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Martha Henney was the oldest blood donor to give blood during the Annual VFW Auxiliary #6891 Blood Drive in McIntosh last Thursday, Janaury 21st at the McIntosh Community Center. A total of 76 units were collected from area residents.



Laila Roragen and Jayden Gensburger were two of the many kids that played Bingo for Books at Win-E-Mac school last Thursday evening.



Cameron Svalen with the help of his mom, Shannon, was hoping to win a book during Bingo for Books last Thursday, January 21st at Win-E-Mac School.



Looking for numbers on his bingo card were Lucas Eggl with the help of his dad, Ryan during Bingo for Books at Win-E-Mac School last Thursday night.



Mason Spaeth was ready to play Bingo for Books last Thursday evening at Win-E-Mac School.

Snowmobile Safety Class offered

Now is a good time of year to sign up to take a class on how to safely operate a snowmobile. Training will be offered by the Lengby-Fosston Knightriders and Polar Beach SnowmobileClub of McIntosh.

To legally ride a snowmobile in Minnesota, residents born after December 31, 1976, need a valid snowmobile safety certificate.

This class is offered to students aged 11 years and older.

Saturday January 30th 2016 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M classroom.

Saturday February 6th 2016 10:00 A.M. until finished driving test.

Preregistration packets will available at both Fosston and Win-E-Mac schools. Student will be responsible to show up for the class they signed up for.

Students are required to attend the full day class or complete the CD course and the driving course to complete class and receive certificate.

The class will be at the Knightriders grooming facility 2 miles East of Fosston on Highway 2, south side of the tracks big brown building. Saturday January 30th class is from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. This class will cover all of the book work and testing needed to complete the first portion of the class. Saturday, February 6th 10:00 a.m. will be the driving class. Students are required to be at the grooming facility by 10:00 am. There will be a breakfast starting at 8:00 am the day of the driving test and all students and parents are welcome to attend. Reminder: All students must either complete the CD course and the driving course or at-



tend both the classroom day and driving course to complete this class and receive their certificate.

If the option listed does not fit your schedule please refer to the Minnesota DNR website for other training opportunities in the area. We have scheduled our class for times that our volunteer instructors are available. Please do not call about changing the schedule or missing any of the training.

Rules are as follows but not limited to;

Cell phones will be turned off/put on vibrate and left in the students pocket at all times. Students can use them on break if need be

Arrive on time and be ready for class.

Mature and proper participation in class

Staying in designated areas at all times, including breaks

Showing respect to the trainers, facility and each other.

Parents are encouraged to attend and participate if interested.

For the driving test: Students will be asked to bring their snowmobile riding gear if they have it being the course is outside. Helmets can be shared between students although they are encouraged to bring their own if they have one. No student will be allowed to take

test without wearing a helmet. It's the law!

For any questions please contact:

Paul Nelson at 218-280-0133 or l.f.knightriders@hotmail.com.

Josh Bartz at 218-280-3562 or leave a message/text message with name and number if no answer.

This class is conducted by volunteer instructors Polar Beach Snowmobile club McIntosh and The Lengby-Fosston Knightriders snowmobile Clubs, with assistance from the Minnesota DNR, Local Law Enforcement Officials, Win-E-Mac school and Fosston Schools.

WEM One-Act play this Thursday

Win-E-Mac and Fosston High Schools will be presenting their contest one-act plays for the public at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday evening, January 28, 2016 at the Win-E-Mac Arts and Event Center. Both plays are dramas and may not be suited for young children.

Cast members for Win-E-Mac include Indiana Nornes, Mike Revier, Shayley Espeseth, CeCe Peterson, Jessica Kasprzak, Hunter Chaput, Kolton Stuhaug, Breanna Carroll, McKenzie Fuller, Chris Kuznetsov, Maci Hamre, JoJo Parenteau and Katelyn Sanden. The plays are each about 35 minutes.

There will be a short break between productions for set changes and refreshments.

We appreciate the community support.

Year in Review: Looking back on 2015

October: Win-E-Mac celebrated the end of Homecoming week during the beginning of October. The 2015 Homecoming Senior Court included Andrey Erofeef, Jordan Olson, Kyle Walter, Homecoming King Aaryk Nebert, Homecoming Queen Kelsey Knutson, Jessica Kasprzak, Kinlee Faldet and Rachel Morberg.

McIntosh Heritage and Arts Center hosted the first annual Harvest Hayride at Roholt Park in McIntosh. The weather was great and a large crowd turned out for lunch, lots of fun activities, including decorating pumpkins, lots of games, a hayride and a giant Teddy Bear made of straw that was created by Annie and Calvin Schow.

Grandma Bonnie Strand, who works as a volunteer at Win-E-Mac School was awarded the "Making a Difference" award for her positive impact she has in the classrooms.

The Garden Valley Education Foundation awarded Win-E-Mac School a \$5,000 technology grant to aid the school in the purchase of a Smart Board.

The Fitness Center that was part of the new Arts and Event Center at Win-E-Mac School was opened to the Community for a fee basis use.

Parent's night for fall sports were held during the month of October for the Patriot teams.

There was a community meeting to discuss the upcoming Win-E-Mac referendum renewal. Superintendent Randy Bruer provided some very important information and details pertaining to the renewal of the original referendum that was passed in 2006.

McIntosh Heritage and Arts Center elected their 2016 officers during their annual meeting in October. The 2016 board includes: DeeDee Narum, President; Bob Bursheim, Vice President; Robin Shimpa, Secretary; Mae Mero, Treasurer; and Board Members, Lee Narum, Judi Lindseth, Donna Larson, Laurie Bursheim and Debbie Harriman.

Halloween was a lot of fun at the annual Win-E-Mac Halloween Party sponsored by the Student Council. There were games and goodies for all who attended. There was even a pumpkin carving contest. There was a wide range of fun and unique costumes to see too.

November: The McIntosh Fire Department made a generous donation of \$500 to the Quilts of Valor group.

Getting ready for winter, the Polar Beach Snowmobile

Club spent their weekends in the cooler weather cleaning up and maintaining the snowmobile trails around the area.

Win-E-Mac presented their first play on the new stage in the Arts and Event Center. The play was Villian School. There were two performances over the weekend and the play was well attended. The cast included: McKenzie Fuller, Maci Hamre, Aries Qualley, Mariah McKeever, Travis Balstad, Joey Revier, Tyler Wilson, Chris Kuznetsov, Jordan Jerdee, Brock Trandom, Kolton Stuhaug, Kelsey Knutson, Madison McKeever, Breanna Carrol Mikey Revier, Jessica Kasprzak, Katelyn Sanden, Shayley Espeseth, Indiana Nornes, CeCe Peterson, and Hunter Chaput.

We said goodbye to Salem Church as the final work was completed on the removal of the building when the foundation and stairways were removed and the hole was filled.

Hunting season brought Bryer Strom his first deer during the Saturday, November 7th opener and Bruce Haaven shot a 9 pointer just north of McIntosh on the same day.

The Win-E-Mac Literacy Committee hosted Muffins for Moms and Doughnuts for Dads during the month of November. The mornings are special days when a students mom or dad are able to enjoy breakfast and some reading in the library before school with their kids.

The McIntosh Library hosted Lego night where kids of all ages were welcome to come and join in some building fun.

Area Veterans were honored with Quilts of Valor during the Veteran's Day ceremonies at both Win-E-Mac school and McIntosh Senior Living on Thursday, November 11th. All Veteran's were honored and receiving these special quilts were Clifford Fischer, Bruce Benbo and Dean Salvenson for their services.

Madison McKeever signed her letter of intent to play basketball with the University of South Dakota during the next school year, which will be her freshman year of college.

Several Win-E-Mac athletes received awards for fall sports. Alec Kiecker received the All Sub-section District Award; Jessica Kasprzak, Indiana Nornes, and Shayley Espeseth were awarded the Academic Volleyball All-State award; Audrey Erofeef, Hunter Chaput, and Mikah Olson were each awarded an All Sub-section District mention for the 2015-2016 year; Alayna Espes-

eth, Kelsey Knutson, Madison McKeever and Olivia Simonson were each named Win-E-Mac All Conference volleyball players.

The Winger Lions donated \$500 to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program that is part of the Win-E-Mac Literacy Committee programs.

The McIntosh City Council passed a resolution to approve the assesessment of delinquent utility bills and mowing charges to residents' property taxes.

The McIntosh Community Churches hosted the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Offerings were taken to support the area food shelves.

Breanna Carroll, Olivia Simonson, Shayley Espeseth, Bailee Burcham, Alayna Espeseth, Noah Klinkhammer, Hunter Chaput, Alec Kiecker and Jessica Thompson were selected as new members of the Win-E-Mac National Honor Society.

December: The McIntosh Community Club took over the placement of the large community seasons greeting sign this year and moved its location near the elk on the opposite side of Highway 2 then previous years. They also decorated around the sign as well as the elk statue.

Win-E-Mac students performed Holiday Concerts during the month of November in the new Arts and Event Center. The junior high choir and band performed on December 7th, the senior high band and choir performed on December 14th, and the Elementary program took place on December 17th.

There was a quilt class for beginner sewers held at the McIntosh Community Center by the Win-E-Mac Community Ed group, taught by Connie Strom, where several young ladies and their moms made a quilt top in a day.

Santa Claus made a stop in Winger for the annual Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Winger Lions. The Lions served a tasty breakfast of pancakes and sausage before Santa made his appearance

Santa also made a stop the same day in McIntosh, bringing along Mrs. Claus as well, as the McIntosh Community Club hosted the annual Santa Claus Day at the Community Center. There were lots of kids there to see both the Clauses and to let Santa know what was on their

Community Calendar

Wed. Jan. 27: 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. 28: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Photo Journey with Franny @ McIntosh Community Center 6:30pm

Fri. Jan. 29: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. Jan. 30: Quilts of Valor group @ McIntosh Community Center 9:00am

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

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Thurs. Feb. 4: McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

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

Mon. Feb. 8: 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. Feb. 9: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm



Snowfest Week at WEM.

Monday, February 1st through Friday, February 5th will be Snowfest week at Win-E-Mac school. There are a lot of fun activities planned for the week.

Dress up days:

Monday: Snow Storm Day - what would you wear at home on a snow storm day (some would call this PJ day)

Tuesday: Christmas Movie Day - Come as your favorite Christmas movie character

Wednesday: Winter Vacation Day - Dress like you are going on a tropical vacation

Thursday: Christmas Day - dress up Christmas themed/ items (ex, Santa, reindeer, tree, elves)

Friday: Spirit Day

The Dance will be on Friday, February 5th, 9:00-12:00, for grades 7 through 12. \$10, free pizza and pop.

Other Activities:

Monday: Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball play at home vs. Ada/Borup

Tuesday: Boys Basketball play at KCC

Wednesday: Elementary Family Math night for preK through 6th grade.

Thursday: Girls Basketball

play at home vs. Climax/Fisher

Friday: Boys Basketball

play at home vs. Climax/Fisher

Make time for some fun during this years Snowfest.



Looking back... Continued on page 2 ...



Update

2015 was a good year for the McIntosh Community Club as we saw a more unified group of people working together to make a positive difference in the community.

Some of the events that community members enjoy such as the Community Wide garage sale, Craft and Market Day, Santa Claus Day and the Easter egg hunt were all great successes thanks to many people who pitched in to create events that highlight small town life.

Some additions were added to change some features of these events. Behind the scenes items such as securing funding from the Beito Foundation to provide beautiful pots and flowers for the main street area and providing monetary assistance to the McIntosh Quilters to assist in making displays for their work during city events also occurred. A flea market, Christmas light contest, and community calendars also were provided by the McIntosh Community Club.

We would like to take this time to thank all of our 2015 business and personal memberships that supported us throughout the year.

At our January meeting, we have taken a focus this year of becoming even more visible in the community especially through projects. Implementing some park enhancements and speaker solutions for the downtown area are at the top of our priority list.

At this time we would ask our community members to consider becoming a member.

Your financial assistance only helps us attain these goals faster. In addition, we always welcome participation at our monthly meetings which occur the first Tuesday of every month at the McIntosh community center unless otherwise noted.

We appreciate your support in 2016 and look forward to a better McIntosh!

looking back...

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Along with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, there was also a Kids Mall at the Bjella Building hosted by the Bone Builders. This annual event is a great way for kids to have the opportunity to shop for gifts with the help of the Bone Builders members who also assist with the wrapping of the presents. The best part is everything in the mall costs a quarter! There were also hay rides through town for those who wanted a brisk ride.

The McIntosh City Council amended the dog ordinance during the December meeting. The Ordinance was amended to include the wording that any designated enforcing officer for the City is able to enforce the provisions of the ordinance, meaning any City employee or elected official will be able to enforce a violation of this ordinance, among other changes.

The price of Poplar Meadows Senior Living was also lowered to \$2,500,000 during the December meeting of the City Council.

McIntosh also had Christmas in McIntosh on Friday, December 18th. There was a vendor show in the Community Center and many businesses had Open Houses and special offers to visitors. The First National Bank and King Town Insurance hosted their annual Open Houses on this day.

The McIntosh Community Club hosted the first annual holiday lights home decorating contest during the month of December. There were so many houses with fabulous lighting, certainly the choice of 3 of the best was a difficult decision indeed. There were

winners chosen and in no particular order they were Wed Brekke, Melissa and Larry Finseth and Linda and Walter Sylstad.

Quilts of Valor Dates

Coming up soon we will be cutting up quilt kits for our Quilts of Valor recipients. Any veteran that is a war veteran is eligible to receive a beautiful quilt as a show of our appreciation. Recently on Veterans Day Wayne Benbo, Dean Salvesson and Clifford Fischer were presented a QOV. Also Josh Kersen received his at a family gathering. This coming Memorial Day we would once again love to present some deserving veterans with their Quilt of Valor.

On January 30 we will be gathering at McIntosh Community Center to cut up kits for our Community sewing day. This will start at 9:00 am and should only take a few hours if enough volunteers come to this event.

On March 5 we will again be gathering at the McIntosh Community its Center to sew the Quilt tops. Please note that you do not need to know how to sew to come and volunteer for this special project. Also you do not need to be a member of the QOV association. EVERYONE is welcome to come YOUNG and OLD!!! Help is needed to iron the seams after they are sewn, more cutting will be involved, and of course sewing. And if you do not feel comfortable helping with a quilt top, help is always needed with the potluck lunch. Setting up and cleaning up after lunch so the groups can continue to keep sewing. Coffee is on at all times because as you know everyone needs to take a coffee break and catch up with friends. It is such a fun day as you walk around and see what everyone is working on.

One great idea is to have a team of volunteers construct a quilt top. One or two to sew, someone to iron and someone to cut. If you have any question or would like to sign up so we have somewhat of idea how large a group we need to set up for please contact Kathryn Carver at 612-558-8818 or kcarver@msn.com, Lois Boehrson at 218-280-3574 or loisdon@gvtel.com, Connie Strom at 218-779-5425 or cstrom@gvtel.com.

Come join us and you too can say "I Sew for Heroes"!

QUILT OF VALOR DATES

January 30- cutting day
March 5- sewing day
-Submitted

Arts Legacy grants and Arts Project grants

Grant money is available through the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council in this 3rd round of grant applications. Grants are awarded to non-profit arts organizations, communities, schools individuals and other nonprofit organizations. Applications are being accepted from seven counties in the Minnesota service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties.

The Arts Legacy Grants is a main category for funding artistic activity within the seven county service region. Funding for the grants comes from the Minnesota State Legislature through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. A maximum of \$10,000.00 can be requested. Applicants must provide cash match and it is recommended that it be between 25% -50% although some projects may be approved with as little as 10% cash match if they are innovative and fit a unique need.

An example of Arts Legacy Grants in action comes from the city of Newfolden, Mn. In 2014, they applied for a grant to commission a bronze sculpture by artist Nick Legeros of Minneapolis in the likeness of a former community Mayor, Fire Chief and Businessman, Stan Holmass. The bronze sculpture is now firmly ensconced at the Stan Holmaas Memorial Park.

INVITATION TO BID

The City of McIntosh is requesting bids for the following gravel per yard, hauled:

Pitrun
Crushed or Screened
These should be good for all of 2016. Sealed bids should be in the City Clerk's Office by noon on February 11, 2016 and will be opened at the regular council meeting at 5:30 P.M. on February 11th. Please specify "Snow Hauling Bid" on the envelope. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid it believes is in the best interest of the community.

All bidders are required to carry General Liability and Worker's Comp. Insurance.
Elena Boianoff
Clerk/Treasurer
City of McIntosh
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McIntosh, MN 56556 M42-45C

INVITATION TO BID

The City of McIntosh is requesting bids for road maintenance to include the following:

Grading
Snowplowing

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

INVITATION TO BID

The City of McIntosh is requesting bids for snow hauling for the 2016 winter season:

Quote – single or tandem axle

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INVITATION TO BID

The City of McIntosh is requesting bids (per hour) for the following equipment, with operator:

Loader – 2 to 4 yard bucket
Bulldozer – D5 or larger
Backhoe
Skidsteer
Excavator

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supplies. Schools are strongly urged to use a COMPAS roster artist because they have been professionally trained in working in schools. Local artists that are sponsored need to provide lesson plans and show their professionalism in a classroom setting.

To learn more about these grant programs and start an application, visit www.NorthwestMinnesotaArtsCouncil.org, click on the Current Grants Forms under the Grants Tab. The grant application process is completely online and NWMAC's, Executive Director Mara Hanel can walk you through the process of using the grants process to help you get accustomed to it. There are also informative step-by-step video's posted to our website to help you further.

Funding for these programs comes primarily from the Minnesota State Legislature. Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is one of eleven regional arts councils in the state. All eleven arts councils work together with their fiscal agent, the Minnesota State Arts Board to provide arts services, staffing, and grants.

Contact: Mara Hanel, Executive Director, 218-745-9111.



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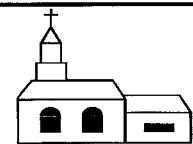
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Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen,
Pastor

Sun. Jan. 31: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Feb. 7: 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 31: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

Sun. Feb. 7: 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. 31: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. Feb. 7: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

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

Wed. Jan. 27: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place
Sat. Jan. 30: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Jan. 31: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10:45am Worship Service

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

Wed. Feb. 3: 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 (LPMC) McIntosh

Pastor Paul Magelson
Sun. Jan. 31: 8am Worship
Sun. Feb. 7: 8am Worship

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson
Trinity:

Sun. Jan. 31: 9:30am Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service;

Sun. Feb. 7: 9:30am Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

Wed. Jan. 27: 7:00pm Bible Study and New Member Class

Thurs. Jan. 28: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. Jan. 31: 9:30am Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School; No Confirmation

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Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Jan. 27: Rosie Caniff, Ella Langemo, Aaliyah Jackson

Thurs. Jan. 28: Shirley Carver

Fri. Jan. 29: Ruth Bartz, Roman Shultz, Rachell Finseth, *Wes & Debbie Kaupang

Mon. Feb. 1: Todd Tranby, Scott Detschman, Dakota Hedlund, *Mark & Danette Strom

Tues. Feb. 2: Scott Grove

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings once again from Winger and the Union Lake areas, after a bitterly cold and windy weekend that just went by the temps have moderated and it is more tolerable to be out and about.

Maybe the colder temps will help those who are waiting impatiently to get out on the big lakes and try their luck at ice fishing. Has been a slow start to the fishing season.

Our neighbor to the east, Fosston was recognized this week as the coldest spot in the nation and it most definitely was cold.

My apologies for no "Winger" page last week but was in Wahpeton for the week with my granddaughters while Brent and Jessie were on vacation. Was a most enjoyable time spent with the girls.

Thursday the 7th, Paul Carlson visited with Fern and Milton Carlson and plowed their yard out. Milton commented that they received 10 and a 1/4 inches of snow that went through that time. They were on the edge of the heavy snowfall as I know here at our place we didn't get near that much snow. Goes to show how varied the snowfall can be and in such little distance.

Saturday the 9th, Butch and Linda Pulskamp visited with Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake, Mn and Nola Abele at the Abele home in Fosston.

Martha Henney continues to receive phone calls and letters from her many family and friends for which she is so thankful. She recently talked with daughter Carol Wang who along with husband Lindsay are spending the winter in Alabama, they both had been under the weather with colds. She also had a good visit with Altha Mandt of Perham who had recently called her.

Last Friday Gary and Maxine Walters were visitors at the Pioneer Home in Erskine with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Paul and Donna Carlson were visitors at the Fern and Milton Carlson home on Tuesday the 12th bringing with them a cake which they all enjoyed with their coffee.

Dean Johnson visited with Donnie Johnson and Nola Abele at the Abele home in Fosston Saturday the 16th.

Lucy Brtek visited on Tuesday with Joyce Balstad in McIntosh, visiting with Joyce at the same time was Judy Hagen of McIntosh.

Mark and Betty Syverson visited last Saturday with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Judy Gieseke was a dinner guest on Wednesday the 14th at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Butch Pulskamp spent from Friday until Monday at the Brent Pulskamp home in Wahpeton where Grandma and Grandpa were sitting with the grandkids while Brent and

Jessie were on vacation.

Bob and Vonnie Lofstrand were last Sunday visitors with Helmer and Verlys Home at the Pioneer Home.

Lonnie Gieseke was a morning visitor on Monday the 18th at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were visitors on Tuesday the 19th at the Pioneer Home at Erskine with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Lucy Brtek was entertained this past week by the Amish as they had cut down some big old oak trees at her place and then used their horses to pull out the big trees. The horses worked up a sweat as they dug in their hooves as they moved the trees.

HELP! Even after a week with no bits and pieces, this is all I have been able to scratch together, let's not have a vacant Winger page in our paper.

In closing, Life isn't about getting and having, it's about giving and being.

USDA expands microloans to help purchase or improve

Producers, Including Beginning and Underserved Farmers, Have a New Option to Gain Access to Land.

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin offering farm ownership microloans, creating a new financing avenue for farmers to buy and improve property. These microloans will be especially helpful to beginning or underserved farmers, U.S. veterans looking for a career in farming, and those who have small and mid-sized farming operations.

"Many producers, especially new and underserved farmers, tell us that access to land is one of the biggest challenges they face in establishing and growing their own farming operation," said Harden. "USDA is making it easier for new farmers to hit the ground running and get access to the land that they need to establish their farms or improve their property."

The microloan program, which celebrates its third anniversary this week, has been hugely successful, providing more than 16,800 low-interest loans, totaling over \$373 million to producers across the country. Microloans have helped farmers and ranchers with operating costs, such as feed, fertilizer, tools, fencing, equipment, and living expenses since 2013. Seventy percent of loans have gone to new farmers.

Now, microloans will be available to also help with farm land and building purchases, and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded

program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to \$50,000 to qualified producers, and can be issued to the applicant directly from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

This microloan announcement is another USDA resource for America's farmers and ranchers to utilize, especially as new and beginning farmers and ranchers look for the assistance they need to get started. To learn more about the FSA microloan program visit www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans, or contact your local FSA office. To find your nearest office location, please visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.



Valentine's Day by the numbers

Valentine's Day is eagerly anticipated, and each year couples race to make their dinner reservations or surprise their sweethearts with heartfelt gifts.

According to Forbes, Americans take Valentine's Day quite seriously, spending an average of \$142.30 on gifts.

Men tend to spend twice as much as women. In 2015, consumers in the United States spent \$19 billion on Valentine's Day gifts and other surprises. The Retail Council of Canada says Canadians tend to spend much less than their neighbors to the south.

Here's a look at some additional interesting Valentine's figures, courtesy of Forbes, CNN and History.com.

Sixty-two percent of adults say they celebrate Valentine's Day.

Roses are popular gifts, with 51 percent of people buying red roses for the holiday.

Individuals will spend \$1.6 billion on candy, with roughly \$448 million spent the week before.

Valentine's Day cards are in abundance, with 150 million being exchanged each February 14th.

Thirty-eight percent of Valentine's Day consumers plan to buy flowers for the holiday.

Valentine's Day isn't just for couples. While 91 percent of gifts purchased are for a significant other, family members, friends, classmates, and even pets get their share of gifts, too.

Surprisingly, mixed flower arrangements edge out red roses as the top flower shop pick.

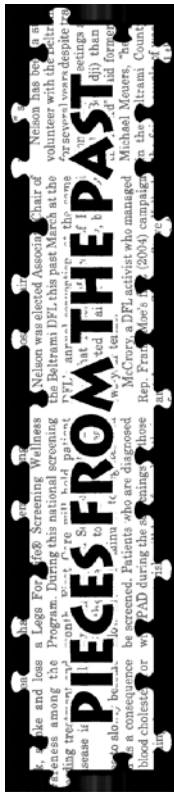
Valentine's Day is certainly one for toasting. Nearly 174,000 gallons of champagne and sparkling wines are sold throughout the holiday week.

In the United States, an estimated \$4.8 billion will be spent on jewelry.

While many are buying cards, about 30 percent will opt for a romantic text message



40 years ago...1976: Looking forward to the Girl's District Basketball Tournament this weekend are the Lady Scots from McIntosh with their coaches. L-R, Front to back: Sue Schimanski, Renee Carlson, Ruth Thompson, Beth Strom, Kris Bergman, Mary Burslie, Mary Strom, Pam Aanenson, Becky Haaven (Assist. Coach), Yvonne Hagen, Penny Fullmer and Nadine Johnson, Coach. Kris Bergman is the leading re-bouncer with 136 points for the year; and also the leading scorer with 150 points. Patti Strom is 2nd leading re-bouncer with 72 for the year; and Pam Aanenson 2nd leading scorer with 95 points. Patti Strom was absent at the time of the picture pose.



30 years ago...1986: Shannon Roepke takes a nice jumper during the 7th grade game at Gonvick. Pictured are Jerad Rouland (G), Roepke (G), Jon Vesledahl (M-W), Curt Olson (M-W), Mike Carlson (M-W), Eric Graftass (G), Patrick Lee (G). and Shawn Vassend (M-W).



20 years ago...1996: An assist from Tony Simonson to Shaun Bruggeman resulted in two points for the Patriots against the Mahnomen Indians on Saturday in McIntosh.



10 years ago...2006: Caitlyn Espeseth, #23, shoots for two against a very tough Fosston 7th grade team this past Friday.

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl,
Extension Educator

Fairy rings

Over the years, there have been many theories as to the cause of the mysterious lawn disorders known as fairy rings. The two previously leading theories include small pixie-like humanoids flitting about casting spells on your lawn, probably after you had done something bad to a neighbor. The other leading theory was alien spacecraft landings left unusual rings in your lawn, probably from the flux capacitor. I can say with some level of certainty, both of these theories are not true. At least I'm pretty sure...

Actually, in all truth, fairy rings are not nearly that exotic or exciting.

In reality, they are caused by a number of fungi that produce peculiar patterns in home lawns.

Fairy rings typically appear and consist of a dark green ring or arc with an inner ring of dead brown grass. The size of the ring can range from a few inches to more than 50 feet in diameter (hence the spacecraft theory). Following irrigation or rain, mushrooms often suddenly appear within the rings.

Fairy ring fungi live on dead organic matter in the soil and thatch layer. Fairy rings

expand radially outward until the food supply is used up, the soil becomes too wet, or better-adapted organisms surpass the ability of the fungi to survive. The ring and surrounding area can be broken into three zones, although all three zones may not be visible on the surface.

As the fairy ring fungus expands and enters new soil or thatch, an outer zone of stimulation forms. In this area, excessive nutrients are released as the fungus decomposes organic debris.

Grass growth is stimulated, resulting in a ring of luxuriant green grass. Inside the zone of stimulation, a zone of dead or dying (brown) grass may be present.

In this area, a high concentration of thread-like structures (mycelia) composing the body of the fungus can often be seen upon close examination of the thatch and soil. The mycelia prevent water movement into the area, weakening or killing the grass.

A third zone may be present in some rings. This is another zone of stimulation, inside the zone of dead, brown grass. As the fungus leaves this area or dies, additional nutrients are released allowing for luxuriant green grass.

To prevent fairy rings, prop-

erly water, fertilize, and dethatch lawns. Fairy rings are most common on sandy soils that are low in water and fertility. Thick thatch layers also contribute to this problem. Eradication of fairy ring fungi is difficult and often impractical.

Most homeowners prefer to mask the problem, rather than eradicate it.

You have a few options.

Replace the Infected Soil. The sod and underlying soil, in a band about one foot beyond the ring, could be excavated to a depth of one foot, depending on the extent of the ring. Discard the infested soil, being careful not to spill any on the healthy lawn. Add clean, sterilized soil in the hole and reseed. Granted, this option seems pretty extreme, unless it involves a very small area.

Perhaps a more practical solution is to try masking the symptoms. This can be done in different ways.

Removal of Mushrooms. If mushrooms are the only evidence of fairy rings, remove them by picking or raking and destroy. Give your neighbor kid a golf club and tell them to practice their golf swing on the mushrooms.

Fertilizing may be the easiest option. The dark

green rings will be more obvious in nutrient deficient soils. Conduct a soil test and apply recommended levels of fertilizer. Do not over fertilize, as this will cause additional problems. If everything looks a darker green, you simply won't notice the nutrient rich area of the fairy ring.

Special Watering. Reduce the water repelling nature of the ring by watering the area with a root-watering wand. Punch holes at least every foot in the yellowing or dying area and pump large amounts of water into the ground to a depth of 10-24 inches. Repeat frequently. Application of a surfactant (wetting agent) to the area may also increase soil permeability and help to lessen symptoms.

Soil Aeration may help to some degree. Reduce symptom severity by increasing water penetration and accelerating thatch decomposition.

Of course, if you don't believe the fungi theory, you can always sprinkle your lawn with FairyGuard (at midnight on the eve of a full moon) and continue to wear the tinfoil helmets. Just in case...

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu Source: Cynthia Ash provided the more credible portions of this article.

Random Things and Stuff



How Many of Me

By: Emily L. Ferden

Just out of curiosity, I typed into Google, "how many". One of the first links that popped up

was for a website called "How Many of Me". On this website, it says that "The U.S. Census Bureau statistics tell us that there are at least 151,671 different last names and 5,163 different first names in common use in the United States. Some names are more common than others. There are 46,547 people named John Smith in the United States. There are 1,012 people named James Bond, 106 people named Harry Potter, 453 people named George Bush, and 32 people named Emily Dickinson. However, Johnny Cash (34 people) songs aside there are, statistically speaking, very few boys named Sue."

Now, this really sparked my interest! How many people in the U.S. were named "Emily Ferden"? Well, you bet I decided to look it up. According to this website, "There are 334,796 people in the U.S. with the first name Emily. There are 181 people in the U.S. with the last name Ferden. There are 1 or fewer people in the U.S. named Emily Ferden." After reading this, I will tell you, there is FOR SURE at least one person named Emily Ferden.

Now, if I have sparked your interest to also see the prevalence of your name in the U.S., I encourage you to go to www.howmanyofme.com and check it out for yourself.

WEM Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at the Win-E-Mac School on Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 1:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Parents of students in grades K-6 should have made appointments to see their respective teachers. Parents of 7th-12th grade students, conferences will be self-led by the students, with their homeroom teachers.

Signup sheets will be sent home with students to schedule a time.

Also, the buses will run at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2106.

WEM School Menu

Wed. Jan. 27: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Sausage Gravy over Biscuit, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Grilled Chicken Breast on Bun, Potato Wedges, Tomato Slices, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. Jan. 28: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Toast, Chocolate Cake, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Jan. 29: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Assorted Muffins, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Sub Sandwich, Baked Chips, Cookie, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Mon. Feb. 1: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Bites, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Sloppy Joe on Bun, Baked Beans, Tri-Tators, Fruit Salad, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Tues. Feb. 2: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, French Toast Sticks, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Mashed Potato Bowl, Popcorn Chicken, Gravy, Corn, Applesauce, Bread, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Wed. Feb. 3: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Corn Dog, French Fries, Baked Beans, Fresh Veggies, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. Feb. 4: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Scalloped Potatoes w/Ham, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Chocolate Cream Pie, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Feb. 5: *Breakfast:* Assorted Cereal, Sweet Roll, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk *Lunch:* Pizza, Lettuce Salad w/dressing, Fresh Vegetables, Sherbet Cup, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice



Madison McKeever

McKeever selected as WEM Triple A winner

Madison McKeever has been selected as Win-E-Mac's Triple A award winner to represent our school at the sub-section 30 meeting which was held on January 11th. Each award winner from each school will be invited to a banquet at the Shooting Star Casino Events Center where Sub-Section and Section winners will be announced.

The purpose of the program is to recognize and honor high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on

the athletic field, and in the fine arts.

The program also elevates academic standards and creates greater awareness of League-sponsored activities and their values and helps to provide member schools of the League with the opportunity to participate in a statewide program that supports, promotes, and recognizes academic and extra-curricular achievements.

Congratulations Madison on this tremendous honor.

Win-E-Mac Community Education Rising Stars Dance Show



The Rising Stars Dance Show will be held on **Sunday, January 31st** at 2:00 PM at the **Win-E-Mac Art & Events Center**. Admission to the show will be \$1.00 for students and \$2.00 for adults with proceeds going to Win-E-Mac Community Education.

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WEM ECFE

Fun Friday Playdates! Fridays 10-11:30am WEM Prek Room Ages 0-5yrs old

Join us in our classroom for themed learning stations, stories, songs and snacks!

1/29 Can you fix it?! Tools!

2/5 Cars! Trucks! Wheels!

2/12 Valentines!

2/19 Brush Brush! Dental Health Month!

ECFE is for children 0-5 yrs old and families. Classes and Events are FREE unless noted. Pre-registration is not required. Contact Shannon Svalen, Early Childhood Director at 218-687-2236, Like us on Facebook "WEM Early Childhood Family Education", or email: ssvalen@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us

WEM School Announcements

FYI -

The 2nd quarter report cards are now available on Student/ParentVue for your viewing.

WEM Open Enrollment

Win-E-Mac School is important to our community and we need to acknowledge this to all patrons and visitors in our community.

Our enrollment is an essential piece for our district fund-

ing, so we need to talk about our school to others in an effort to attract new families and students to our school and community.

Encouraged patrons should speak with your neighbors or people contemplating a change and invite them to visit our school.

Our teachers and staff pride themselves on creating expectations for each student to succeed.

If students choose to return to their home district or want to apply to a new district, they should apply for open enrollment by January 15, 2016.

This gives the districts time to plan for the student needs.

Prom sign-up forms are available in Mrs. Winter's room.

All couples must sign-up ahead of time.

WEM seniors and juniors are invited to attend the prom with a guest who is a sophomore or older in our out of school but no older than 20 years of age.

Prom will be held May 7th.

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2nd quarter WEM Honor Roll announced

The following Win-E-Mac Senior High and Junior High School students have attained either an "A" or "B" average in academic subjects for the second quarter of the 2015-2016 school year.

Congratulations!

To be eligible for the "A" Honor Roll the student needs to have attained a 3.76 – 4.00 Grade Point Average. To be eligible for the "B" Honor Roll the student needs to have attained a 3.00 – 3.75 Grade Point Average.

Seniors:

"A":

Andrew Bryant
Megan Espeseth
Shaley Espeseth
Kinlee Faldet
Amanda Farrell
Jessica Kasprzak
Kelsey Knutson
Madison McKeever
Aaryk Neubert
Indiana Nornes
Mikayla Vesledahl

"B":

Nathan Brekke
Justin Carlson
Audrey Erofeeff
Suzanna Martushev
Rachel Morberg
Jordan Olson
Hunter Parenteau
Cecilia Peterson
Kyle Walters
Anne Weik
Joshua Young

Juniors:

"A":

Breanna Carroll
Hunter Chaput
Alayna Espeseth
Noah Klinkhammer
Olivia Simonson
Jessica Thompson

"B":

Bastian Benson
LaTanya Bring
Bailee Burcham
Jorey Carlson
Alaina Juve
Alec Kiecker
Chris Kuznetsov
Adreanna LaCoursiere
David Morel
Anthony Smith

Sophomores:

"A":

MacKenzie Fuller
Blake Glass
Jarrin Gunderson
Maci Hamre
Patience Reep
Grace Spry
Lauren Strom
Sydney Tadman
Kendra Thompson
Tyra Wilson

"B":

Mackenzie Best
Jordin Gunderson
Emelian Kaya
Bryce Neubert
Joseph Parenteau
Ryan Schaumburg
Cole Shaver
Kylie Stuhau

9th Grade:

"A":

Tapanga Bratager
Lily Breckel
Brekken Lindberg
Mariah McKeever
Aries Qualey
Hannah Smeby
Mason Spry

"B":

Kylie Brekke
Searra Gerber
Clarissa Neste
Madyson Plante

8th Grade:

"A":

Alina Basargin
Lindsey Espeseth
Rylee Haugen
Abby Lende
Elliana Lindberg
Natasha Salsbery
Carlie Sander

"B":

Elena Boianoff
Nathan Fortmann
Katrina Jackson
Lydia Kutsev
Uliana Mametieff
Dustin Osland
Noah Roragen
Isaac Salvhus
Adeline Spry

7th Grade:

"A":

Paige Breckel
Bryce DuChamp
Nikon Erofeeff
Remy Goodwin

Gavin Haskett

Alex Jacobson

Brianna Johnson

Grace Kaupang

Jordan Lemke Berzins

Reed Neubert

Noah Ostenaar

Dylan Roy

Bryer Strom

Mia Thompson

"B":

Felicity Address

Leonard Fritsch

Zachariah Gummeringer

Kobe Hamre

Joshua Hegre

Serendipity Holmes

Aytonom Martushev

Delvin Morel

Kendyl Nelson

Jhana Saeland

Brock Trandem

Gavin Walker

Kale Wiese



Patriot Kelsey Knutson shoots for a basket during the Win-E-Mac win over Clearbrook-Gonvick on January 19th.



During the Win-E-Mac Patriot girls basketball win over the Clearbrook-Gonvick Bears on January 19th in Clearbrook, Alayna Espeseth moves past the blockers.



The 2015 Win-E-Mac School District Spelling Bee was held at 8:30 on Wednesday, January 20th in the Arts & Events Center. Sixteen spellers—four each from fifth through eighth grades—were selected to compete. In the end, Kolton Crocker, a seventh grader, was the champion and will be going on to compete at the Regional Spelling Bee on February 10th at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. Taking second place was Anton Hickman, a sixth grader, and tying for third place was Rylee Haugen, an eighth grader, and Lukiya Kutsev, a sixth grader. In all, 133 words were used, with the championship word being "vague". Pictured (L-R) are Lukiya Kutsev, Rylee Haugen, Kolton Crocker, Anton Hickman and the Spelling Bee pronouncer, Melanie Nelson.