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Remembering the fallen: This Monday is Memorial Day

The Winger American Legion Fengestad-Solie Post 200 will host its' annual Memorial Day program beginning at 8:30 am at the Winger Community Center. The program will conclude in the Memorial park at 9:00 am with the laying of the wreaths and the 21 gun salute and taps. Refreshments will be served following the event and eveyone is welcome to attend.

The McIntosh Friends of Veterans will hold its' McIntosh Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 30, 2022, at 10:15am beginning in McIntosh Community Center. The Parade will be at 10:15 am, Service at 10:30 am, with the Roll Call on Front Lawn of old McIntosh School 11:15 am.

Following the Memorial Day program in McIntosh, Little Bobby's Bar & Grill will host a spaghetti dinner on the patio. Everyone is welcome for lunch. Veteran's and their spouse will enjoy their lunch for free. There will be live music as well.

There is a poem written by John McCrae, MD who served as a soldier and surgeon in the Canadian Army during World War I called In Flanders Field. This poem has become a writing read at many Memorial Day services as it is written from the point of view of the dead, many under the red poppies that cover Flanders Field. It speaks to the sacrifice of life but also the direction for the living to press on.



In Flanders Field
by John McCrae
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

The Man behind the Horn - Memorial Day Taps

Marine Corps Sergeant (Ret.) Joe Collova (husband of Rachel Ramse Collova) has played Taps at the McIntosh Memorial Day Honor Roll service for several years. Joe has been part of the Fort Snelling Taps Corp for over 16 years. The Fort Snelling Taps Corps members play at military funerals at Fort Snelling and every Friday throughout the calendar year. He is also a member of the Fort Snelling Rifle Squad.

He owns seven trumpets and keeps them in trumps he may be asked to play. His car, cabin, church, and home all have one incase the need arises. On 9/11 he was driving in St. Paul and noticed a flag at half-mast. He stopped, went inside, and with permission began to play Taps. It was a Junior High School. He felt compelled that day to

Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

On May 30, 2022, at 10:30am McIntosh will come together to hold tributes for those that never made it home as well as all the men and women from McIntosh that have served our country with pride and honor. We will celebrate the lives of nearly 440 brave members of the McIntosh community who are no longer with us and the 14 who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Please remember all of them by helping us place American Flags at the gravesites of all the McIntosh Veterans who are no longer with us. A list of service member names with cemetery information and flags will be available from Darlene Dierkes at the First National Bank in McIntosh starting May 23rd. We are asking for volunteer families to help us honor them with a Flag and a prayer as has been done since the 1860's.

Some additional information regarding the Memorial Day Service this year:
Young kids will practice the Lawn ceremony at 9:30am on May 30th. Please have your child wear a white shirt, black pants, and black shoes (if possible). Parents of elementary students should look for information to be sent home from school or to call Heather Hegre at 218-979-9857 for more information.

The Community Choir of

Volunteers, directed by Gerald Borud, will practice at 10:00am for 15 minutes. This will be prior to the parade to allow everyone to get your voice in shape, see the parade and be part of the service. Please join in and help us celebrate the lives of our family and friends through song.

Finally, this year we will continue the Roll Call video Presentation. On May 30th at 1pm and 7pm, Garden Valley Television will be showing the 2022 McIntosh Roll Call. The Roll Call will also be uploaded to YouTube and our Facebook Site for viewing (<https://www.facebook.com/McIntoshFOV>)

This week we honor four more service members from McIntosh that died in battle. Henry Solie, Joe Widseth, Sven Norling and Robert Frisk. Their stories follow.



Henry Solie
I am Henry Solie. I was born in Winger in 1892, one of 11 children born to parents John and Inger. My parents were farmers, but by the time I was 18 I was working as a house carpenter. I had blue eyes and brown hair.

I entered the service on April 26, 1918; I was in the 357th Infantry, along with Melvin Leb-acken. I was a mechanic. Even for those of us who were not in the artillery, the war was dangerous, and we faced difficult conditions. Many of us fell ill, including myself. I contracted

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Joe Collova
keep the memories alive.

The Friends of McIntosh Veterans would like to thank Sergeant Collova for his service and for his volunteering to play "Taps" at this year's Memorial Day Service.

Taps Lyrics: "Day is done, gone the sun from the lakes,

from the hills, from the skies. All is well, safely rest. God is nigh."
Picture and additional story available from Dan Wascoe, Your Classical. Retrieved from (<https://www.yourclassical.org/story/2022/03/11/playing-for-honors>)



The Win-E-Mac all-school reunion will be June 3rd - 5th

As we kick off summer with the Erskine Water Carnival, this year the Win-E-Mac Alumni Association will present an All-School Reunion the weekend of June 3rd through the 5th, with events happening in both Erskine and McIntosh.

There will be plenty to do and plenty of friends and past school mates to meet up with and enjoy a fun-filled weekend.

Friday evening, the Alumni Association hopes they encourage individual classes to get together for visiting and float preparations. The Win-E-Mac Alumni Association will be having a Split-the-Pot raffle at the Erskine Carnival in the evening with drawings both Friday and Saturday night at 9:00 pm on the main music stage.

The Bad Campers will perform at Little Bobby's Bar and Grill on Main Street in McIntosh starting at 8:00 pm on Friday night.

Saturday morning starts with a pancake breakfast at

the Win-E-mac school from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, served by the local fire departments of Winger, Erskine and McIntosh. Tours of the school will also be available at 8:00 am, 9:00 am, and 10:00 am.

There will also be coffee and shaking dice at the old B-B-Lunch with a Mac Bakery twist available on Saturday morning in McIntosh.

Take a golf cart tour of McIntosh to see how McIntosh has changed over the years from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm meeting outside of the Ginger Junker (formerly Abrahamson's Hardware Store), and take a sidewalk tour down Main Street to see memories of the past.

Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, all member of the community are welcome to explore the new Freedom Christian Academy that will hold an Open House at the old Erskine School and enjoy a hotdog, chips and soda.

The All-School parade will begin line-ups at 11:00 an with

the parade starting at 1:00 pm in McIntosh. The floats will then travel to Erskine by 3:30 pm for the parade to start at 4:00 pm. Parade floats will be judged with prizes given to McIntosh - Winger School from 1906 - 1986, Erskine School from 1918 - 1986 and Win-E-Mac School from 1986 to present.

There will be fireworks in Erskine around 10:15 pm as part of the Water Carnival.

Sunday the day will start with a breakfast buffet from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Little Bobby's. The breakfast buffet

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SCHOOLS OUT

The last day of school for Win-E-Mac students is Friday, May 27th.

Memorial Day – 1995

By: Amy Bartz Schaefer
When I was in grade school it had been my privilege to lead the "tribute to the fallen soldiers" part of the Memorial Day parade. I earned this through no merit of my own, but merely because I was the shortest girl in grades 3-6. A distinction I kept for 3 years.

McIntosh, MN is a small town, located between Grand Forks and Bemidji. It's named after a Scottish immigrant who founded the town in 1889. It was a curious thing because the town was filled with Norwegians, Swedes and Germans. I don't ever remember a Scot living there. This is a little town with its traditions and the Memorial Day Parade is one of them. My dream came true...after 30 years I am once again home for Memorial Day in 1995.

So let me tell you about Memorial Day 1995. The day started with the sun coming up between the trees and slowly covering the lawn with the morning light. My mother's Memorial Day peonies are starting to open; the grass is a lush green. There is promise of a lovely day ahead. I am home to help my dad with my mother who has shown some signs of Alzheimer's and seemed to be



deteriorating rapidly. I needed to be home and once again feel the closeness of a mother before she loses the ability to "mother".

The parade on Memorial Day in McIntosh was a short one. It only went the few short blocks through the downtown and ended at the school with a patriotic program

It is 10 a.m. and the parade is soon to start, so we get in our

car and drive downtown. I held my mother's hand and lead her along like she used to lead me when I was a child. The older people are seated in their cars all along the parade route; we walked along and greeted many of them. The schoolyard is filled with crosses. I noticed that there are no names on the

Amy 1995...
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Tadman announces his bid for re-election as Polk County Sheriff

I am excited to announce that I will seek a second term as the Polk County Sheriff. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your sheriff and I pledge to continue to provide professional and respectful law enforcement services to all who live, work, and visit Polk County.

I am grateful for the many dedicated men and women who work alongside me at the Polk County Sheriff's Office keeping our communities, schools, and residents safe. I am thankful for the great relationships we have with neighboring law enforcement, social service, public health, and criminal justice partners who work together for the betterment of our communities.

Essential law enforcement services have continued with-



Sheriff Jim Tadman
out interruption throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. While COVID may not be over, I am hopeful we will resume regular activities, including increased presence in our schools and in the public though community events and programming. I believe that a positive rapport and strong partner-

ships are critical in keeping Polk County a safe place to live and work.

Some of the key issues I will focus on in my next term are technology demands, the growing mental health and controlled substance crisis' and the recruitment, retention, and training challenges of hiring public safety professionals. Drawing on my 34 plus years of law enforcement experience, I believe I can implement new ideas and improve on many of the programs we have in Polk County.

I respectfully ask Polk County residents for their continued support and for their vote in the upcoming November election. I look forward to serving this community for another four-year term.

Sheriff Jim Tadman

Polk County household hazardous waste collection events

Polk County Environmental Services is once again holding its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection events. The first collection event will be held at the Fertile Fairgrounds on Friday, June 3rd from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. The second collection will be at the East Shore Beach Area of Maple Lake off County Highway 10 on Saturday, June 4th from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Household hazardous products, if not properly used, stored, and disposed of, can pollute the air and water. These collection events, along with year-round collection facilities in Crookston and Fosston, give Polk County residents the opportunity to take part in

protecting the environment.

Household hazardous wastes accepted at this event include: cleaning solvents, paints, stains, strippers, automotive products (carburetor cleaners, brake, steering or transmission fluid, etc.), aerosols, adhesives, pool chemicals, photographic chemicals and hobby chemicals.

Products that are NOT accepted include: business and agricultural wastes, compressed gas, explosives, radioactive materials, tires, fluorescent bulbs, used oil or bagged household garbage.

Polk County's collection events are part of the Northwest Minnesota Household Hazardous Waste Program in

cooperation with Polk County Environmental Services, the Maple Lake Improvement District and the city of Fertile. Polk County Environmental Services accepts household hazardous wastes from Polk County residents year-round.

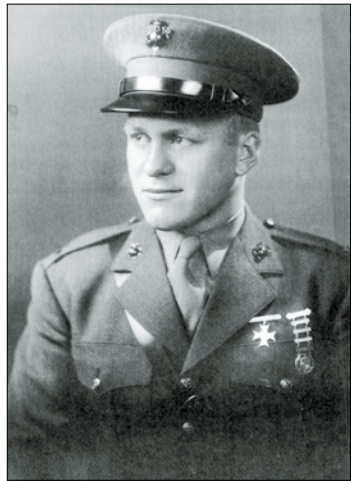
The ongoing collections for Polk County residents are located at the Polk County Transfer Station and Fosston Incinerator which accepts HHW (Monday-Friday 8am- 5 pm).

For more information on household hazardous waste or how to package and transport items, please contact Polk County Environmental Services at 1-800-482-6804.

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either meningitis or the Spanish flu that fall. I succumbed to my disease on December 21, 1918, 40 days after the war ended. I am buried in St. Mihiel American Cemetery in Lorraine, France.



Joe Widseth

My name is Joe Widseth. I was born in 1918 to parents, Erik and Carolina. Our family moved from Gonvick when Dad bought a farm in King Township. I was attending the U of M when I registered for the draft.

I mustered with the U.S. Marine Corps as a Private First Class. By October 1943, I was a 1st Lieutenant.

On September 15, 1944, we landed on the island of Peleliu in the Western Pacific. Over the next several weeks, ferocious Japanese resistance inflicted heavy casualties on us. I was one of those casualties,

as I was killed in action on September 26th. Our troops were eventually able to secure the island, but the attack resulted in a higher death toll than any other amphibious assault in U.S. military history.

I am buried in Fort Snelling. If you visit there, know that each one of those markers set in perfect lines represents a life that was given in service to your country. Some of us gave our all.



Sven Norling

My name is Sven Norling. I was born to parents Andrew and Rande in Knute Township in 1911, one of seven children. I had blue eyes and brown hair, stood 6 feet tall, and weighed 165 pounds.

I enlisted with Company H, 7th Infantry on June 15, 1942. Our division was part of Operation Dragoon, an amphibious assault in southern France, on August 15, 1944. I was killed

in action in that landing, one of the 17,000 Allied casualties in the operation that lasted four days. I didn't live to see how exuberant the French citizens in the villages were when our troops arrived. They were so thankful for being liberated after two years of brutal German occupation! But that liberation was achieved only through the sacrifice of those who gave our lives for the cause.

I am buried in Salem Cemetery.



Robert Frisk

I am Robert Frisk. I was

CLASS OF '79

We are meeting at Barb Berg-Faldet home at 38112 270th Avenue SE, McIntosh on Friday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share and BYOB. Looking forward to re-aquainting with the "Older Version" of the Class of 1979.

They Gave Their Lives

On Memorial Day, we honor the brave service men and women whose hopes and dreams were cut short in battle.

They sacrificed their own lives to protect the lives and freedom of others.

This Memorial Day, join us in paying tribute to them.



First National Bank of McIntosh will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.



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HomeHelpMN may help Minnesotans avoid foreclosure

Minnesotans who have fallen behind on their mortgages and face a foreclosure due to a financial hardship, caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, can now apply for government assistance through the new HomeHelpMN program. Applications for assistance opened on Tuesday, May 17th at HomeHelpMN.org. The application period will end on June 17th.

Minnesota received \$109 million from the Federal American Rescue Plan to help homeowners get caught up on their mortgage payments.

To be eligible for the program you must own and occupy the home in Minnesota. Eligibility is based on your county's median household income and will vary by county.

Income limits can be found at the programs' website homehelpmn.org/income-limits.

"Many households were already one paycheck away from falling behind even before the pandemic. Lost wages quickly led to missed payments," said Minnesota Housing Commissioner Jennifer Ho in a news



release. "Many Minnesotans have fallen behind on their mortgage. Many are even facing foreclosure. HomeHelpMN opened today with a goal of preserving homeownership for as many Minnesotans as possible."

Commissioner Ho said demand for the funds is expected to be higher than what is available and encouraged those who are in need to apply as soon as possible.

Homeowners can receive up to \$35,000 in assistance, for qualified past-due expenses including mortgage bills and contract for deed payments, manufactured home loan payments, property taxes, homeowner association fees, property insurance, and manufactured home lot lease and Tribal Land Lease payments.

Payments will be made directly to your mortgage lender or debt holder.

You can submit your application online at HomeHelpMN.org or over the phone at 800-388-3226.

The website and application are available in English, Spanish, Somali, and Hmong and other languages. Callers will be prompted to select a language and will be connected to an interpreter if they prefer a language other than English. Call Center hours are from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Minnesota Housing said if applications received during the application period exceed available funding, applicants may be put on a wait list.

born in McIntosh in 1928 to parents Arthur and Karen. Our family farmed in King Township.

I was a light weapons infantryman in Company C, 38th Infantry in Korea. On February 11th, 1951, the Chinese and North Korean armies launched their Fourth Offensive in the Battle of Hoengseong.

On the second day, February 12th, a different battalion was furiously fighting the enemy. They were running low on small arms and mortar ammunition. Our battalion was dispatched to aid them. I was captured in battle that day. It is assumed that I died in captivity, though my remains have never been recovered.



Please visit the [wem-reunion Facebook page](#) for any information about the All-School reunion taking place the weekend of June 3rd - 5th. There are notices about specific class meetings, etc. that are available.

The Win-E-Mac Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help out a few hours either on Saturday, Sunday or both. A small time commitment would be a big help from those who are able to help.

In need of volunteers are manning the memorabilia tables from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday; An individual or group to coordinate the float for the over 90 year old alumni and to make sure they participate in both the McIntosh and Erskine parades; Golf carts and operators for the golf cart tours in McIntosh on Saturday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm; possibly other positions that need filling as time progresses. If you are interested, please message winemac reunion on Facebook or contact Devra at 218-280-3269.

Memorabilia is needed for decade memorabilia tables, mostly for the 2000's table, but welcome is anything from the 1940's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's as well. Old jersey's, band uniforms, class remembrances, etc. Please contact Devra at 218-280-3269 if able to help. Thank you.

Mac-Winger Class of 1966

Looking for the following six classmates. If you know how to get in touch with the following six people, please have them call, text or email. Wes Knutson at 218-289-2922, lwknutson@gra.midco.net

The six classmates are: Dawn (Richter) Shupe, Carol (Henschke) Peterson, Owen Smeby, Dennis Hendricks, Larry Bolstad, and Alan Johnson.

Class of 1979 Meeting June 3

The class of 1979 will be meeting at Barb Berg-Faldet home at 38112 270th Ave SE, McIntosh on Friday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share and BYOB. Looking forward to reacquainting with the "Older Version" of the class of 1979.

Win-E-Mac Class of 2002:

Please let Brandon Omang know if you plan on attending the reunion. He can be reached at (218) 280-7598. The class will meet at Travis Kolden's house on Friday night (June 3rd) at 5:00 pm. Message Brandon for address/directions.

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A submitted application is not a guarantee of funding availability, it warned.

Open House for Savannah Svalen
May 28, 2022 at the McIntosh Community Center from 4:00-7:00 pm.

Sandhill Cemetery Association

Sandhill Cemetery Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, May 30, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Sletton Town Hall.

Shirley Sonstelle
Secretary/Treasurer
Sandhill Cemetery Association

Mac Library Closed Memorial Day

All Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) branches and LINK sites will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day, with regular hours of operation resuming Tuesday, May 31. This includes the McIntosh and Fosston branches of LARL.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. More information is available at [www.larl.org](#).

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Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Thurs. May 26:
Ranee Haaven,
DeeDee Narum,
Chad Smeby, Angela Linden

Fri. May 27: Zach Plante, Gordy Goldsmith, Jackie Huschle, Charlie Roed, Brady Grove

Sat. May 28: Elizabeth Klemmer

Sun. May 29: Gordie Ostenaar

Mon. May 30: Patti Benson, *Patrick & Betsy Roed

Tues. May 31: Svea Carlson, Dolly Lee

LSS Meals Menu 687-2262

Call to reserve your meal. Indoor dining at 11:30 am; drive-up available at 11:00 am.

Mon. May 30: Closed for Memorial Day

Tues. May 31: *Bingo* Chicken Fajita - Spanish Rice - Black Beans & Corn - Garlic Toast - Peanut Butter Cookies - Milk

Wed. June 1: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce - Lettuce Salad - Tropical Fruit - Garlic Toast - Peanut Butter Cookies - Milk

Thur. June 2: *Bingo* Turkey - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy - Peas - Wheat Rolls - Gingerbread Cake - Milk

Fri. June 3: Ham - Baked Potato - Carrots - Wheat Rolls - Zucchini Bars - Milk



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

Sun. May 29: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. June 5: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. June 12: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) McIntosh

Interim Pastor Keith Zeh
Synodical Authorized Minister Katie DeMarais

Sun. May 29: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. June 5: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

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

MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel: Interim Pastors John Anderson and Phil Rokke

Sunday Services

9:30am Mt Carmel

11:00am Trinity

Sunday School

9:45am Trinity

10:45am Mt. Carmel

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor
[www.gosen-church.com](#)
Face Book: Gosen Church

Fri, May 27: 10:00 a.m. Telecast of the Luther League program on GVTV--30

Sun, May 29: :9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (also on Facebook: gosenchurch and gosenchurch.com); 7:00pm Luther League (see article elsewhere in the paper)

Tues. May 31: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed. June 1: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home

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

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh Pastor Lee Laaveg

Sun. May 29: 9:00am Worship
Sun. June 5: 9:00am Worship
Sun. June 12: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh Pastor Bruce Blocker,

Sundays: 9:00am Worship; 10:00am Fellowship Hour; 10:15am Sunday School

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Making Safe Drinking Water

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McIntosh works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Peter Tranby, Public Works Supervisor, at 218-280-9130 or macmaint@gvtel.com if you have questions about McIntosh's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2021.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar year.

Definitions

■ **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Learn More about Your Drinking Water

Drinking Water Sources

Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

■ **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.

■ **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.

■ **Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.

■ **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

■ **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency

■ **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

■ **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

■ **MRDL (Maximum residual dis-**

infectant level): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

■ **MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

■ **N/A (Not applicable):** Does not

apply.

■ **pCi/l (picocuries per liter):** A measure of radioactivity.

■ **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

■ **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

■ **PWSID:** Public water system identification.

Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances

LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.						
Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead (08/05/20)	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	7.1 ppb	0 out of 10	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper (08/05/20)	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.74 ppm	0 out of 10	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.						
Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Arsenic	0 ppb	10.4 ppb	5.69 ppb	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Combined Radium (2018)	0 pCi/l	5.4 pCi/l	1.1 pCi/l	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits.

Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)

Arsenic: While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.						
Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	N/A	80 ppb	1.1 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	N/A	60 ppb	3.2 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	1.47 ppm	0.76 - 2.05 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAAs

OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.						
Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.91 ppm	0.75 - 1.10 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

vate buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. **Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.

• You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home>

• The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.

2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.

3. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.

• Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited labora-

tory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>)

The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.

4. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.

• Read about water treatment units:

Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/public/communities/environment/water/factsheet/poulead.html>)

Learn more:

• Visit Lead in Drinking Water (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>)

• Visit Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)

• Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Common Sources (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/fs/common.html>).

Amy 1995...

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crosses like there had been when I'd been a girl. When I was young you would pick out an uncle or a family friend who had died during the war, and we would put a wreath on their cross. For me, it was Lloyd Haugen, my mother's brother. He'd been a veteran of the "big one" or World War II. They were part of the Greatest Generation. This year the crosses bore no names. When I asked why, I was told that the Vietnam War had brought so many more young boys back from the battlefield in a box, that there are more crosses than there are girls to represent them.

The parade is coming. The color guard is coming down the street, followed by the marching band. Some of the men in the color guard are the same men as 30 years ago, Ray Bartz, Lloyd Carlson, Clifford Bartz, Hauken Haugen. Other veterans joined the ranks at the school door. The years have taken their toll on them, and their legs can no longer carry them to march in a parade. Everyone assembles in the schoolhouse. The Pastor led with a prayer, our hands are on our hearts as we said: "We Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.... " and sang...."Oh beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain"....

My mind traveled outside of the school to the beautiful countryside, The sky is blue and in the fall the grain will be amber. We have much to

be thankful for, much to remember. The program is over and we silently filed out to the schoolyard. The guns fired a salute, and all was quiet. A name was called, and a young girl kneeled beside the cross and placed her wreath. Another name....another cross. They called out names until each cross bore a wreath. My mind went back to the 4th grade. I had to memorize ..."In Flanders fields the poppies blow... between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly, Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead..... ". All the names had been called; the wreaths had been placed. From behind the school house we hear the bugle play the faint sounds of TAPS...."Day is done, gone the sun...."

Traditions, traditions, traditions. Traaditions were the core of our lives when we grew up. They were important to us. Christmas Eve Programs, marching bands in parades, ballgames in the street, sitting in the local café to eat a hamburger and shake.

I've never been back for a Memorial Day ceremony since 1995. My parents are both gone, the house has been sold. It's not the same anymore. But when I hear the National Anthem sung or go to a funeral where they play taps...I'm back in McIntosh.

Reunion...

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will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, sausage, sweet rolls, coffee and juice.

After breakfast, make your way over to the old McIntosh school lawn for a non-denominational church service with Pastor Keith Zah. Church service begins at 11:00 am and everyone should bring their own chair. In case of rain, service will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

We hope all who attend enjoy their time together as they meet up with their classmates and friends and get to enjoy a

fun-filled weekend with events for all taking place in McIntosh and Erskine.

For more information of questions, please visit the Facebook page at Winemac Reunion.

Also, please continue to check the Class Reunion column on page 2 of the McIntosh Times for specific class information.

If you wish to have your class information listed, please submit to mcintoshtimes@gmail.com before Friday, May 27, 2022.

See you at the reunion!

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and The Polk County Sheriff's Office would like to remind all motorists that May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. As May approaches with warmer temperatures throughout the country, the unofficial start of the summer road travel season begins. Safe riding and driving practices, and cooperation from all road users, will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our roads.

We have put together a few tips to keep in mind:

- Drive and ride alcohol and drug free.
- Observe all traffic laws.
- Obey the speed limit.
- Drive and ride defensively.
- Yield to motorcyclists, especially while turning at intersections.

Safety tips for novice motorcycle rider

Riding a motorcycle can be an awe-inspiring experience much different from riding inside a car or truck. According to the motorcycle information resource Biker Report, 1.5 million Americans owned a motorcycle in 2018. Even though motorcycle accidents have declined in recent years, a recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Association, a nonprofit organization representing state highway safety offices, indicates that, when adjusting for miles traveled, motorcycle fatalities occur 28 times more frequently than fatalities involving passenger vehicles. By adhering to certain safety measures, novice riders can avoid various risks and stay safe as they get more acclimated to their motorcycles.

• **Get your license.** It is essential to ride with a license. In the United States, riders are required to have a motorcycle license or endorsement in addition to a driver's license to legally ride a motorcycle.

• **Enroll in a safety course.** A safety course can teach riders various strategies, including emergency evasive maneuvers. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation offers courses for riders, who can check to see if any such courses are available in their areas.

• **Wear a helmet.** Many states require motorcycle operators and riders to wear helmets when bikes are in opera-

tion. Helmets are required by law in Canada across all provinces and territories. Biker Report states that a helmet can reduce risks of brain injuries from a motorcycle accident by up to 67 percent.

• **Wear protective clothing.** In addition to helmets, jackets and other protective gear can reduce the risk of injury for riders involved in crashes. A 2011 study published in the journal Accident Analysis and Prevention determined there was a significantly reduced risk of injury to the upper body when riders wore fitted body armor.

• **Practice in a closed environment.** It is essential that motorcycle riders grow accustomed to riding the bike they will be taking out on the road. Doing so in a parking lot or a closed course enables riders to get a better feel for the throttle grip and brakes and steering. Riders can gradually increase their time on the motorcycle and skip long distance trips until they feel comfortable on their bikes.

In addition to these tips, novice riders are urged to be as visible as possible while on the road. Bright or reflective items can make motorcycle riders stand out. With these safety measures in place, novice motorcycle riders can reduce their risk for accidents and injuries while on the road.



During the weekend of April 30th and May 1st, the All School Players performed *The Very Great Grandson of Sherlock Holmes* by Bill Majeski. It was a wonderful and emotional weekend, as this was a play that Mr. Mac had hoped to bring to fruition. A tribute video was played to honor Bruce McWilliam before both performances. While I had a hand in bringing both performances to the Win-E-Mac Arts & Event Center stage, I needed a lot of help to make that happen. The following people and organizations deserve so many thanks: Abby Pearson and the Fosston Community Library & Arts Association for allowing us to borrow several costumes, props, and set pieces for the show; Joel & Lisa Kangas for lending us props and set pieces; Nancy Jenson & Pioneer Memorial Care Center for lending us a wheelchair; the Win-E-Mac Industrial Technology and Visual Arts Departments for their work on the walls of the mansion; the Win-E-Mac custodial staff for setting up the seating for the show and helping to keep the Arts & Event Center clean; Jay Parenteau for creating the tribute video for Mr. Mac; the student actors who worked so hard to build their characters to make the show such an entertaining one; finally, the parents who brought their students to early-morning rehearsals, who cheered on their children at the performances, and who continue to support the theatre arts in their lives. Thank you to the audiences as well who came to both performances and who contributed to the free-will offering, helping the Win-E-Mac Theatre Department raise over one thousand dollars! All your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you again so much! Pictured (not in order) are Mr. Andrew Hanson, Rebecca Arme, Kallie Hand, Jadon Kangas, Bridget Roggenbuck, Lillian Shimp, Evie Ryan, Sydney Svalen, Savannah Svalen, Caleb Green, Joy Tasmia, Teagan Paulson, Anisha Saeland, Cameron Svalen and Ben Tollefson.



Camerson Svalen and Jadon Kangas were part of the cast of the play *The Very Great Grandson of Sherlock Holmes* by Bill Majeski. The Win-E-Mac school cast performed for audiences on April 30th and May 1st.



Win-E-Mac seniors Jadon Kangas and Savannah Svalen performed in their final High School performance in a play that was dedicated to Bruce McWilliam, the long time school play director and friend to many students who have graduated the school.



If you're a teen, or you know a teen, looking for a summer job, now is a great time to find one

Minnesota's record low unemployment rate – and resulting super tight labor market – mean Minnesota teens have an abundance of job opportunities this summer. And many employers are paying higher wages than they were pre-pandemic. Plus, teens may be able to pick up more hours than they did before the pandemic.

As employers continue to build back to pre-pandemic employment levels, teen workers are likely to continue to have many opportunities because many of the types of jobs most in demand are the ones that young people are most likely to fill. These include jobs in the industries of Accommodations & Food Services (like restaurants and resorts), Art, Entertainment & Recreation (like amusement parks and movie theatres), and Retail Trade (like grocery stores and big box retailers).

Minnesota teen employees earned a median hourly wage of \$12.84 per hour and worked a median of 110 hours over the quarter during second quarter 2021 (the latest time period for which such data is available), or approximately 27 hours per week. Both these hourly earn-

ings and hours worked are at the highest recorded since tracking of this data began in 2003!

Tips for

Teen Job Seekers

You'll likely need to fill out an online or paper application form for jobs you are interested in, but it can still be helpful to put together a one-page resume, so you have all the information you need for an application in one place.

A resume should include: How to contact you

Any jobs you've had – including babysitting, lawnmowing or other such work for family and neighbors – and what months or years you did that job

Your volunteer experience

Where you go to school or your school history

Make sure to proofread your resume for spelling or grammatical errors and have someone else review it to give you feedback on what you could improve.

Before you apply for a job, try to find out if you meet minimum age qualifications for the job. Getting this clarified up front will save you lots of time in completing applications for jobs you won't be hired for until you are older. Some employers won't hire young people under 16.

Create a list of one to three people who know you and who can provide a reference – in other words someone who could say why you would be a good fit for the employer. If possible, the list should include someone for whom you've worked or volunteered. Teachers and sports coaches also make great references. Your reference list should have each person's first and last name plus an email address and/or phone number. Make sure you have each reference person's permission to use them as a reference before you share their information with employers!

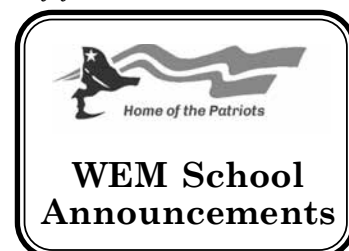
Do your research on the business to which you are applying so that you know what they sell, make or provide and so that you have some idea of what your role might be or how you could contribute. Also, if possible, see how people are dressed on the job and dress that way for the interview to show that you will fit in.

Be persistent. Apply for lots of jobs. Almost no one gets the first, second or third job they apply for. Keep trying. You can ask employers who turned you down to give you feedback. They may (or may

not), and it may be helpful (or not), but it is worth asking and shows that you're serious about finding a job.

When you land an interview, let the employer know that you are reliable, show up to work on time, every day, ready to work and that you are eager to learn. Make sure to ask when and how you'll find out if you've been hired.

What if you get multiple job offers? If you get multiple job offers here are a couple of things to think about before making your selection: Does each of the places that made a job offer seem like a good place to work? Will you learn anything new at any of them? Which will look best on your resume in the future? Which is the easiest to get to and from via public transportation or the person giving you ride? Which job pays the most and is there any room for negotiating wage? It doesn't hurt to ask and the employer might say yes



WEM Summer Rec: The season will officially begin on June 7, 2022. The Championship week will begin July 18th and be completed on July 22nd. We will be taking a day off of practice on June 14th, but the Pee Wees will still be playing their game.

There is no game schedule yet and probably will not be receiving it until June 7th. Please check the school website, as it will be posted as soon as it is received. A practice schedule is also available on the website.

If you have any questions of concerns, please feel free to contact Oscar at 218-289-4181. Please, no calls/texts after 9:00 pm unless it is an emergency.

Students interested in the Summer Sports Performance Program with Rhonda Breitbach, please pick up a form in the office. This program will be open to students ENTERING 7th-12th grades next year. It will run 2-3 days a week in June & July (depending on age). This is a GREAT way to improve your strength and speed for the upcoming sports seasons. Formore information you can reach out to Mr. Langemo.

There is a signup sheet in the office for any HS boys' grades 9-12 who might be interested in playing volleyball this summer with the possibility of forming an official team that could play with other teams across the state. .

This would be a club sport for now and is not associated with the Win-E-Mac School. If you are interested in trying it out- please sign up. Practices would start late in June. There will be a fee, but it has not been determined yet.



This shot was taken on the evening of May 16th. The Win-E-Mac Junior High baseball squad has been using Centennial Field for quite a few games this season due to the wet conditions this spring. The field is looking great! Picture by Philip Lee with his drone.