

\$1.00

McINTOSH

Hub of the Thirteen Townships

Since 1888

Times

McIntosh, Minnesota



Pictured are (L-R) Roy Ostenaar, Mary Pulford, Judi Lindseth, Laurie Bursheim and Bob Bursheim, members of the McIntosh Community Club who took time on Saturday to decorate the corner and the Elk for the Holidays. Volunteers helping place the large Community sign were (not pictured) Larry Hedlund, Pete Tranby & Shawn Hedlund.

Win-E-Mac announces Holiday programs

Win-E-Mac Junior High Band and Choir Concert

The Win-E-Mac Music Department is pleased to announce the Jr. High Band & Choir in concert on Monday, December 7, 2015. The concert will begin at 7:30 and will take place in the new Win-E-Mac School Arts & Events Center! The concert will feature the Jr. High Band & Choir performing several selections, including some holiday music! Please come out and enjoy an evening of music!

Win-E-Mac Elementary Holiday Program

Win-E-Mac students in grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade will be presenting their annual holiday program on Thursday, December 17, 2015.

The program will take place in the Win-E-Mac School Arts & Events Center and will begin at 7:00 P.M. The program will begin with students in grades Kindergarten – Third grade performing many holiday songs for your enjoyment. This will be followed by the 6th grade band and all students in grades 4-6 performing the musical review “A Christmas Line” which will feature many acting, singing, and speaking solos. What a great way to kick off the holiday season! Hope to see you there!

Win-E-Mac Senior High Band & Choir Concert

The Win-E-Mac Music Department is pleased to announce the Sr. High Band and Choir will be presenting their annual Fall/Winter concert on

Monday, December 14, 2015 beginning at 7:30 P.M. The concert will take place in the Win-E-Mac School Arts & Events Center. This concert will feature the Sr. High Band and Sr. High Choir performing a wide variety of music for your listening enjoyment!

In addition, Tanya Kulikov, our Outstanding Event, will be performing her vocal solo! Our Men’s and Women’s groups have also been working up some special holiday numbers to perform for you!

As traditional, there will also be a holiday sing-along with the audience, and the concert will conclude with the singing of “Peace, Peace” by candlelight. Come and enjoy an evening of musical entertainment!

Santa Claus Day is Saturday, December 12th!

Santa Claus Day in McIntosh

With the holiday season around the corner, the McIntosh Community Club will be celebrating with the arrival of Santa Claus.

On Saturday, December 12, 2015, Santa Claus Day and the Kids Mall will take place.

At the Community Center in McIntosh, there will be a flurry of activities for the day starting at 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Santa Claus, along with Mrs. Claus will make their appearance about 11:00 am to visit with the kids and have their pictures taken.

After seeing Santa families are invited to join in the other festivities, such as crafts, music, treats and prize drawings.

There will be hayrides outside the Community Center as well.

There will also be a lunch available at the event for a free-will donation.

Along with letting Santa know what is on their list, kids will be able to get some of their Christmas shopping done as well.

Our Saviors Advent Program

On December 2 will be our Annual Advent Program for women of the churches.

TIME WILL BE CHANGED TO 2:00 IN THE AFTERNOON instead of 7:00 in the evening.

The program is by the Ruth Circle and they will serve a lunch furnished by all members of Our Savior’s women as they share their Christmas baking and goodies. The theme of our program is “SPECIAL DELIVERY”. We will have devotions, singing, special music by Rachel Roggenbuck, and Lorraine Rustad, along with responsive readings to emphasize the “Glory” of this season and why it is to be celebrated with one focus - on the One who came from Heaven to give His life a ransom for everyone who will believe in Him.

He is the greatest gift EVER! “Mary, did you know?”

Deck the HOUSE HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Brighten up McIntosh nights with your best Christmas lights!

The McIntosh Community Club will be hosting a first annual holiday lights home decorating contest.

This free contest is open to any McIntosh resident and will take place this month. There is no registration required for participation.

There will be three winners chosen, in no particular order



to win prizes.

If you are one of those people that like to go all out, it is a good time for you to put something out there and see if you can out do your neighbors!

Houses will be judged on lighting, theme and overall holiday spirit. Have some fun with your family and get out there and start decorating!

The judging date will be announced in next weeks McIntosh Times, so stay tuned.

Protecting your rural home and farm

In the last few weeks there have been two local rural homesteads that have been threatened with burglary. The first home, where the homeowners had a security system and video cameras, the burglars were caught, in the second case, they escaped.

With this becoming an everyday threat to our area, here are some ideas to keep the bad guys at bay, and hopefully things that won’t break the bank to keep you, your family and your property safe.

Take Precautions

The main thing to do to deter rural crime is don’t make it easy for anyone to cause damage or losses. Keep all exterior doors and interior doors to offices locked at all times. Remove keys and lock equipment. Store the equipment inside a secure building or at least park in a highly visible location. Put hidden disabling switches on the positive cables of batteries. In many of the cases of vandalism, the barns were left unlocked and keys were left in vehicles in remote areas, where vandals likely knew the farmer’s schedule and when it was safe to go to the site. If you think you have some people watching your site or you’ve had some minor incidents of vandalism, vary your routine.

Barns should have metal door frames and metal doors secured by deadbolt locks; use double deadbolt locks to secure doors with windows. If thieves see this, it may deter them or at least slow them down, which can be an issue if they think they have a limited time period to act.

At a minimum, install security lighting that operates by light or sensors to discourage intruders. Other security measures include: •Install perimeter fencing to discourage would-be criminals. Put up signs warning entrance to the farm is restricted and that the site is protected by security systems. •Plant rows of trees to protect your farm from view.

•Join a neighborhood watch program whereby neighbors can report any unusual activities around your farm to you and to law enforcement officials.

•Keep an eye on what’s going on in your community.

•Get to know your neighbors.

•Be very careful of who you invite onto your property, or who is with other people.

•Always park a vehicle in the driveway/garage. This may be a challenge, but is you have something parked up by the house, even when you are away, it will at least put a question mark in the mind of an intruder.

•Store power tools or anything of value out of sight. Anything that is left out in view is a potential target to someone who is looking to do wrong.

•Mark valuable property with an identification (ID) number. Ten-digit ID kits are available from law enforcement authorities. A stencil can be used to stamp the number on expensive tools that can be traced if stolen. Post a sign that property has been marked for identification purposes. Consider an ID program for your livestock.

•Consider posting a reward in the case of vandalism or theft. This gets people talking and has led to arrests and convictions.

Many farmers have had crops, animals, or other property damaged for no apparent reason. Events that cause damage to livestock, equipment, fences, gates, mailboxes, and/or buildings often defy common sense.

Limited access, no-trespassing signs, strategic lighting, stepped up patrols, neighborhood watches, and careful placement of equipment left in fields all help deter vandals, mischief-makers, and trespassers. Even just the artifact collector, the mushroom hunter, the dog walker or the snomobiler may represent a risk to your farm and your safety.

Community Calendar

Wed. Dec. 2: 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. Dec. 3: 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. Dec. 4: City of McIntosh office closed; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Dec. 7: 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. Dec. 8: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Wed. Dec. 9: 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. Dec. 10: 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. Dec. 11: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. Dec. 12: McIntosh Santa Claus Day 10am to 2pm @ Community Center; Kids Mall at the Bjella Building

Mon. Dec. 14: 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. Dec. 15: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran’s 11:30am to 1:30pm



On Thursday, November 19th seven Win-E-Mac students participated in the annual Northland Honor Band in Thief River Falls, MN. Win-E-Mac students along with 10 other schools in the area worked hard all day in rehearsals and put on a fantastic concert that night. Congratulations on your outstanding musicianship and a great performance! Pictured left to right: Alaina Juve, Grace Spry, Katelyn Sanden, Bailee Burcham, Kendra Thompson, Cece Peterson and Amanda Farrell.



Laurie Fairchild, refuge staff, presenting Kristi Thorfinnson with her plaque; Dean Radke was not available for photo.

Rydell and Glacial Ridge NWR’s thank 2015 Volunteers of the Year

Volunteers are an essential component in accomplishing the environmental education and habitat projects that we do every year on Rydell and Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuges. These hard-working folks help us with everything from staffing and preparing for the school groups that visit each May to placing prairie chicken blinds and surveying their breeding grounds. Continuing our tradition of recognizing volunteers who have helped us with especially large or long-term tasks, the staff of

Rydell and Glacial Ridge have named Kristi Thorfinnson and Dean Radke as this year’s Volunteers of the Year. Their names will join those in the Rydell Visitor Center, which show the continued support that we enjoy from our community. We very much appreciate all the help and support we receive from our volunteers and all of the public who visit and use the refuges. Please consider becoming a volunteer if you aren’t already, and say “congrats” to our 2015 award winners!

Glacial Ridge NWR is site of Tree Cutting

The Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuge Association will again be hosting a “cut your own” tree cutting event for the upcoming holiday season. This year’s event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th at Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge. Trees can be cut from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm each day.

The location of this event is at the site of the former Lee Nursery. To get there, head west of Mentor on Highway 45 for 5.5 miles. Turn left (south) on Highway 32 and go approximately 4 miles. Turn right (west) on 360th Street SE and go approximately 0.5 mile. The Rydell and Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge’s Facebook page shows the site on a map, and we will have signs on site to direct you.

It is important to remember to dress for the weather. We will have an unheated shelter available so that participants

may get out of the wind and enjoy a cup of hot cider.

Trees can be cut with hand saws only (no chain saws). Bring your own or we will have some available.

As with past holiday tree cutting events at Rydell NWR, the purpose of this activity is habitat-based. As a part of a prairie-restoration emphasis, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Staff work to remove non-native trees on Glacial Ridge NWR, including conifers we love to decorate each December!

Free-will donations are accepted by Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuge Association.

This is also an excellent opportunity to renew your family membership to the Friends group, and learn more about volunteering for various projects at the refuges!

For more information call 218-687-2229.

Essentia Health-Fosston Receives National Recognition

Essentia Health-Fosston has been recognized by iVantage Health Analytics and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in Quality and Patient Satisfaction. As top performers in these categories, Essentia Health-Fosston is in the top quartile among all acute care hospitals in the nation.

“These top quartile performers should take great pride in this recognition. It showcases their commitment to continuous performance analysis and improvement. It’s an honor to celebrate their achievement,” says Michael Topchik, senior vice president of iVantage Health Analytics.

The rankings have been designated by the Hospital Strength INDEX™, the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of hospital performance.

In partnership with NO-

SORH, iVantage Health Analytics has developed a data-driven program designed to identify excellence across a broad spectrum of indicators relevant to hospital performance and patient care. The Hospital Strength INDEX™ captures performance metrics for more than 4,000 acute care hospitals, including more than 1,300 rural and Critical Access Hospitals.

“This level of award-winning performance is made possible through the combined efforts of our excellent medical providers and support staff,” says Kevin Gish, administrator of Essentia Health-Fosston.

“Being recognized in both the quality and patient satisfaction domains is evidence of a continual focus on our mission in Fosston and for all of Essentia Health; to make a healthy difference in people’s lives. I couldn’t be prouder of our team here,” he says.

Garden Club News

The McIntosh/Erskine Garden Club will meet on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the McIntosh Community Center.

The club will have a potluck meal, a program and enjoy a gift exchange. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 Public Health

Polk County Health provides montly foot care clinics at locations throughout the county. Foot soaks and nail trimming are provided. This is not a diagnostic clinic. Referrals are made to medical doctors when necessary. A fee of \$20 is charged per client participating in the clinic. County residents are encouraged to call Polk County Public Health for further information. All clinics are open to the public. Please register for an appointment at the location of your choice.

The foot care clinic will take place in McIntosh at the McIntosh Office of Polk County Public Health in the lower level of the Bjella Building on Thursday, December 3 and Thursday, December 17, 2015. You can call 218-281-3072 for an appointment. Foot care is by appointment only, you must call the office if you wish to visit a schedule.

If you have any questions about foot care clinics or other services provided by PCPH, please call offices at : Crookston 281-3385; East Grand Forks 773-2431; or McIntosh 563-2010.

NOTICE

The City of McIntosh would like to remind and encourage residents, businesses and property owners not to park on City streets both for public and private safety reasons and to assist in the prompt expedition of snow removal efforts.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thank you,

The City of McIntosh M35-36C

Truth in Taxation Hearing

The City of McIntosh will be holding the annual Truth in Taxation Hearing for the public for 2015 taxes payable in 2016 on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the McIntosh Community Center. M35-37C

The McIntosh Times Office Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon

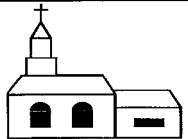
Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Call or fax: (218) 563-3585

Ad deadline is Noon on Friday prior to publication



Church News



ST. MARY’S CHURCH

Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen,
Pastor

Sun. Dec. 6: : 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. Dec. 13: 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

Sat. Dec. 5: 4:00pm to 7:00pm Lutefisk, Lefse and Meatball Supper @ Immanuel

Sun. Dec. 6: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

Sun. Dec. 13: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Sun. Dec. 6: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. Dec. 13: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. Dec. 2: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Sat. Dec. 5: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Dec. 6: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10:45am Worship Service

Tues. Dec. 8: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Dec. 9: 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.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh
Rev. Mark Peske, Pastor

Wed. Dec. 2: 6:00pm Advent Service

Sun. Dec. 6: 9:30 am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion; 11:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

Wed. Dec. 9 : 6:00pm Advent Service

Sun. Dec. 13: 9:30am Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School & Confirmation; 11:00am Council Meeting

Wed. Dec. 16: 6:00pm Advent Service

Sun. Dec. 20: 9:30am Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School Christmas Program; 11:30am Congregational Christmas Dinner

Thurs. Dec. 24: 6:00pm Christmas Eve Carol Service.

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

DOVRE

FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Dec. 2: 7:00pm Bible Study on Revelation

Sun. Dec. 6: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School

Wed. Dec. 9: 7:00pm Bible Study on Revelation

Sun. Dec. 13: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh
Pastor Paul Magelson

Sun. Dec. 6: 8am Worship

Sun. Dec. 13: 8am Worship

MCINTOSH AFLC

McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Trinity:

Wed. Dec. 2: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. Dec. 6: 11:00am Worship Service

Wed. Dec. 9: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. Dec. 13: 11:00am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

Thurs. Dec. 3: 7:00am Men’s Breakfast

Sun. Dec. 6: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School; 12:30pm Confirmation

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

Spiritually Speaking

Helping others to help themselves

The nineteenth century British philosopher John Stuart Mill argued persuasively for a variety of social reforms, and especially for state-supported public education, on the grounds that it “is help towards doing without help.” That is, education makes people more likely to be able to take care of themselves and live healthy, independent lives. It may be easier to just give people food or money to meet their immediate needs, but in the long run this may only foster a state of dependency, whereas if we take the time to each the person how to fend for himself, he might fare better in the long run. Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day but teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. There are lots of ways in which we can help others to help themselves, whether it is teaching them a skill or trade, or teaching them how to drive or read. Reading opens doors to a whole world of help, because once you teach someone how to read, it gives them access to the entire fund of human knowledge. We should consider how we might help the people in our community, or even in our own families, to be more independent.

-Christopher Simon

Remember This: For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat. -2 Thessalonians 3:10



Protect and Serve Your Community!

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Dec. 2: Jessica Marshall, Judy Bemis

Thurs. Dec. 3: Carol Burslie, Wesley Brekke

Fri. Dec. 4: Kaysee Mandt

Sat. Dec. 5: Cody Bartz, Tyler Roed, Elizabeth Burslie

Mon. Dec. 7: Mary Salvhus, Mark Votava, Sandy Mayer, Alicia Graff, David Sannes

Tues. Dec. 8: Samuel Ek, Noah Roragen



Along with a new sidewalk this summer, Kingtown Mutual Insurance Company recently had new siding put on their building on Cleveland Avenue in downtown McIntosh. The new siding gave the building a fresh and updated look.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL GUIDE

This space for rent at \$127.40 for 6 months.

CALL 218-563-3585

Carlin Hoialmen Funeral Service

“Our Family Serving Your Family For Three Generations”

John Carlin Tim Carlin
Gary Carlin Mark Carlin
Doug Hoialmen

435-1144

ANDERSON FAMILY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE
TWIN VALLEY • MAHONOMEN • WINGER
719 N. Main 644 Main St.
Mahnomen, MN Winger, MN

*Paige Ennen *Kelly Woltjer
*Tim & Denise Anderson
*Licensed Funeral Director

218-935-9000
Toll free: 866-935-9009



Is There A Wedding In Your Future?

We have the latest designs for wedding accessories - or, if you choose, we can assist with a design of your own.

LET US HELP MAKE YOUR WEDDING DAY MEMORABLE.

487-5225 Gonvick, MN

Richards Publishing Co.

THE WINGER ENTERPRISE

3

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings from Winger and the Union Lake areas where we have had a wintery mix of weather, but fortunately had good travel weather for the Thanksgiving travelers. Last Thursday with the snow we got and the wind blowing as it did made the visibility at times a bit nasty and the roads had some snow sticking but all in all was not to bad, just a teaser of what is to come. Did get a few mild days this week so a lot of it melted.

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and from here on in it will be the hustle and bustle of shopping and all the preparations for Christmas.

Wednesday the 18th Chad Carlson was an afternoon visitor at the Fern and Milton Carlson home, and later in the day Judy Gieseke was a visitor at Carlson's.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp were house guests at the Donnie Johnson home in Maple Lake, MN from last Thursday until Sunday when they returned to their home.

Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home last Saturday.

Paul and Donna Carlson were visitors at the Fern and Milton Carlson home on November the 19th after work. Visitors later were Kari, Terry and Oliviayah Keller. Kari brought Fern and Milton "Spuds for our Buds" from the Ultima Bank which they enjoyed.

Last Friday Butch and Linda Pulskamp, Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake and Nola Abele of Fosston visited with Sharon Johnson and they all had an enjoyable lunch together.

Last Sunday afternoon Barry and Kay Malme of Fargo were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home. Barry is Verly's nephew.

Lucy Brtek visited this past week with Joyce Balstad at Mac Manor in McIntosh and also with Wilma Want at Wilma's home in Fosston.

On Saturday November

21st David and Sue Christianson hosted a gathering so the family could visit with Reid and Laura Christianson who are relocating from Maryland to Champagne, Illinois. Laura has already started a new job at the University of Illinois. Some of the guests present were Grandma Joyce Sannes, Grandma Carol Stordahl, Deb Matson, Cindy Horvath, Becky Stordahl and Lori Burchill. Many cousins on both sides of the family also were in attendance. All enjoyed bar-b-que buns, bean hotdish and more brought by those who came.

Paul and Donna Carlson were visitors last Saturday morning at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Last Saturday November the 21st Donnie Johnson and Nola Abele hosted an early Thanksgiving at the Donnie Johnson home in Maple Lake. Those attending were Mark, Judy and Jordan Boeckers of Buffalo, Jim, Austin and Abby Johnson of Montrose, Craig Johnson of Monticello, Steve and Stephanie Johnson of Coon Rapids, Tim Yager and his friend Wendy of Howard Lake and Butch and Linda Pulskamp. An afternoon of visiting and a delicious turkey with all the trimmings supper was enjoyed by all.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were Sunday evening visitors at the Pioneer Home with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Kenny Jorstad visiting by phone with Lucy Brtek last Saturday evening had quite a story to tell Lucy, seems like some one must have lost their Thanksgiving turkey and it showed up under Kenny's car in his carport. Not a wild turkey either. Anyway on trying to get the turkey to come out from under the car Kenny went into his house and got some oatmeal, but the turkey wasn't convinced it should come out for the oatmeal so he got some corn, and now the turkey is still a guest at Kenny's. So it was on to buy some special grain for the turkey, and now he has a turkey that sits on a rug outside his house, looks in his win-

dow and follows Kenny around, decided it was his domain and chased a squirrel away. So lucky for that turkey he was granted a Thanksgiving pardon and Kenny has a pet.

Hope to have all your Thanksgiving news to share with all next week. Until then stay warm and well,

From Bun Manor:

Monday afternoon Bun met Laura Grant at the Coop in McIntosh (formally the Office) for lunch. He had to check out the new proprietor Kraig Kundert.

Lorri Massmann was heading to Erskine on her way back from the dentist and noticed Bun's van out front. She would have stopped but her mouth was full of nova cane.

Dr. Dougie came up to the manor on Wednesday to pick up his uncle Bun and drive him down to Milaca to spend Thanksgiving at his nephew Tommy's place. All his siblings, their children and grandchildren gathered there for the traditional turkey and all the trimmings. On the way down they missed a turn and had to back track.

Bun told Doug "That was the first mistake you made." Doug replied "No the first mistake I made was driving up to Union Lake to pick you up." Bun had a good laugh at that reply.

Bun got a update on ice fish houses on Maple Lake from Stue on Friday. He told him that he saw one house by the inlet on the east side of the lake. There is some ice on union but the majority of the lake still has open water.

Bun called Annie Vesledahl to ask her if she would be his elf and pick out some items for him that are on the Win-E-Mac giving tree. She was a busy lady last week hosting Thanksgiving and birthday parties for her family at her place but she would be happy to assist him next week. If anyone is interested in helping out the less fortunate they can go to the school and pick out a request from the tree.

Some of the Winger Lion members helped put up Christmas lights in Winger on Saturday morning. The town has some new lights this year so check them out the next time you are in town. Also a reminder that the Lion's will host Breakfast with Santa will be on Sat. Dec. 12th at the Community Center.

Another event you might want to check out this Sat. in Bejou is the lutefisk meatball supper at the Immanuel church. Well worth attending if you enjoy tasty lutefisk and meatballs.

Correction. Apologies to Dr. Fenell on misspelling his name as Dr. Seelan.

Thanksgiving found the Massmann's traveling to Detroit Lakes, where Matthew hosted his first holiday as a homeowner. Steve and Lorri joined Matthew along with Brian and Elizabeth of Crookston. Steve parent's and 2 of his brothers and 1 sister as well as two of Lorri's sisters and their families for a total of 19 people. The day went very well with great food and socialization had by all. When preparing a meal of that magnitude, Matthew quickly learned that his general practice of cooking for one does not require nearly the serving vessels and spoons needed for 19. Friday night, the Massmann's traveled back to Winger to take in the Moran's social which was also a fun evening on the town. After a couple of hours of sleep Brian and Matthew helped put up Christmas lights at Steve and Lorri's home as Steve still has limitations on what he can do with his arm. Steve even said they did a "good job" after the project was completed.

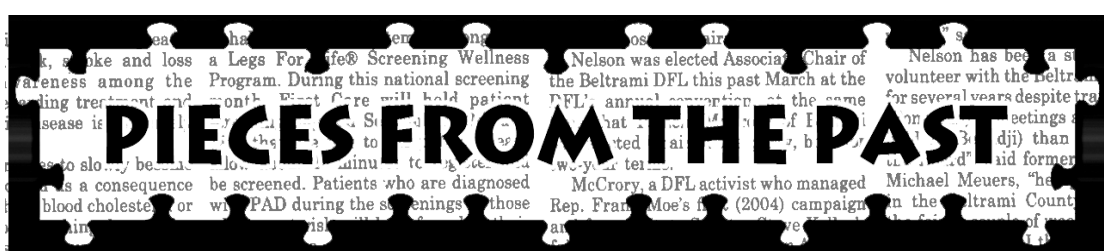
USDA announces grants to expand business in MN

USDA Rural Development State Director Colleen Landkammer today announced that USDA is investing nearly \$1.1 million to help 9 businesses in rural Minnesota. The funding comes from USDA Rural Development's Value-Added Producer Grant program.

"These grants help create expansion and job opportunities for local producers and rural small businesses," Landkammer said. "USDA's support is especially important for beginning farmers and smaller farm operations by providing capital

USDA...

Continued on page 4...



50 years ago...1965: Greenbacks! Employees of Rovick Nursing Home in McIntosh were happy with their wages this week when they were paid in two dollar bills. Left to right are Mrs. Otto Luettjohann, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. LaVerne J. Thompson, and Luther Rodvick.



30 years ago...1985: Booster Club President Garnet Aanenson presents the Thirteen Towns Centennial Book to AFS students, Caroline Miguel and Marcos Burga.



20 years ago...1995: Lady Patriots providing leadership during the 1995-96 basketball season are seniors (L-R standing) Caren Smeby, Thora Magnusdottir and Kjersten Langemo. (Seated) Bobbie Benson.



10 years ago...2005: The Kaster family enjoys an afternoon out at the Rydell Wildlife Refuge finding the perfect tree, during their annual tree cutting, to take home and decorate. Pulling the newly cut tree out of the forest are Olivia, Shelby and Travis, while parents Paul and Lynette prepare their vehicle for the loading of the tree.

Random Things and Stuff



Homemade Gifts

By: Emily L. Ferden
Now that Thanksgiving is over, I am sure most of you are in the Christmas spirit. I know I

for one love this time of year because it seems to bring out the best in people.

With less than a month away until Christmas, have you already picked out your gifts for your loved ones? I for one have only gotten halfway through my list. But, in case you were thinking of doing some homemade gifts this year, here are some ideas of inexpensive, nice gifts to make for your loved ones this Christmas season (found on buzzfeed.com).

1. Homemade Fort Kit: for those that love to build forts indoors, this kit includes small suction cups, clothes line, one package of clothes pins, flashlight, and two or more flat sheets.

2. An arrow book mark made from Popsicle sticks.

3. Knitted Soap Socks

4. Sweater Mittens

5. A family recipe etched on a cutting board

6. Clementine Wreaths

7. A basket of indoor snowballs made from yarn; perfect

WEM School Menu

Wed. Dec. 2: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Sausage Gravy over Biscuit, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Chicken Alfredo Hot Dish, Lettuce Salad w/ Dressing, Garlic Toast, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. Dec. 3: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Philly Steak Sandwich, Seasoned Fries, Baked Beans, Peppers and Onions, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Dec. 4: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Assorted Muffins, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Pizza, Corn, Carrots & Celery, Granola Bar, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Mon. Dec. 7: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Bites, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Hot Dog on a Bun w/ Chili & Cheese, Seasoned Fries, Pudding w/topping, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Tues. Dec. 8: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Omelet, Toasted English Muffin, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Creamed Corn, Dinner Roll, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Wed. Dec. 9: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Enchilada Bake (lettuce, cheese, black olives, tomatoes, salsa, and sour cream), Red Peppers, Celery & Carrots, Chocolate Mousse Pie, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. Dec. 10: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast

for those experiencing a warm-weather Christmas.

8. A tissue box of money

9. Hershey's Kiss Rice Krispie Treats

10. A package of gorgeously embellished Oreos

11. An On-The-Go Reading Pillow

12. Starbucks Latte Soap

13. A wallet full of gift cards

14. A roll of coins decorated

15. A cupcake in a jar

16. Homemade Bubble Bath

17. Lip Balm Locketts

18. Christmas Bow Bobby Pins

19. Watercolor Portraits

20. Tube Bead Necklace

21. A bag of stamped peppermint candies

22. Embroidery Thread Necklace

23. Their first initial wood block decorated in pompoms

24. A gingerbread house kit

25. A pom-pom branch bouquet; decorating tree branches with pompoms on the end.

26. A gold initial mug

27. Dip mix ornament set

28. Tiny wire heart earrings

29. Fruity stamped zipper purses

30. Bath bombs in a jar

31. Shower Disks

To get the details on any of these, you can go to: <http://www.buzzfeed.com/peggy/cheap-and-easy-last-minute-diy-gifts-theyll-actually-want#gm3P0LP0E>.

Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Mashed Potato Bowl, Popcorn Chicken, Gravy, Corn, Applesauce, Bread, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Dec. 11: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Yogurt Parfait, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Sub Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Baked Chips, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Cookie, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

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.

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!

Win-E-Mac Giving Tree

Win-E-Mac School will once again be having their annual Giving Tree. We will anonymously display "ornaments" for children in the Win-E-Mac School District that may have a need this holiday season for clothes, toys, or other items. Their wish list will be printed on the "ornament". Beginning the last week of November and continuing throughout the month of December, Win-E-Mac School will have the tree available to those who would like to donate gifts. The Giving Tree will be placed in the commons area of School. Please choose an "ornament" and write your name on the one you choose to provide for.

At this time we are looking for names of children and/or families that may be in need this year. If you need some assistance or you know of a child or family that may be in need this holiday season, please contact Amy Bartz at the school, 563-2900 or 687-2236. The Giving Tree also accepts monetary donations. The donations go toward food gift certificates for families to use over the holidays. If you are interested or have questions about donating, please contact Amy Bartz.

Win-E-Mac Early Dismissal Friday, December 4th 12:30pm

WEM 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 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. December Dates: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

Come out to explore our themed learning stations, enjoy a snack, sing songs and listen to a story! Children Ages 0-5 invited. Pre-registration not required. Free!

Special Events!

Tues 12/8 Annual Grandparents Night! Bring out grandpa and grandma from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm for some holiday fun! Make easy crafts, listen to holiday music and enjoy a delicious snack together! Ages 0-5.

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

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

USDA...

Continued from page 3...

to expand marketing opportunities and develop new uses for existing products."

Value-Added Producer Grants can be used to develop new agricultural products or additional markets for existing ones. Military veterans, socially-disadvantaged and beginning farmers and ranchers, operators of small- and medium-sized family farms and ranches, and farmer and rancher cooperatives are given priority when applying for these grants.

Examples of award recipients include Shared Ground Farmers' Cooperative (SGFC), a cooperative owned by farms in the Twin Cities region that markets sustainable, locally-grown produce and grass-fed meats direct to consumers, wholesalers, and retailers. SGFC is receiving a \$25,000 grant to explore expanding markets in southern Minnesota local vegetable farming.

In Brooten, Minn., the Red-head Creamery, LLC is receiv-



Jessica Kasprzak put together a wonderful video honoring many of the veterans in the Win-E-Mac community. The video was originally shown during the Veterans Day program on November 11. If you happened to miss the program the slideshow will be on display in the entrance of the Win-E-Mac school. To view the video you will need the free Aurasma app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Download and open the Aurasma app on your phone or tablet. Tap the A at the bottom, then tap the magnifying glass and search for Win-E-Mac. Tap the Win-E-Mac Veterans Program and Click "Follow" Select the app's viewfinder and point your device at the Trigger image below to view the Aura.

If that doesn't work: Troubleshoot - Go to the "Auras" tab within the "Explore" section and drag the page downward to refresh the Auras and try again.

ing a \$250,000 grant to use as working capital to market their new on-farm creamery that produces artisan cheeses. Driftless Spirits in Houston County has been selected for a \$49,750 grant that will help the company market whiskey made from locally-grown organic, kosher grain.

Nationwide, USDA is investing nearly \$34 million to help 258 businesses through the VAPG program.

Value-Added Producer Grants are a key element of USDA's Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative, which coordinates the Department's work on local and regional food systems. These are major contributors to rural economic development. Congress increased funding for the Value-Added program when it passed the 2014 Farm Bill. That measure builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past seven years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers.

Since 2009, USDA has awarded 33 Value-Added Producer Grants, throughout

rural Minnesota, totaling almost \$6 million. Nationwide, approximately 1,115 grants were awarded through USDA's VAPG program, totaling \$154 million. Approximately 18 percent of the grants and 14 percent of total funding nationwide has been awarded to beginning farmers and ranchers. During 2015, more than one-third of Value-Added awards went to farmers and ranchers developing products for the local foods sector.

For more information on VAPG and other USDA Rural Development programs, please visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn and contact your local Area Office.

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

Save the Date!

SANTA CLAUS DAY!
SATURDAY, DEC 12TH
10AM-1PM

MCINTOSH COMMUNITY CENTER

Hayrides! Crafts! Music!
Treat bags! Prizes!

Santa Arrives at 11:00am!

Free Will Donation Lunch

M35-37C



The cast of the Win-E-Mac School play Villan School by Brian D. Taylor, which was performed at the new Win-E-Mac Arts and Event Center on Saturday November 21st and Sunday, November 22nd.