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Macey Lee coloring with some chalk on the sidewalks of McIntosh during the Harvest Festival.

Harvest Festival fun in McIntosh



Special thanks to this group of volunteers and Community Club members who made the 2020 Harvest Day Festival a great event for McIntosh. Pictured (l-r): Megan Rock, Andrea Stordahl, Phil Lee, Katie Roed, and Katherine Howard.

Allergies or Covid-19?

As winter gave way to spring, nature did not give any signs in relation to what the people of the world were going through. As trees and flowers bloomed just like they do every spring, the people accustomed to witnessing the awe-inspiring transformation on display each spring were experiencing a transformation of their own.

Social distancing measures enacted during the COVID-19 outbreak in late-winter 2020 forced many people to stay home, only venturing outside to run routine errands like buying groceries or filling prescriptions. People were urged to stay home to help prevent the COVID-19 virus from spreading, and those recommendations included people exhibiting mild symptoms of illness.

As fall hit its stride and pollen counts climbed, many people wondered if certain symp-

oms they were experiencing were byproducts of seasonal allergies or the COVID-19 virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that it's easy to mistake common allergy symptoms for COVID-19, and that's especially so given the level of concern many people have about the novel coronavirus that has already claimed thousands of victims across the globe. But it's important that people recognize the symptoms of allergies and COVID-19 are different. The following are some symptoms of allergies and some of COVID-19, courtesy of the CDC and the Mayo Clinic.

Allergy symptoms

- Itchy eyes
- Stuffy nose
- Sneezing

Doctors advise people who are exhibiting potential allergy symptoms to pay attention to their body temperatures.

People with allergies very rarely experience fever, so the absence of fever, even if other symptoms of allergies are present, might indicate that a person is suffering from allergies and not COVID-19.

In addition, allergy symptoms tend to be mild and recur year after year around the same time, such as when plants bloom in spring and summer.

So if symptoms that are currently present are the same ones a person confronts every year, then he or she is likely suffering from allergies and not COVID-19. People can err on the side of caution by discussing their symptoms and history with their physicians.

Coronavirus symptoms

- Shortness of breath
- Fever
- Cough

Some asthma sufferers experience shortness of breath as

a result of allergies, so people with asthma should consider that before assuming they have COVID-19. Discussing shortness of breath with a physician can help asthma sufferers gain more clarity on their condition.

While symptoms of allergies and COVID-19 are different, the CDC notes that people suffering from the flu may experience the same symptoms experienced by people with the coronavirus.

Symptoms such as fever, fatigue, body aches, and cough can affect both flu and COVID-19 sufferers, so people experiencing these symptoms should contact their physicians.

It's easy to mistake common allergy symptoms as indicative of the presence of the COVID-19 virus. But the symptoms of each condition are quite different. Learn more at www.cdc.gov.



One of the winners of the pumpkin decorating contest for McIntosh Harvest Festival was Autumn Plante (2 years old).



With her cute fairy house pumpkin is Iris Howard (age 8) who was one of the winners of the pumpkin decorating contest during Harvest Festival in McIntosh.



William Howard with his winning pumpkin. He was one of the three winners at the Harvest Festival pumpkin contest in McIntosh.



LSS (Lutheran Social Service) Meals in Erskine would like to extend a large THANK YOU to Russ and Mary Horacek and Charles Svalen, who volunteered their time during this past year to help us deliver the meals to the McIntosh Community. They were faithful, even during our Covid-19 Response time, making the necessary adjustments to protect themselves and the individuals they were delivering to. We couldn't have done it without them and we will miss them! Volunteers are very important to keep this service available to your community. We are pleased to announce that we have received new volunteers to continue to deliver the LSS Meals to McIntosh on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The delivery time and location will remain the same. If you are interested in receiving meals, please call 687-2262 for details. Pictured is Charles Svalen and Russ Horacek with Laura Perkerwicz (left) and Kira Hallof (right).



The crew from the Ultima Bank Minnesota's Winger branch helped out the Winger Lions Club with their ditch clean up efforts. Many bags of trash are now out of the ditches. It was a beautiful day and it was great that the two organizations banded together to provide such an important community service.



McIntosh Senior Living was the first place vote getter at the Harvest Festival light pole decorating contest. They received \$50 from the McIntosh community club. Congratulations MSL! Pictured is Sharlene Knutson, Tina Chaput and Erin Greendahl.



The Clubhouse Childcare Center took home runner up in the McIntosh harvest festival light pole decorating contest. They made it a true team effort with their decorations made by some of the kids. Congratulations Clubhouse!! Pictured is Nicole Cook (right) and Kelsie Sirjard (left).



The lightpole decorated by The Clubhouse Childcare Center for the contest during Harvest Festival in McIntosh.

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The winning light pole from McIntosh Senior Living during Harvest Festival in McIntosh.

Grace Lutheran Community Food Shelf news for October

As the Covid pandemic continues to raise havoc with our lives the Grace Community Food Shelf is ready to provide food assistance for those in need for another month!

The Food Shelf will be open on October 8th and October 15th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Due to our delivery schedule from the North Country Food Bank we WILL NOT have NAPS Boxes (Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors) on Thursday, October 8th so it will be imperative that eligible people pick up their NAPS box on Thursday, October 15th as this is the only day for pick up!

The Food Shelf will be open for shopping on both the 8th and the 15th.

Due to the increase in supplies from the Dept. of Agriculture we will have a very good selection of all products and in particular of meat products for both days.

The Grace Community Food Shelf is the recipient of a Polk County CARES Covid Mitigation Grant through the North



Country Food Bank. This grant will cover all our Food Bank expenses (an average of \$600 per month) for September, October, and November.

We are very thankful for receiving this grant as it will allow us to continue to keep our increased level of food distribution going to the end of the year.

Over the last three months we have been averaging monthly distribution of 2,600 pounds. We have also been the recipient of a state Covid

grant, now expended, that we used to purchase needed food items from local vendors.

At this point we have no information about a Covid Food Assistance Program (CFAP) distribution for the month of October. This could change quickly but at this time we do not have one scheduled.

The Advisory Board of the Food Shelf will meet on Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 PM in the basement of the Grace Lutheran Church. One of the major items for the agenda will be finalizing the details for the Thanksgiving Food Boxes for distribution by invitation in November.

Our Advisory Board meetings are open to the public (wearing a mask and with social distancing) and all people attending have a vote in our operation.

How to effectively and safely sanitize a car

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way people live. One readily felt effect was spending more time at home. Vehicles sat idle in driveways and even some automotive insurance providers reduced rates because people were driving much less.

Even with stay-at-home measures in place, people still need to leave their homes to stock up on essentials, such as food or medicine. In other cases, people may have been essential workers who drive for a living, including delivery drivers or health care personnel who were incapable of working from home.

Any time a person goes out in public, he or she runs the risk of contracting viruses. Bacteria and germs may reside on various surfaces, including those inside vehicles.

People want to protect themselves and now are more aware of the importance of frequently cleaning and sanitizing their cars. Keeping a vehicle safe to drive without affecting its upholstery or electronic components is paramount.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention makes a distinction between cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning refers to the removal of germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces. It does not kill germs, but can lower their numbers. Disinfecting refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. The following are some ways to deeply clean and sanitize a car.

- Wash hands. First and foremost, it is crucial to wash your hands before and after using the car. This can reduce the likelihood of growing ill because of transferred viruses or bacteria.
- Use rubbing alcohol. Solutions that contain 70 percent

alcohol are effective against many viruses and bacteria, including coronaviruses, says the CDC. Furthermore, Jeff Stout, Executive Director of Global Innovation at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors, says that, for the most part, nearly every interior surface of a vehicle can be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol. Plastic to painted chrome to imitation leather have been tested to ensure they don't degrade when exposed to pure isopropyl alcohol.

- Avoid bleach or hydrogen peroxide. While bleach and peroxide are very effective cleaners and sanitizers, they are likely to damage a car's upholstery, according to Consumer Reports.
- Use soap and water: Experts say that vigorous washing with a soap-and-water solution can be effective against many contaminants because it breaks down the protective envelope that surrounds coronaviruses and other germs to disarm them. Friction also can help to break down germ cells during cleaning.

"You want to do the best with what you have, so even soap and water can chip away at the risk," says Stephen Thomas, M.D., Chief of Infectious Diseases and Director of Global Health at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY.

- Address frequently touched surfaces. Pay attention to the steering wheel, door handles, buttons, touchscreen displays, shift lever, and more when sanitizing. Each of these items can harbor germs.

Deep-cleaning a vehicle has become a necessity since COVID-19 emerged. Frequently cleaning and sanitizing can help make vehicles safer to operate.

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Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Sept. 30: Taylor Burslie, Lonnie Schmit, Matt Schow, Heidee Smeby

Thurs. Oct. 1: Andy Marshall, Isak Sylstad, Leslie Haugen, *Calvin & Nancy Burslie

Fri. Oct. 2: John Burthwick, Noah Ostenaar, Hannah Marshall

Sat. Oct. 3: Mike Olson

Sun. Oct. 4: Jared Olson, Scot Carlson

Mon. Oct. 5: Mel Knowles, *Josh & Nicole Vettleson

Tues. Oct. 6: Matthew Voxland, Russell Sultvedt, Wayne Gustafson

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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.



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



LSS Meals Menu 687-2262

Tues, Oct. 6th - *CALL WITH CHOICE*** 687-2262**

Liver & Onions OR Chicken Fried Beef Steak - Boiled Red's - Baby Carrots - Wheat Bread - Fruit Cocktail - Milk

Wed, Oct. 7th - Crispy Baked Chicken - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy - Broccoli - Peaches - Wheat Bread - Peanut Butter Cookies - Milk

Lutheran Social Services LSS Meals is looking for a volunteer driver for delivering meals to McIntosh on Tuesday and Wednesdays each week. Please contact Laura or Kira at 218-687-2262.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor
Sun. Oct. 4 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Sun. Oct. 11: 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

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlunds
Sundays - 10:00 am. Worship Service with Sunday School following (Adult and children)
Wednesday - 7:00 pm. Bible Study

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent
Gary Johnson, Pastor
www.gosen-church.com
Face Book: Gosen Church
Fri, Oct. 2: 10:00 a.m. Telecast of the Luther League program on GVTV-30
Sun., Oct. 4: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (also on Facebook: gosenchurch and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, Oct. 6: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV-30
Wed, Oct. 7: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home

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

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Fall Farm to School virtual Field Trip series announced

Join MN Agriculture in the Classroom celebration of Farm to School Month.

The Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom (MAITC) program is partnering with Midwest Dairy to host a series of free virtual field trips during October to celebrate the connection between K-12 students and local farmers in Minnesota.

The series takes place during National Farm to School Month, offering participants a chance to celebrate the connection between students and local food, and share farm to school stories, said MAITC Education Specialist Keri Sidle.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, school might be happening a little different than usual, but it's even more important to show our gratitude to school nutrition and farmer heroes who are providing essential services," she said.

In-person classrooms, as well as students doing distance learning, are invited to

meet farmers and tour farms that provide hot dogs, lettuce, apples, vegetables, milk and more to school cafeterias.

The series takes place virtually over five dates:

Thursday, October 1, 2020: Goldenrust Farm, Eyota, MN.

Thursday, October 8, 2020: Deer Lake Orchard, Buffalo, MN.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020: Revol Greens Greenhouse, Owatonna, MN.

Thursday, October 22, 2020: New Roots Produce Farm, Moorhead, MN.

Thursday, October 29, 2020: Ahlgren Dairy Farm, Central MN.

The field trips will stream live on the MAITC YouTube channel at 10 a.m. on each tour date. More information is available at the MAITC Virtual Field Trips page.

Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom is a public/private partnership between the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and Minnesota

Know Where and When to Apply Fall Nitrogen Fertilizer

As the seasons change, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) encourages farmers and commercial applicators to know where fall nitrogen fertilizer applications are restricted.

Fall nitrogen fertilizer application is not recommended in all areas of the state due to environmental concerns or risks. Areas with coarse-textured soils or areas above fractured bedrock or karst geology are the most vulnerable to nitrate loss and groundwater contamination. As of September 1, 2020, fall nitrogen fertilizer application in these vulnerable regions is not allowed under the MDA's Groundwater Protection Rule. View a map of the vulnerable regions of the state.

In other areas of the state where fall nitrogen fertilizer application is allowed, be patient and wait for cooler conditions. Check the soil temperatures and delay fall application of anhydrous ammonia and urea fertilizer, as well as ma-

nure, until the average soil temperatures reach 50 degrees F or cooler. This helps prevent nitrogen loss, protect water quality, and ensure more nitrogen will be available for next season's crop.

To assist tracking soil temperature, the MDA provides real-time, 6-inch soil temperatures at 25 locations across the state. In addition, the MDA provides links to soil temperature from the University of Minnesota research stations and the North Dakota Ag Weather Network (NDAWN) weather stations. View the interactive map to find the current 6-inch soil temperature and the past week's history.

At cooler temperatures, the incorporated nitrogen fertilizer is less likely to be converted to water soluble nitrate. This decrease happens because the microbes in the soil that convert ammonium to nitrate are less active in cooler temperatures. Less activity and less conversion mean more ammonium will remain in the soil.

Once ammonium is converted to nitrate, it can be moved by water percolating through the soil, leaching out of the root zone. This commonly occurs in late to early spring when soils thaw.

Although the soil temperature network was established to support application of nitrogen fertilizer, it is equally useful for those applying manure in the fall. University of Minnesota Extension recommends the same temperature delay (6-inch soil temperature below 50 degrees F) to prevent leaching losses. Research from the University of Minnesota showed liquid dairy and hog manure injected in November produced yields 10 bushels per acre higher than manure injected in September and October.

For more information on the Six-inch Soil Temperature Network visit: www.mda.state.mn.us/soiltemp

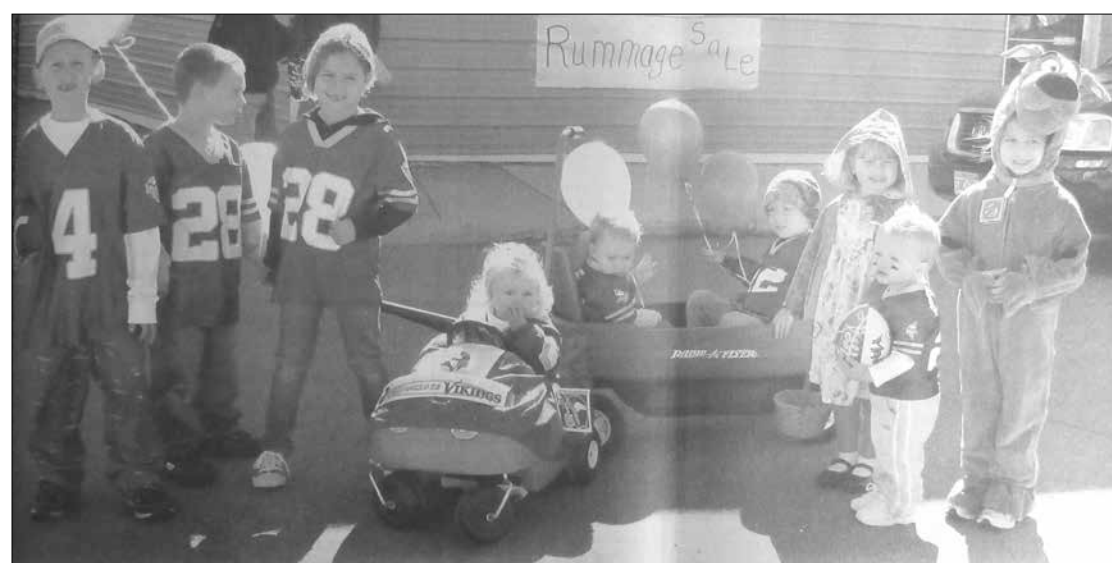
For more information on the Groundwater Protection Rule visit: www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr



The winning pumpkins during the Harvest Festival in McIntosh Pumpkin Decorating contest.



All of the pumpkins entered in the Pumpkin Decorating Contest during Harvest Festival in McIntosh.



10 years ago...2010: The Kiddie Parade was held September 18th during Craft and Market Days in McIntosh. Each participant received \$5 in Thrift Bucks which can be used anywhere in McIntosh. Participants were Dylan Roy, Hank Altepeter, Haley Sander, Kalli Roy, Cora Altepeter, Brayden Sander, Ella Strom, Emily Strom, and Kolten Schow.



50 years ago...1970: The McIntosh Scots, after dumping Gonvick last week, go into their final three games undefeated in the Tri-County conference. The squad, with nine seniors is pictured here along with their coaches and student managers. In the front row are Craig Helling, Mike Olson, Bruce Grundyson, Jimmy Lee, Bruce Haaven, Bill Senn, Calvin Burslie, Doug Sorvig, Lonnye Helgaas, Danny Solie, Les Bly and Paul Jore. In the back row are Cary John, Coach Ken Young, Kevin Nascene, Andy Nelson, Greg Anderson, Steve Carlson, Kevin Tranby, Terry Haaven, Gordon Ostenna, Dale Tangen, John Helgaas, Nate Anderson and Assistant coach Rich Holen.

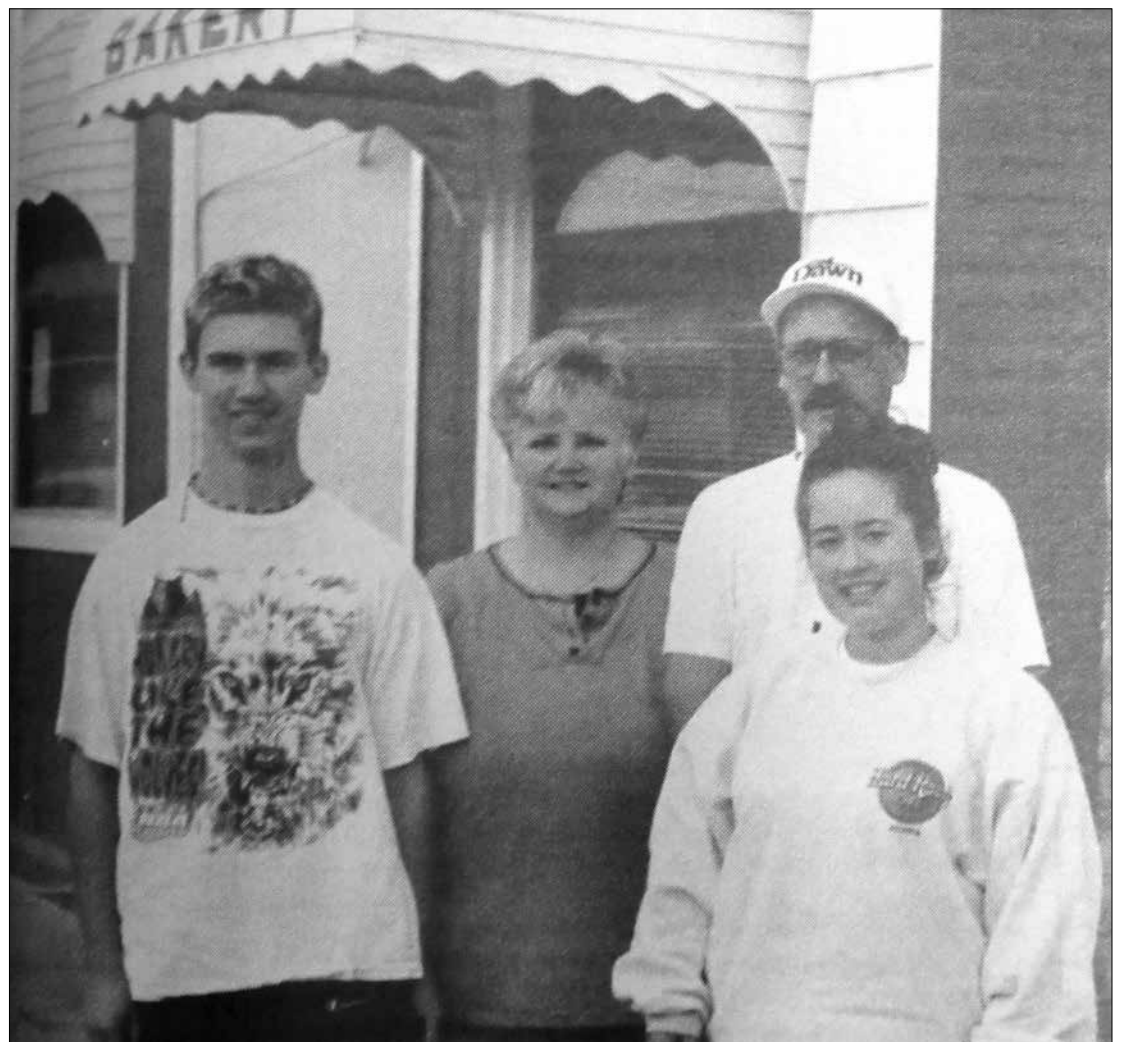
Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation that provides free curriculum, educational resources, grants, outreach, and professional development opportunities to increase agricultural literacy through K-12 education.



40 years ago...1980: Now that's a heap of pumpkin pies and jack-o-lanterns for Halloween! Kris Burslie is displaying his 70 and 80 pound pumpkins grown in the family garden near Craig and Marcy Burslie's home in McIntosh. The weight of the five pumpkins adds up to 275 pounds. They were grown from a special variety of seed for 100 lb. pumpkins, purchased at Hartz Store.



30 years ago...1990: Linemen on the Win-E-Mac nine-man football team are: (back, L-R) Martin Knauf, Shane Voxland, Ryan Tangen, Tony Gustafson, Jason Carlson, Arvid Teneffoss, John Nelson, Robby Roed, Mickki Johnson. Not present for photo: Shane Erickson.



20 years ago...2000: The Schimanski family will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the McIntosh Bakery under Schimanski ownership on Saturday, September 16th. The business was purchased by Scott and Karen Schimanski from Howard in 1984, and Scott's children Kayla and Skyler have become very involved in the business.

2020 Harvest Festival Pumpkin Decorating Contest entries



Breelyn Hegre - Age 8



Charlie Subbert - Age 5



Clara Kolden & Chloe Howard - Ages 12



Ella Subbert - Age 11



Iris Howard - Age 8



Madelynn Arnesen - Age 11



Macey Lee - Age 5



Rosie Subbert - Age 7



Silas Lee - Age 7



WEM School Announcements

Pictures for the red group of High school and PRE-K will be on Monday, OCTOBER 5th starting at 12:30 p.m. Please remember that we do not have change in the office for your pictures, please make sure that you bring exact change or write a check.

Sports pictures will also be taken on Monday, October 5th starting after school. Picture forms may be picked up in the office on the front counter.

Drivers Education Classroom instruction will begin on Monday, October 19th from 3:15-6:00 p.m. in Mr. Ian Hanson's room. The dates of the class are October 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30 November 2, 3 and the 5th will be a make-up day. Students are expected to complete 30 hours of required instruction. Cost is \$160 and should be sent in with the registration form by Wednesday, October 14th. Students enrolled in Drivers Education need to be 15 years old by June 1. Notice that there will be no classes on Wednesdays. Students will follow their usual

RED/BLUE days of school. When it is your day to be in school you will be in person for the classroom portion. When it is your day to be home, you will join through zoom. Please pick up forms in the office.

Volleyball practice:
September 14th- October 2nd.
7th & 8th Grades: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3:30pm-5:30pm.
9th-12th Grades: Monday-Thursday 5:30pm-7:30pm.
Please bring your own face masks and water bottle to practice.

Locker rooms will be open for changing purposes (before practice), nothing will be stored in them at this point.

7th graders need to have a sports physical on file with the school before participating in practice.

We understand that some junior high students will not be able to attend practice on the days that they are home during hybrid learning and cannot get a ride to practice

Football practice:
September 14th – October 2nd.
9th-12th Grades: Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00pm, intrasquad scrimmage Oct. 2, 7:00pm.

Weight Lifting: Contact Aaron Cook (acook@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us) for your pod information.

Make sure to have your face mask (gaiter) and your water bottle. Locker rooms will be open for changing before practice only.

Did you know?
Large school buses are not equipped with seat belts, but that doesn't compromise their ability to transport students safely to and from school. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that school buses are designed differently than passenger cars and light trucks.

As a result of their unique design, as well as their size and weight, school buses distribute crash forces differently from other vehicles, utilizing a different kind of safety restraint system that is effective at keeping passengers safe.

This system is known as "compartmentalization." The NHTSA says the interiors of large buses protect children without seat belts because of closely spaced seats that have energy-absorbing seat backs.

This compartmentalization will keep children from being forced out of their seats during an impact.

However, in the United States, small school buses, or those with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, must be equipped with lap or lap/shoulder belts in all seating positions



Wear a mask in public spaces.



Get tested if you have any symptoms.



Answer if your health department calls.



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Polk County Board Minutes

AUGUST 18, 2020
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 o'clock a.m., August 18, 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: Valerie Bjerk, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA
A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the August 18, 2020 agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA.
A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the consent agenda for August 18, 2020:

1. Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Revenue Fund, \$116,784.40; Public Works Fund, \$236,290.50 Public Safety Fund, \$32,806.01; Public Health Fund, \$18,825.12; Forfeited Tax Sale Fund,\$2,092.88; CAP Grant Project, \$2,236.00;Speical Assesment (Ditch) Fund,\$5,066.50; Environmental Services Fund, \$51,516.63; Resource Recovery Fund, \$79,187.03; Landfill Fund, \$91,847.34; Per Diems, \$900.00; Meal Reimbursement (without overnight lodging), \$16.18 and Sign Audit List.
2. Approve the July 21, July 28, and August 4, 2020 Board minutes.
3. Approve payment to US Bank, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$41,141.37 for procurement card purchases.
4. Approve for payment Lost Warrant No. 47415 dated May 22, 2020 issued to PPC Industries in the amount of \$276.34.
5. Approve for payment Lost Warrant No. 536899 dated May 22, 2020 issued to Regional Sanitation in the amount of \$190.20.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER ISSUE FORUM
1. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth that he attended a Maple Lake Improvement Association meeting with discussion pertaining to the East Shore lights and parking lot. He also attended a Dancing Sky meeting where discussion was held regarding COVID-19 funds.

2. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended a Tri-County Community Corrections meeting with discussion pertaining to jail and Juvenile Center occupancy costs, along with per diem rates being increased. It was also discussed that Unique Security at the jail will be reducing their trips per year. He also attended a Building Committee meeting regarding the East Grand Forks Human Service Center remodeling project to be completed approximately mid October 2020.

3. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended a Public Safety meeting – budget items were discussed. Discussion was also held regarding Tri-Valley housing. Primary Election/Canvas statistics were also discussed.

4. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended Radio Talk/Fosston, she also attended a Wild Rice Marsh River Watershed meeting – decision was to go with the MOU operation for the One Watershed, One Plan with a 60-day comment period. She also attended an EAP Advisory meeting where cleanup programs were discussed. A call was also received from a township supervisor regarding golf cart ordinance.

5. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth that he attended an MCIT meeting. Discussion took place regarding

re-insurance and MCIT reinsurance percentage payment. A discussion also took place regarding the Fair Boards/Workman's Compensation.

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

1. Polk County Facilities/Enterprise Vehicle Leases
Discussion along with handouts pertaining to the Proposed Open-End Lease Rate Quote for one 2021 Chevrolet Silverado, Polk County Facilities Management Department Vehicle List, 2020 Facilities/Enterprise Lease Expense, the 2020 Fleet Services Lease Expense and the Proposed Traverse Lease Expense Lease Rate quote was also presented to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to move forward with the proposed additional 2021 lease expense not to exceed \$1,012.10 per month. (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

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

1. Post To Hire Vacant Clerk Typist Cashier III Position
Due to a resignation a motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve posting and hiring a Clerk Typist Cashier III position in the Sheriff's Office.

2. Resolution (2020-70) Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Skylar Berg
Resolution Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Skylar Berg
RESOLUTION (2020-70)
The following resolution (2020-70) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

WHEREAS, Skylar Berg has made a financial donation of \$252.00 to support the Polk County K9 Program 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 the Polk County K9 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:
The financial donations from Skylar Berg, which is listed above, hereby are accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and used for Polk County K9 Program.

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

3. Resolution (2020-71) Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Bremer Bank, Crookston
Resolution Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Sheriff's Office From Bremer Bank, Crookston
RESOLUTION (2020-71)
The following resolution (2020-71) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

WHEREAS, Bremer Bank of Crookston has made a financial donation of \$500.00 to support the Polk County K9 Program 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 the Polk County K9 Program.

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

Bremer Bank, which is listed above, hereby are accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Polk County Sheriff's Office and used for Polk County K9 Program.

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

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

1. Advertisement and Hiring a Roster Nurse Position
A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve advertising and posting for a Roster Nurse position (up to 150 hours per year) within Polk County Public Health.

2. Altru Physician Collaborative Agreement

The Altru Health System Agreement for Independent Contracted Services between Polk County Public Health and Altru Health System was presented and discussed with the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Nurse Practitioner Collaborating Physician Agreement for initial 2080 hours with Altru Health System. (Agreement on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. UMC Services Agreement

The University of Minnesota Business Associate Agreement between the Regents of the University of Minnesota and through its Crookston Campus ("University") and Polk County Public Health ("Business Associate") was presented and discussed with the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to enter into a Business Associate Agreement with the University of Minnesota Crookston. Request for Polk County Public Health to provide 15-20 hours per week of Health Services support to the University of Minnesota Crookston for August – October 2020 while they are refilling their Health Services position. The contracted rate to be \$50.00 per hour. (Agreement on file in the Administrator's Office)

4. COVID Update
Discussion pertaining to COVID-19 was held with the Board regarding a situational update schools pertaining to a 14 Case Rate/Data and Safe Learning Plans. Long Term Care – Visitation Guidance was also discussed with the Board.

EAST POLK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Rachel Klein, East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District Manager came before the Board with matters pertaining to the East Polk SWCD:

1. 2021 East Polk SWCD Budget

The 2021 East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District Budget was discussed and presented to the Board. (Budget on file in the Administrator's Office)

2. Draft MOA Planning Phase

The Draft Memorandum of Agreement Planning Phase was discussed and presented to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve and sign the MOA Agreement as presented to the Board. (MOA on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. East Polk SWCD Program Update 2020
The East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District Program Update for 2020 was discussed and presented to the Board. (Program Update on file in the Administrator's Office)

4. WASCOB (Water and Sediment Control Basin) Projects in East Polk 2011-2019
The WASCOB Projects in East Polk 2011-2019 was discussed and presented to the Board. (WASCOB handout on file in the Administrator's Office)

RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)
Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

Tammy Frohlich, RSVP came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Program:

1. RSVP Programming

Discussion along with handouts pertaining to the 2019 – 2020 RSVP Outcomes, From the Kitchen of RSVP and Wellness Way RSVP of the Red River Valley/Staying Safe and Well were presented to the Board regarding Retired & Senior Volunteer Program. (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

NORTHWEST MINNESOTA MULTI-COUNTY HRA

Charity Brault, Executive Director, Mark Finstad, HRA Board Vice Chair and Heather Harboit, HRA Financial Manager of the NW Minnesota Multi-County HRA came before the Board with matters pertaining to the HRA:

1. Housing & Redevelopment 2020 Levy & Program Review

Discussion and handouts pertaining to the Housing and Redevelopment 2020 Levy & Program Review was presented to the Board. (Handouts on file in the Administrator's Office)

HIGHWAY

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

1. CD 55 Title Replacement

Drain tile on County Ditch No. 55 collapsed as part of the 2019 flood. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve purchasing 48' x 1060 feet RCP and 2 aprons from Forterra Concrete, Hawley, MN in the amount of \$112,581.00.

2. Polk County/Columbia Township Cooperative Contract

The Polk County Department of Highways Agency Contract with the Township of Columbia was discussed and presented to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Agency Contract between Polk County and Columbia Township and have the Polk County Administrator, Polk County Chair and the Polk County Attorney sign the Contract. (Contract on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. Motor Grader Rental Quotes

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to award the motor grader rental quote to RDO Equipment, Grand Forks, ND at a base quote of \$5,610.00 per month for 6 months with a total usage not to exceed 500 hours. If 500 hours are exceeded the rate of the overtime hours is \$40.00 per hour.

4. Polk County Wisdeth Agreement

Polk County has been requested to be the lead agency in replacing Bridge L7619 over the BNSF Railroad Tracks in Columbia Township. The Confirmation of Request for Engineering Services Agreement was discussed and presented to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve contracting with Wisdeth for the Columbia Township Bridge Replacement Design and have the Polk County Engineer sign the Agreement. (Agreement on file in the Administrator's Office)

REVISED AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Willhite to revise the agenda adding No. 5 under Richard Sanders.

5. "County Ditch 111 – Minor Alteration to CD 111 Public Hearing Rescinded

MNDOT is doing a construction project on TH 2 between Mentor and TH 32. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to rescind the motion from the August 4, 2020 Board meeting setting the hearing date for August 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to review work as proposed by MNDOT as this Hearing is no longer needed.

ADMINISTRATION

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

1. Filling Administrative Assistant I Vacancy (TPSC – Assessor)

Due to a retirement of an Administrative Assistant I position in the Tax Payer Service Center/Assessor a motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to authorize posting, advertising and filling the Administrative Assistant I position and any subsequent internal vacancies occurring as a result of this action.

2. Approval of Social Services AFSCME Local 1353 Collective Bargaining Agreement

The first Collective Bargaining Agreement between Polk County and Local 1353 Minnesota Council 65 AFSCME representing Polk County Social Services Department commencing January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021 and the MOU between Polk County and Local 1353 (Polk County Social Services) was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Polk County Social Services AFSCME Agreement as presented. (Agreement on file in the Administrator's Office)

3. CARES Funds Status

Discussion was held with the Board regarding status of the CARES Funds.

4. 2021 Budget:

a. Appropriations Requests

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the 2021 appropriation requests.

b. Review of Preliminary Levy Options

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the 2021 preliminary levy options.

**COMMISSIONER WARRANTS
DATED 08/21/2020
APPROVED 08/18/2020**

Vendor Name	Amount
Acme Tools - Grand Forks	2,396.89
Altru Health System	2,420.00
American Solutions For Business	3,838.50
Ameripride Linen & Apparel Service	3,035.26
Architectural Resources Inc	3,670.00
Association for Nonsmokers- MN	4,500.00
Beltrami Industrial Services	26,267.28
Bert's Truck Equip Of Moorhead	12,135.28
Building Systems Corporation	9,153.00
Central States Wire Products Inc	2,955.88
Church & Dwight Co Inc	9,245.74
Code 4 Services Inc	2,756.08
Crookston Fuel Company	3,732.70
Donarski Brothers Inc	69,568.96
Government Mgmt Group Inc	5,000.00
GP Excavating LLC	3,640.00
J & S Gravel Inc	14,366.42
John Deere Financial	2,132.75
Kurita America Inc	8,521.85
Mayo Manufacturing Co	2,660.12
MCCC MI 33	6,655.00
Morris Electronics Inc	11,397.86
Northdale Oil Inc	2,143.58
Palmer Masonry & Concrete	21,860.01
Pemberton Law PLLP	5,399.50
Peterson Sheet Metal Inc	2,174.67
Polk County Highway Department	3,566.07
Polk County Highway Department	62,291.96
Premier Specialty Vehicles Inc	3,000.00
Productivity Plus Account	4,808.31
Regents Of The Univ Of Mn	3,363.04
RJ Zavoral & Sons Inc	64,653.50
Schulz Carpeting	5,720.00
SeaChange Printing & Marketing	26,591.65
THE TRAILER CONNECTION	6,205.00
Thygeson Construction Co	21,617.60
Titan Machinery	2,738.75
True North Steel	48,028.52
Urt Llc	3,385.26
US Bank Voyager Fleet Sys	3,890.88
Wenck Associates Inc	9,009.00
Wenck Associates Inc	2,236.00

With no further business the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., August 25, 2020.

Gary Willhite, Chair ATTEST:	Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator Clerk of the Board
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AUGUST 25, 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., August 25, 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 Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the August 25, 2020 agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the August 25, 2020 consent agenda.

1. Approve for payment Lost Warrant No. 536895 dated May 22, 2020 issued to R&S Northeast, LLC in the amount of \$214.00.

2. Approve for payment Lost Warrant No. 533931 dated February 11, 2020 issued to Norman-Mahnomen Public Health in the amount of \$15,005.43.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS ISSUE FORUM

1. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth that he attended the Union Lake Sarah Improvement District meeting where Blue Algae on Lake Sarah was the focus. Discussion was brought forth regarding a concerned Maple Lake resident Fern Letnes. He also participated in the Northwestern Mental Health Center Board meeting where the focus was finances and Polk County representation on the Northwestern Mental

Health Center Board.

2. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended the MPO and the Polk County Building Committee meeting.

3. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he participated in the Polk County Building Committee meeting. He also participated in a LARL meeting where the focus was 2021 budgeting. Discussion was brought forth regarding the potential financial software package and implementation during the Polk County Finance meeting.

4. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended the Household Hazardous Waste meeting where the 2021 budget was approved. She also had the DAC annual meeting in addition to a DAC regular meeting where the focus was the resignation of the Director in addition to finances. She also attended the Union Lake Sarah annual meeting and a Polk County Finance meeting. In addition she also did a presentation regarding cares funding for AMC.

5. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth that he participated in the Northwestern Mental Health Center meeting.

REVISED AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the revised August 25, 2020 agenda adding Greg Widseth, County Attorney.

***COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Greg Widseth, Polk County Attorney came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Appeal of County Ditch 39 and the service of the Polk County Auditor.

SHERIFF

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

1. Monthly Sheriff Reports
The July Monthly Sheriff Reports were discussed and presented to

the Board. (Monthly reports on file in the Administrator's Office)

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

1. CY 2021 Internal MSW Tip Fee

Polk County uses a variety of revenue sources to fund Solid Waste operations at its Regional Solid Waste facilities at the Landfill Complex (LF) near Gentilly, Mn and Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) in Fosston, MN. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the continuation of the existing Internal MSW Tip Fee of \$25.00/ton for CY 2021 going forward until otherwise approved changes are made by the Board.

2. CY 2021 Market Price

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the CY 2021 Market Price.

a. Addenda 1 – Worksheet

Discussion along with a breakdown of costs worksheet was presented to the Board. (Worksheet on file in the Administrator's Office)

b. Addenda 2 – Resolution (2020-76) Polk County 2021 Market Price

RESOLUTION (2020-76) Polk County 2021 Market Price
The following resolution (2020-76) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

WHEREAS, MS 297H.02 requires certain political subdivisions to identify by Resolution a Market Price for solid waste management tax purposes if the political subdivision subsidizes the cost of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) disposal at a facility, or directly bills for organized collection of MSW on property tax statements; and

WHEREAS, The political subdivision will be liable for any Solid

Waste Management Tax (SWMT) based only on the Market Price identified by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Market Price is defined in the State Statute as the "lowest price available in the area"; and

WHEREAS, The County of Polk declares the Market Price for all MSW generated in Polk County during CY2021 to be \$28.50 per ton, based upon the lowest price available in the area. Polk County's identified Market Price includes both the cost per ton-mile for transportation and the cost per ton for disposal, assuming disposal at the Gentilly Landfill. All costs were calculated using current hauling and tip fee rates offered in the region.

Commissioner Lee seconded the

Polk County Partnerships	Earmarked
Tri-County Community Corrections	\$100,000
East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District	\$10,000
West Polk Soil & Water Conservation District	\$10,000
Northwest MN Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority	\$140,000
Polk County DAC	\$100,000
Fosston DAC	\$25,000
ODC	\$25,000
PC Social Services Elderly Home Care (2) Vendors	\$40,000

3. Utilizing Polk County relationships with its cities and townships, Polk County shall utilize its allocation of CARES funding to recover COVID-19 related costs of operations changes due to the virus, including acquisition of personnel protective equipment, enhanced sanitary and cleaning supplies

Small Business Relief	Earmarked
City of Crookston	\$250,000
City of East Grand Forks	\$250,000
City of Fosston	\$150,000
Rest of County's cities and townships	\$125,000

4. Polk County shall utilized its allocation of CARES funding to recover COVID-19 related costs of operations changes due to the virus, including acquisition of personnel protective equipment, enhanced sanitary and cleaning supplies

WHEREAS, Local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of

the local road systems, and

WHEREAS, The State's support for the replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges continues to be cru-

The following resolution (2020-72) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

WHEREAS, Polk County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by local citizenry and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Polk County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

WHEREAS, Polk County has determined that the following deficient bridges on the County State Aid Highway, County Road and Township systems are a high priority and require replacement or rehabilitation and

Small Business Relief	Earmarked
City of Crookston	\$250,000
City of East Grand Forks	\$250,000
City of Fosston	\$150,000
Rest of County's cities and townships	\$125,000

cial to maintaining the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the county and townships to proceed with the replacement or rehabilitation

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bilitation of the high priority deficient bridges described above; and

WHEREAS, Polk County intends to proceed with replacement or rehabilitation of these bridges as soon as possible when Funds are available.

FURTHERMORE, Polk County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

FURTHERMORE, Polk County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Polk County commits that it will proceed with the design and contract documents for these bridges immediately after being notified that funds are available in order to permit construction to take place within one year of notification.

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

2. County Ditch 111 Maintenance Request

MnDOT is doing a construction project on TH 2 between Mentor and TH 32. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the work in CD 11 and name Richard Sanders as Engineer over the project.

3. Approve Detour Agreement No. 1044641

Discussion along with handouts and the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and Polk County Detour Agreement for Trunk Highway No. 2 (at TH 32 Intersection) Detour Agreement No. 1044641 was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Detour Agreement as presented. (Handouts and Detour Agreement on file in the Administrator's Office)

4. Approve Resolution (2020-73) MnDOT Agreement No. 1044641 With The State Of MN Department Of Transportation

RESOLUTION (2020-73)

MnDOT Agreement No. 1044641

With The State Of MN Department Of Transportation

The following resolution (2020-73) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

IT IS RESOLVED, That Polk County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1044641 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 49, County State Aid Highway No. 12, County State Aid Highway No. 12 and County State Aid Highway No. 41 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 2 from 0.84 Mi West of Trunk Highway 32 to 1.04 Miles East of Trunk Highway 59 under State Project No. 6004-26 (T.H. 2 = 008).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Polk County Administrator and the Polk County Chair are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

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

5. Approve Detour Agreement No. 1044642

Discussion along with handouts and the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation and Polk County Detour Agreement for Trunk Highway No. 59 Detour Agreement No. 1044642 was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted

by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Detour Agreement as presented. (Handouts and Detour Agreement on file in the Administrator's Office)

6. Approve Resolution (2020-74) MnDOT Agreement 1044642 With The State Of MN Department Of Transportation

RESOLUTION (2020-74)

MnDOT Agreement No. 1044642

With The State Of MN Department Of Transportation

The following resolution (2020-74) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

IT IS RESOLVED, That Polk County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1044642 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 1 and County State Aid Highway No. 8 as detour routes during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 59 from 0.8 miles north of Sand Hill River to 477 Feet south of Trunk Highway 2 under State Project No.6008-17 (T.H. 59 = 030).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Polk County Administrator and the Polk County Chair are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

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

7. Polk County Highway Funding Options

Polk County Highway funding options were discussed with the Board.

a. Local Options Sales Tax

Discussion was held with the Board regarding increasing the Polk County Local Option Sales Tax to 0.5% from 0.25%. No action taken.

b. Wheelage Tax

Discussion was held with the Board regarding enacting a \$20.00 Wheelage Tax for transportation purposes. No action taken.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Karen Warmack, Social Services Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Social Worker – Child Protection Specialist (CPS) Replacement Request

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to refill the Child Protection Specialist (CPS), and any internal subsequent position vacancies occurring because of this action.

2. Accounting Edition of Case-works

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve purchasing the Accounting Edition of Caseworks and ongoing support from Next Chapter Technology for 2020 in the amount of \$65,363.00 after federal participation of \$43,793.00.

ADMINISTRATION

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

1. Resolution (2020-75) Of The Polk County Board Of Commissioners Dedicating CARES Funds For Polk County Community Outreach Resources And Service Providers To Respond To The COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

RESOLUTION (2020-75)

Resolution Of The Polk County Board Of Commissioners

Dedicating CARES Funds For Polk County Community Outreach Resources And Service Providers To Respond To

The COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

The following resolution (2020-75) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, In March 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued a series of Emergency Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic which closed public and private schools, closed bars, restaurants, and other places of accommodation and generally required Minnesotans to stay at home; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order 20-15 recognizes that the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic will result, either directly or indirectly, in the closure of many of Minnesota's small businesses, increased public health demands and related assistance needs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to mitigate the economic and public health distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to provide funding to States and local governments to cover costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Guidance issued by the federal government provides that CARES Act funding is intended to cover a variety of costs incurred by State and local governments in responding to and mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 public health crisis, including expenses to enable compliance with public health measures such as facilitating distance learning and improving telework capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Polk County finds that in addition to impacting the health and safety of residents, the unprecedented economic environment created by the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in numerous business and social support service shutdowns, income loss, and unemployment in the County; and

WHEREAS, Although the State of Minnesota is currently allowing businesses to reopen under certain limited conditions, Polk County recognizes that additional community support is needed to allow residents to begin to return to work and school under public health guidance and protocols; and

WHEREAS, Polk County further recognizes that there are many obstacles residents face in obtaining necessary housing, food, child-care, telework and distance learning capabilities and general access to health services during the COVID-19 public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, The County desires to collaborate with community support organizations to help meet the needs of all Polk County residents during the COVID-19 public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Polk County seeks to use CARES funds following guidance from the United States Treasury entitled "Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions" and its periodic updates to apply CARES funds to eligible COVID-19 expenses and attached to as Exhibit A.

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

1. Utilizing its Public Health partnership, Polk County shall utilize its allocation of CARES funding to provide necessary community support and resources, either directly or through grants and/or loans to non-profit organizations based in Polk County, to meet the needs of residents in obtaining or maintaining safe housing, food, elderly and vulnerable populations, education, and access to health and mental health services. A minimum \$775,000 of federal funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund shall be made available for this initiative utilizing the following Polk County Public Health partnerships and administered by the Polk County Public Health Department:

4. Polk County shall utilized its allocation of CARES funding to recover COVID-19 related costs of operations changes due to the virus, including acquisition of personnel protective equipment, enhanced sanitary and cleaning supplies acquisition, social distancing modifications to workplace and building environments, telecommuting costs and personnel costs resulting from time incurred for adjusting to, working on and servicing COVID-19 related initiatives, programs and work place adjustments. A minimum of \$2,000,000 of federal funding the Coronavirus Relief Fund shall be utilized by Polk County to recover these costs and expenses.

County Administration is authorized to proceed and implement the distribution, accounting of and approvals required for the COVID-19 related community support pursuant to this Resolution and relevant guidelines to be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

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. 2021 Budget Status

The 2021 Budget Status was discussed with the Board.

a. Summary Budget

The budget summary was discussed with the Board.

b. Personnel

Personnel matters were discussed with the Board.

With no further business the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., September 1, 2020.

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

SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., September 16, 2020 at Environmental Services, 320 Ingersoll Avenue, Crookston, MN the Commissioners Room, Government Center, Crookston, MN. Members present: Commissioner Gerald Jacobson, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee, Commissioner Don Diedrich and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Other present: Michelle Cote, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

REVISED AGENDA

The McIntosh Times Wednesday, September 30, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the revised agenda for September 16, 2020 adding 2020 General Election Canvassing Date under Michelle Cote/Property Records.

2021 DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEWS

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the 2021 Department Budgets following up from the September 15, 2020 meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH

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

1. Review of 2021 Public Health Department Budgets

The 2021 Public Health Department budgets were reviewed and discussed with the Board.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Andrew Larson, Tri-County Community Corrections Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Review of 2021 Tri-County Community Corrections Department Budget

The 2021 Tri-County Community Corrections budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

MIS

Evan Bruggeman, MIS Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Review of 2021 Management Information Systems Department Budget

The 2021 Management Information Systems Department (MIS) budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Alecia Helms, Human Resources Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Review of 2021 Human Resources Department Budget

The 2021 Human Resources budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Strandell entered the Board meeting.

SHERIFF

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

1. Review of 2021 Sheriff's Department Budgets

The 2021 Sheriff's Department budgets were reviewed and discussed with the Board.

TAX PAYER SERVICE CENTER

Michelle Cote, Property Records Director came before the Board with

matters pertaining to her department:

1. *2020 General Election Canvassing Date

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to move the date of the 2020 General Election to Friday November 13, 2020, 10:00 a.m., at the Polk County Environmental Services/Transfer Station building.

2. Review of 2021 Tax Payer Service Center Department Budgets

The 2021 Tax Payer Service Center budgets were reviewed and discussed with the Board.

Lisa Loegering, Extension Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Extension Office:

3. Extension Budget Request

The 2021 Extension budget was reviewed and discussed with the Board.

FINANCE

Ron Denison, Finance Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Review of 2021 Finance Department Budgets

The 2021 Finance budgets were reviewed and discussed with the Board.

ADMINISTRATION

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

1. Budget Summary and Review

Discussion regarding the budget summary along with reviewing the 2021 budgets was held with the Board.

2. Draft Resolution (2020-XX) Setting the Preliminary 2021 Preliminary Property Tax Levy

The Draft Resolution (2020-XX) Setting the Preliminary 2021 Preliminary Property Tax Levy was reviewed and discussed with the Board. The Board had no consensus agreed to for a preliminary levy in this draft resolution and will determine at the September 22, 2020 Board meeting.

With no further business the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., September 22, 2020.

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

M28C

Hospice of the Red River Valley offers free virtual grief support programs for youth & adults

Hospice of the Red River Valley is offering free virtual educational workshops for youth and adults who have recently experienced the death of a loved one. All classes will be held virtually/online and are free and open to the public. Registration is required.

Programs for Adults Grief 101: How to Help Ourselves & Others

When grief enters our lives, our world changes. Learn the basics of grief and how to manage it in your life or help those around you. Attendees will explore the grief process, learn self-care strategies and discover ways to help others who are dealing with grief. This virtual class is free and open to the public. Registration is required one day prior to the class date.

Two class dates available:
Monday, Oct. 12 from 5:30-7 p.m. or

Monday, Nov. 2 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Journeying Through Grief

Journeying Through Grief is a free series of classes designed for those who are recently bereaved. It is intended for adults 18 years and older who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. The sessions will help you better understand the grief process, explore methods of self-care, and embrace and carry memories with you as you move forward. This series of virtual classes is free and open to the public. Registration is required one day prior to the first class date.

A series of three virtual classes held on Thursdays, Oct. 15, 22 and 29 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Programs for Youth Memory Pillows: A Virtual Grief Group Activity for Kids

Youth ages 8-16 are invited to join us for a session focused on discovering what grief is and

learning how to identify their own personal grief feelings and reactions. They will also learn the importance and benefits of keeping memories alive, as well as how to practice good self-care and positive ways to cope with grief. This class will involve group participation and discussion, and making their own memory pillow. We recommend an adult be nearby or accessible during the class to assist the child, if needed. This virtual class is free and open to the public. Registration is required by Oct. 6, so arrangements for class supply pick-up can be made.

Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Register for classes online at www.bit.ly/griefclassregistration, call (800) 237-4629 and ask for the grief support department, or email grief@hrrv.org. To view the complete class listing, visit www.hrrv.org.

CPR classes offered at RiverView Oct. 8th

RiverView Health is offering CPR classes to the public with the next classes scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8 from 6 to 10 pm.

RiverView's HeartSaver CPR AED class is offered for those needing certification. The cost of the course is \$50; this includes the HeartSaver CPR AED eCard and book. This class is 4 hours long with a test at the end of the session.

The other CPR class offered at RiverView monthly is the Friends and Family course for those that do not need certification. No test or card is issued for this course. Each participant

receives a Friends and Family CPR book. This course is free of charge thanks to the generous support of the Crookston American Legion Post 20. The course contains basic information about what to do in life-threatening situations, and is designed for participants of all ages. This class is 4 hours long.

Other class dates in 2020 are Nov. 12, and Dec. 10. All classes are held in the RiverView Home Care Building at 721 S. Minnesota Street, Crookston. Registration is required. To register or for more information, call 800-743-6551 extension 9405 or 218-

Suicide and social distancing

Suicide is a significant issue across the globe. According to SAVE (Suicide Awareness Voices of Education), nearly 800,000 people die by suicide across the globe each year, and suicide is the second leading cause of death in the world for people between the ages of 15 and 24.

Suicide poses a significant threat every year, but that threat might be even greater in 2020.

The global pandemic that resulted from the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in the winter of 2019-20 led many governments to encourage their citizens to isolate to help prevent the spread of the virus.

While such restrictions were necessary, a study published in the medical journal JAMA Psychiatry in April 2020 noted that the secondary consequences of social distancing may include an increased risk of suicide.

The researchers behind the study noted that social connections play a key role in suicide

prevention, which is why social distancing concerns so many mental health professionals.

However, the researchers also emphasized that social distancing requires physical space between people, not social distance.

By staying six feet apart and wearing masks when around friends and loved ones, individuals at risk for suicide can maintain the social connections that are so vital to their mental health.

SAVE notes that a lack of social support and a sense of isolation are a risk factor for suicide. But other factors also can increase suicide risk, and learning to recognize those risks can be especially important at a time when social distancing may be putting more people in jeopardy.

SAVE notes that risk factors do not cause or predict suicide. However, the presence of the following factors can increase the likelihood a person will consider, attempt or die by suicide.

Mental disorders, particularly mood disorders, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders and certain personality disorders; Alcohol and other substance use disorders; Hopelessness; Impulsive and/or aggressive tendencies; History of trauma or abuse; Major physical or chronic illnesses; Previous suicide attempt; Family history of suicide; Recent job or financial loss; Recent loss of relationship; Easy access to lethal means; Local clusters of suicide; Stigma associated with asking for help; Lack of health care, especially mental health and substance abuse treatment; Cultural and religious beliefs, such as the belief that suicide is a noble resolution of a personal dilemma; Exposure to others who have died by suicide (in real life or via the media and Internet)

People concerned about themselves or a loved one in crisis can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1.800.273.8255.

by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Detour Agreement as presented. (Handouts and Detour Agreement on file in the Administrator's Office)

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

1. Resolution (2020-75) Of The Polk County Board Of Commissioners Dedicating CARES Funds For Polk County Community Outreach Resources And Service Providers To Respond To The COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

RESOLUTION (2020-75)

Resolution Of The Polk County Board Of Commissioners

Dedicating CARES Funds For Polk County Community Outreach Resources And Service Providers To Respond To

The COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

The following resolution (2020-75) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, In March 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued a series of Emergency Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic which closed public and private schools, closed bars, restaurants, and other places of accommodation and generally required Minnesotans to stay at home; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order 20-15 recognizes that the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic will result, either directly or indirectly, in the closure of many of Minnesota's small businesses, increased public health demands and related assistance needs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to mitigate the economic and public health distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to provide funding to States and local governments to cover costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Guidance issued by the federal government provides that CARES Act funding is intended to cover a variety of costs incurred by State and local governments in responding to and mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 public health crisis, including expenses to enable compliance with public health measures such as facilitating distance learning and improving telework capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Polk County finds that in addition to impacting the health and safety of residents, the unprecedented economic environment created by the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in numerous business and social support service shutdowns, income loss, and unemployment in the County; and

WHEREAS, Although the State of Minnesota is currently allowing businesses to reopen under certain limited conditions, Polk County recognizes that additional community support is needed to allow residents to begin to return to work and school under public health guidance and protocols; and

WHEREAS, Polk County further recognizes that there are many obstacles residents face in obtaining necessary housing, food, child-care, telework and distance learning capabilities and general access to health services during the COVID-19 public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, The County desires to collaborate with community support organizations to help meet the needs of all Polk County residents during the COVID-19 public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Polk County seeks to use CARES funds following guidance from the United States Treasury entitled "Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions" and its periodic updates to apply CARES funds to eligible COVID-19 expenses and attached to as Exhibit A.

2. 2021 Budget Status

The 2021 Budget Status was discussed with the Board.

a. Summary Budget

The budget summary was discussed with the Board.

b. Personnel

Personnel matters were discussed with the Board.

With no further business the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., September 1, 2020.

Public Health Partnerships	Earmarked
School Districts and private schools	\$250,000
Northwest Mental Health	\$75,000
New American Integration Center	\$10,000
North Country Food Bank	\$100,000
Tri Valley	\$100,000
Inter-County	\$70,000
Migrant Health Services	\$10,000
Care N Share	\$10,000
Long-term care facilities in County (12)	\$120,000
University of Minnesota-Crookston	\$15,000
Northland Community Tech	\$15,000

2. Utilizing its Polk County Partnerships with supporting quasi-governmental service providers and Social Services support relationships, Polk County shall utilize its allocation of CARES funding to provide

support for recovering operational losses and expenses due to COVID-19 for these organizations and the populations they serve. A minimum of \$450,000 of federal funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund

shall be made available for this initiative for the following Polk County partnerships administered by Polk County Administration:

Polk County Partnerships	Earmarked
Tri-County Community Corrections	\$100,000
East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District	\$10,000
West Polk Soil & Water Conservation District	\$10,000
Northwest MN Multi-County Housing & Redevelopment Authority	\$14