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Paul Votava took his dad, Jim Votava's tractor through the streets of McIntosh during the Tractor Day parade last Saturday as a tribute. Jim was also laid to rest on the same day in rural McIntosh.



The McIntosh Fire Department held a pancake breakfast for the community on Saturday morning before the tractor parade. Here, Dave Senn is flipping pancakes. See next weeks paper for more pictures of McIntosh Tractor Day events.

EPHC celebrates 25th Annual Heritage Day

September 7, 2019 will mark the 25th Annual Heritage Day for the East Polk Heritage Center. The event has evolved over the years bringing the traditions of our region to visitors through music, food, and art. The buildings on the heritage grounds capture the history of those who settled and lived here during the late 1800's. The L.W. Larson House, Moen School, Heritage Cabin and the Stardig Cabin will all be open for tours and demonstrations. Activities will begin Saturday at 9:00 A.M. at the heritage grounds on Highway 2 East in Fosston. Highlights

will include rosmaling by the Norda Gonvick Rosmalers, Krumkake demo and tasting, Sons of Norway exhibit, and other traditional arts and crafts will be featured. A back porch concert by the Snowmen will begin at 11:00. Enjoy their ever popular music while having lunch under the picnic shelter. Lunch will be served from 11:30 – 1:00. An antique tractor exhibit will be lined up on the lawn facing the highway. Owners who would like to participate

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Win-E-Mac open house will be on Wednesday, August 28th from 4:00-7:00 pm, so come and see our facility and meet our staff. School will start on Tuesday, September 3rd.



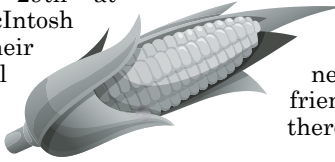
WEM Tailgaiting

The McIntosh Fire Department will host a tailgaiting event at the Win-E-Mac School parking lot this Thursday, August 29th starting at 5:30 pm and continuing until the start of the first Win-E-Mac Patriot home football game of the season. Come out and enjoy a brat and watch the Patriot's take home a victory!

There will be tailgating before each home football game of the season starting at 5:30pm.

Corn for kids this Thursday

The McIntosh Community Club will host a Corn feed this Thursday, August 29th at Roholt Park in McIntosh for kids and their families as well as kids at heart. All members of the community are welcome to come and join in the fun of eating corn on the cob and visiting with neighbors and friends. See you there!



Orrie Flermoen's prize winning car will be at Mentor Farmers Market this weekend



Mentor Farmer's Market. We are racing into the final month of our Market. Don't forget we are in the park every Saturday through September. Through the month of September we will have a delayed start and open each Saturday at 9:00 am. This will give our hardy customers a chance to sleep in a bit as the temperatures cool. In center circle this week we will have a "Peoples Choice" trophy winning car. Orrie Flermoen won this



Davin Swanson mans the griddle making plenty of pancakes to feed the crowd at the McIntosh Fire Departments pancake breakfast to fuel everyone for a fun day of events last Saturday during McIntosh Tractor Day.



Community Calendar

Wed. August 28: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. August 29: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

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

Mon. Sept. 2: Labor Day

Tue. Sept. 3: **First Day of School at Win-E-Mac;** Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Wed. Sept. 4: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Sept. 5: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri Sept. 6: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Sept. 9: 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 Sept. 10: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



Last Friday evening families gathered at Erickson Park in McIntosh to watch a movie together. Sponsored by the McIntosh Community Club.

Pestle & Vessel

by Alison Opdahl

Bride Pt. 1

The Ruach has been digging down on some of my misconceptions and assumptions. And the unearthed loam of my soul is not always palatable conversation. I've been spending a lot of private time with my Elohim and learning what it means to be "Alison." Often I write about my little girl: Dinah—her perspective and astute six-year-old observations. But this time the little girl will be me. And to tell the story, I need to begin in the middle, move to the end and then finish at the beginning. Now you know why I needed time to process before writing!

For three years, I've been separated from my husband. Thoughts like; "It's not easy, seeking restoration is not predictable, there are big learning curves, not one relationship is straightforward..." Run through my head on a regular basis. As a Type A fixer I have been schooled for these three years in waiting on the Ruach. I wait more cooperatively now. But I used to resent it and blame others for my perceived delays. Those urges are still there. But I'm making progress in the battle of my mind and it's improving my attitude and awareness.

In January I awoke and the Ruach said to me, "Get ready for your second husband." What?! I almost dismissed it as a weird dream but I have ignored revelations like that before and regretted it. So I

shifted to curiosity. What did it mean? A divorce? Another husband? The same man but after our separation he would be like another husband? I puzzled and prayed then filed it away. As our work at reconciliation continued it would resurface.

Last weekend I had alone time with the Ruach and the questions I had about that revelation finally had an answer. But guess what? The answer was a question. And the questions I had been asking about "Get ready for your second husband," were all wrong. The statement implied a covenant I had completely ignored, which meant I had not asked the only question that mattered. "Who was my first husband?"

Not the man I exchanged vows with in front of my Elohim and family. My first husband was Yeshua. And I had been faithless. I had shifted my eyes and focus to a man—in so many ways; esteeming my earthly father as my spiri-

tual head while I was single; a man. Shifting my affection, desire and hope for a future when I married my earthly husband; again, a man.

My last five years have been about protecting myself. My Dad was torn from my life, my husband left. I have become my own shelter but I used walls to make it happen. Can any of you relate? How can I let myself be vulnerable again?

"Get ready for your second husband." There are so many ways I hear this statement now. "Prepare, Alison. Prepare your heart. Acknowledge your first husband. Invest in the relationship with your first husband. Listen to My heart as I listen to yours. You are My Bride. You will always be My Bride. I have promises for you I want to unfold. Discipline your attitude. Seek My face. Align your will with My agenda. Trust Me."

Oh... that last one is big isn't it?

-a.m.opdahl

Mac library will host a performance by PolkaSol

Lively performances by accordion and violin musicians will be offered at local libraries this fall.

The musicians of PolkaSol will bring a variety of musical offerings to our community, including polkas, waltzes and old time songs, as well as music from Scandinavia, Ireland,

France and more.

This interactive event, which is hosted by COMPAS Teaching Artists and is infused with stories and humor, is sure to bring back memories of days gone by.

Admission is free thanks to funding from the Minnesota Legacy Arts and Cultural Heri-

tage Fund.

The show is scheduled as follows: Wednesday, September 4 at 10:00 am at the McIntosh Senior Living, 600 NE Riverside Ave

Please note: The performance will take place at McIntosh Senior Living not at the library.

Library will host a history event at MSL

Your local library is celebrating the 100 year anniversary of Minnesota passing the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote with several presentations on the topic.

Join your local library to learn about Women's Suffrage in Minnesota, including how women won the vote in Minnesota and in the Nation, how Minnesota came to ratify the amendment, the role of Scandinavians in gaining suffrage in Minnesota and North Dakota and more.

This event is made possible thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

The event will be on Friday, September 13 at 10:00 am at the McIntosh Senior Living, 600 NE Riverside Ave.

About Lake Agassiz Regional Library

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. For more information on this and other LARL events and services, contact the Lake Agassiz Regional Library office at 218-233-3757 or online at www.larl.org.



A new screen for the Movie in the Park hosted by the McIntosh Community Club and held last Friday evening at Erickson Park in McIntosh. A family fun event that everyone enjoyed.



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Our offices will be closed
Mon. Sept. 2nd
in observance
of Labor Day.
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& Leader Record.)

Also reminder your papers
will arrive in your mailbox
Sept. 5th
or can be purchased at our
office on Sept. 4th

MCCL Meeting

MCCL (Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life) Chapter #45 will meet Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the McIntosh Community Center. All are welcome.

Happy Birthday!

The McIntosh Community Club would like to add you and your family members to the 2020 community calendar if you haven't been included before. Please complete this form and return it to First National Bank, or stop in the bank and pick up a blank form to complete. You can also email your information to mcintoshcommunityclub@gmail.com.

If you and your family were in the 2019 calendar, please advise of any corrections or changes/additions, including removing any family member.

The calendars will be available for sale in early December; all proceeds are used for local projects. While there is no fee to have your name included, we do ask that you purchase a calendar to help support the community.

Correction:

The 50th class reunion photo last week's paper had two names missing in the middle row, far right. Karen Dursled Johnson and Sandy Bjella Balstad.

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.

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Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. August 28:
Sue Ostenson

Thurs. August 29: Cameron Burslie, Bill Fritz, Jr., Conner Drewry, Gerald Borud

Fri. August 30:
Michael Voxland, Megan (Syverson) Sveen, Carol Bartz, Perry Grundyson

Sat. August 31:
*Gordy & Cindy Ostenaar

Sun. September 1: Hudson Swanson, *Pete & Jenny Howard, *Lee & DeeDee Narum

Mon. Sept. 2:
Malachi Burthwick

Tues. Sept. 3:
Joel Strom, Hannah Sylstad, Kayla Kringle

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Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Sun. Sept. 1: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Sept. 8: 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. Sept. 1: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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

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

Sun. Sept. 1: 11:15am Worship Service.

Sun. Sept. 8: 11:15am Worship Service.

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

Sun. Sept 1: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service; Luther League 7:00pm

Tues. Sept 3 : 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30; 1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Wed. Sept 4: 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. August 28: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. August 29: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

Sun. Sept. 1: 9:30am Worship at Mt. Carmel; 11:00am Worship at Trinity

Wed. Sept. 4: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel

Thurs. Sept. 5: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)
McIntosh
Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. Sept. 1: 9am Worship; fellowship coffee following worship

Sun. Sept. 8: 9am Worship; fellowship coffee following worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlunds

Wed. August 28: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans Everyone Welcome

Sun. Sept. 1: 10:00am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School

Wed. Sept. 4: 7:00pm Bible Study on Romans Everyone Welcome

Sun. Sept. 8: 10:00am Worship Service, Adult and Children's Sunday School

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McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker,

Sun. Sept. 1: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

Sun. Sept. 8: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC
Erskine, Minnesota
Pr. Scott Baker, interim

Sun. Sept. 1: 9:00am Worship

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH
Erskine
Pastor Joel Smeby

Wed. August 28: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

Sat. August 31: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group

Sun. Sept. 1: 10:00am Worship

Wed. Sept. 4: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

Sat. Sept. 7: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group

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MSL will host pulled pork fundraiser

McIntosh Senior Living will host a pulled pork fundraiser on Thursday, August 29th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Stop into MSL for a tasty meal.

There will be pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, ice cream bars and a drink for only \$5.

There will be to-go orders available as well. All the proceeds will go to quality improvement projects benefiting the MSL residents.

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings again from the Winger Community where we are having some much cooler weather as of late and in the past week we have received about 2 1/2 inches of rain that was much needed but it seems to disappear as fast as it falls. Did put a halt to the harvesting but hopefully it will dry up now and they can get on with the harvesting.

Garden produce is plentiful right now, there is a lot of freezing and canning being done and it will taste so good in the cold of next winter. It seems like every thing is ready at one time and so much to eat and so good.

Schools in North Dakota are back in session, as of Wednesday this week the kids were back to it again, in our area Fosston Schools will start on Monday but all the others will start after Labor Day!

The month of August is winding down very quickly, we are down to only about a week left and then into September and the beginning of fall and hopefully we will have a long one.

It is very obvious that the days are getting shorter, it gets light later in the morning and dark earlier in the evenings, but still have a while until day light savings time comes to an end.

Rodney Helgaas of the Twin Cities area spent last weekend in Winger where he spent some time with his Mother, Edna Helgaas and also visited at the Ronnie Wang home. He also visited with Aaron and Nicole Cook and their three children and at the lake home of Eileen and Terry Cook. While Rodney and Eileen cruised on the pontoon, Terry was their chef and cooked for them.

Last Saturday Marv Engeseth of Plummer, Reha Sanstead of Erskine and Linda and Butch Pulskamp traveled to Walker where they took in the Cajun Festival that was being held there. Was some excellent Cajun music to listen to and we tried out some of the Cajun food that was being served.

Last Sunday Helmer and Verlys Homme went to Lake Ida to the Matt Tronnes home for a Malme reunion that was being held there.

Kelly Johnson and Granddaughter Lilly Brtek, Brenden and Kylie Casavan and Michelle Johnson, Ardie Nefzger, David Lhotka of Mahnomen and Matt Balstad and Jamie Anderson were all visitors last Friday evening at the Pulskamp home.

Friday the 16th Maxine Walters visited with Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Nola Abele of Fosston was a Wednesday afternoon visitor at the Pulskamp home.

Last Friday Susan Eischens of New Folden visited with her Mother, Betty Myhrum at Betty's home in Winger.

Bob Lofstrand of Fosston met Helmer Homme one day last week in Winger and they

enjoyed visiting and senior meals together.

Milton Carlson's Corner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Next Friday in connection with Senior Meals in Erskine three cousins that are celebrating birthdays now in August will be honored, they are Milton Carlson who will be 98 years young on the 30th, his cousin Vivian Hanson who will be turning 98 on August 28th, and another cousin LaVerne Benson who will be 90 on the 31st. What a milestone for these three, and I want to wish you all many more years of celebrating together.

Thursday the 15th Judy Gieseke was a visitor with Milton and the two enjoyed dinner together. Later in the day Milton went into Fosston where he visited with Grandson Dusty at NAPA.

Coming by golf cart last Friday the 16th to visit with Milton were Donna Carlson, Co-sette, Oliver and Sage Carlson.

Last Saturday while they were out and about and got caught in the heavy rainstorm that passed through, Chris and Jasmine Benesh sought shelter at Milton's and they had a good visit together.

Paul Carlson stopped in at Milton's on Monday morning the 19th for a brief visit and a cup of coffee to go as he made his way to work.

Judy Gieseke visited with Milton on Tuesday the 20th and the two enjoyed dinner together.

With the Labor Day Holiday coming up I want to wish you a happy holiday, the last one of the summer, and safe travels if you are traveling.

In closing and until next week, today is a day that will never come again, take time to care!

Heritage Day...

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can bring their tractors to the property before 9:00 on Saturday. Several tractors will be on display.

In collaboration with the Fosston Arts and Culture Commission, an Arts Festival will be held on the north grounds. Artists are welcome to set up their tables and canopies at no charge.

The Fosston Farmer's Market, Public Art Sculpture dedication, Forged in Fosston event at Ventures and the STAR committee's Chalk Art Contest will make Saturday, September 7th a day to visit Fosston.

Apply for beginning farmer tax credit by Oct. 1

Incentives available for rent or sale of farm land and some assets.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority reminds beginning farmers and asset owners to apply by October 1, 2019 for the tax credit for the sale or lease of land, equipment, machinery, and livestock.

To qualify, the applicant must be a Minnesota resident with the desire to start farming or who began farming within the past ten years, provide projected earnings statements, have a net worth less than \$836,000, and enroll in or have completed an approved financial management program.

The farmer cannot be directly related to the person from whom he or she is buying or renting assets.

The tax credit for the sale or lease of assets can then be applied to the Minnesota income taxes of the owner of the farm land or agricultural assets.

Three levels of credits are available:

- Five percent of the lesser of the sale price or fair market value of the agricultural asset up to a maximum of \$32,000

- 10 percent of the gross rental income of each of the first, second and third years of a rental agreement, up to a

maximum of \$7,000 per year

- 15 percent of the cash equivalent of the gross rental income in each of the first, second or third year of a share rent agreement, up to a maxi-

mum of \$10,000 per year

The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Interested farmers should note that they can also apply

for a separate tax credit to offset the cost of a financial management program up to a maximum of \$1,500 per year – for up to three years.



Luke Syverson and Ken Kasprzak take care of the sausages for the Community Pancake Breakfast held at Erickson Park and hosted by the McIntosh Fire Department last Saturday before the Tractor Parade.



Waiting on the Tractor Parade are Cameron Svalen, Savannah Svalen, Sydney Svalen and Ella Strom last Saturday in McIntosh.

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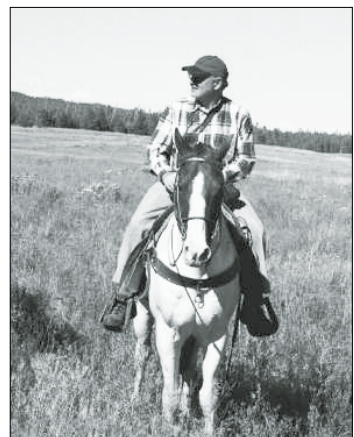
20th Anniversary Saddle Up for St Jude

Event to Raise Funds for St Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A Saddle Up for St Jude is being planned for Saturday September 28th (please note the date change) in beautiful Beltrami State Forest Bemis Hill Campground near Warroad and Roseau ,MN. This event will raise funds for the St Jude Children's Research Hospital, the premier center for the research and treatment of childhood cancers and other deadly diseases.

This volunteer based horseback/ wagon ride will begin with registration at 8:00am and the ride beginning at 10:00am. The ride will be approximately 10 miles. Riders are asked to collect donations from sponsors based on every mile ridden or a flat donation. Following the ride, riders are treated to a lunch at the lodge provided by area businesses.

Also planned is a silent auction from 3~7pm with all the proceeds going to St Jude. Mark Wojciechowski DJ service will be providing the en-



tertainment.

A catered supper will start at 5:30pm. The Groovy Grub from Hallock will be serving a delicious supper. On the menu is a Burger Basket with all the fixings. Cost of the meal is \$10.00 per meal. Everyone is invited to attend this event. Participants are encouraged to bring their family and friends and spend the day or weekend in beautiful Beltrami State Forest. Free primitive camping is available at Bemis Hill Campground. For more in-

formation contact Darlene @ 218~452~1922 or Mary @ 218~242~3548. 2018 event raised \$14,505, for a grand total to date of \$202,094.25. That is AMAZING.

Through programs like Saddle Up for St Jude, the idea of St Jude founder Danny Thomas as to raise funds for the hospital through community based events is able to continue. St Jude Children's Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis Tennessee. St Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatment not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fundraising organizations, through events like Saddle Up for St Jude .For more information, please visit www.stjude.org

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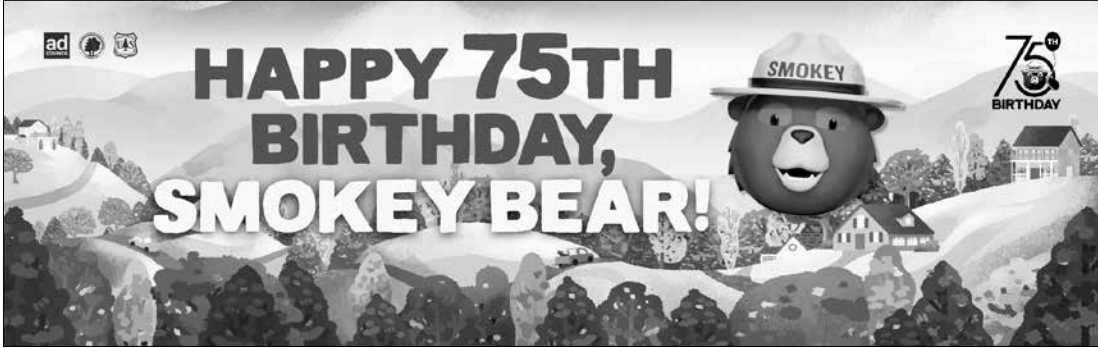
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Longest run PSA campaign: Smokey Bear celebrates 75th birthday



Beloved Wildfire Prevention Icon Rings in Birthday Alongside Fans, Celebrities.

Smokey Bear, the face of the longest-running PSA (public service announcement) campaign in United States history, turns 75 today, continuing his legacy of bringing awareness to unwanted, human-caused fires in America. Smokey Bear's wildfire prevention campaign has had a dramatic impact since its introduction in 1944.

This progress continues today, with an approximate 14 percent reduction in the average number of human-caused wildfires from 2011-2018, compared to the previous 10 years. While it's clear his work has been successful, 9 out of 10 wildfires are still caused by humans, which means Smokey's iconic message is as important as ever.

To celebrate the wildfire prevention icon's milestone birthday, the USDA Forest Service, the National Association of State Foresters, and the Ad Council are releasing new PSAs featuring Betty White, announcing the addition of a new Smokey Bear balloon in the 2019 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and promoting birthday parties and local events across the nation. Together, these three partners make up the Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention (CFFP) Committee, the coalition behind Smokey Bear and his wildfire prevention campaign.

"The hardest working bear in the world, Smokey, has for decades now tirelessly shared with the public the message 'Only You Can Prevent Wildfires,'" said U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen. "And I'm certain that 75 years from now, Smokey will still be active in his duty of spreading the wildfire prevention message – reminding us to do our part in preventing unwanted wildfire."

"Smokey Bear and his friends know that wildfire is not just a western issue or a summer phenomenon. It's always wildfire season somewhere in the United States," said Jay Farrell, executive director of the National Association of State Foresters. "This is why it is so important that Smokey's message resonate year-round and nationwide with all Americans. This year's Smokey Bear wildfire prevention campaign and the hundreds of events held in his honor promise to do just that."

"This coalition of partners has created an extraordinary legacy for Smokey Bear over the past 75 years, and the Ad Council is so proud to be part of Smokey's story," said Lisa Sherman, President and CEO of the Ad Council. "Very few advertising icons have stood the test of time the way Smokey has, and thanks to

our favorite bear, individuals across the nation know they play an important role in helping to prevent wildfires."

Smokey Bear has only said a handful of words over the last 75 years. To complement this signature message "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" (voiced by actor Sam Elliott for the last 12 years), Smokey's famous friends are stepping in to speak through him about the importance of fire safety and wildfire prevention.

With the help of ad agency FCB and cutting-edge facial recognition and mapping technology, Smokey's friend Betty White is the most recent celebrity to lend her voice and carry on the beloved bear's legacy into his 75th year with an animated emoji PSA. Stephen Colbert, Jeff Foxworthy, and Al Roker have also lent their voices to the cause in similar PSAs launched earlier this year.

"75 years ago, FCB, in partnership with what would become the Ad Council, gave birth to Smokey Bear. All these years, he's been reminding us that 'Only You Can Prevent Wildfires.' In other words, there's a little Smokey Bear in all of us," said Susan Credle, FCB Global Chief Creative Officer. "This year, we are asking people to listen to their inner Smokey Bear. People sharing stories about why they love the outdoors and how they protect our country's beautiful wildlife — what a perfect gift to give Smokey Bear on his 75th birthday!"

The celebration of Smokey's legacy will continue this fall with the debut of his new character balloon in the 93rd annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®. On Thursday, November 28, more than 3.5 million spectators and more than 50 million viewers nationwide will witness America's national champion of wildfire prevention fly through the streets of New York City in Smokey's return to the world-famous Macy's Parade line-up.

A fan-favorite, Smokey Bear first debuted as a giant character balloon in the 1966 Macy's Parade and participated in the holiday spectacle every year until 1981. In celebration of his 50th birthday in 1993, Smokey made his last appearance before this year's return to form. Catch Smokey in action during the 93rd annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade airing nationwide on NBC, Thursday, November 28 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, in all time zones.

Smokey Bear's 75th birthday will also be celebrated by a variety of media partners, including Clear Channel Outdoor, Facebook, iHeartRadio, National CineMedia (NCM), Reddit and many others. Omnicon media agency Hearts & Science will be the Ad Coun-

cil's pro bono partner for the birthday year, providing an overall digital strategy and negotiating close to 10,000,000 impressions in free display media, including specialty units that are triggered by high fire-risk weather.

The story of Smokey Bear begins with World War II. On December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and the following spring, fired shells from submarines that exploded on an oil field near the Los Padres National Forest in California. Fear grew that more attacks could bring a disastrous loss of life and destruction of property, and even ignite raging wildfires.

With many experienced firefighters deployed in the war, it was up to communities to prevent wildfires as best they could. Quickly, the protection of forests became a matter of national importance.

To rally Americans to the cause, the Forest Service organized the CFFP Committee with the help of the War Advertising Council (now known as The Ad Council), and the National Association of State Foresters. Together, they created posters and slogans, including "Forest Fires Aid the Enemy" and "Our Carelessness, Their Secret Weapon."

Smokey Bear first appeared on a forest fire prevention campaign poster in 1944 thanks to FCB, the creative agency that to this day is an essential partner of the campaign.

Two years later, he and his message were featured on a series of stamps used nationwide, and by the 1950s, Smokey Bear had made his debut in radio commercials voiced by Washington radio personality Jackson Weaver. In the decades since, the beloved icon has been featured in countless TV and radio spots, posters, stamps, billboards, and memorabilia alongside well-known actors and celebrities including B.B. King, Barbara Stanwyck, Betty White, Dolly Parton, Leonard Nimoy, Ray Charles, and Ted Nugent.

Since 1944, wildfire prevention PSAs have run exclusively in time and space donated by the media. In the last seven and a half decades, that equates to more than \$1.63 billion in donated media support. Today, Smokey's catchphrase is recognized by 96 percent of U.S. adults and 75 percent of young adult outdoor recreationists who are familiar with him see Smokey Bear as a role model for children.

To learn more about Smokey Bear and wildfire prevention, visit www.smokeybear.com and follow Smokey on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter with the hashtags #SmokeyBear75 and #OnlyYou. To find an event near you, visit www.smokeybear75th.org/.

WEM Football: The Boys of Fall

photos by Eileen Cook



The offense lined up during the game last Saturday in Stephen-Argyle during the Varsity Jamboree. (Nathan Fortmann (2), Gavin Walker (12), and Bryer Strom (22).



Bryer Strom (22) protects quarterback, Gavin Walker (12) during a game held at the Varsity Jamboree last Saturday.



David Boianoff (52) and Connor Johnson (55) discuss strategy during the games last Saturday in Stephen-Argyle.



WEM School Announcements



Patriot Pride Boosters
Under the schools interest, a new Patriot Booster Club has been created to support students in academics and activities. This group wants to invite parents and community members to get involved. The club will have a table at open house and will work with the Century 21 program to sponsor a hot dog and chips lunch at open house on August 28th from 4:00-7:00. The club has arranged for a Bouncey House Combo during open house so students can have fun while parents sign up for our Century 21, After School Program for activities and homework help. Both the summer and school programs provide activities and field trips during our program.

The club will fund raise,

provide volunteers for academics and activities in school, sell Patriot clothing and sponsor some events during the school year. They have established a meeting time of the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 to meet and discuss business. Make plans to attend.

Elementary Volleyball
WEM Patriot Elementary Volleyball girls grades 4 -6 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Sundays, September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and October 6th, 13th.

Fitness Room Renewal
If you had a membership to the School Fitness Center this past year, the fee you paid is only good until August 31, 2019. You will need to renew the membership fee by that date or your card will be deactivated until a payment is made. If you did not purchase a membership last year and would like one this year, please come to the District Office to fill out a membership application and fee. An access card will be issued at that time. Do not access the rest of the school after hours or an alarm will activate.

The school has video cameras at entrances and hallways of the school to show access. Please call 218-563-2900 for any questions.



Candelario Flores (69), Dustin Osland (4), Zach Simonson (54), Remy Goodwin (8), and Gavin Walker (12) make their way off the field during the Varsity Jamboree held at Stephen-Argyle last Saturday.