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The Win-E-Mac Patriots football team remains undefeated after their playoff game this past Saturday when they defeated Park Christian 40 - 0. The team will play for the section championship this Thursday, October 31st at the FargoDome. Here, Remy Goodwin (8) receives blocking coverage as he carries the ball.



Having a fun evening in McIntosh last Friday during the Adult Halloween event were Andrea Stordahl and Katie Roed.

Halloween boasts a rich history

Costume-clad kids, bags of candy and jack-o'-lanterns are some indelible images associated with Halloween. Those images may forever be linked to this beloved, fun-filled holiday, which boasts a rich history that varies depending on where in the world you might be.

Celebrations around the world may not mirror those in the United States, where trick-or-treating youngsters travel from house to house in search of candy. But true Halloween enthusiasts may be interested to learn the history of the holiday and how it has changed over the centuries.



El Dia de los Muertos

In parts of Mexico and Latin America, El Dia de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead) is celebrated each year in early November. The day is designed to honor the dead, who Day of the Dead celebrants believe return to their earthly homes each Halloween. Families may burn candles and incense in an effort to help their deceased relatives

and ancestors find their way home.

Guy Fawkes Day

For many years, England had reason to celebrate around October 31, but those celebrations did not mirror the Halloween festivities familiar to those across the pond. While recent years have witnessed more and more Brits adopting the Americanized celebration of Halloween, for many the true holiday this time of year will always be Guy Fawkes Day. Celebrated on November 5, Guy Fawkes Day is a commemoration of the foiled Gunpowder Plot. Smithsonian notes that this was a failed attempt by disgruntled Catholics to blow up the British Parliament building while King James I was inside. Fireworks, parades and bonfires marked Guy Fawkes Day celebrations, which in recent years have gradually begun to transform into something that more closely resembles American Halloween.

Samhain

History.com notes that Halloween can trace its origins to Ireland. But those origins did not involve giggling youngsters carrying plastic pumpkins around in search of candy. Halloween's origins can be traced to the Celtic festival of Samhain. Samhain was considered the Celtic New Year and was sacred to the ancient Irish. The festival was celebrated as the days became shorter, and offerings were left for the dead, who celebrants believed could cross over into the land of the living at this time. However, they also believed demonic spirits could follow such a path during Samhain, giving the festival the taste of the macabre that many still enjoy imparting on their Halloween celebrations today.

Halloween has a rich and interesting history that gals and ghouls from all walks of life might find interesting

Veteran's Day program planned at MSL

There will be a Veteran's Day program in McIntosh will on Monday, November 11, at 2:00 p.m. at the McIntosh Senior Living.

The program will consist of singing patriotic songs, patriotic verses, and Quilt of Valor presentation. The speaker will be Marine Craig Burslie.

Lunch with cake and ice cream will follow the program. All Veterans and the public are invited to this special event.

This program is presented and sponsored by our local group, Friends of the Veteran's.



No School

There will be no school at Win-E-Mac on Thursday, October 31st, as the Patriot's football team will play at the FargoDome at 12:30 pm. Come and cheer on the Patriot's!

MN House request flood emergency in NW MN

Representative Deb Kiel, R-Crookston, joined other House Republicans in sending a letter to Governor Walz this week to request that he declare a flood emergency to deal with recent extensive flooding which has caused significant challenges for Minnesota farmers.

The letter also requested the administration's help in working with the federal government to seek a Secretarial disaster designation through the United States Department of Agriculture, and a Presidential disaster declaration. North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum signed a similar executive order earlier this week.

"As a farmer myself, I have seen firsthand how difficult the recent flooding has been in our area, and how important a disaster declaration would be," said Kiel. "Farmers throughout Northwest Minnesota are facing major problems, and a disaster designation would be a major step towards helping our community move forward."

An executive order, paired with the federal declarations, would give farmers access to financial assistance as well as assist with emergency road repairs.



WEM ECFE presents the Teddy Bear Band

Win-E-Mac ECFE will be hosting the Teddy Bear Band on Monday, November 4 in the Arts and Event Center from 6:30-7:15p.m. This will be a fun family event! B.Y.O.T.B. (Bring Your Own Teddy Bear!)



Community Calendar

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

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Tue Nov. 5: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Wed. Nov. 7: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Nov. 8: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Nov. 9: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

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The kids at The Clubhouse Childcare Center had a visit from some of the staff at Ag Country Credit in Fosston and each of the kids were given a pumpkin.



Bob Bursheim grilling some shrimp for customers during the McIntosh Adult Halloween event last Friday evening.



Not to scary, but dressed for the occasion was Jane Aakhus during the Halloween event in downtown McIntosh.

Halloween fast facts and figures

Halloween is celebrated in various countries. Halloween can trace its origins to Ireland and is based on the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, during which people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off spirits. Halloween has since become a day to play pranks and don costumes while going door-to-door seeking treats from neighbors.

Each year, the National Retail Federation tracks Halloween trends. The figures and statistics shared by the NRF and other organizations paint a picture of just how popular Halloween can be.

- **Consumers** will spend an estimated \$9 billion on Halloween. The average, American will spend \$86.79 on the festivities, according to the NRF.

- **The U.S. Census Bureau** indicates that there are 41.1 million potential trick-or-treaters aged 5 to 14.

- **Ninety-five percent** of people surveyed by the NRF planned to purchase candy for Halloween. The next most popular purchase is decorations (74 percent).

- **Forty-five percent** of respondents planned to carve a pumpkin for Halloween, says the NRF.

- **In Canada**, there are 2,569 farms with pumpkin patches, according to the 2016 Census of Agriculture.

- **The top-ranked** costumes for children in 2018 were princess and superhero. Adults planning to dress up were more likely to go as a witch or a vampire.

- **Data from domestic** box office earnings of horror movies in 2018 totaled \$752.2 million. This accounts for movie earnings in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Guam. "A Quiet Place" and "Halloween" were the top-grossing horror flicks of the year.

- **The ubiquitous** "pumpkin spice" starts to turn up in various products as soon as there are hints of autumn. Nielsen says \$6.9 million was spent on pumpkin spice products in 2018.

- **Candy corn** is either loved or loathed. According to the National Confectioners Association, 42.7 percent of peo-

ple who enjoy candy corn say they eat the narrow white part of the candy corn first.

- **The NRF** states that, when looking for their ideal costumes, 33 percent of consumers will check online first, followed closely by 29 percent in stores.

- **Pet costumes** remain incredibly popular. Prosper Insights, a marketing and analytics company, states that 31.2 million Americans plan to dress up their pets - with millennials being the largest demographic to do so.

- **There are potentially** 120 million stops for trick-or-treaters to visit in the United States, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

- **The Manufacturing and Wholesale Trade Division** in Canada says that there were 158 businesses engaged in formal wear and costume rentals in Canada in 2017.

Halloween is frighteningly popular, with scores of people taking part in the spending and antics of this entertaining day.

A spiced dessert for Halloween

Halloween party hosts may want to have a variety of treats on hand to satisfy the assortment of sweet tooths in attendance.

Candy might be the first thing people think of on Halloween, but cakes and cookies can make for delicious treats as well.

Borrowing from the flavors of the season, including pumpkin, cinnamon and nutmeg, "Spiced Pumpkin Cake" from "Real Simple: Easy, Delicious Home Cooking (Time Home Entertainment)" from the editors of Real Simple can be a welcome addition to any Halloween spread.

Spice Pumpkin Cake
Serves 12
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus more for the pan
3 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled, plus more

for the pan
5 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
11/2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
11/2 cups granulated sugar
3 large eggs
1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree
1/2 cup whole milk
1/4 cup molasses
11/4 cups confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
Heat oven to 350 F. Butter and flour a 12-cup bundt pan.
In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
Using an electric mixer, beat the butter and granulated sugar on medium-high heat until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. One at

a time, beat in the eggs. Beat in the pumpkin puree, milk, and molasses (the mixture may appear curdled). Reduce the mixer speed to low; gradually add the flour mixture and mix until just combined (do not overmix).

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 55 to 65 minutes. Let cool in the pan for 30 minutes, then invert onto a wire rack to cool completely.

In a small bowl, whisk together the confectioners' sugar and lemon juice until smooth. Drizzle over the cake. Let set before serving.

Tip: This cake can be baked and glazed up to one day in advance. Store, covered at room temperature.



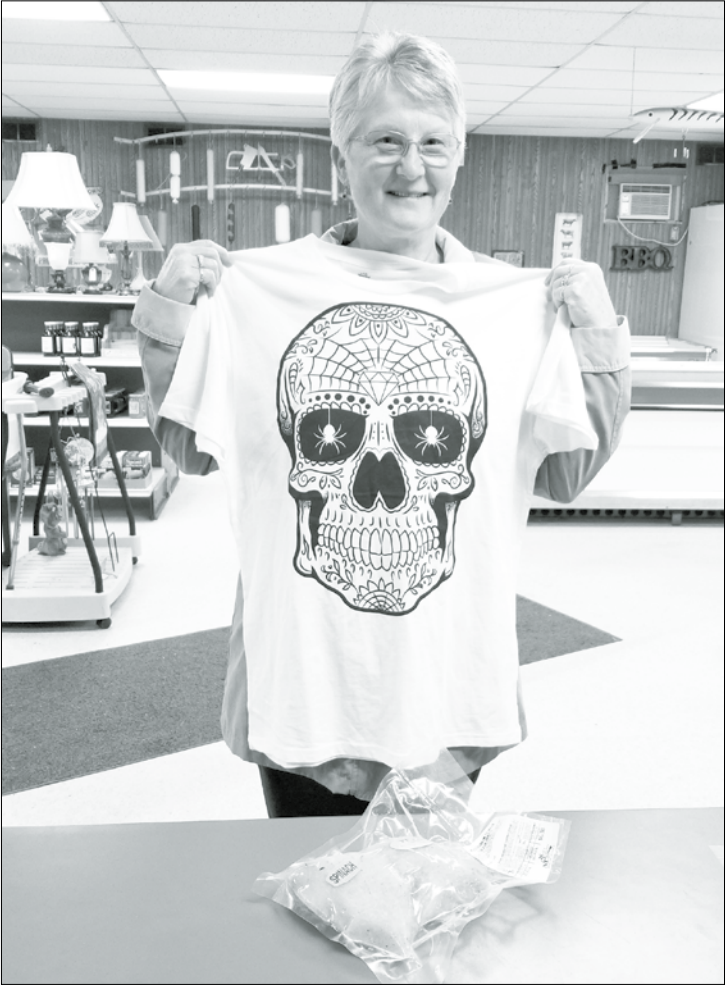
Welcoming guests to Minnesota Rust during the Adult Halloween event in McIntosh is Wanda Stordahl and MN Rust owner, Andrea Stordahl.

Friends of our Troops Christmas cards

The Friends of our Troops have again requested Christmas cards to be given to Veterans serving in the U. S. Military. The rules are the same as previous year. 1. Greeting cards must have the senders name and address on the back of the card and also on the upper left corner of the envelope. 2. Do not address any of the envelopes 3. Sign your name to the card and you can write something in the card or write a short note on a piece of paper and include that in the card. 4. Do not seal the envelopes and

the flap should be tucked inside the envelope. 5. All cards must be flat and not have any glitz or any other items in the envelope.

The McIntosh Friends of Veterans will send the Christmas cards to New Madrid, MO by November 20. Garnet Aannenson, President, will collect all of these cards hopefully by Veterans Day so that they can be boxed and sent. The more cards that are sent, the cheaper will be the amount needed for the membership dues to the Friends of our Troops.



The winner of the Adult Coloring Contest held for our Haunted Marketplace is Mary Lerbald of McIntosh. Congratulations from Everyone at Neil's !!

Reps. Kiel and Fabian announce \$30 million in safety funding for MN schools

State Representatives Deb Kiel, R-Crookston, and Dan Fabian, R-Roseau, announced that school districts throughout Minnesota will receive a combined \$30 million to fund safety initiatives.

"Keeping our students safe is a high priority, and I am proud to support this important funding," said Fabian. "I know that our schools will put this money to good use in keeping our students, teachers, and school staff safe."

The allocation is funded by a one-time Safe Schools Supplemental Aid appropriation in the state's education budget, and funds are distributed on a per-pupil basis. Safe Schools Supplemental Aid may be used for any expenditure authorized under the Safe Schools Levy, including a wide variety of services including school security, counseling, police liaison services, and other safety and crime prevention measures for students and staff.

"The services this money will fund are ones that are ab-

solutely crucial for supporting students and keeping schools safe," said Kiel. "Every student and teacher deserves to feel safe at school, and this funding will ensure that districts can make safety improvements based on each school's needs."

School districts in Rep. Fabian's District 1A will receive \$237,029.16, and school districts in Rep. Kiel's District 1B will receive \$310,012.12.



Wed. Oct. 30:
Randy Christianson, Dave Stordahl
Thurs. Oct. 31:
Gloria Bren, *Joseph & Kelly Lee
Fri. Nov. 1: Jim Votava, Kain Schow, Caleb Paskvan, Janet Landsverk
Sat. Nov. 2:
Bridgette Burslie, Robert Christianson, Bernie Marshall, *Ron & Elaine Roed
Sun. Nov. 3:
Ethan Ekeberg, Sharon Hegland, Bob Quinlan
Mon. Nov. 4: Greta Strom, Cameron Svalen
Tues. Nov. 5: Avery Ostenaa



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor
Sun. Nov. 3: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Sun. Nov. 10: 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. Nov. 3: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary
Sun. Nov. 10: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson
Sun. Nov. 3: 11:15am Worship Service.
Sun. Nov. 10: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church
Fri. Nov. 1: 10:00 a.m. Telecast of the Luther League program on GVTV-30
Sun. Nov. 3: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Tues. Nov. 5 : 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV-30; 1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Wed. Nov. 6: 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. Oct. 30: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel
Thurs. Oct. 31: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sun. Nov. 3: 9:30 Mt. Carmel Worship; 9:45 Trinity Sunday School for all ages; 10:45 Mt Carmel Sunday School for all ages; 11:00 Trinity Worship

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)
McIntosh
Pastor Jill Torgerson
Sun. Nov. 3: 9am Worship; fellowship coffee following worship
Sun. Nov. 10: 9am Worship; fellowship coffee following worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlunds
Wed. Oct. 30: 7:00pm Bible Study on Ezra and Nehemiah Everyone Welcome
Sun. Nov. 3: 10:00am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School
Wed. Nov. 6: 7:00pm Bible Study on R Ezra and Nehemiah. Everyone Welcome
Sun. Nov. 10: 10:00am Worship Service, Adult and Children's Sunday School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker,
Sun. Nov. 3: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School
Sun. Nov. 10: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC
Erskine, Minnesota
Pr. Scott Baker, interim
Sun. Nov. 3: 10:30am Adult Bible Study; 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship
Sun. Nov. 10: 10:300am Adult Bible Study; 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH
Erskine
Pastor Joel Smeby
Wed. Oct. 30: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes
Sat. Nov. 2: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group
Sun. Nov. 3: 10:00am Worship
Wed. Nov. 6: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

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America's largest prairie-wetland restoration project celebrates 15 years in MN

We at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are celebrating Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, which was established 15 years ago this week to preserve and restore the imperiled tallgrass prairie ecosystem in Minnesota. Take a moment to learn about this special place and how we work collaboratively to protect America's precious prairie and wetlands.

Prairies and wetlands are important. Not just for the wildlife that depend on them for food, water and shelter, but also for people.

They store carbon, anchor rich nutrients and help filter our water supply. While North American tallgrass ecosystems have declined by more than 99% since the 1800s, we've been working hard to bring them back.

Today, Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge protects more than 23,000 acres of habitat, including a combination of native tallgrass prairie, reconstructed prairie, as well as both natural and restored wetlands. This prairie ecosystem is dominated by native grasses that are often three to six feet tall and contain an immense variety of grasses and wildflowers, but the most dominant species defining the prairie are big bluestem, Indian grass and little bluestem.

Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge lies in the footprint of its namesake, ancient glacial Lake Agassiz, which formed 9,000 to 12,000 years ago. The wave action of this lake created beach ridges that are still an important corridor that traverses over 400 miles across west and northwest Minnesota from Ortonville to Baudette. The beach ridges run from northeast to southwest with a hill made from

glacial sediment, called a moraine, located on the east side of the refuge. This moraine helped form lakes which in turn created what's known as a fire shield, which stopped the frequent fires that occurred throughout the beach ridge landscape and allowed forests to develop where fire was rare. Grasslands developed in the fire-prone beach ridge area. Today, the refuge is bordered on its eastern edge by lakes and hardwood forests and is adjacent to the Red River Valley on the western edge, which was historically occupied by tallgrass prairie.

Looking out across the peaceful prairie in rural Minnesota, visitors may not realize that they are benefiting from the nation's largest prairie-wetland restoration effort. Created in 2004 with an initial transfer of 1,993 acres of restored tallgrass prairie from The Nature Conservancy, it has grown to be a key part of a patchwork of preserves and wildlife areas in the region that includes some of Minnesota's best remaining prairies.

Over the years, The Nature Conservancy transferred more than 20,000 acres of habitat toward what is now Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge. This monumental restoration effort, called the Glacial Ridge Project, was accomplished with the help of land stewards, partners, volunteers and U.S. Department of Agriculture funding through the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

People visit Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge for the spectacular wildlife and prairie wildflower viewing opportunities, photography and recreational hunting. Whether on a prairie hike or from the



Opening morning of the Prairie Chicken hunt at Rydell National Wildlife Refuge.

road, wildlife watchers should look and listen for sandhill cranes, upland sandpipers, bobolinks, a variety of prairie sparrows, as well as mammals like moose and black bear. Hunting opportunities include deer, waterfowl, upland game birds, wild turkey, and small game.

[WPFO_ScottRalstonUSFWS_cropped.jpg] Western prairie fringed orchid. Photo by Scott Ralston/USFWS.

The diverse refuge habitats are home to imperiled species like the federally threatened western prairie fringed orchid and state endangered Henslow's sparrow.

Many other noteworthy bird species have benefited from this large-scale habitat restoration, including sharp-tailed sparrows, marbled godwits, short-eared owls, upland sandpipers and Wilson's phalaropes. Restored wetlands provide both nesting and migratory stopover habitat for ducks, geese, swans and a diversity of shorebird species.

Another conservation suc-

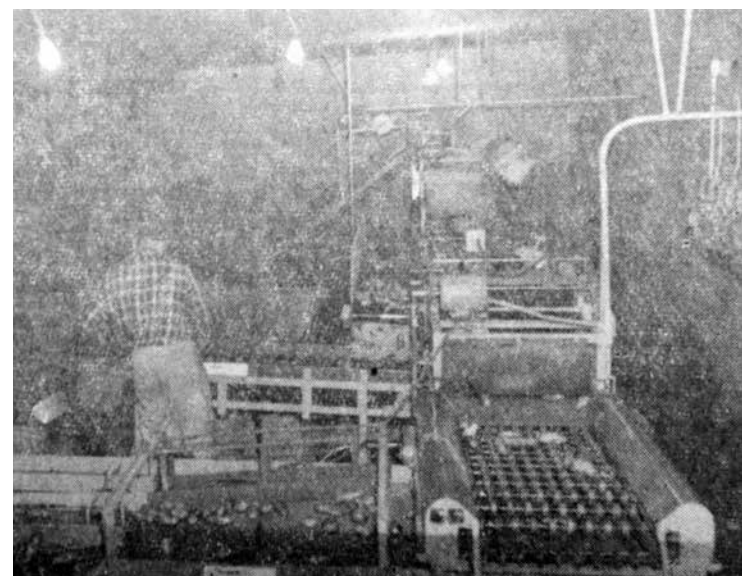
cess story is the greater prairie-chicken. Historically, these members of the grouse family were abundant in midwestern tallgrass prairies, but they are picky about their habitat and don't adjust well to agriculture, roads or powerlines. By the 1930s they were nearly extinct.

Refuge staff and partners have seen prairie-chickens and other grassland species return to the restored prairie habitat. Today, you can come out to the refuge and catch a glimpse for yourself through one of the public viewing blinds.

Every spring birders come out to witness the iconic courtship rituals that give these birds their nickname - boomers. This experience is so popular that advanced registration is needed to reserve a blind.

We are proud to conserve tallgrass prairie and celebrate 15 years of this enduring restoration work with the local community, our partners and visitors.

Learn more about Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge and plan your visit today!



60 years ago...1959: Washing and sorting operations at the new McIntosh Potato Co.



40 years ago...1979: Renee Carlson and Lori Sonsteli were in charge of the "Support AFS" both with homemade candies over Market Day in McIntosh.

Farm and ranch women are decision makers – Annie's Project prepares them well

Farm and ranch women are generating a cultural tide in American agriculture that is moving management, assets and opportunities to a new wave of farmers across the country.

At Annie's Project courses, farm women become empowered to be better business partners or sole operators through networks and by managing and organizing critical information.

Annie's Project is a six-week course that is a discussion-based workshop bringing women together to learn from experts in production, financial management, human resources, marketing and the legal field.

There's plenty of time for questions, sharing, reacting and connecting with presenters and fellow participants. It's a relaxed, fun and dynamic way to learn, grow and meet other farm/ranch women.

Whether new or experienced, understanding the five areas of agricultural risk, knowing how to analyze agricultural spreadsheets and other necessary skills are vital. Learning them in a friendly environment where questions and discussion are welcomed, allow the learning process to flourish.

Annie's Project courses have successfully reached more than 9,000 farm and ranch women in 33 states.

The next one in your area begins on November 4 in Blackduck, Minnesota.

The cost for the course is \$50 per person, which includes a workbook and support materials for all sessions.

A light supper will be served before each class at 5:30 p.m. Course size is limited, so please register soon.

Linda, an Annie's Project alumna says, "I took the class to gain a better understanding



about agribusiness and how financial decisions impact our farm operation.

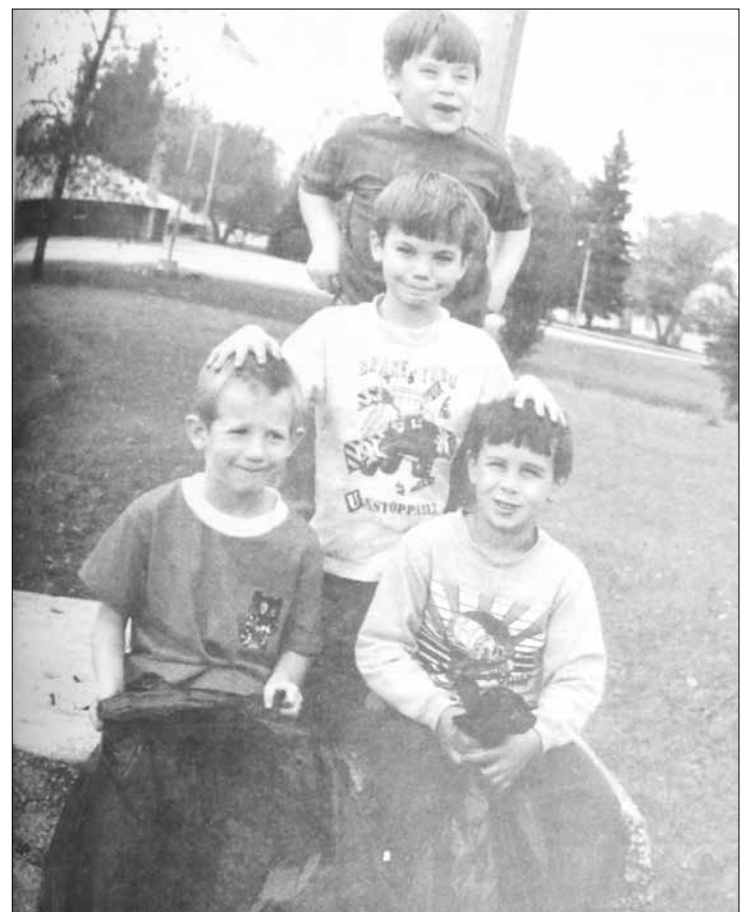
I have a better understanding of balance sheets and the futures market...this class has improved communication with my spouse on concerns we works with on a daily basis."

For more information, contact Heather Dufault, Polk/Red Lake/Clearwater County Extension Educator at 218-280-1129 or poh10024@umn.edu. Online registration is

available at <https://extension.umn.edu/event/annies-project-blackduck>.

More information can be found on the Annie's Project website at www.AnniesProject.org or on the University of Minnesota Extension website for Women In Ag Network at www.extension.umn.edu/business/women-ag-network.

Pictured right: 20 years ago...1999: The Tiger Club Den, under the leadership of Mary Gieseke and Jeff Nornes, took advantage of a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon to work on a badge. The group picked up trash in Roholt Park to comply with their "Caring for your home and neighborhood" badge. Hard working Tigers included: (back) Derek Gieseke, (middle) Zach Boehrsen, and (front) Derek Brinkman and Kyle Peterson.



Emerging Farmers Working Group to meet statewide

Five public meetings this fall aim to identify barriers facing new farmers.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Emerging Farmers Working Group plans to meet in five locations around the state this fall to better identify the barriers farmers are facing and work toward solutions to remove those barriers.

The group's goal is to advance the success and sustainability of immigrant farmers, farmers of color, and beginning farmers, who traditionally cannot access the resources necessary to build a profitable agricultural business.

"Minnesota agriculture is made stronger by our diversity. I'm excited to see farmers from every community engage in an industry that is foundational to our state's culture and economy," said Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan. "We know that farmers face unique challenges when it comes to weather and commodity prices, and these barriers can prevent new or potential farmers from entering the field, especially those from underrepresented communities. As we build the agricultural industry of the future, it's critical that all voices and ideas are at the table, and I commend

the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for starting this conversation."

The following listening sessions have been scheduled and are open to the public. Completion of an online RSVP is required to attend the sessions.

- Friday, November 8 – 1-3 p.m., Eagles Club, Crookston
- Tuesday, November 12 – 1-3 p.m., Lyon County Library, Marshall
- Thursday, November 14 – 1-3 p.m., Lake Superior College, Duluth

Did you know?....

When donating to charity, many donors choose to contribute to child sponsorship organizations that assist needy children at home or abroad. Such organizations provide invaluable services, though donors may be confused about just how their donations are allocated. The charity watchdog organization Give.org, which is part of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance, notes that donations to child sponsorship organizations are often pooled and used to support projects that are intended to benefit the community where the child lives. That

might not be the impression formed by donors, who may think their donations are being conveyed exclusively to a specific child. The practice of allocating donations to cash grants given to a specific child's family does occur, though Give.org notes that it is far less common than pooling donations. Donors considering contributing to child sponsorship programs should not allow the way their donations may be allocated deter them, as oftentimes pooled donations are used to build schools and/or provide medical care, clean water and even food to underprivileged children.



30 years ago...1989: The Win-E-Mac 1989 Homecoming Royal Court: (top, l-r) King Tom Wood and Queen Tracy Vesledahl; (second row) Tim Olson, Stephanie Hoeft, Jeff Oseth, Angie Stuhau; (3rd row) Angie Rivera, Eric Roed, Erin Hammer, Brent Carlson; (bottom row) Ryan Voxland and Gwen Grundyson.



Nathan Fortmann (2) takes a hand off from quarterback, Gain Walker (12) during the Patriot win over the Park Christian Falcons on Saturday at Win-E-Mac School.



The Patriot defense provided excellent blocking during their win on Saturday. They will now travel to the FargoDome to take on Fertile-Beltrami for the Section 6 championship.



The end of a busy evening in McIntosh for the staff members of The Red Poppy, Howard Soap Company and Minnesota Rust during the Adult Halloween event last Friday.



The new "must see" in McIntosh is The Red Poppy. They spent their first night of business open for the Adult Halloween event. Here, Remar Voxland visits with shop owner, Meghan Palubicki and her son, who were both dressed "In the spirit" of the evening.



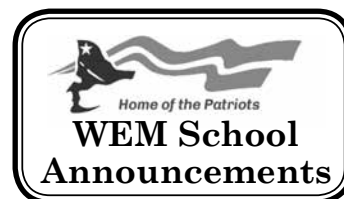
Grandma Mary (Gieseke) visited the Clubhouse Childcare Center with pumpkins from Ag Country Credit in Fosston and got to visit with her grandsons, Colby and Sawyer Cook.



Cute as a pumpkin Divinity Hedlund received a pumpkin of her own last week during a visit from Ag Country Credit at The Clubhouse Childcare Center.

Above: Adler Stordahl with her pumpkin she received at the Clubhouse Child Care Center when Ag Country visited last week.

Below: The new Howard Soap Company store was busy with customers last Friday during the Halloween event.



Pasteries with Parents at WEM

Pastries with Parents ~ Special guests could also be grandparents, neighbors, etc ~ come enjoy coffee, juice, and a pastry while reading with your child. Thursday, November 7th ~ 7:30-8:00 a.m. ~ WEM Arts and Events Center. Sponsored by WEM Literacy Committee

WEM ECFE
Join for fun, games and learning. WEM Early Child-

hoof Family Education will meet on Mondays at 6:00 pm in the WEM preschool room. Follow WEM ECFE on Facebook for updates and class schedule information. ECFE is for parents and their children birth to preschool age. ECFE will have its first meeting on September 9, 2019.

ECFE is based on the idea that parents provide their child's first and most significant learning environment and parents are children's first and most enduring teachers. ECFE works to support you as a parent/caregiver and to strengthen and empower families.

The goal is to enhance the ability of all parents and other family emmbers to provide the best possible environments for their child's learning and development.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

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