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McIntosh Senior Living resident Bonita Hubbard pictured with Santa at the family Christmas party on December 23rd.

McIntosh Senior Living resident Evelyn Halvorson is pictured getting a gift from Santa at the Christmas Party held on December 23rd.

McIntosh Senior Living resident Meredith Bursheim pictured with her son Dean, daughter-in-law Cheryl, and Santa at the Family Christmas party on December 23rd.

McIntosh Senior Living resident Beryl Fritz pictured with Val Fritz, Bill Fritz Jr., and Santa on December 23rd at the Family Christmas Party.

Jill Hewitt played Christmas tunes on the piano before the start of the Family Christmas Party at McIntosh Senior Living.

Looking back on 2015: Year in Review

Looking back on the first 3 months of January 2015:

January: Win-E-Mac Patriot girls basketball player, Madison McKeever scored her 2000th point during the DGF tournament over winter break.

Rudy, the McIntosh Country Store mascot was returned to his home again after being taken in the early morning of December 20th and then found in a remote location near Winger.

McIntosh Area Churches were invited to collect pocket change during Sunday Services, starting in February to help with packing meals for children who were impacted with starvation in Haiti, Nicaragua and the Philippines.

Meeting were held around the state and in McIntosh, hosted by the University of Minnesota Extension Service and the Farm Service Agency to explain and answer questions about the 2014 farm bill.

Toby Strom became the new Mayor of McIntosh at the first McIntosh Council meeting of the year. Steve Urness joined the Council and replaced the open seat left by Toby when he took over the role of Mayor.

The McIntosh Booster Club became the McIntosh Community Club and began meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at the Community Center. The new Board of the Club included Bob and Laurie Bursheim, Philip Lee, and Robin Shimpa. The Club geared up and hosted and helped with many events in 2015.

Gloria and Bennett Osmonson were named the 2014 Polk County Farm Family of the Year. They farm with their family north of McIntosh near Gully.

Winger City Council had new members beginning in 2016 when Dan Kindall became a City Council member and Darrell "Ole" Olson began serving as Mayor of Winger.

The VFW Auxiliary #6891 in McIntosh hosted its' annual blood drive on January 22nd. The group hosts the blood drive each January at the McIntosh Community Center.

Win-E-Mac High School students presented their One-Act play titled "Stopping by Ellis Island" by Thomas Hischak. The play involved seven immigrants from around the world being detained for some reason while waiting for approval to stay in America.

The Win-E-Mac 6th grade class hosted a pizza night before the Fosston vs. Win-E-Mac home boys Varsity basketball game.

Mikey Review and Mikayla Vesledahl, Win-E-Mac students were runner-ups in the Vex Robotics Metro Area Tournament. The performance earned them a spot in the Minnesota Vex Robotics state Tournament.

Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by Poplar Meadows a little late for a visit. The staff and residents of Poplar Meadows had cancelled their party in December due to an outbreak of illness. With everyone recovering, the Clauses stopped in on January 15th.

Jemma, a dog that was lost at the McIntosh Cenex on October 24, 2014 was found and returned to her grateful owners on Janauary 29th, 2015.

February: Quilters and friend gathered at the McIntosh Community Center in February to spend the day sewing for U.S. servicemen and women by making Quilts of Valor. The quilts that were made were presented throughout the year to local veterans.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners unanimously supported the Sandpiper Pipeline project along the proposed route.

The McIntosh Community Club updated their logo and began planning for spring events in McIntosh.

The Win-E-Mac Student Council hosted a blood drive at the school.

The first annual Alumni Basketball Tournament took place at Win-E-Mac school. The teams were organized by graduation year and there were several former students who participated.

Again, Madison McKeever made news by becoming the Win-E-Mac school's basketball scoring leader and bringing her career total to 2318 points on February 7th.

Win-E-Mac elementary students celebrated the 100th day of school. The Commemorate the day by dressing "old". What they felt they would look like if they were actually 100 years old. It was a fun way to celebrate the 100th day of school!

The Winger Lion's Club held their District Governor's Night. The Governor handed out service awards to Floyd Balstad, Lynn Lucken, Earl Lucken and Carsten Zahl for 40 years of service; Elmyrna Kaupang and Tim Anderson for 30 years of service; and Jeff Lucken for 20 years of service.

Snowfest Week was held in February at Win-E-Mac school. Filled with lots of fun activities to help keep the winter blues away!

Austin Tadman was named the Region 8A Triple "A" Award winner. The award recognizes and rewards high school seniors from across the state for their achievements in the classroom, the arts, and athletics.

The Rising Starts dance show was held at Win-E-Mac school on Sunday, February 8th with the girls performing for a large group of family and friends.

The first talk of listing Poplar Meadows for sale came at the February Council meeting in McIntosh.

The two best dart teams in the area league met up for a friendly rivalry at The Club Bar & Grill in McIntosh. The teams were from The Club and The Deuce of Erskine. It was a fun game for both teams.

Win-E-Mac elementary students participated in "Read the Most Coast to Coast" on Friday, February 27th. The kids spent the day reading.

March: Arlene Kundert of McIntosh, who played on a pool league team from The Office Bar & Grill won a 1st place trophy for most wins in the women's division during the Northern Amusement Season Pool Tournament.

Local sewist, Connie Strom taught a beginning sewing class at the McIntosh Community Center with six girls attending the classes and having quite a fun time. She helped them to make a pillowcase, table runner and a skirt, all with the patience of a saint!

Justin Schultz became the new Fire Chief for McIntosh Fire and Rescue Squad. Former Fire Chief Toby Strom resigned his position after becoming the new Mayor of McIntosh.

The Township board members met with the McIntosh Fire Department to review the yearly Fire Contract.

A water main break on the north side of the Community Center had the City Maintenance crew and Hedlund Backhoe busy during the cold February weather.

The Win-E-Mac Patriots boys basketball team celebrated their Section 8A Subsection Championship on March 3rd at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Thief River Falls. They defeated Stephen-Argyle 69-54.

Win-E-Mac Knowledge Bowl team participated in the Sub-Regional Competition.

There was a benefit at the Winger Community Center for Brandi Rokke, a 1997 Win-E-Mac graduate who passed away later in the year from terminal brain cancer. The community came together and raised money to help her and her children.

Mount Carmel and Trinity Lutheran Churches in McIntosh welcomed a new pastor. Pastor Karl Anderson came to McIntosh from the Zerkel area.

King Town Farmers Mutual gather at the McIntosh Community Center for their Annual Meeting in March.

It was the Staff vs. the Students in the 3rd Annual Staff/Student Basketball game where the rule always seem to go out the door, but lots of fun is always had.

There was a pizza dinner before the game along with performances from the Win-E-Mac pep band and the Rising Stars Dancers.

The McIntosh City Council made plans to move forward with the sales listing for Poplar Meadows.

The McIntosh Times will review the year of 2015 throughout the month of January.

Community Calendar

Wed. Jan. 6: McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;

Thurs. Jan. 7: McIntosh City Clerks office closed; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Bingo at The Club Bar & Grill 6:30pm

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

Tues. Jan. 12: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Wed. Jan. 13: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thurs. Jan. 14: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; McIntosh City Council Meeting @ Community Center 5:30pm; Bingo at The Club Bar & Grill 6:30pm

Fri. Jan. 15: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Jan. 18: Mc Intsoh City Clerks office closes at 2:00pm; McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Tues. Jan 19: McIntosh City Clerks office closed; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Polk Co. Sheriff Barb Erdman works to increase Emergency Preparedness

Polk County Sheriff Barb Erdman took the lead in supporting the expansion of the emergency preparedness and response system,

Rapid Responder®, in Minnesota by hosting an information event in her county. Sponsored by Kirkland, Wash.-based Prepared Response, Inc., the event included attendees from a variety of industries including first responding agencies, schools, businesses, and healthcare centers.

During the December 17th event, attendees were presented with an in-person demonstration of Rapid Responder and use case scenarios.Image removed by sender.

Rapid Responder is an all-hazards crisis management system that helps facilitate the gathering of critical emergency preparedness and response information needed to effectively plan, prepare, respond, and recover from any type of crisis.

It provides facility management and first responders instant access to site-specific emergency response information.

The system can be accessed via the Internet, installed on a laptop, and stored encrypted on a USB drive, or through the iPad and Android app.

Sheriff Erdman hosted the informational event to ensure everyone in her county has the opportunity to learn about Rapid Responder technology.

"Community safety is of the utmost importance and if we have one system that all schools, hospitals, and other facilities are using, our responders will be able to quickly access congruent, accurate and detailed information in the event of an emergency," says Erdman.

Jeff Hicks, National Account Executive with Prepared Response, explained how Rapid Responder "facilitates the gathering, organizing, and distributing of emergency preparedness and response information, ensuring a quick and coordinated response to any emergency."

He walked attendees through the system, including the integrated NIMS based Incident Command System and a new communication and alerting tool, Easy Alert.

"Rapid Responder is designed to specifically assist police and fire personnel as they respond to critical incidents in schools, offices, and churches in our communities," says James Franklin, Executive Director of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association. "I look forward to continuing to see the system expand throughout Minnesota, helping responding agencies to handle emergencies quickly and cohesively."

When facilities implement Rapid Responder, they will have instant, secure access to over 380 data points of critical response information including site and floor plans, imagery, utility shut-off information and locations, tactical response plans, and the ability to connect IP cameras.

By having a county-wide system, responders are able to source information from one location, enabling them to better plan, prepare and respond in a time when seconds count.

Rapid Responder is SAFETY Act Certified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as "Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology," and endorsed by the National Sheriffs' Association.

The system has been used successfully during a campus shooting, bomb threats, lock downs, and other emergency situations on school campuses and other sites across the country.

The system has been deployed in 27 states across the nation, more than any other system of its kind.

Prepared Response has also provided onsite professional services to more than 16,000 facilities, including K-12 and higher education campuses, hospitals, churches, government agencies, and others throughout the United States.

WEM After Prom Fundraiser

There will be a baked potato bar with all the fixings at the Win-E-Mac School on Monday, January 11, 2016 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Commons area of the school.

The cost is $6.00 per person.

The money collected will be used to fund the 2016 after prom party that is a annual event for the Win-E-Mac students.

After enjoying a baked potato with all the fixings stay to enjoy the Win-E-Mac Boy's Varsity Basketball team take on Fertile-Beltrami at 7:45pm.

NOTICE

HILL RIVER BOARD OF AUDIT

The Board of Audit meeting of the Township of Hill River, County of Polk, State of Minnesota, will be held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ray Sundrud hunting shack. (Call 218-435-1029 for directions). The Clerk's financial records shall be open for review.

Raymond O. Sundrud,
Clerk/Treasurer
Hill River Township M41-42C

Notice to Residents of Lessor Township, Polk County, MN

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Lessor Township, that the Annual Election of Town Officers will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

Filing for township offices opens on Dec. 29, 2015 and continues to January 12, 2016. Offices to be elected are: 1 Supervisor, 3 year term and 1 Clerk, 2 year term

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the clerk. A $2.00 filing fee is required by law.

Albert Plante, Clerk
Lessor Township M41C

The McIntosh Times Office Hours

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

Call or fax: (218) 563-3585

Ad deadline is Noon on Friday prior to publication

Thank You

The McIntosh Community Club would like to thank the many local businesses who donated toward Santa Claus Day in McIntosh. Smiles were evident with the over 150 kids that made their way to McIntosh. In addition, thank you to the Santa Claus Day committee for their work to make the event a success and the helping elves as well. Finally, thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for stopping by during the busiest part of the season to ensure their wish lists were considered! Please take time to visit local businesses and thank them with your patronage. M41C

Do you have a story to share?

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

Gayle and John Pearce with family and Santa at the MSL Family Christmas party on Wednesday, December 23rd. (Pictured left to right: Don Fox, Carol Fox, Gayle Pearce, John Pearce, and Santa).

Kenneth and Verniz Jore pictured with family and Santa at the MSL Family Christmas party. (Pictured left to right Carol Jore, Verniz Jore, Santa, Kenneth Jore, and Dan Jore)

McIntosh Senior Living resident Shirley Peterson pictured with family and Santa at thr Family Christmas party! (Pictured left to right: Gary Frisk, Santa, Shirley Peterson, and Ginny Frisk).

Make your New Year's resolution true

New Year's resolutions provide a perfect opportunity to set positive goals for the year to come.

Old habits can be hard to break, which can make it difficult for men and women to stay committed to their New Year's resolutions.

But a new year marks a new chapter, and the following are some ways you can ensure this year's resolutions don't go unresolved.

· **Be specific.** A resolution that's too general may ultimately prove ineffective. For example, if you resolve to lose weight this year, you probably hope to lose a substantial amount of weight over the next 12 months, as opposed to just one or two pounds.

If you set specific and periodic goals, such as lose one to two pounds by the end of January, as part of your resolution, then you are building in some measuring sticks along the way, and meeting those measuring sticks can motivate you to stay on course and realize your resolution by year's end.

· **Don't go overboard.** If you traditionally find resolutions hard to live up to, then stick to a single resolution this year.

This allows you to focus your efforts more effectively and ensures you won't be overburdened, which could negatively impact your ability to realize your resolutions.

· **Use technology.** Saving more money is a popular New Year's resolution, and now men and women looking to save more can employ technology to help them realize their financial goals.

If your goal for the coming year is to save 'X' amount of dollars, sit down and calculate how much you need to save each pay period to realize that goal.

You can then have that figure automatically deposited into an interest-bearing savings account each time your paycheck is deposited into your account.

· **Enlist a friend.** If your New Year's resolution is one that others can apply to their own lives, then by all means enlist a friend.

For example, men and women who want to find more time to exercise in the coming year can enlist a friend or family member to exercise with them.

The buddy system is a great motivating tool, and enlisting the help of a friend or family member provides the added benefit of seeing that loved one more often in the year ahead.

·**Don't let setbacks derail your resolution.** Resolutions too often fall by the wayside when men and women experience setbacks directly related to their resolutions.

If you resolved to save more money but had a month when that simply was not possible, don't allow that to derail your resolution for the rest of the year.

Setbacks are nearly inevitable, but they're never an excuse to give up on a resolution.

Church News

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

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

Sun. Jan. 17: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

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

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

Sun. Jan 10: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

Sun. Jan 17: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

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

Sun. Jan. 10: 1:15am Worship Service

Sun. Jan. 17: 1:15am Worship Service

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

Wed. Jan. 6: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Sat. Jan. 9: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

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

Tues. Jan. 12: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Jan. 13: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place;

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

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)
McIntosh
Pastor Paul Magelson

Sun. Jan. 10: 8am Worship

Sun. Jan. 17: 8am Worship

MCINTOSH AFLC
McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Pastor Karl Anderson
Trinity:

Wed Jan. 6: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. Jan. 10: 11:00am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

Thurs. Jan. 7: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

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

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN
Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Jan. 6: 7:00pm Bible Study on Jewish Roots

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

Wed. Jan. 13: 7:00pm Bible Study on Jewish Roots

Sun. Jan. 17: 9:30am Worship; 10:45am Sunday School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Rev. Mark Peske, Pastor

Sun. Jan. 10: 9:30am Worship Service, 11:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

Sun. Jan. 17: 9:30am Worship Service, 11:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

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

Sewing News

On Saturday, January 9 all are invited to McIntosh Community Center to sew their unfinished projects or start new ones! We will start at 9 am and sew until we want to quit! Dinner is Pot Luck! Come whenever you can! Any questions call Connie Strom at 563-2666

The Christmas Gift Basket Winner for the week of December 21st from Neil's Quality Meats & More in McIntosh was Terry Horgeshimer from Mentor,MN. Congratulations!

VFW Auxiliary #6891 News

VFW January Meeting

The McIntosh VFW Auxiliary #6891 will hold their January meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, January 11, at The Club.

All Auxiliary members are urged to attend. Also, a reminder that Auxiliary husbands, sons, etc. are now eligible to join the VFW Auxiliary.

Polk County Public Health

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

The foot care clinic will take place in McIntosh at the McIntosh Office of Polk County Public Health in the lower level of the Bjella Building on Thursday, January 7, 2016 and Thursday, January 21, 2016, starting at 9:00 am. You can call 218-281-3072 for an appointment. Foot care is by appointment only, you must call the office if you wish to visit a schedule.

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

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Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Jan. 6: Bob Tangen, Jasmine Kaiser, Winston Carlson

Thurs. Jan. 7: Paul Jore, Rob Mayer

Fri. Jan. 8: Katelynn Schulz

Sat. Jan. 9: Paige Breckel, Alex Jacobson, Jessica Shimpa

Mon. Jan. 11: Devin Faldet, Delores Schow

Tues. Jan. 12: Julie Schow, Carole Larson, Amanda Roue

THE WINGER ENTERPRISE

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello from Winger and the Union Lake areas and Happy New Year to you all. Where did the last year go?

Once again we should be and I think most are thankful for the weather we have been having. With the weather other areas are having we are very fortunate.

Wednesday the 23rd ,Donna Carlson was a coffee guest and visitor at the Fern and Milton Carlson home. That afternoon Adam Carlson of Fosston visited at the Carlson home.

Christmas Eve, Laura Grant picked up Grandma Martha Henney and brought Martha to her home for Christmas Eve supper.

Rick, Sharon and Adam Carlson of Minneapolis were Christmas day visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home in Erskine.

Christmas Eve, Dick and Wanda Donavon of St. Francis arrived at the Milton and Fern Carlson home to spend the Christmas week end. That afternoon Dustin, Nicki and Dusty Wayne of Fosston were visitors at the Carlson home. Nicki treated the family to several violin selections, as she has been taking lessons. Paul and Donna Carlson also joined in on the visiting at the Carlson home Christmas Eve.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp were visitors at the Dean Johnson home on the 19th of December to help Dean observe his birthday which was that day.

The Carol Stordahl family Christmas gathering was held at the Winger Community Center on Saturday, December 19th. It was a pot luck with lots of food brought. Susie fixed a craft table so great grandchildren could make a decoration to take home. Everyone used lots of glue. There were 49 family members present. All 19 of Carol's great grandchildren were there and 12 of 14 grandchildren. It was a wonderful afternoon for all.

Christmas Day, Mark and Melinda Peterson of Now Then arrived at the Fern and Milton Carlson home to join the family for the Christmas festivities. Wanda Donavon brought the ingredients and made Christmas dinner for the family. Christmas Day evening Paul and Donna Carlson and Lonnie and Judy Gieseke were visitors and supper guests with the family.

Jerome and Anita Bachand were visitors on Saturday the 26th with Helmer and Verlys at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Brian and Marilyn Bratager, Bruce and Jodie Bratager and Jeff and Julie Bratager and several of the grandchildren were Christmas week end guests and visitors at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home.

Last Monday Lucy Brtek visited with Wilma Wang at her home in Fosston. Lucy commented on how beautifully Wilma had decorated her home for Christmas.

Saturday the 26th Mark and Melinda Peterson of Now Then and Dick and Wanda Donavon of St. Francis left for their homes after spending the Christmas week end at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Christmas Day, Jerry Wang and Deb Lunde of Mahnomen, Mike, Angie, Hope and Alex Aronson were visitors with Martha Henney at Martha's home in McIntosh. Hope and Alex treated great grandma Martha with several musical selections on the piano.

Chad, Michelle, Marissa and Traydon Carlson of Fosston, along with Taylor and Jessica visited with Fern and Milton Carlson at the Carlson home, bringing with them pizza which they all enjoyed for supper.

Barry and Kay Malme of Fargo were Sunday afternoon visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home.

Christmas Day Angie and Danny Brtek hosted Christmas dinner for a large group of family and friends at the Brtek home. Little Morgen Brtek was introduced for the first time to many of the group that was gathered there.

Sunday the 27th, Fern and Milton Carlson, Lisa, Roy and Ryan Schaumburg and Lonnie and Judy GIeseke were dinner guests of Mike, Kari, Terry and Oliviayah Keller at the Keller home at Bejou for the families to celebrate Christmas together.

In my visit with Martha Henney she remarked how thankful for all the cards, letters and phone calls she continues to receive from family and friends. On the other hand I can't help but feel that those of us who receive her cards and letters are just as thankful.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were visitors on Tuesday the 29th with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home.

Lucy Brtek was a Christmas Eve guest at the Lynn and Sara Lucken home.

Once again I want to wish you all a very blessed, happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

From Bun Manor:

Susan and Christopher Eischens, David Myhrum, Orris and Sue Flermoen, Kjersti and Dakota Poissant, Stacey Myhrum, Chelsey Haugen, and Chelsey's friend Steven all joined together for Christmas at BettyLou Myhrum's apartment Day Room. They served the Norwegian usual of Lutefisk, Lefse, and Krumkake as well as scalloped corn, mashed potatoes and many types of desserts. The evening was finished off with the family playing multiple board games together. Lots of laughs and love shared by all!

Floyd and Gerri Balstad had Dale, David, Shawnn their boys Grant and Everett over on Christmas eve day for dinner

Floyd and Gerri traveled down to Iowa on Christmas day to spend sometime with at Gerri's Family.

New Years Eve dinner guests at the home of Floyd & Gerri were Carsten & JoAnne Zahl, Norman Versdahl, Shirley Sonstelie and Elmyrna Kaupang. Entertainment was listening to Carsten & Shirley tell about adventures of the past.

New Years Day guests at Floyd & Gerri Balstad's home were Dorothy & LeRoy Nelson, Jerry & Markie Schindler, Jeff & Jana Nelson, Kade, Bela & Kali.

Monday afternoon Craig, Laura and their children Anna, Claira, Eli and Estelle came up to spend sometime visiting their uncle Tim. The kids had a good time playing with Chewie the dog. Craig went out fishing and caught a walleye and gave it to Tim so he could enjoy it latter. They all went to Moran's for supper before returning to their home near Clouquet. They hadn't been up to see Tim since last spring because they were busy building a new house.

Bun ran into Orrie and Sue Flermoen and Lynn and Sara Lucken at Moran's enjoying an ice cream drink. They were celebrating Lynn and Sara's 53rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations to the both of them.

Happy belated 90th Birthday to Lorraine Lee of McIntosh. The kids put on a party for her in Mac over the holidays.

2015 Money Mindset Report

Study explores Americans' relationship with money, captures views on personal finances and giving back.

Despite the financial uncertainties faced by many Americans, generosity is surprisingly at the forefront of their minds. According to the 2015 Money Mindset Report by Thrivent Financial, 61 percent of Americans said they would rather be called generous than financially successful.

In fact, more than 1 in 3 Americans think the purpose of the money they make is to give back – whether during their lifetime or after.

While this is positive, the emerging theme from Thrivent's research report illustrates that although Americans want to be generous, they aren't preparing financially for the future. They're lacking in long-term financial strategies, advice and tools, and this generally holds true regardless of income level.

The 2015 Money Mindset Report, conducted in partnership with Wakefield Research, surveyed 1,001 U.S. adults ages 18+ to learn more about Americans' relationship with money, including how they make decisions when it comes to their personal finances, giving back to others and the role of faith in their finances.

In addition to highlighting the emphasis Americans place on generosity, the survey showed that many still face difficult challenges and lack confidence when it comes to managing day-to-day finances and long-term financial goals:

• Only 27 percent of Americans are very confident they are making the right decisions with their money.

• Many Americans struggle with their finances in the following ways: 32 percent don't have an emergency fund, 25 percent don't have a long-term financial strategy and 21 percent don't have a short-term strategy. In fact, 79 percent don't have a financial advisor.

• Most Americans aren't protecting their finances or preparing for the future. More than half of Americans (53 percent) don't have life insurance, 62 percent don't have a retirement fund and 89 percent don't have disability income insurance.

"The results from the survey show that many people want to be generous, but uncertainty about their finances may be keeping them from taking action to give back to others," says Kristi Noel, a financial representative with Thrivent Financial in Fosston.

"Taking steps to be wise with money, including creating long- and short-term financial strategies, protecting against potential setbacks, and finding small ways to make a difference, can help lead to a life where individuals can be wise with money and live generously," added Luke Nelson, financial representative in the Pine to Prairie office in Fosston.

To view the full report and analysis by Thrivent Financial, please visit Thrivent.com/moneymindset.

About the Study

Wakefield Research, a market research consultancy specializing in strategic and tactical research, conducted the Thrivent Financial survey among 1,001 nationally representative U.S. adults ages 18+ between July 16 and July 27, 2015, using an email invitation and an online survey. Quotas have been set to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the U.S. adult population ages 18+.

Results of any sample are subject to sampling variation. The magnitude of the variation is measurable and is affected by the number of interviews and the level of the percentages expressing the results. For the interviews conducted in this particular study, the chances are 95 in 100 that a survey result does not vary, plus or minus, by more than 3.1 percentage points from the result that would be obtained if interviews had been conducted with all persons in the universe represented by the sample.

About Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial is a financial services organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously. As a membership organization, it offers its more than 2.3 million member-owners a broad range of products, services and guidance from financial representatives nationwide. For more than a century it has helped members make wise money choices that reflect their values while providing them opportunities to demonstrate their generosity where they live, work and worship. For more information, visit Thrivent.com/why. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Did you know?

Historians believe New Year's resolutions can be traced back thousands of years to the ancient Babylonians, who lived in a region of Mesopotamia now known as Iraq. At the dawn of a new year, the Babylonians would promise their gods that they would return objects they borrowed and pay any debts they did not repay in the previous year.

Babylonians believed keeping these promises would bring them the gods' favor in the year ahead.

Romans later adopted a similar practice, promising Janus, their god of beginnings and endings, that they would conduct themselves well in the coming year.

Depictions of Janus typically include two faces, which are meant to symbolize his link to both the past (looking back) and the future (looking ahead).

Early Christians also had a tradition similar to New Year's resolutions, as they would spend the first day of the new year reflecting on mistakes they made in the past and resolving to improve themselves and avoid making such mistakes in the new year.

PIECES FROM THE PAST

50 years ago...1966: A place for everything, as the old saying goes, but everything was not in its place Monday as the personnel of the ASCS arranged office equipment in their new quarters in the McIntosh Community Building. The office, has been "settled" and it's "business as usual" now, reports Carl Severson, office manager.

40 years ago...1976: Mary Wertish is seated at the City Clerk's Desk in the McIntosh Municipal Building becoming aquainted with her new duties in the City Books on her first day of work. Mary attended the Thief River Falls Area Vocational Technical Institute (AVTI) and studied Accounting. Her City Clerk duties will include keeping the books for the Municipal Liquor Store and for the City, attending the City Council Meetings, and being available in the City Clerks Office Monday through Friday.

30 years ago...1986: Chuck Friedley of McIntosh Dairy and Farm Supply, Inc., stands beside one of his route vehicles.

20 years ago...1996: Kelsey Kiecker and Casey Nornes are sampling the ice cream they made at the "Cooking with Kids" workshop at the McIntosh Community Center on Saturday afternoon, January 13th.

10 years ago...2006: 2005 Red River Valley Farm Woman of the Year, Remar Voxland, stands among her pumpkin vines These vines yield the main attraction for an educational experience for young and old alike at Pumpkin Hill each fall.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl,
Extension Educator

Tile Drainage Design Workshop

Many farmers have become interested in controlling high water tables or excess water by using subsurface drainage.

The annual Drainage Design Workshop will take place Jan. 26-27, at the North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton.

The workshop is intended for those interested in a more complete understanding of the planning and design principles and practices for drainage, sub-irrigation and water table management systems.

Participants in the past included agricultural producers, landowners, consultants, drainage contractors, government agency staff and water resource managers.

The two-day workshops start at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. on day two. The workshops will focus on the planning and design of agricultural tile drainage systems, including water management structures and lift stations to meet profitability and environmental objectives. The course content is taught in modules with emphasis on hands-on learning and ample time for discussions.

Topics covered during the event include the legal aspects of drainage, basics of drainable soils, agronomic perspectives, doing your own tiling, land evaluation tools, utilization of lift stations, sub-irrigation, a farmer panel and wetlands and conservation drainage concepts and techniques.

The design topics begin with basic design considerations and progress through individual small-team projects with several hands-on, problem-solving examples covering basic design and layout principles, water flow calculations, drain spacing, sizing and grades. Design principles for lift stations, control structures and other conservation drainage practices also are considered.

"With low crop prices, producers simply cannot afford to have low crop yields due to excess water," says Hans Kandel, NDSU Extension Service agronomist, and one of the organizers of the event. "Water management with tile drainage is one way to reduce crop risk, but each field needs to have an appropriately designed system to optimize crop yields."

The workshop is a collaborative effort of the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State University Extension Services.

The early registration fee is $250. The workshop is limited to 55 participants. Due to seating limitations, on-site registration will not be available on the day of the event.

One other drainage design workshop will be held Feb. 17-18 in Marshall, Minn., on the campus of Southwest State University.

To register for either of the workshops, go to https://www.regonline.com/2016Drainage.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu or Tom Scherer, NDSU Extension agricultural engineer, at (701) 231-7239 or thomas.scherer@ndsu.edu; or Hans Kandel, NDSU Extension agronomist at (701) 231-8135 or hans.kandel@ndsu.edu. This article was provided by Hans Kandel.

MSL resident Irene Noyse pictured with family and Santa at the annual Family Christmas Party. (Pictured left to right: Hilda Opdahl, Cheryl Vorderbruggen, Dennis Ekeberg, Santa, Irene Noyes, and Joann Ekeberg).

Shirly DeFrang pictured with son, husband and Santa at the annual Family Christmas party on December 23rd. (Pictured left to right Steve DeFrang, Shirly DeFrang, Santa, and Derry DeFrang),

Random Things and Stuff

Twinkling Eyes

By: Emily L. Ferden

A twinkling eye can mean many things. Have you ever noticed it in another person? Maybe when they got excited about something, or when they have become overcome with happiness?

Some say that the eyes are portals into one's soul. So to me, that would mean if you are fortunate enough to see a twinkle in someone's eye, you have seen their soul smile. You have seen someone at their happiest, which to some, it may not happen often. You may also see someone with a twinkle in their eye when they talk about a loved one, or a passion they have.

I encourage you to try to put a twinkle in someone else's eye this 2016, and notice the change in others around you. I can almost bet you will be seen with a twinkle in your own eyes, when you are out spreading joy and happiness unto others.

"Go forward in life with a twinkle in your eye and a smile on your face, but with great and strong purpose in your heart"-Gordon B. Hinckley.

WEM School Menu

Wed. Jan. 6: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Sloppy Joe, Party Potatoes, Baked Beans, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. Jan. 7: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* BBQ Chicken Slugger, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Chocolate Chip Bar, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Jan. 8: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Sweet Roll, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Pizza, Lettuce Salad w/ dressing, Cucumbers and Celery, Rice Krispie Bar, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Mon. Jan. 11: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Mini Waffles, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Glazed Meatballs, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/Cheese, Fruit Salad, Dinner Roll, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Tues. Jan. 12: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Chicken Fajitas (lettuce, cheese, bl. olives, tomatoes, salsa, sour cream), Red Peppers, Onions, Sherbet, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Wed. Jan. 13: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Sausage Gravy over Biscuit, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Beef & Tomato Casserole, Corn, Breadstick, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. Jan. 14: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Hamburger on Bun, Cheese Slice, Seasoned Fries, Baked Beans, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Jan. 15: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Yogurt Parfait, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:*Tomato Soup, Garlic Cheese Bread, Lettuce Salad w/Dressing, Carrots & Celery, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

BAKED POTATO BAR

WHAT: Baked potatoes with all the fixings, lemonade/ coffee/water

WHEN: Jan 11th, 5:00–7:00 pm

WHERE: WIN-E-MAC commons

COST: $6.00

2016 After Prom Party fundraising.

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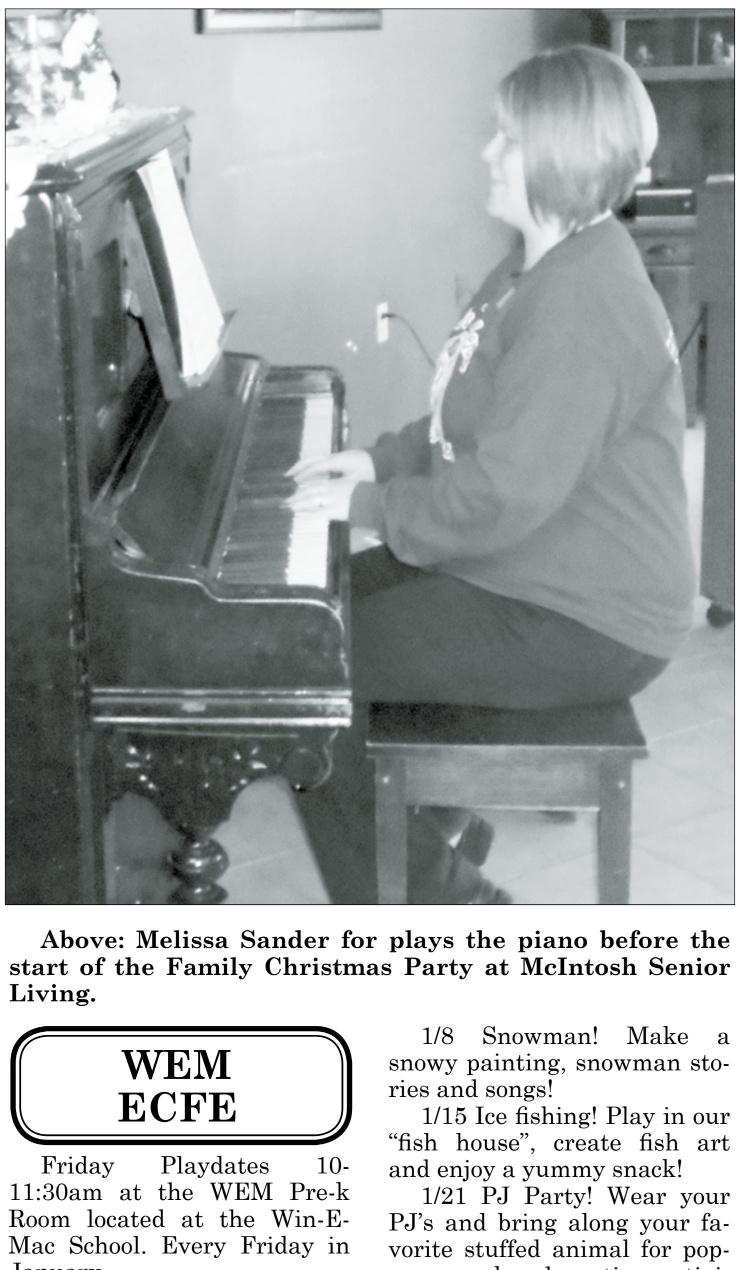

Above: Melissa Sander for plays the piano before the start of the Family Christmas Party at McIntosh Senior Living.

WEM ECFE

Friday Playdates 10-11:30am at the WEM Pre-k Room located at the Win-E-Mac School. Every Friday in January.

Come out to explore our themed learning stations, enjoy a snack, sing songs and listen to a story! Children Ages 0-5 invited. Pre-registration not required. Free!

1/8 Snowman! Make a snowy painting, snowman stories and songs!

1/15 Ice fishing! Play in our "fish house", create fish art and enjoy a yummy snack!

1/21 PJ Party! Wear your PJ's and bring along your favorite stuffed animal for popcorn snacks, sleepytime activities, stories and songs!

WEM Early Childhood Family Education classes are for children 0-5yrs old unless noted. Pre-registration is not required.

Health officials say common illness often comes from eating contaminated food

A new strain of norovirus, the most common cause of sudden intestinal illness, has shown up in Minnesota, and that could mean more norovirus illnesses this winter, state health officials warned today.

The new strain, called GII.17 Kawasaki, caused many outbreaks in Asia last winter before arriving in the U.S. MDH has investigated more than 20 outbreaks caused by norovirus since the beginning of September. The new strain first showed up in sporadic cases in the state earlier this year and the first outbreak caused by the new strain was reported last week. Reports of norovirus-like illnesses in the community have also increased in the past week.

"Every few years, a new strain of norovirus emerges and causes many illnesses. We don't know yet if this new strain will lead to an increase in the number of outbreaks reported, but it could," said Amy Saupe, a foodborne disease epidemiologist at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). "If we're meticulous about washing our hands and handling food properly, we may be able to limit the impact."

Illness caused by norovirus is often mistakenly called "stomach flu," which is a confusing term because norovirus is not related to influenza. Influenza is a respiratory illness, with symptoms that include high fever, chills, body aches, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, and/or coughing. Norovirus is not a respiratory illness, and is not spread through breathing or coughing.

"When people say that they have 'stomach flu,' referring to a short illness with diarrhea and/or vomiting, what they generally have is a norovirus infection," said Saupe.

Norovirus can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, headache, body aches, a general run-down feeling, and a mild fever. Symptoms typically begin 24 to 48 hours after swallowing the virus, and usually last one to two days. The virus passes from one person to another by the fecal-oral route. That means the virus comes from the feces or vomit of people who are sick or were recently sick, and can make someone else sick if they get the virus in their mouth and swallow it. A tiny amount of virus can make someone sick.

"Fecal-oral transmission sounds gross, but it's important for people to understand that they may have gotten their norovirus from food, and that they could pass the virus to others by handling food, even after their symptoms are gone," Saupe said.

Norovirus is the most common cause of food-related illness in Minnesota. In a recent outbreak example, employees who had been sick with diarrhea prepared food items that were eaten by restaurant patrons and at least 25 patrons became ill from norovirus.

The majority of norovirus illnesses and outbreaks can be prevented through good handwashing and appropriate food handling. Always wash your hands well before preparing food, and do not prepare food for others (at home or for your job) at all if you have been sick with vomiting or diarrhea in the last three days. If you are sick with vomiting or diarrhea, wash your hands very carefully after using the restroom. Norovirus can be present in your stool for several days even after you are feeling better, so continue to be extra careful about handwashing.

Always wash your hands before eating. Do not eat food prepared by someone who is ill with vomiting or diarrhea. If someone in your household is sick with vomiting or diarrhea, have them use a separate bathroom, if possible. Clean surfaces with soap and water and sanitize with a bleach solution to kill any norovirus that was spread to bathroom or kitchen surfaces. Launder soiled clothing in hot water promptly. Wash your hands after helping children in the bathroom or touching surfaces that may have vomit or feces on them.

Thorough handwashing includes washing your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds, rinsing under running water, and drying with a towel.

Handwashing helps remove norovirus and other germs from your hands (see Hand Hygiene).

You can report suspected outbreaks of norovirus illness – or other food-related illnesses – to the MDH Foodborne Illness Hotline at 1-877-FOOD ILL (366-3455). For more information about norovirus, visit the MDH website at Norovirus Infection.

"No one likes to get vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach aches, especially during the holidays," Saupe said. "Norovirus tends to hit especially hard during the winter season, so now is a good time to get in the handwashing and norovirus prevention habit."

WEM School Announcements

Financial Aid Night – for juniors, seniors and parents – WEM School, January 11th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Items discussed: College financial aid process, question and answers about financial aid, scholarship sources, and door prizes/handouts.

Juniors and seniors: Wild Rice Electric has partnered with the Rural Electric Youth Tour for a trip to Washington, DC, June 11-16, 2016 with other students from across Minnesota. Complete the application and submit to be the selected candidate to have this amazing opportunity. See Mrs. Jore for more details or contact Wild Rice Electric Cooperative for an application.

WEM moves school contact system

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

2016 MINNESOTA SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2016 budget information concerning the City of McIntosh to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with MN. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. This budget is not complete; the complete budget may be examined at the Ctiy Clerk's Office, 115 Broadway NW. The City Council approved this budget on December 10, 2015.

2016 Budget
Budget Governmental Funds

	2015 Budget	2016 Adopted
Revenues:		
Property Taxes	$92,671.00	$93,598.00
Special Assessments	$52,700.00	$52,700.00
Licenses and Permits	$2,100.00	$2,100.00
Intergovernmental Revenues		
Federal	$0.00	$0.00
State (LGA)	$222,650.00	$223,510.00
State (Categorical Aid)	$7,118.00	$7,118.00
County & Other	$0.00	$0.00
Charges for Services	$34,500.00	$34,500.00
Fines and Forfeits	$0.00	$0.00
Interest on Investments	$200.00	$200.00
Miscellaneous Revenues & Building Rents	$32,976.00	$39,300.00
Income/Housing Complex	$90,000.00	$90,000.00
Transfers from Other Funds	$44,385.00	$44,385.00
Total Revenues	$579,300.00	$587,411.00
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General Government	$89,935.00	$87,376.00
Public Safety	$32,224.00	$34,675.00
Streets & Highways	$106,168.00	$124,341.00
Sanitation		
Culture, Recreation & Library	$16,100.00	$16,100.00
Urban Development & Housing		
Economic Development	$218,585.00	$219,385.00
Debt Service Principal	$24,335.00	$15,487.00
Interest & Fiscal Charges	$200.00	$200.00
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures/Buildings	$36,060.00	$42,410.00
Capital Outlay/Transfer	$69,585.00	$74,385.00
Total Expenditures	$593,192.00	$614,359.00
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	($13,892.00)	($26,948.00)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Reserve Operating Fund	$0.00	$0.00
G.O. Bond Levy	$17,840.00	$17,840.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	$11,779.00	$11,487.00
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses		
Property Tax Levy Requirement to fund this Budget	$92,671.00	$93,598.00

ENTERPRISE FUNDS - 2016 ADOPTED BUDGET

SALES & COST OF SALES	Water	Sewer	Garbage & Vector	2016 Adopted Budget	2015 Budget
Sales					
Cost of Sales	$99,240.00				
Gross Profit					
Transfers	$97,700.00				
Debt Levy & Assessments	$62,850.00	$34,850.00			
Charges for Services		$37,000.00	$32,000.00		
TOTAL GROSS PROFIT & OPERATING REVENUES	$259,790.00	$71,850.00	$32,000.00	$363,640.00	$358,800.00
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Personal Services & Fees	$17,468.00	$800.00			
Contractual Svcs & Insurance	$7,350.00	$25,350.00	$36,000.00		
Supplies	$10,100.00	$2,350.00	$750.00		
Materials & Capital Outlay	$4,000.00	$5,250.00			
Heat, Light & Power	$7,200.00	$1,600.00			
Bank Loans	$0.00	$0.00			
Bond Payment & Interest	$99,226.00	$60,988.00			
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	$145,344.00	$96,338.00	$36,750.00		
	$114,446.00	($24,488.00)	($4,750.00)		
Interest Earnings	$100.00				
Interest & Fiscal Charges					
NET INCOME (LOSS)	($2,672.00)	$2,712.00	($40.00)		

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