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HAPPY EASTER

Community Club Easter Egg Hunt in Mac this Saturday

Spring is here and Easter is on it's way, along with a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Finally our community can get out and enjoy the sunshine and great weather that we have had this spring.

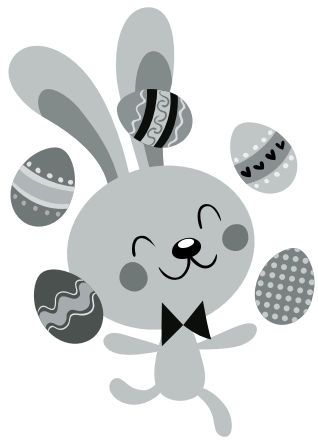
The McIntosh Community Club will host its' Annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 3rd at 2:00 pm at Erickson Park in McIntosh.

Join us for egg hunting, goodies, and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny!

Come and join the hunt with your neighbors and friends.

Get your name entered into a drawing for your chance at one of many bikes that were donated by the McIntosh Fire Department.

Watch The McIntosh Community Club Facebook page for



more information.

This event is sponsored by the McIntosh Community Club. Social Distancing guideline will be encouraged.

See you this Saturday, at 2:00 pm at Erickson Park in

McIntosh.
Happy Easter everyone.

Spring Break

Win-E-Mac Spring Break

There will be no school on Friday, April 2nd and Monday, April 5th due to Spring Break.

2021 SkyWarn virtual training sessions available through April

Polk County Emergency Management, in conjunction with the National Weather Service, will conduct virtual Skywarn training sessions.

These training sessions are beneficial for those who simply wish to become better informed, as well as those who want to be designated storm spotters. The virtual sessions will be conducted by a Warning Coordination Meteorologist from the National Weather Service.

Individuals are taught the basics of thunderstorm development, storm structure, what constitutes severe weather, and how to report this information. Additional information on severe weather safety is also covered.

This year we have scheduled 8 virtual training sessions throughout the month of April. All are an hour long and intended to be a SkyWarn Quick Refresher. We have scheduled these for Monday evenings, 7-8 pm CDT (April 5, 12, 19, 26), and Tuesday afternoons, 2-3 pm CDT (April 6, 13, 20, 27).

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Tuesday Afternoons at 2-3 pm CDT (April 6, 13, 20, 27)

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How to Sign up for a Virtual Class

1. Click the class you would



like to attend below to show the registration link, or simply click here > SkyWarn Refresher Registration

2. Complete the registration form. If more than one person will be watching, you don't need to register more than once - we'll send an email about how to register as a spotter and get your certificate after the class.

3. Once registered, you will receive an email with a link to join. Before the class, please visit the GoToWebinar System Check and try a test session to make sure your computer, tablet, or smartphone is ready to attend the class! If you do not have a strong internet connection, you will have the option to call in by phone to listen to the audio.

Why? Every county in the eastern Dakotas and western Minnesota can expect to see at least one tornado, on average, every year – and some years can see multiple such events! Every year there will be at least one devastating tornado (EF3 or greater) within a hundred miles your location. Large hail and damaging downburst wind events are even more frequent.

This SkyWarn Spotter Quick Refresh Class is designed as both an informational class for the general public, and certification training for the serious SkyWarn Spotter. The class runs about an hour in length and covers in basic terms what severe weather is, how it develops, and how severe storms generally behave. Computer graphics, slides and video clips will introduce the participants to the great variety of storm phenomena which affect the area.

For questions concerning the SkyWarn program or to find area contacts for SkyWarn Spotter groups near you, contact your local Office of Emergency Management or check the National Weather Service website at: <https://www.weather.gov/fgf/skywarn>



The Win-E-Mac Boy's Basketball team enjoyed a great season with many wins and a lot of memories. The team had many Senior's and they celebrated the final season of basketball together. Pictured are Patriot Seniors and their parents. (L-R) Bryce DuChamp with parents, Chris and Bobbi; Dylan Roy, with parents, Dean and Anita; Gavin Haskett, with parents, Maggie and Guy; Gavin Walker, with parents, Gary and Angie; Noah Ostenaar, with parents, Shawn and Tamera; Kobe Hamre, with parents, Erik and Tanya; Bryer Strom, with parents, Krissy Strom, and Mark and Danette Strom; Remy Goodwin, with parents, Jessica and Todd; Alex Jacobson, with parents, Steve and Dawn; and Reed Neubert, with parents, Aaron and Nevette.



A picture of the complete mural that was recently found in the Polk County Historical Society's museum storage.

Mystery mural found, looking for clues

This mural was found in storage in the Polk County Historical Society's museum in Crookston.

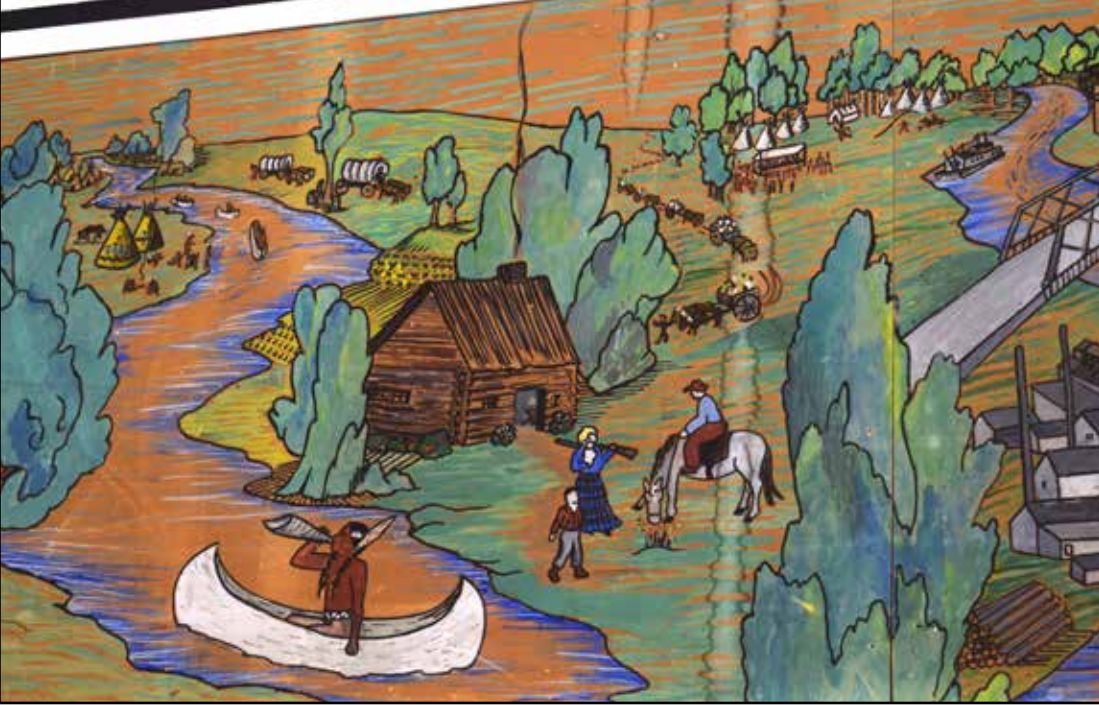
It depicts the history of Crookston from the Ice Age to presumably the 1950s. Since the flag on it has 48 stars, it was probably painted prior to 1959.

There's a river and a train of ox carts in about the center.

The former Polk County Court House and Mount St. Benedict Monastery and the dome on the Carnegie Library are visible on the far right side.

The colors are still vibrant. It appears to be tempera paint on plywood, assembled in sections to about 12 feet wide. "It's not signed or dated. We don't know who did it or when it was done or why," said PCHS President Anne Muir.

If anyone has any information on this mural or knows who painted it, they are encouraged to email Historical Society President Anne Muir at imamuir@hotmail.com or PCHS Secretary Twylla Altepeter at the Fertile Journal by calling 945-6120 or emailing fertilejournal@hwy32publishing.com.



A closer look at the portion of the mural with the ox carts coming to the river.

8 tips for dyeing Easter eggs

Coloring eggs is a beloved Easter tradition. Eggs long have been symbols of fertility and rebirth, making them fitting icons for spring.

One story links eggs to Easter as well. According to some religious scholars, Mary Magdalene, the woman who was the first person to see Jesus Christ after His resurrection, was holding a plain egg in her hand while waiting for the emperor to share the good news. The emperor then told her that Jesus' resurrection was as improbable as that egg suddenly blushing. The egg then turned red.

Many families will color eggs this Easter, and these guidelines can make the process go smoothly.

that you're not worried about staining. Also, cover work surfaces with an old tablecloth and newspapers to soak up any spills.

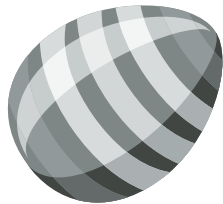


• **Make a drying rack** to ensure that eggs will dry evenly. This can be a rimmed cookie sheet lined with layers of paper towels to absorb any excess dye that runs off the eggs. Or push pins into thick foam board and place the eggs on top to allow air to circulate.

to splashing and kids dunking their fingers in to grab eggs.



• **Use electrical tape** to make patterns on Easter eggs. Dip the eggs and let dry. Afterwards, remove the tape to reveal the designs.



• **If food coloring-based dyes seem too messy**, use watercolor paint sets and allow everyone to get creative.

Dyeing eggs is an entertaining activity, but one that also may have some religious significance.

While some people may want to use Easter eggs for recipes later on, it may be safer to boil up a fresh batch of eggs for that purpose, even if it seems wasteful.

According to Emily Rubin, RD, LDN of the Thomas Jefferson University Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, "hard-boiled eggs should be refrigerated within two hours of cooking and discarded if left out for more than two hours at room temperature."

Chances are it may take two hours or more for children to find hard-boiled eggs hidden by the Easter bunny.

Brunch makes more sense than dinner since it can be eaten in early afternoon when the weather is likely to be warmer than it will be at dinnertime.

• **Host an egg hunt in the backyard.** The Easter egg hunt is one tradition that need not be sacrificed during the pandemic. Easter egg hunts traditionally take place outdoors, and children can wear masks like many are already doing when going to school or participating in sports and other extracurricular activities.

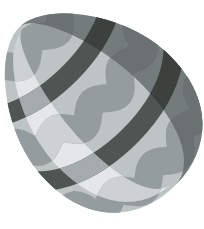
Families can embrace some old and new traditions as they celebrate Easter in the era of social distancing.

another. If the weather permits, use a projector and set it up outside so families can safely watch in the backyard. Make sure everyone wears masks and keeps their distance. If the weather is not cooperating, families can still watch Mass together, even if they're not gathered in the same space. Set up a family Zoom call via a smartphone or laptop and then ask all on the call to watch a live stream of Mass on another device.

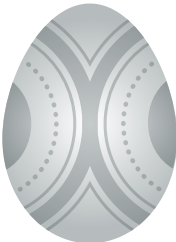
• **Take Easter brunch outside.** An outdoor brunch provides another way for families to gather this Easter without compromising their health.



• **Wait until just before coloring** to hard-boil eggs. Good Housekeeping recommends boiling eggs for 11 minutes for a hard boil. Do not chill the eggs afterward; warm eggs absorb color more effectively for more vivid results.



• **Consider using glass bowls or ceramic mugs** to house the colored dye solutions. These vessels are more sturdy than plastic cups, and less likely to be overturned by eager young hands.



• **Scissor-style tongs** are ideal tools for retrieving eggs from the dye. Eggs tend to slide off of the spoons or wire rings provided in kits, leading



• **Egg dye can stain** furniture, clothing or tablecloths. Therefore, dress in clothing

How to navigate Easter celebrations in the era of social distancing

Holidays have been celebrated differently since the outbreak of COVID-19 in late 2019. Easter was among the first major holidays to be celebrated differently in 2020, and celebrations likely won't return to normal in 2021.

Celebrations and social distancing make strange bedfellows. However, it's possible for people to safely celebrate Easter with their loved ones.

• **Watch virtual Mass together.** Though it might not be the same as attending Mass in person together as a family, watching virtual Mass together can allow families to engage with their faith alongside one

McIntosh Friends of Veteran's News

The Committee for the 2021 Memorial Day service sponsored by McIntosh Friends of Veterans is still contacting and trying to find Veterans pictures. We have been contacted by many people and they had indicated they would contact their relatives to see if they can help us out.

Following are pictures that we still are looking for:

Albert Neset, Leonard, Marcus, and Sven Norling, Russell and Delvin Onstad, Jalmer Osmonson, Howard Payne, Melvin Petterson, John Polley, Charles Reitmeier, Paul Sabourin, Richard Sannes, John Schee, Allerie Schehr, Lawrence Schmidt, Merle Schow, James Sinclair, Ernest Sinjem, Oscar Sjo, George Tenglund, Ruben William Torgerson, Lyle Vaa, Milton Vaatveit, Robert Vanderwaal, Arthur Voigt, Elmer Wardeberg, and Harold Winters.

This is the rest of the list that we are looking for. We have found contacts for some of the Veterans but are still waiting for the Veterans pictures.

Essentia Health helps launch program connecting people with free and reduced-cost services

Finding help just got easier. Essentia Health, Wilderness Health, Generations Health Care Initiatives and Stratis Health have partnered with Aunt Bertha to provide a free online platform that allows anyone to easily find and connect with local free and reduced-cost programs.

Funding for this project is supported by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota and UCare. This new platform is powered by a partnership with Aunt Bertha, an established network of nonprofits and social care providers. The program connects people to needed programs that serve them with dignity and ease. Resourceful makes it easy for people facing social needs — and those who help others — to find and make referrals to appropriate programs and services for food, shelter, health care, work, financial assistance and more.

The program connects people to services in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Resourceful assists community-based organizations with free tools designed to support their mission. The platform provides participating organizations with the ability to receive and respond to referrals.

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Sunday, April 11, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
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LSS Meals Menu 687-2262

Tues, April 6th - Baked Ham - Scalloped Potatoes - Peas - Wheat Bread - Roman Apple Cake - Milk

Wed, April 7th - Taco Burger on Bun - Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese - Corn Chips - Fruit - Pudding Cake - Milk



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

Sun. April 4: 8:00am Confession, St. Mary's, Fosston; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

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OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) McIntosh Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Service can be viewed on Sunday mornings on Garden Valley channel 30 and 9:00 and 11:15 am or on our YouTube channel "One in Spirit" on Sunday mornings starting at 7:30 am. Lenten Services are now available to watch on Garden Valley channel 30 at 4:00 and 9:00 pm every Wednesday through Easter. In-house worship services every other week with Calvary in Winger starting March 7th. Our Savior's will host the 1st and 3rd Sunday's and Calvary will host the 2nd and 4th Sunday's at 10:30 am. All Covid guidelines will be followed.

MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel: Pastor Karl Anderson

Mt Carmel and Trinity Free Lutheran Churches in McIntosh have resumed holding Sunday Services.

9:30 Trinity
11:00 Mt Carmel
Social distancing practices will be encouraged.

Video Services will continue on GVTV Channel 30 at 10am Sunday, 7pm Sunday and 6pm Wednesday.

They will also be posted on the McIntosh AFLC Parish YouTube channel

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent Gary Johnson, Pastor www.gosen-church.com Face Book: Gosen Church

Sun. April 4: 9:30am Brunch; 11:00am Easter Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)

Tues. April 6: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed. April 7: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home

Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of Highways 2& 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then 1/2 mile east on County Road 206. For information call 268-4242 or 687-3461.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH Winger/Bejou Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

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

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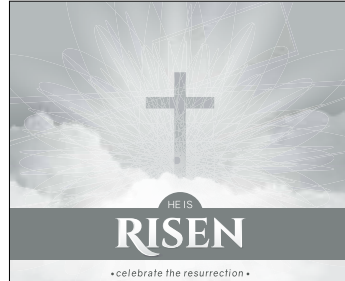
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Special meeting: Encounters with the Risen Christ

Trinity Free Lutheran Church in rural McIntosh will be hosting Special Meetings with Pastor Shane McGloughlin at 7:30 each evening Sunday through Wednesday April 11-14. He will also speak at the Sunday morning service at both Trinity and Mt Carmel. The Theme will be Encountering the Risen Christ. Following the accounts of those who met Jesus after His resurrection, we will see how Jesus brought Hope, Faith, Love, Assurance, and Grace into their lives.

Pastor Shane and his wife Paula, moved their family to North Dakota in 1999 and began attending a Lutheran church where Shane gained the desire to serve God. In seminary he gained an appreciation for God's Holy Word and confirmed the call to share God's Word in preaching and teaching. Pastor McLoughlin currently serves Bethel Free Lutheran Church in Minot, ND. The public is invited.

Social Distancing will be encouraged.



Wed. March 31:
Tom Hegre, David Kiecker, Amanda Schow, Cannon Schow

Thurs. April 1:
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Sat. April 3:
Bria Weber
Sun April 4:
Destiny Hedlund, Ella Finseth
Mon. April 5:
Levi Halstad, Earl Roed, Joan Lee
Tues. April 6:
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Anhydrous safety
should be top concern this spring

The MDA offers safety tips for those maintaining equipment and applying and transporting NH3.

Many farmers and applicators will soon be applying anhydrous ammonia (NH3) ahead of the planting season. Even with a rush against time and the weather, safety should never be compromised. Recent accidents involving anhydrous ammonia have proven how dangerous and deadly the chemical can be when not handled properly.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is providing the following tips to farmers and applicators so they can safely apply anhydrous ammonia.

Always wear appropriate goggles and gloves. Never wear contact lenses.

Be sure to have a clean, adequate emergency water supply of at least 5 gallons.

Exercise caution when making connections and disconnections as if lines contain anhydrous ammonia.

Stand upwind when connecting, disconnecting, bleeding lines, or transferring NH3. Also, close, bleed, disconnect, and secure valves and transfer lines when taking breaks or disconnecting lines, and be sure to handle hose end valves by the valve body.

Park equipment away and downwind from homes, people, and livestock.

Safety is also key to those maintaining anhydrous ammonia equipment. Never assume NH3 lines are empty, always wear proper protective equipment, and have access to safety water.

When towing a nurse tank down the road, drive sensibly. Do not go any faster than 30 miles per hour, display a slow-

moving vehicle (SVM) emblem visible from the rear, and be sure the tank is secured to the tractor or truck with two separate, independent chains that supplement the hitch pin/clip.

If an accident or spill occurs, immediately call 911 and then

Advocates/community
organizations can help
connect people with the SSA

The Social Security Administration has a long history of outreach and coordination with advocates and community-based organizations across the nation.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, continuing to work with advocates and community-based organizations is essential to reaching the country's most vulnerable populations, including individuals with low income, limited English proficiency, mental illness, or those facing homelessness.

To ensure effective outreach to these vulnerable populations who need access to agency programs, and to the advocates and organizations who can help to connect people with Social Security, the agency launched a national campaign to raise awareness of the SSI and SSDI programs and encourage people to apply. Campaign efforts include:

A new webpage, People Helping Others, at www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty, for anyone who could assist another person with accessing Social Security's programs and services;

A new outreach website, at www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/groups/vulnerable-populations.html where all partner groups can access informational materials to share through

the Minnesota Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798 or 651-649-5451.

You can find more safety, storage, and transportation information on the MDA's website at www.mda.state.mn.us/nh3.

their networks, including resources tailored to specific vulnerable populations;

An updated Faith-Based and Community Groups website at www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/groups/faithand-community.html with a new outreach toolkit and SSI and SSDI fact sheets. The agency coordinated this effort with the White House, and the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships is helping to promote these resources; and see the recently redesigned website focused on SSI for children at www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/disability/apply-child.html. TV and radio PSAs highlighting SSI for children currently are being tested in the Dallas, TX area to determine their impact.

People can apply for SSI benefits, and for other benefit programs, through a telephone appointment with the agency, even while local offices are not able to accept walk-in visitors. More people need to be made aware of the SSI program and reminded that they can call toll-free 1-800-772-1213, or their local Social Security office, to make a phone appointment to apply for SSI. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call Social Security's TTY number, 1-800-325-0778.



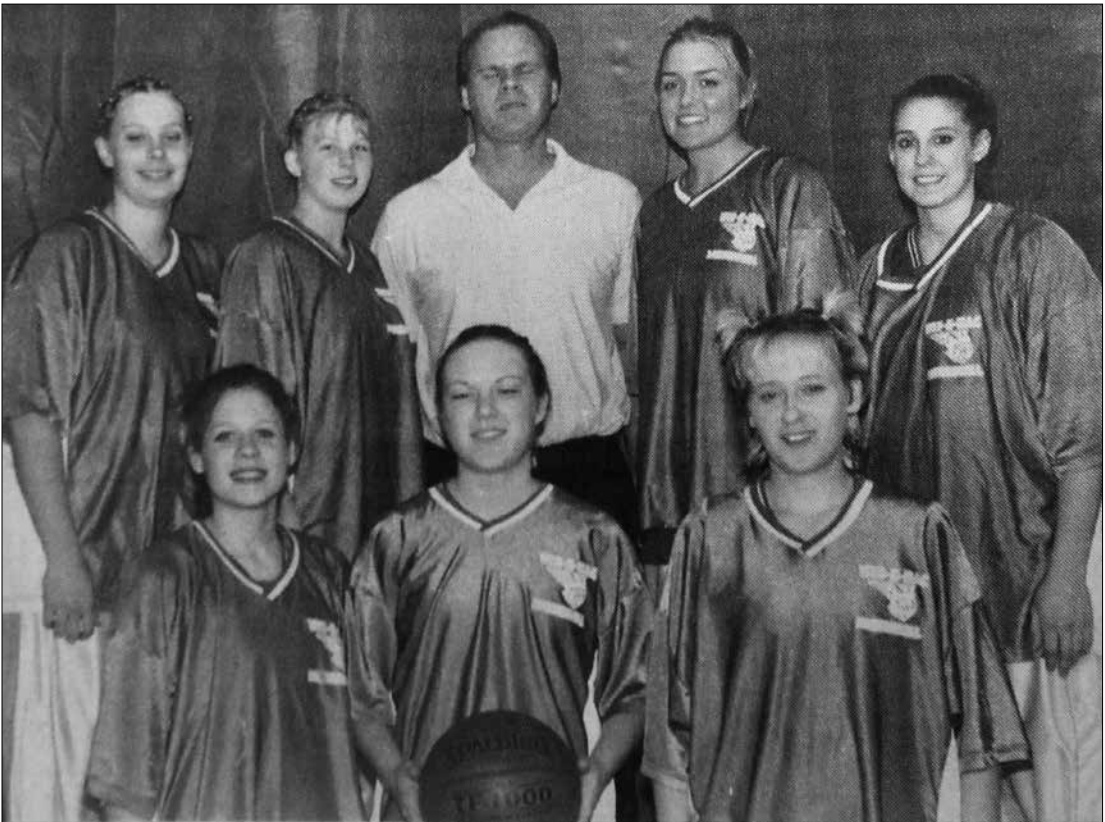
50 years ago...1971: Frank Nelson of Oklee, left in the photo, is the owner of a very old clothes iron that was heated with coal. Made in England, it has a small chimney and little draft controls in one end. Frank bought it about 10 years ago at an auction sale near Brooks for \$3.50. As an antique, it is believed to be quite valuable. Others in the photo next to Frank are Leo Johnson, Harry Hinkley, John Bakke, and Ernest Hedle.



40 years ago...1981: Shirley Klinger and Tammy Anderson, along with "Midnight" and "Gypsy", visited last week at the home of their friends, Tracy and Ann McClelland of McIntosh. Midnight and Gypsy are two horses who are owned by the Klinger's, on their farm between McIntosh and Erskine. The girls ride them into town quite frequently during the nice weather.



30 years ago...1991: Win-E-Mac Senior High students participating in the music ensemble contest were: (back) Shane Voxland, Ricky Busch, Robby Roed, Ryan Tangen, Kevin Olson, Jason Audette, Dan Vesledahl; (fourth row) Lori Bacon, Heather Baldwin, Nicole Berg, Shawn Burkman, Solveig Borud, Heather Noyes, Cam Hoas, Lana Hartel; (third) Jannica Otto, Kylie Horacek, Julie Hole, Hodi Brevik, Tina Haaven, Tiffany Haaven, Brenda Kiecker, Chris Hammer; (second row) Krissy Hoeft, Julie Wang, Tracee Holen, Heather Benbo, Shannon Haugen, Crystal Larson; (front) Melanie Rivera, Katina Bruggeman, Amber Vaughn and Cheri Roed.



20 years ago...2001: Seven Win-E-Mac seniors and Coach Donny Nelson enjoyed the Parent's Night celebration as the Lady Patriots move toward the end of their season on the home court. (back, L-r) Amber Solheim, Amy Galland, Coach Donny Nelson, Kayla Ness, Stacy Vedbraaten; (Front) Jessica Osland, Holly Jones and Brenda Fritz.



10 years ago...2011:2010 - 2011 Girls Basketball: (back, l-r) Head Coach John Eckman, Manager Roneisha Brown, Erica Handley, Kynndyl Ross, Olivia Kaster, Assistant Coach Vance Kaupang, Assistant Coach Bill Solheim; (middle) Manager Kim Boisse, Jenna Schommer, Cassie Kihne, Caitlyn Espeseth, Kylee Mandt, Molly Paquin, Manager Emily Ferden; (front) Shelby Kaster, Kjersti Haugen, Korbyn Ross, Samantha Lee and Jami Jensen.



Cub scout pack 89 was busy last weekend collecting donations for the local food shelf during the scouting for food event. Thank you to all those who donated to this very important cause. All donations were sent to our local food shelf at Grace Lutheran Church in Erskine. Scouts left to right are Henry Swanson, Breeelyn Here, Silas Lee, Macey Lee, Dean Morin, Chandler Bailey, Bridger Huschle, and Scout Jareth Walk.

Slow roast lamb for Easter Sunday dinner

Easter Sunday dinners are a tradition in many families. Though the COVID-19 pandemic forced families to alter that tradition in 2020, and could very well do so again in 2021, it's worth noting that Easter takes place in April this year.

In many areas, April weather is warm enough to enable al fresco dining, potentially opening the door for families to celebrate together in small groups.

Though this Easter might again feel unusual, families can still lean on their favorite dishes when serving Easter dinner.

Perhaps no food is more closely associated with Easter than lamb. This recipe for "Slow-roasted Shoulder of Lamb With Cumin Seeds" from

Darina Allen's "Easy Entertaining" (Kyle Cathie Limited) can make for a delicious Easter dinner.

Slow-roasted Shoulder of Lamb With Cumin Seeds
Serves 8 to 10

2 tablespoons cumin seeds
1 whole shoulder of lamb on the bone (7-8 lbs.)

Salt and freshly ground pepper

Extra virgin olive oil, for drizzling

For the cumin gravy:
1 pint homemade lamb or chicken stock (see below)

1 to 2 teaspoons cumin seeds, toasted and ground Roux (optional)

Warm the cumin seeds lightly in a pan, then crush them using a pestle and mortar. Score the skin of the meat

in a diamond pattern with a sharp knife.

Transfer to a roasting tin. Sprinkle the meat with salt, pepper and the ground cumin seeds, and drizzle with olive oil.

Roast for 6-7 hours at 275 F - this gives a delicious, juicy, succulent texture. (Alternatively, preheat the oven to 320 F and roast for 2-2 1/2 hours.) Transfer to a serving dish and leave in a warm place while you make the gravy.

To make the cumin gravy, spoon the fat off the roasting tin.

Add the stock to the remaining cooking juice. Boil for a few minutes on top of the stove, stirring and scraping the tin well to dissolve the caramelised meat juices (a small

whisk is typically ideal for this). Add the ground toasted cumin. Thicken with a little roux if you like. Taste and add salt and pepper if needed. Pass through a sieve and transfer to a gravy boat.

Carve the meat into thick slices so that everybody gets some crushed cumin seeds. Serve with the cumin gravy and crusty roast potatoes.

Note: For Lamb Roast with Coriander: Substitute coriander seeds for the cumin seeds, both for roasting the lamb and flavoring the gravy. Alternatively, use a mix of cumin and coriander seeds.

Note: A shoulder of lamb is much trickier to carve than a leg, but it's so sweet and juicy that is certainly worth the struggle.



Homemade Chicken Stock

2 to 3 raw or cooked chicken carcasses or a mixture of both
1 onion, sliced
1 leek, split in two
1 outside stick of celery (not the heart, the coarser outside stalks) or 1 lovage leaf
1 carrot, sliced
6 peppercorns
6 pints cold water
Sprig of thyme
Giblets from the chicken, i.e. neck, heart, gizzard (save

the liver for another dish)
Few parsley stalks

Chop up the carcasses as much as possible. Put all the ingredients into a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to the boil and skim the fat off the top with a tablespoon.

Simmer for 3-5 hours. Strain and remove any remaining fat. If you need a stronger flavor, boil down the liquid in an open pan to reduce the volume by one-third or one-half. Do not add salt.



WEM School Announcements

Patchwork for Kindness Quilt is being constructed by 9th graders in Family and Consumer Science class. If you wish to donate \$1 and register for winning the class quilt we'd appreciate your support. The funds raised beyond quilt costs will be given locally to an individual in need in an 'Act of Kindness'. Tickets in the teacher lounge, FCS room or from a 9th grade student.

The Win-E-Mac Junior Class has been given the go ahead to host Prom 2021 once again. (Due to COVID, Prom 2020 was cancelled)

The kids are very excited to have some normalcy back in these unprecedented times. Prom is going to look slightly different this year, but we are hoping to make it a fun and safe night once again for our youth!

The Junior Class parents will be hosting a fun night of food, games, and prizes for the prom attendees and we are looking for contributions to make this a memorable event for our kids.

If you are interested in donating (cash or prizes) to the Win-E-Mac After Prom Party, please send your donation to: Win-E-Mac School, Attention: Alyssa Hickman, 23130 345th ST SE, Erskine, MN 56535

Win-E-Mac School is currently signing kids up for Preschool Screening. We will be having our screening in the McIntosh Bjella Building on Monday, March 22nd by appointment only. Preschool screening is open to all children who are three years old and up who have not been screened. Children must be screened before entering Kindergarten. Families interested can contact Win-E-Mac School office at 218-563-2900 or Heather at 218-689-0605 email: hearls@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us

Open gym will be on Sunday's. Masks are required at all times. Elementary Students are welcome to attend from 3:00-4:30 p.m. High School students can attend from 4:30-6:00 p.m. High school students should not come before 4:30 p.m.

Yearbook staff is still taking pre-orders for this year's book titled "One Way... or Another" to be distributed upon completion in May of 2021. Cost is \$40.00. Yearbooks can be purchased in the office or from Mrs. Winter (room 51) before or after school or during students' noon hours.

RATE INCREASE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

For Otter Tail Power Company Customers

MPUC Docket No. E017/GR-20-719 OAH Docket No. 8-2500-37230

On November 2, 2020, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its electric rates by about 6.77 percent, or about \$14.5 million.

State law allows OTP to collect higher rates on an interim (temporary) basis to allow the MPUC time to evaluate the request. The MPUC has authorized an interim rate increase of approximately 3.23 percent, or about \$6.9 million, effective January 1, 2021. These higher rates will remain in effect until the final rates are determined by the MPUC.

The MPUC will determine the final rate increase by December 2021. If the final rate increase is less than the interim rate increase, OTP will refund to customers the difference, plus interest. If the final rate increase approved by the MPUC is higher than the interim rate increase, OTP will not charge customers the difference.

Since the company's last Minnesota Rate Review in 2016, OTP has made investments in low-cost, reliable, cleaner energy generation and smarter technology. OTP seeks to include these investments and an increase in general costs in its rates.

The chart below shows an example of how the approved interim and proposed final rates will affect the average customer's monthly bill in each of our customer classes. Your bill may be higher or lower depending on the actual electric usage in your customer class.

AVERAGE MONTHLY ELECTRICITY COSTS

Customer classification	Monthly kilowatt-per-hour usage	Previous monthly cost	Approved interim change in monthly cost	Proposed final change in monthly cost
Residential	760	\$83.97	\$2.71	\$7.77
Farms	2,605	\$266.33	\$8.60	\$17.80
General Service	9,758	\$1,006.31	\$32.50	\$98.70
Large General Service	312,084	\$21,163.64	\$683.59	\$1,080.10
Irrigation	1,536	\$129.40	\$4.18	\$17.89
Outdoor Lighting	636	\$14.03	\$0.45	\$0.94
Other Public Authority	2,874	\$248.79	\$8.04	\$16.55
Controlled Service Water Heating	314	\$25.79	\$0.83	\$1.58
Controlled Service Interruptible	1,570	\$95.26	\$3.08	\$2.20
Controlled Service Deferred	5,630	\$230.01	\$7.43	\$(12.96)

The Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources office is reviewing OTP's filing and records with respect to this requested rate increase. The Minnesota Office of the Attorney General—Residential Utilities Division may also review this proposed rate increase.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You may request additional information from OTP's General Office during normal business hours at:

Otter Tail Power Company
215 South Cascade Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Phone: 800-257-4044

You also may review current and proposed rate schedules by contacting the Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources:

Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
Telephone: 651-539-1886
FAX: 651-539-1549
Web: <http://mn.gov/commerce/>

Additional information about proposed rate schedules and a comparison of present and proposed rates is available at www.ottpco.com/MNRateReview. Questions or comments about the rate increase request may be directed to 800-257-4044.

Persons who wish to intervene in the litigation and participate as a party at the evidentiary hearing in this case should review Minn. R. 1400.6200 (2019) and contact the Administrative Law Judge.

Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Robert St.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164
Telephone: 651-361-7900
FAX: 651-361-0310
TDD: 651-361-7878
Web: <http://mn.gov/oah>

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The MPUC will hold public hearings for customers to speak and will ask for customers' written comments about the rate increase request. You may add verbal comments or written comments, or both, to the record.

You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of OTP's service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney to provide comments during the public hearings.

To maintain appropriate physical distancing and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public hearings will be held remotely (over the telephone for audio and over the internet for video). The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone has had an opportunity to share comments or after 3 hours of hearing time, whichever occurs first.

To receive audio for the hearing, you will need to participate over the telephone. Additionally, you can watch the hearing (without sound) over the internet. To see the public hearing panelists, and hear what they are saying, you must join the public hearing using both the telephone connection and the internet link. The video on the internet does not include sound from the public hearing.

To be able to provide your verbal comments, you will need to join the hearing by audio, at a minimum. Follow the directions below to access the hearing over the telephone. If you are interested in providing verbal comments on the proposed rate increase during the public hearing you must join the hearing by telephone.

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held virtually: April 13th at 1:00pm; April 13th at 6:00pm; April 14th at 1:00pm; April 14th at 6:00pm.

JOIN BY TELEPHONE

4/13/21 — 1pm	4/13/21 — 6pm	4/14/21 — 1pm	4/14/21 — 6pm
Ph (866) 609-6127 Conf ID 8960889	Ph (866) 609-6127 Conf ID 4847889	Ph (866) 609-6127 Conf ID 8397865	Ph (866) 609-6127 Conf ID 6687187

An operator will assist you over the phone.

To watch the hearing over the internet on a computer or smartphone, follow the directions below. (Video only — no audio).

JOIN BY INTERNET (video only — no audio)

Navigate on your computer to: <https://minnesota.webex.com>

4/13/21 — 1pm	4/13/21 — 6pm	4/14/21 — 1pm	4/14/21 — 6pm
Event No. 187 361 1312 Password, if needed: MnPUC!	Event No. 187 775 3715 Password, if needed: MnPUC!	Event No. 187 541 2682 Password, if needed: MnPUC!	Event No. 187 407 9248 Password, if needed: MnPUC!

If you wish to watch the video stream with audio, you will need to join by both phone and internet.

Please contact Charley Bruce at 651-201-2251 or charley.bruce@state.mn.us or Tera Dornfeld at 651-201-2195 or tera.dornfeld@state.mn.us if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

The MPUC welcomes your comments on the requested rate increase. A Public Comment period is open through June 14, 2021. Comments should be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date. Comments received after the comment period closes may or may not be considered in the MPUC's final decision. There are a number of ways for you to participate.

TO COMMENT ONLINE

Visit mn.gov/puc, select the Comment icon on the top menu to go to the Public Comment page where you will find a list of ways to comment on docket 20-719, an online Public Comment form, and how to get help to participate in the comment process.

TO COMMENT BY EMAIL

Send your comments to consumer.puc@state.mn.us and reference docket number 20-719.

TO COMMENT BY U.S. MAIL

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Ste. 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Be sure to reference docket 20-719

For assistance in submitting comments, or if you have questions, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at:
Phone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782
Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

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