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Team Manager, Clarissa Neste, pictured with her mom at Win-E-Mac girls basketball Parent's Night is the daughter of Tom and Heather Hegre.



Freshman Hannah Smeby, pictured here at Parent's Night, with her mom, is the daughter of Leah and Jason Smeby.



Parents Night with the Kasprzak Family, Senior Patriot Jessica with her parents, Joan and Ken.



8th grader Jaycee Knutson, team manager, with her parents Randy and Sharlene Knutson. Also the parents of Senior Patriot Kelsey Knutson.



Sophomore Lauren Strom with her parents Kristi Strom and Mark & Danette Strom during Parent's Night at Win-E-Mac School Monday, February 15th.

Mac Council will discontinue bids for snow plowing, hauling, equipment and gravel

The McIntosh City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the Community Center. All members of the Council were present. Minutes from the January meeting were approved and there were no additions to the agenda. The Council briefly discussed other options that could be taken if Poplar Meadows Senior Living is not sold while listed with Marcus & Millichap. The City Clerk will research other options. The annual Township/Fire Department meeting was scheduled for March 2, 2016 at

5:30 pm at the Fire Hall in McIntosh. There was a resolution passed to appoint the City Maintenance personnel as designated Animal Control Officers in the City. The City of McIntosh published bid requests for the following: gravel bids, equipment bids, plowing/grading bids and snow hauling bids. There were no bids submitted for gravel, and the other categories only received two separate companies bidding, collectively. The Council unanimously agreed that the City did not need to put bids out for these

services. The minimum requirement for bids is \$25,000 annually, which is no where near what the City pays for any of the listed services. With the expense of printing and posting the bids, it is not worthwhile, and there are not very many local contractors that do this type of work anyhow. The City agreed to use local contractors first, in any case. Steve Urness informed the Council that the planned date for Tractor Day is August 27, 2016. It will include a tractor parade in the morning and tractor pull in the afternoon. Other activities are being planned as well by other organizations in the community.



Parent's Karen and Dan Espeseth are picture with their daughter, Freshman Lindsey Espeseth during parents night. They are also the parents of Junior, Alayna Espeseth.

QOV: Sew for Heroes on March 2nd

Coming up soon the QOV group will be sewing Quilts of Valor for their 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 Kerssen received his at a family gathering. This coming Memorial Day QOV would once again love to present some deserving veterans with their Quilt of Valor. On Saturday, March 5, 2016 the group will 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 Boehrsen at 218-280-3574 or loisdon@gvtel.com, Connie Strom at 218-779-5425 or cstrom@gvtel.com. Come join the group and you too can say "I Sew for Heroes"! -Submitted

WEM labels contest ends February 26th Clip the UPC codes from all Labels for Education, Sunny D and Our Family Products. For Box Tops clip the box top label. Please check for expired or missing dates on box tops as those can't be sent it and will not count. This contest will be an individual contest so each student needs to bring their labels in a sealed baggie with their first and last name on it along with teacher and grade.

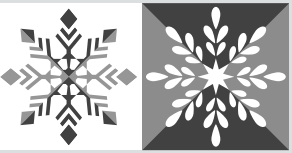
Karen Plante to retiring after 34 years of service Farm Service Agency Update

By Mike Philipp, CED, East Polk/Red Lake Counties **Karen is Retiring-** After 34 years of getting up early to work on farm programs and assist producers with CRP decisions, Karen Plante has decided to make a major change in her life and will be retiring in early March. She looks forward to having her own schedule and spending more time with her growing family and friends. In appreciation of her many years of dedicated service an open house is planned at the FSA office in McIntosh on Wednesday, March 2. Farmers who want to wish Karen well in her retirement may stop by for coffee and other goodies at any time during the day. Those who cannot make it on the 2nd are welcome to stop by at their convenience. On behalf of the staff and County Committee I would like to thank Karen for her many years of dedicated and helpful service. **ARC-PLC Program and Payments-** We have received a few questions from producers asking if there is anything they need to be doing or signing this year for the ARC-PLC farm program. The answer is that the process is much easier this year and producers will only have to enroll their

farms for 2016 prior to August 1, 2016. We are thinking that most farmers may accomplish this when they report their crop across this year between approximately May and July 15th. The decisions regarding which option to take, either ARC or PLC, were made last year and they are locked in for the life of the program (2018) unless the rules change which we do not expect. Producers with changes to the land they own or will operate for 2016 should contact FSA at their earliest convenience so that the changes can be made now. **USDA Expands Microloan Program-** 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. 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, and interested producers may contact their local FSA Farm Loan Team for more information.

Community Calendar



- Wed. Feb. 24:** 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. Feb. 25:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Feb. 26:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. Feb. 29 :** 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. Mar. 1:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; McIntosh Community Club Meeting 7:00pm at Community Center
- Wed. Mar. 2:** 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. Mar. 3:** McIntosh City Clerks Office closed; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. Mar. 4:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. Mar. 7:** 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. Mar. 8:** Township Elections; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

TLC for your PET

February is Pet Dental Month

By: Deanna Hogenson,
Crown Pet Spa

The other day when I groomed Peaches, my Pomeranian, she was so freaked out for me to touch her head!! I read the warning sign, so I looked at her teeth and sure enough, her teeth were very loaded with plaque and tartar. For years she had very good teeth, and chewed on chewies to help reduce the plaque on her teeth, but now at a healthy 18, she is having more common issues with plaque forming on her teeth. It is an increased issue with our elder pets.

It's a common experience of pet groomers to see their normally calm dog struggle, when the gums get infected. I share with my customers when the teeth are in need of dental cleaning, as it is painful for the dog for grooming, and it makes it difficult to work on the face area when the dog is pulling and biting out of frustration.

I have had customers get their dogs teeth cleaned, and when they came back for their groom, doggie was back to normal, and not struggling anymore.

Getting our pets teeth cleaned is very important. When there is a build up of plaque and tartar, it can carry bacteria into their body and break down their immune systems.

It also can be very life threatening if a tooth should happen to abscess. If that infection goes into the system it can cause them to go sceptic or worse, the infection goes into their brain.

This can cause death, which is not too common to hear



Did they or didn't they?

There are those who believe that there were Norsemen that made their way through Polk County in the early 14th century. Although there is no proof positive of the first white men to set foot within the confines of our county, there is debatable evidence of the presence of Norsemen in upper Minnesota.

And so the story goes...

It is fairly probable that 32 Norsemen, sometime in 1362, traversed the plains of Polk County. If this were to be true, they were likely to have come from, "the way early Norse Colony of Vinland". Vinland is suspected to have been located on the north east Atlantic coast, but the exact whereabouts of this colony is unknown. The location is thought to be somewhere in what is now the state of Maine or either of the Canadian Provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland or Nova Scotia.

The proof of the visiting Norsemen is the Kensington Rune Stone, a stone with an inscription stating their presence. The stone was found on a farm near the village of Kensington in Douglas County by Olaf Ohman and his 2 sons on November 8, 1898. The inscription on the stone was in ancient runic dialect and was made of greywacke, a substance that is abundant in the area where the stone was found. The inscription reads:

"Eight Goths and twenty-two Norwegians upon a journey of discovery from Vinland westward. We had a camp by two skerries one day's journey north from this stone. We were out fishing one day. When we returned home we found ten men red with blood and dead. Hail, Virgin Mary, save us from evil.

Have ten men by the sea to look after our vessel 14 (or 41)

about, but I do know that this has and can happen. It is always better to be safe then sorry.

It is scary to have to put an elder pet under anesthesia, I KNOW, but they do come out of it very successful. I 'highly' suggest to always have your pet get a Pranesthetic test (blood work) done. It will let the Dr. know if your pet is susceptible to complications to surgery.

When the teeth are plaque and tartar free, your beloved fur baby will be so happy, as they will be pain free to eat, be groomed, and be much more healthy in the long run. AND also to mention: you will also enjoy getting fur baby kisses again, LOL, no stinky breath! Sounds like a WIN ~ WIN to me!

What a beautiful way to show your pet how much you love them!

OH....to let you know... Yes!!! I did make an appointment for Peaches to get her teeth cleaned with my Veterinarian. :)

(I BRUSH DOGS TEETH WHEN YOU COME IN FOR PET GROOMING, LOW COST, JUST ASK)

Here is a great site for seeking info on your pets health. Add what ever questions you may have in the search bar.

www.pethealthnetwork.com

Do you have a story to share?

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

days' journey from this island. Year 1362."

If this artifact is authentic and the stone is genuine, the Norsemen would have traveled by ship, sailing through Davis Strait, Hudsons Strait, and across Hudson Bay to the Nelson River. The ship would have then been left behind at the mouth of the river for a smaller craft to make their way down river to Lake Winnipeg and to the Red River and south to area of the "Grand Forks". At this point the expedition would have moved over land through Polk County and on through Norman, Mahnomen, Becker, Otter Tail and finally to Douglas County. They would have camped at Pelican Lake, where the skerries or big rocks in the water and the killings were believed to have occurred, and then to the Kensington area where the stone was found.

If untrue, it is believed to be a hoax perpetrated by the man who found the stone.

Many Linguists have argued that the dialect of the runes was too modern to be from the 14th century. Other authorities have claimed to have proven the majority of those linguists to be wrong, with unknown words that were proven to be correct. Some believe that there is no way that a Minnesota farmer could have known or used the words that the linguists had stated to be unknown; others state that the language is of a dialect of family member of a remote region in Sweden. The controversy over the stones authenticity began when the stone was found and continues to this day, with experts proving and disproving past findings and using modern technology to authenticate the Kensington Rune Stone with no less controversy, and with no resolve.

So did they or didn't they? Did the Norsemen trod across the plains of Polk County? Some would say yes...others adamantly disagree.

Source:
The Compendium of History and Geography of Polk County
www.kensingtonrunestone.com

City of McIntosh Notice

As the weather gets warmer we will see more golf carts/motorcycles/etc. on the roads. We are sending a quick reminder to those who want to use their golf carts/motorcycles/etc. that they need to be licensed with the City of McIntosh. Permits are valid from January 1 to December 31 of the year. They cost \$10.00 and resident needs to provide proof of insurance. Office hours are 8 to 5 on Monday and 8 to 2 Tuesday through Friday. Thank you and we hope to see you on the road soon!

M48C

SLETTEN TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Sletten Township will hold it's normal monthly meeting at 4:30pm at the Sletten Town Hall on March 8.

We will hold our township election on March 8, 2016 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at the Sletten Town Hall. We will be electing one supervisor for a term of 3 years and one clerk for a term of 2 years.

Our annual meeting will be held after the election, at 8:00pm.

Alternate date, in case of bad weather, will be Tuesday, March 15.

M48-49C

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the City of McIntosh and the McIntosh Fire Department will meet in the McIntosh Fire Hall at 5:30 PM on March 2nd, 2016, to review area township fire billing and other concerns associated with township fire agreements. Such persons who desire to be heard with reference to annual township fire billing will be heard at this meeting.

Elena Boianoff
Clerk/Treasurer
City of McIntosh

M48-49C

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election

The Annual Election and Township meeting for Lessor Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The election will be from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm to elect one clerk (2 year term) and one treasurer (3year term).

The annual meeting will follow the elections.

Albert Plante
Lessor Township Clerk

M48-49C

King Township Notice of Annual Election and Meeting

The annual meeting and election for King Township, Polk County, State of Minnesota will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the McIntosh Community Center.

The annual meeting will take place at 3:00pm and voting will follow for one supervisor for a term of 3 years and one treasurer for a term of 2 years.

Loren Gieseke
Clerk, King Township

M48-49C



Charlie Duckstad, left, and Joe Woods received watches and certificates at an awards banquet in January on the campus of Bemidji State University. They were on the BSU football team, which finished the season with a 6-1 record, resulting in a three-way tie with Minnesota Duluth and Northern State since there is no tie-breaker in place for Northern Sun Conference titles. Duckstad is the son of Lee and Lisa Duckstad of Fertile and a 2014 Fertile-Beltrami graduate. Duckstad was a redshirt freshman during the 2015 season, playing in two games on the offensive line. Woods, son of Janice Woods and Tim Beckstrand, is a 2015 graduate of Fertile-Beltrami. Woods was a true freshman and sat out the season's games as a redshirt

The McIntosh Times Office Hours

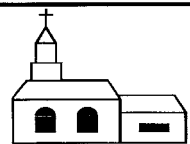
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Church News



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fosston
Fr. John Suvaeken,
Pastor

Wed. Feb. 24: 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary's Fosston, Stations of the Cross during Mass

Fri. Feb. 26: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Feb. 28: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Mar. 6: 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

Wed. Feb. 24: 7:00pm Lenten Service at Calvary

Sun. Feb. 28: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

Sun. Mar. 6: 8:30am Worship Service at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship Service at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh
Supply Pastor
Gordon Syverson

Sun. Feb., 28: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. Mar. 6: 10:00am Sunday School; 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Wed. Feb. 24: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place
Sat. Feb. 27: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Feb. 28: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10:45am Worship Service. A Gideon representative will be sharing about their work. A free-will offering will be received.

Tues. Mar. 1: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Mar. 2: 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.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson
Trinity:

Wed. Feb 24: Parables of Holy Week: Pastor Arlo Feiock, The Two Sons, Matthew 21:28-32

Sun. Feb. 28: 9:30am Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service

Sun. Mar. 6: 9:30am Sunday School; 11:00am Worship Service

Wed. Mar. 9: Parables of Holy Week: Pastor Alan Arneson; The Ten Virgins, Matthew 25: 1-13

Mt. Carmel:

Sun. Feb. 28: 9:30am Worship Service; 11:00am Sunday School; 12:30pm Confirmation

Wed. Mar. 2: Parables of Holy Week: Pastor Karl Anderson, The Final Judgement

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FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. Feb. 24: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

Sun. Feb. 28: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School

Wed. Mar. 2: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

Sun. Mar. 6: 9:30am Worship; 10:45am Sunday School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh
Rev. Linden Wendzel,
Pastor

Sun. Feb. 28: 8:45am Worship Service; 10:00am Sunday School & Confirmation

Tues. Mar. 1: 6:00pm Lenten Service

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

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. Feb. 28: 9am Worship; 10:15am Sunday School

Sun. Mar. 6: 9am Worship; 10:15am Sunday School

Bible Study Entitled: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

Men and women's non-denominational study. Through this 16 week DVD based Bible study produced by Perry Stone; you can unlock and understand the Book of Revelation.

The study will be led by Debbie Gunderson at the Dovre Free Lutheran Church, Winger, MN. Starting Wednesday, February 24th at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the church basement.

You need to register by February 5th to get a study syllabus.

For further information and to register, call Debbie Gunderson 218-945-6288.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Polk County Public Health

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

The foot care clinic will take place in McIntosh at the McIntosh Office of Polk County Public Health in the lower level of the Bjella Building on Thursday, March 3, 2016 and Thursday, March 17, 2016, starting at 9:00 am. You can call 218-281-3072 for an appointment. Foot care is by appointment only, you must call the office if you wish to visit a schedule.

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

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Feb. 24: Anna Mandt, Krosby Jore

Thurs. Feb. 25: Paul Anderson

Fri. Feb. 26: Robert Hulst, Mason Perreault, Ashton Scott Anderson

Sat. Feb. 27: Patrick Roed, *Jason & Leah Smeby

Sun. Feb. 28: Eli Kringlen, Bud Kiecker, Tom Reitmeier, Todd Goodwin, Austin Simonson

Mon. Feb. 29: Amanda Swanson

Tues. Mar. 2: Isaac Salvhus

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Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Hello once again from Winger and the Union Lake areas. Have been having some spring like weather after the snowy and blustery Sunday that just went by. We have moved on past the middle of February even with this year being leap year and with the temps we have been having makes one feel like spring is in the air, but not quite yet and with March right around the corner could see a lot of snow yet.

Wednesday the 10th Judy Gieseke was a dinner guest at the Fern and Milton Carlson home. Later in the day Chad Carlson was a visitor at the Carlson home.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp were visitors with Joan Heland at her home in Fargo last Monday.

Martha Henney stays busy and keeps up with the goings on by the many phone calls and letters she gets from family and friends, she recently visited by phone with Dean Henney who is in Texas, and also with brother Orton Stardig who is wintering in Texas. She received many valentine greetings and also some beautiful flowers for which she was very appreciative.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine last Friday and again on Tuesday the 16th.

Tuesday the 16th Judy Gieseke was a visitor at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Last Thursday while she was out and about Lucy Brtek visited with Wilma Wang at Wilma's home in Fosston and also with Joyce Balstad in McIntosh. Joyce had a lively group visiting her that afternoon, along with Lucy, Charles Svalen, Judy Hagen and Lois Ostenaa were also visiting.

Butch and Linda Pulskamp were visitors and supper guess last Monday afternoon with Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake, MN and Nola Abele at the Abele home in Fosston.

Bill Mettler of Spring Valley visited with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home last Monday afternoon. Bill is the husband of Helmer's neice.

Sara Lucken accompanied Lucy Brtek on an excursion to Park Rapids last Friday.

Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors last Saturday afternoon with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home.

In my visit with Martha Henney this week she made mention of Eric Bergeson's book that she is reading and commented on how interesting it is and how it relates to so many local people. Sounds like it would be a book for all to enjoy.

Until next week and hopefully the Bun Manor has some bits and pieces to add to this.

In closing, do something every day that makes you happy.

From Bun Manor:

The Massmann Family got together in Detroit Lakes at Matthew's home to celebrate Evan's time before he heads south of the 40th parallel. A meal of Cod en papillote and oven roasted herbed potatoes prepared by Matthew was enjoyed. An evening full of comradery was enjoyed by all before Evan started his trek south in the morning. Saturday, Dave and Melanie Sundberg, a former co-worker were hosted by Matthew for an evening of good food and conversation.

February 15th, Dale called Bun on his 57th birthday and asked him if he wanted to have supper at Moran's on him. Bun graciously accepted. Others who joined them were Steve, Lorri, Evan and Brian Massmann. Ole didn't show up till after supper because no one offered to buy his. Bun would like to thank everyone who called him and sent birthday cards. Especially Kay (Benson) Strand who shares the same day birthday.

Also celebrating her birthday was Adella Thompson from Mac. Family members who showed up for the party were Harold, Mark and Karen Thompson, Bob and Ann Vesledahl, Ryan and Kylie Strem, Jeff and Heidi Haaven and a couple of grandchildren. Adella is doing wonderful and she looks great for being 85.

Bun treated Lars and his son Aaron Lucken to a belated birthday lunch for Lars. Aaron had just got back from spending a week in Maui Hawaii. Him and his new bride Ashley enjoyed spending time there on their honeymoon. Aaron has been laid off of work for the winter and is getting ready to go back soon. Good thing because Hawaii isn't cheap.

Congratulations to Hollie Stewart (Stue's better half) of Erskine on her recent retirement from Essentia health and hospice care. She worked there for 25 years and will be missed.

Evan Massmann came back home from Texas for a week to visit with family and friends before going to work in Kansas. He got transferred there from Houston. Hopefully the economy will shape up so he can get back to his wife Nikki and their unborn baby in Houston.

Scrappy and some of his friends and their wives spent the weekend fishing on union lake. The highlight was when Bob Finkle caught a 28 inch walleye with a crppie jig. It took him awhile to reel it in and pull it out of the hole. Nice catch Bob!

Saturday afternoon Bun headed over to the Win-E-Mac school to watch the girls play basketball against Ada-Borup for the Pine to Prairie confer-



Crafting together on their girls weekend. Pictured left to right in front row. Mary Schmidt and Pam Hopperstad. Second row. Stephanie Daley, Tami Ose, Cindy Horvath and Rae Ann Osland.

Mac-Winger Class of '77 girls weekend

On February 12th Mary (Strom) Schmidt, Stephanie (Sorvig) Daley and Rae Ann(Edwards) Osland motored to rural Gully to join Pam (Fullmer) Hopperstad host for the weekend at her hunting cabin. Friday night was a time of eating some snacks and catching up. Saturday morning Pam made a wonderful breakfast of fruit, egg bake, creapes, coffee and juice. Cindy (Stordahl) Horvath joined us later in the morning. Tami (Youmans) Ose was texting multiple times on what direction they should drive to Gully. Mary finally called her on the phone and gave her directions. Kids these days with there texting. Scrappy dropped Tami

Ose off in the afternoon. Pam fed us a wonderful lunch.

Activities-- Mary was our teacher and we made a Valentine or wedding card. A card to take home to who ever your sweetheart may be. Mary had brought a Valentine's gift of her homemade stamped cards, and some heart decorated Valentine cookies. All in a little white bag decorated with a red lace dollie like we did in grade school.

RaeAnn brought this ball of Saran Wrap with her. Each person was to unwrap the Saran Wrap until they found a gift, this was fun as some of the Saran Wrap was more of a challenge than the others. Dollar Store Saran Wrap does not work as well. (5 rolls of Saran Wrap).

Each of the girls brought with 5 gifts that told something about themselves. We exchanged our gifts and shared some things of ourselves.

RaeAnn and painted and stenciled a canvas. Cindy had made home made Strawberry jelly, Tami had a nice cat or dog calander with a key chain, Pam had a nice pair of danskin socks, Stephanie a nice coffee mug and coffee, Mary had croqueted dish cloths, scrubbars and added more homemade cards. We got more gifts than at Christmas.

Then we played some dice games and gambled with some quarters. The winner also got a prize that our host Pam provided.

Supper was crab legs, prime rib, lettuce salad, and baby potatoes. We were all full but that did not stop some of us from snacking later.

We all brought snacks to share. Scale was not very nice to step on after the weekend.

Girls weekend...

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Notice of Annual Meeting and Election

Winger Township will be holding its Annual Meeting on March 8th, 2016 at 4:00 pm. The annual election for Winger Township will run from 5:00 to 8:00 March 8th, 2016. All proceedings will take place at Winger Town Hall.

Nate Johnson, Clerk M48-49C

ence championship. Win-E-Mac lost a heartbreaker by one point in double overtime. The girls should be proud. Hopefully they can get a rematch in the tournament and this time beat them. What a bummer! Duane Jensen was kind enough to pay for Bun's admission.

Evan Massmann stopped by his old neighbors place Carsten and Joanne Zahl's and visited with them for awhile. Daughter Denise and son Danny also came up for the weekend.

Remember Linda Jo and Bun need your news. People would like to read about a variety of folks. Food for thought

Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl,
Extension Educator

Crop Production Woes

As farmers prepare for the upcoming cropping season, many are struggling with a variety of concerns. First and foremost are crop prices, the current prices of most commodity remain below the cost of production. This is not a new problem, but coupled with other production concerns, it becomes a bit more complicated.

Perhaps the two most common cultural concerns are related to the production of the darling crop of the past decade or two, soybeans. Soybeans have become the crop of choice for many farmers for a variety of reasons, but foremost has been the reliability of production, and thus profits. If you track crop yields over a period of years, you'll see that soybean tends to provide a reliable yield with few quality discounts as compared to other crops. Both wheat and corn seem more vulnerable to weather incidents that can dramatically affect the crop yield or quality. Just ask any farmer about wheat quality discounts and get ready for an animated conversation with language colorful enough to make a sailor blush.

The next concern on farmer's minds is the alarming rate of increasing pests attacking the darling crop. Soybean cyst nematode is the sneaky

one that slowly reduces yield without overly obvious symptoms. Not all soybean fields are infected with SCN, but every soybean producing county in our part of the State has now confirmed the presence of this new pest. If you don't have it yet, there's a chance it will become a problem.

The soybean cyst nematode is a microscopic worm that feeds on and within the roots of soybeans, dry beans and a handful of weeds. High levels of this parasitic worm can have a devastating effect on yield. SCN is difficult to detect because its symptoms often mimic other common crop problems. Plants appear stunted and yellow so the problem is easily confused with wet soil conditions, iron chlorosis (IDC), or herbicide damage -- the three most common soybean yield thieves.

As of today, aside from a longer crop rotation, an easy fix to this problem is not evident.

If crop prices remain low, the only two options to growing a profit are increasing yields or reducing costs. Increasing yields is certainly an option that works well on paper, but Mother Nature has the final say on crop yield, so from a practical standpoint, that leaves reducing costs.

Most crop production costs

are rather inflexible while others may have some wiggle room, but how does one decide what to cut and what to include?

The next obstacle is herbicide resistant weeds. The vast majority of US farmers now have some level of glyphosate resistant weeds. Although this trend has been worse in the South, the problem has moved north so that it's now become a prominent problem in our area, and getting worse.

But there is help. If you would like some practical suggestions on how to deal with these problems and increase your profitability, join us for our annual East Polk County Crop Day on Monday, February 29th. The meeting will be held at the McIntosh Community Center beginning at 10 am. A noon meal will be provided compliments of Farmers Tri Coop, First National Bank of McIntosh, CHS -- Erskine and the Minnesota Wheat Growers.

Speakers for this event will include Dr Phil Glogoza, UM Agronomist who will address the pest issues in soybean and offer the latest research-based information on how to deal with SCN and resistant weeds. He will also touch on practical ways to edge your soybean yield upward.

Dwight Aakre is an NDSU Extension Farm Management Specialist and will present: "What can we do with tight operating margins? Don't make the situation worse by putting yield at risk."

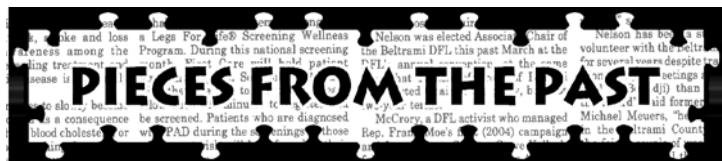
Also, Minnesota Wheat Growers will provide an update on the results of region wide, large scale research project measuring the effect of nitrogen rates, plant growth regulators and seeding rates -- all of which will affect wheat profitability.

But wait, there's more! We will also have program updates from the new staff at the SWCD office, as well as NRCS programs. Both of these organizations have programs that may have a fit on your farm to solve soil concerns or programs that may provide profit alternatives -- such as CRP, which has very impressive rates now. Perhaps in these economic times, some of those acres may be better off in CRP?

Lastly, the East Polk County Crop Improvement Association will have their annual meeting.

Join us for an informative day, complete with a delicious noon meal, to learn how to improve your farm profitability in 2016.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465, 218-280-1129 or stordahl@umn.edu



50 years ago...1966: Flag Presentation: McIntosh Boy Scout troops accepted a new flag which was contributed by the VFW Post. The presentation was made at the regular troop meeting Thursday evening in the Community Room of the new Municipal Building. The flag will be left in the hall, available to all who use the facilities. Making the presentation for the Post was Lloyd Kinseth, past district commander. Accepting were Scoutmaster Clifton Olson and the patrol leaders, together with the senior patrol leader.



40 years ago...1976: The McIntosh Girl Scouts held a tea and put on a program for their sponsors who are the members of the McIntosh VFW Auxiliary last Friday. Taking part in the Sponsors Tea are Girl Souts (l-r), Chris Thompson, Patty Anderson, Kelly Thompson and Chris Hagen.



30 years ago...1986: Long time friend and neighbor Minnie Bursheim pins a corsage on Beatrice Olson before the retirement party at Winger Calbary Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 2nd.



20 years ago...1996: Jenna Schommer, the 3 year old daughter of Gary and Rebecca Schommer, moves with her spaghetti supper to sit beside Grandma Marion Carlson.



10 years ago...2006: Senior Carl Hedlund (55), along with Coach Ross Roragen discuss a controversial call with one of the officials late in the second half with the Patriots down by one.

\$2300 in awards for Annual Spring Art Exhibit

Call for Entries & "Of The Year" Nominations Deadline Soon Approaching.

Northwest Minnesota Arts Council has several deadlines approaching including the "Call for Entries" for the Annual NW Minnesota Spring Art Exhibit and the "Of the Year" Artist Nominations.

February 29, 2016 is the last day to get in Art Exhibit entries for the annual NW Minnesota Spring Art Exhibit.

Local artists and students within the 7 county service area including Marshall, Red Lake, Polk, Kittson, Pennington, Norman and Roseau counties may submit items.

There is a \$10.00 entry fee for adults and a \$5.00 fee for students.

NWMAC NW Minnesota Spring Art Exhibit will be held April 13th through May 20th at the Roseau City Center and Roseau Library. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, pottery, photography, mixed media, creative textiles, original jewelry, unique wood carvings, other fine crafts are all welcome.

Artists who are interested in entering the NW MN Annual Spring Art Exhibit are encouraged to fill out their forms online at <http://www.northwestminnesotaartscouncil.org/> Look for the "Log In" tab at the top of our home page.

You can also download the application from the website and send them in via regular mail.

Applications must be received no later than February 29, 2016.

The last day to submit your nomination for NWMAC's "Of The Year" Award is February 29th. NWMAC has two categories to choose from, Arts Advocate and Artist. Out of those categories a "Star Artist" will be chosen and that person will receive a \$5000.00 cash award.

This is a "lifetime achievement" type award. The "Of the Year" recipients in the Artist and Arts Advocate category will receive \$500.00 cash awards at the annual art exhibit reception to be held April 17th at the Roseau City Center.

An eligible nomination must include one completed typed nomination form, narrative on merit, letters supporting the nomination, a copy of the nominee's resume or detailed qualifications. Information can be found on www.NorthwestMinnesotaArtsCouncil.org under the "Opportunities" tab.

Previous art exhibits have featured over 100 original pieces of artwork from both professional and student artists through out our 7 county service area and this year is shaping up to be just as exciting. This year Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is looking to award \$2300.00 in cash to our exhibit entry winners in the adult and high school student categories.

These programs are sponsored in part by funding to the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council by the McKnight Foundation and the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is one of eleven regional arts councils in the state.

All eleven councils work together with fiscal agents of the Minnesota State Arts Board to provide arts services, staffing, and grants

WEM Parent's Night for Girls Basketball



8th Grader Rylee Haugen with her parents Jason and Jenny Haugen during WEM Parent's Night on Monday, February 15th.



Patriot Senior, Indianan Nornes and her parents Jeff and Kris Nornes.



Freshman Sydney Tadman with her parents Jim and Stacy Tadman showing their Patriot Pride.



Freshman Madyson Plante and her parents Marc and Kristi Plante during Parent's Night on Monday, February 15th.



Sophomore Tyra Wilson and her parents Scott and Marcy Wilson at the Win-E-Mac girls basketball parents night on Monday, February 15th.



8th grader, Abby Lende and her parents Darrell and Linda Lende during girls basketball Parents Night.

Ass't. Golf Coach Wanted

The Win-E-Mac School District is currently seeking a candidate for Assistant Golf Coach for the 2015-16 school year. Interested Individuals should send a letter of application and resume to:

Win-E-Mac Public School
Aaron Cook,
Activities Director
23130 345th St SE
Erskine MN 56535
Phone: 218-563-2900
Fax: 218-563-2902
acook@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us

The position is open until filled.

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Baseball Coach Wanted

The Win-E-Mac School District is currently seeking a candidate for Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2015-16 school year. Interested Individuals should send a letter of application and resume to:

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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!

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 Menu

Wed. Feb. 24: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Sausage Gravy over Biscuit, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk
Lunch: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Creamed Corn, Frosted Cake, Dinner Roll, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Thur. Feb. 25: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk
Lunch: Bratwurst on a bun, Cheesy Hash Browns, Baked Beans, Fresh Vegetables, Cookie, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Fri. Feb. 26: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Yogurt Parfait, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk
Lunch: French Toast w/Syrup, Cheese Omelet, Hash Brown Stick, Hot Apple Slices, Juice Choice, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

Mon. Feb. 29: Breakfast: Assorted Cereal, Cheese Omelet, Toasted English Muffin, Fruit Choice, Apple, Grape or Orange Juice, Skim or 1% Milk
Lunch: Taco in a bag 9lettuce, tomato, sour cream, cheese, salsa, black olives), Refried Beans, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Choice, Milk Choice

WEM School Announcements

Drivers Ed at WEM

Win-E-Mac Community Ed will offer Drivers Education Classroom instruction beginning March 14, 2016 from 3:15-6:15 P.M.

The classes will be held at the Win-E-Mac School in room 45 – Mr. Hendrickson's math room.

Instruction will be held on the following dates: March 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29. Please note that March 29 will be test day and March 31 will be a make-up day.

This class will complete the 30 required hours of instruction. The cost per student for this class is \$40.00 and should be sent in with this registration form by March 9, 2016. Troy Reynolds is the instructor for this class.

Students who enroll in Drivers Education Classroom need to be 15 years old by June 1, 2016. This class needs to be completed and the written Driving Exam passed prior to the Behind the Wheel Instruction.

The class size will be limited to 25. The oldest will be given first chance and the remaining openings will be filled on a first come first serve basis. There will be another class offered next fall.

A bill passed by the 2014 legislature will require all driver education programs to offer a supplemental parental course for the primary driving supervisor.

The course must be at least 90 minutes and cover GDL information, safety risks for teen drivers, potential adult influence on teen driving behavior, and additional resources.

If the primary driving supervisor chooses to not complete the parent supplemental course, the primary driving supervisor must verify on the driving log that the teen has driven at least 50 hours, with

15 hours at night.

This 90 minute course will be offered Monday, March 7, 2016 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

FYI -

The Mid-term Quarter 3 report cards are now available on line on your Student Vue and ParentVue

Congratulations to the top 3 sales persons for the After Prom Party Butter braid sales – 1st – Tanya Bring, 2nd – Noah Klinkhammer and 3rd Jessica Thompson. Other sales were – Olivia Simonson, Anthony Smith, Kolton Stuhang, Alaina Juve, Hunter Chaput, Alec Kiecker, Alayna Espeseth, Elena Snegirev, Adreanna LaCoursiere, and Bail-ee Burcham – thanks for helping with this sale.

girls weekend...

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More dice games and catching up on the past years.

At 11:30 the girls called Bunny to wish him a early Birthday and chat a little.

Cindy left us Saturday night so she could sleep in her our bed, Tami spent the night. Pam provided another great breakfast, the girls cleaned up the cabin and motored home. A good time was had by all. We missed some of the gals but are hoping we can do this again. The only one missing that would have made the weekend that much better was Bunny. He can't stay overnight but can come during the day. Bummer for Bun!

Picture and article submitted by Mary Schmidt.



Parents night at Win-E-Mac school for girls basketball rallied together the McKeevers: Marshall, Madison, Bernice, Mariah and Kevin.