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Autumn Plante holds the wreaths for the White Cross Ceremony during the McIntosh Memorial Day Program.



Paisley Kildal and Maci Lee taking part in the Ceremony for Memorial Day in McIntosh on the front lawn of the old school.



Breelyn Hegre, Dawson Gunufson and Carter Bartz all kneel to place wreaths during the White Cross Ceremony held during the McIntosh Memorial Day program on Monday, May 30th.



Dan Salvhus and Charles Svalen were a part of the Color Guard during the 2022 Memorial Day program held in McIntosh.

Celebrate National Homeownership Month

Today, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack kicked off National Homeownership Month. As part of this nationwide celebration, USDA is highlighting programs that help people in rural, Tribal and underserved areas buy, build and repair affordable homes and to pay their rent in America's smallest towns and communities.

"Rural America is a place everyone can call home," Vilsack said. "Whether you own or rent a home, you're invested in and connected to the place you live. While homeownership is a good fit for many, renting also helps people invest in their communities and build wealth for their families and generations to come. This kind of support is critical now more than ever, as people in rural communities face rising housing costs. Through single family, multi-family, rental assistance, home repair and other programs, USDA Rural Development is here to improve rural livability across the United States."

Expanding opportunities for homeownership and rental assistance strengthens rural communities and helps families and individuals build

wealth and achieve financial stability. This month, the Department is highlighting the ways the Biden-Harris Administration has invested \$26 billion to help nearly 150,000 families and individuals in rural and Tribal communities buy, repair and build homes through USDA Rural Development's single family housing programs. More than 35,000 families and individuals living in socially vulnerable communities have achieved homeownership.

In addition, USDA works to increase access to affordable multifamily rental housing opportunities in rural America. The Department is currently helping nearly 300,000 tenants afford to pay their rent through rental assistance. This assistance ensures low-income and elderly tenants pay no more than 30% of their income in rent. For more information, visit Multifamily Housing Programs | Rural Development (usda.gov).

USDA is also highlighting ways it is working with lenders and community partners to open the door to homeownership for rural Americans who have been unserved or underserved for far too long. USDA

is hosting events across the nation to showcase affordable housing programs for lenders, community partners, families and individuals. USDA's single family housing programs are:

The Single Family Housing Direct Home Loan Program provides loans directly to families and individuals so they can buy or build homes in rural America.

The Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program enables USDA to partner with private lending institutions, backing their loans to help families and individuals buy homes in rural areas.

The Home Repair Loan and Grant Program provides loans and grants to help families and individuals repair their homes to make them safer, healthier places to live.

The Mutual Self-Help Housing Grant Program provides grants to qualified organizations to help them carry out local self-help housing construction projects.

Visit the Single Family Housing program webpage or contact a Rural Development State Office to learn more about USDA homeownership programs near you. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.



Ron Eggers, an Air Force E6 Tech Sergeant, was presented a Quilt of Valor during the 2022 Memorial Day program held at the McIntosh Community Center on Monday, May 30th. He is pictured here with some of his family members who were able to attend the program.



Herman Voxland, an Air Force Sergeant, received a Quilt of Valor from Stephanie Frisk and Connie Strom during the Memorial Day program at the McIntosh Community Center.



Ron Eggers receiving his Quilt of Honor during the Memorial Day program in McIntosh on Monday, May 30th.



The local area quilters meet several times a year, and spend time individually working to make beautiful homemade quilts to honor our local Veterans. Here, local quilters, Stephanie Frisk and Connie Strom present to Ron Eggers and Herman Voxland.



Each year the McIntosh Community Choir, under the direction of Gerald Borud and accompanied by Cheryl Jore sing several songs for the McIntosh Memorial Day program.

Volunteer “Mimosa Meet and Greet”

Learn the ins & outs of being a vital member of the 'Heritage Team' of Docents, Archivists, & Event Staff. The East Polk Heritage Center (EPHC) is hosting a “Mimosa Meet and Greet” event on Saturday, June 11 beginning at 11:00 AM. This will be a Volunteer Orientation, giving those who attend an opportunity to learn about the museum's four historic buildings and its artifacts along with a guided Scavenger Hunt tour with prizes.

Passionate, committed volunteers play a huge role in fueling the success of the mission of EPHC to preserve our shared history. If you love history, sharing your knowledge, working with people, exploring and preserving stories of the past, or being involved with an organization that makes a difference, then EPHC has a volunteer opportunity for you. Current volunteer needs include: SATURDAY SUMMER DOCENT: Get involved giving free tours Saturday's 9 am-1:30 pm, June through Mid-Sept. Meet folks from the area and travelers not familiar with our beautiful region. Our tour schedule coincides with the plentiful Foston Farmer's Market, adjacent to

our museum complex in the parking area of Melland Park. A social, cheerful, relaxing commitment. COLLECTIONS DATABASE ARCHIVIST: Get involved in recording our heirlooms into an archival database. We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in identifying, photographing, documenting and uploading artifacts into a database that is shared with museums throughout the state. FUNDRAISING EVENT SPECIALIST: Get involved in fundraising opportunities. We host a few events throughout the year and need all hands on deck to assist in everything from putting up flyers and decorating, to refreshment prep and sourcing materials. A busy, energetic way to volunteer and ensure truly successful EPHC events.

Whether you want to volunteer your time for one Saturday during the summer or give more time through event or archiving assistance, your participation will enhance our visitor's experience.

Mimosas, coffee and light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend please RSVP via email to eastpolkheritagecenter@gmail.com or call 435-6136 and leave a message.



This year's speaker for the 2020 McIntosh Memorial Day program was Corporal (Ret.) Craig Burslie.

**LSS
Meals Menu
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Mon. June 13 Beef Tips in Gravy over Egg Noodles - Carrots - Coleslaw - Wheat Rolls - Crazy Chocolate Cake - Milk

Tues. June 14: *Bingo* Sausage Egg Bake - Broccoli - Applesauce - Pumpkin Muffins - Milk

Wed. June 15: Roast Beef - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy - Broccoli Mix - Wheat Bread - Lemon Bars - Milk

Thur. June 16: *Bingo* Baked Ham/Raisin Sauce - Au-gratin Potatoes - Peas - Wheat Rolls - Banana Bars - Milk

Fri. June 17: Tuna Egg Noodle Hotdish - Mixed Vegetables - Peaches - Brownies - Milk



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

Wed. June 8: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

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

Wed. June 15: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. June 19: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. June 22: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. June 26: 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. June 12: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. June 19: 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

Sun, June 12 :9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (also on Facebook: gosenchurch and gosenchurch.com).

Tues. June 14 : 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on GVTv--30

Wed. June 15: 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. June 12: 9:00am Worship
Sun June 19: 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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The County Line
By Warren Strandell
Polk County Commissioner, Dist. 2

It was 25 years ago at about this time of year when Bill Green, then a Social Service supervisor, came to the County Board with an absolutely crazy idea: Hire five new people to become Family Based Service Providers.

These were totally new positions. There was absolutely no room in the budget for them or for anything else. In all respects, the county was broke. Damage from the Flood of 1997 had wiped out millions and millions of dollars of property valuation, mostly in East Grand Forks. The county tax base had been severely decimated and the General Fund — I have an old report to prove it — showed a balance of only \$23,000.

That wasn't enough money to support more than a day or two operations, if that much. The County was surviving on money borrowed from the Social Services Department, which had received advance funding from the State of Minnesota.

The County was agreeing to pay back the loan when the next round of tax collections came in. That only slowed the problem.

The County made the first payback but was soon out of money again. The borrow/payback arrangement was repeated, I believe, three times before the County was finally able to get back on its own feet.

No money available

All of this came about a couple of years after the County Board — previous to me — had spent down reserves rather than increase the tax levy during a time of some really bad farming years. As a result, there were no reserve funds left to go on.

In his sales pitch, Green, who was one of those people who could sell stink to a skunk, said the five new people would work to correct issues with the kids who were in "out of home placement." This problem was way beyond what regular social service workers had the time to address.

Some background: Troubled and or abused juveniles are placed in out of home placement facilities when their behavior gets them into trouble or when their homes are determined to be unsafe and/or lacking appropriate parenting. Depending on the services prescribed, the daily per diem cost

for these placements in facilities around the state, ranges to more than several hundred dollars a day.

And, most of that money comes from county property taxes.

By 1996, the cost of out of placements had about doubled in a three-year period to \$2.26 million. In 1997, it was up to \$2.4 million. Some were suggesting that a \$3 million figure was looming.

Brainstorm sessions

Before he left the agency in 1997, then Social Services Director Bill Kurpius-Brock had involved people from the agencies that have a role in dealing with and determining out of home placements. These included the County Attorney Office, Court Administration, Tri-County Community Corrections, Public Health, Sheriff's Office, Northwestern Mental Health, public defenders, county coordinator, and school administrators.

From those sessions came recommendations to provide assessments, referrals, screenings, interventions, and other practices... along with the staff needed to perform them. After receiving initial support from the County Board, that support was soon reconsidered and dropped because of cost.

Later, with Kent Johnson as social services director and with Green making the pitch, another plan was presented. It asked authority to hire five "family-based service providers" (FBSP) who would work directly with the problem kids and their parents in home situations. These providers wouldn't have to be trained social workers... just good people who had a strong interest in helping kids grow into productive citizens.

Uphill battle

When you go before the County Board with a proposal to hire five more county employees without any guarantee that there would be a return on investment, your chances aren't very good. By nature, commissioners are tightwads. Their constituents — county taxpayers — demand it and commissioners who have any hope of ever being re-elected have that message engrained in the minds.

In his presentation, Green rolled out the whole program. He not only claimed that it would work, he guaranteed

that it would and offered to put his job on the line if it didn't. In the true role of a social worker, the point was made that this would also go a long way toward getting kids — and their parents — on a better path.

In a leap of faith, the board voted 5-0 to allow the hiring of five FBSPs. I actually made the motion with the second by Don Bakken.

Passed the test

With the five FBSPs quickly selected, trained, and on the job, out of home placement costs quickly decreased. After a full year of the program, the cost was down to \$1.6 million. By 2001, the cost was down to just a touch over \$1 million and it stayed at about that \$1 million mark for the next 17 years before finally climbing to \$1.39 million in 2015.

With some 25 years of inflation factored in, the cost has now inched up to \$1.5 million in the last couple of years.

Beyond the cost containment is the fact that many teens and their parents, too, have benefitted the most.

What brought this accounting about now is that the announcement was made last month that the last two of those original five hires — Beth Greenwood and Wendie Dobias-Osborn — were retiring. They were there from the start and, now 25 years later, I'm sure have many, many success stories that they could tell.

One of conclusions that can be drawn from this trip through memory lane is that county government works best with a team approach in which staff can propose ways to do things better and at less cost while those in the governing body have the courage to believe in them... to take that leap of faith together.

Thoughts for the day:

• As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind... every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. — John Glenn

• Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. — Ronald Reagan (1986)

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



During the Fengestad Solie American Legion Post 200's Memorial Day program at the Winger Community Center, Emma Erickson sang the National Anthem.



The 2022 Memorial Day program in Winger was held on Monday, May 30th with pastor Don Edlund giving the Memorial Address for the community members in attendance.



Pictured above: The Fengestad Solie American Legion Post 200 Post Chaplain Bruce Benbo and Post Commander Gary Sonsteli lead the program in the Winger Memorial Park on Monday May 30th.

Pictured right: The colors were presented for the Memorial Park program in Winger. The program in the park consists of placing of the wreath, to honor those who have fallen in battle, a 21 Gun Salute, Taps and the National Anthem. The Color Bearers then retire the flags.





TAIKO MIDWEST DRUMMING

Join Lake Agassiz Regional Library for an interactive event featuring a performance by a world-class Taiko ensemble delivering a loud, energetic performance combining dance, culture and athleticism. Enso Daiko of TaikoArts Midwest will share about the history and cultural context of Taiko drumming in Japan and the United States, including how Taiko drums are made.

The program is appropriate for all ages and will include a demonstration and Q&A session. Admission is free thanks to funding from the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

McIntosh Public Library
Friday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m.



More Events:
larl.org/legacy

M12C

Virtual and in-person drawing classes for kids

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is bringing an underwater exploration-themed Summer Library Experience to youth and adults of all ages this summer. Watch in-person at the McIntosh Public Library on Wednesday, June 15th at 2:00 pm with drawing supplies provided.

From June 15th -17th, LARL will host three virtual drawing classes featuring award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski. Rick will demonstrate how to draw all sorts of aquatic creatures including sharks, narwhals, octopus and even Minnesota fish such as wall-eye, muskies and bass. This

virtual class will be offered in three sessions on Wednesday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m. and Friday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m. The virtual programs can be accessed at larl.org/underwaterdrawing with no registration required. Join in the fun at the McIntosh Library on June 15th at 2:00 pm.

WEM announces 4th quarter honor roll

The following Win-E-Mac Junior and Senior High School students have attained either an "A" or "B" average in academic subjects for the fourth quarter of the 2021 - 2022 school year. Congratulations!

To be eligible for the "A" Honor Roll, you need to have attained a 3.76 - 4.00 GPA (grade point average) and to be eligible for the "B" honor roll, you need to have attained a 3.00 - 3.75 GPA.

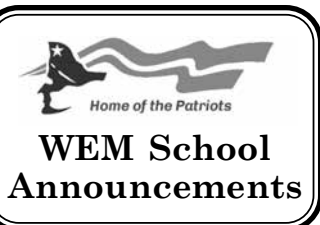
Seniors:

"A"
Anton Hickman
Teagan Paulson
Haley Sander
Alivia Winter
"B"
Rebecca Arme
Tabitha Bratager
Leonardo Casagni
Monania Erofeeff
Jadon Kangas
Lukiya Kutsev
Eva Qualey
Elizabeth Riley
Chase Shear
Maci Smeby
Savahanna Svalen
Hunter Trandem

Juniors:

"A"
Kallie Hand
Zachary Luckow
Jonathan Moritz
Nadelly Neubert
"B"
Anna Cymbaluk
Bret Duchamp
George Erofeeff
Dorian Fadat
Veronica Gomez Matos
Alecia Hancock - Fitzgerald
Jamison Nichols
Izabelle Ostenaa
Laila Roragen
Sophomores:
"A"
Justin Courneya
Ava Howard
Emily Strom
Luella Strom
Kyra Stuhau
Kianna Tadman
Hana Thompson
"B"
Kiersten Anderson
Wyatt Davis
Ryan Kangas
Alyssa Morberg
Isabelle Morinville

Clare Stuhau
Sydney Svalen
Brooke Tofstad
9th Grade:
"A"
Emelia Boianoff
Arianna Dickinson
Kalyee Dickinson
Sava Erofeeff
Livaeh Kiecker
Colten Mandt
Shelby Mandt
Evelyn Ryan
"B"
Clay Below
Phillip Enoksen
Josie Fortman
Braylon Hamre
Calvin Hill
Maya Holm
Bergen Howard
Julian Janisch
Ericka Kramer
Ustina Mametieff
Kassidi Qualey
Brayden Sander
Abigail Sauer
Danielle Winter
8th Grade:
"A"
Paige Breitbach
Josie Johnson
Lauren Kaupang
Joy Neubert
Adrian Ryan
Karlie Schow
"B"
Jordyn Halstad
Riley Kochmann
Peter Kolden
Klaudia Kutsev
Courtney Lecy
Marissa Mayer
William Shimpa
Cameron Svalen
Hunter Westcott
7th Grade:
"A"
Joe Courneya
David Cymbaluk
Chloe Howard
Austin Johnson
Hayden Johnson
Austin Langseth
Lillian Shimpa
Nathaniel Spry
"B"
Rian Bergh
Emma Enoksen
Carter Fortman
Caralina Janisch
Theodore Moritz
Kalli Roy
Jareth Walk



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 Wee's 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. For more information you can reach out to Mr. Langemo.

There is a sign up 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.



The Win-E-Mac Band, under the direction of Mrs. Amanda Shultz, marched and performed for Memorial Day programs in Winger, Erskine and McIntosh on Monday, May 30th.



McIntosh area children participate in the Memorial Day program each year. They march in the parade and also participate in the White Cross Ceremony that is held after the program and Honor Roll on the old school lawn, where the children lay wreaths to remember and honor those soldiers who fell in battle.