



The Polk County Sheriff's Department is proud to announce the graduation of our K-9 Buffy and her handler Deputy Kyle Olson. After many, many weeks of training Deputy Olson and Buffy will finally be back home and will hit the streets of Polk County. Please feel free to stop and say hello if you see them out on patrol.

## Tourism recovery efforts & travel trends in MN for 2020

Minnesota's tourism industry has started to gradually re-open, encouraging travelers to safely explore Minnesota again. Businesses across the state have implemented new safety and sanitizing procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and are ready to welcome visitors. Explore Minnesota, the state's tourism promotion office, is supporting the industry with tourism marketing recovery efforts.

"After a challenging few months, recent Explore Minnesota consumer survey findings show there's some pent up demand to travel within the state this summer," said John Edman, state tourism director, Explore Minnesota.

The re-opening coincides with the launch of Explore Minnesota's new recovery tourism marketing campaign, which invites travelers to explore Minnesota again when the time is right for them. The campaign's imagery of Minnesota's open spaces and outdoor experiences aims to help travelers regain a sense of comfort and normalcy while showcasing locations that allow for social distancing. The new campaign features a new television spot entitled "See You Soon" and digital ads running in Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and across Minnesota. Additional target markets include Chicago and Omaha. The TV spot features "Little Blue World" by Minnesota-based musician Jeremy Messersmith.

The call to get out and #ExploreMNAgain is resonating for some travelers. According to a recent survey conducted by Explore Minnesota, many Minnesotans and those living in the Midwest are ready to travel again, with 62.5% of respondents indicating they have at least tentative plans to take a summer leisure trip, and 50% have at least tentative plans for fall travel.

### Increased Safety Precautions

To ensure the health and safety of their guests and visitors, tourism businesses and destinations throughout Minnesota have enacted a bevy of new policies and procedures such as enhanced cleaning and sanitization protocols, social distancing guidelines, capacity limits, contactless check-in and check-out, and more. Explore Minnesota provides updates for travelers and businesses on its COVID-19 travel hub.

**Road Trips:** In the recent Explore Minnesota consumer survey, 82% of respondents said they were planning road trips for their next leisure trip. Hitting the road in a car is a great way to explore a wide variety of destinations and unique roadside attractions. Road trips (such as along one of Minnesota's 22 scenic byways) offer travelers a great deal of control over their stops and interactions along the way.

**Drive-Ins:** There's no better time than the present to plan a trip to see a drive-in movie or stop by one of the state's many car-side dining restaurants! These drive-up establishments

provide a healthy serving of nostalgia along with entertainment and tasty eats for the whole family.

**Outdoor Dining:** To keep guests and staff safe this summer, restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries and wineries across Minnesota are flexing their creativity to provide ample outdoor space for diners or cook up unique takeout options to enjoy at home. Check out this list of ways to dine outside this summer.

**Resorts and Camping:** Thousands of the state's resorts and campgrounds have been hit hard by the pandemic but have bounced back with renewed interest and a surge in reservations. Extensive cleaning and social distancing protocols make these classic summer getaways possible. Minnesota is

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## Restoring MN's water quality for people & for wildlife

Water. It makes up more than 70% of the Earth and about 60% the human body. It's no wonder that having clean water makes for a higher quality of life – for people and for wildlife.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service know that this is more than a conceptual ideal; we're working with community partners and organizations to make it happen right now.

Take a moment to learn about a recent U.S. Geological Survey-led water quality study that took place near Crookston, Minnesota.

"This study shows the value of natural areas and the legacy of Glacial Ridge," said Ann Mulholland, who directs The Nature Conservancy's work in Minnesota. "Protecting and restoring prairies and wetlands not only provides wildlife habitat and opportunities for outdoor recreation; it also provides clean drinking water and protection from flooding."

Not far from Crookston, a town of roughly 8,000 people, is Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge - the largest prairie-wetland restoration ever undertaken in U.S. history.

With the help of land stewards, partners, volunteers and funding through U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, we worked with The Nature Conservancy to restore more than 20,000 acres that now make up the core of this rolling landscape.

It's been roughly two decades since biologists and land managers set about this herculean task. In 2002, researchers with the U.S. Geological Survey set out to see what value, if any, this restored native prairie-wetland brought to the landscape and the local residents who call northwestern Minnesota home.

The short answer is that, yes, native prairie and wetlands are good for water quality because they are the kidneys of the watershed. This collaborative study, a partnership

## Survey: Majority of respondents would feel comfortable sending their students back to school this fall; Public health concerns remain

MDE released the results of an informal survey of Minnesota families on their experience with distance learning and the upcoming 2020-21 school year.

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) released the results of the Fall Planning Survey for Families. Over the past several weeks, MDE conducted an informal survey of Minnesota families on their experience with distance learning this past spring as well as their thoughts on the upcoming 2020-21 school year. Between when the survey opened on June 15, 2020 and when it closed on July 6, 2020, MDE collected more than 130,000 completed responses. The survey was offered in English, Hmong, Spanish and Somali.

"We deeply appreciate and value the overwhelming response we received from our families," said Commissioner Mary Kathryn Ricker. "Our educators worked tirelessly this spring to create distance learning plans in just eight days, rethinking the way they educate and connect with our students in order to keep them healthy and safe."

"As we plan for the upcoming school year, we will listen to the experiences of our families, teachers, and students and the advice of public health experts to determine a safe path forward."

The survey showed that 64% of respondents selected that they would feel comfortable sending their students back to school this fall. Of those 64% who said they'd be comfortable sending their student(s) back to school this fall, 94% would send their student(s) back to school full time.

Less than 12% of respondents said they would not feel comfortable sending their student(s) back to school. However, of the respondents who answered they would not feel comfortable sending their student(s) back to school, over 83% percent cited concerns about public health a reason why they would not feel com-

fortable.

The survey also asked respondents about what went well during distance learning and what was challenging. The most common selections for what went well during distance learning include, "access to the internet," "access to technology," and "good communication from teacher(s)." The most common selections for what was challenging during distance learning include, "student(s) didn't feel empowered to work on their own," "student(s) experiencing new mental health challenges due to COVID-pandemic," and "hard to understand lessons."

MDE has previously stated that they will make an announcement for the 2020-21 school year no later than the week of July 27, 2020.

This survey is just one of MDE's many public engagement efforts to seek feedback from students, families, educators, and school staff on the distance learning experience this spring.

Earlier this summer, MDE worked with the Wisconsin/Minnesota Comprehensive Center (WMCC) to hold over 30 group conversations to get feedback on distance learning. In addition to these feedback groups, MDE has collaborated with the WMCC to do a systems review of distance learning plans focused on structure, content and equity. This information continues to be a cornerstone of our planning for the upcoming school year.

"As we look ahead to the next school year, the health and safety of our students will continue to be our number one priority," said Minnesota Department of Education Deputy Commissioner Heather Mueller.

This spring brought about unprecedented changes to our society and our education system, and moving forward we must do everything we can to meet the needs of each and every student.

The proactive planning that our school districts and char-



ter schools will do this summer will ensure that our school communities are prepared for whatever this school year brings."

"We are learning more about COVID-19 every day, but we still can't be sure about exactly how the pandemic will play out over the coming months," Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm said.

"Until a vaccine is developed COVID-19 is likely to remain a serious concern, and we must be prepared for a variety of scenarios. We appreciate the partnership of the Minnesota Department of Education and the state's school systems as we prepare for the start of school this fall."

The guidance included a strong recommendation that school districts and charter schools create three different contingency plans for all three possible scenarios for start of the school year this fall. MDE is urging school leaders to plan for all three scenarios so that school communities can be flexible and students can receive continuous education in the event that the COVID-19 pandemic may require schools to shift to a different educational delivery model.

The three scenarios are:

- In-person learning for all students
- Hybrid learning with strict social distance and capacity limits
- Distance learning only

In partnership with MDH

and the Governor's Office, MDE plans to announce a decision for which model of educational delivery will be in the best interest of the health and safety of our students, school staff, and school communities for the 2020-21 school year by the week of July 27, 2020.

The results of MDE's Fall Planning Survey for Families is available on MDE's webpage, which includes summary of results for all respondents, summary of results disaggregated by race/ethnicity, as well as the full data file.



**WEM**  
**cancels Prom**  
The 2020 Win-E-Mac Prom that was scheduled for July 31 has been cancelled for this year. The After-Prom committee is considering other options and any other announcements will come from their organization.



of The Nature Conservancy, the state of Minnesota and our team at the refuge, compared the complex hydrology before and after restoration.

The investigators found substantial improvements in how water flows across restored habitats. This includes how rain and snow filter down through the robust root systems of native prairie plants and ultimately how excess water, known as "runoff," is less likely to carry nutrients off the landscape.

"Glacial Ridge continues to prove its worth to the local residents of Polk County and the Red River Valley landscape and ecology as a whole. The restoration of the prairie and wetlands provides improved water quality, a campaign that the state of Minnesota is still conducting to this day through local efforts," said Nicole Bernd, district manager of the West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District.

The study found that a number of hydrological improvements at Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, all a

result of the restoration work, led to a 33% decrease in the rate of water runoff.

Lessening runoff helps more precipitation reach underground aquifers – Crookston's primary source of drinking water.

Less runoff also means a reduced chance of flooding and an increased certainty for the safety of surrounding croplands and public infrastructure. "The city of Crookston has six high-capacity wells on or near Glacial Ridge. Having the refuge bordering the well fields ensures safe drinking water for years to come," said Brandon Carlson, water superintendent for the city of Crookston.

The study found that the rate at which the surface water made it down to the aquifer, what's known as "groundwater recharge," increased by 14% post-restoration.

Recharge is important because it helps maintain the amount of water stored in aquifers, which is used for drinking water and other purposes.

Another measure of the study is "ditch flow," or amount of surface water that leaves the geography being studied. These restored habitats showed a reduction in ditch flow of 23%, which is a good thing for neighboring landowners downstream.

"Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge has been a great asset to the City of Crookston and the surrounding area in multiple respects. The restorations that were completed have resulted in a significant reduction in both groundwater and ditch-water nitrate concentrations, which provides clean drinking water benefits for the area public," said Gerald Jacobson, commissioner for Polk County.

The refuge isn't only a great place to go birding and hunting; it's making more clean water just by existing!

Sometimes too much can be a bad thing, and that's the case when it comes to water high in dissolved nitrogen and other nutrients. Although nitrates are essential for plant growth, too much can harm or

kill aquatic animals like fish and affect the quality of lakes and streams where people paddle, fish and swim. The study showed that these restored lands reduced groundwater nitrates by 79%! That's making drinking water safer for everyone.

Funding for this project was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

Come out to the refuge and discover your own connection to Glacial Ridge - excellent birding, beautiful tallgrass prairie flora and quality hunting await!

Learn more about Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge.

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## Consumer Alert: Protect your Stimulus payments and avoid COVID-19 scams

Scammers are ramping up efforts to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic and steal people's stimulus or Economic Impact Payments along with their financial identities, warns the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

"Stimulus check schemes are emerging as the latest COVID-19 deceptions meant to separate you and your money," said Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Steve Kelley. "Don't be fooled."

"Identity theft and senior scams are always on our radar," said Commissioner Kelley. "Now we add stimulus check schemes to the mix."

Kelley notes that the scams include phishing texts, emails and calls asking for sensitive information in order to receive stimulus payments. Credit card information, bank accounts, Social Security and other information often are requested.

An impersonator may claim to be from the IRS or a bank. They may tell consumers they must pay a fee via credit card or personal bank account withdrawal to receive their "coronavirus check" or stimulus payment.

Responding to spoofed information and requests from fake government agencies opens consumers to serious financial losses, the Commerce Commissioner warns.

### Consumers can defend against stimulus payment scams:

Only use [irs.gov/coronavirus](https://irs.gov/coronavirus) submit information to the IRS.

The IRS won't phone, text or email you about your stimulus payment.

You will not be asked you

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also home to several secluded backpacking campsites, including those in Minnesota State Parks, Boundary Water Canoe Area and Wilderness and Voyageurs National Park.

Houseboats: Renting a houseboat on one of Minnesota's beautiful bodies of water provides travelers with the opportunity to explore the area while limiting interactions with others.

These "floating cabins" can be found in areas across the state, such as Voyageurs National Park, Lake Vermilion

for your SSN, bank account, or government benefits debit card account number.

You don't have to pay to get your stimulus money.

Report stimulus schemes to the Internal Revenue Service.

Consumers, including those caring for a senior citizen, should continue watching closely for COVID-19 scams, attempts to steal people's medical and financial identities.

There is currently no cure for COVID-19. Bogus cures, vaccines and treatments remain widespread for their illegal profit potential. Seniors and their Medicare accounts are frequent targets. Fight back against these frauds:

Do not respond to robocalls, texts, emails from strangers, or unfamiliar door-to-door solicitors. Deal only with sources you know and trust.

Consult a trusted physician or other health care provider to order a COVID-19 test or see Minnesota's statewide listing of testing locations.

Never click on links from unknown sources. Clicking may download harmful malware.

Cyber-criminals aim to exploit people's fear, uncertainty and desire for current information about COVID-19.

Cyber threats and scams can target you anywhere and through any means, including your personal and work emails, robocalls on your phone and suspicious websites as you search the internet.

"Minnesotans can help prevent these types of fraud by being aware and reporting financial scams to the Consumer Services Center at the Minnesota Department of Com-

merce," said Commissioner Kelley. The Consumer Services Center can be reached by email at [consumer.protection@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.protection@state.mn.us) or at 651-539-1600 or 800-657-3602.

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## Polk County Sheriff's Report

In recent days the Polk County Sheriff's Office has received several fraudulent bank deposit complaints. If you receive any solicitation to deposit unemployment checks or provide personal bank account information for funds to be electronically deposited for an independent third party, please do not release any personal information and report the incident to the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

of the nation's greatest state parks systems, spending time outdoors is one of Minnesota's premier pastimes. And you can't go wrong fishing in the land of 10,000+ lakes – Minnesota offers some of the country's best freshwater fishing.

These trends are just some of the many ways to #ExploreMN. Again this summer, with many more safe travel activities awaiting.

Explore Minnesota can help travelers plan their trips for free at 888-VISITMN, or via live chat, email and at [exploreminnesota.com](http://exploreminnesota.com).

touch-ups at the salon.

Fresh foils for highlights generally are applied every six to eight weeks.

As hair color deadlines come and go, men and women can speak to their stylists about their options.

Helen Petty, stylist and owner of the ChopShop in St. Louis, said many of her fellow stylists are putting together touch-up kits comprised of professionally mixed color and some basic tools to get the job done at home.

The supplies can be picked up curbside or through "porch drop-offs." See if your stylist can provide a similar service. Video conferencing during the application process can help you avoid missteps.

Boxed hair dyes can work in a pinch, but they may not fully match your existing shade. Also, now is not the time for drastic color changes, which

## Add raspberry muffins to your breakfast table

The word "raspberry" seems to come from the Old French raspise, a term meaning "sweet rose-colored wine".

Raspberries are a type of fruit known as an aggregate fruit. Aggregate fruits have flowers with multiple ovaries and each ovary produces drupelets around a core formed by the flower. Each drupelet could actually be considered a separate fruit.

There are over 200 different known species of raspberries but only 2 species are grown on a large scale.

May 3rd is National Raspberry Popover and Tart Day.

July 31st is National Raspberry Cake Day.

August 7th is National Raspberries and Cream Day.

The term "raspberry" for a flapping noise made with the tongue and mouth seems to have originated in the Cockney dialect of England. The sound was originally called a raspberry tart, and was later shortened to raspberry.

Raspberries have been crossed with other berries to form new species. Theloganberry is a cross between raspberries and blackberries. The boysenberry is a cross between red raspberries, blackberries and loganberries. The nessberry is a cross between a dewberry, raspberry, and blackberry and other crosses include laxtonberries, veitchberries, and mahdibberries.

The people of Troy, in modern-day Turkey, were the first to note an appreciation of the raspberry fruit.

4 A.D. saw the first writings on the cultivation of raspberries.

Raspberries are a wonderful source of vitamin C, containing 40 percent of a person's daily needs.

Recipe Shared by Minnesota Grown member, Afton Apple Orchard.

**Muffin ingredients**  
2 1/2 cups all purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder

### Story to Share?

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almost always require the expertise of trained colorists.

**A cut ahead**  
Frustration may lead non-professionals to pick up shears.

While it's generally best to leave haircuts to the pros, some people have delved into home attempts. Lauren Van Dyke, a stylist at Lucido Hair Studio in Ontario, recommends that home haircuts be limited to trimming off two inches of hair or less and avoiding drastic style changes.

Haircuts also require the right equipment, including sharp shears or well-oiled electric clippers, comb, and patience. Always cut in small sections and take your time.

Experiment with new styles, products and other ways to lengthen time between salon visits.

Cutting hair at home should be the last resort.



1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 1/3 cup sugar  
1 Tablespoon finely shredded lemon peel  
1 egg  
1 cup buttermilk  
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine  
1 Tablespoons lemon juice  
1 1/2 cups (about 6 oz) whole frozen raspberries - do not thaw  
1 Tablespoon flour  
**Streusel Topping**  
1/4 cup melted butter or margarine  
1/2 cup all purpose flour  
2 Tablespoons sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons finely shredded lemon peel  
**Directions**  
Adjust oven rack to middle position and preheat oven to 400°. Stir all streusel ingre-

dients together to form soft, crumbly dough. Set aside.

Whisk dry muffin ingredients and lemon peel together. In a separate bowl, combine all liquid ingredients. Add in dry ingredients and stir until almost fully incorporated. Toss frozen raspberries with flour to coat, then gently fold into dough, handling only enough to incorporate berries.

Using paper muffin cup liners, fill each cup until 1/4" from top. Crumble streusel topping over each.

Bake for 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 350° and bake for another 10 minutes, or until lightly browned and muffin springs back when pressed lightly with fingertip.

### NOTICES OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED

To the Electors of the City of McIntosh, County of Polk, State of Minnesota. Notice is hereby given: That a General Election will be conducted via Mail Ballot. The City of McIntosh is looking for candidates for the following positions for the 2020 election:

Mayor: 2 year term  
Vote for one

Council: 4 year term  
Vote for two

Filing period opens July 28, 2020 and closes at 5pm August 11, 2020. Please pick up a copy of an affidavit of Candidacy at the McIntosh City Clerk's office and pay the \$2.00 filing fee. M17C

### MAC TO FLUSH WATERLINES

The City of McIntosh will be flushing water-lines and hydrants each Thursday throughout the summer. Residents are encouraged to watch for rusty or dirty water on these days. Fill washing machines to check water before adding clothes. M9-28C



### LSS Meals Menu 687-2262

**Tues, July 21st:** Meatballs - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy - California Blend - Wheat Rolls - Blueberry Crisp Cake - Milk  
**Wed, July 22nd:** Chicken Ala King over Buttermilk Biscuits - Peas and Pearl Onions - Cinnamon Apples - Chocolate Chip Cookie Bars - Milk

## To cut or not to cut at home? Weigh hair styling options

Social distancing is challenging for everyone, and especially for the beauty and haircare industry, where close contact is often necessary for everything from applying foils to trimming bangs to threading eyebrows.

Salons and barbershops are among the businesses that were asked to temporarily close to help flatten the curve of coronavirus cases, and now that they are open again, getting an appointment is challenging.

Many clients accustomed to frequent salon visits for trims and recoloring are wondering what they can do to look their best during stay-at-home orders.

Unkempt hair can make it tempting to take scissors in hand, but read on before mak-

### Did you know?

According to the American Psychological Association, parents and caregivers face an entirely new set of tasks to deal with the changing needs of children as they reach adolescence.

The changes that accompany adolescence include physical, cognitive and social changes, and parents may need to adopt an entirely new approach to parenting as they deal with the changing needs of their children during their period in their lives.

The APA notes that adolescents often crave greater independence and autonomy, and this desire is a natural part of their development process. It's important that parents of adolescents find a way to maintain

ing any drastic decisions.

**Attempt to re-style**  
Make every attempt to style your hair as it begins to grow out.

Even if you feel like your coiffure currently looks less than stellar, a haircut is irreversible and may not turn out as expected. Hairstyle changes, such as parting bangs or hair in the opposite direction, can make roots less visible.

Braiding hair or pulling it back can help tame bangs that are getting a tad too long. Men who are accustomed to short hair can use more products like pomades or gels to slick back hair or keep unruly tresses from becoming problematic.

**Color conundrum**  
Hairdressers generally recommend four- to six-week intervals between full color

the familial bonds they and their children have developed up to this point, while also allowing increasingly mature teens a level of autonomy that can benefit them throughout their lives.

According to clinical psychologist William Stixrud, Ph.D. research has shown that a lack of perceived control leads people to feel overwhelmed, helpless, hopeless, passive, and resigned.

So adolescents who feel that they have control over the direction of their lives, feelings which can be strengthened when they are given some level of autonomy as teenagers, are less likely to feel overwhelmed, helpless, hopeless, passive, or resigned as adults.

### Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

**Wed. July 15:** Clifford Bartz, Sarah Violette, Chris Smeby, Lloyd Schleicher, \*Corey & Samantha Rasmussen, \*Jerry & Christine Weber  
**Thurs. July 16:** Carol Bursheim, Tyler Burslie  
**Fri. July 17:** Marvie, Nick Olson, Amy Carlson, \*Nathan & Stephanie Frisk  
**Sat. July 18:** Larry Flineth, \*Bret & Jill Schulz  
**Sun. July 19:** Justin Shultz, Joshua Andres, Jake Juve  
**Mon. July 20:** Darlene Solie, \*Marvin & Janis Wikstrand  
**Tues. July 21:** Patrick Rolf, Lukas Lindseth, \*Sam & Amber Finseth

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### CHURCH DIRECTORY

**MCINTOSH AFLC**  
McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:  
**Pastor Karl Anderson**  
Mt Carmel and Trinity Free Lutheran Churches in McIntosh have resumed holding Sunday Services.  
9:30 Trinity  
11:00 Mt Carmel  
Social distancing practices will be encouraged.  
Video Services will continue on GVTV Channel 30 at 10am Sunday, 7pm Sunday and 6pm Wednesday.  
They will also be posted on the McIntosh AFLC Parish YouTube channel

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**  
**Fosston**  
**Fr. John Svakeen, Pastor**  
Sun. July 19: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley  
Sun. July 26: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

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**Gary Johnson, Pastor**  
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Sun., July 19: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (also on Facebook: gosenchurch and gosenchurch.com)  
Tues, July 21: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV-30  
Wed, July 22: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home

**CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH**  
**Winger/Bejou**  
**Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson**  
Calvary Lutheran Church, Winger, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bejou, and Our Saviors Lutheran Church, McIntosh will run church services on Channel 30 on Garden Valley Channel 30. They will also be available on YouTube on channel One in Spirit Calvary. Our Saviors service will be available by 8:30 am each Sunday until further notice.

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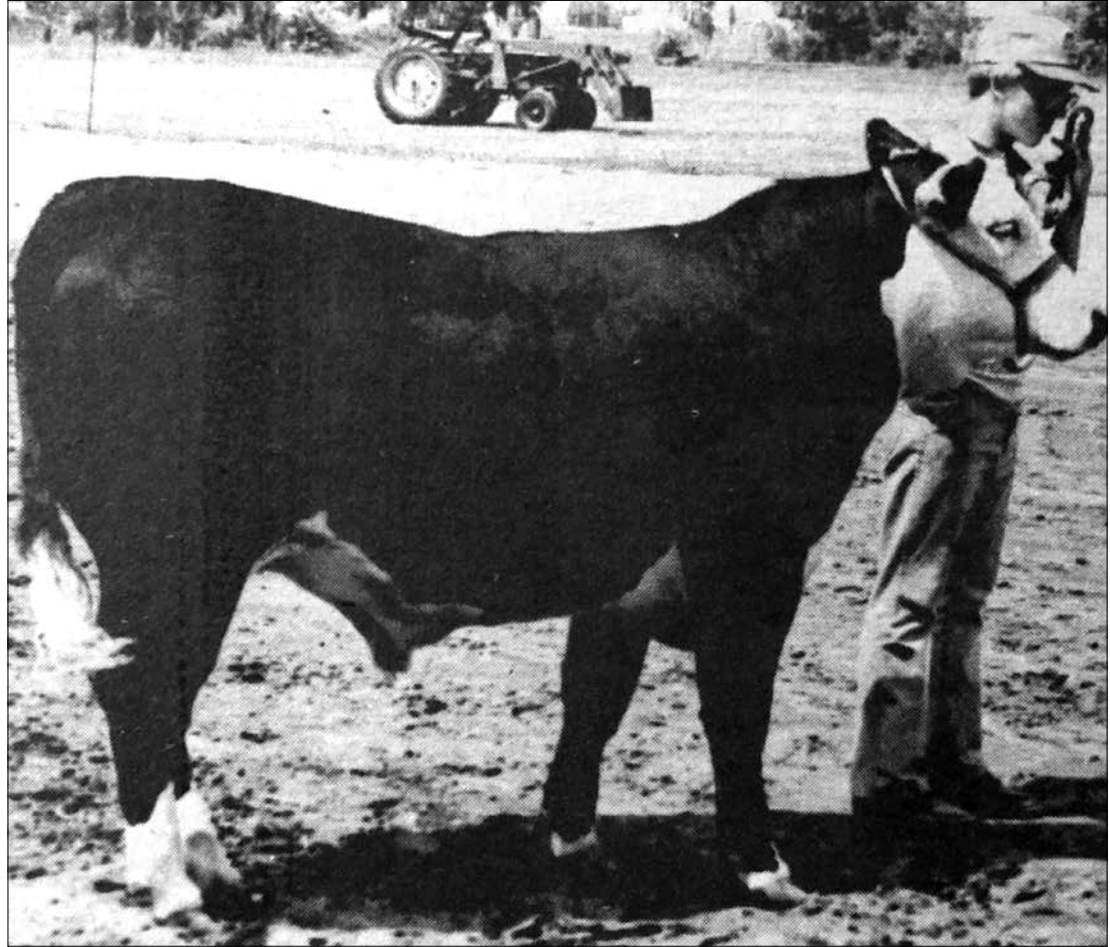
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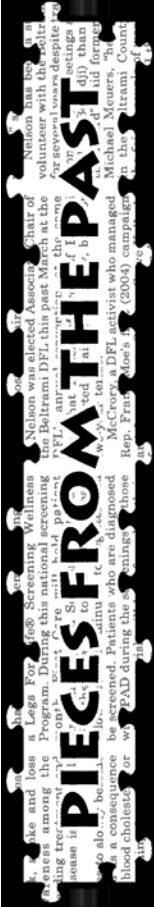
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50 years ago...1970: These girls represent the blue ribbon winners of the East Polk 4-H sewing projects. They modeled their dresses at the 4-H Night Monday, representing the junior and advanced classes. Left to right are Lois Hauge, Winger; Janice Aanenson, McIntosh; Patty Zahl, Winger; Judy Kroening, Fosston; Karen Bergman, McIntosh; and Terry Larson, Fosston.



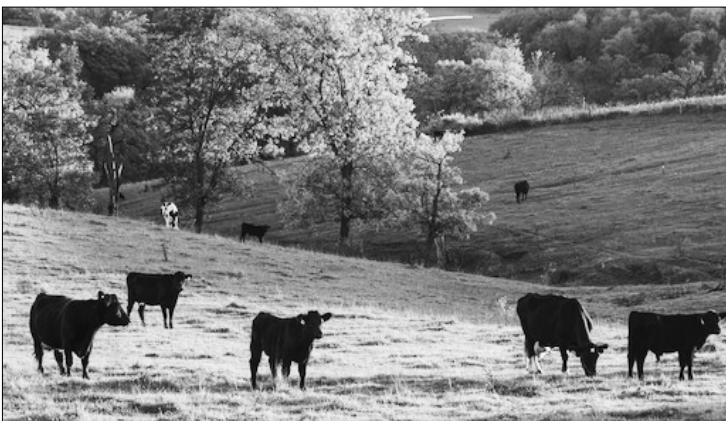
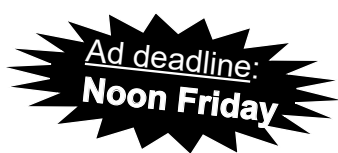
40 years ago...1980: Paul Balstad, Winger 4-H, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Balstad, received a second place showmanship honor at the Fair in Fosston.



30 years ago...1990: The recent installation of the railroad car at the Depot Park has given the youngsters something to investigate. While parents visited the Walleye Fry on June 30th, the children played in the car. (Christopher Wang, Matthew Massmann, Peter Wang and Patrick Helling.)



20 years ago...2000: Students of the Win-E-Mac Elementary school, under sponsorship of the Community Education Program, presented an updated version of the musical, Cinderella. The students worked with two actors from Prairie Fire Children's Theatre to prepare for their performances. (Back, l-r) Rebecca Lee, Casey Hyde, Lindsey Haaven, and Aric David Brown. (middle) Lisa Buchholz, Nick Rivera, Riley Nornes, Hayden Gustafson, Kyndyl Ross, Megan Syverson, Jordyn Thompson, Rainee Haaven, Carla Grundyson and Nicole Gieseke; (front) Kelsey Hyde, Kim Rivera and Austin Doty.



## DNR and MDA join to help MN farmers

Harvesting hay and grazing cattle on state lands helps DNR manage grassland habitat while also helping farmers.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture have joined forces to help connect the state's cattle farmers in need of additional forage to DNR area wildlife managers needing to manage grassland habitat. Research over the last two decades shows that grassland wildlife and pollinators respond positively to well-managed haying and grazing.

For many years, the DNR has used its conservation grazing and haying program to manage grasslands for the benefit of wildlife. This also produces forage from DNR managed lands, such as wildlife management areas, for cattle farmers.

COVID-19-related disruptions at meat packing facilities have caused farmers to hold on to cattle longer than normal. As a result, some farmers have larger herds and are running out of feed. These changes put additional pressure on an already low statewide forage stockpile. Recognizing the opportunity to help address this need while also advancing management objectives on DNR grasslands, this summer DNR staff are working to publicize haying and grazing op-

portunities and streamline the process for farmers.

"The DNR is eager to partner with Minnesota cattle farmers and demonstrate the value grasslands bring to local communities," said Dave Olfelt, DNR Fish and Wildlife Division director. "We know we can help local farmers while using haying and grazing to help us manage grassland habitat for wildlife and pollinators."

Haying and grazing activity on WMAs is timed to avoid nesting and fall hunting seasons. Haying and grazing are done in such a way that substantial areas are left undisturbed and each WMA has good fall and winter cover. Typical hay leases are about 30 acres in size, a small portion of most WMAs.

The two state agencies worked together to update and improve information about haying and grazing opportunities on DNR lands. Cattle farmers who need additional forage are encouraged to email their DNR area wildlife manager to discuss options in their area. Area wildlife managers' contact information can be found on the Conservation Grazing Map on the MDA website.

"Grazing and haying can be a valuable tool in grassland wildlife conservation," Olfelt said. "This is a win-win for both conservation and agriculture."

| NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                            |                                                  |                     |
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| Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 204C.05, a State Partisan Primary Election will be held on August 11, 2020 in the State of Minnesota, the County of Polk County for the purpose of nomination the following officer's to wit:<br>State partisan Primary voters must be registered to vote pursuant to Minnesota Statute 201.054, subdv. 1.                                                                             |                                            |                                                  |                     |
| FEDERAL OFFICES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            |                                                  |                     |
| United States Senator (One)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |                                                  |                     |
| United States Representative, District 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            |                                                  |                     |
| TOWNSHIP/CITY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | POLLING LOCATION                           |                                                  | VOTING HOURS        |
| Columbia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | LENGBY COMMUNITY HALL                      | 104 Main Ave N, Lengby, MN 56651                 | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| Crookston Ward 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH                  | 1214 University Ave., Crookston, MN 56716        | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| Crookston Ward 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH                  | 1214 University Ave., Crookston, MN 56716        | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| Crookston Ward 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH                  | 510 Broadway ST N, Crookston, MN 56716           | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| Crookston Ward 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH                  | 510 Broadway ST N, Crookston, MN 56716           | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| Crookston Ward 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH                  | 510 Broadway ST N, Crookston, MN 56716           | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| Crookston Ward 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH                  | 1214 University Ave., Crookston, MN 56716        | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| East Grand Forks Ward 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | EAST GRAND FORKS SENIOR CENTER             | 538 Rhinehart Dr. SE, East Grand Forks, MN 56721 | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| East Grand Forks Ward 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | EAST GRAND FORKS CITY HALL                 | 600 DeMers Ave NW, East Grand Forks, MN 56721    | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| East Grand Forks Ward 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | EAST GRAND FORKS CIVIC CENTER LOBBY        | 300 15th ST NE, East Grand Forks, MN 56721       | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| East Grand Forks Ward 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | EAST GRAND FORKS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER | 600 DeMers Ave NW, East Grand Forks, MN 56721    | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| East Grand Forks Ward 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | EAST GRAND FORKS NASH PARK WARMING HOUSE   | 915 22nd ST NW, East Grand Forks, MN 56721       | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| Fertile City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER                   | 101 Mill St S, Fertile, MN 56540                 | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| Fosston City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | FOSSTON EMBASSY COMMUNITY CENTER           | 603 3rd St NE, Fosston, MN 56542                 | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| Lengby City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | LENGBY COMMUNITY HALL                      | 104 Main Ave N, Lengby, MN 56651                 | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| Queen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | QUEEN TOWN HALL                            | 36481 400th Ave SE, Fosston, MN 56542            | 10:00am - 8:00pm    |
| Sletten                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | SLETTEN TOWN HALL                          | 28488 430th St SE, Fosston, MN 56542             | 10:00am - 8:00pm    |
| Sullivan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | SULLIVAN TOWN HALL                         | 11542 430th Ave SW, East Grand Forks, MN 56721   | 10:00am - 8:00pm    |
| Woodside                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | WOODSIDE TOWN HALL                         | 36817 160th Ave SE, Erskine, MN 56535            | 7:00am - 8:00pm     |
| NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the voters in the following precincts will be receiving ballots and voting by mail as requested by the respective township/city boards:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                            |                                                  |                     |
| Andover Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fairfax Township                           | Hill River                                       | Onstad Township     |
| Angus Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Fanny Township                             | Hubbard Township                                 | Parnell Township    |
| Badger Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Farley Township                            | Huntsville                                       | Reis Township       |
| Belgium Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fisher City                                | Johnson Township                                 | Rhinehart Township  |
| Beltrami City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Fisher Township                            | Kertsonville Township                            | Roome Township      |
| Brandsvold                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Garden Township                            | Keystone Township                                | Rosebud Township    |
| Brandt Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Garfield                                   | King Township                                    | Russia Township     |
| Brislet Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Gentilly Township                          | Knute Township                                   | Sandsville Township |
| Bygland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Godfrey Township                           | Lessor Township                                  | Scandia Township    |
| Chester Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Grand Forks Township                       | Liberty Township                                 | Tabor Township      |
| Climax City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Grove Park-Tilden Township                 | Lowell Township                                  | Trail City          |
| Crookston Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Gully City                                 | McIntosh City                                    | Tynsid Township     |
| Eden Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Gully Township                             | Mentor City                                      | Vineland Township   |
| Erskine City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Hammond Township                           | Nesbit Township                                  | Winger City         |
| Esther Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Helgeland Township                         | Nielsville City                                  | Winger Township     |
| Euclid Township                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Higdem Township                            | Northland Township                               |                     |
| Eligible voters that live in a mail ballot precinct who did not receive a ballot in the mail may vote by absentee ballot at the office of the Taxpayer Service Center at the Polk County Government Center, 612 N. Broadway, Ste 207, Crookston, MN 56716 until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Mail ballots will be tabulated at the Polk County Government Center at the close of polls on August 11, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. |                                            |                                                  |                     |
| Dated: June 26, 2020<br>Michelle M. Cote<br>Polk County Director of Property Records/Election Administrator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |                                                  |                     |

Polk County Commissioners Minutes

JUNE 2, 2020  
WEBEX PHONE CONFERENCE  
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session via Webex phone conference at 8:00 o'clock a.m., June 2, 2020, Crookston, MN. Members present via Webex phone conference: Commissioner Gerald Jacobson, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee and Commissioner Don Diedrich and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Other present: Michelle Cote, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

**REVISED AGENDA**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the revised June 2, 2020 agenda adding James Tadman, Sheriff and No. 3 under Chuck Whiting, Administration.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the June 2, 2020 consent agenda:

1. Approve Auditor Warrants.
2. Approve the May 19 and May 26, 2020 Board minutes.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS  
ISSUE FORUM

1. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth that he attended the Dancing Sky Board on Aging meeting where the focus was financing. In addition, he participated in an MRC meeting where the focus was COVID-19 adverse financial impact. Discussion was brought forth regarding a discussion he had with Tom Hove a DNR representative which was focused on the enclosed boat lift issue on Maple Lake.

2. Commissioner Strandell brought forth discussion about the upcoming Polk County Building meeting where the construction on the East Grand Forks Human Center Building will be the focus.

3. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the Extension Committee meeting. He also participated in the Polk Norman Mahnomen Community Health Board meeting.

4. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she participated in an electronic Extension Committee meeting where updates were provided for 4-H, Ag Education and Statewide Programming. She also participated in a Polk Norman Mahnomen Community Health Board meeting where compensation for administration was addressed. In addition, she participated in the State Community Health Advisory Committee. Discussion was brought forth regarding calls of concern over a road.

5. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth that he had not participated in any meetings since the last Board meeting.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
Sarah Reese, Public Health Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

**1. COVID-19 Update**  
An update was given to the Board regarding the COVID-19 virus.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**  
Jon Steiner, Environmental Services Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

**1. CY 2020 Solid Waste Fee Abatement Discussion**

Discussion of issues and potential response options to current and future non-residential abatement requests and the potential impact of

response options on revenues and operations were discussed with the Board.

2. CY 2021 Polk and Regional  
County Fee Discussion

Discussion and recommendations for fee increases for CY2021 involving tip fees, steam sales and solid waste assessments were discussed with the Board.

**PROPERTY RECORDS**  
Michelle Cote, Property Records Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Abatement Request(s)

Discussion along with Abatement Form/Tax Statement/E-mail handouts were presented to the Board regarding application for abatement of property tax for the following: RBJ's Restaurant/Kim Samuelson Owner requesting a reduction of the 1st half of the 2020 taxes by 50%. Twenty-five percent of the Tax and the Solid Waste fee is \$3,310.00 and Drafts Sports Bar & Grill/Brent Melsa Owner requesting a reduction of 25% of the 2020 taxes. Twenty-five percent of the Tax and the Solid Waste fee is \$4,892.90. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to deny the requested reduction for RBJ's Restaurant and Drafts Sports Bar and Grill. Bill Sparks of the Minnesota Department of Revenue advises against the approval of such abatements. The Board will continue to work on relief to restaurants and other commercial entities impacted by COVID-19/ Governor Walz's orders with further examination of the Commercial Solid Waste Fees. (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

**SHERIFF**  
\*James Tadman, Polk County Sheriff came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Update On Assistance From  
Department

An update was given to the Board regarding the deployment of Polk County deputies to provide assistance to other counties and cities regarding the protestors.

ADMINISTRATION

Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Review of SF 3745 Re: Use  
of Law Library Funds

The Board discussed the legislation signed by Governor Walz and how to proceed going forward with the Law Library Board. A handout pertaining to the SF 3745 bill was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to request the Law Library Board to review the statute and agree to make the transfer necessary to cover Polk County costs for courtroom technology improvements. (Handout on file in the Administrator's Office)

2. 2021 Budget – Preliminary  
Goals and Objectives

Discussion regarding the 2021 preliminary budget goals and objectives along with handouts pertaining to the 2020 Polk County Adopted Budget and the 2020 Polk County Budget to Actual Report as of April 30, 2020 were presented to the Board. (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. \*\*COVID-19 Operations  
Update

An update was given to the Board regarding the COVID-19 Operations.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the following Auditor Warrants for payment:

AUDITOR WARRANTS 05/05/2020

| Vendor Name                  | Amount     |
|------------------------------|------------|
| BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE  | 3,514.53   |
| Chiller Systems Inc          | 5,800.00   |
| Crookston City               | 31,724.68  |
| Custom Aire                  | 83,574.82  |
| East Grand Forks City        | 45,650.49  |
| Hardwick & Nelson Law PLLC   | 2,554.55   |
| Hubbard Cty Solid Waste Mgmt | 157,626.02 |
| Kronos SaaSr Inc             | 3,583.55   |
| Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc      | 31,723.28  |
| Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc      | 4,477.98   |
| Norman County Public Health  | 3,360.80   |
| Polk County Administrator    | 16,912.81  |
| Polk County Administrator    | 26,621.17  |
| Polk County Public Health    | 6,956.76   |
| 15 Payments less than 2000   | 4,000.08   |
| Final Total:                 | 428,081.52 |

AUDITOR WARRANTS 05/12/2020

| Vendor Name                 | Amount     |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Altru Health System         | 2,653.00   |
| Diversified Contractors Inc | 135,280.00 |
| ELEMENTAL AIR               | 10,376.00  |
| ENTERPRISE FM TRUST         | 5,466.69   |
| Great Plains Natural Gas Co | 6,682.94   |
| Halstad Telephone Co        | 9,543.70   |
| Herzog Roofing Inc          | 48,600.19  |
| Lepier Oil Company Inc      | 2,268.17   |
| Ottertail Power Co          | 2,381.23   |
| University Of North Dakota  | 6,250.28   |
| 29 Payments less than 2000  | 14,464.03  |
| Final Total:                | 243,966.23 |

AUDITOR WARRANTS 05/19/2020

| Vendor Name                       | Amount    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Clay County Public Health         | 2,500.00  |
| Cole Papers Inc                   | 2,748.83  |
| ENTERPRISE FM TRUST               | 12,540.77 |
| Fischer Rust, Stock & Rust, PLLC  | 2,465.00  |
| Fosston Municipal Utilities       | 47,002.82 |
| Garden Valley Technologies        | 2,883.52  |
| Kronos SaaSr Inc                  | 3,563.23  |
| Mn State Auditor                  | 27,498.40 |
| Norman County Public Health       | 13,656.30 |
| Northwestern Mental Health Center | 14,486.86 |

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Ottertail Power Co         | 21,264.76  |
| Polk County Public Health  | 53,967.26  |
| Verizon Wireless           | 3,478.45   |
| 23 Payments less than 2000 | 11,194.00  |
| Final Total:               | 219,250.20 |

AUDITOR WARRANTS 05/26/2020

| Vendor Name                     | Amount       |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Crookston Water Department      | 3,301.92     |
| Custom Aire                     | 9,490.26     |
| Dept Of Transportation          | 3,779.70     |
| East Pc Soil & Water            | 21,560.00    |
| East Polk Heritage Center       | 5,000.00     |
| Egf Heritage Foundation         | 5,000.00     |
| ENTERPRISE FM TRUST             | 6,892.12     |
| Knife River Materials           | 859,134.30   |
| Norman County Public Health     | 7,774.00     |
| Occupational Development Ctr    | 7,500.00     |
| Palmer Masonry & Concrete       | 7,722.40     |
| Polk Co Historical Society      | 7,500.00     |
| Polk County                     | 71,442.55    |
| Polk County Fair Assoc          | 20,000.00    |
| Polk County Public Health       | 26,078.00    |
| Tri- Valley Opportunity Council | 7,000.00     |
| University Of Minn R S V P      | 2,400.00     |
| West Polk Soil & Water          | 21,560.00    |
| 15 Payments less than 2000      | 7,331.09     |
| Final Total:                    | 1,100,466.34 |

AUDITOR WARRANTS 05/26/2020

| Vendor Name                | Amount       |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Bremer Bank Na             | 1,676,399.95 |
| Bremer Bank Na             | 557,728.61   |
| School District 2176 Treas | 223,012.48   |
| School District 3111 Treas | 147,734.85   |
| School District 2609 Treas | 710,699.51   |
| School District 2906 Treas | 113,134.12   |
| School District 592 Treas  | 213,213.68   |
| School District 593 Treas  | 1,514,573.83 |
| School District 600 Treas  | 409,726.70   |
| School District 601 Treas  | 894,728.50   |
| School District 630 Treas  | 18,188.10    |
| Final Total:               | 6,479,140.33 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/01/2020

| Vendor Name              | Amount     |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Internal Revenue Service | 167,251.51 |
| Minnesota Revenue        | 29,340.71  |
| Final Total:             | 196,592.22 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/04/2020

| Vendor Name  | Amount   |
|--------------|----------|
| FURTHER      | 1,726.76 |
| Final Total: | 1,726.76 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/12/2020

| Vendor Name  | Amount   |
|--------------|----------|
| FURTHER      | 2,130.10 |
| Final Total: | 2,130.10 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/15/2020

| Vendor Name              | Amount     |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Internal Revenue Service | 159,354.06 |
| Minnesota Revenue        | 27,205.72  |
| Final Total:             | 186,559.78 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/18/2020

| Vendor Name  | Amount |
|--------------|--------|
| FURTHER      | 215.91 |
| Final Total: | 215.91 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/20/2020

| Vendor Name                   | Amount     |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Northwest Service Cooperative | 268,425.50 |
| Final Total:                  | 268,425.50 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/20/2020

| Vendor Name        | Amount   |
|--------------------|----------|
| Mn Dept Of Revenue | 1,145.00 |
| Final Total:       | 1,145.00 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/20/2020

| Vendor Name                 | Amount    |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Minnesota Revenue           | 4,470.00  |
| Minnesota Revenue           | 433.49    |
| Mn Dept Of Rev Tax Division | 78,531.05 |
| Mn Dept Of Revenue          | 1,257.00  |
| Mn Dept Of Revenue          | 54.00     |
| Final Total:                | 84,745.54 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/22/2020

| Vendor Name                         | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems | 64.99  |
| Final Total:                        | 64.99  |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/22/2020

| Vendor Name                         | Amount    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems | 33,890.40 |
| Final Total:                        | 33,890.40 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 05/26/2020

| Vendor Name  | Amount   |
|--------------|----------|
| FURTHER      | 2,253.53 |
| Final Total: | 2,253.53 |

With no further business, the Board adjourned to reconvene at 3:00 p.m., June 16, 2020.

Gary Willhite, Chair  
Charles S. Whiting, Polk County Administrator  
Clerk of the Board

Invasive insect Lily  
Leaf beetle discovered  
for the first time in MN



An adult lily leaf beetle. Photo courtesy of Mariusz Sobieski, Bugwood.org.

Residents should be on the lookout for the insect and report any findings.

The lily leaf beetle (*Lilioceris lili*), an invasive insect that feeds on lilies and fritillaries, has been found for the first time in Minnesota.

A resident of St. Paul first noticed an insect on an Asiatic lily and reported the find to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). MDA staff then inspected the area and was able to find an adult lily leaf beetle.

The beetle is native to Europe and Asia and is currently found in Canada, the north-eastern United States, and the states of Washington and Wisconsin.

The larvae causes significant damage to true lilies (*Lilium* spp.) as well as fritillaries (*Fritillaria* spp.). It is reported that adult beetles occasionally feed on other plants including hollyhocks, hostas, lily of the valley, potato, and Solomon's seal. Lily leaf beetles do not cause damage to daylilies, canna lilies, or calla lilies.

"This insect is a major concern for gardeners and home-

owners with lilies," said Angie Ambourn, Supervisor of the MDA's Pest Detection Unit. "Both lily leaf beetle adults and larvae chew irregular holes and notches in lily leaves, stems, and developing buds, but larvae cause the most damage to plants and can completely defoliate plants and destroy flowers."

Lily leaf beetles are very distinctive looking. The adults are bright red beetles.

The eggs are reddish and laid in lines on the undersides of leaves.

Bumpy, black larvae can also be found on the undersides of leaves. The larvae cover themselves with their own excrement, likely to protect themselves from predators.

Since this is the first reported discovery of lily leaf beetle in Minnesota, the MDA would like to better understand where this insect may be in the state and how big of an issue this is to homeowners.

Residents can report suspected lily leaf beetles to the MDA's Arrest the Pest line at [arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us](mailto:arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us) or 1-888-545-6684. If possible, please include clear photos.



In August 2016, the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) investigated what was thought to be a sewage spill in Steele County's Beaver Lake. Residents reported brown residue on the lake and a strong odor. However, MPCA testing revealed the sludge and odor came from growth of harmful algae blooms. Additional photos of harmful algae blooms in Minnesota are available for use on the MPCA's Flickr account.

Protect yourself and your  
pets from harmful algae blooms

With the intense heat of the past few days, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is asking people to be on the lookout for harmful algae blooms on lakes and rivers around the state.

Be alert to the possible presence of toxic algae, which can be harmful to both people and animals. Blooms typically begin to form in hot, calm weather.

You can't tell by looking at algae if it's toxic. It may look like pea soup, green paint, or floating mats of scum, and it will sometimes have a bad smell.

But harmful blooms aren't always large and dense and can sometimes cover small portions of the lake with little visible algae present. (See images of toxic algae blooms in Minnesota on the MPCA Flickr account.)

Take a close look at the water and the shoreline before diving in, to try to determine if a bloom recently happened.

"If it looks and smells bad, don't take a chance. We usually tell people: If in doubt, stay out," says Pam Anderson, MPCA Water Quality Monitoring Manager. "If you're not sure, it's best for people and pets to stay out of the water." If you do come in contact with blue-green algae, wash off with fresh water immediately, paying special attention to the areas your swim suit covers.

Rinse off pets with fresh water, too, and keep them out of algae that has accumulated on shore.

People and pets at risk

People can become sick from swallowing or having skin contact with water that has toxic algae, or by breathing tiny droplets of water in the air.

In most people, symptoms are mild and may include vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye irritation, cough, sore throat, and headache.

However, dogs are more likely than people to get sick or even die after contact with harmful algae blooms, in part because they are smaller.

Dogs are also more willing to wade into lakes with algal scum. Dogs tend to swallow water while swimming, and lick their coats afterwards, swallowing algae on their fur. Dogs exposed to blue-green algae can experience symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, rash, difficulty breathing, general weakness, liver failure, and seizures.

If your dog has symptoms after visiting a lake, seek veterinary care immediately. Several dog deaths in the state have been attributed to toxic algae.

New resources  
for local governments

Some cities, counties, or even resorts with popular beaches on lakes that are prone to harmful algae blooms may wish to test for toxic algae during the summer season. The MPCA has recently developed guidance and tools to help beach managers choose monitoring strategies and communicate with users about limiting their risk of exposure to harmful algae blooms. Learn more on the Harmful algae blooms: Water recreation advisories page.

Learn more about harmful algae blooms on the Blue green algae and harmful algae blooms page. Visit the Minnesota Department of Health's Harmful Algal Blooms page to report human or animal illnesses you suspect were caused by toxic algae.

Practice caution  
when donating to charities

Watchdog organizations like the Better Business Bureau warn against donating to charities over the telephone, but reports indicate that fraudsters are still utilizing robocalls to great effect as they prey on donors' generous natures.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, consumers report losing hundreds of millions of dollars a year to robocalls, a scam used by perpetrators of fraud in which donations to bogus charities are solicited over the phone.

While some people may be surprised to learn such scams



are still effective, a report from YouMail, a free robocall-blocking service, sheds some light on just how common robocalls are.

According to YouMail, in July 2018, 1,591 robocalls were placed every second. That means roughly 137.5 million such calls are made every day. And the people behind these calls are very clever, some-