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The Win-E-Mac Patriot's beat Warren-Alverado-Osla at Moorhead High School last Friday night during the quarterfinal game of the MN State High School Football playoffs. The Patriot's now will advance to the Semi-Finals at US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis this Friday, November 16th at 9:00 am. They will take on Mountain Lake Area for a place in the final State Championship game.

Patriot's are taking it to the Bank

Congratulations to the Win-E-Mac Patriot Football Team for winning the Section 6 Quarter Finals on Friday evening!

They will advance to the Semi Finals which will be held on Friday, November 15. Due to this football game, Win-E-Mac School will be closed on Friday, Nov. 15th.

Win-E-Mac will have a Charter bus available to the cities and back on Friday. The



cost will be \$30 round trip. You will also need to purchase a gate ticket for \$15. Please call the District Office or check our Facebook Page and web site for details

Win-E-Mac High School will present fall play Nov. 23/24

Win-E-Mac High School will present their fall play The Purrfect Crime on Saturday, November 23rd at 7 PM and Sunday, November 24th, at 2 PM at the Win-E-Mac Arts and Events Center.

The play is about the Little family who are waiting to discover who will inherit Big Bob Little's ranch, cattle and 36 million dollars. The family matriarch is portrayed by Erich Gensberger and the three children who feel they each will be the sole heir are played by Paige Breckel, Jadon Kangas, and Grace Kaupang. The "Purrfect" family cat is brought to life by Bridget Roggenbuck.

Other actors involved are Zach Simonson as the clueless detective, Brock Trandem as the stiff sarcastic butler (every mystery needs one.) Sydney Roed portrays the sensible, but not so savvy lawyer (every will needs one.)

Jayden Gensburger becomes the bossy, scheming "pet psychic" and Teagan Paulson acts the part of Bubba her hapless sidekick. There's also a few bystanders at the bus station.

The cast and crew would appreciate your presence at this mystery/comedy The Purrfect Crime by Todd Wallinger. The

play is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc, Denver, Colorado.

Polk County warns against depositing snow on roadways

The Polk County Highway Dept. wishes to inform all residents of Polk County that in accordance with Minnesota Statute 160.27, Subd. 5, it is illegal to place snow (by plowing, blowing or shoveling etc.) onto County Highways. Violation of this Statute is considered a misdemeanor.

Polk County also cautions that the act of placing snow onto a County Highway can subject a person to a civil liability if a road hazard occurs and causes a traffic accident.

The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who actually placed

Did you know?.....

Supporting local businesses has some surprising benefits that can greatly improve life for entrepreneurs and the communities they call home. Large corporations may find it impractical to open up shop in some small towns, villages and rural areas, feeling that

Darkhouse spearing: Turning a passion into a business

If you want to know more about darkhouse spearing or want to find an enjoyable new winter hobby, you need to attend the Spears, Beers and Decoys show at the Lean To Tavern in Bejou on Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. There will be many vendors with information about the sport on hand and many other enthusiasts who will be happy to talk about the sport.

Darkhouse spearing for Jordan and Jered Gunufson started when we were young boys around 4 or 5 years old. Their dad would take the boys to Maple Bay or Union Lake occasionally. He would wrap a rope around their waists so if they did fall in, he had something to grab and pull us out. (They never fell in though!)

The boys' dad and uncles would go on a spearing trip to International Falls every December. They wanted to go with but the rule was the boys' had to wait until we were 18 years old. When the wait was finally over, they got to go on the spearing trip and from that point on, they have been truly hooked on Darkhouse Spearing.

It's not always about spearing big fish to them, its more about the memories made with friends and family and also introducing our kids to spearing.

As they got older, they started to fall in love with the sport of darkhouse spearing even more. In November of



Owners of Northern Spiked: Jordan Gunufson, Trent Oftedahl, & Jered Gunufson. The trio will host a spearing show at the Lean To Tavern in Bejou on Saturday, November 23rd.

2017 their buddy Trent Oftedahl and Jordan wanted to come up with something to promote this sport more. "We wanted to start something where people could relate to spearing or even better yet, to start spearing from scratch", said Jordan, "We sat down in my office one evening (with a 12 pack of Busch Light) and brainstormed some ideas and that's when Northern Spiked was born."

Since then the guys have been filming their spearing trips, and promoting other com-

panies that are involved in this great sport. Promotion is like a second language to Jordan and he has really brought the sport of darkhouse spearing to many in Northwest Minnesota and further away as well.

"In the midst of all this we decided last year that we wanted to do more around our community", said Jordan,

"A spear and decoy show came to our mind. What better way would there be than to kickoff the spearing season with an event with decoy carvers and spear makers?"



the snow on the roadway.

All citizens are asked to obey these rules, which are designed to keep our highways safe during winter months.



Gavin Walker on his way to the end zone last Friday night during the WEM defeat of WAO in Moorhead.



Community Calendar

Wed. Nov. 13: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Nov. 14: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri Nov. 15: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Nov. 18: 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 Nov. 19: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm

Wed. Nov. 20: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Nov. 21: Library 4pm to 7pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. Nov. 22: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Nov. 25: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



On Tuesday, October 15th, the Win-E-Mac Chapter of the Minnesota Honor Society held its new inductee ceremony and celebration with family and friends at the Win-E-Mac Commons. The new members were honored and sworn in by returning officers and members and received their certificates and pins. Following the ceremony, there were pastries, cookies and juice as members of the Honor Society took time for photos and conversation with those community patrons in attendance. To be a member of the Win-E-Mac Chapter, students must be selected by the Faculty Council based upon an application process that reflects meeting the Four Pillars of the Minnesota Honor Society. Those Four Pillars are: Academic, Character, Service, and Leadership. Congratulations to the new members as well as those members who are returning! (Front Row: L to R): Lindsey Espeseth, Abby Lendy, Paige Breckel, Mia Thompson, Felicity Andress, and Rylee Haugen. (Back Row: L to R): Dustin Osland, Alex Jacobson, Gavin Haskett, Noah Ostenaar, Gavin Walker, Reed Neubert, and Ellie Lindberg. Missing: Mary H. Catahan.

“Christmas at Downton Abbey”

“Christmas at Downton Abbey” is the theme for the 6th Annual Heritage Dinner sponsored by the East Polk Heritage Center (EPhC).

Using the popular television series and recent full-feature film as its inspiration, the event will be held on December 7th at the historic L.W. Larson House in Fosston.

Once again, guests will be presented with a three-course meal and will delight in the exquisitely decorated rooms each featuring

Christmas trees, lights, candles and beautifully set tables. EPhC volunteers have researched recipes that are authentic to the Edwardian era and have selected a menu that even the Dowager Countess would approve of!

The culinary history of the late Victorian and early Edwardian era changed with the onset of World War I in Great Britain.

The menu for this event has been chosen to provide an authentic experience of the cuisine from this era and will include a soup and bread course



– Royal Cheddar Cheese Soup with Estate Oat Bread. The entrée will feature Pork and Apple Roll, Shredded Spiced Brussel Sprouts and Creamed Carrots and the meal will be topped off with the dessert course “Mrs. Patmore’s” Christmas Bread Pudding. EPhC invites you to celebrate the magic and majesty of the food inspired by Downton Abbey and enjoy the royal fare of a Christmas Edwardian Eng-

land!

Space is limited for this event so two seating times are offered, one at 5:00 PM and the other at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$40 per person and reservations can be made by calling Bonnie Stewart at 435-6119.

Proceeds from the event support annual operating costs for the EPhC, a fully volunteer operated organization serving the history and culture of East Polk County.

Prepare a delicious turkey for your Thanksgiving dinner table

While there are no laws governing which dishes must appear on Thanksgiving dinner tables, for many the fourth Thursday of November simply would not be complete without turkey. Turkey can be cooked in various ways, but roasting might be the most popular method used by Thanksgiving celebrants.

This recipe for "Herb-Roasted Turkey" from Yolanda Banks' "Cooking for Your Man" (Broadway Books) produces a mouth-watering bird that's sure to make a lasting impression this Thanksgiving.

Herb-Roasted Turkey
Serves 10
12 tablespoons (1-1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1/4 cup packed fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, chopped, plus 4 whole sprigs
1 large sprig fresh rosemary, leaves chopped, plus 2 whole sprigs
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme, plus 4 whole sprigs
15 leaves fresh sage, chopped, plus 3 whole leaves
3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for the turkey
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more for the turkey
1 15-pound turkey
1 lemon, quartered
8 shallots, peeled and halved
1 head garlic, cloves separated and peeled
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth or stock
2/3 cup dry white wine
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1. In a small bowl, combine the butter, chopped parsley, chopped rosemary, chopped thyme, chopped sage, salt, and pepper, and mix well.
2. Position a rack in the bottom third of the oven and preheat the oven to 450 F. Sprinkle the main cavity of the turkey with salt and pepper. Place the whole sprigs of parsley, rosemary and thyme and the sage leaves into the cavity. Add the lemon, 4 shallot halves and half of the garlic cloves.
3. Starting at the neck end, carefully slide a hand between

the skin and the breast meat to loosen the skin. Spread 3 tablespoons of the herb butter over the breast meat under the skin. Tuck the wing tips under the skin, and tie the legs together to hold the shape. Season the turkey generously all over with salt and pepper.
4. Place the turkey on a wire rack set in a large roasting pan. Rub 4 tablespoons of the herb butter over the turkey. Roast about 30 minutes, until golden brown, and reduce the heat to 350 F. Baste the turkey with 1/2 cup of the broth. Cover only the breast area with a sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Scatter the remaining shallots and garlic cloves in the pan around the turkey.
5. Continue to roast the turkey for about 1 1/2 hours, basting with 1/2 cup of broth every 30 minutes. Remove the foil from the turkey breast. Continue to roast the turkey, basting with pan juices every 20 minutes, about 1 hour longer, until it's golden brown and a thermometer inserted into the

thickest part of the thigh registers 165 F. Transfer the turkey to a platter and brush with 1 tablespoon of the herb butter. Tent it loosely with foil and let it rest for 20 minutes before carving.
6. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the shallots and garlic from the roasting pan to a plate. Transfer the pan juices to a medium bowl, then skim off and discard the fat. Set the pan over two burners on medium-high heat. Deglaze the pan with the wine and 1 cup of chicken broth, scraping up any browned bits. Bring the sauce to a boil, reduce the heat to medium, and cook until it's reduced by half, about 4 minutes. Pour the sauce into a large measuring glass. Add the degreased pan juices, and broth, if necessary, to equal 3 cups of liquid.
7. Blend the flour into the remaining herb butter until combined. Pour the broth mixture into a medium saucepan and bring to a boil. Gradually whisk in the herb-butter mixture. Add any accumulated juices from the turkey platter and boil until the gravy thickens enough to coat a spoon, whisking occasionally, about 6 minutes. Add the remaining shallots and garlic to the gravy and simmer for 1 minute. Taste and adjust the seasonings, if necessary. Serve the turkey with the gravy



Hazel Trogstad, Kelsey Perrine and Andrea Stordahl were busy at Neil's Quality Meats & More during the Bargain Hunt/Snag a Tag event last Saturday in McIntosh.



The Subbert family was out and about last Saturday in McIntosh for the Big Bargain Hunt event held downtown.

Free Tai Chi health classes begin Dec. 2nd at RiverView

Tai Chi classes will resume at RiverView Health on Monday, Dec. 2nd with RiverView Physical Therapist Christine Loff as the leader.

Loff is a certified Tai Chi for Rehabilitation instructor. Her free classes, called Tai Chi Health, help improve fitness, muscle strength, flexibility and immunity.

They also work to decrease pain, improve balance and overall quality of life.

Tai Chi Health will be offered every Monday (check the calendar on RiverView's webpage at www.riverviewhealth.org for confirmation each week) from 4 to 5 pm in the Education Room at the Home Care Building, 721 S. Minnesota St., Crookston. Please wear

flat footwear and comfortable clothes.

For more information, contact Loff 218-281-9463.



Community Thanksgiving

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in McIntosh on Wednesday November 27 at 7pm. This year there will be a Soup and Sandwich Supper before the service instead of Coffee

Fellowship afterwards. Supper will be served from 5:30-6:30. This will make it easier for families with small children to attend since they won't have to prepare supper at home. The Thanksgiving Offering this year will go to the Win-E-Mac Backpack program that provides weekend meals for many students. Non-Perishable food donations will also be received for area foodshelves. Singers are welcome to join the Community

Choir for rehearsal at 6:30 prior to the service. Sponsored by the McIntosh Area Churches.

Wednesday November 27 at 5:30 pm: Soup and Sandwich Supper; 6:30 pm Community Choir Rehearsal; 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service.



Donate to the Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree located inside of Neil's Quality Meats & More is for new or gently used mittens, hats, and scarves which will be donated to Heat Start and given to local families in need. Please donate by December 6th.

The Mitten Tree is sponsored by Neil's Quality Meats and More and Minnesota Rust.



Wed. Nov. 13: Chris Grettum
Thurs. Nov. 14: Bev Anderson, Veronica Rolf, Laura Paskvan, Lois Boehrnsen
Fri. Nov. 15: Gayle Burslie, Elvera Just
Sat. Nov. 16: Sheena Burslie, Bret Schulz
Sun. Nov. 17: April Plante, Kraig Kundert
Mon. Nov. 18: Jim Wertish, Leona Brekke, *David & Veronica Rolf
Tues. Nov. 19: Dan Schow, Hunter Smeby

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor
Sun. Nov. 17: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Sun. Nov. 24: 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 Syversen
Sun. Nov. 17: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary
Sun. Nov. 24: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syversen
Sun. Nov. 17: 11:15am Worship Service.
Sun. Nov. 24: 11:15am Worship Service.

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church

Sun. Nov. 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Tues. Nov. 19: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVT7V--30; 1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Pioneer Memorial Care Center

Wed. Nov. 20: 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. Nov. 13: 7:30pm Bible Study at Mt. Carmel
Thurs. Nov. 14: 7:00am Men's Breakfast at Mt. Carmel
Sun. Nov. 17: 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. 17: 9am Worship; fellowship coffee following worship
Sun. Nov. 24: 9am Worship; fellowship coffee following worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlunds
Wed. Nov. 13: 7:00pm Bible Study on Ezra and Nehemiah Everyone Welcome
Sun. Nov. 17: 10:00am Worship Service and Children's Sunday School
Wed. Nov. 20: 7:00pm Bible Study on R Ezra and Nehemiah. Everyone Welcome
Sun. Nov. 24: 10:00am Worship Service, Adult and Children's Sunday School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker,
Sun. Nov. 17: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School
Sun. Nov. 24: 9:00am Worship; 10:00 Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC
Erskine, Minnesota
Pr. Scott Baker, interim
Sun. Nov. 17: 10:30am Adult Bible Study; 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship
Sun. Nov. 24: 10:30am Adult Bible Study; 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am Worship

RODNES LUTHERAN CHURCH
Erskine
Pastor Joel Smeby
Wed. Nov. 13: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes
Sat. Nov. 16: 8:00am Men's Prayer Group
Sun. Nov. 17: 10:00am Worship
Wed. Nov. 20: 10:00am Bible Study at Crossroads; 7:00pm Bible Study at Rodnes

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MN receives \$9 million in federal funding to implement conservation practices

Money to help farmers interested in the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program.

Federal officials have awarded \$9 million in financial assistance to Minnesota farmers for implementing conservation practices to earn certification in the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP). The money comes from the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

The RCPP focuses on public-private partnerships that offer value-added contributions to expand the ability to address on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns.

"The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture have a strong history of working collaboratively to support agriculture and our Minnesota farmers," said Minnesota NRCS State Conservationist Troy Daniell. "It is truly my pleasure to work with MDA more than ever through the Resource Conservation Partnership Program for the Minnesota Agricultural Water

Quality Certification Program. This is a robust effort that emphasizes public-private partnership to help give our farmers a level of certainty in an ever-changing world. However, it is the farmers making it all happen on the ground every day to supply food and fiber to the world in an environmentally sound way which benefits us all."

The Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program is designed to accelerate progress toward water quality goals in our state's lakes, rivers, and streams while making conservation regulations more predictable and less cost-prohibitive for the state's farmers.

Those enrolled in the program who implement and maintain approved farm management practices are certified by the state, and, in turn, are assured that their operations meet the state's water quality goals and standards for a period of 10 years.

"As the name implies, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program is truly about partnerships," said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "From day one, the Ag Water Quality Certification Program has been a partnership with

federal and state agencies and private industry. We are all working together side-by-side with farmers, landowners, and rural communities to improve the health of our environment."

This five-year award is the second the state has received for the MAWQCP. In 2015, Minnesota was given a \$9 million RCPP award for five years. In both instances, the entire amount of money is passed through to farmers for on-the-farm conservation measures.

"The technical and financial assistance in conjunction with the farmers inputs give us a highly productive agricultural system in Minnesota, while at the same time sustaining clean water so critical to our daily lives," Daniell added.

"The Ag Water Quality Certification Program provides the farmer increased certainty, but also gives all of us certainty that we can sustain our resources for generations to come."

Since it began in 2014, the MAWQCP has certified over 800 farms totaling nearly 550,000 acres.

Farmers have installed over 1,700 new conservation practices across Minnesota as part of the program. Those

new practices have kept over 37,000 tons of sediment out of Minnesota rivers while saving nearly 103,000 tons of soil and 45,000 pounds of phosphorous on farms each year. The conservation practices have also reduced nitrogen loss up to 49% and cut greenhouse gas emissions by more than 36,000 tons per year. This success led to the second round of funding from the RCPP.

About the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program is a voluntary opportunity for farmers and agricultural landowners to take the lead in implementing conservation practices that protect our water.

Those who implement and maintain approved farm management practices will be certified and in turn obtain regulatory certainty for a period of ten years. After a successful pilot phase in 2014-2015, the program is now available to farmers and landowners statewide. More information is available at MyLandMyLegacy.com.



40 years ago...1979: "Goober" Haaven (Bruce) won the Jaycee Women's Snuggler in a drawing at the Scot-Bulldog Championship Conference football game in McIntosh. Cindy Ostenaa Jaycee Women Chairman made the presentation.

Weeds that impact hunters

Shane Blair, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

When hunting, weeds are often an afterthought or not thought of at all.

Unfortunately, weeds can have a negative impact on wild game if ignored and not managed in a timely manner. Weedy species can also be burdensome to hunters.

Some noxious weeds that pose problems for hunters and wild game are Japanese barberry, Oriental bittersweet, buckthorn, and multiflora rose. These four noxious weeds pose different threats but have some similar characteristics:

- They take over the understory of wooded areas halting native regeneration.

- The weeds can affect wetlands or riparian areas.

- They harbor pests that can be harmful to humans and wild game.

- These weeds outcompete our native plants which wild game may seek out.

Japanese barberry (Some Cultivars are Restricted Noxious Weed) was planted as an ornamental woody shrub. Barberry escaped cultivation and can be found naturalizing in the understory of some wooded areas in Minnesota. Once established, it can form impenetrable thickets. Deer do not browse on Japanese barberry because it is not favorable. Turkeys can eat the berries but cannot travel through the dense patches. Japanese barberry can provide the ideal environment for ticks.

Oriental bittersweet (Prohibited Eradicate Noxious Weed) is a woody vine that was sold as an ornamental. It is found in southeast Minnesota. Oriental bittersweet wraps around trees and other supports, resulting in girdled and smothered trees and shrubs. This vine can wipe out a forested area and leaves nothing behind but a huge mass of vines that are impenetrable and create deadfalls. Native species cannot regenerate under oriental bittersweet and some species of wild game cannot travel through it.

Glossy buckthorn and Common/European buckthorn (Restricted Noxious Weed) are both found in Minnesota. They were brought in as an ornamental shrub or small tree used for living fence rows and wildlife habitat. Both pose a serious threat to the degradation of native forest understory habitats. Buckthorn created thick infestations that prevent natural regeneration of forest tree and shrub species and can be impenetrable. Deer, turkeys, and squirrels are often drawn to row-crops, but buckthorn can serve as a host for alfalfa mosaic virus, oat crown rust,

and soybean aphids which can affect the outcome of the crop/food source.

Multiflora Rose (Restricted Noxious Weed) is a highly invasive perennial shrub that was sold as a rootstock for ornamental roses. This plant was used for erosion control, living fence rows, and wildlife habitat. It can be found in forest understories, hedgerows, savannas, stream banks, wetlands, pastures, urban woodlots, roadsides, and other disturbed habitats. This plant is loaded with thorns making it hard for hunters and wild game to travel through. Multiflora rose also outcompetes our native vegetation, not allowing them to grow.

If vegetation becomes too dense, deer, turkey, grouse, and others can have a hard time navigating through them. Trees such as oaks, hickories, walnuts, and other native seedlings are shaded-out and over time eliminated from the forest floor. In turn, this reduces the amount of food and habitat quality produced, such as acorns or walnuts, that wildlife prefer. Deer, as do most animals, like to eat native plants rather than invasive exotic plants that tend to be unpalatable. If deer and other wild game have a hard time finding these native plants, they will eventually move and find new areas to occupy.

What once used to be a pleasurable experience for hunters and other wildlife advocates searching for wild game is now difficult to traverse due to thorns, impenetrable vines, or thickets.

Areas once full of wild game have now become diminished. Over time, small patches of unmanaged weeds will spread and eventually dominate an entire forested, prairie, or wetland.

The hunter can choose to do a quick fix and improperly trim out weedy areas, but this will only result in negative consequences for both hunter and wild game in future years. The best course of action would be for hunters to map or flag problem areas when out and develop active management plans in the off-season to eliminate future weed problems.

If the noxious weeds go unaddressed for too long, it can require significant time and money to correct and maintain ideal habitat diversity for deer and all other wildlife species. Take steps now to manage any noxious weeds present on your property.

There are many other invasive plants that can affect deer and other wild game, but these four are most commonly found in Minnesota.

Further information on these noxious weeds and many

others can be found on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's website.

There you can find the background, a description, photos of various parts of the plants, habitat, means of spread and distribution, impact, prevention and management, as well as other links to help you learn about and manage any noxious weeds present on your property.

**Ad deadline:
Noon Friday**





New Inductee to the Win-E-Mac National Honor Society are: (L to R): Alex Jacobson, Gavin Haskett, Paige Breckel, Noah Ostenaar, Gavin Walker, Mia Thompson, Reed Neubert, and Felicity Andress.



Brody Cook and friends with signs during a pep fest at Win-E-Mac school for the Patriot Football team on their way to the State Quarterfinals, where the team won against Warren-Alverado-Oslo last Friday night in Moorhead.

Pictured below: The Win-E-Mac Patriot football team at Moorhead High School last Friday night after defeating Warren-Alverado-Oslo in the State Quarterfinals. The team now will travel on to US Bank Stadium for their Semifinal game this Friday morning.



Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer

Inclement Weather
Winter weather will soon be upon us and we will be faced with decisions to close school because of unsafe weather conditions. The district will use a School Reach system to notify parents and students when unsafe weather conditions are upon us. Please check your communications info with the school for accuracy. We will send out a notification to your home phone, cell phone, email or other means of programmed communication if such weather exists. If we have nasty weather, please listen to the TV and radio stations for emergency weather announcements. We make numerous contacts and visits throughout our district and region to make a concise decision of whether to close school or not. Our first priority is the safety of students.

School Levy
Around Thanksgiving each of you will receive your Proposed Property Tax Statement/s. The school levy Portion of the Statement for the 2019 Pay 2020 school year will show a decrease by approximately -1%. This is due to three factors: school enrollment, Market Values and a larger credit to Ag properties. Compare the Market Value and tax comparison to last year to see the differences. These factors contribute to proposed amount of tax on your Property Tax Statement.



Construction Trades Program
The Building Trades class is busy with another house this year. It is a 1400 square foot house which will be moved next summer. If you are interested in seeing the construction of this house, please stop by in the back of the school. If you are interested in a house for the 2020 school year, please speak with Nathan Johnson or the Superintendent.

During the months of De-

cember – February our students will have experiences to work with Mobile Manufacturing labs, Robots and Welding practices using trailers of equipment bought through legislative action for Pine to Prairie schools.

Sports
The Win-E-Mac Volleyball team ended their season with a good showing. We are proud of the girls, and thanks to the coaches and athletes for all the memories and hard work they put into the sport.
We are in the final stages of football play. Let's get out and support the efforts of the football team and cheerleaders as we move forward into state competition! We are offering fan buses to the games if you are interested. If they should attend competition in Minneapolis, we will offer a Charter bus to the game leaving at 4:00 am and returning after the game. Call the District Office for more information.
Catch the Patriot Spirit and come out and enjoy the activities and functions of the Win-E-Mac School

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