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Tim and Kay Rolf Family recognized as a 2020 ‘U of M Farm Family’

The Tim and Kay Rolf family of McIntosh has been named Polk County’s “2020 Farm Family of the Year” by the University of Minnesota.

Tim’s parents, Truman and Agnes, took over the dairy farm from Truman’s parents in 1950. The couple grew the dairy to 65 cows.

Tim and his brother, Dave, purchased the dairy farm from their parents in 1989. Seven years later, the brothers started a 200-sow farrow-to-finish hog operation.

Later, they added buildings for a 3,000-sow farrow-to-wean pig business.

In 2016, Tim, along with his son, Derek, launched Golden Sunrise Dairy Incorporated. This year they moved into a new milking facility featuring robotic milking, feeding and manure cleaning. The Rolfs also grow corn and hay for their livestock.

Tim and Derek take care of the field work and the dairy. Tim’s wife, Kay, handles the bookkeeping.

The Rolfs’ daughters, Ashley and Brittany, are employed at Greater Minnesota Management in Mentor, Minn., and help on the farm when needed.

Tim served on the McIntosh Creamery board for 20 years and Derek was a member of

the local DHIA board. The Rolfs are members of Trinity Free Lutheran Church near McIntosh where Derek serves as board secretary. Tim is a member of the board of directors of Bethany Bible Camp.

Though COVID-19 has forced cancellation of the annual Minnesota Farmfest, where the awards are presented each August, this year’s honorees will be celebrated in an online video tribute.

The recognition, led by University of Minnesota President Joan Gabel, will be available at 1 p.m., Aug. 6 at mnfarmfamilies.cfans.umn.edu.

Honored families are chosen, one per county, by local University of Minnesota Extension committees based on their demonstrated commitment to their communities and to enhancing and supporting agriculture.

“We’ll miss the face-to-face ceremony for the 2020 Farm Families of the Year, but nothing diminishes pride we take in celebrating their accomplishments,” said Extension Dean Bev Durgan.

“These families represent the best in agriculture. They’re innovative and dedicated to their communities; they are stewards of the land.”



Kay and Tim Rolf (pictured right) along with their children (l-r) Brittney, Ashley and Derik were named Polk County Farm Family of the Year by the University of Minnesota. The family farms north of McIntosh.



Lloyd Schleicher with his daughter Carole Eckstrom outside Poplar Meadows for Lloyd’s “drive by” 100th Birthday celebration held on Wednesday, July 15th.



Charles Svalen (standing) and Gene and Mavis Haugom stopping by to wish Lloyd a wonderful 100th birthday.



Driving by to wish a Happy Birthday to 100-year-old Lloyd Schleicher, were Bud and Clellie Kiecker.

Minnesota DPS-DVS to offer knowledge tests by appointment only

Minnesotans can schedule knowledge test appointments online at openexam.stations.com.

Instead of waiting in line, Minnesotans will now be able to schedule appointments online for class D knowledge tests at any of the 14 regional DVS exam stations.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division (DPS-DVS) is discontinuing class D knowledge tests on a first-come-first served basis and will require appointments beginning Monday, July 13.

“There is a high demand for knowledge tests, because DVS exam stations were closed for eight weeks,” Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services Director Emma Corrie said.

“People have had to adjust their lives and schedules in order to arrive at exam stations early to try to take the knowledge test.

“We want to make things easier for Minnesotans and reduce the time they need to spend at exam stations.”

What to expect

Minnesotans will need to

book appointments online at drive.mn.gov. The appointment-scheduling tool will be available beginning Friday, July 10th.

Beginning July 13th, DVS exam stations will not accept walk-ins for class D knowledge tests; an appointment will be required.

Commercial knowledge testing and the motorcycle knowledge test will continue to be offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Appointment information

DPS-DVS will offer an average of 790 class D knowledge test appointments daily at 14 regional exam stations statewide. These locations are open: St. Paul, Arden Hills, Anoka, Eagan, Plymouth, Rochester, Mankato, Marshall, Willmar, Detroit Lakes, St. Cloud, Duluth, Grand Rapids, and Bemidji. Exam stations are only offering a certain number of knowledge tests at one time in order to maintain social distancing in light of COVID-19.

To schedule an appointment:

Go to drive.mn.gov.

Select Schedule or Reschedule an Exam.

Follow the prompts.

Anyone who cannot keep an appointment should cancel their appointment online at drive.mn.gov with as much notice as possible so that appointment can be opened up for someone else.

Come prepared

Minnesotans will be required to complete a wellness screening before entering the exam station and should come prepared.

- Wear a face mask (required).
- Bring required documents.
- Know your social security number.
- Bring check, cash or money order to pay the instruction permit fee and the retesting fee, if applicable.
- There is a \$10 test fee for third or subsequent knowledge tests after failing the first two.

If you are younger than 18:

- You must be at least 15 years old.
- Bring your certificate of enrollment (blue card) proving that you completed classroom instruction and are signed up

for behind-the-wheel instruction, or bring your certificate of enrollment (pink card) proving that you are currently enrolled in a concurrent driver education course and have completed the first 15 classroom hours of the curriculum.

- A parent, court-appointed guardian, county-appointed foster parent or the director of the transitional living program you reside in will need to come with to sign and approve your application.
- If completed, bring the supplemental parental curriculum completion certificate.

Knowledge test statistics

- Based on 2019 data, DPS-DVS estimates more than 50,000 knowledge tests were delayed during the eight weeks exam stations were closed due to the COVID-19 stay at home order.
- Since reopening 14 exam stations for knowledge testing on May 19, DPS-DVS has administered 39,594 knowledge tests.
- In 2019, DPS-DVS administered 282,333 class D knowledge tests.

How to spot a scam

The Polk County Sheriff’s Office has recently received an increase in reports of scams. These scams are using scare tactics by claiming the persons ID and Social Security number are tied into money laundering or other serious crimes out of state. The victim is then instructed to either purchase a large amount of gift cards to stay out of trouble or told to send all of their cash to the scammer for “Safe Keeping” so the money doesn’t get seized as part of the money laundering investigation

Look For These Tell-Tale Red Flags

You are contacted out of the blue: Scam artists aim fake invoices, phony debt collection notices, and spam emails at unsuspecting consumers hoping they will pay before checking their records. You should never send money or provide personal information to unknown or unfamiliar people or entities.

You are required to send money upfront in order to receive a prize: Legitimate companies never require someone to pay money upfront in order to receive a prize.

You are asked to send money via a wire transfer or “reload pack.”: Scam artists often instruct consumers to send money by wire transfer or reloadable money packs. Sending money in these forms is the same as sending cash—it is nearly untraceable, and once the money is sent, it is generally gone for good.

You are asked to provide personal or financial information: Banks, government agencies, and legitimate companies only ask consumers to provide personal information in rare circumstances and don’t do so by phone, email or text message. Scam artists impersonate these types of entities and use deceptive messages to lure consumers into providing their private information so that they can use it to commit

fraud. Never provide your private information in response to an unsolicited call, email, or text message. Instead, call the entity at the number listed on its website or on the back of your card.

You are asked to keep it a secret: Scam artists may ask consumers not to tell anyone about the situation so that the consumer doesn’t get advice from someone who might detect the scam. If you are asked to keep a transaction a secret, you should do the opposite—immediately contact trusted family members or friends to investigate the situation and get their opinion.

You are asked to act quickly: Scam artists may say that there is a limited time to act in order to get people to pay money before they have time to think the situation through.

It sounds too good to be true: If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you notice any of these red flags during a transaction, it’s a strong indication that you’re being targeted by a scam. In these situations, remember the following tips:

Don’t be afraid to say “no.” If something doesn’t seem right, tell the person you’re not interested. Don’t be afraid to hang up the phone, or to not respond to future calls, text messages or emails from the person. Hanging up isn’t bad manners if you think you’re being scammed.

Ask a friend, family member, or neighbor for their opinion. Scam artists don’t have your best interests in mind. Asking a trusted friend, family member or neighbor about the situation may help you spot the scam and save you from being victimized.

Don’t be rushed. If you are pressured to act quickly, take time to think things through.

Scam...

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Davin, Amanda, Henry and Hudson Swanson stop by Poplar Meadows Senior Living on Wednesday, July 15th to wish Lloyd Schleicher a Happy 100th Birthday.

Altru Clinics return to normal hours

As Altru continues to focus on the safety of our patients, staff and community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and as part of Altru's safe re-open plan, clinics in Erskine, Red Lake Falls and Thief River Falls will return to normal hours beginning July 27 as follows:

- Erskine | Monday – Friday | 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Red Lake Falls | Monday – Friday | 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thief River Falls | Monday – Friday | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Essentia Health offers on-demand video visits

Essentia Health is now offering 24/7 on-demand video visits.

This new feature allows Essentia patients to start a video visit on demand for issues that they would normally see a provider at a walk-in clinic about, even outside of normal walk-in clinic hours.

Patients can access these visits via their MyHealth/MyChart account by selecting the "24/7 Visit On Demand" option.

This service is available only to existing patients who have a MyHealth/MyChart account.

It is important to note, these visits should not be used for emergencies or life-threatening medical situations.

However, some things like diagnosing strep throat, can

Video visits will still be available to those who wish to connect with their provider from home.

For more information about virtual care options at Altru, visit altru.org/virtualcare.

To schedule an appointment, please call 218.687.5317 (Erskine), 218.253.4343 (Red Lake Falls) or 218.681.7280 (Thief River Falls).

About Altru Health System

Based in Grand Forks, North Dakota, Altru Health

System is a physician-led, multispecialty group practice with an acute care hospital, Level II trauma center, specialty hospital, more than two dozen Grand Forks and regional practice locations, and a large home care network.

Altru Health System was the first member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, extending Mayo Clinic knowledge and expertise to the patients we serve.

For more information, visit altru.org.

without having to leave the comfort of your home. Ratajczak continues, "this is yet another way Essentia Health is working to make a health difference in the communities we serve."

Learn more about Essentia Health and all the visit options available at our website, www.EssentiaHealth.org.

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- Become a respite volunteer
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- Earn a monthly living allowance

To learn more contact Julie Praska-Moser 218.686.6228 OR Julie.Praska-Moser@ssmn.org



out students' knowledge and you can easily get yourself in trouble.

It is easy to hide or fake one's identity on the internet, so never take someone you meet or speak with online at face value. Never meet up with someone you do not know or only met online.

Talk to your parents or educators about extortion and

100 THANKS!
Thank you to everyone who helped make my 100th birthday such a special day. Thanks to all those who took the time to drive by and honk or shout birthday greetings, to Darlene and Dan, Elaine and Ron for the cupcakes and to Connie and Mary Ann for helping to serve them. Thank you for the many cards and the gifts I received. I feel very blessed to live in this community.
Lloyd Schleicher M18C

Thank you to our family and friends who have sent cards, memorials, phone calls and to everyone who brought food to our house. It was very much appreciated.
Also thank you to the McIntosh Fire Department for their past service for David.
We are lucky to have you. To Carlin's for their patience, helpful and caring ways and to Pastor Gordon Syverson for your words of comfort during this difficult time.
Judy Hagen
Teresa and Tom Gelineau
Christy and Cameron
Burslie
Beth Hagen
Shelly Vig M18C

Scam...

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If an offer is good today, it will usually be available tomorrow.

When in doubt, don't give it out. If you question who is contacting you, don't give them any private information. Scam artists can use personal and financial information to steal your identity, drain your bank accounts, and open lines of credit in your name. If in doubt, don't give your information out.

Research the offer. A simple Internet search can sometimes yield a lot of information, including consumer reviews, complaints, and other postings. You can also check with the Attorney General's Office to find out more about emerging scams.

If anyone receives a call similar to described above or any other call they feel is a scam do not give out any personal information, hang up and contact your local Law Enforcement Agency.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 11, 2020 at the McIntosh Community Center 115 Broadway NW McIntosh, MN 56556 for the purpose of discussing the 2021 preliminary budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the McIntosh City Clerk's office located at 115 Broadway NW McIntosh, MN 56556.
Melissa Finseth
McIntosh City Clerk/Treasurer M18C

8 activities to keep kids entertained

What parent hasn't heard their child utter the familiar phrase "I'm bored" at some point?

Despite a seemingly vast array of toys, electronics and other items at their disposal, children can be quick to sulk and say there's nothing to do.

Parents can counter "I'm bored" with these eight boredom-busting activities that are certain to help pass the time in entertaining and sometimes educational ways.

1. Craft time: Pick a theme and gather the materials for the project. For example, kids can evoke a trip to the ocean by creating handmade sea creatures. Paint a paper plate and hang brightly colored yarn underneath it to create the "tentacles" of a jellyfish. Kids can use salt dough clay to fashion seashells, sea snails or crustaceans.

2. Painting: Shaving cream is a great sensory material that is relatively easy to clean up. Kids can whip up a batch of shaving cream paint and use it to finger paint on a table or even in the bathtub. Simply mix shaving cream with food coloring in a bowl, or use a muffin tin to separate the colors.

3. Build a birdhouse: Birdhouses or bird feeders can be made from scraps of material found around the house. Scavenge for spare lumber or other supplies in the shed or garage. An adult or older sibling can help cut the wood into pieces. Young children may enjoy painting the house. Wood adhesive or screws can be used to assemble the project.

4. Plan a garden: Kids can help to design a garden the entire family will maintain and even be responsible for a special parcel that's all their own. Gardens can grow food, flowers and more. Add a touch of whimsy with figurines for a fairy garden or even small superhero figures for a spot for boys to tend.

5. Box makeovers: Tissue boxes or cereal boxes can be made into many different creations with paint or construction paper. Use a few craft supplies like pom-poms or wiggly eyes to turn boxes into "monsters."

6. Boat races: Build a small sailboat for each member of the family. Fill up a long, shallow container and take turns racing the boats by blowing on the sails.

7. Leaf art: Gather leaves and twigs from around the yard and then combine pieces to make them look like various animals.

8. Spray park: Create an at-home spray park with a garden hose and a pool noodle. Poke several small holes into the pool noodle on all sides. Stick a garden hose into the end of the pool noodle and hot-glue a wine cork into the hole at the other end. Turn on the water and let kids run through.

Head off kids' boredom by having plenty of ideas at the ready.

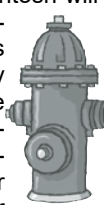
Polk County Public Health

Polk County Public Health has resumed Foot Care Clinics in all locations including McIntosh. The days at the Bjella Building location are 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Please call 218.563.2010 to schedule an appointment.

MAC TO FLUSH WATERLINES

The City of McIntosh will be flushing waterlines 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.



MS-28C

LSS Meals Menu 687-2262

Tues, July 28th- Cranberry Glazed Chicken Breast - Brown Rice Pilaf - Oriental Vegetables - Pears - Wheat Rolls - Cherry Pie Crisp - Milk

Wed, July 29th: Lasagna - Mixed Veggies - Mandarin Orange Jello - Garlic Bread - Creamy Cukes - Rhubarb Dessert - Milk

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 Suvakeen, Pastor

Sun. July 26; 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. August 2; 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church
Sun., July 26; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (also on Facebook: [gosenchurch](https://www.facebook.com/gosenchurch) and [gosenchurch](https://www.facebook.com/gosenchurch).)

Tues, July 28; 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, July 29; 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.

Cyber safety is important for every grade

People rely on the internet every day. In recent months, reliance on digital technology was pushed even further as social distancing measures had the world going online for school and work and to maintain relationships with friends and family.

A 2018 report from Pew Research Center indicated that nearly 25 percent of young adults in America reported being online almost constantly. Common Sense Media says teens spend an average of nine hours a day online, compared to roughly six hours for those between the ages eight and 12 and 50 minutes for kids younger than eight.

Students must exercise caution when spending time online. Connectivity can be empowering, but it also puts students at risk from others and even their own, sometimes irresponsible behaviors. Staying safe online should remain a priority for students who must spend more time on the internet and using digital education tools. These are some tips for

maintaining cyber safety.

Exercise caution when sharing information like your name, address, phone number, and other personal data online. Check with a trusted parent or teacher before sharing private data.

Report any online activity that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared or confused, whether it is directed at you or a classmate.

Think carefully before you post comments online. Data remains online indefinitely, and your words and actions today can greatly affect your future.

Respect others online by refraining from demeaning or bullying comments.

Do not try to get around firewalls and blocked websites set up by school administrators. These limitations are there for your protection.

Stick to school-sanctioned assignments and internet browsing when using school-issued devices. Administrators may have the right to monitor student activity with-

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Extension recognizes leaders

Program graduates its 36th class.

Chad and Carmen Knutson, Fisher, received special recognition on June 30th, during an online recognition event for the Emerging Leadership Program.

They, along with individuals from 15 other counties in northwestern and west central Minnesota, were honored for completing the leadership program and for their commitment to leadership in their community.

The event, broadcast as a Facebook LIVE event, was held after the class met monthly for Friday evening educational sessions for four months to complete their program.

Extension Educator Jody Horntvedt explained that after the fourth session and annual Recognition Banquet, cancelled back in March due to COVID-19, the class committed to finishing online. "I was impressed by the participants' commitment to connecting via technology to maximize their opportunities for learning as part of the program," added Horntvedt.

The class hopes to be together in person for a final wrap-up event in November provided Extension in-person programming is an option at that time.

This year's theme, 2020: Focus on Leadership, encouraged participants to use vision and perspective when striving to be effective leaders.

During the event, Extension Program Leader Holli Arp addressed the class, highlighting the importance of looking back at what they've learned, being okay with uncertainty, and taking time to re-envision what is possible for themselves and

their communities into the future. She ended her comments with this quote from Eleanor Roosevelt, "You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face."

The recognition event concluded with an announcement of the 2021 Ambassadors for the program. Andy and Stephanie Maier (Barnesville, MN) were selected for that honor from among other current participants in the program, based on nominations from program participants and interviews with program alumni.

Andy and Stephanie will put their leadership skills to work in public relations, recognition, and community leadership as they work with Extension staff to develop and deliver the educational program in 2021.

The Emerging Leadership Program is a program of the University of Minnesota Extension. Created in 1985, it builds skills in individuals while creating and sustaining a network of community leaders in the northwest and west central regions of Minnesota, to focus on rural issues.

The Emerging Leadership Program, led by Extension Educators Jody Horntvedt, Lisa Hinz and Brian Fredrickson, is a partnership with over 1,200 alumni throughout the region. Alumni are now recruiting and selecting participants for the next class to begin this fall.

To nominate someone in your county or to apply for the program, contact Jan Jackola at the Moorhead Regional Extension Office at 218-236-2001. Look for the Emerging Leadership Program at this website, <http://z.umn.edu/rrvlead/>

Grazing resources available for MN livestock farmers

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have joined forces to help Minnesota livestock farmers in need of additional forage to feed their herds.

Many livestock owners were unable to send animals for processing due to COVID-19-related disruptions at meat slaughtering facilities, and as a result some farmers have larger herds and are running out of feed.

These changes, along with drought conditions in parts of the state, are putting additional pressure on an already low statewide forage stockpile.

The agencies are working to streamline the process of approving haying and grazing on state-owned land.

Livestock producers in need of additional forage are encour-

aged 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.

Most public land does not have adequate fencing for cattle so grazing cooperators should expect to install and remove temporary fencing before and after the grazing period.

The cooperator should also need to check to make sure any available water supply from ponds or streams is adequate for livestock.

Livestock farmers can expect to pay market value for hay and grazing done on public land.

Deductions will be made for work done such as putting up and removing fence, hauling water, and work to cut, bale, and move hay.

The Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$175,000 in COVID-19 relief this spring toward a grant program that covers 50 percent of loan guarantee fees for FSA loans to restructure farmers' debt.

Loan fees are 1.5 percent of the loan value and average \$3,000-\$5,000 in total.

"This program is aimed at helping farmers most affected



50 years ago...1970: There were a large number of entries in the Holstein calf class at the East Polk County Fair when it opened on Monday. This 4-H group composed of Karen, Julie, Christine and Ronald Bergman, Lorrie Olson, William Senn, Sherry Macho, Bruce Grundyson, Douglas Fjerstad, Curtis Bartz, Mark Lee, Loretta Swenson and Philip Swenson.



Did you know?

Outdoor living is wildly popular, as more and more homeowners are bringing elements once reserved for home interiors into their backyards. When designing outdoor living spaces, homeowners may learn about biophilic design, an architectural concept that aims to incorporate natural elements into outdoor living spaces. Proponents of biophilic design say it satisfies an innate human need to affiliate with nature, thereby helping to reduce stress that people may experience after being stuck indoors for much of their days. Biophilic design is often part of a home interior design, but many homeowners also embrace it when designing their outdoor living spaces. For example, surrounding outdoor living areas with noninvasive plants, flowers and trees and using natural materials like wood and stone when building such spaces are great ways to embrace biophilic design and create a tension-free ambiance in outdoor living spaces.

by the COVID-19 pandemic," Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "We want to help more farmers get successfully through the mediation process."

Farmers currently in mediation will receive first priority for the program funds. Applications will be accepted now through December 1, 2020.

To be eligible, farmers must have closed on an FSA restructure loan between May 28, 2020, and December 15, 2020, and be in mediation or have recently received a mediation notice. They must be residents of Minnesota who regularly participate in the labor or operation of their farm and have a net worth of \$800,000 or less.

For more information about how to apply and the application, visit the RFA's Farm Loan Guarantee Fee Grant Program web page.



40 years ago...1980: Tracee and John Holen are enjoying the new merry-go-round donated to the Roholt City Park in McIntosh by the Men's Action Club. This park equipment is worth several hundred dollars and the children, as well as parents in the city, have all ready found it very useful.



30 years ago...1990: McIntosh area residents met with Collin Peterson, the DFL candidate for the seventh district. Peterson stated, "We're in a lot better shape than we have been before at this time". With Peterson are (L-R, back) Dick Holen, Collin Peterson, Lynn Nornes, Arvid Clementson; (Front) Elaine Bergman, Carl Odland, Arnold Lanman and Jim Votava.



20 years ago...2000: Members of the local Wolf Scout pack moves up in rank into the Bear pack in ceremonies. (Back, l-r) Pack Master Tina Farrell, Arthur Neinaber, Jarrid Wang, Joseph Lee, Nolan Klinkhammer, Josh Farrell and Bear Leader Joan Lee. Several members of the Bear Pack moved into the Webelo level during the program. They include: (Front) Brandon Haugen, Kyle Sonsteli, Travis Plante and Tahlor Ose.



10 years ago...2010: A 90th Birthday celebration was held on July 18th at the McIntosh Community Center for Lloyd Schleicher. (L-R) Carole Eckstrom, Angela Martin, Lloyd, Randi Milne and Paulette Rose.

Polk County Commissioners Minutes

JUNE 16, 2020 BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in session at 3:00 o'clock p.m., June 16, 2020 at the Polk County Transfer Station, 320 Ingersoll Avenue, Crookston, MN. Members present: 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.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the June 16, 2020 agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the consent agenda for June 16, 2020:

1. Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Revenue Fund, 102,326.26; Public Works Fund, \$120,152.36; Public Safety Fund, \$13,034.89; Public Health Fund, \$6,267.77; Forfeited Tax Sale Fund, \$282.70; CAP Grant Project, \$2,402.60; Special Assessments (Ditch) Fund, \$3,935.00; Environmental Services Fund, \$7,880.53; Resource Recovery Fund, \$92,075.01; Landfill Fund, \$11,506.98; Per Diems, \$1,425.00; Meal Reimbursement (without overnight lodging), \$35.86 and Sign Audit List.

2. Approve the June 2, 2020 Board minutes.

3. Approve payment to US Bank, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$130,417.59 for procurement card purchases.

4. Approve payment to Card Member Services, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$3,302.01 for credit card purchases.

5. Approve payment to MN BCA, St. Paul, MN in the amount of \$33.25 for backgrounding fees for an enhanced driver's license for Jennifer Perreault.

6. Approve payment to Hewlett Packard Inc., Boston, MA in the amount of \$2,441.21 for two lap top computers for the IT Department.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER ISSUE FORUM

1. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth that he attended a Solid Waste meeting. He also had a virtual meeting for the Dancing Sky Committee on Aging. Discussion was brought forth regarding the changes at the East Shore public area parking.

2. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he participated in a Northwest Regional Development Commission meeting where the levy was approved for the 2021 tax year. He also participated in the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force meeting. In addition, he attended the Tri-County Community Corrections meeting where the focus was prevention of the spread of COVID-19. He also attended the Radio Board meeting. He also participated in a Polk County Building meeting which toured the East Grand Forks Human Service Center building.

3. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he toured the East Grand Forks Human Services Center building construction project in East Grand Forks as a part of the Polk County Building Committee. He also attended the Crookston City Council meeting where the cancellation of the Summer Park and Rec Program was the focus. He also participated in the Tri-Valley Opportunity Council meeting where an update was provided on the new building. He also participated in the AMC District 3 meeting where the focus was how counties are coming back to work due to COVID-19. He also received a phone call regarding Driver's License testing being only done in Bemidji through the state office.

4. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she participated in a Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force meeting. She also attended a virtual Wild Rice Marsh One Watershed One Plan meeting. In addition, she participated in the EPA Small Community Advisory Committee and a MCIT phone conference regarding the Transfer Station coverage. She also attended a Solid Waste meeting. She also attended the AMC District 3 meeting and an AMC COVID-19 contract tracing and case investigation meeting. She also provided her monthly radio talk. Discussion was brought forth regarding the Agricultural Educator percentage status and the vacancy in Norman County. She also received a call complimenting the Polk County Public Health regarding their Facebook page.

5. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth that he attended the Tri-County Community Corrections meeting where the focus was jail census. He also participated in a Tri-Valley Opportunity Council meeting where the evaluation of Jason Carlson, Executive Director was the focus. In addition, he attended a MCIT meeting.

SANDHILL RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

April Swenby, Sandhill River Watershed District came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Watershed:

1. Resolution (2020-51) 2021 General Tax Levy Petition No. 1 Sand Hill River Watershed District RESOLUTION (2020-51)
2021 General Tax Levy Petition No. 1
Sand Hill River Watershed District

The following resolution (2020-51) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to

Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M.S.A.) 103D.905, Subd. 3, and any other applicable statutes, the Polk County Board of Commissioners hereby petitions for a one-year (2021) annual tax levy in an amount not to exceed 0.00798 percent of the taxable market value (\$99,610.36) to pay the costs attributable to the basic water management features of project/programs within the Sand Hill River Watershed District (SHRWD); and

WHEREAS, The SHRWD per M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3, will use these funds for the costs associated with the water management (technical assistance, construction, maintenance, beaver control, building upgrades, and information services related to specific projects within the Sand Hill River Watershed District.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Polk County Board of Commissioners that the Board does hereby petition for the use of said levy by the Board of Managers, SHRWD, in 2021, as will discuss at their, annual budget hearing.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

2 Resolution (2020-52) 2021 General Tax Levy Petition No. 2 Sand Hill River Watershed District RESOLUTION (2020-52)
2021 General Tax Levy Petition No. 2
Sand Hill River Watershed District

The following resolution (2020-52) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M.S.A.) 103D.905, Subd. 3, and any other applicable statutes, the Polk County Board of Commissioners hereby petitions for a one-year (2021) annual tax levy in an amount not to exceed 0.00798 percent of the taxable market value (\$99,610.36) to pay the costs attributable to the basic water management features of project/programs within the Sand Hill River Watershed District (SHRWD); and

WHEREAS, The SHRWD per M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3, will use these funds for a variety of water quality and erosion efforts that may include examples such as River Cleanup efforts, clean water fund projects such as sediment basins, targeted watershed grants/efforts, and rock riffles, and Erosion Control projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Polk County Board of Commissioners that the Board does hereby petition for the use of said levy by the Board of Managers, SHRWD, in 2021, as will be discussed at their annual budget hearing.

Commissioner Jacobson seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson, NAYS: None.

3. Resolution (2020-53) 2021 General Tax Levy Petition No. 3 Sand Hill River Watershed District RESOLUTION (2020-53)
2021 General Tax Levy Petition No. 3
Sand Hill River Watershed District

The following resolution (2020-53) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Annotated (M.S.A.) 103D.905, Subd. 3, and any other applicable statutes, the Polk County Board of Commissioners hereby petitions for a one-year (2021) annual tax levy in an amount not to exceed 0.00798 percent of the taxable market value (\$99,610.36) to pay the costs attributable to the basic water management features of project/programs within the Sand Hill River Watershed District (SHRWD); and

WHEREAS, The SHRWD per M.S.A. 103D.905, Subd. 3, will use these funds continuing efforts related to watershed studies, education and agency support which includes examples such as: The Red River Basin (produce studies that provide a unified voice for water quality, water supply and water quantity), International Water Institute (create and provide research/services/programs such as LiDar, alternative measures for viewing, River of Dreams program, and the Riverwatch Program), cost sharing for monitoring rivers and lakes, NRCS planning programs such as PL566, TMDL studies, and stream gauging for the various gages in the Sand Hill River Watershed District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Polk County Board of Commissioners that the Board does hereby petition for the use of said levy by the Board of Managers, SHRWD, in 2021, as will be discussed at their annual budget hearing.

Commissioner Jacobson seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

4. Annual Report

The Sand Hill River Watershed District 2019 Annual Report was discussed and presented to the Board. (Annual Report on file in the Administrator's Office)

HIGHWAY

Richard Sanders, Polk County Highway Engineer came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Resolution (2020-50) Luane Tasa – Northwest District State Aid Engineer Retirement Luane Tasa – Northwest District State Aid Engineer Retirement RESOLUTION (2020-50)

The following resolution (2020-50) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, Luane Tasa will officially retire as The Northwest District State Aid Engineer, effective July 7, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, Luane Tasa has faithfully and diligently served the Counties and their residents of the Northwest District for the past 25+ years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the retirement of Luane Tasa from the Northwest District State Aid Engineer position with regret, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend a hearty thank you for a job well done, and;

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners want to extend to you best wishes for a long, active, and enjoyable retirement.

Commissioner Diedrich seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Strandell, Willhite and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

2. GIS Software Upgrade

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the purchase upgrade to GIS Software and Licenses to Pro-West and Associates, Walker, MN for an estimated amount of \$12,272.54.

3. County Ditch Maintenance Request

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the work in CD 55 (Branch 1 – Section 6 of Rosebud Township) and name Richard Sanders as Engineer over the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the work in CD 54 (Section 23, 24 of Grand Forks Township) and name Richard Sanders as Engineer over the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the work in CD 68 Branch 1 (Section 29 of Queen Township) and name Richard Sanders as engineer over the project.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Jacob Snyder, Environmental Specialist/Planning and Zoning Administrator came before the Board with matters pertaining to Planning and Zoning:

1. Resolution (2020-54) Interim, Use Permit For Harvey Yoder To Allow For Homebased Cabinet/Furniture Making Business RESOLUTION (2020-54)
Interim, Use Permit For Harvey Yoder To Allow For Homebased Cabinet/Furniture Making Business

The following resolution (2020-54) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, Polk County Zoning Ordinance, Section 12.3048 requires an Interim Use Permit to operate a homebased cabinet/furniture making business in the Agricultural District and;

WHEREAS, Harvey Yoder owns a parcel of land described as: The East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E ½ NW ¼), Section Twenty-two (22), Township One Hundred Forty-eight (148) North, Range Forty-one (41) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Less that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE ¼ NW ¼) of said Section, township and Range lying South of the Burlington Northern Right of Way, parcel #44.00112.00;

WHEREAS, Harvey Yoder's has a plan that meets all requirements of the Polk County Zoning Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, The Polk County Board of Commissioners finds:

1. The applicant is requesting an Interim Use Permit to operate a homebased cabinet and furniture making business on parcel #44.00112.00.

2. The property is approximately 27.53 acres in Section 22 of King Township.

3. The applicant is proposing to construct a 40' x 40' (1600 sq ft) wood working shop with a 20' x 40' (800sq ft) dwelling and 14'x 60' (840 sq ft) porch attached under one building.

4. The applicant has submitted an operational plan and intends to meet all applicable rules in section 12.3048 of the PCZO.

5. The Interim Use Permit would be to operate this business until a time when the applicant either expands operation requiring a conditional use permit or continues with this home-based business until it is no longer desired.

6. The proposed use is an interim use expressly designated in the ordinance; and;

7. That the interim use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish or impair property values within the immediate vicinity.

8. That the establishment of the interim use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.

9. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided.

10. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use.

11. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result.

will result.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners grants an interim use permit to Harvey Yoder with the following conditions:

1. That the interim use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish or impair property values within the immediate vicinity.

2. That the establishment of the interim use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area.

3. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided.

4. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use.

5. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result.

6. That the use of the property shall at all times be in compliance with all Federal, State of Minnesota, and County of Polk rules and regulations.

8. That all Federal, State and local regulations are followed regarding the handling and storage of hazardous materials.

9. The IUP shall remain valid for the operation of this business if all conditions of section 12.3048 of the PCZO are followed.

10. The operational plan shall be followed, any deviation from this plan will need to be approved by Polk County Planning & Zoning staff.

11. Stains, varnish & similar chemicals used in sealing or protecting the cabinets/furniture must be stored properly and excessive waste must be disposed of following hazardous waste regulations.

12. Patrons visiting the site must use off-street parking provided by the applicant.

13. Any IUP issued under this Ordinance is granted solely to the applicant and/or the business entity named in the application, and for the premises named in the IUP application. No IUP of any sort granted pursuant to this Ordinance is transferable to any other person or premises. If a change of ownership, control or location of any licensed premises occurs, whether pursuant to move, sale, transfer, assignment or otherwise, the owner must complete a new application subject to approval pursuant to this Ordinance.

14. Applicant is bound by all applicable rules in the Polk County Zoning Ordinance and those special conditions listed above as well as all State and Federal laws applying to this operation.

Commissioner Jacobson seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

2. Resolution (2020-55) Termination of Recorded Resolutions 2016-67, Document A000706833 Recorded September 23, 2005 and 2005-5-42, Document A000625365 Recorded January 5, 2017

RESOLUTION (2020-55)
Termination of Recorded Resolutions 2016-67, Document A000706833 Recorded September 23, 2005 and 2005-5-42, Document A000625365 Recorded January 5, 2017

The following resolution (2020-55) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Beltoya, landowner of parcel 45.00203.01, wishes to terminate the operation of a campground as of June 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, A Conditional Use Permit was issued on May 3, 2005 and reactivated via a Conditional Use Permit on December 20, 2016 to operate a campground; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, At the request of the landowner that the Polk County Board of Commissioners Terminate Resolutions 2016-67 and 2005-5-42.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Lee, Diedrich, Willhite, Strandell and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

1. CY 2021 Tip Fees Discussion
Discussion was held with the Board regarding the CY 2021 Tip Fees for the Resource Recovery Facility and the Landfill. Handouts were also presented to the Board regarding the Polk County Solid Waste Tip Fee History, 2021 Tip Fee MN RRF Tip Fee Comparisons and the 2021 Tip Fees/Forecast. (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

2. CY 2021 Steam Sales Discussion

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the CY 2021 Steam Sales. Handouts were also presented to the Board regarding Steam Sales Option/NG Floor Alternative Funding Options Formulary Change to Minimum Natural Gas Rates and Steam Sales Option/NG Floor Projections Based on Last 3 Years Consumption/Sales. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to authorize the 2021 – 2023 Steam Sales Contract be offered with a \$6.00/mcf minimum value for the steam sales formula. (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. 2021 Solid Waste Assessments

Discussion was held with the Board regarding options for increasing the CY 2021 Solid Waste Fee Assessment for Residential and/or Non-residential Assessments.

4. CY 2020 Solid Waste Fee Abatement

Continuation of discussion from the June 2, 2020 Board meeting regarding non-residential abatement requests and the potential impact of response options on revenues and operations was conducted with the Board. A handout was also presented to the Board regarding Pandemic Relief Option. (Handout on file in the Administrator's Office)

ADMINISTRATION

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

1. COVID-19 Operations Planning

A general status report of County operations as changes are made to public access and work conditions were discussed with the Board. The Government Center has been opened for public access to the Taxpayer Service Center and License Center with control of the amount of people in any area. The Governor's executive orders will continue to impose some restrictions on our normal work conditions, we should expect to continue for much of the summer under the work from home if viable approach. Discussion was also brought forth regarding how

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

DATED 06/19/2020
APPROVED 06/16/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
A RIFKIN CO	2,393.48
Acme Tools - Grand Forks	3,922.39
Ameripride Linen & Apparel Service	2,137.30
Architectural Resources Inc	8,246.25
Beltrami Industrial Services	33,454.54
Berhow Sodding Ilc	2,380.00
Church & Dwight Co Inc	9,727.87
Crookston Collision Center LLC	2,893.59
Crookston Fuel Company	2,277.66
Crookston Paint & Glass	2,892.00
Election Systems & Software Inc	9,730.30
ENNIS PAINT INC	21,040.00
Jemco Incorporated	3,407.92
Jsb Engineered Solutions	2,487.50
Kustom Kollision LLC	4,968.28
Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc	3,225.00
Mayo Manufacturing Co	4,836.65
Pemberton Law PLLP	11,337.15
Polk County Highway Department	11,641.61
Potters Industries Inc	15,224.00
Powerphone Inc	3,103.00
Pribula/Victoria	3,150.00
Pro West & Associates Inc	5,158.99
Productivity Plus Account	15,510.69
Road Machinery and Supplies Co.	10,145.57
Setco	3,348.85
Sterling Carpet One	12,470.40
The Thirteen Towns	2,156.40
Todd's Tire Service Inc	2,451.93
True North Steel	23,937.32
Uline	2,313.92
US Bank Voyager Fleet Sys	3,010.39
Wenck Associates Inc	5,138.73
Wenck Associates Inc	2,402.60
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc	5,590.00
210 Payments less than 2000	101,751.82
Final Total:	359,864.10

With no further business the Board adjourned to reconvene at 6:00 p.m., for the Board of Review meeting at the Polk County Transfer Station. The regular scheduled Board meeting will reconvene at 8:00 o'clock a.m., June 23, 2020.

Gary Willhite, Chair
ATTEST:

Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator
Clerk of the Board

How to stay positive while social distancing

As recently as late February, much of the populations of the United States and Canada were living life as they normally would. A few short weeks later, when COVID-19 began to affect a greater number of people, many businesses grinded to a halt. Schools were closed to students, and governments instructed people to stay home as much as possible.

"Social distancing" quickly became part of the general lexicon, with people in many cities and towns staying six feet apart from others when venturing into the public, but mainly staying at home.

While it is still too soon to determine the lasting impact of COVID-19, the psychological effects of social distancing were apparent almost immediately. According to Dr. Adam Kaplin, M.D. PhD., a neuroscientist at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, anyone who has had some trauma in the past may discover that social distancing rekindled previous traumatic feelings.

Emily Roberts, a New York-based psychotherapist, says any form of isolation can be devastating to a person's mood because they are left with their own thoughts.

Various strategies can help to ease the potential psychological burden of social distancing and give people a new perspective on their situation.

Focus on the positives. Look at what you have gained rather than lost from social distancing. This may translate to more time with the family;

the Board would like to conduct its meetings the rest of the summer, either virtually, in person, as well as location. Currently the Board Room at the Government Center does not lend itself to appropriate social distancing. Handouts were also presented to the Board from Hennepin and Freeborn counties with their plans to utilize local funding for small business loans. (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

2. 2021 Budget Discussion

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the 2021 Budget. A Draft Polk County/June 2018 Strategic Planning handout was also presented to the Board. (Handout on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. Minnesota Counties Webinar

The Minnesota Counties Webinar was discussed with the Board. A University of Minnesota Extension – COVID-19 and Greater Minnesota's Economy/May 2020 handout was also presented to the Board. (Handout on file in the Administrator's Office)

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board that the following Commissioner Warrants were approved:



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