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Ella Strom with the help of her mom, Jessica, made a quilt top during the WEM Community Ed sewing class last Saturday.



With the help of her grandma, Dianne Roed, Lily Breckel made this great quilt top last Saturday at the McIntosh Community Center.



Bright and Colorful were Kristi and Brooke Tofstad, and their quilt top too!

WEM Community Ed held quilt class for beginners

Win E Mac Community Education recently held a beginning quilt class at the McIntosh Community Center with Connie Strom as the leader! It started at 9:00 in the morning with the girls and their helpers (which was either their Moms or Grandmas) cut the fabric strips. Then the girls selected which strips they wanted to sew together. Once their

selection was done they sewed their strips together and their adult helper squared them up to 15 inch blocks. Then the girls went to the design board (which was a flannel backed tablecloth) and designed their quilt top, once done designing the sewing began again as they sewed the blocks together to make a row! After all the rows were sewn

they sewed the rows together and they were done! They had sew much fun and they learned a lot. It was fun to see what each quilt looked like at the end! Exact same pattern but each had different fabric. This was a two day class. The quilts can be seen in full color by visiting the McIntosh Times website at www.tricocanary.com/mcintosh-times.



Matt Schow and his boys enjoyed a doughnut together during the Doughnuts for Dads Literacy Event at Win-E-Mac school.



Lots of Win-E-Mac dads came to school to have a doughnut with their kids during the Win-E-Mac Literacy Committee breakfast. Pictured are Kevin, Livaeh and Elsie Kiecker.



Having an early breakfast with his kids is Ambrose Anderson.

WEM National Honor Society hosts Holiday food drive

With the joyous holidays upon us, the Win-E-Mac National Honor Society would like your help in a Holiday Food Drive at the Win-E-Mac Public School.

Donations can be brought to the school or sent with your child to school and collected in the classrooms. The proceeds will go to the food shelf at the Grace Lutheran Church in Erskine. The food drive will take place from December 8-17.

During this time students will be asked to bring items to their classroom Holiday Food Drive Box.

Suggested needs are: Canned Goods, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Hygiene Products, Baby Supplies, Box Mixes, Gravy Packets, Personal Hygiene items

Deck the HOUSE
HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

Brighten up McIntosh nights with your best Christmas lights!

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

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

There will be three winners chosen, in no particular order to win prizes.

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

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

The judging will take place on Friday, December 18th after dark. The judges will be chosen from out of town.

Santa Claus to visit Mac and Winger

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

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

The day will start with a breakfast hosted by the Winger Lions at the Winger Community Center. After breakfast, the jolly big guy (Santa Claus) will make his way to Winger and stop by for a visit and to hear the wishes of all the kids.

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

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

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

There will be hayrides outside the Community Center as well.

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

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

At the Bjella Building, the Bone Builders will again be hosting their annual Kids Mall. The kids will have a chance to shop for all the people on their list, and get help with wrapping their presents as well.

Everything at the Kids Mall is 25¢.

There will be lots of help around thanks to the Bone Builders volunteers, so parents are asked to wait outside, so the kids have a chance to pick out a present for them as well.

Come out to McIntosh on Saturday, December 12th and enjoy a great day of family fun!

Win-E-Mac Holiday Concerts
Win-E-Mac Elementary Holiday Program

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

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

Win-E-Mac Senior High



Santa Claus Day is Saturday, December 12th!

Band & Choir Concert

The Win-E-Mac Music Department is pleased to announce the Sr. High Band and Choir will be presenting their annual Fall/Winter concert on Monday, December 14, 2015 beginning at 7:30 P.M. The concert will take place in the Win-E-Mac School Arts & Events Center. This concert will feature the Sr. High Band and Sr. High Choir performing a wide variety of music for your listening enjoyment!

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

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

Christmas in McIntosh

On Friday, December 18th, McIntosh will host a holiday event, with lots of activities all around town.

There will be an Christmas Open House at the First National Bank and KingTown Mutual Insurance.

The stores will be celebrating with Open House activities as well, including great specials and sampling.

There will be a vendor show at the McIntosh Community Center with lots of great present ideas and fun for everyone.

Check out the McIntosh Times next week for more details!

Win-E-Mac Giving Tree

Don't forget the reason of the season and help those in need. For children in the Win-E-Mac School District that may have a need this holiday season for clothes, toys, or other items. Continuing throughout the month of December, Win-E-Mac School will have the tree available to those who would like to donate gifts.

If you are interested or have questions about donating, please contact Amy Bartz.

Community Calendar

Wed. Dec. 9: McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Dec. 10: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Bingo at The Club Bar & Grill 6:30pm; McIntosh City Council Meeting 5:30pm

Fri. Dec. 11: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. Dec. 12: Breakfast with Santa @ Winger Community Center 9:00am; Bone Builder's Kids Mall @ Bjella Building 9:00am; Santa Claus Day @ McIntosh Community Center 10:00am

Mon. Dec. 14: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

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

Wed. Dec. 16: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Dec. 17: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Bingo at The Club Bar & Grill 6:30pm

Fri. Dec. 18: Christmas in McIntosh Celebration; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Dec. 21: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tues. Dec. 22: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



Neil's Quality Meats & More has a new and fun sign up on their storefront. Stop by and see the new character's in town. Pictured are Bob and Laurie Bursheim next to the new sign.



Jeremy Opdahl doing one of his "odd jobs" cutting down a dead ash tree in Doug and Helen Johnson's backyard on Dec. 2nd.

McIntosh Christmas Customer Appreciation Day

CRAFT, VENDOR AND
BAKE SALE

**McIntosh
Community Center**
9:00 am-6:00 pm

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Poplar Meadows Senior Living

is accepting bids for snow removal for the 2015-2016 winter season Snow Plowing/Shoveling.

Bids can be dropped off or mailed to:

Poplar Meadows
Attention: Julie
325 Scots Ave SE
McIntosh, MN 56556

Poplar Meadows has the right to accept or decline any and all bids.

Deadline for bids is : Monday, December 21, 2015.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

McINTOSH
Thurs., Dec. 10, 2015,
5:30 PM

— COMMUNITY CENTER —

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
— NOVEMBER 12, 2015

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

OLD BUSINESS:

a. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

NEW BUSINESS:

a. FINAL BUDGET 2016

b. AMMENDMENT OF ANIMAL ORDINANCE

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:

NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT

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Truth in Taxation Hearing

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

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VFW Auxiliary #6891 News

McIntosh VFW Auxiliary #6891 Christmas Party

The McIntosh VFW Auxiliary #6891 meeting and Christmas Party will be held at 5 p.m., Monday, December 14 at The Club. Please notice the time change for the Christmas party.

All Auxiliary members are welcome to attend this Christmas Party. Each Auxiliary Members are asked to bring a \$10 gift to exchange with other Auxiliary members.

An Auxiliary member has volunteered to request certain menu items from The Club. The food choices will be chicken, shrimp or ribs. Auxiliary members should call The Club (218-563-4011) to let them know what your choice will be.

Gifts will also be given to all Veterans in the McIntosh Senior Living, Pioneer Nursing Home and Riverside Board and Care.

This Christmas Party is for Auxiliary members only.

Christmas at

Vernes and Our Saviors

The annual Christmas programs for Vernes and Our Saviors of McIntosh will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 5:00 pm at Vernes Lutheran Church and on Saturday, December 13, 2015 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

The programs will include the Sunday School and adult participants. There will be readings and skits along with the opportunity to sing some of the great Christmas Carols and also special music.

The churches are beautifully decorated for the season. A time of fellowship will follow the programs.

Everyone is invited to attend both of the programs.



East Polk

Heritage Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the East Polk Heritage Center will be held in the City Hall conference room at 5 pm, Tuesday, December 15. All members whose dues are paid for 2015 are encouraged to attend this short meeting. The main item on the agenda is the election of officers and to accept new members to the Board of Directors. At the present time the Board has 3 seats available to bring the total seats to 15 as allowed in the EPHC by-laws. Coffee and Christmas goodies will be served following the meeting.

The McIntosh Times Office Hours

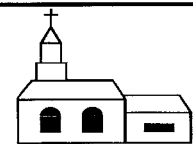
Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon
Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Call or fax: (218) 563-3585

Ad deadline is Noon on Friday prior to publication



Church News



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fosston
Fr. John Suvaeken,
Pastor

Wed. Dec. 9: 1:00pm Mass at McIntosh Nursing Home; 7:00pm Penance Service at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Dec. 13: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Dec. 20: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

If you have any questions about the schedule please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. Dec. 13: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary; 5:00pm Christmas Program at Calvary

Wed. Dec. 16: 4:30pm - 6:00pm WELCA Supper, Immanuel; 8:00pm Immanuel Council

Sun. Dec. 20: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Wed. Dec. 9: 7:00pm Council
Sun. Dec. 13: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service; 4:30pm Christmas Program

Wed. Dec. 16: 6:00pm Confirmation

Sun. Dec. 20: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. Dec. 9: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place
Sat. Dec. 12: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Dec. 13: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10:45am Worship Service

Tues. Dec. 15: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Dec. 16: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place;

For information on free rides to any of the above activities call 218-268-4242 or 218-687-3461 Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of HWY 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then ½ mile east on County Road 206.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Paul Magelson
Sun. Dec. 13: 8am Worship
Sun. Dec. 20: 8am Worship



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FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlund

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

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

Wed. Dec. 16: 7:00pm Bible Study on Revelation

Sun. Dec. 20: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Trinity:

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

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

Wed. Dec. 16: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. Dec. 20: 11:00am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

Thurs. Dec. 10: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. Dec. 13: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School; 12:30pm Confirmation

Sun. Dec. 20: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School; 12:30pm Confirmation

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. Mark Peske, Pastor

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

Sun. Dec. 13: 9:30am Divine Worship with Holy Communion; 11:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

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

Sun. Dec. 20 10:00am Divine Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School Program; 11:30am Congregational Christmas Eve Dinner

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

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

Polk County Public Health

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

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

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

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Dec. 9: Jim Stordahl, Hannah Brouse, Camille Springer, Deanna Haagenson, *Dave & Diane Faldet

Thurs. Dec. 10: Mason Spaeth, Jill Schulz, Dave Faldet, Ethan Finseth, DeeDee Fritz, Danielle Finseth

Fri. Dec. 11: Mya Haaven

Sat. Dec. 12: Valerie Brekke, Claudette Erholtz, Heidi (Vesledahl) Haaven, *Led & Mary Goodwin, *Patrick & Karen Rolf

Sun. Dec. 13: Franciska Wahlin, Teresa Horgeshimer, *Don & Lois Boehrnsen

Mon. Dec. 14: Kermit Tucker, Clayton Salvhus

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of McIntosh for our

Christmas Open House

first national bank of McIntosh

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Remembering the Navy

by Norris Syverson
After 60 years, I can yet get into my Navy suit. I was drafted into the Navy on December 1, 1955. At this time, the Navy was so short of men, so they had to draft some men.

After we had been in 21 months, they had so many that had enlisted, so they let us draftee's out 3 month early.

I took my boot training in San Diego, California. After that, I was put on a picket ship, which was in Seattle, Washington, Pier 91. The ship went 200 or 300 miles out from shore guarding the coastline from any unwanted ships or submarines or whatever else from coming into this country. I was a metal smith by trade, but I did more pipework than working with metals or welding. I liked it while we were out on



Norris Syverson in his Navy uniform.

the sea. They say join the Navy and see the world. Well, I didn't enlist and I didn't see much of the world either.

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THE WINGER ENTERPRISE

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Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello again, with another week behind us, so is another month. Welcome to December and a very festive and busy month it is. With December comes all the festivities of Christmas, including school concerts, church programs, area towns having their Christmas craft shows and the like.

Since our beautiful weather for the Thanksgiving holiday we have seen some wet snow and some icy roads to deal with but the temperatures are fairly mild and sounds like they will continue to be that way, at least for a while yet.

Ho Ho Ho! The jolly man with the white beard and the red suit is soon to make his way through the area and will be stopping in Winger on December the 12th to visit with the children. Oh to see the faces of the little ones when they visit with Santa.

If you are out and about the evening of December 13th, the holiday train will once again make its way through the countryside and will be traveling through our area. Is a beautiful sight to see if you have never seen it.

Wednesday the 25th Judy Gieseke was a dinner guest at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Last Friday the 27th Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors at the Pioneer Home with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Bruce and Jodie Bratager of Rochester spent Thanksgiving week end at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home.

Miles Henney of St. Hilaire picked up Mom, Martha Henney on Thanksgiving Day and brought her to the Miles and Renee Henney home at St. Hilaire where she enjoyed a delicious dinner and spent a very enjoyable afternoon visiting. Others at the Henney home were grandson Adam and Jackie Henney and family of Fargo and many of Renee's family.

Brent, Jessie, Sidnie, Skyline and Brylie Pulskamp of Wahpeton spent the Thanksgiving week end at the Pulskamp home.

Kelly Johnson joined the family for Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thanksgiving Day Fern and Milton Carlson, Mike, Kari, Terry and Oliviyah Keller and Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were dinner guests of Roy, Lisa and Ryan Schaumburg at the Schaumburg home.

David and Sue Christianson hosted Thanksgiving Day dinner at their home. Those present were Grandma Carol Stordahl, Becky Stordahl, Lori Burchill, Deb Matson along

with Tanner Christianson and Erin Beattie. Grandma Carol comments that meals like they had are not for people trying to loose weight!!!

Lucy Brtek was a Thanksgiving Day dinner guest at the Greg and Michelle Gagner home near Mentor. The Gagner children were also in attendance along with grandchildren and great grandchildren of Lucy's.

Dick and Wanda Donavon of St. Francis arrived at the Milton and Fern Carlson home on Friday the 27th and spent the week end.

Dale and Kristi Mettler and family of Spring Valley spent most of Saturday visiting at the Helmer Homme home. Verlys also spent the day at the farm and thoroughly enjoyed being back home. Kris is a niece of Helmer's.

Wednesday evening Laura Grant took Grandma Martha Henney for a tour of McIntosh so Martha could see all the very beautiful Christmas lights. (This reminds me of all the Christmas's many would travel to McIntosh and see the absolutely beautiful lighting at the Sydney Klemmetson home.)

Saturday the 28th Dick and Wanda Donavon of St. Francis, Paul and Donna Carlson and Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were dinner guests at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Boyd and Sylvia Bratager and Bruce and Jodie Bratager of Rochester were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests at the Jeff and Julie Bratager home.

Michelle Gagner treated her Mom, Lucy Brtek to lunch on Monday at the Erickson Smoke House in Fertile in observance of Lucy's birthday.

Sunday November 29th those who traveled to Meadowland to help Hank Thomas Peterson celebrate his 3rd birthday were Grandma Cindy Horvath, Great Grandma Carol Stordahl, Becky Stordahl, Deb Matson and Sue Christianson. The birthday party was held at the Elmer Fire Station dining room that was all decorated with balloons and streamers.

Dustin made a pole with nails and they made a banana tree-it was a curious George motif. There was much good food, cup cakes and banana splits for dessert. In all there were 32 guests and Hank enjoyed opening his many gifts.

Lucy Brtek was a guest of Lynn and Sara Lucken on Thursday the 3rd for a delicious meal of potato klub and side pork.

Monte an Emma Erickson were Sunday the 29th visitors at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Sunday evening Helmer and

Verlys Homme were supper guests at the Gary and Maxine Walters home where they all enjoyed a lutefish supper.

Richard Brtek visited with his Mom, Lucy Brtek on Wednesday and then treated her to lunch at Moran's.

Tuesday the 1st Paul Carlson stopped in at the Fern and Milton Carlson home to clear their sidewalks for them and had a refill of coffee on his way to work.

Billy Brtek visited with Mom, Lucy Brtek on Thursday and did some chores for her while there.

Nothing new to report on the turkey that Kenny Jorstad pardoned at Thanksgiving, but closer to home Lucy Brtek mentioned that in her travels to Park Rapids which takes her through many miles of forest, she sees no wildlife at all, no ospreys, no eagles, matter of fact no birds to speak of and no deer either, but when she gets back home to the ranch she is greeted by an eagle sitting on a tree stump (thinking it was a statue sitting there) but as she goes to the house the eagle turns its head and looks at her and needless to say scared her, then there is are deer running through the yard.

In closing, thanks for a good week in the "Winger" corner. Is a feeling of accomplishment to be able to share so much to you readers and wish it could be this way every week.

From Bun Manor:

Congratulations to Stacy (daughter of Earl and Lila Lucken of Winger) on her recent marriage to Steve Brekken of Crookston. The couple were married Nov. 27th at their home in Crookston. The couple were seeing each other for about eight years.

Congratulation also go out to sister Vicki and her husband Jim Thune on their 44th wedding anniversary. They were married at Calvary church in Winger on Dec. 4th.

The weather was stormy that day. This year was a different story with sunny and mild temps.

Thursday evening Matthew, Steve and Lorri Massmann along with the Baron Dale Balstad went to Grand Forks to help Brian and Elizabeth celebrate Brian's 31st birthday. They enjoyed eating at the Fuji Japanese restaurant. Ole was invited also but he had to work. Bun felt left out because he wasn't even invited. He thinks that maybe they were paying him back for not attending the wedding of their son Evan last year.

Friday evening a few of the Winger Lion pride gathered in Erskine for a social. They used to do this after they made barbeques for the annual Garden Valley open house but now you need a caters license to make food for a business. Before one know it you will have to cater funerals.

Saturday afternoon Winger mayor Ole bought Brian a belated birthday dinner at Arby's in Crookston. Do you think he could buy his other friends dinner once? Bun thinks not!

Bun and Dale partook in the lutefish meatball supper in Bejou last Saturday. One could smell the sweet odor of fish when you entered the church. They served around 250 people. A nice crowd from the Winger area showed up. They chatted some with Bob and Ann Vesledahl. Bun was surprised to hear Ann say that she cooks it in her house for Bob and her folks during the season. She is a trooper!

Redeeming the " Dinner At The Lake " Guest Certificates from the Calvary Church fall sale were Tim & Denise Anderson, Paige & Ryan Ennen and Kelly Woltjer. Hosted by Floyd & Gerri Balstad of Union Lake. She also mentioned that she saw a guy in a canoe out on the lake from her window.

One last note. Breakfast with Santa this Saturday at the Winger Community Center beginning at nine.

30th years for nation's voluntary conservation program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack reminded farmers and ranchers that the next general enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) begins today, Dec. 1, 2015, and ends on Feb. 26, 2016. December 2015 also marks the 30th anniversary of CRP, a federally funded program that assists agricultural producers with the cost of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and reduce loss of wildlife habitat.

As of September 2015, 24.2 million acres were enrolled in CRP. CRP also is protecting more than 170,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times. For an interactive tour of CRP success stories from across the U.S., visit www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30, or follow on Twitter at #CRPis30.

"Over the past 30 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP one of the most successful conservation programs in the history of the country," said Vilsack. "Today, CRP continues to make major environmental improvements to water and air quality. This is another longstanding example of how agricultural production can work hand in hand with efforts to improve the environment and increase wildlife habitat."

Participants in CRP establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. At times when commodity prices are low, enrolling sensitive lands in CRP can be especially attractive to farmers and ranchers, as it softens the economic hardship for landowners at the same time that it provides ecological benefits. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years.

The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish native plant species on marginal agricultural lands for the primary purpose of preventing soil erosion and improving water quality and related benefits of reducing loss of wildlife habitat.

Contracts on 1.64 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2016. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Since it was established on Dec. 23, 1985, CRP has:

- Prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;

- Reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;

- Sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.

Since 1996, CRP has created nearly 2.7 million acres of restored wetlands.

For more information FSA conservation programs, visit a local FSA office or www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

The Conservation Reserve Program was re-authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers.

Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing, and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

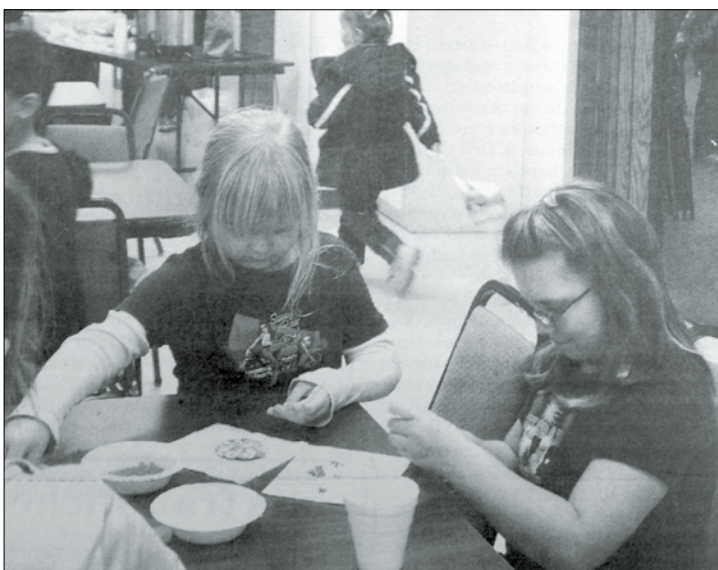
For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.



30 years ago...1985: Hillary Hanson and Jarrod Graff sit on Santa's lap at the annual Santa Claus Day held in McIntosh, December 14th, sponsored by the WAC's.



20 years ago...1995: Kyle Kaupang, son of Billy and Edna Kaupang, visited with Santa on Saturday, December 16th in Winger, following the Jack Sand Magic Show.



10 years ago...2005: (L-R) Aspen Gustafson and Krystal Haugen made candy canes during the craft activities on Santa Claus Day in McIntosh.



Grace Kaupang (l) and her mom displaying the quilt top that Grace made on Saturday during the Quilt top in a day class taught by Connie Strom at the McIntosh Community Center.



Even Dad, Vance Kaupang got in on the action last Saturday during the Community Ed Quilt top in a day class held in McIntosh.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl,
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Projecting Farm Bill Payments

NDSU has developed a new calculator that will show producers their PLC and ARC-CO payments under different Market Year Average (MYA) price and county yield scenarios. Both of these numbers are still unknown, but relatively close estimates can be made.

Farmers and lenders are trying to understand what safety net payments might be provided under the 2014 farm bill for the 2015 crop year. A new Excel worksheet, "2015 ARC-PLC Calculator," is available at <http://bit.ly/payment-calculator> to project those payments.

The 2015 ARC-PLC Calculator will show producers their Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and Agricultural Risk Coverage – County (ARC-CO) payments under different 2015 marketing year average (MYA) price and county yield scenarios.

"The 2015 MYA price is the one unknown for determining the PLC payment," says Andrew Swenson, North Dakota State University Extension Service farm and family resource management specialist. "Even at this early date, I believe you can get a fairly good range of possible PLC payments for many crops."

Swenson adds, "Currently, we are five months into the marketing year for wheat and its latest projected national average price is \$5. That would provide a 50-cent payment per bushel of PLC payment yield."

Corn and soybean national 2015 MYA prices are less certain because they are only two months into the 2015 marketing year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is projecting a \$3.65 per bushel corn and \$8.90 per bushel soybean MYA price. At this level, the corn PLC payment would be a nickel per bushel of PLC yield, but the soybean price would have to drop another 50 cents per bushel before a PLC payment is triggered.

The benchmark revenue and revenue guarantees for the 2015 ARC-CO program have been determined for most crops. The actual 2015 MYA price and county yields are not known yet. However, producers should receive significant ARC-CO payments for most crops unless 2015 county yields are much higher than typical yields. County average yields are typically released late winter.

Producers cannot receive PLC and ARC-CO payments for the same crop on a farm. They had to make a choice in which program to enroll each crop on the FSA farm number.

For more information about the farm bill, including an explanation of ARC-CO payments, visit <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/farmmanagement/farm-bill>.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. This information was provided by Andy Swenson, NDSU.

Do you have a story to share?

If you have a story, a story idea or any photos you want to share, please send to: mcintoshtimes@gmail.com

Random Things and Stuff



Christmas Spirit Poem
By: Emily L. Ferden
To help get you into the Christmas spirit, I have found this poem I would like to share with you by Paul Moosberg:
Put up a splash of Christmas spirit
Put in a dash of love
Stir up the sounds 'till you can hear it
Sing out to those you love
Christmas, Christmas, you can fill me
Up with Christmas cheer
Christmas, Christmas, you fulfill my
Spirit every year
Toss up a mash of extra magic
Toss in a batch of love
Let up the lights with random logic
Look out for sleighs above
Santa, Santa, can I have it
Please I've been so good
Santa, Santa, please I beg you
Please oh if you would

WEM School Menu

Wed. Dec. 9: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Enchilada Bake (lettuce, chesse, black olives, tomatoes, salsa, and sour cream), Red Peppers, Celery& Carrots, Chocolate Mousse Pie, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice
Thur. Dec. 10: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Mashed Potato Bowl, Popcorn Chicken, Gravy, Corn, Applesauce, Bread, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice
Fri. Dec. 11: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Yogurt Parfait, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Sub Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Baked Chips, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Cookie, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice
Mon. Dec. 14: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, French Toast Sticks, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Pork Fritter, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cheesy Beans, Dinner Roll, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice
Tues. Dec. 15: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Sausage Gravy over Biscuit, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Lasagna, Lettuce Salad w/ dressing, Garlic Toast, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice
Wed. Dec. 16: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Chicken Chow Mein or Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice, Egg Roll, Oriental Vegetables, Pineapple Upsidedown Cake, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice
Thur. Dec. 17: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Chicken Patty on a Bun, French Fries, Broccoli Slaw, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice
Fri. Dec. 18: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Sweet Roll, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Pizza, Lettuce Salad w/ dressing, Sherbet Cup, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Get up a clash of Christmas color
Get in a catch of love
Set up and show the shiny decor
Shout out with Christmas love
Listen, listen, you can see it Spirit everywhere
Listen, listen, you can do it Spread it out and share
Put up a splash of Christmas spirit
Put in a dash of love
Stir up the sounds 'till you can hear it
Sing out to those you love
Christmas, Christmas, you can fill me
Up with Christmas cheer
Christmas, Christmas, you fulfill my
Spirit every year

WEM ECFE

Friday Playdates 10-11:30am at the WEM Pre-k Room located at the Win-E-Mac School. December Dates: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18
Come out to explore our themed learning stations, enjoy a snack, sing songs and listen to a story! Children Ages 0-5 invited. Pre-registration not required. Free!
Special Events!
Tues 12/8 Annual Grandparents Night! Bring out grandpa and grandma from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm for some holiday fun! Make easy crafts, listen to holiday music and enjoy a delicious snack together! Ages 0-5.
WEM Early Childhood Family Education classes are for children 0-5yrs old unless noted. Pre-registration is not required.

WEM School Announcements

Juniors and seniors: Wild Rice Electric has partnered with the Rural Electric Youth Tour for a trip to Washington, DC, June 11-16, 2016 with other students from across Minnesota. Complete the application and submit to be the selected candidate to have this amazing opportunity. See Mrs. Jore for more details or contact Wild Rice Electric Cooperative for an application.
2015-2016 Yearbook
The Win-E-Mac Yearbook Staff is starting the pre-sale for the 2015-2016 yearbook to be called "A YEAR IN COLOR" The yearbook this year will contain 80 pages. It will be printed entirely in COLOR. A theme of artful color will be the cover and divider concept throughout the yearbook. Seniors, underclass students, events, activities and fun memories will be captured and displayed from cover to cover!
Yearbooks are currently on sale. The cost is \$35.00 now and until December 22nd and will cost \$40.00 after December 22nd. Yearbooks can be purchased during students' noon hours or from Mrs. Winter (room 51) before or after school. Order forms are available in the office. Be sure to make your order so you are guaranteed a yearbook!



WEM moves school contact system

Win-E-Mac is moving their school contact system to a new company, School Messenger. In two weeks, if you have not already proactively opted-in, you will receive an automatic "OPT-IN" invitation to receive important informational text messages from Win-E-Mac. To proactively opt-in to important informational announcements text the word YES to the short code phone number 68453. You will receive a message back saying you have registered for School Messenger notifications from the school. If you choose not to receive text messages from Win-E-Mac you are still scheduled to receive important



messages by phone, this is just another way to receive important information. Should you have any questions please contact Win-E-Mac School.
Parents can scan the QR code above to automatically generate the OPT-IN text message.

16th annual MAT scholarship

The Minnesota Association of Townships is proud to again offer a township scholarship program for high school Juniors in the state of Minnesota. Up to six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.
The Minnesota Association of Townships is a non-profit corporation representing Minnesota townships while promoting an understanding of the heritage, future and being a voice for its roughly 9,000 officers. It regularly conducts research and educational programs designed to foster efficient and economical town governmental services and acts as a liaison between township officers and other local government officials to encourage sustained cooperation.
The Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship Program is designed to heighten awareness among young people about Minnesota's Grassroots Township government. The program encourages every high school in the state of Minnesota to offer this opportunity for Juniors to participate in this scholarship program.
ELIGIBILITY
All students currently enrolled in the 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial high school or a home study program and who plan to further their education at a college, university, or vocational school are eligible for this program. They cannot be the child, stepchild, grandchild or step-grandchild, brother, stepbrother, sister or stepsister of a MAT director or staff member.
REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must complete an application form and submit it along with a written essay discussing this year's topic, which is:
* Throughout its history the United States has adopted policies which took advantage of major technological advances that led to prosperity as a nation. In the 19th century it was the development of canals and a national railroad system. In the 20th century it was rural electrification and the national highway system. Today, high speed broadband Internet access is as vital as phones, electricity and roads. Those without this access, particularly people in rural areas, are left stranded on the wrong side of the digital divide. Describe ways in which broadband Internet access improves the lives of rural residents. What challenges exist in providing broadband Internet in rural areas? And what policies should governments at all levels, (federal, state, and local) adopt to ensure that regardless of geographic location all Americans have equal access to broadband

Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer



Inclement Weather
Winter weather will soon be upon us and we will be faced with decisions to close school because of unsafe weather conditions. The district has used a School Reach system which has changed to a School Messenger system which will notify parents and students when unsafe weather conditions are upon us. We will send out a notification to your home phone, cell phone, email or other means of programmed communication if such weather exists. If parents need to update the information we have on file for phone numbers and email addresses, please call the District Office. If we have nasty weather, please listen to local TV stations Channel 8 and 11, Radio stations in Fosston and Crookston, for emergency weather announcements. We make numerous contacts and visits throughout our district and region to make a concise decision of whether to close school or not. Our first priority is the safety of students.

School Bus Dress
We have had some trouble with proper student dress when riding the bus to and from school. Our policy states that each student should dress accordingly for the weather. We cannot predict bus emergencies such as breaking down or a bus getting stuck somewhere. We ask parents to make sure your child is dressed appropriately, coats, shoes, boots and caps and gloves. We have seen a variety of shoes and clothing that are not suitable for cold weather. Bus drivers are concerned about the lack of winter clothing and do not want to be held responsible. If there are concerns about a child's dress for the weather, parents will be notified.

Property Taxes
Two years ago legislative session brought several changes to the number of statutes that impact taxation of Minnesota residents. You have received your property tax statement/s which will show a market value which determines the amount of taxes paid this coming year. The District passed a referendum renewal this past November which will not affect taxes next year but will affect taxes paid for the 2017 year. Taxes should remain flat as the referendum was a renewal of what you are paying right now. The District did ask a second question to add a small amount of \$81.20 per student to capture the maximum amount of state aid allowable to the District, which passed. This amount will be \$6.63 on a Market Value of \$50,000 or approx. \$6.63 on every \$50,000 of Market Value. Over the past years we have not levied the maximum amount due to enrollment numbers and state aid payments as we want to be frugal with money our tax payers give to the district. Again, we would like to thank our patrons for the support to the Win-E-Mac School.
Fall Sports and Winter Activity Season
I would like to congratulate our young athletes on a great fall season of sports. I hope everyone had a chance to come out and support one of the games. Our winter sports have begun and I invite patrons to call or visit our web site for a calendar of events for all the arts, concerts and athletic games the school provides for the public. Win-E-Mac provides a wealth of entertaining opportunities for the public to attend.
(NEW) Garden Valley TV
Beginning December 8th the Win-E-Mac school plans to host our Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball games on a local TV channel 30. We also plan to host our concerts beginning this December. We invite the public, who pay for this service, to watch our local channel during this season to see these events. Our plan is to connect for each home varsity game or event in the school. Students will be operating the broadcast so please be patient with the televised service. We are also learning the process and equipment provided to our school.
Have a Great Holiday Season!

Pictured below: Cassidy Manecke and her Grandma Louise Manecke Cullen from Fosston had a fun time together during the Win-E-Mac Community Education sewing class held at the McIntosh Community Center sewing a quilt top.



Save the Date!

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

MCINTOSH COMMUNITY CENTER

Hayrides! Crafts! Music!
Treat bags! Prizes!

Santa Arrives at 11:00am!

Free Will Donation Lunch



Becoming quite the sewer is Brett Duchamp, who recently sewed this great quilt top during the WEM Community Ed sewing class held at the McIntosh Community Center.