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Kathryn Carver accepting a \$500 donation from the McIntosh Fire Department for the Quilts of Valor from Mayor Strom on behalf of the McIntosh Fire Department.



The Polar Beach Showmobile Club were out cleaning up the trails for the winter snowmobiling season. Out on this beautiful day were Kelland Bjerke, Carl Hedlund and Josh Bartz.

Minnesotans be on Alert for Fake Debt Collection Scams

Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Issues Warning about Calls and Emails Trying to Collect on 'Phantom' Unpaid Loans

Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman is warning Minnesotans to be alert for fake debt collectors who call or email consumers and claim they owe money on payday loans they took out at some point in the past. In fact, they are "phantom" debts that don't really exist.

The Minnesota Commerce Department has recently heard from Minnesotans with complaints about receiving phone calls and email messages that appear to be from someone affiliated with Advance America Cash Advance or Cash Advance Inc.

This is a real company. Although it is licensed in other states to offer short-term consumer loans, it does not do business in Minnesota. The company has certified that it is not making the debt collection calls or sending the emails.

In the scam, consumers are receiving phone calls or email messages insisting that they are responsible for debt from old payday loans. The email often includes an attached document that looks official. The scammer may also have personal information about the consumer, such as Social Security number, date of birth and a bank account number. This information may have been stolen or purchased.

The scammer will often resort to threats and intimidation to pressure the consumer to send money immediately.

The Minnesota Commerce Department and agencies in other states are currently working to identify and track down the individuals responsible for the fraudulent calls and emails.

Rothman offered several tips to help Minnesotans protect themselves from being victimized by fake debt collectors:

- Be suspicious of anyone who asks you to wire money or load a rechargeable money card as a way to pay a debt. There is no legitimate reason for someone to ask you to send money that way.

- Ask the caller for his or her name, company, street address and phone number. If the caller refuses, the call is not legitimate.

- Research and verify any contact information given to

you. For example, if you are told to go to a specific website, it could be fake. Instead of going directly to the website, search for it on Google and see if it is legitimate.

- Do not reply to emails from debt collectors. A legitimate debt collection business would not contact you in that manner.

- Ask for written proof of the debt that is mailed to you. Tell the caller that you won't do anything until you receive a written "validation notice," as required by federal law. The notice must include the amount of the debt, the name of the creditor and information about the consumer's rights under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

- Do not provide or confirm any Social Security, bank, credit card or other personal information. Fake debt collectors are also in the identity theft business.

- Report a fraudulent call or email by filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov or 877-382-4357.

- You should also contact the Minnesota Commerce Department's Consumer Services Center by emailing consumer.protection@state.mn.us or by calling 651-539-1600 or 800-657-3602 (outside Twin Cities metro area).

Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Helps Launch Nationwide Crack-down Against Abusive Debt Collectors

Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman joined Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Chairwoman Edith Ramirez and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan for a news conference launching a new nationwide enforcement initiative aimed at deceptive and abusive debt collection tactics.

Operation Collection Protection" is the first coordinated federal-state enforcement initiative targeting illegal debt collection practices such as harassing phone calls and false threats of litigation, arrest and wage garnishment.

A total of 115 enforcement actions against debt collectors have been taken so far this year by the more than 70 law

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Win-E-Mac to present fall play in new Arts & Events Center

Win-E-Mac High School will present their fall play Villain School by Brian D. Taylor on Saturday, November 21st at 7:30 P.M. and on Sunday, November 22nd at 2:30 P.M. at the new Win-E-Mac Arts & Events Center..

The setting of the play takes place at the Villain School where the students are being taught how to hone their villainy skills.

There are five orders of villains, the convicts, the monsters, the witches, the misfits and the geniuses.

The school is run by the fearful, strict headmistress (McKenzie Fuller) and the 3 evil professors, Snide, Black, Murk portrayed by Maci Hamre, Aries Qualley and Mariah McKeever.

The monster crew consists of Sasquatch (Travis Balstad) Werewolf (Joey Revier) and Mummy (Tyler Wilson).

The convicts include Sharkey the Card Shark (Chris Kuznetsov) Pick and Pock, the pickpockets (Jordan Jerdee and Brock Trandem) and finally the pirate Davy Backstabber (Kolton Stuhau).

The witches, who are members of the Order of Enchantment, are Kelsey Knutson, Madison McKeever, Kate Johnson and Breanna Carroll.

The misfits are portrayed by Quasimodo (The one and

only Mikey Revier), Garbage (the sad, but hopeful Jessica Kasprzak) and Sandra (Just a normal kid, Katelyn Sanden).

The Geniuses who are in the Order of Marvels are Heidi, the queen bee (Shayley Espeseth), Mal, her clone making friend (Indiana Nornes) and Beatrix the brown noser (CeCe Peterson).

Finally, there is Frank Stein, the new guy in school is well acted by Hunter Chaput.

This talented cast will be the first cast to act on the new stage at the recently completed Arts Center. The community is cordially invited to the momentous event.

The play is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services Inc., Englewood, CO.

A note from Bruce McWilliam:

To commemorate this long awaited occasion, I would like more information on past plays performed at Erskine, McIntosh and Mentor schools. If you can recall the name of your class plays or all school plays, I would appreciate receiving this information.

If you still have the play script and would be willing to send a copy of the script's cover or a few pages of dialogue, I would be very grateful. I would like to put up a display with this information.

I directed my first play at Erskine High School in 1968. It was titled, "Granddad Steps Out".

I directed a repeat of it some 40 years later. I should've kept a record of them.

Please send script covers, dialogue, or any anecdotes you remember to: Bruce McWilliam, 23684 410th St SE, Winger, MN 56592

Muffins with Moms

Plan to attend Muffins for Moms this Thursday, November 12th from 7:30-8:20 am for a muffin breakfast. After breakfast you and your children are invited to join in the library to read with your child and enjoy a pleasant morning.

Win-E-Mac staff looks forward to seeing all Win-E-Mac Moms at this Literacy Event! Please remember: Aunts or Grandmas are welcome too!



Saying goodbye to Salem: The final work was being completed on the removal of Salem Church on Monday, November 9th when the foundation and stairways were being removed and the hole was filled.



Deer Hunting opener had many people out searching for their prize deer of the season. Bruce Haaven shot this impressive 9 point buck NE of McIntosh on Saturday, November 7th in the afternoon.

McIntosh Community Thanksgiving Service

Start out the Holiday season by celebrating everything you are thankful for at the Annual McIntosh Community Thanksgiving Service.

Each year this service is open to all community members and their friends and family.

This years service is Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 PM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Offerings of Non-perishable food and/or money will be collected for Erskine, Oklee and Fosston Food Shelves

Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments after the service.



Bryer Strom shot his first deer on Saturday, November 7th north of McIntosh. Good job Bryer!

Community Calendar

Wed. Nov. 11: Veteran's Day; Veteran's Day Program at Win-E-Mac School 9:00am; Veteran's Day Program at McIntosh Senior Living 2:00pm; City of McIntosh Office Closed; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Nov. 12: Muffins for Mom @ Win-E-Mac School 7:30am; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; McIntosh City Council Meeting @ Community Center 5:30pm; Bingo at The Club Bar & Grill 6:30pm

Fri. Nov.13: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Nov. 16: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tues. Nov. 17: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Wed. Nov. 18: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Nov. 19: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Bingo at The Club Bar & Grill 6:30pm

Fri. Nov. 20: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. Nov. 21: All School Play @ Win-E-Mac Arts & Event Center 7:00pm

Sun. Nov. 22: All School Play @ Win-E-Mac Arts & Event Center 2:30pm

Mon. Nov. 23: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tues. Nov. 24: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

McIntosh Community Club selling Calendars

The MCC will be handling the Community Calendars this year and will be putting out some sign up sheets for orders. The Club asks that people pay when they order.

There will be four locations to sign up and purchase the calendars. First National Bank, Neil's Meats, The McIntosh Country Store, and Jered's Grocery.

Distribution will be set up in December at the bank during their Christmas open house.

Any questions can be answered by Anita Roy, Connie Strom, or Judy Lindseth.

The cost is \$6 per calendar with no limit on the amount of names to put on the calendar.

Look for sign up sheets soon!

Adult Volleyball League

Starting on Sunday, December 6, 2015, there will be an adult volleyball league at the Win-E-Mac gym. The League will meet from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. If you have any questions call or text Danelle Schommer at 218-431-0394.

Polk County Sheriff's Report

The Polk County Sheriff's Office has received multiple reports of prerecorded phone calls claiming to be the IRS. In these calls, there are claims of actions pending and for the victim to return the call. These calls are believed to be scams. Please be aware of possible scams and never give out personal information.



Josh Bartz and Kelland Bjerke were out keeping up the snowmobile trails for the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club. The Polar Beach Snowmobile Club can be found on Facebook too!

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enforcement partners participating in Operation Collection Protection. The Minnesota Commerce Department is responsible for 11 of these enforcement actions.

Some of these actions allege that collectors knowingly attempted to collect so-called phantom debts – phony debts that consumers do not actually owe.

The illegal practices targeted by authorities also include the failure of some collectors to give consumers legally required disclosures and notices, or to follow state and local licensing requirements.

"Illegal and abusive tactics by debt collectors are a nationwide problem that requires a nationwide response," said Rothman. "By working together in this new federal-state collaboration, we are joining our forces to stop these abusive practices and protect the public."

The Minnesota Commerce Department licenses and regu-

lates debt collection agencies and individual debt collectors who operate in the state. In recent years, the department has strengthened compliance supervision and stepped up enforcement actions against unlicensed debt collectors and abusive collection practices.

Earlier this year, the Commerce Department imposed a \$500,000 penalty against Tucker Albin, a Texas debt collection company whose employees harassed and threatened more than 100 small businesses across Minnesota.

The financial penalty was the largest ever imposed on a debt collection agency by the department.

Last year, the department shut down Receivables Management Solutions, Inc., when an investigation determined that its owner was collecting money from debtors but then spending it for his own personal use.

In 2011, the department also took sweeping action against eight debt collection companies that had hired convicted felons who harassed consumers and stole their financial information to commit identity theft.

"Being in debt is stressful enough for many Americans without also being subjected to intimidation and false threats," FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez said. "Debtors have certain rights, and rogue collectors that step outside the law will face the consequences of illegal behavior."

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said, "My office receives thousands of calls and complaints each year from consumers who are victims of illegal debt collection tactics. Through our partnership with the FTC and states across the country, we are putting scam operations out of business and protecting consumers from abusive practices by legitimate creditors."

Through its participation in Operation Protection Collection, the Minnesota Commerce Department will be able to work more closely and effectively with other state and federal agencies to take action against misconduct in the debt collection industry.

Minnesota Grown Directory seeking new listings

Attract more customers to your local farm or market

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is updating its popular statewide Minnesota Grown Directory of farms and farmers markets selling directly to consumers. Minnesota producers who grow or raise products, and those selling directly to consumers, are eligible to list in the Directory.

The 2015 edition had a recording breaking 1,027 farms and farmers markets, which the MDA aims to exceed again.

Farms should sign up before the January 31, 2016 deadline and advertise in the printed Directory to also be included in the online edition.

"The demand for local foods has increased dramatically over the last few years and we are the best source to discover a nearby farm or market," said Agricultural Marketing Specialist for the Minnesota Grown Program, Jessica Miles. "Our Directory is the most comprehensive and commonly used guide to local foods, fibers and fun available in Minnesota."

A sensible \$60 investment entitles farmers to an entire year's worth of advertising for both online and print.

This includes access to other great Minnesota Grown member-only benefits, like the use of the trademarked logo and free stickers, price cards, and other promotional items. The membership deadline is January 31, 2016.

The Program has more than 1,200 members, representing fruit and vegetable farms, livestock producers, farmers markets, CSA farms, orchards, garden centers, farm wineries, Christmas tree growers, and many more.

Potential new members may download an application or sign up and pay online at www.minnesotagrown.com. Simply click on the "Become a Member" link beneath the "Members & Retailers" dropdown menu.

You can also contact Jessica Miles with questions (651-201-6170 jessica.miles@state.mn.us) and to request an application by mail.

The McIntosh Times Office Hours

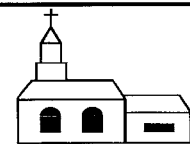
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Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

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Ad deadline is Noon on Friday prior to publication



Church News



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fosston
Fr. John Suvaeken,
Pastor

Sun. Nov. 15: 8:00am Confession; 8:15am Rosary; 8:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Sun. Nov. 22: 8:00am Confession; 8:15am Rosary; 8:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

If you have any questions about the schedule please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Sun. Nov. 15: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary
Wed. Nov. 18: 4:30pm-6:00pm WELCA Supper at Immanuel, 6:00pm - 8:00pm Confirmation at Immanuel; 8:00pm Immanuel Council

Sun. Nov. 22: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary; 12:00pm Potato Klub Dinner at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Wed. Nov. 11: 7:00pm Our Savior's Council

Sun. Nov. 15: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. Nov. 22: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Wed. Nov. 11: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place;

Sat. Nov. 14: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Nov. 15: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10:45am Worship Service

Tues. Nov. 17: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Nov. 18: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place;

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.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh
Pastor Paul Magelson
Sun. Nov. 15: 8am Worship
Sun. Nov. 22: 8am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh
Rev. Mark Peske, Pastor
Sun. Nov. 15: 9:30 am Divine Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

Sun. Nov. 22: 9:30 am Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School & Confirmation
Wed. Nov. 25: 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Community Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Service Broadcast, TV Channel 12 Wednesdays at 10am - Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

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Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Nov. 11: 7:00pm Bible Study on Revelation

Sun. Nov. 15: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School

Wed. Nov. 18: 7:00pm Bible Study on Revelation

Sun. Nov. 22: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School

Wed. Nov. 25: 7:00pm Bible Study on Revelation

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Trinity:

Wed. Nov. 11: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. Nov. 15: 11:00am Worship Service

Wed. Nov. 18: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. Nov. 22: 11:00am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

Thurs. Nov. 12: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. Nov. 15: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School; 12:30pm Confirmation

Sun. Nov. 22: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School; 12:30pm Confirmation

Spiritually Speaking

Heed the instructions of your parents

This might seem to be advice for children, but it really applies to anyone who still has parents who are alive and well enough to give them advice or correction.

Parents are naturally, and probably instinctively, motivated to give their children helpful instructions, advice and corrections about life. They have been around a lot longer than their children, and the children listening, should start young.

There is solid research going back decades demonstrating that parents who talk more to their children have smarter kids who do better in school and avoid problems in life. So, this advice to heed the instructions of your parents is actually advice to parents to make sure you start engaging your children early on, and not just with corrections and instructions, but by reading to them and talking with them as much as possible.

Parents should be having an ongoing dialogue with their children, and should realize that what they say, and how they say it matters greatly to the reception of their message. -Christopher Simon

Bible Study on Christian Heritage

The Bible study "Jewish Roots: The Heritage of the Christian Faith" is a nine session DVD-based study with Mart DeHaan, A DayLight Bible Series. For more information about the study, go to www.dhp.org/daylight.

The study will begin Wednesday, November 18, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the basement of Dovre Free Lutheran Church, led by Debbie Gunderson.

Register by Nov. 6 so study guides can be ordered.

For more information or to register call Debbie Gunderson at 218-945-6288.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Nov. 11: Diane Faldet, Ruth Carlson, Darrin Faldet, Alice Nephew, Martha Henney

Thurs. Nov. 12: Andrea Stordahl, Jayden Gensburger

Fri. Nov. 13: Verniz Jore, Betty Morvig, Dustin Faldet

Sat. Nov. 14: Lois Boehrnsen, Bev Anderson

Sun. Nov. 15: Elvera Just

Mon. Nov. 16: Brenda Fritz, Olivia Simonson

Tues. Nov. 17: April Plante, Eileen Ostenaar, Ruby Heideman



THANK YOU TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE WIN-E-MAC SCHOOL DISTRICT #2609

I would like to thank all of you for the support you have shown to the students of the Win-E-Mac School District, by your attendance at the polls on Nov. 3rd, 2015. We believe the support was there with a total of 331 votes cast on Question 1; yes votes - 252; No votes - 79. Question 2 yes votes - 242; No votes - 90. I appreciate the efforts of our parents, community members and staff to provide information and knowledge about the school referendum to make the renewal a success. As Superintendent, we will do our best to prepare our students for success in the future and sustain a tradition of excellence in academics, arts and athletics into the future.

Superintendent Randy Bruer & the Win-E-Mac School Board

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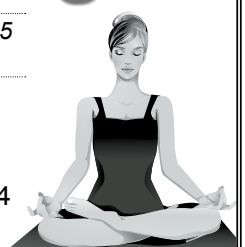
Beginners Yoga!

Class will begin as of November 23, 2015 through January 2016.

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Marinasemerikov@gmail.com



The steps of Salem Church are all that remain of the Church. The final phase of the demolition took place on Monday, November 9, 2015 as the foundation and steps were removed and the area was filled.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

McINTOSH
Thurs., Nov. 12, 2015,
5:30 PM
— COMMUNITY CENTER —

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

— OCTOBER 8, 2015

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OLD BUSINESS:

a. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

NEW BUSINESS:

a. RESOLUTION — DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS

b. LIQUOR LICENSE — THE COOP

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings again from the Winger and Union Lake areas. We had been having some very pleasant weather until today and things changed. Early this morning we had thunder and rain and by this afternoon we were seeing snow coming down, enough to make the ground white but with the week end temps predicted it won't last long.

Once again we turned the calendar to another month and we turned the clocks back for the winter.

Mornings are a bit lighter but the evenings are shorter being dark by the time we get home from work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes to Martha Henney who will be another year younger on Saturday the 7th.

Martha celebrated her 95th birthday at her Sletten Township farm home. Guests included more than 30 kids, grandkids, grest-grandkids, and friends.

Wanda Donavon of St. Francis arrived at the Fern and Milton Carlson home on the 28th of October and spent a few days visiting with the Carlson families.

Paul Carlson stopped in at Fern and Milton's for an eye opening cup of coffee before he went off to work.

Leo and Roberta Pulskamp of Grand Rapids and Dean Johnson were visitors last Saturday at the Pulskamp home.

Judy Gieseke was a dinner guest at the Fern and Milton Carlson home on Friday the 30th. She brought with her garden tomatoes that she still had.

Paul and Donna Carlson visited on Saturday at the Fern and Milton Carlson home, while there Paul did some handywork around the house for Carlson's, they also visited with Wanda Donavon before she left for her home again that day. Sheila and Jade Benesh were also visitors at Carlson's that afternoon.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home last Friday.

Lucy Brtek has visited a couple times during this past week with Wilma Wang at Wilma's home in Fosston.

October 31st, Halloween night brought many ghosts and goblins trick or treating to the Fern and Milton Carlson home, among them were Sheila, Jade, Vincent, Jasmine and Carson Benesh, with Carson looking "horrific", Dusty, Nikki and Dustin Wayne Carlson and Monte, Kristin, Emma, Tory,

Mia and Hadley Erickson also joined in on the festivities of the night.

Roy and Judy Raben visited at the Pioneer Home on Monday with Helmer and Verlys Homme and on Tuesday Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors at the Home with Helmer and Verlys.

On Sunday November the 1st, Paul and Donna Carlson, Adam, Jessica and Cosette Carlson along with Jessica's Mother Missy and "Pops" who is Jessica's Grandpa. Missy and "Pops" who are from Wisconsin were here visiting with Jessica and family.

Good luck to all the deer hunters, have a successful and safe hunt.

Until next week, remember every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.

From Bun Manor:

Congratulations to grandma Pammy Wang on the birth of her first grandson Bradon Roger Wang. He was born on Sunday Nov. 1st. to Peter and Kali Wang of Overland Park Kansas.

Bun headed over to Mac to do the lunch thing with Laura Grant. He went over to Krissys after lunch to get a hair affair. He was lucky enough to get The madam herself Krissy. She gave a really nice cut that he is proud to show off.

Bun got a call from Mike Dietrich from the Duluth area last week. He hadn't talked to him in sometime. He is retired and is planning on moving back to the area in the near future with his mom Mildred and his brother Steve.

Andy and Tom came up to the manor to hunt deer. Tom got a small one on Sat. morning.

Happy Birthday goes out to Carrie Stuhau on her 40th. Her family and friends put on a party for her in downtown Winger on Sat. evening. There was lots of food and they even had a cake. Tom told Bun that he hadn't seen that many women in town since the centennial. He counted at least 26 at one time. the women out numbered the men and that is to say the least a rarity in Winger. The place was hopping and everybody had a fun time.

Danny Olson (son of Jane and Dale) shot a twelve point buck out by their place west of Winger on Sat. He was one happy hunter.

Good luck to all you hunters this week and remember to use safety and common sense while out hunting the land.

USDA Extends Deadline for Forage Crop Losses

USDA Minnesota Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director, Jane Ray announced that the deadline for producers to obtain or modify higher levels of coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to protect against poor forage crop quality because of drought or other natural disasters where the forage is intended for mechanical harvest has been extended to Nov. 13, 2015.

"For some 2016 forage crops, the application deadline for NAP occurred before information became available to measure losses due to quality that could influence loss payments, so we extended the deadline so that producers have more time to decide what type of modified coverage works best for their operation," said Ray.

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program protects agricultural crops for which crop insurance is not available from losses due to natural disasters, such as drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes. The program offers basic coverage at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses exceeding 50 percent of expected production, and higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of expected production at 100 percent of the average market price. Higher coverage is not available on grazing crops. However, the extension does not afford producers the opportunity to purchase basic 50/55 NAP coverage.

Producers interested in adjusting their NAP coverage must submit the appropriate paperwork to their local FSA county office before the Nov. 13 deadline. To find your local USDA Service Center go to <http://offices.usda.gov>. For more details on the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

The protections provided by this program were made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; devel-

oping new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

For more information, visit <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

USDA Awards Nearly \$222 Million for 16 Rural Infrastructure

USDA Rural Development State Director Colleen Landkammer today announced nearly \$222 million in loans to build and improve rural electric infrastructure in rural communities throughout Minnesota.

"These investments will help Minnesota's rural electric utility companies continue to provide reliable and affordable electricity to rural customers," Landkammer said. "Through these improvements, USDA helps increase efficiencies and improves the quality of life and economic sustainability of rural communities for years to come."

USDA is awarding loans to 16 utilities and cooperatives throughout Minnesota. The funding includes more than \$48 million for smart grid technology and \$6.4 million for storm damage repairs. These loans will help build or improve 3,303 miles of transmission and distribution lines.

The funding is being provided through USDA Rural Development's Electric Program, which makes loans and loan guarantees to non-profit and cooperative associations, public bodies and other utilities, primarily for electric distribution in rural areas.

Smart grid increases the reliability of electric power by helping utilities better manage the electric grid to improve operational efficiencies. It includes metering, substation automation, computer applications, two-way communications, geospatial information systems and other improvements. In Oronoco, USDA is providin

For more information on USDA Rural Development's Electric Program, please visit www.rd.usda.gov and contact your local General Field Representative.



50 years ago...1965: A large number of visitors attended the open house of the Win-E-Mac Motel Saturday. Among the visitors was Mr. Engen, representative of Otter Tail Power Company who presented the owners with a wall plaque designating the motel as an all electric facility. On the left is Walton Johnson and Mrs. John Johnson on the right. One of the features of the Motel is that it is all electrically heated.



30 years ago...1985: JoAnne Zahl and Ann Vesledahl with Kylie Vesledahl at the "Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin" table during the Winger Legion Auxiliary Halloween Party.



20 years ago...1995: Employees of Ruby's Flapjack Restaurant joined with family members to host a Retirement Party for Ruby Ostenaar. (L-R) Carol Sogla, Anne Hatten, Ruby Ostenaar, Judy Black and Terry Vedbraaten. Ruby has been in the restaurant business in McIntosh for the past 33 years - first at the Home Cafe, then at the Felix Cafe and finally at the Flapjack County Restaurant on Highway 2. Her retirement started officially on October 6th when the restaurant was sold to Jesse Rangel.



10 years ago...2005: Members of the McIntosh VFW Auxiliary gathered to serve cake and coffee to the veterans who are residents of McIntosh Manor Nursing Home. Those present include: (Back L-R) Lorraine Carlson, Marilyn Thompson, Pat Tranby, Mary Goodwin, Lylah Hanson and Ellen Burslie. (Row 2 L-R) Janis Wikstrand, Ruby Heideman, Irene Sannes, Ruth Bartz, Dolly Lee and Lorene Tranby. (Front L-R) Ruth Carlson, Evonne Hartel and Bernice Smith.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

What is a Fair Farmland Rental Agreement?

One of the most common questions at Extension offices is related to farm land rent. Farm land rental rates have never been higher and determining a fair farm rent agreement is a challenge given today's economy with record high land values and significantly lower grain prices.

What is fair to the landowner while enabling a profit for the renter?

To help answer this question, landowners, farmers and lenders may want to attend one of the 44 informative meetings being held across Minnesota in the coming weeks. These meetings, provided by the University of Minnesota Extension, are free and no registration is required.

The meetings in Northwest Minnesota will feature Pauline Van Nurden, Extension Educator in Ag Business Management. Pauline, a former Ag lender, will provide several examples, factsheets and worksheets to help determine a fair farm land rental rate for both parties.

The meetings will cover local historic and projected farm land rental rate trends, current farm land values and sales, and a worksheet that will help determine a fair and profitable rental agreement. Input costs for 2016 will be presented along with current 2016 grain prices. Worksheets will examine 2016 costs and what is affordable rent that a farmer will be able to pay in 2016, the rate of return to the landlord at current market

values and examine flexible rental agreements.

A flexible rental agreement is another option that may have appeal under these circumstances. In this kind of agreement, both the landlord and farmer share the price risks; if prices improve, so does the rental payment. Flexible cash rent agreements are essentially a sliding cash rent that provide an upper and lower limit based on crop prices and yields.

Although this may sound complicated, there are easy formulas to help determine rental values tailored to individual farms.

Make plans to attend one of these meetings now. Attendees will receive several informative worksheets and factsheets that will help to determine what is a fair 2016 farm land rental for your area.

Meeting Locations in northwest and west central Minnesota are:

November 23, 2015: Thief River Falls, Northland Community & Technical College - Auditorium 1101 Hwy 1 East, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, 2:00 PM

November 23, 2015: Ada Tubby's Tavern, 415 W. Main St., Ada, MN 56510, 9:30 AM

November 24, 2015: McIntosh, McIntosh Community Center 240 Cleveland Ave. SW, McIntosh, MN 56556, 9:30 AM

November 24, 2015: Moorhead State Community & Technical College- Moorhead, Rm A117 & A119, 1900 28th Ave. S., Moorhead, MN 56560, 2:30 PM



The Class of 1965 held there 50th class reunion at the Polk County Park at Maple Lake on July 11, 2015. A moment of silence was observed for the seven members who are deceased. Larry Bartz, Ray Heddahl, Lynn Henney Wang, Alan Messelt, Clifford Thompson, Jeanette Carlson Pearson, LaVonne Miliander Hardy. A special thanks to the organizers: Eileen Tommervik, Patty Benson and Roy Ostenaar.

Back row: John Wertish, Jim Halvorson, Noel Thompson, Roy Ostenaar, Harold Kaupang, Jim Rolf, Marvin Neste; Third row: Dan Jore, Roger Pearson, Cheryl Ferden Horbuckle, Earl Roed, Bonnie Quam Kallod, Mark Langemo, Chuck Berg, Betty Kiecker Tangen, Bob Tangen; Second row: Patty Goodwin Benson, Linda Johnson Pulskamp, Miss Stenboe (Ostenaar) First grade teacher, Linda Grundyson Smith, Janet Rost Lee, Miss Nelson (Henney) Second grade teacher; Front row: John Molstre, Eileen Tommervik, Becky Ramse Kiesow, Beverly Knutson Greendahl, Barbara Knutson Retzer. Absent at the time of the picture: Linda Anderson Hegrenes, Pam Hoidahl Wang, Cheryl Hustad Bursheim

WEM School Announcements

Juniors and seniors: Wild Rice Electric has partnered with the Rural Electric Youth Tour for a trip to Washington, DC, June 11-16, 2016 with other students from across Minnesota. Complete the application and submit to be the selected candidate to have this amazing opportunity. See Mrs. Jore for more details or contact Wild Rice Electric Cooperative for an application.

Picture Retakes:

Picture retakes will be on Tuesday, November 17th starting at 10:00 a.m.

WEM School Menu

Wed. Nov. 11: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk **Lunch:** Baked Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Cheesecake Salad, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. Nov. 12: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Sausage Gravy over Biscuit, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk **Lunch:** Bratwurst on a bun, French Gries, Baked Beans, Celery Sticks, Cookie, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Nov. 13: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Assorted Muffins, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk **Lunch:** Pizza, Lettuce Salad w/dressing, Fresh Vegetables, Sherbet Cup, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Mon. Nov. 16: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Bites, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk **Lunch:** Taco in a bag (lettuce, tomato, sour cream, cheese, salsa, black olives), Fresh Vegetables, Bread w/margarine, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Tues. Nov. 17: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, French Toast Sticks, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk **Lunch:** Turkey Wrap (lettuce, chesse, black olives, tomatoes, taco sauce, sour cream), Italian Pasta Salad, Chocolate Chip Bar, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Wed. Nov. 18: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk **Lunch:** Spaghetti, Lettuce Salad w/dressing, Garlic Toast, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. Nov. 19: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe on Bun, Baked Chips, Baked Beans, Fresh Vegetables, Jell-O w/topping, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Nov. 20: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Sweet Roll, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk **Lunch:** Tomato Soup, Garlic Cheese Bread, Lettuce Salad w/dressing, Chocolate Chip Bar, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice



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Big Buck Contest

The Win-E-Mac Robotics team is sponsoring a big buck contest.

The person with the largest buck shot will receive a trail cam!! \$5 entry fee was due before November 5th, contest will run until the end of the archery season (December 31).

Mr. Nathan Johnson, the Industrial Arts teacher at school will judge size by a picture and then if necessary measure antlers.

Anyone can participate --- students, staff, parents, etc.

WEM ECFE

Friday Playdates 10-11:30am at the WEM Pre-k Room located at the Win-E-Mac School. Ages 0-5yrs are welcome to come and play. Every Friday has a theme for learning fun!

11/13 I am Thankful!

11/20 Turkey Lurkey!

Special Events!

Tuesday 11/24 Special Event at the McIntosh Library! Puzzle Night! 6-7pm Ages 0-12yrs invited!

WEM Early Childhood Family Education classes are for children 0-5yrs old unless noted. Pre-registration is not required.

Events are FREE. Contact Shannon Svalen, ECFE Coordinator at ssvalen@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us, 218-687-2236 or Like us on Facebook: WEM Early Childhood Family Education.

PIZZA BUFFET SUPPER

Pizza, Salads and Beverage

\$8.00 Adults

\$6.00 Students

Pre-school and Younger

are **Free**

Free Will

Ice Cream Sundae Bar Also!

WIN-E-MAC SENIORS vs. SCHOOL STAFF VOLLEYBALL GAME

WHEN: THURS., NOV. 19

TIME: 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

(VOLLEYBALL MATCH AT 7 P.M.)

LOCATION: WIN-E-MAC SCHOOL COMMONS

PROCEEDS USED TO FUND THE SENIOR CLASS TRIP

**Volleyball game to start at 7 pm

\$2 admission M33-34C

2015-2016 Yearbook

The Win-E-Mac Yearbook Staff is starting the pre-sale for the 2015-2016 yearbook to be called "A YEAR IN COLOR" The yearbook this year will contain 80 pages. It will be printed entirely in COLOR. A theme of artful color will be the cover and divider concept throughout the yearbook. Seniors, underclass students, events, activities and fun memories will be captured and displayed from cover to cover!

Yearbooks are currently on sale. The cost is \$35.00 now and until December 22nd and will cost \$40.00 after December 22nd. Yearbooks can be purchased during students' noon hours or from Mrs. Winter (room 51) before or after school. Order forms are available in the office. Be sure to make your order so you are guaranteed a yearbook!

Turn an old toy chest into a DIY Lego table

Turn an old toy chest into a DIY LEGO table with plenty of storage inside!

Do you have Legos all over your house? Do you fear stepping on one on your way through the house at night? Losing them to the vacuum cleaner? Kid's love Legos, but they tend to be scattered all over when they play with them. Here is a fun idea to keep them together, save your feet and give the kid's something to build on.

To make your kids their own DIY LEGO table, you will need: some sort of toy chest; with a flat lid, preferably wooden, for ease of transforming. Consider a hole in the top, that way the kids can pop the Legos back into the box without needing to fill their hands and try to open the lid. If you make the hole large enough, they can also just pop out a fistful without disturbing the play surface; Lego plates: You can purchase Lego baseplates at larger toy stores or online. You will need to order enough to cover the lid of the toybox; Jigsaw and measuring tools: needed to measure the surface and to cut the Lego plates to fit; Epoxy glue: something like E6000. Find a glue with a slow drying time, so you can move your plates around easily until they are positioned correctly on your lid; Sandpaper: you will want to sand down some of the sharp edges of the cut plates before or after applying

Do you have a story to share?

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

Lego fun at the Library!



Having fun playing with lots and lots of legos during Lego night at the McIntosh Library, along with ECFE are Holly, Zane and William Klawitter and new friends Sebastian, Jasmine and Terrance.



Kale and Taytum Smeby sure had a fun night on Wednesday, October 27th, when the McIntosh Library and WEM ECFE hosted Lego Night at the Community Center.



There were Legos and Duplo building blocks available during Lego Night at the McIntosh Community Center, so all ages could have fun playing and building. Pictured is Deacon Schwartz with his mom, Linette.