



McINTOSH

Since 1888

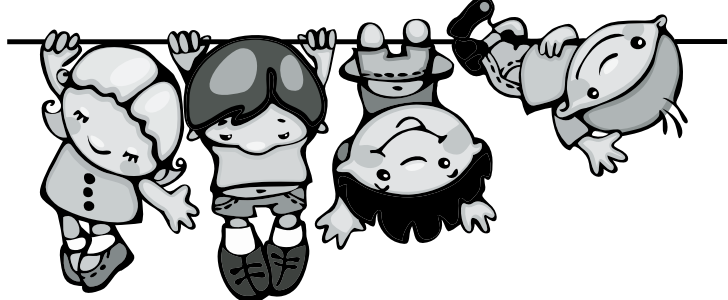
\$1.00

Times

Hub of the Thirteen Townships

McIntosh, Minnesota

WEM will host a Back to School night



With the start of the 2020 - 2021 school year beginning on Tuesday, September 8th, the Win-E-Mac School will have a Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 2nd from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm..

The Pre-K and elementary students will be able to visit their classrooms and meet their teachers. They will learn the new procedure for entering the school building and Polk County Public Health will be on site for any questions that parents or students may have.

Elementary students are asked to NOT bring school supplies at this time. Century 21 sign up information will be made available.

There will be a 7th grade ori-

entation at 6:00 pm and letter are being sent to the parents of the 7th grade students. The class will be divided into four groups. Chromebook distribution and class schedules will be handed out at the orientation.

All other high school students from grades 8 through 12 will have to pick up Chromebooks and class schedules in the bus garage. Each grade will have a designated bus stall to be at.

There will be information about riding the bus and entering the school available.

If you need to make schedule changes or have any questions about the Back to School night, please contact the school office or Mr. McKeever.



McIntosh Tractor Day is this Saturday

McIntosh will hold its annual Tractor Day on Saturday, August 29th.

The day will begin with the Antique Tractor Parade down Main Street starting at 11:00 am.

Tractor line-up begins at 9:00 am at Erickson Park on the east side of McIntosh.

After the parade there will be the Kiddie Tractor Pull in front of the Fire Department. The event is sponsored each year by the Polar Beach Snowmobile Club.

The Polar Beach Snowmobile Club is excited to host the annual Polar Beach Pedal Pull

in conjunction with McIntosh Tractor Day festivities.

The pull will again take place in front of the fire hall with registration following the parade.

Please make note that special care will be given to sanitizing the tractors after each use. This will take some extra time to the event, but the club wants to create a safe environment for all participants. Please stay within your family groups until it is your turn to participate.

We also ask that you maintain social distancing when watching the event. This event

is open for kids age 4-12 (smaller welcome to try) and classes will be based on the weight of the participant.

We look forward to a fun time at the Polar Beach Pedal Pull. See you there!

The Tractor Pull will take place on the old football field around 1:00 pm. Pullers must be registered and pay their fees to participate.

There will also be food vendors on Main Street featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, candy, popcorn, pop, water and much more.

There will be an Open House Celebrating 15 Years

Become an Extension Master Gardener

By Heather Dufault, University of Minnesota Extension Educator

Do you have an active interest in gardening? Do you have a desire to share your gardening interest with others? Are you willing to learn more about gardening and other horticultural topics? Are you able to communicate with groups of people?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you have the qualities we look for in the Extension Master Gardener program. The Polk County Master Gardeners is looking to grow. Apply today at z.umn.edu/mg2021app

ter Gardener you will put in 50 hours of volunteer time. Each year after that the required amount is just 25 hours. Many volunteers far exceed this number, because they are excited and passionate about the program. Your local program coordinator and fellow volunteers will help you discover volunteer opportunities in your county. These opportunities may be tailored to your specific areas of interests.

If you are interested in becoming an Extension Master

Gardener or learning more about the program, please contact your local program coordinator. The applications are now available at z.umn.edu/mg2021app and we look forward to welcoming new volunteers in 2021! All applications must be submitted no later than October 1, 2020. Residents of Polk County can contact Heather Dufault at pohl0024@umn.edu to discuss local opportunities.

Until Next Time, Happy Gardening!



In 2019, 2,408 certified Extension Master Gardeners volunteered across the state of Minnesota contributing over 140, 000 volunteer hours and reached over 195,000 Minnesota residents. These volunteers are extremely dedicated and put in time and effort towards continuing education. If you believe that you have the skills and passion it takes to be an Extension Master Gardener, applications are open now until October 1, 2020.

The process of becoming an Extension Master Gardener begins with a Core Course which will be taken online for 2021. The core course takes approximately 50 hours to complete and cost \$320. Financial assistance is available on a case by case basis. You can talk to your local program coordinator if this is a barrier to your ability to join the program. We are happy to work with you to find a solution that works for all of us.

Extension Master Gardeners work hard to give back to their communities each year. As a first year Extension Mas-

Fall is apple picking season in Minnesota

Apple picking is a beloved autumn tradition. While many traditions had to be put on the back burner as the world dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, apple picking seems like one activity that can endure in a world dominated by social distancing.

Apple picking season tends to begin in mid- to late-September and ends sometime in early October.

That makes apple picking a perfect social distancing activity, as it's both outdoors and

at a time of year when the weather is generally pleasant no matter where you live.

Individuals interested in apple picking this fall can take heed of these tips to ensure their trip is fun, safe and successful.

Choose firm apples without bruises. According to Pickyourown.org, apples should be crisp and firm.

Don't worry about the color of the apple, as color is not an indicator of ripeness. Instead, Pickyourown.org advises peo-



Funds available to improve safety on MN farms

New program can make grain bin safety more affordable.

Minnesota farmers who want to add safety equipment to their on-farm grain storage facilities can now apply for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) new Grain Storage Facility Safety Cost-Share program.

The program reimburses up to 75 percent of the cost to buy, ship, and install eligible safety equipment for on-farm grain bins or silos.

The program will pay up to \$400 per bin or silo, with a limit of \$2,400 per farm per year. The Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for this new program earlier this year.

"We've seen many tragedies in the recent past around grain bin accidents and I can tell you each one is devastating to a family and a whole community," Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said.

"We're thankful to legislators for allowing us to help farmers reduce the cost of re-

ducing risk on the farm."

Examples of eligible equipment include fall protection systems, engineering controls that prevent contact with an auger or other moving parts, dust collection systems that minimize explosion hazards, personal protective equipment that increases the likelihood of surviving a grain-bin-related emergency, grain silo air quality monitoring equipment, and other grain storage facility safety equipment with prior approval from the MDA.

The MDA is accepting applications through June 30, 2021, or until all funds are exhausted. Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The MDA processes complete applications on a first-come, first-served basis and must receive all parts of the application before it's considered complete.

After your application is approved, it takes approximately two to four weeks to receive your payment..

For more information and to apply, visit the MDA's Grain Storage Facility Safety Cost-Share webpage.



Little Bobby talked to the kids who gathered at his bar & grill on Saturday afternoon for a fun class on music theory and guitar playing.

Essentia Health's back-to-school digital toolkit focuses on safety amid COVID-19

With schools preparing to reopen, families are deciding how their children will attend — in person, via distance learning or some combination of the two. Safety concerns stemming from COVID-19 ensure that the start of this school year will look vastly different than most.

Essentia Health is excited to offer a back-to-school digital toolkit aimed at keeping students and educators safe at school.

The toolkit contains resources for things like how to properly wear and clean a face mask; recommendations for effective social distancing inside and out of the classroom; additional safety precautions; and answers to frequently asked questions.

Resources for educators and administrators include comprehensive school-planning guides from state departments of health, printable classroom posters and graphics, and more information about Essentia's COVID-19 community response team.

"We all realize that sending our children to school during a pandemic is a scary thought," said Dr. Jonathan KenKnight, a pediatrician at Essentia. "That's why we have developed this toolkit — with input from our pediatricians, the American Academy of Pediatrics,

child life specialists, the CDC and state departments of health — to bring you guidance and tips to help navigate this unprecedented situation we find ourselves in preparing for the next academic year.

"We hope you find this resource helpful as you move forward to making a decision. Whether you choose to send your child to school or participate in distance learning, or some sort of in-between, we are here with you and support your decision as parents and caregivers."

Happy 90th Birthday to Jane Hedman Olson!

We want to wish Jane a very Happy Birthday on Friday, September 4th. You are so special and loved. Looking forward to celebrating "you" on your special day!

With love from, Vionne, Kurt, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family & friends

Send Birthday wishes to: 325 Scots Ave. #210, McIntosh, MN/56556

No college degree? No problem. Many jobs in demand now don't require one

There are an average of just over 1,300 new jobs posted per day in Minnesota, according to the National Labor Exchange. And most don't require a post-secondary degree. In fact, 22 of the 30 top jobs in demand now in Minnesota have a high school diploma or equivalent as their educational requirement.

The Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is focused on connecting people who need work with the employers who need them. That's why we're sharing regularly updated information about the top 30 most frequently posted jobs in Minnesota on CareerForceMN.com/Jobsin-Demand. There you can find wage information, short videos about in-demand occupations and links to current Minnesota postings for those jobs, plus contact information for career specialists who can help at no cost to you.

Here are examples of current jobs in demand that don't require a post-secondary degree.

Some may require additional training — but in many cases you can get that training on the job.

- Personal Care Aides
- Teaching Assistants
- First Line Supervisors of Retail Workers
- First Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers
- Customer Service Representatives
- Social and Human Service Assistants
- Production Helpers
- Retail Salespersons
- Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food
- Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers

Getting a job now, and getting on a sustainable career path for the future, may mean changing careers. We're ready to help people identify skills that can transfer from one career to another. If you were laid off during the pandemic and need additional help preparing for an in-demand career, you may be eligible for counselor-approved education or training. Contact staff at a CareerForce location near you to find out more and get the help you need.

CareerForce services include: Career path exploration Identifying transferable skills Job search strategy development Resume writing help Interview preparation Online workshops Virtual career fairs Virtual networking opportunities

We understand that not everyone will be able to find a new job right now. If you cannot find work and require help affording basic needs, emergency assistance is available. The State of Minnesota has a website that outlines assistance available for housing, health care, food and other essentials.

How to clean and sanitize a backpack

Backpacks are useful tools for students and adults alike. From hiking supplies to school books to sports equipment, backpacks can store just about anything. As veritable workhorses, they're bound to get dirty and can benefit from periodic cleaning.

While it may be tempting to simply throw a backpack into the washing machine, it is important to check the care instructions first.

Some canvas, nylon and fabric backpacks can go in the wash, but those made of leather or those with intricate details should not. Backpack manufacturers also advise against putting backpacks in a dryer.

Here are steps to cleaning a backpack.

1. To get started, begin by removing any items from the backpack, including all of the pockets. If necessary, use a vacuum to get crumbs out of the backpack.

2. Check the care label to see if there are washing instructions. This will determine if you should wash it by hand or if it can be put in the machine.

3. If the bag can be machine-washed, turn it inside out first or place it in a pillowcase so that the straps and zippers will not be caught. Then wash it on a gentle setting with a mild detergent and lukewarm water. If the bag should be hand-washed, use lukewarm water and a soft sponge

or a gentle bristle brush. The outdoor retailer REI says you do not want to harm any protective coatings on the pack.

4. Zippers need occasional cleaning to remove dirt, sand or crumbs. Many zippers have water-resistant coatings so do not scrub them. Use a lubricant made for zippers to help them slide smoothly.

5. Hang the bag to air dry upside down. It likely will dry more quickly outdoors, but avoid direct sunlight, which

3 signs of sun-damaged skin

It's not always easy to recognize signs of sun damage when spending time outdoors in the summer. Such damage may be overlooked or more evident in the fall, when people begin spending more time indoors. But sun-damaged skin should not be taken lightly. In fact, the Skin Cancer Foundation notes that the vast majority of melanomas, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, are caused by the sun. The SCF even notes that one study from researchers in the United Kingdom found that 86 percent of melanomas can be attributed to exposure to the ultraviolet, or UV, radiation from the sun.

Sun-damaged skin will not necessarily lead to skin cancer. However, the American Academy of Dermatology notes that sun damage can lead to skin cancer.

can compromise the integrity of the fabric or discolor the backpack.

6. Do not store or use the backpack until it is completely dry.

7. Sometimes a backpack may need to be disinfected to prevent the growth of fungus or bacteria. Athlete's foot fungus can easily transfer from socks and shoes to the backpack if gym clothes are left in the bag. The Spruce says to skip chlorine bleach and use a

Learning to recognize three of the more common types of sun damage may compel people visit their physicians and take potentially life-saving steps to prevent future damage.

1. Wrinkles: Wrinkles aren't always a byproduct of aging. While the Mayo Clinic notes that skin becomes less elastic and more fragile as it ages, increasing the likelihood that wrinkles will develop, wrinkles also can indicate sun-damaged skin.

2. Age spots: According to the AAD, age spots, which are flat brown, gray or black spots on the skin, appear on areas of the body that are most often exposed to the sun, including the face and hands. The AAD notes that what looks like an age spot could actually be skin cancer. If any such spots are detected, men and women should see a board-certified

LITTLE BOBBY'S BAR AND GRILL

295 Cleveland Ave, McIntosh, MN • 218-563-3008

Wine tasting every Saturday from 2-5

Come, relax and enjoy the music on the patio. Door prizes from the Uptown shops. New wines every week.

LITTLE BOBBY'S BAR AND GRILL

295 Cleveland Ave, McIntosh, MN • 218-563-3008

Come to "Little Bobby's" August 29th starting at NOON for a hearty Farmers meal after the tractor parade. Outside seating is available. Bring your family!

Unique ways to celebrate Labor Day

Labor Day was created by the labor movement to shine light on the achievements and contributions of workers. Without hardworking men and women, the economy would not thrive and the prosperity of a nation would be unlikely.

Like many other holidays, Labor Day's message may play second fiddle to the more widespread celebrations that take place. It's easy to think that Labor Day commemorates the unofficial end of summer rather than the North American worker, but those who want to celebrate more mindfully can consider these ideas.

• While many people are off on Labor Day, essential workers may not be. Bring lunch to a police station or firehouse, or simply thank workers you come across, such as grocery store employees, for doing their jobs.

• Active military who are deployed may be missing home, especially during national holidays. Send a care package to them that they can enjoy overseas.

• Purchase items made domestically to support national industry.

• Bosses can reach out to employees with words of praise and encouragement. Too often employees are told what they need to improve rather than what they are doing right. A few words of gratitude can buoy spirits.

• Employers can start the three-day weekend early by enabling workers to leave a few hours early on the Friday preceding the holiday weekend.

• Organize a company-based competition, like a chili cook-off, pie-eating contest or video game competition. This can boost morale and strengthen connections among staff.

Labor Day is often dominated by backyard barbecues and trips to the beach. Those who want to be more in touch with the meaning behind the holiday can look for additional ways to celebrate it.

We want to thank all who supported us during Darrel's hospital stay. Thank you to those who brought food, gave cards, memorials and especially prayers. God saw us through to the end and truly did carry us all through the journey. Darrel got his miracle, not here but in heaven. He is completely healed. Love & Blessings to all of you. Marvie, Darrel & family Curt & family

Paid Volunteer Opportunities

- Become a respite volunteer
- Visit older adults a few hours a week
- Earn a monthly living allowance

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

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. August 26: Shirley Delage, *Jarrid & Alicia Graff, *Mark & Hannah Sylstad, *Jason & Holly Breckel

Thurs. August 27: Peyton Schow, *John & Tara Burthwick

Fri. August 28: Sue Ostenson

Sat. August 29: Cameron Burslie, Bill Fritz Jr., Conner Dreyer, Gerald Borud

Sun. August 30: Michael Voxland, Megan (Syverson) Sveen, Carol Bartz, Perry Grundyson

Mon. August 31: *Gordy & Cindy Ostenaa

Tues. September 1: Hudson Swanson, *Pete & Jenny Howard, *Lee & DeeDee Narum, *Samantha & Kevin Caron

McIntosh Times

PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE HUB OF THE THIRTEEN TOWNSHIPS BY RICHARDS PUBLISHING CO., INC.

RICHARD D. RICHARDS, PUBLISHER
KIM HEDLUND, EDITOR

McIntosh • (218) 563-3585

"McIntosh Times" (USPS 336-020) is published weekly for \$30.00 per year (in county) and \$40.00 per year (out of county) by Richards Publishing Co., Inc., 1st & Main Ave., Gonvick, MN 56644. Periodicals postage paid at McIntosh, MN.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: McIntosh Times, PO Box 9, McIntosh, MN 56556. mcintoshtimes@gmail.com

"Serving the Win-E-Mac area"

PUBLISHER'S LIABILITY FOR ERROR: The Publisher shall not be liable for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of an advertisement. The Publisher's liability for other errors or omissions in connection with an advertisement is strictly limited to publication of the advertisement in any subsequent issue or the refund of any monies paid for the advertisement.



Help Kids Succeed

Neil's Quality Meats & More will be accepting donations of school supplies to benefit our local Head Start program from Tuesday, August 25th to Saturday, September 5th.

Requested items are backpacks, glue sticks, markers and scissors. All donations are welcome.

As a Thank You from Neil's Meats, anyone who donates to this good cause will receive 15% off of one item of your choice during the donation period.

Neil's Quality Meats and More is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to Noon.

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.

LSS Meals Menu 687-2262

Tues, Sept. 1st - Turkey - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy - Broccoli - Wheat Rolls - Chocolate Chip Bar - Milk

Wed, Sept. 2nd - Pizza Casserole - Carrots - Apricots - Breadsticks - Chocolate Pudding - Milk

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

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

Sun. September 6: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

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

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

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

Fri, August 28: 10:00 a.m. Telecast of Luther League program on GVTV--30; also on Facebook: gosenchurch and gosenchurch.com

Sun., August 30: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (also on Facebook: gosenchurch and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, Sept. 1: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, Sept. 2: 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.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL GUIDE

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

CALL 218-563-3585

Carlin FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICE

"Caring service for three generations"

(218) 435-1144

Funeral Home ~ Cremation Service ~ Granite Memorials

ANDERSON FAMILY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE

719 N. Main 644 Main St.
Mahnomens, MN Winger, MN

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

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

Is There A Wedding In Your Future?

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

LET US HELP MAKE YOUR WEDDING DAY MEMORABLE.

487-5225 Gonvick, MN

Richards Publishing Co.

Historic expansion of hunting & fishing opportunities on public lands announced

New hunting and fishing opportunities across 2.3 million acres at 138 national wildlife refuges and nine national fish hatcheries.

Continuing the Trump Administration's unprecedented efforts to increase recreational access on public lands, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt announced today at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge the historic opening and expansion of over 850 hunting and fishing opportunities across more than 2.3 million acres at 147 national wildlife refuges and national fish hatcheries.

This rule is the single largest expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in history.

"On the heels of President Trump signing the most significant conservation and recreation funding in US history, providing nearly \$20 billion over the next 10 years to fix and conserve the American people's public lands, the Trump Administration has now made an additional 2.3 million acres accessible to new hunting and fishing opportunities," said Secretary Bernhardt. "We continue to take significant actions to further conservation initiatives and support sportsmen and women who are America's true conservationists."

The final rule opens or expands 859 hunting and fishing opportunities (an opportunity is defined as one species on one field station in one state). On top of last year's expansion of 1.4 million acres for new or expanded hunting and fishing opportunities, this proposal would bring the Trump Administration's total expansion to over 4 million acres nationwide.

"The Trump Administration and Secretary Bernhardt have

made access to public lands for hunting and fishing and other outdoor recreation a priority beginning day one. Hunting and fishing are a part of our American history, and we continue to ensure we provide opportunities for these activities which epitomize our American heritage," said Service Director Aurelia Skipwith. "Furthermore, we have maintained our commitment to promoting good government by reducing the regulatory burden by working with states to facilitate these outdoor activities."

This rule increases the number of units in the Service's National Wildlife Refuge System open to public hunting to 430 and those open to fishing to 360. The rule also formally brings the total number of National Fish Hatchery System units open to hunting or sport fishing to 21.

A complete list of all refuges and hatcheries opening or expanding hunting or fishing is available in the final rule. View an online list and map. The final rule includes the following opportunities:

New refuge opportunities include the opening of migratory bird hunting, upland game hunting, big game hunting and sport fishing at Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge in Florida for the first time; the opening of Bamforth National Wildlife Refuge in Wyoming to upland game and big game hunting for the first time; and the opening of sport fishing for the first time and the expanding of existing migratory bird, upland game and big game hunting to new acres at Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge in West Virginia.

Expansions of refuge opportunities include existing big game hunting onto new acres at Willapa National Wildlife

Refuge in Washington state and Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge in Texas; season dates for existing pheasant hunting at San Luis National Wildlife Refuge in California; and existing migratory bird hunting, upland game hunting, big game hunting and sport fishing to new acres at Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge in Minnesota.

Changes at hatcheries include the formal opening of lands on Jordan River National Fish Hatchery in Michigan to migratory bird, upland game and big game hunting; the formal opening of lands on Berkshire National Fish Hatchery in Massachusetts to sport fishing; and the formal opening of lands at Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery in Washington State to migratory bird, upland game and big game hunting.

The rule also continues the effort from last year's rule toward revising refuge hunting and fishing regulations, so they more closely match state regulations where the refuge is located.

Whenever refuge regulations depart from state regulations for safety or conservation compatibility reasons, these extra regulations are as consistent as possible across all refuges in a given state. Interior worked closely with the states during the rule making process.

The final rule will publish in the Federal Register and be available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Docket Number: FWS-HQ-NWRS-2020-0013.

Background
America's sportsmen and women generated nearly \$1 billion in excise taxes last year, supporting critical state conservation programs. These funds are generated by excise

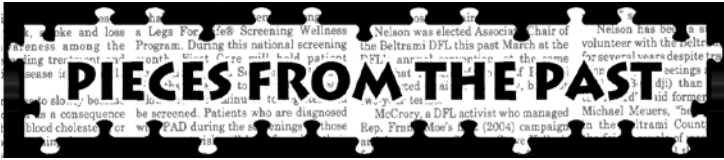
tax collections on hunting, shooting and fishing equipment and boat fuel that is distributed to all 50 states and U.S. territories by the Service.

To date, the Service has distributed more than \$22.9 billion in apportionments for state conservation and recreation projects. The recipient state wildlife agencies have matched these funds with approximately \$7.6 billion throughout the years, primarily through hunting and fishing license revenues.

In addition to excise taxes collected from these activities, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities contributed more than \$156 billion in economic activity in communities across the United States in 2016, according to the most recent National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.

More than 101 million Americans — 40 percent of the U.S. population age 16 and older — pursue wildlife-related recreation, including hunting and fishing.

The National Wildlife Refuge System is an unparalleled network of 568 national wildlife refuges and 38 wetland management districts.



50 years ago...1970: Manager Ray Bartz of the Mac Co-op Oil this week extends a welcome to all to help them note the opening of their new station. Many prizes and specials are offered for the occasion.



40 years ago...1980: Scot cheerleaders who lead the cheers for the Scots football players each week are the following girls: Debbie Froirak, Bev Rustad, Kelly Thompson, Lynnette Carver and Julie Stenmoen.

Pictured below: 30 years ago...1990: Shopping completed and packages all packed away in the car, these satisfied shoppers enjoyed the beautiful August afternoon as they waited for the pork supper, sponsored by the MAC's Club and the McIntosh Lions Club. They were able to visit with many friends as they utilized the benches outside the B-B Lunch on Crazy Day Saturday. (Loren Hanson, Elmer Enerson, Mabel Enerson and Sena Hanson.)



10 years ago...2010: Rick Grove became owner of Rick's Repair in McIntosh this summer. Rick worked for the Mac Co-op for a number of years doing vehicle repairs and is now leasing the repair half of the building. He works on vehicle repairs, tire repairs and also sells tires.

Pictured below: 20 years ago...The Win-E-Mac Legion Baseball team had a successful summer of 2000 and earned a 13 - 4 record, with two of those losses in tournament play. Subdistrict play will begin next week, with the play-ins on Monday and the tournaments will be held in Ada. Team members include: (back, l-r) Jeremy Gieseke, Kevin Branstner, Seth Johnson, Adam Rock, Nathan Johnson, Kyle Simonson, Tyler Kolden, Matt Tradewell and Coach Jim Hoffmann. (front) Kent Solheim, Skyler Schimanski, Justin Moran, Matt Mahlen, Dustin Vedbraaten, Jeff Gieseke and Eric Hoffmann. Not present for picture: Nick DeFrang, Coach Lee Tradewell, and Bryan Johnson.



Polk County Commissioners Minutes

JUNE 23, 2020 BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., June 23, 2020 at Environmental Services, 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 Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the June 23, 2020 agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the June 23, 2020 Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the June 16, 2020 Board minutes.
2. Approve payment to Outlet Recreation.Com, Clearwater, MN in the amount of \$27,204.00 for an incident command trailer for the Sheriff's Office.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS ISSUE FORUM

1. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth discussion regarding a potential land sale to DNR in the Fertile area. He feels the owner has made appropriate attempts to sell privately and will have zero impact on the tax revenue. He also attended the Northwestern Mental Health Center meeting where the focus was on finances. Discussion was also brought forth regarding the removal of Polk County representation from the Northwestern Mental Health Center Board, Administrator Whiting was asked to facilitate. Commissioner Jacobson also brought forth discussion about a call received from a taxpayer regarding a gravel pit and a potential drainage issue.

2. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he participated in the Polk County Building Committee meeting where the committee was assured that the Northwestern Mental Health Center space would be complete by July 1, 2020. Delays have already occurred. He also participated in the Tri-County Community Corrections Personnel Committee meeting where the Employee Handbook was finalized.

3. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the Polk County Building Committee meeting. In addition, he participated in a LARL meeting where the focus was the 2021 budget where there is a 2.6% increase proposed for the Polk County share of funding. The COVID-19 impact was the furlough of four employees as a cost savings measure. Commissioner Willhite also brought forth discussion of the completed East Shore parking and a significant number of complaints posted on social media.

4. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended the East Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District meeting. They recently had to return approximately \$4,000 to BWSR as unused grant funds. In addition, the 2020 Tree Program registered a loss of about \$900.00. Commissioner Lee also participated in an AMC Board of Directors meeting in addition to a SCHSAC meeting.

5. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth that he attended the Northwestern Mental Health Center Board meeting.

SHERIFF

Jim Tadmam, Polk County Sheriff came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Resolution (2020-56) 2020 State of MN Boat and Water Operations Grant

2020 State of Minnesota Boat and Water Operations Grant RESOLUTION (2020-56)

The following resolution (2020-56) was offered by Commissioner Jacobson:

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office would like to enter into Agreement with State of Minnesota and accept the 2020 Annual County Boat & Water Grant; and;

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office wishes to have the County Board formally accept the 2020 State of Minnesota Annual Boat & Water Grant in the amount of \$6,003.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County Minnesota as follows:

1. The Polk County Sheriff's Office applied for 2020 State of Minnesota Annual Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement for \$6,003.00 for the dates of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Polk County Sheriff's Office would like the Commissioners to accept entering into Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota.

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. Approve/Signature the 2020 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat & Water Safety Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve and sign the 2020 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement as presented to the Board. (Agreement on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. Monthly Sheriff Reports

The May monthly Sheriff Reports were discussed and presented to the Board. (Monthly reports on file in the Administrator's Office)

4. Resolution (2020-57) Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Dick & Audrey Hebert, Mesa, AZ

Resolution Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Dick & Audrey Hebert, Mesa, AZ RESOLUTION (2020-57)

The following resolution (2020-57) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

WHEREAS, Dick and Audrey Hebert of Mesa Arizona have made a financial donation of \$2,000.00 to support the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Sheriff's Office, wishes to have the County Board formally accept these financial donations on behalf of Polk County Sheriff's Office and put towards a Speed Trailer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office hereby accepts the financial donations from Dick and Audrey Hebert, which is listed above.

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

5. Resolution (2020-58) Accepting Financial Donation On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From American Crystal Sugar Company

Resolution Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From American Crystal Sugar Company RESOLUTION (2020-58)

The following resolution (2020-58) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, American Crystal Sugar Company made a financial donation of \$1,000.00 to support the Polk County Emergency Management Office in Polk County; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Emergency Management Office, wishes to have the County Board formally accept these financial donations on behalf of Polk County Emergency Management Office and put towards Personal Protective Equipment or Safety Equipment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The donation from American Crystal Sugar Company, which is listed above, is hereby accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Emergency Management Office.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING

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

1. Award Septic Grant Loan Fix-Up Projects: a. Carol Aaland – Rosebud Township

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award a Low-Income Septic Fix-Up Grant to Carol Aaland to upgrade their failing septic system and to award the bid to Dick's Backhoe Service, Wade Delage L#2495, who was the low bidder in the amount of \$10,645.00 and will be installing the septic system.

b. Hazel Trogstad – Queen Township

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award a Low-Income Septic Fix-Up Grant to Hanzel Trogstad to upgrade her failing septic system and to award the bid to Sherman's Backhoe Service, Ryan Sherman L#3371 who was the low bidder in the amount of \$6,951.75 and will be installing the septic system.

c. Jeremiah & Jamie Wishard – GrovePark Tilden Township

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award a Low-Income Septic Fix-Up Grant to Jeremiah & Jamie Wishard to upgrade their failing septic system and to award the bid to Sherman's Backhoe, Ryan Sherman L#3371 who was the low bidder in the amount of \$9,169.75 and will be installing the septic system.

d. Marland & Cheryl Rue – Queen Township

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award a Low-Income Septic Fix-Up Grant to Marland & Cheryl Rue to upgrade their failing septic system and to award the bid to Sherman's Backhoe Service, Ryan Sherman L#3371 who was the low bidder in the amount of \$11,164.70 and will be installing the septic system.

e. Wendy Smeby – Knute Township

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award a Low-Income Septic Fix-Up Grant to Wendy Smeby to upgrade their failing septic system and to award the bid to Hedlund Backhoe Service, Shawn Hedlund L#2970 who was the low bidder in the amount of \$10,000.00 and will installing the septic system.

f. Ben & Tiffany Walsvik – Roome Township

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award a Loan Septic Fix-Up Grant to Ben & Tiffany Walsvik

to upgrade their failing system and to award the bid to Olson & Sons Backhoe Service, Tim Olson L#1620 who was the low bidder in the amount of \$12,300.00 and will be installing the septic system.

g. Paul & Amber Kazmierczak – GrovePark Tilden Township

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award a Loan Septic Fix-Up Grant to Paul & Amber Kazmierczak to upgrade their failing system and to award the bid to Hedlund Backhoe Service, Shawn Hedlund L#2970 who was the low bidder in the amount of \$19,409.00 and will be installing the septic system.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Anne Muir, Polk County Historical Society President, and former President Gerald Amiot came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Historical Society:

1. 2021 Annual Appropriation Request - \$20,000

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the 2021 Polk County Historical Society annual appropriation request in the amount of \$20,000.00.

2. Historical Society Board of Directors Listing

The Historical Society Board of Directors listing was presented to the Board. (Listing on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. May 2020 Proposed Budget to Actual Report

The 2020 Proposed Budget to Actual Report for the Polk County Historical Society was discussed and presented to the Board. (Report on file in the Administrator's Office)

FACILITIES

Mark Dietz, Facilities Management Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Polk County Disposition of Property

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to move forward with the disposition of one 2008 Chevrolet Trail Blazer, VIN: 1GNDT13S882160338.

ADMINISTRATION

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

1. 20201 Budget Discussion

A follow-up discussion from the June 16, 2020 Board meeting 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)

PUBLIC HEALTH

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

1. Health Promotion – Recommend Increase In Cost For Tuberculin Skin Test

The cost of the testing supplies has increased over time and the current charge of \$10.00 barely covers the cost of one test and does not account for the nurse time/travel. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve to increase the cost of the Tuberculin Skin Test from \$10.00 to \$30.00 starting July 1, 2020.

2. COVID-19 Discussion

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the COVID-19 virus.

REVISED AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the revised June 23, 2020 agenda adding Richard Sanders, Polk County Highway Engineer.

*HIGHWAY

Richard Sanders, County Engineer came before the Board with safety matters concerning the new parking on the East Shore on Maple Lake.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

1. CY 2021 Tip Fee

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the CY2021 Tip Fees for the Resource Recovery Facility and the Landfill. A handout was also presented to the Board pertaining to Annual Revenue Projections-Polk County Solid Waste-2020 vs 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve setting the CY 2021 tip fee for Mixed Solid Waste at \$75.00/ton for the RRF and LF. (Handout on file in the Administrator's Office)

2. CY 2021 Solid Waste Fee Assessment Schedule

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the CY 2021 Solid Waste Fee Assessment. Handouts were also presented to the Board pertaining to the Proposed CY 2021 Solid Waste Assessment and the Proposed CY 2021 Assessment Schedule.

CY 2020 Solid Waste Fee Abatement

Policy discussion was held with the Board regarding the response to the COVID-19 Pandemic impact on some non-residential sectors of the economy. The response to the COVID-19 Pandemic has created situations which qualify some sectors of non-residential assessment for abatement consideration or partial abatement. Because the Pandemic response was unilateral across some of these sectors, consideration of unilateral response for those sectors could be considered in lieu of individual request for abatement. A handout was also presented to the Board regarding a Pandemic Relief Option. (Handout on file in the Administrator's Office)

With no further business the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., July 7, 2020.

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

M23C

The NW MN Arts Council held a program to honor the 2020 "Of the Year" Award Winners



Three awards are given each year to recognize artists and arts advocates within our seven county region who stand out in terms of artistry or volunteerism in the arts. Of the Year Award winners were nominated by area residents. The awards were presented on Tuesday, August 18 in Red Lake Falls. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the celebration of these wonderful artists and leaders in our area was limited to close friends and family Pictured (l-r) Bruce Piersol who is Northwest Arts Advocate of the year, Arts Council Director Mara Hanel, Northwest Artist of the Year Rob Burkel, and 2020 Northwest Star Award Winner Joe Wavra. Funding for Northwest Star and Northwest Artist of the Year comes from The McKnight Foundation. Funding for Northwest Arts Advocate of the Year comes from the Minnesota State Legislature.

NW Artist of the Year Award Given to Rob Burkel

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce that Rob Burkel of Thief River Falls has been awarded the Northwest Artist of the Year Award. Burkel is a talented actor in our area.

Rob Burkel has served as Thief River Falls Area Community Theater's (TRFACT) board President, and directed, produced, acted in numerous theatrical productions in Thief River Falls and the area. He's also been a TRFACT Radio Readers Theater cast member and a Lincoln High School Speech Team Coach and One Act Play Director. He sits on the Northwest Regional Library Board and has been the force behind bringing the Fargo-Moorhead Opera to Thief River Falls the past 2 years.

According to TRFACT Director Jane Anderson, Burkel is “the backbone of our local theater. His decades of hard work, phenomenal talent and dedication to theater arts, make him truly deserving of this award. In every capacity, Rob is an asset to the theater. Rob's greatest contribution to the theater is his ability to act and bring characters to life.”

Director Teresa McGriff de-



scribed Burkel as “one of the most prepared actors I have ever worked with. He's not afraid to roll up his sleeves and pitch in. He's a real team player -- upstanding but kind and fun as well. People want to be in shows with him because he is fun to work with. Audiences want to come and see him in shows, as well, because he is well-liked and respected. When auditions are held, he is one of the ones I hope to see walking into the room and that is one of the highest compliments a director can give.”

Fellow actor Scott Pream said, “Rob's insight into his character portrayal is only topped by his willingness to

Bruce Piersol is NW Arts Advocate of the Year

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce this year's recipient for the Arts Advocate of the Year Award is Bruce Piersol of Red Lake Falls. Piersol received the award at a program in Red Lake Falls earlier this week.

Piersol was the long-time school band director in Red Lake Falls and is now retired. His bands have marched on the street and football fields, as well as performed concert, jazz, and ensemble music in school and public settings. As a teacher, he was dedicated to connecting his students to the community as much as possible. He arranged for his students to play around town at the senior center, upstairs at the courthouse, and at community events, including Summerfest.

Piersol continues to be involved in music in the area by playing in the University of Minnesota Crookston Community Band, coordinating and



singing in a Red Lake Falls community choir, and organizing and playing in a brass quintet called Windblown.

According to Northwest Minnesota Arts Council Board Chair Briana Ingraham, “Bruce brings music to people who otherwise might not be able to get out and enjoy it. He has done so much to ensure people of all ages are exposed to and enjoy music.”

Northwest Star Award Winner is Joe Wavra

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce that Joe Wavra of Red Lake Falls has been selected as the 2020 Northwest Minnesota Star Artist of the Year for his lifetime achievement in wood carving. Wavra received his award at a program in Red Lake Falls earlier this week.

Wavra is a self-taught chainsaw carver and owner of Klondike Carvings. His carvings include life-sized Vikings, trolls, Voyageurs, Wind Spir-its, walleyes, and eagles. He has had no formal training. Fifteen years ago, he started with small hand tools and then progressed into chainsaws. He has been a full-time carver for 5 years.

A prolific artist and community-minded, Wavra has created many carvings for communities in our region, including benches on trails in Red Lake Falls, sculptures, and trolls throughout Thief River Falls. He's also been one of the organizers of Summerfest. Northwest Minnesota Arts Council Board Chair Briana Ingraham said, “he's always willing to donate carvings to fundraising events for families in need or



community events.”

Asked about his creative process, Wavra said, “Practice, practice, repetition, muscle memory. Shut the critical part of your mind off and let the creative part go.” Wavra doesn't draw the design beforehand. He just starts. “It was a natural for me. I take out the parts that are in the way – it's already in there. I just need to reveal it.”

Red Lake Falls Summerfest Chair Janet Wiskow explained, “Joe has shown over his many years here that he is an avid artist who is always willing to let others see how he creates his masterpieces, always willing to ensure his art is accessible to others, and is always

help his fellow actors become the best they can be. He is a great leader willing to help in any way he can.”

When asked about the impact of the arts on individuals or society, Burkel explained that “theater and art are at their best when they force you to think. If forcing you to think makes you uncomfortable, even better. Art should change who you are going forward and make you a better person. There should be a balance between that and fun and silly. There's a role for humor, too.”

The Northwest Artist of the Year Award is given each year to recognize artists within our seven-county region who stand out in terms of artistry. This award can be given to any discipline artist including visual, performing, or creative writing who are emerging or at a mid-way point in their artistic endeavors. “Of the Year” Award winners were nominated by area residents and comes with a cash award of \$500.00. Funding for the Northwest Artist of the Year comes from the McKnight Foundation.

Congratulations, Rob Burkel on being named the Artist of the Year!