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Congratulations

Win-E-Mac Class of 2020!



Zachary Simonson

Strange was the scene for the Class of 2020 Win-E-Mac Commencement ceremony. As each candidate for graduation arrived in 15 minute intervals to receive their diploma and take a picture with their parents, the only other guests to be allowed at the Ceremony. The staff and administration of Win-E-Mac High School did a phenomenal job at making this the best scenario for these 32 students who worked hard to reach this all important life goal. The event was held outside of the school with the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" playing and happiness for the graduating class of 2020. The Win-E-Mac Senior Class colors were Cardinal Red, White and Royal Blue. Their Class flower was a daisy. The Class motto of the 2020 Win-E-Mac graduates was, "Our lives are before us, the past is behind us, but our memories are forever with us.", Author unknown. Congratulations to this brave class of men and women who will be going out into a truly brave new world. Please look for next weeks McIntosh Times for more graduation coverage.



Rylee Haugen, the Class of 2020 Valedictorian.



Jaycee Knutson



Nathan Fortmann



Abby Lende the Class of 2020 Salutatorian.



Lindsey Espeseth



Mary Hailykate Catahan



Hunter Huffart



Some things in life are so rare, most people never get to experience them. The odds of hitting a hole-in- one while golfing are 1 in 12,500. But the likelihood of getting a perfect "29" hand in the card game of cribbage is even rarer, at 1 in 216,000. Yet that's what happened to McIntosh resident Gerald Borud last week when playing against his friend, Rick Ford. The two have been playing the game of cribbage most of their lives. Until this game, Rick has seen one "29" in his life, but had never had one himself; Gerald, on the other hand, hadn't even seen one. Congratulations go out to Gerald, an avid card-player, for this once-in-a-lifetime achievement!

Farmers and ranchers in MN can now apply for financial assistance through USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

Online tools and toll-free number available to assist producers.

Agricultural producers can now apply for USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which provides direct payments to offset impacts from the coronavirus pandemic. The application and a payment calculator are now available online, and USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff members are available via phone, fax and online tools to help producers complete applications. The agency set up a call center in order to simplify how they serve new customers across the nation.

"We know Minnesota producers are facing a tough time now, and we are making every effort to provide much needed support as quickly as possible," said SED Joe Martin, state executive director for FSA in Minnesota. "FSA is available over the phone and virtually to walk you through the application process, whether it's the first time you've worked with FSA, or if you know us quite well."

Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020. Through CFAP, USDA is making available \$16 billion for vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

"We also want to remind producers that the program is structured to ensure the availability of funding for all eligible producers who apply," SED Martin said.

In order to do this, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application.

The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date nationwide, as funds remain available.

Producers can download the CFAP application and other eligibility forms from farmers.gov/cfap. Also, on that webpage, producers can find a payment calculator to help identify sales and inventory records needed to apply and calculate potential payments.

Additionally, producers in search of one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. This is a good first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

Applying for Assistance

Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Those who use the online calculator tool will be able to print off a pre-filled CFAP application, sign, and submit to your local FSA office either electronically or via hand delivery. Please contact your local office to determine the preferred method. Find contact information for your local office at farmers.gov/cfap.

Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested after the application is filed. FSA has streamlined the sign-up process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed.

Additional Commodities

USDA is also establishing a process for the public to identify additional commodities for potential inclusion in CFAP. Specifically, USDA is looking

for data on agricultural commodities, that are not currently eligible for CFAP, that the public believes to have either:

1. suffered a five percent-or-greater price decline between mid-January and mid-April as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,
2. shipped but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channel, or
3. not left the farm or remained unharvested as mature crops.

More information about this process is available on farmers.gov/cfap.

More Information

To find the latest information on CFAP, visit farmers.gov/cfap or call 877-508-8364.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Virtual care helps Essentia Health reduce face-to-face visits, COVID-19 spread

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Essentia Health aggressively rolled out its virtual-care plan in mid-March. Since then, we have performed more than 108,000 virtual visits and 13,000 E-visits.

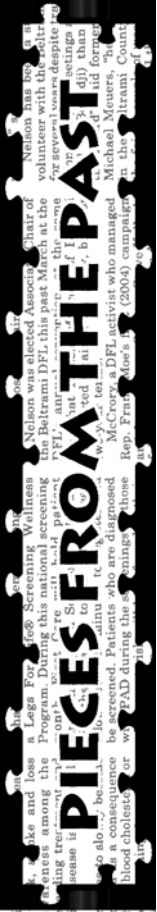
By our own estimate, each face-to-face appointment at Essentia involves contact with a minimum of five other individuals. Thus, we are confident that our virtual care has resulted in more than 600,000 fewer face-to-face contacts, thereby reducing the spread of COVID-19. The doubling rate — how long it takes for the number of confirmed cases to double — in our community has increased dramatically over the past six weeks, climbing from five days to more than 30.

"The reason this has occurred is because our community has done an excellent job of social distancing," said

Dr. Sarah Manney, Essentia's chief medical information officer. "Essentia Health has significantly contributed to the social distancing by eliminating 600,000 patient-to-patient and patient-to-staff contacts in our community."

Keeping patients at home when care can be delivered virtually has allowed us time to create processes that protect our patients and staff as we start to reintroduce more face-to-face care. These steps include screening everyone who enters one of our facilities; restricting visitors; enhanced cleaning standards; social distancing; and universal masking among our staff and patients.

Of our 13,000-plus E-visits, more than 9,000 have been for patients who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms; E-visits are free for those patients.



50 years ago...1970: R.L. "Piney" Edwards was honored at commencement exercises Friday evening in McIntosh when Harvey Gustafson presented him with his "diploma" for 25 years of service to the community's school. Mr. Edwards has resigned his position as superintendent and will be succeeded by Arnold Carlson.



40 years ago...1980: Dean Strom is the foreman of the Men's Action Crew (Mac's) rebuilding the park fireplace in the Roholt City Park. This is a volunteer project by our community men.



30 years ago...1990: The Head Start Class - Group 1 spent a busy day visiting the Win-E-Mac kindergarten class, the First National Bank in McIntosh, the McIntosh Library and the fire hall in McIntosh. Fire Chief Dick Parent was on hand at the fire hall to show the equipment and trucks. The children hopped aboard "Old Betsy", the truck assembly by Harry Lilleve in the early days of McIntosh fire protection. Class members include: Jason Venum, Patrick Helling, Jeffrey Gieseke, Christopher Wang, Kent Solheim, Daniel Omang, Dustin Carlson, Aaron Lucken, Eric Hoffman, Ashley Jensen, Cassandra Osland, Kelsi Ostenson, Angela Johnson, Skyler Hoass, Brian McNaughton, Joshua Wahlin, Timmy Lee, Katie Scott, Magen Otterstrom and (absent) Brian Massman.

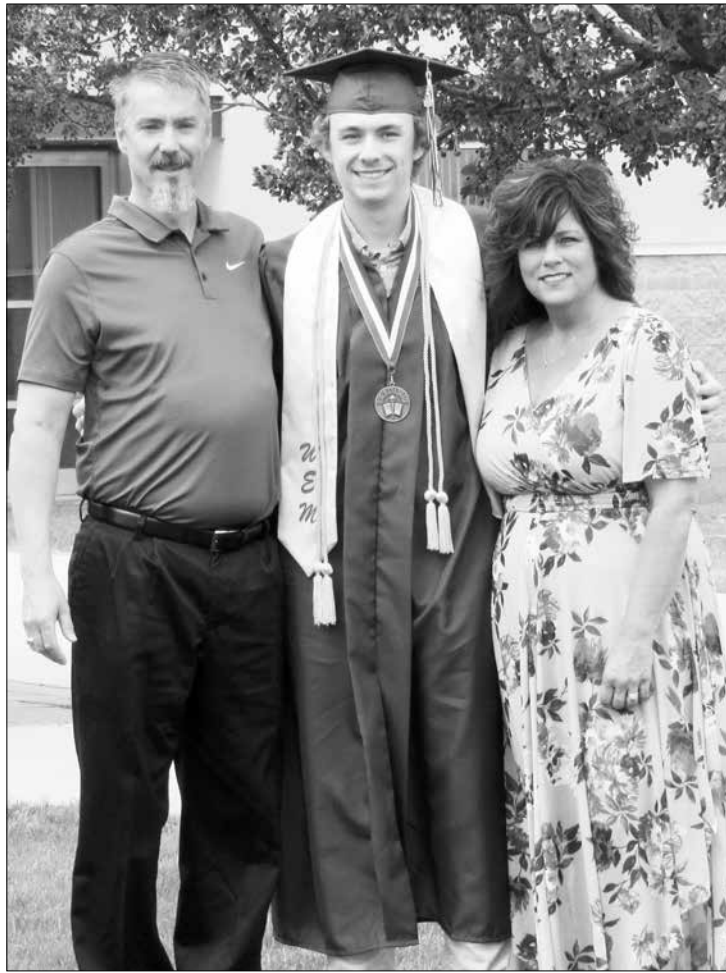


20 years ago...2000: Brownie and Daisy Scouts from the McIntosh area volunteered for the spring pick-up in the parks and along the roadside in McIntosh. Ambitious scouts include: (back, l-r) Kristine Larson, Brittany Stennes, Lisa Stewart, Kendra Lee, Nicole Thompson; (front) Megan Syverson, Kjersti Haugen, Alaba Gerving, Caitlyn Espeseth, Carmen Syverson, Ronni Lappegaard and Jordyn Thompson. Leaders of the scouting group are: Hollie Stewart, Michelle Espeseth, Julie Bratager and Teresa Syverson.

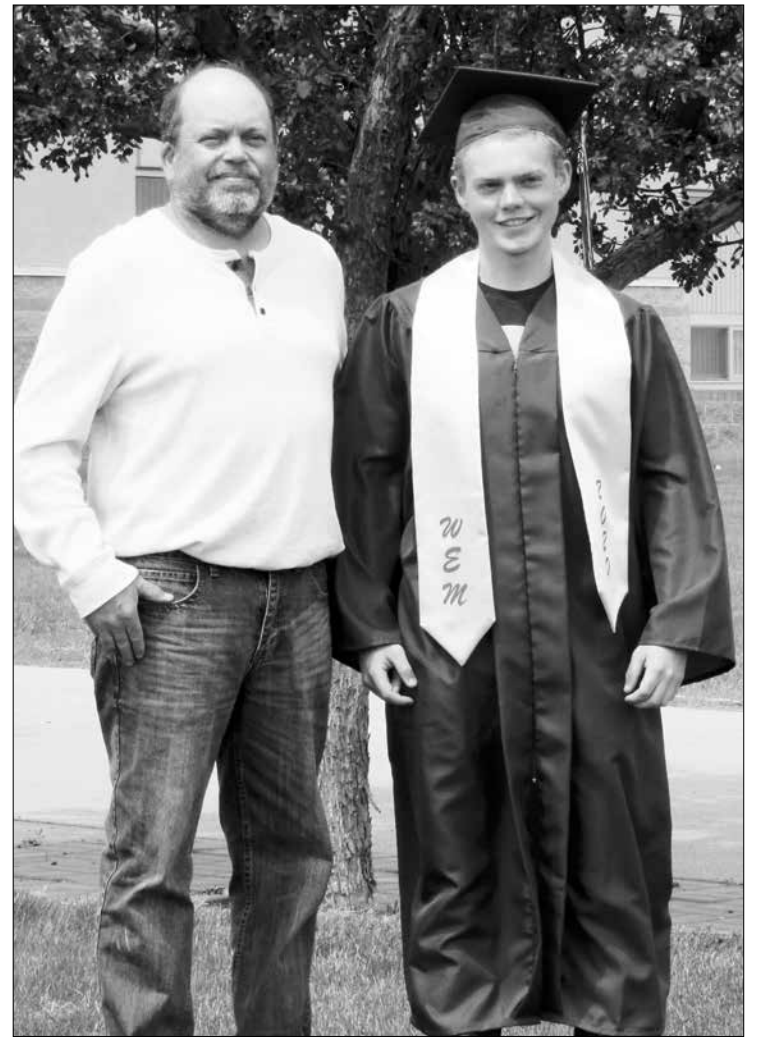
Pictured right: 10 years ago...2010: Fengstad-Solie Post 200 of the Winger American Legion held a flag disposal ceremony on Monday, May 24, 2010. The Winger flag cadets presented 38 inspected and folded flags to Legion officials for a dignified and respectful disposal. In the picture are Legion men, Carsten Zahl, Orrie Flermoen and Helmer Homme.



Elliana Lindberg



Dustin Osland



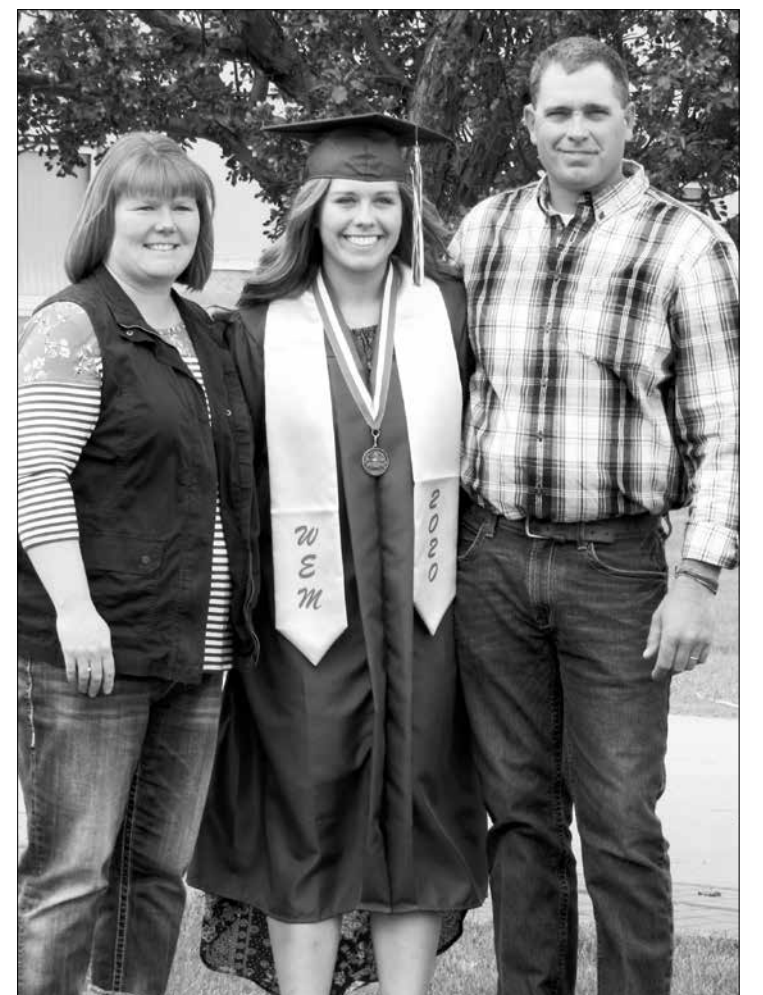
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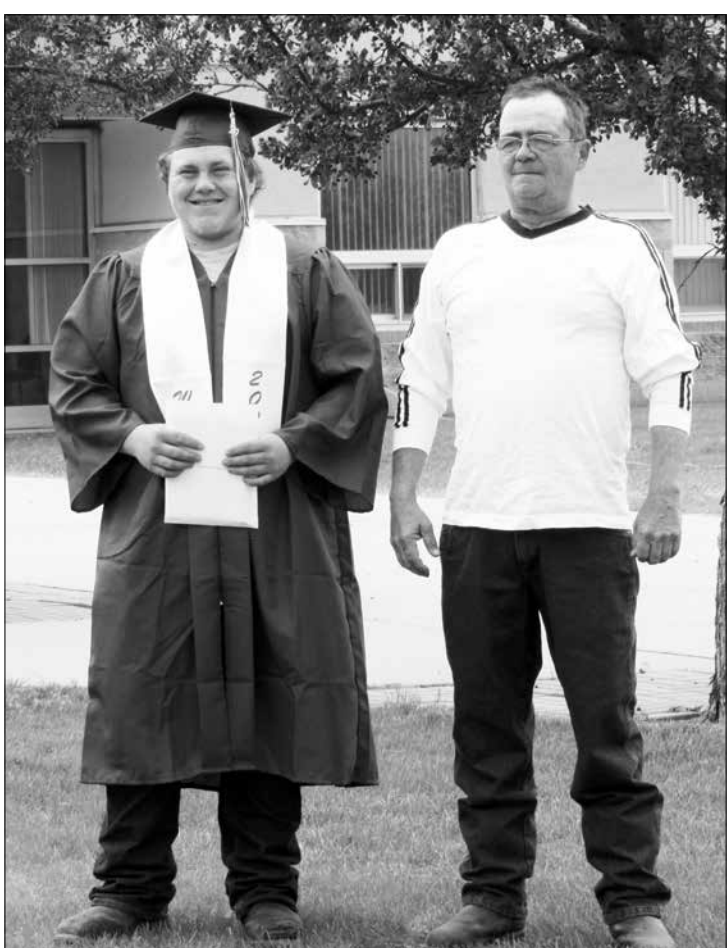
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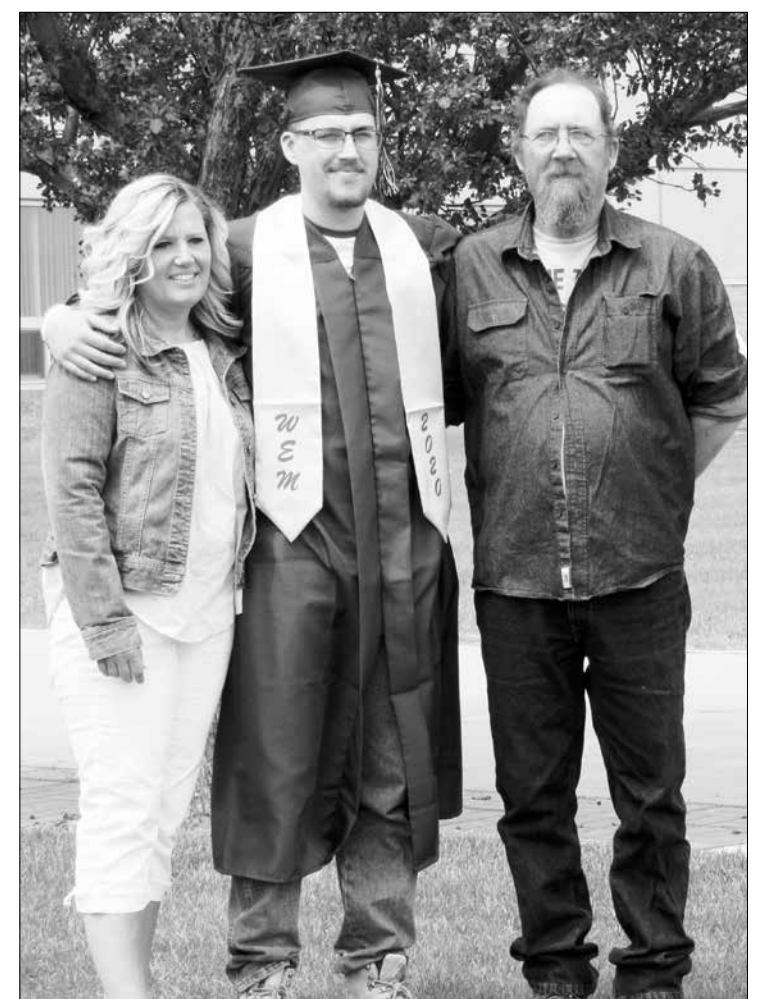
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