes, raffle and silent auction.

In August of 2019 Carter Bendickson was diagnosed with ITP. ITP is a condition where the body destroys its own blood platelets leaving the patient susceptible to serious internal bleeding.

5 rounds of chemotherapy



Carter Bendickson and countless trips to the hospital and Carter is still fighting strong.

Please come and show your support for Carter!

Plan to attend Winger Day this Saturday, June 29th

Saturday, June 29th will be Winger Day which is a great day to come out and enjoy a fun event.

The day will start at 9:00 am with a Car and Tractor Show, Farmers Market, Flea Market and more which will run until 4:00 pm.

The Calvary Lutheran Church will have a fundraiser auction starting at 11:00 am This is a fundraiser to help pay some of the costs of repairing the church after the tornado that ripped through Winger last summer. There is still time to donate items to the auction as well. You can call



Dave Natwick for more information at 218-280-1277.

At 2:00 pm the parade will

begin on Main Street.

Rounding out the day will be the Winger Lions Fish Fry. The Club will serve from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The fish fry is all you can eat with potato salad, baked beans, and rolls. The proceeds from the fish fry will go towards medical expenses incurred by Mike Moran. There are also raffle tickets for a chance to win several cash prizes and the tickets can be purchased from a Lion's member for \$5.

Mark your calendar and come out for a great day in Winger on Saturday, June 29th.



Essentia Health earns top certification level

Essentia Health is now the only health system in the country to earn Level 3 Accountable Care Organization (ACO) re-certification – the highest level of certification. This is Essentia's third certification, awarded through the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Re-certification occurs every three years.

This accreditation helps healthcare organizations demonstrate their ability to improve quality, reduce costs and coordinate patient care. It ensures that patients are at the center of decisions Essentia Health caregivers make and determines how services are provided.

As part of the Level 3 ACO accreditation, Essentia Health must monitor patient experience and up to 40 measures of clinical quality and cost, collect and report on these mea-

sures and show improvement or strong performance on these measures. Requirements include having the necessary infrastructure and leadership to move the system toward the triple aim of better health, lower costs and better patient experiences; providing access to needed providers; practicing patient-centered care; supporting care management activities; facilitating care coordination and transitions; making patients aware of rights and responsibilities; and reporting performance and quality improvement.

Debbie Welle-Powell, Essentia Health's chief population health officer in Accountable Care says, "Patients know that we continue to focus on their care and make sure they are getting the right care at the right time at the right place. The whole program is comprehensive. We continue to

improve and build on our care and what we know for patient-centeredness."

Pictured above: Dawson Gunafson has fun during the McIntosh Summer library event when the kids had a chance to make "rockets" out of film canister's and using Alka Seltzer and water turned the canister into a rocket outside the Community Center on Monday. The kids all enjoyed the fun and even received a pair of sunglasses to take home.

Pictured above right: Morgan Bauer, wearing her new sunglasses as eye protection had fun with making a film canister rocket and setting it off with the kids during the McIntosh Library Summer event held on Monday morning.



What is more fun to kids than being able to go outside a play with water, setting off a film canister rocket fueled with Alka Seltzer and a bit of water, Liam Schow checks his rocket before setting it on the ground.

MN strawberry season is just around the corner

Check with local farmers to see how cold temps affected schedules

Minnesota's strawberry season is off to a slow start due to cold temperatures, but farmers expect to see an abundant berry season.

Because conditions vary from region to region, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) recommends checking with your local patch for information on availability before heading out to the farm.

Strawberry season in Minnesota is short and sweet, typically two to three weeks long, but the length of harvest varies depending on varieties planted, weather, and soil type.

In Northeast Minnesota, Michael Lunemann of Lunemann's Luney Berry Strawberry Farm noted that his crop is a few weeks behind. "A couple of fields are blooming and by next week we'll be in full bloom, so it'll be closer to the tenth of July before we open," he said.

In Southeast Minnesota, farmer Kelsey Fitzgerald of Willie Nillie Farm expects to see berries a little sooner. "The crop went through the winter really well and they look lush. I am hoping to see ripe berries the third week of June," she said. The farm includes fresh strawberries in its CSA shares



each summer.

Whether you choose to pick-your-own or are part of a CSA, be sure to choose local this berry season.

Use the MDA's Minnesota Grown Directory, available in print or online at www.minnesotagrown.com/order-minnesota-grown-directory/, to find local pick-your-own strawberry operations or farmers market.

The 2019 Directory includes 75 strawberry farms.

Order your free printed directory online at www.minnesotagrown.com/order-minnesota-grown-directory/ or call 1-800-657-3878.



Congratulations to Dale Balstad of the Winger Lions. He was presented the Melvin Jones Award at the local Winger Lions. The Melvin Jones Award is one of the most prestigious awards within the Lions Club International. The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of the foundation. Presented to those who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others, it's a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of the founder, Melvin Jones. Dale was nominated for this award by Tim (Bun) Anderson for Dale's years of dedication to the Winger Lions. Dale is currently serving at the Winger Lions Secretary. Pictured: Darrel Olson (left) presenting Dale Balstad (right) the Melvin Jones Award.



Community
Calendar

- Wed. June 26:** 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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- Wed. July 3:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Thurs. July 4:** Independence Day
- Fri July 5:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. July 8:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Explore Rockets @ McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Tue July 9:** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Move. Polk County 2019

After a year hiatus- we are starting off with a new name- **MOVE. POLK COUNTY. MPC** is hoping to encourage all and everyone to get their **MOVE ON** to a healthier lifestyle this summer!

We know how important it is to get out and be active. Regular movement helps our body, mind and spirit!

Just 30 minutes of activity a day can help reduce stress, increase energy levels, improve sleep, maintain a healthy body weight and build healthy muscles. In addition, regular physical activity reduces the risk of chronic illnesses such as heart disease, stroke, and diabetes.

The Polk County Wellness Coalition is excited to announce Move. Polk County (MPC) starts on Monday, July 8th and runs through September 3rd.

Participation is free and is open and encouraged for all community members! Participants can sign up to receive weekly motivational e-mails to keep you on track and moving. Polk County walking trails will be featured in the weekly emails to encourage participants to get out and explore in new ways.

Whatever your style, there are many types of activity that count towards checking off a 30-minute box on your MPC map. Activity or movement include; walking, biking, rollerblading, swimming, dancing, gardening, raking, jogging, even mowing or cleaning...anything that keeps you moving!

If you are interested in participating, email: amy.erdmann@co.polk.mn.us with MPC in the subject line for a map or pick up your map at Polk County Public Health in Crookston (816 Marin Avenue), East Grand Forks (1424 Central Ave) or McIntosh (250 Cleveland Ave.).

You can download your own map at www.co.polk.mn.us Search: Move. Polk County, or scan the QR code provided below.

Complete a map and turn it in for a chance to win prizes! Drawings will occur biweekly on July 22nd (7/22), August 5th (8/5), August 19th (8/19), and September 5th (9/3) with a FINAL cash prize drawing from all maps at the end. The more maps you complete, the more your chance of winning increases.

Polk County Public Health and the Polk County Wellness Coalition are working to make healthy choices easier. For more information about Move. Polk County, contact Amy Erdmann by phone at 218-281-3385 or by email at: amy.erdmann@co.polk.mn.us

To register online: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPC_2019



50th Anniversary

Please join us in celebrating Tom and Eileen Hegg's 50th wedding anniversary. Open house 2:00 to 4:00, July 6 at the McIntosh Community Center with small program at 3:00.

M13-14C

How to start exercising at home

A healthy diet and an active lifestyle are great ways to achieve a healthy weight and good overall health. Many people no doubt associate exercise with fitness centers and gym memberships. While gyms certainly are effective places to break a sweat, exercising at home can be an effective way to get fit as well.

Body weight exercises

Body weight exercises include push-ups, planks, squats, and lunges. Alternating incline and positioning of the body when performing some of these exercises is a great way to work various muscle groups. Body weight exercises do not necessarily require equipment, and that may disappoint some people. That's because, with no added weight - and only one's own body weight to provide resistance - it's difficult for a person to challenge himself or herself effectively and gradually build up progress.

Get outdoors for cardio

A mix of cardiovascular activity, which puts a strain on the heart and lungs to build up stamina, can help shave off the pounds when paired with strength training exercises.

Make your own strawberry bouquet

What you need:

- Strawberries (as many as you desire)
- Paring knife
- Small wooden skewers (forks will work too)
- A vase

Get Carving

- 1.Stick the top of the strawberry with the green leaves onto a wooden skewer. Your berry should be upside down.
- 2.Use your knife to cut three to four vertical slices around the base. These will be your outer petals.



Launch Minnesota: Help us grow startup ecosystem

One of the most exciting outcomes of the 2019 Legislative session for DEED was the creation of a new program called Launch Minnesota.

Designed to nurture technology startups and entrepreneurs across the state, Launch Minnesota will work with private industry to create financial incentives and programming to demonstrate that Minnesota is committed to fostering an innovation ecosystem that draws global attention.

"Entrepreneurs are the future of Minnesota's innovation economy," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove.

"We need to play an active role in helping make this state a great place to foster new technologies and ideas so that maybe the next Google or Apple could come from Minnesota."

Launch Minnesota will provide financial incentives, training, and grants to people starting companies in technology sectors such as aerospace, agri-

Recipe: Minnesota sweet flower berry tea



Minnesota Sweet Flower Berry Tea Simple syrup

- 1 pint of berries (strawberries, blueberries, or raspberries), chopped
 - 1/3 cup honey
 - ½ cup water
- Combine ingredients in a sauce pan and simmer over low heat for 20-30 minutes or until berries are broken down and a thick liquid forms. Remove from heat and strain into a jar. Press the liquid out of the berries, so that none is wasted.

Herbal tea

- ½ cup dried chamomile flowers
- ½ cup mint leaves (use fresh for more flavor)
- 12 cups water

Heat water in a tea kettle and wait until it whistles. Add flowers and mint to a metal tea filter or a tea bag. Pour hot water over tea and let steep for 3-5 minutes. Remove tea leaves and flowers.

Finished Product

Add 1/2 cup of your simple syrup to the tea while still hot. Stir until combined completely. Serve hot or let cool to room temperature and then move to the fridge. Chill. Pour over ice. Garnish with mint and berries. Enjoy.

Pro Tip: Want more flavor? Add more chamomile and mint. Play with the amount of simple syrup to achieve your desired level of sweetness.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

3.Move further up on the fruit and add three to four more slices in another row. Try to stagger your slices for natural looking petals, as shown in the photo.

4.Continue until you reach the top.

5.Slice an x into the tip of the berry.

6.Arrange your completed "flowers" in a vase. Enjoy.

Pro tip: Add chocolate dipped fruit to your bouquet for a real show stopper. Use mint sprigs to fill in empty space. Tie a ribbon around your vase for a final touch.

NOTICE ELECTION & ANNUAL MEETING VERNES CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The annual election and meeting of the Vernes Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, July 8, 2019 at the Vernes Lutheran Church. The meeting shall start at 7:00 p.m. and all association members are invited to attend. Association members are all members of Vernes Lutheran Church and anyone else who has relatives or friends buried in the cemetery. Again, all members are encouraged to attend.

Raymond O. Sundrud
Secretary/Treasurer
Vernes Cemetery Association

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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the City of McIntosh will hold a public hearing on July 16, 2019 at the McIntosh Community Center at 7:00pm. Such persons who desire to be heard with reference to the adoption of the 2019 MN Basic Code will be heard at this meeting.

Melissa Finseth
Clerk/Treasurer
City of McIntosh

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MAC TO FLUSH WATERLINES

The City of McIntosh will be flushing waterlines and hydrants each Thursday throughout the summer. Residents are encouraged to watch for rusty or dirty water on these days. Fill washing machines to check water before adding clothes.



M11-27C



Wed. June 26: Matt Thompson
Thurs. June 27: Debbie Haaven, *Clay & Teresa Syverson
Fri. June 28: Judy Webster, *Craig & Jill Lende
Sat. June 29: Cole Shaver, David Herem
Sun. June 30: Jade Pries
Mon. July 1: Justin Burslie, Carla Grundy-son
Tues. July 2: Nickolas Schow, Hudson Smeby, Gabe Paskvan, Weston Enger, *Paul & Julie Schow, *Dan & Mary Salvhus

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. JUNE 26: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. June 28: 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. June 30: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Fri. July 5: 5:30pm First Friday Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
If you have any questions please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH Winger/Bejou Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Sun. June 30: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary
Sun. July 7: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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

Sun. June 30: 11:15am Worship Service.
Sun. July 7: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church

Fri June 28: 10:00 a.m. Telecast of the Luther League program on GVTV--30

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

Tues. July 2: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30; 1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Wed. July 3: 7:00pm Bible Study at 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. June 26: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

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

Sun. June 30: 9:30am Worship at Trinity; 11:00am Worship at Mt. Carmel

Wed. July 3: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Sun. July 7: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel 11:00am Worship at Trinity

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. June 30: 9am Worship
Sun. July 7: 9am Worship

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FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlunds

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

Sun. June 30: 10:00am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School

Wed. July 3: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans Everyone Welcome

Sun. July 7: 10:00am Worship Service, Adult and Children's Sunday School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh

Pastor Bruce Blocker,

Sun. June 30: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School
Sun. July 7: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC Erskine, Minnesota

Pr. Scott Baker, interim
Sun. June 30: 9:00am Worship

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH Erskine

Pastor Joel Smeby

Wed. June 26: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes
Thurs. June 27: 4:00pm Confirmation Class

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

Sun. June 30: 10:00am Worship

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger and the surrounding area, we have had a rather cool spell of weather with some spotty rain, and looks like it will be a dreary and rainy weekend. We need the moisture but don't seem to get a whole lot, but then again better than the flooding and tornadoes they are having other places.

As I do my news tonight, Thursday the 20th, tomorrow is the first day of summer which means it is also the longest day of the year, and then the days start to get shorter from here on, kind of depressing but we can only hope for some nice summer days to come and a long fall ahead of us.

We are close to putting June behind us and moving on to July, that means we are half-way through the year already, where did it go, but on another thought, we are close to the July 4th holiday, the Fertile Fair follows right behind that. So does that mean summer is slipping by us, I would say so, but we need summer to come and stay.

If you haven't driven through Winger lately, you will notice as I mentioned last week a lot of activity going on in the Village, the railroad crew is all but gone, the work continues on the old school grounds as they are working on the water treatment plant, and across the street from that is the Sidney Anderson ball park that has all been reconstructed and ready for ball games after it was demolished by the tornado that went through here last summer. Nice to see all these things happening!

Another weekend will go by and then Winger Days is here, so much going on and so many people that have worked to make it happen, now we need people to come and support

it. Jerry and Kathy Kaupang have worked on this for a long time to make it happen, lets all come out and support the people that have made this possible! There will be a Lynn Lucken Memorial parade made possible by so many of the race drivers that not only did he coach but also stood beside them as they went on to race in their own special classes. Rumor has it there could be as many as, well let's leave that as a surprise, come on out and witness the dedication these drivers had for Lynn.

Once again on to the news and again it is meager! Need help and I sound like a nag but this is the only way it will continue is through your support and input.

Milton Carlson's Corner

On Thursday the 13th Milton went to Fertile with Donna Carlson where they met Kristen Erickson for breakfast.

Friday the 14th Donna Carlson picked up Milton and they went back to Fertile where they went to the donut shop and had coffee and donut, which were so awesome. (I recently had a sample of some of their cookies brought to Winger by a friend and yes they are definitely worth a trip to Fertile to check them out.) Later on Thursday Judy stopped by Milton's for a visit and a cup of coffee. That same day Paul Carlson stopped in a Milton's for a visit and filled the water softener with salt.

Saturday Paul Carlson stopped in to visit with Milton over a cup of coffee and brought Milton his mail.

Father's Day, Sunday the 16th Milton went onto Erskine to Ness Café where he was joined by Mike, Kari, Terry and Olivia Keller of Bejou, Roy, Lisa and Ryan Schaumburg

and Lonnie and Judy Gieseke for dinner. The café was bustling at the seams with people enjoying the day together.

Sunday the 16th found Kris, Sheila, Vincent, Jasmine and Carson Benesh, along with Jade Benesh and her friend Nick visiting with Milton for Father's Day. Paul Carlson also stopped in at Milton's for a visit with the family and while there he took out Milton's garbage. Later on that evening Chad and Michelle Carlson stopped in for a visit with Milton and the family.

Wednesday the 19th Paul Carlson along with Dusty Wayne, Evelyn, and Cosette Carlson arrived via the golf cart to visit with Milton.

Father's Day supper guests at the Pulskamp home were Marv Engesether of Plummer and Reha Sanstead of Erskine.

Last Saturday Dakota and Kjerstie Poissant of Newfolden were afternoon visitors with Grandma Betty Myhrum at Betty's home.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Teegan, Morgan, Peyton and Thielen Brtek were all day visitors at the Pulskamp home along with Kylie Casavan who joined them on Tuesday. Kylie also spent the day at Pulskamp's. In the evenings, Grandpa Kelly took the kids home for the night while their parents were out of town. My only comment is, I can see now why you should have your kids when you are young. Yes, I guess I would do it again.

So until next week this the news to share with you, and again before there is none, please send or drop yours off!

See you all at Winger Days.

Do you have a story to share?

If you have a story, a story idea or any photos you want to share, please send to: mcintoshtimes@gmail.com



50 years ago...1969: Pictured with SCS technician, Dick Parent are Gordon Aaseng and Nathan Anderson who, together with other members of the King 4-H Club planted 700 trees this spring.



40 years ago...1979: C.E.T.A. funded youth were busy cleaning up rubbish on Winger streets, following the Diamond Jubilee celebration over the weekend. Pictured are Julie Olson, Candace Stordahl and Donna Larson. Working at the school was Duane Hagen.

USDA offers options to re-enroll or exten expiring CRP contracts

Farmers and ranchers with expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts may now re-enroll in certain CRP continuous signup practices or, if eligible, select a one-year contract extension.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) also is accepting offers from those who want to enroll for the first time in one of the country's largest conservation programs. FSA's 52nd signup for CRP runs from June 3 to August 23.

"Agricultural producers with expiring CRP contracts have set aside land to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, provide habitat for wildlife and boost soil health for at least a decade," said U.S. Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Bill Northey. "We want to make sure they – and their neighbors who may not have a CRP contract – know they have opportunities within CRP to continue their valuable contribution to our country's conservation successes."

FSA stopped accepting offers last fall for the CRP continuous signup when 2014 Farm Bill authority expired. The 2018 Farm Bill reauthorized the program this past December, and FSA has carefully analyzed the bill's language and determined that a limited signup prioritizing water-quality practices furthers conservation goals and makes sense for producers as FSA works to fully implement the program.

This year's CRP continuous signup includes such practices as grass waterways, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restoration and others. View a full list of practices approved for this signup. Continuous signup enrollment contracts last for 10 to 15 years. Soil rental rates are set at 90 percent of 2018 rates. Incentive payments are not offered for these practices.

Producers with Expiring CRP Contracts Letters are in the mail to all producers with expiring CRP contracts, describing possible options.

A one-year extension is being offered to existing CRP participants with expiring CRP contracts of 14 years or less that have practices not eligible for re-enrollment under this CRP signup.

Alternatively, producers



with expiring contracts may have the option to enroll in the Transition Incentives Program, which provides two additional annual rental payments on the condition the land is sold or rented to a beginning farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group.

CRP Continuous CREP Signup: This signup also enables producers to sign up under existing Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) agreements. CREP is part of CRP and targets high-priority conservation concerns identified by a state, and federal funds are supplemented with non-federal funds to address those concerns. Download this fact sheet to learn more.

Other Future CRP Signup Options: FSA is still planning a CRP general signup in December 2019, with a CRP Grasslands signup to follow. Those that extend their contracts may be eligible for one of these signup types or another continuous signup in the future.

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

Producers interested in applying for CRP continuous practices, including those under existing CREP agreements, or who want to extend their contract, should contact their USDA service center by August 23. To locate your local FSA office, visit www.farmers.gov. More information on CRP can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.



30 years ago...1989: Directors of the First National Bank and their wives greeted guests as the bank celebrated its 100th anniversary with an open house on Friday. (L-R) David Beito, Ken Jore, Gene Beito, Laura Beito, Bob Hulst and Donald Bentley, (Front, L-R) Verniz Jore, Gretchen Beito, Anne Beito, and Dorothy Bentley.



20 years ago...1999: Two familiar faces from McIntosh-Winger and Win-E-Mac record books are helping young volleyball players learn techniques of the game. The Carver sisters (Lisa Handley and Lynette Ross) middle are surrounded by their 18's team who took part in the Minnesota Festival in Blaine on June 11-14. Players are (back) Heather Hoffmann, Gwen Grundyson, Stacy Edbraaten; (front) Brooke Foss, Kayla Ness, Jackie Ostenaar, Holly James and Ashley Bergman.

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