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Winger Day was held last Saturday, June 29th. There was a special tribute to Lynn Lucken at the start of the parade, with Lynn's tow truck, his racing truck and his fellow racers. Pictured with his truck are his wife, Sarah, his son, Tal, daughter, Liberty, and granddaughter, Ivy. Missing from the picture is daughter, Shelly.



Jerry Kaupang takes the flag along the parade route on his tractor during the Winger Day parade, which ended up a bit rainy, but the parade went on. Special thanks to Jerry, and everyone who made the day such a success.



The Win-E-Mac 10's JO Volleyball team 1st place at their final tourney in Grygla. Coached by Sydney Tadman, these girl's had a fun summer season.

Festive facts for July 4th

Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate the birth of their nation and independence from Great Britain. This day marks the anniversary of the presentation and acceptance of the Declaration of Independence, signed 242 years ago on July 4, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence began as a letter to Britain's King George to explain why the Continental Congress was interested in declaring independence from Great Britain. The writing of the declaration began on July 2 and the final wording was established on July 4.

Independence Day is full of opportunities to celebrate and enjoy oneself. Parades, fireworks, parties, barbecues, and much more are part of the festivities.

Another way to commemorate Independence Day is to educate oneself about the many historical and entertaining facts that surround the day.

The following are some interesting details about the origins of Independence Day and the celebrations that surround it.

Although 56 people eventually signed the Declaration of Independence, only John Hancock signed the document on July 4, 1776. The rest added their names later on. John Hancock's signature is ornate and widely recognized. Putting your "John Hancock" on a document has become synonymous with the process of signing something.

The Declaration of Independence was adopted while the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Statehouse. That building is now known as Independence Hall.

The average age of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. The youngest person to sign was Thomas Lynch, Jr., who was 27 when he signed the document. Benjamin Franklin, at age 70, was the oldest signer.

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were the only signees who went on to serve as presidents. Coincidentally, Jefferson and Adams both died on July 4, 1826, within hours of each other.

Philadelphia is the birth place of much American history and is home to the Liberty Bell. Each Independence Day, the Liberty Bell is tapped (not rung, as the vibration would further damage the cracked bell) 13 times in honor of the original 13 American colonies.



The original 13 American colonies were located all along the eastern seaboard. They include Virginia, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware,

North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Georgia.

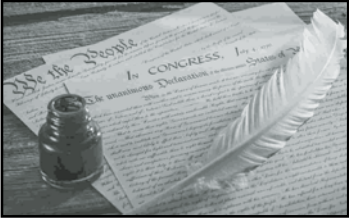
The stars on the original American flag were placed in a circle. This was so all of the colonies would be equally represented.

Independence was gained in 1776, and the first celebration took place in Philadelphia four days later. The White House held its first Independence Day festivities in 1801.

Benjamin Franklin proposed that the turkey be the national bird of the United States. However, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson overruled him, and the bald eagle became the national bird.

The only copy of the engrossed and signed Declaration of Independence is in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Independence Day is a time for hot dogs, ice cream and, of course, revisiting America's history



4th of July reading of the Declaration of Independence

Dan & Darlene Dierkes invite you to their garage for the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th at 10:00 AM.

Ben Ramse will be reading it again this year and he says it takes just 12 minutes!

Come a little early to hear Cheryl Jore playing some patriotic music and enjoy coffee, lemonade and bars. Stay just for the reading and leave, or linger longer to visit with friends and neighbors.

Address is 28891 350th St SE, McIntosh; call 218-563-3382 with questions. Please come, rain or shine.



Community Calendar

Wed. July 3: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. July 4: Independence Day. Happy 4th of July!

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

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

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

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

Mon. July 15: 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. July 16: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



The Winger Lions had a fish fry as part of Winger Day last Saturday. The meal was served to over 400 people in the Community Center. They also held a raffle with the proceeds going towards Mike Moran's medical expenses. The Winger Lions serving: (back row) Gary Sonsteli, Sue Rasmussen, Geri Balstad, Floyd Balstad, Steve Massmann, Scott Revier, Matt Massmann, Jamie Austin-Morvig, Dale Balstad, Carl Erickson; (Front row) Bob Vesledahl, Scott VanDenEinde, Jim Tadman, Elmyrna Kaupang, President Bryan Massmann, and Terry Cook



It's lakes season! While you are out enjoying a cool refreshing dip, fishing, camping along the shoreline or the view of a mirrored sunset glistening on the surface of one of the many bodies of water that exist within our area, consider for a moment it's origin.

Consider where the name of the lake or stream came from, the length of time it took for that body of water to form and the length of time of its existence. By just being there you are stepping into history.

Rivers and Lakes of the Thirteen Towns
The Thirteen Towns have a number of small lakes and streams within its borders. The lakes were generally formed by the ice chunks that were separated from the glacier as it moved across the northern part of Minnesota. As the ice melted, the lakes were left in the shallow depressions. As the glacier continued to melt and the water collected in the lakes, the water ran off, erosion formed the first channels and new rivers were born.

A person views the immensity of the river channels and imagines the volume of water needed to erode the banks of the Sand Hill, the Poplar, and the

Hill Rivers as they are seen today. It is even more staggering to the imagination to discover this massive run-off occurred about the time that Jesus Christ was born!

Drainage in the area is to the west and the northwest with all the run-off water entering the Red River of the North from the Sand Hill and Clearwater tributaries. All the other rivers and streams drain into these main outlets. The natural fall in elevation is about one foot per mile to the north and nine feet per mile to the west-northwest.

The west line of the Thirteen Towns is only a few miles from the original shoreline of ancient Lake Agassiz, west of Mentor. The northern boundary line is on the south shore of the bay of Lake Agassiz commonly called the Trail Hills in this area.

The rivers and lakes were generally named by the Indians or by the early French fur traders well over a century ago. Oftentimes a name was accepted in common usage before the entire drainage area had been explored. This may explain use of one name for a river even though it does not describe physical conditions along the entire river as we know it now.

There are 25 Lakes in The Thirteen Towns that have their names recognized and recorded by the DNR of Minnesota. Five rivers and streams have sources within or near the boarders of the Thirteen Towns area. There are other rivers that flow through or otherwise get some of the drainage water from The Thirteen

Towns.

The sources of the names of the lakes and streams have not been recorded or have been lost from memory, but a few of the names are listed by Warren Upham in his book "Minnesota Geographic Names" published by the Minnesota Historical Society and are provided here.

Cameron Lake-Knute Township; named for early settler Daniel Cameron.

Connection Lake-Queen Township; forms much of the canoe routes between Cross Lake and Turtle Lake. The Ojibwe name was not listed but had been used by the Indians.

Cross Lake-Queen Township; The Ojibwe name translated to "The lake with pines on one side of the water".

Turtle Lake-Queen Township; Ojibwe name "Mekinako sagaigun". The translation says, "it is shaped like a turtle when seen from the center of the lake."

Oak Lake-Knute Township; Named for the oak groves growing around it.

White Fish Lake-One of the six sources of the Poplar River

Union Lake-Named for the three wide portions of water connected by straights. The eastern portion located in Knute Township.

Upham's recordings of the Thirteen towns Rivers are:

Hill River-Ojibwe name, "Peqwudina Zibi". Also called "South Fork of the Clearwater River" by some historians.

Poplar River-Ojibwe name "Asadi Zibi".

Sand Hill River-Ojibwe name, "Ga-papiqwutawagawi Zibi". Translation, "River of the

Sand Hills".

Lost River-River was lost in swamp as the water ran under the muck. Settlers cut the muck and grass roots with hay knives to open it up to improve drainage. The river was covered by growth of grass and muck on the sides until the water was covered. One account states the channel was opened for safety's sake after a horse and buggy was lost as it tried to cross the channel. Another source states that the deep, wide banks at the channel outlet led Indians to believe that the small river visible in the large channel meant the rest of it was lost. It was also reported by some sources as being the "South Fork of the Clearwater River".

Natural drainage in the rivers was supplemented in the late 1880's as settlers requested the County Boards of Commissioners to establish county ditches as the early law permitted them to do. These were paid for by the settlers themselves through a system of assessments, the same system we use over a century later.

The Soil Conservation service assisted farmers in developing and establishing drainage system on their own farms.

This was just one phase of their work as they helped farmers and others to improve the crop production capabilities of the Thirteen Towns.

Source: *The Centennial History of the Thirteen Towns.*



DEED accepting Angel Tax Credit applications starting July 1

\$10 million available in 2019; with an additional \$10 million available in 2021.

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) will begin accepting applications from businesses, investors and funds to participate in the Minnesota Angel Tax Credit program on Monday, July 1.

The Minnesota Legislature authorized \$10 million in tax credits for 2019, with another \$10 million in 2021. Half of the funding each year is reserved for minority, women and veteran owned and managed businesses, as well as businesses located in Greater Minnesota.

"The Angel Tax Credit is an essential investment in Minnesota's economy and our future," said Governor Tim Walz. "Our state has a long history of innovation. By directing capital to the small businesses and startups that can use it best, we are

creating the next generation of successful innovators based right here in Minnesota."

"These tax credits are an excellent opportunity for Minnesota businesses to raise the capital the need to grow," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. "When we invest in startups and small businesses we grow employment, we grow our economy and we lay the groundwork for a future in which Minnesota is a national leader in the innovation sector."

The Angel Tax Credit program is now part of Launch Minnesota, a new initiative to grow Minnesota's startup ecosystem. The Angel Tax Credit program provides a 25 percent credit to investors or investment funds that put money into startup companies focused on high technology, new proprietary technology, or a new proprietary product, process or service in specified fields. The Angel Tax Credit stimulates private investments in emerging Minnesota businesses to encourage job creation.

Commissioner Steve Grove will host a Facebook Live event on Thursday, June 27, at 2 p.m., to discuss the Angel Tax Credit program further and to answer questions from prospective businesses, investors and funds. More details are at facebook.com/mndeed.

Since its inception in 2010, the Angel Tax Credit has provided \$418 million in investment to 430 start-up businesses. The program ended in December 2017 due to its sunset provision before being reinstated earlier this year.

The minimum qualifying investment is \$10,000 for non-targeted businesses. The minimum qualifying investment for women/minority/veteran and Greater Minnesota businesses is \$7,500.

DEED is the state's principal economic development agency, promoting business recruitment, expansion and retention, workforce development, international trade and community development. For more details about the agency and its services visit the DEED website or follow DEED on Twitter.

Correction from last week's article announcing Winger Day

The proceeds from the Raffle Tickets will go towards medical expenses for Mike Moran. Not the fish fry as stated in the article last week.

We apologize for the confusion.

Mentor Farmers Market

Continue celebrating America and buy local on Saturday July 6th, 8-noon. Mentor Farmers Market will have 17 vendors with produce, canning, art work, soaps and more. The Driftwood food truck from Red Lake Falls will be serving breakfast and lunch cuisine. And the return of our own Alex Conwell will welcome customers with his spirited fiddle. Alex started in the park while still attending high-school. He is now a graduate from Oberlin college in Ohio. Remembering his roots he returns to the area and shares his talent on violin. He is remembered by many of our returning customers and he will make it a memorable morning for new customers. We are ready to meet you at the Park in the heart of Mentor MN.

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

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.



Wed. July 3: Chase Svalen, Beth (Brekke) Rominski
Thurs. July 4: Josh Bartz, Barb Urness, *Phillip & Amy Carlson
Fri. July 5: Ron Roed
Sat. July 6: Timothy Perreault, Ella Strom
Sun. July 7: Karol Langemo, Macy Carlson
Mon. July 8: Devra Carlson, Colleen Borud, Macey Lee
Tues. July 9: Virgil Lerfald, *Cameron & Christy Burslie



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Sun. July 7: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. July 14: 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. July 7: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. July 14: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

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

Sun. July 14: 11:15am Worship Service.

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Gary Johnson, Pastor

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Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. July 3: 7:00pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's

Sun. July 7: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tues. July 9: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30; 1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Wed. July 10: 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.

MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

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

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

Wed. July 10: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. July 11: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. July 14: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel 11:00am Worship at Trinity

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. July 7: 9am Worship

Sun. July 14: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlunds

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

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

Wed. July 10: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans Everyone Welcome

Sun. July 14: 10:00am Worship Service, Adult and Children's Sunday School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Pastor Bruce Blocker,

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

Sun. July 14: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC

Erskine, Minnesota

Pr. Scott Baker, interim

Sun. July 7: 9:00am Worship

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Erskine

Pastor Joel Smeby

Wed. July 3: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

Sat. July 6: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group

Sun. July 7: 10:00am Worship

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

Sat. July 13: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group

Sun. July 14: 10:00am Worship

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

Why is Independence Day celebrated on July 4th?

The Continental Congress declared its independence from Great Britain on July 2, 1776. If that date raises an eyebrow, it should.

Independence Day in the United States has long been celebrated on July 4th, which would seem to be two days late. But upon closer examination, it seems Americans are not really celebrating their independence two days later than they should be.

According to the National Constitution Center, the Continental Congress approved a resolution declaring its independence from Great Britain on July 2.

However, a document still needed to be drafted to explain the decision to the general public. Such a document was already in the works, but it took two days for the men of Congress to agree on a final version.

The resulting document, known as the Declaration of Independence, was sent to John Dunlap, an Irish printer who served under George Washington during the American Revolutionary War, who



subsequently printed roughly 200 broadsides.

Still, the Declaration of Independence was not read to the public until July 8, 1776, when Colonel John Nixon did so in Philadelphia on what is now known as Independence Square.

It was nearly a month later, on August 2, 1776, when most members of the Continental Congress actually signed the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.

Do you have a story to share?

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from the Winger Community where we have had a week with some rain off and on but nothing overwhelming, although thankful for what rain we have gotten. The week end sounds like it will be hot and muggy, hopefully that will not lead to storms as it sometimes does.

Where does the time go, Sunday brings June to a close and we move on to the month of July. Our year is already half over. I want to wish you all a Happy Fourth of July, and to those traveling may you have safe travels. There will be 4th of July celebrations once again in the area, Trail has a full day planned as well as Plummer with many things going on along with a parade.

There is something to be said about Minnesota in the summer time especially right now as every thing is so lush and green, the fields are looking so good, and wildlife is abundant out there.

Bob and Jeanine Pereault recently returned from a trip to Washington DC where they attended the graduation of Bob's Granddaughter Amanda. While there they toured a Bible Museum that Jeanine remarked was especially interesting.

Last week end visitors at the Pulskamp home were Kelly Johnson and Granddaughter Lilly Brtek, Matt Balstad, Jamie Anderson and Kevin Zahl.

Kjerstie and Dakota Poissant of Newfolden visited briefly with Grandma Betty Myhrum last Thursday, they were on their way to Fertile to visit with Dakota's Mother and his Brother and family that were here visiting from Colorado.

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

Dakota and Kjerstie Poissant of Newfolden stopped in for a brief visit with Grandma Betty Myhrum last Sunday as they made their way back home from Big Lake.

Milton Carlson's Corner

Thursday the 20th Judy Gieseke picked up Milton and they went on to Mentor to the Dairy Queen where they picked up food and drove over to Maple Lake and enjoyed eating and visiting together.

Paul Carlson came to Milton's on Saturday the 22nd with his zero turn lawn mower and mowed Milton's lawn for him. Lonnie Gieseke stopped by Milton's that same day for a visit and coffee. Later in the day Donna Carlson, Dusty Wayne and Evelyn Carlson stopped in at Milton's. Donna brought along fresh rolls to enjoy with their coffee while Dusty Wayne and Evelyn preferred jelly belly jelly beans that Milton had for them.

Sunday the 23rd Milton attended morning services at Calvary Church in Winger, he stated it was good to be back

there again.

Judy Gieseke picked up Milton on Monday the 24th and took him to Altru Clinic in Fertile for a checkup and after his checkup they had coffee and cake at the donut shop in Fertile. If you haven't had the chance to stop there Milton says it is well worth your while to do so. Kari Keller was a Monday evening visitor with Milton.

Tuesday the 25th Paul stopped in at Milton's for a brief visit and a cup of coffee as he made his way to work. Later Lonnie Gieseke stopped in at Milton's for a visit and did some repair work on Milton's deck.

And so we have another week of the bits and pieces from our area, looking for more, please share with the readers your visits or vacation or whatever you may have been doing.

I am hearing that Highway 59 at the junction of Highway 2 is due to open again soon. It will certainly be a good thing as it has been quite a mess up there for the past few weeks.

Until next week, again Happy 4th of July!

Editor's Note: Last weeks edition stated the proceeds from the Winger Lion's fish fry were to go to Mike Moran. The proceeds from the Lion's raffle on Saturday went to Mike for medical expenses.

Haying opportunities on Rydell and Hamden Slough

There is an opportunity for individuals to bid on the opportunity to hay up to 84 acres (4 different fields) on the Refuge this August. The objective of haying these fields is to remove existing vegetation to reduce the litter layer, stimulate new growth, and remove young woody vegetation. This is done in an effort to maintain as much open grassland as possible for waterfowl and other ground-nesting birds.

Bids are due July 19. Interested people can ask questions or get a copy of the bid package mailed to them by contacting Gregg Knutsen at 218-687-2229 x16, 218-686-4329, or gregg.knutsen@fws.gov. The bid package will also be posted on the Rydell NWR webpage (www.fws.gov/refuge/rydell/). Bid packages can also be picked up directly at the Rydell NWR Office, located approximately 4 miles southwest of Erskine, MN.

For more information please contact: Gregg Knutsen, Refuge Manager, Rydell NWR, 218-687-2229 x16, gregg.knutsen@fws.gov.

Haying Opportunity on Hamden Sough NWR

There is an opportunity for individuals to bid on the opportunity to hay up to 672 acres (4 different units) on the Refuge from August 2019 - 2021. The objective of haying these fields



There was a great turnout for the Winger Lion's Fish Fry held during Winger Day last Saturday at the Community Center. The Lion's served over 400 people.

Pictured Left: Steve Carlson helps out during the Calvary Lutheran Church auction held during Winger Day, Saturday, June 29th.



Paul Carlson during the parade in Winger last Saturday, June 29th.



Making his way down the parade route, in the rain, was Orrie Flermoen during Winger Day. Orrie also had a car in the parade.



The kids had a lot of fun during the Nickel Dig, a part of Winger Day last Saturday, June 29th.

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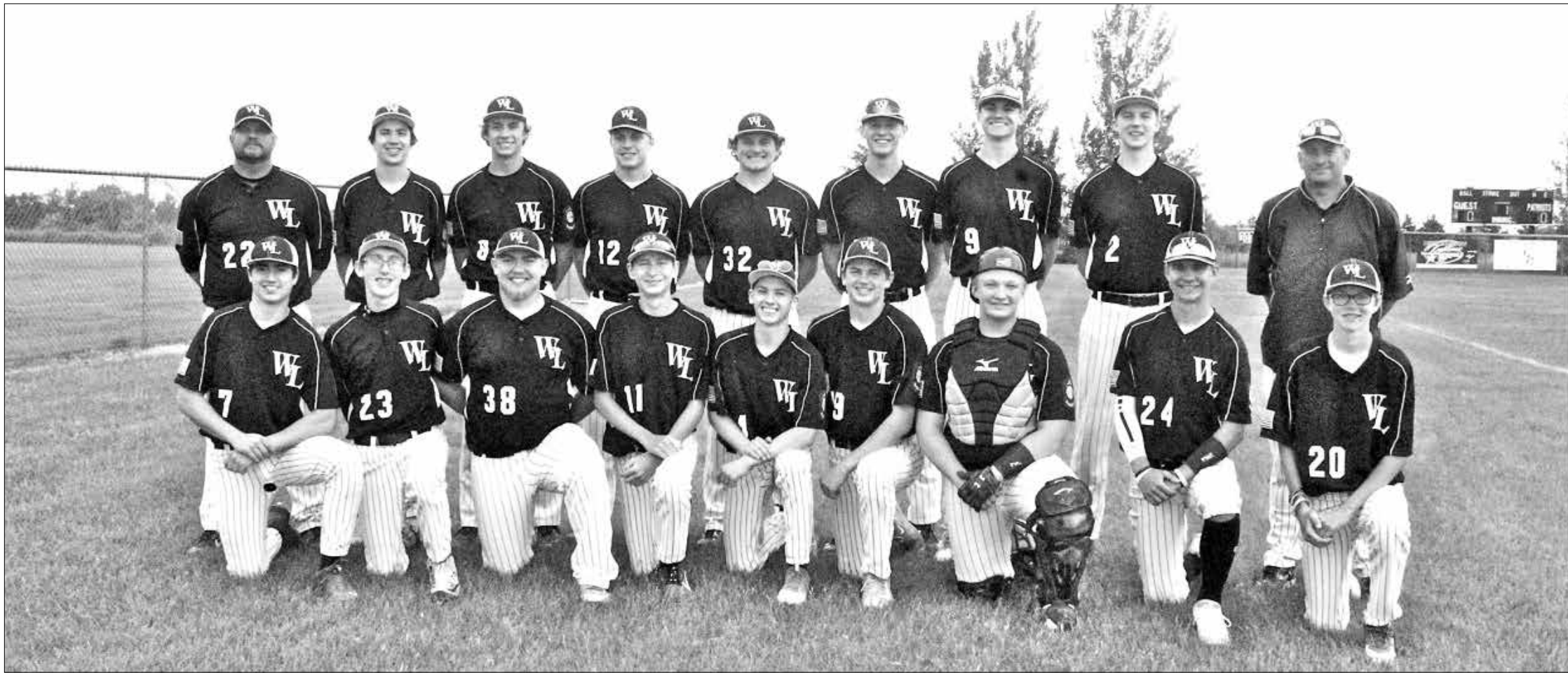
First National Bank will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

A Celebration Of America's Independence

On July 4, 1776, our founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence declaring our freedom from England and creating a new nation. This Fourth of July, as we observe the anniversary of our nation's independence, it's important we understand and appreciate the freedoms we enjoy.

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The 2019 American Legion baseball team. Team members are (back, l-r) Coach Erik Hamre, Jonas Spry, Dustin Osland, Nathan Fortmann, Emelian Hanson, Gavin Walker, Bryer Strom, Alex Jacobson and Coach Lee Tradewell. (front, l-r) Mason Spry, Dylan Roy, Gavin Haskett, Noah Ostenaar, Blake Glass, Remy Goodwin, Anton Hickman, Kobe Hamre and Bryce DuChamp. Players not present: Zach Simonson and Connor Johnson. Photo courtesy of the Erskine Echo.



There were many people who turned out for the Calvary Lutheran Church auction last Saturday, June 29th during Winger Day. Despite the threat of rain and storms, people gathered for some great deals and got to visit with friends and family outside the church.

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THURSDAY, JULY 11

- Midway opens 4 p.m.
- Kid's Bike Drawing 4 p.m.
- Talent Contest on Free Stage 7 p.m.
- **Triple B Rodeo 7 p.m.**

FRIDAY, JULY 12

- Senior Citizens Day 9:30 a.m.
- Midway opens 1 p.m.
- Bingo 2:00 p.m.
- Kid's Bike Drawing 4 p.m.
- Kid's Pedal Pull 4:15 p.m.
- **Baja Racing 6:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY, JULY 13

- 5K Walk/Run 9 a.m.
- Midway and Free Stage open at noon
- **Baja Racing (4 & 6 Cylinders) 1 p.m.**
- Kids Bike Drawing 4 p.m.
- **State Championship Baja Racing 6:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY, JULY 14

- Church services 10 a.m.
- Midway & Free Stage open at noon
- Polk County Parade 2 p.m.
- Kid's Bike Drawing 4 p.m.
- **Super Demo Derby 6:30 p.m.**
- **Fireworks 10:30 p.m.**



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Traveling in style (keeping out of the rain) was Gene Haugom during the Winger Day parade last Saturday.

Enjoy a safe and happy Independence Day

Independence Day is a celebration of the United States of America.

The holiday is marked by fanfare and large parties, complete with barbecues, fireworks and parades.

As fun as July 4th festivities typically are, injuries, particularly those involving fireworks, are a concern that celebrants should not take lightly.

An estimated 11,000 people visited the emergency room for fireworks-related injuries in 2016, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

However, fireworks aren't the only danger this time of year. In order to remain safe, individuals can heed these tips.

• **Do not drink and drive.** Alcohol consumption may accompany Independence Day festivities. For those planning on using a car to get to and from parties, it is essential to designate a driver who will not

imbibe. Otherwise, utilize any number of ridesharing services or available taxis.

• **Swim smartly.** Always swim with a buddy, and consider hiring a lifeguard if you'll be hosting a pool party and cannot keep a watchful eye on guests in the pool. Adults also should not swim intoxicated, as it can impede the ability to stay afloat and may lead to risky behaviors.

• **Leave fireworks to the professionals.** Watch a public fireworks display instead of lighting fireworks on the street or in the backyard.

• **Exercise caution with sparklers.** Kids running around with sparklers in hand could be a recipe for disaster, as sparklers burn extremely hot. Make sure children do not wave them around or others can get burned. Keep a bucket of water handy to properly extinguish the sparklers.

• **Review safe boating practices.** If July 4th festivi-

ties find you out on the water, be sure that life jackets are worn and set boating and water safety rules for the family.

• **Check in with a vet.** The Fourth of July can be traumatic for pets not accustomed to fireworks and other loud noises or crowds. Behavior therapy, medication and ensuring that pets do not run away from home and get lost may be necessary.

• **Watch food temperatures.** Do not leave food out in the hot sun for too long; otherwise, harmful bacteria can grow and potentially cause foodborne illnesses. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service says to never leave food out of refrigeration for more than two hours. If the temperature is above 90 F, food should not be left out for more than one hour.

These are some of the safety strategies that can keep Independence Day celebrations both safe and enjoyable.