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Hooray for our Win-E-Mac teachers!



Let’s face it, this school year has been weird, but we’re getting through it, in part, thanks to our nation’s amazing educators. Take a moment to #ThankATeacher during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3rd - 7th. Teachers change the lives of millions of children every day, and in a year where instruction could be virtual, in-person or a mix of both, their immense work and impact have provided a much-needed sense of community and connection. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, educators at Win-E-Mac School and across America are working hard to ensure every student has the tools they need to reach their full potential.



Clean up week wasn’t just for the homes in McIntosh. Centennial Field was in dire need of a face lift and thanks to Shawn Hedlund of Hedlund Backhoe and Bryce Stordahl with Stordahl Construction along with other volunteers this field is now fit for many games this summer. Thank you to all those who helped spruce up this beautiful field in McIntosh. The transformation was unmistakable!

Win-E-Mac Spring Play offered to a limited audience

Win-E-Mac High School will present their Spring play *My Thoughts - Not Exactly* by Kory Howard on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. and on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

The cast and crew includes Jaden Kangas, Paige Breckel, Kolton Crocker, Grace Kaupang, Brock Trandem, Teagan Paulson, Jayden Gensburger, Delvin Morel, Evie Ryan and Caleb Green.

The setting of the play is in a French themed restaurant where a couple, Olivia (Paige Breckel) and Spencer (Jaden Kangas) meet for their first date. Some of their thoughts are voiced by their consciences (Grace Kaupang and Kolton Crocker).

Their date is interrupted by their "exes" Nathan (Teagan Paulson) and Kate (Jayden Gensburger). An elderly couple named Lloyd and Helen, also visit the restaurant.

They are portrayed by Delvin Morel and Evie Ryan. And of course every fine restaurant needs a waiter (Brock Trandem) who is suave and speaks French.

Will this date be a disaster or a success? Come and support the talented cast and find out!

If you would like to attend,



Carole Burslie and the Our Savior's quilters recently packed up 87 quilts to donate to Lutheran World Relief. Carole Burslie along with Jane Aakhus and Stacey Knudson brought these quilts to Thief River Falls on May 1st.



On Wednesday, April 28 the Winger Lions along with assistance from Ultima Bank-Winger cleaned a 2-1/2 mile stretch of ditches on both sides of Hwy 59 south of Winger. Our wonderful volunteers in photo are: (l-r) Brian Massmann, Gerri Balstad, Laura Perkerwicz, Scott Van Den Einde, Barb Gaalswyk, Terry Cook, Darrel Olson, Scott Revier, Sara Miller, Jenny Hanson, Shelby Chatteron, and Kari Keller.

Essentia Health offering treatment for high-risk COVID-19 patients

As COVID-19 remains prevalent in our communities, Essentia Health continues to offer a treatment for people diagnosed with mild to moderate cases of the virus who are at high risk for severe complications and hospitalization.

It's called monoclonal antibody treatment. Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-made proteins, which mimic the immune system's ability to fight off harmful pathogens found in viruses.

The first monoclonal antibody to receive emergency use authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was bamlanivimab in November 2020. Since that time, other monoclonal antibody treatments have also been authorized for use.

Data from 4,600 patients in Minnesota showed that bamlanivimab lowered hospitalization rates to 2.3%, compared to 10-15% for those who didn't undergo the treatment. Preliminary data also showed as much as a 70% reduction in both hospitalizations and death in treated patients.

However, data from ongoing clinical trials indicates that bamlanivimab alone is not effective against emerging COVID-19 variants.

Thus, a new combination monoclonal antibody treatment, which includes both bamlanivimab and another drug called etesevimab, is now in use, including at Essentia. Research shows the treatment to be more effective against COVID variants.

Bonnie Shipman-Banks of Pillager, Minn., said monoclonal antibody treatment helped her get back on her feet.

The 61-year-old Shipman-Banks started feeling sick on April 4. Her symptoms included a sore throat, cough and fever. A COVID-19 test came back positive April 8.

"I just thought, 'No way'. I was kind of in denial," said Shipman-Banks.

The monoclonal antibody treatment was administered to Shipman-Banks on Friday, April 9, at the Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Baxter Clinic. Shipman-Banks said her symptoms persisted into Saturday. By Sunday morning, she could tell her body was responding.

"The biggest thing I noticed was I started to feel a little better every single day after receiving the treatment," she said.

Shipman-Banks was never hospitalized. She said the process was quick, easy and painless.

The treatment is administered through an IV. Shipman-Banks said it only took about an hour and a half once she was given the IV.

"It was really simple, and the providers were really good. They occupied my time while I was waiting and kept checking on me to make sure I was doing OK. It was painless," she

said.

While symptoms of COVID-19 often persist for as long as two weeks, Shipman-Banks said thanks to monoclonal antibody treatment hers did not last that long.

"My quarantine date ended on April 15, but I was feeling mostly back to normal a few days before that," she said.

What she is most grateful for is not feeling alone throughout the process.

Part of the treatment involves sending the patient home with a health-monitoring system to keep track of their progress. It monitors vitals and records them to track the patient's recovery.

"That was tremendous," she said. "The nurses would call if my blood pressure went up or my fever went up. That part was fantastic because I felt like I was never alone and that I didn't have COVID in a vacuum."

Health experts say at this time there are enough supplies on hand to utilize the treatment more broadly.

Essentia is offering referrals from all medical providers within and outside of the Essentia system, and offering it to any patient who meets the FDA's eligibility requirements, including those patients who receive care from an outside health system. It must be given within 10 days of the start of symptoms and as soon as possible after a positive COVID-19 test.

The therapy is offered at may Essentia Health locations, including locally at Essentia Health in Fosston.

People who have a positive COVID-19 test at any Essentia Health site are automatically screened for the FDA's criteria. Those who were tested at other sites can contact their primary care provider for a referral, or call a toll-free hotline at (833) 769-1524 to be screened. Hotline hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Health care providers can refer a patient by calling Essentia Health's STAT Doc line.

The FDA states patients age 12 or older who are at high risk

for severe complications and/or hospitalization are eligible for the treatment. Children must weigh at least 40 kilograms or 88 pounds.

Qualified patients include those who:

- Have the COVID-19 virus
- Are within 10 days of beginning mild to moderate symptoms and
- Meet at least one risk factor identified by the FDA

The FDA defines "high risk" as patients who meet at least one of these criteria:

- Body mass index (BMI) of 35 or more
- Chronic kidney disease (consider hemodialysis patients)
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppressive disease

Currently receiving immunosuppressive treatment (e.g. rheumatology patients, patients with inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, on Humira or other immunosuppressive therapies)

- Age 65 or older
- Age 55 or older and have:
 - cardiovascular disease OR
 - hypertension OR
 - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/other chronic respiratory disease
- Ages 12-17 and have:
 - BMI in 85th percentile or higher for age and gender based on CDC growth chart OR
 - Sickle cell disease OR
 - Congenital or acquired heart disease OR
 - Neurodevelopmental disorders (e.g. cerebral palsy) OR
 - Medical-related technological dependence not related to COVID-19 (e.g. tracheostomy, gastrostomy or positive-pressure ventilation) OR
 - Asthma, reactive airway or other chronic respiratory disease that requires daily medication for control.

Thank You

Thank you to the first responders and Fosston Ambulance for your quick care to my call. Also, special thanks to Kyle Klein. You people are great.

Bob Lee

MTC

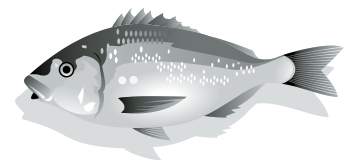
Take a Mom Fishing Weekend is May 8th -9th

Take a Mom Fishing Weekend, when Minnesota-resident moms can fish without purchasing a license, is Saturday, May 8th, to Sunday, May 9th.

This special weekend is defined in Minnesota statutes as the weekend that coincides with Mother's Day.

Most years, under Minnesota law, the fishing opener and Take a Mom Fishing Weekend fall on the same weekend, but not this year. Per state law, the 2021 fishing opener is Saturday, May 15th.

Though the walleye season won't be open for the 2021 Take a Mom Fishing Weekend,



fishing is open for other species including crappie, sunfish, and under-appreciated fish like buffalo, sucker, bullhead or sheephead.

Anglers be aware: There is an error in the printed version of the Minnesota Fishing Regulations book regarding the dates for Take a Mom Fishing Weekend. The correct dates are May 8th - 9th.

LARL announces Adam Thielen inspired poetry contest winners

This spring Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) invited students in grades 4-12 to participate in a poetry contest honoring a local football legend.

Participants submitted original poems inspired by Adam Thielen's football legacy for a chance to win an autographed Adam Thielen football donated by Choice Bank, an Adam Thielen jersey donated by the Minnesota Vikings organization and other great prizes.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is pleased to announce that the following students are winners of the contest:

Grades 4-9
First Place: Lewis Johnson, Fosston, Grade 7

Second Place: Gabe Leff, Detroit Lakes, Grade 7

Third Place: Jakob Rudie, Ada, Grade 7

Fourth Place: Evan Rog-



ness, Moorhead, Grade 4

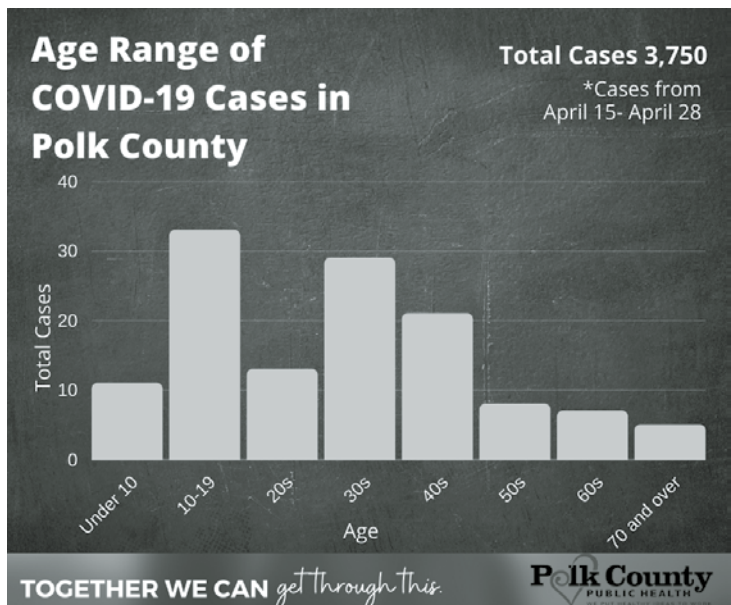
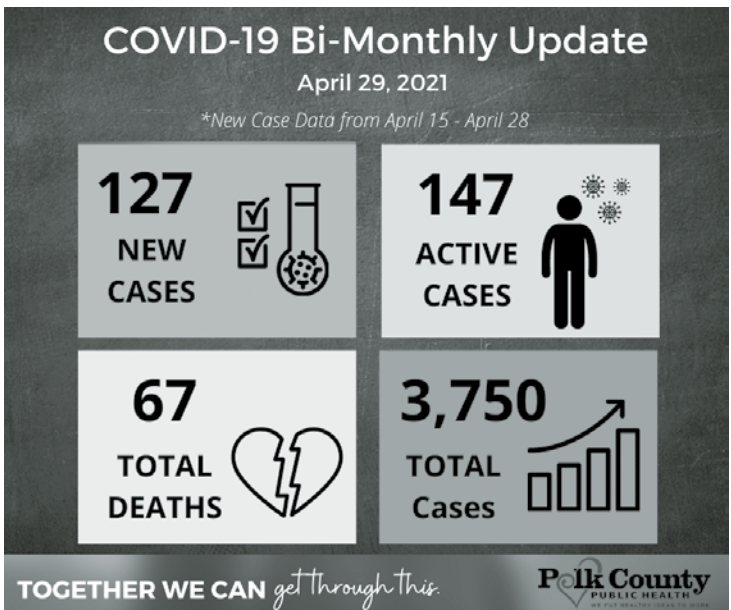
Grades 9-12

First Place: Gracie Rouland, Climax, Grade 12

Second Place: Nicholas Santo, Ada, Grade 11

To read the winning poems and view an eBook with all the poems submitted visit larl.org/poetrycontest.

Participation was open to students in the following counties served by Lake Agassiz Regional Library: Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Mahnom, Norman, Polk, and Wilkin.



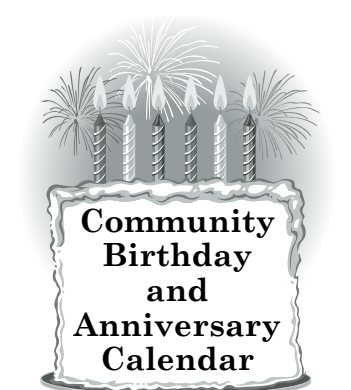
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Mon May 10:
Kayla Jore, Clara Roed, *Nick & Amber Olson
Tues. May 11:
Joseph Breckel

Win-E-Mac has the following coaching position openings for the **2021-2022** seasons. If you are interested please contact Win-E-Mac Activities Director, Brady Langemo blange-mo@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us

Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach (JV Coach)
Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach (JV & C Coach)

Ad deadline: Noon Friday

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Everyone is invited

To the celebration of Pentecost. The Festival of the Lord, Leviticus Chapter 23.

Join us at the Winger Community Center on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

If you have questions, please call Debbie Gunderson: Home - 218-945-6288 or Cell - 218-289-0535.

Story to Share?

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

LSS Meals Menu 687-2262

Tues, May 11th - Baked Ham - Scalloped Potatoes - Peas - Wheat Bread - Cherry Pear Crisp - Milk

Wed, May 12th - Pork Loin - Candied Yams - Broccoli - Wheat Bread - Zucchini Bars - Milk



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

Sun. May 9: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. May 16: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

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

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

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

Tues, May 11: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, May 12: 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.

Mother's Day Buffet
Sunday, May 9th
10 AM -2 PM

BBQ Ribs, Chicken Kiev, Meatballs, Deep Fried Shrimp, Walleye Fingers, Baked or Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Stuffing, Glazed Carrots, Green Beans, Salad Bar & Dessert
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The County Line
By Warren Strandell
Polk County Commissioner, Dist. 2

The big question lingers of how much of the property tax money collected by the 13 Minnesota counties for the pipeline that runs from Kittson County at the Canadian border to Superior, Wis., they will have to refund to Enbridge Energy.

The problem is that the Minnesota State Tax Court has determined that the pipeline property was over-valued and that refunds will now have to be made.

It will likely be some time before the “how much” answers are known. In the meantime, there is concern among county commissioners, county administrators and other local government officials about how they are going to be able to make those refunds.

For the smaller counties, the refund amount could even exceed the total of what they collect in property taxes... more than the total of their total operating budgets.

With only three townships in Polk County (Chester, Gully and Eden) through which the pipeline in question runs, speculation has ranged from a high of \$1.755 million (including the state required 4 percent compounded interest) to the \$1.2 million that the Association of Minnesota Counties organization says would likely be the amount if interest is waived.

But, those numbers only deal with the property valuations for the years 2013 to 2017. The years after that (2018-2021) will produce yet another set of refund numbers, although they might be less dramatic because of changes that have been made by the Minnesota Department of Revenue (DOR) in the way that it determines valuations.

Counties not at fault

The DOR determines the property valuation of pipelines and for railroads and public utilities, too. It is the DOR state agency that is to blame for the problem, not the counties. Counties must use the DOR determined valuations in figuring property taxes. Counties, as the collector of property taxes, are on the hook for

the refunds, not the State of Minnesota.

Enbridge claims that it is due \$55 million in refunds for the length of the pipeline through the 13 counties. That's just for the first five years of the dispute through 2017.

Not all of the \$1.755 figure — the number estimated by Polk County Assessor Mark Landsverk from his review of the first five years — would come from the county.

Other entities in local government would be liable for their shares. These include the school districts, townships, Red Lake Watershed District, Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing, and the City of Trail.

Polk County's share would be about \$608,000.

State has share of refunds

If you hadn't been aware of the fact that the State of Minnesota takes a big chunk from your property taxes, well they do. The state's share of the paycheck for those first five years could be to the tune of \$652,000.

As estimated by our county assessor, the refund amounts for the three townships could be: Chester, \$26,000; Gully, \$37,860 and Eden, \$28,250. The school district paybacks could be: District 601, \$59,000 plus \$5,300 for a referendum; District 2906, \$68,700 plus \$35,350 for a referendum; and District 2311, \$90,950 plus \$82,050 for a referendum. The refund bill for the City of Trail could be about \$7,500.

These refunds will be really hard to make. They will espe-

cially be hard for the counties that have more miles of the pipeline running through them and, because of their size, have lesser total valuation.

There has been talk by legislators representing the 13 counties about getting the state to make the refunds since it was the state that created the problem, but that's not getting any real headway, at least, partly because the exact amounts of the paybacks haven't been determined and, like was said earlier, that probably won't be known for some time.

There is also the possibility that either the DOR or Enbridge will appeal the court rulings that the valuations were out of line.

A factor in all of this, too, is the question of how the railroads and the public utilities might feel about their valuations. Will they challenge their valuations?

To me, it feels like some at the DOR might have wanted to stick more of the cost of government to the pipelines. In time, it will all come out in the wash. Just hold on. The answers won't come tomorrow.

Thoughts for the day:

Always follow your heart but take your brains with you. — U.S. Sen. John Kennedy, (R-Louisiana)

I'd rather argue against a hundred idiots than have one agree with me. — Winston Churchill

Disclaimer: Thoughts expressed in this column are those of the author and are not necessarily a reflection of the opinions of the other members of the Polk County Board of Commissioners



50 years ago...1971: This might be a beer party, but it is one of a positive nature. These high school students are a part of the group that turned out for the community clean up Thursday evening. They made a sweep a half mile North of McIntosh and picked up a pickup load of empty cans.



40 years ago...1981: Bill Fritz, Sr. recently enjoyed a weekend ride in his horse drawn buggy. With him were his wife, Beryl, his son, Bill Jr., his grandchildren, Shelley and Bill III and friends Lois and Kenny Wise. The horse in the middle is Cindy. She is the mother of both the small filly, Goldie and the larger gelding, Dusty. Bill was training the colt to pull properly, and was very impressed with its performance. As in the past, the Fritz's plan to feature their horses and buggy in local parades throughout the upcoming summer.



30 years ago...1991: Several members of the Brownie and Daisy Scout groups spent a few hours in Roholt Park, picking up trash and cleaning up the grounds area. This troop is led by Dee Dee Fritz and Laura Bursheim. (L-R, Back) Bownie Scout - Cathy Bursheim, Brownie Scout - Brenda Fritz, and Daisy Scout - Roxanne Berg; (front) Kirstin Fritz - Daisy Scout and Angie Johnson.



20 years ago...2001: The Winger Implement held its annual Customer Appreciation Day. Farmers came from all over the northern farm country and visited with company reps, looked at new equipment and enjoyed good food. Getting ready to serve the noon lunch were: Mitch Hilliard, Alan Trautner, Gerri VanDenEinde, Steve Massmann, Kathy Iverson, Tom Kleinwachter, Julie and Tony Espeseth.

Gardening with non-invasive plants

By: Mari Hardel, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Gardening season is here and after two years in my home I feel motivated to put some time into planting beyond the vegetable garden. But I'm pretty intimidated by all the options: What should I plant? Where should I plant it? Where can I buy it? Will it survive the winter? Will the deer eat it? How tall will it grow?

However, I have found some good resources for selecting native and non-invasive plants and preparing the landscape for them to thrive. Simply getting started by trying something out will go a long way to making progress.

Why plant native species? Plants native to a region are, by nature, not invasive, and while you may see them spreading within your garden, they won't become problematic for the surrounding environment.

Planting native species will provide greater benefits for wildlife and native pollinators and won't need as much fertilizer or water as they tend to have robust root systems. Also, it turns out they are pretty competitive and can result in a beautiful landscape that changes throughout the season.

A landscape planted with native plants can either be left alone to do its thing for a natural look, or you can spend more time gardening for a curated or manicured look.

Planning and site preparation are important for any landscaping or gardening project.

This winter the Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN) put out a new homeowner's guide for landscaping which breaks down the steps and explains why each part is important. After reading through it, I feel more prepared to tackle my projects this summer.

Last summer I had the fore-



Butterfly weed is a native wildflower that has long-lasting blooms and provides a great pop of color to a native plant garden like this one in Silverwood Park in St. Anthony, MN.

sight to put huge thick tarps out over the grass to kill it in the places I'd like to plant something new.

I'll probably dig out grass in a few more spots this summer to make even more space for all the plants I've selected to add to my yard. Once I plant seedlings,

I'll add a bit of mulch to help keep the weeds down and hold some extra moisture in. And, fingers crossed, in just a couple of years things will really take off and look amazing.

As I've watched my yard over the past two years, I now know where the wet spots are, the sunny spots, and where the snow plow dumps extra salt. I've also noticed the abundance of creeping bellflower and realized that my ash trees are soon to be overtaken by emerald ash borer.

So, as I plan, I'm picking out perennial species that will do well in my mostly sunny but really rocky yard and thinking about trees and shrubs that can replace the ash. I've also gone for a lot of walks near my home in Duluth to see what native plants are growing and thriving nearby and what plants seem to like growing next to each other.

When selecting the plant species you'd like to add, consider looking beyond the big box stores and popular home and garden magazines. Many

plants available in big box stores may not be native to our state, and even those that are native should be acclimated to the particular growing zone that you will be planting.

The University of Minnesota has a short video and overview on how to properly read a plant and seed label to understand where the species originates from and where it can best be planted.

Avoid planting species on Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) invasive terrestrial plants list. Instead, look at natural areas with conditions similar to the area you are landscaping. Look at the native plant species combinations you like and try to copy these combinations at your location.

The DNR has a list of native plant suppliers by region, the Xerces Society's Pollinator Conservation Resources: Great Lakes Region has a wealth of information to help you select plants, and the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources also has a wealth of information.

Most suppliers will be able to provide detailed information about areas where each plant will grow best, like sun or shade, wet or dry, and how tall they'll get. And remember, you can always start with a small area to keep it easy!

Creative Mother's Day celebration and gift ideas

On Sunday, May 9, 2021, millions of people will celebrate the special women in their lives, particularly the mothers, grandmothers and stepmothers who often tirelessly care for those they love.

Created by Anna Jarvis in the early 20th century and designated an official United States holiday in 1914, Mother's Day is a special day in many families.

Apart from birthdays, primary female caregivers may not always get the recognition they deserve, nor be entitled to a day to kick back and relax and let others take the helm. Mother's Day entitles them to something special.

Even though the way people have been living has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mother's Day may be the first holiday on the calendar when the world can finally regain some sense of normalcy. But caution should still prevail during Mother's Day celebrations.

Thankfully, there are plenty of creative ways to celebrate mothers and mother figures this year.

· **Dine truly "al fresco."** Outdoor dining has become commonplace, and even before it was a safety measure, enjoying a meal on a sun-soaked patio or overlooking a body of water was popular. If you're worried about limited restaurant space or crowds, plan a picnic at a scenic location, such as a botanical garden or county park. Include Mom's favorite foods and enjoy the fresh air and delicious foods together.

· **Create a photo slideshow.** Digital photos have eclipsed prints in many people's hearts. But too often digital photos never get seen after they're initially taken. That can change when you compile a slideshow of favorite photos from childhood and even present-day photos that Mom is sure to appreciate. Use sentimental music or Mom's favorite songs as the soundtrack, and include some inspirational quotations or personal voiceovers. This is one gift that can be shared in person or over group meeting apps.

· **Get involved together.** An especially meaningful way to honor a mother who is always giving her time and love is to become involved in a difference-making organiza-

tion. Joint volunteerism is a great way to spend more time together working toward a worthy goal.

· **Enjoy her hobbies and interests.** Devote a day or more to trying Mom's interests and hobbies, whether they include hitting the links, knitting, singing in the church choir, or digging in her garden.

· **Send an edible gift.** If you can't be there to celebrate

Serve up homemade salsa this Cinco de Mayo

Much like St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by people with no trace of Irish heritage, Cinco de Mayo has become a day of celebration for people who do not trace their ancestry to Mexico.

In fact, History.com notes that Cinco de Mayo is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, where the day commemorates a symbolic yet not significantly strategic win by a heavily outnumbered Mexican army over French forces sent by Napoleon III to establish an empire on Mexican land.

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo has become a day to commemorate Mexican culture, including its much-loved cuisine.

Food is front and center at many Cinco de Mayo celebrations.

Home cooks hosting friends or those who simply want to enjoy some homemade Mexican fare this Cinco de Mayo can try their hands at this recipe for "Fiery Corn Salsa" from Kelley Cleary Coffeen's "200 Easy Mexican Recipes" (Robert Rose).

Fiery Corn Salsa
Makes 2 cups
1/4 cup olive oil
3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
2 teaspoons minced fresh cilantro
3 tomatoes, seeded and diced
11/2 cups corn kernels
2 to 3 jalapeño peppers, seeded and diced
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1. In a large bowl, combine oil, lime juice and cilantro. Add tomatoes, corn and jalapeño to taste.

Mix well until corn mixture is well coated. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Transfer to an airtight container and re-

with Mom in person, have a special meal delivered to her door. Then enjoy the same foods with her via Google Meet, Facetime or Zoom. Don't forget a tasty cocktail so you can toast the special woman in your life.

Mother's Day celebrations can be unique, heartfelt and customized based on family needs.



frigerate, stirring occasionally, for 1 hour or up to 2 days.

Tip: In place of the corn kernels, you can use canned corn, drained; frozen corn, thawed; or corn from the cob, cooked on the stove top. For a smoky flavor, use corn grilled on the barbecue grill.

Campfire Corn on the Cob
4 corn on the cob (do not husk) Water
1/2 to 1 cup sugar (optional)
Butter to taste
Salt to taste (optional)
Mix the water and sugar in a clean bucket, cooler or large pan (add enough water to cover corn). Add the corn to the water mixture and soak for 1 to 2 hours.

Remove the corn from the water and place over the campfire or on the grill, turning often to avoid over-burning the husk.

Cook for approximately 20 to 30 minutes or until tender: remove corn from the fire. Peel back the husk and silk, spread with butter and/or salt. Enjoy steaming hot.



(pictured above) The forgotten ball fields of Centennial Park in McIntosh were in need of some sprucing up, which is just what they got. (pictured below) Over the weekend, Shawn Hedlund, Bryce Stordahl, Phil Lee and a handful of local volunteers got together and gave Centennial Park a much needed clean up. Thanks to all those who came out to help make McIntosh a little better.



The history of Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the 1862 defeat of the French by the Mexican army at the Battle of Puebla.

That battle occurred during the Franco-Mexican War, which was an invasion of Mexico launched by the French in 1861.

The French invaded Mexico as a result of newly elected Mexican President Benito Juarez's decision to suspend interest payments on loans the country took out from foreign countries.

France was one such creditor, but the French were not the only country to send troops to Mexico in response to Juarez's decision. Spain and

Great Britain also sent troops to Veracruz, but both countries entered negotiations with Mexico and ultimately withdrew their forces.

However, France, under the leadership of Napoleon III, wanted to ensure access to Latin American markets. The French naval fleet's arrival in Veracruz forced President Juarez and his government to retreat.

Months later, Juarez's force of 2,000 squared off against 6,000 French troops at the Battle of Puebla. Despite be-

ing heavily outnumbered, the Mexican forces claimed victory, losing fewer than 100 men while French casualties numbered nearly 500.

While the victory itself did not prove a major win in the war against the French, it symbolized the strength of the Mexican people and served to strengthen the resistance movement.

Cinco de Mayo is a minor holiday in Mexico, but has grown into a popular celebration of Mexican culture in the United States

5 ways to commemorate Mother's Day when mom has passed away



Looking at family photos and sharing fond memories of one's mother can help focus Mother's Day on positive feelings.

Losing a loved one is never easy. Whether the loss is recent or not, many people find the void created by a loved one's passing never leaves them. Celebrating holidays or milestones can magnify feelings of loss, and such feelings may surface on Mother's Day among people whose mothers are deceased.

People approach Mother's Day in unique ways when their mother has been laid to rest. Such an experience is extremely personal, and there's really no right or wrong way to mark the occasion. It can be challenging scrolling through other's social media posts about happy brunches and thoughtful gifts. Some, particularly those for whom the wounds may be especially fresh, may opt to avoid the celebration or go through the motions for the benefit of children or spouses. Others may embrace the bonds they had with their mothers by reflecting on their memories.

Those opting to stay connected to their mothers this year can recognize that, although Mom may be gone, they are not motherless. While Mother's Day may be painful for people who have lost their mothers, the following are five ways to make the most of Mother's Day.

1. What would make her happy? Take a heartfelt moment to really think about what made Mom tick and brought joy to her life. Was it pouring over recipes in the kitchen? Did mom like to trek to the top of a mountain in her hiking shoes? Pay homage to

her by walking in her footsteps and you may just feel a deeper connection.

2. Get together with siblings. If you are lucky enough to have siblings, you can share the day together. This way you can remember the happy times, comfort each other and laugh together. If you don't have siblings, consider a visit with an aunt or uncle or another close relative who may be feeling the loss, too.

3. Relay fond stories to others. Celebrate Mother's Day by doing things to ensure Mom's spirit and personality live on. Bring up fond stories of Mom with your spouse, friends or your own children. Help blur out the sadness of the loss by focusing on happy memories, such as those depicted in family photos.

4. Put mom front and center. Take out a beautiful photograph of your mother and display it in a prime location in the house. This way you may feel like she is sharing the day with you, and you can think about her fondly each time you see the photo.

5. Enjoy your favorite childhood meal. Whether Mom was a master chef or couldn't boil water, there's bound to be a meal you associate with her. If that special meal is Chinese takeout or a slow-cooked roast, enjoy it on Mother's Day in her honor.

Coping with loss on Mother's Day is seldom easy. With time and by focusing on the positive, people who have lost their mothers can enjoy Mother's Day.

CITY OF MCINTOSH SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of McIntosh to interested citizens.
The complete financial statements may be examined at the City Hall, 115 Broadway NW.
Questions about this report should be directed to Ms. Melissa Finseth, Clerk/Treasurer at (218) 563-3043.

	Total 2020	Total 2019	Increase (Decrease)	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$ 96,870	\$ 97,047	\$ (177)	-0.18%
Special assessments	1,790	-	1,790	100.00%
Licenses and permits	2,331	511	1,820	356.16%
Intergovernmental	262,807	266,388	(3,581)	-1.34%
Charges for services	27,220	21,883	5,337	24.39%
Gifts and contributions	2,000	40,258	(38,258)	-95.03%
Investment earnings	1,354	2,394	(1,040)	-43.44%
Miscellaneous	152,837	113,218	39,619	34.99%
Total Revenues	\$ 547,209	\$ 541,699	\$ 5,510	1.02%
Per Capita	900	885	15	1.68%
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	\$ 91,253	\$ 140,698	\$ (49,445)	-35.14%
Public safety	34,450	69,822	(35,372)	-50.66%
Highways and streets	102,507	103,554	(1,047)	-1.01%
Culture and recreation	93,570	63,562	30,008	47.21%
Economic development	713	64,500	(63,787)	-98.89%
Debt service				
Principal retirement	25,760	25,524	236	0.92%
Interest	1,474	1,711	(237)	-13.85%
Capital outlay				
General government	-	38,760	(38,760)	-100.00%
Highways and streets	58,100	-	58,100	100.00%
Total Expenditures	\$ 407,827	\$ 508,131	\$ (100,304)	-19.74%
Per Capita	671	830	(160)	-19.21%
Excess of Revenues Over				
(Under) Expenditures	\$ 139,382	\$ 33,568	\$ 105,814	315.22%
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	\$ -	\$ 24,776	\$ (24,776)	-100.00%
Transfers out	-	(24,776)	24,776	100.00%
Total Long-Term Indebtedness	\$ 123,325	\$ 149,085	\$ (25,760)	-17.28%
Per Capita	203	244	(41)	-16.73%
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 932,130	\$ 792,748	\$ 139,382	17.58%
Per Capita	1,533	1,295	238	18.36%