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McIntosh, Minnesota

Santa & Mrs. Claus to visit Mac this Saturday

While we may be shoveling out from a snowstorm this week, there are still many fun events taking place to celebrate the season. The weekend will bring many events to McIntosh and Win-E-Mac School.

Santa Claus Day will take place at the McIntosh Community Center on Saturday, December 17th. The fun will begin at 9:30 am and Santa and Mrs. Claus are expected at 10:00 am. The day will feature fun activities, treats and door prizes for the kids.

The Santa Shop will be at Win-E-Mac School for the elementary students on Thursday, December 15th. Classes will be able to shop and wrap during the school day. Items in the store will cost 25 cents each. The Santa Shop is still looking for gift donations and wrapping supplies, if you are able to help, please drop items at the school office.

Community Wide Open Houses in downtown McIntosh will take place on Friday, December 16th including: First National Bank, KingTown Insurance, and Neil's Quality Meats and More. Stop in to these businesses for special offers, snacks and a chance to visit with neighbors and community members.

The Win-E-Mac Elementary Holiday Programs will be presented on Friday, December 16th. The programs will take place in the Win-E-Mac School Arts & Events Center. The K - 3 program will begin at 12:45 pm, and the 4th grade through 6th grade program will begin at 2:00 pm.

The Win-E-Mac Senior High School Band and Choir concert will be presenting their annual Fall/Winter concert on Monday, December 19th at 7:00 pm at the Win-E-mac Arts & Event Center.



Congratulations to the Win-E-Mac Robotics Team 5300A! This team was awarded the 'Design Award' at the Northland Community College Robotics Tournament on Saturday. The judges chose their robot to have the best design out of 50 robots at the tournament!. This award qualifies this robotics team to participate in the Minnesota State Robotics Tournament on March 2-3, 2023. Team Members: Kallie Hand, Alec Haskett, Chris Roragen, Wyatt Davis, Foma Cheremnov, and Kailee Kramer.



Pictured below: Greyson and Briar Sonsteli had a chance to visit with Santa Claus during the Annual Winger Lion's Breakfast with Santa event held last Saturday at the Winger Community Center. Community members were able to enjoy a pancake breakfast, making crafts, writing a letter to Santa and a personalized photo ornament to take home.

8th Annual Rydell/Glacial Ridge Christmas Bird Count

Rydell and Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) will be hosting their 8th Annual Christmas Bird Count on Thursday, December 15th. This event is administered by the National Audubon Society and is the longest running citizen science bird project in the U.S. This year marks the 123rd year of the Christmas Bird Count.

Counts are held in designated areas throughout the U.S. between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5 each year. In recent years, counts were annually completed in over 2,500 locations, including Canada and Latin America. More than 75,000 people participate in the counts and more than 50 million birds are tallied each year!

Information from the count provides important information on winter ranges of birds, population trends, and how a changing climate alters winter bird distribution.

Birds observed in the Rydell/Glacial Ridge Count Circle over the past seven years have included 50 different species, including northern shrikes, Bohemian waxwings, bald eagles, pileated and red-bellied woodpeckers, northern goshawks, and Lapland longspurs

People interested in participating do not need to be experienced birders. This event can serve as a learning experience for new birders and those individuals will be paired up with



Refuge staff or experienced volunteers. Participants should meet at the Rydell NWR Visitor Center at 8:00am for coffee and a brief meeting. Bring binoculars and a bird book if you have them. If not, we'll have some on hand for your use. Counting will take place within a 15-mile diameter circle that stretches from Erskine west to the center of Glacial Ridge NWR. Participants can count from a vehicle or on foot, depending on their preference and the weather conditions that day. Refuge staff will host a potluck lunch back at the Visitor Center at noon. After a hearty lunch, folks can "call it a day", or can go back out and continue to search for birds.

Please RSVP no later than December 13th to Wildlife Biologist, Ben Walker at 218-230-5563 or benjamin_walker@fws.gov. Ben can also help if you have questions about the count or need more information.



After 8 years of serving the Oklee community, Mae Knowles is back as the regular postal manager at the McIntosh Post Office. Welcome back to McIntosh Mae!



Community members gathered at the Winger Community Center on Saturday morning for a pancake breakfast served by the Winger Lion's Club along with a hot breakfast, Santa came to the event to greet kids and bring them a special treat.

8 easy holiday centerpiece ideas

The holiday season is a great time to make any home a bit more merry and bright. Most individuals let their personalities show through their home decor, and holiday decorating is just as personal as decorating throughout the rest of the year.

The main living areas of a home get the most decorating attention, with a Christmas tree or menorah taking a prominent position in the front window.

Garlands, candles and other accoutrements also may dress up spaces. However, when it comes to holiday hosting, attention also should be given to the dining table - which can benefit from a festive centerpiece.

Premade centerpieces are undeniably attractive, but adding a homespun touch can be a fun creative pursuit and become a family tradition. Explore these eight simple ideas to dress up your holiday table.

1. Frosted pine cones: Take advantage of a crisp winter's day to venture into a forest or park that is rich with evergreen trees. Gather pine cones from the forest floor and, if possible, a few evergreen boughs. Give the pine cones a touch of winter whimsy with a little faux snow in a can or even white paint. Nestle the boughs and pine cones into a wide-mouthed vase or bowl in the center of the table. Individual pine cones can later be turned into place cards for seating guests.

2. Holiday thanks: Cut many strips of paper roughly 6 inches in length from various colored pieces of paper to match the holiday theme. When guests arrive, ask them to write a favorite holiday memory or two, or what they're thankful for. Twirl the paper strips around a pencil to curl them, and then place the curlicues into a decorative bowl in the center of the table. Later in the evening, the host or hostess can read some of the sentiments.

3. Magical forest: Use green and silver conical party hats to turn a table or sideboard into a veritable evergreen forest. Arrange them on a blanket of faux snow or white confetti.

4. Freshly cut: Select attractive flowers in vibrant holiday hues from a florist or even the supermarket floral section. Cut the stems and place them into an unusual display container, such as holiday themed mugs or a punch bowl.



5. Glass baubles: Who says ornaments should be exclusive to the tree? A crystal or glass cake stand can be transformed into an icy delight when topped with silver and clear glass ornaments.

6. Birch wood: The crisp white coloring of birch bark is right at home with holiday decor. Go stark with pieces of the cut wood in varying heights intermingled with white candles that mimic the shapes and scale of the wood.

7. Fruit and vegetables: If guests are coming over and the race is on for a fast centerpiece,

look no further than the kitchen. Lemons, artichokes, pears, or pomegranates look festive in a bowl interspersed with some greenery and baby's breath.

8. Cornucopia: The horn of plenty can be customized to any holiday. Purchase a horn in wicker or woven grapevine and fill with flowers, fruit and greenery, or even painted gourds or miniature pumpkins.

Holiday hosts and hostesses should not neglect the dining table when they decorate. Festive centerpieces can be hand-made without much effort on the part of hosts.

Easy ways to enjoy gingerbread for breakfast

Gingerbread is a Christmas classic. The taste and smell bring back nostalgic memories for many and create new memories for all.

Here are two ways to wake up with gingerbread. Make pancakes for your family or muffins to give to a neighbor or bring along to you family's Christmas morning celebration.

This fluffy and flavorful Gingerbread Pancake recipe is easy to make, have the kids help measure and mix.

Gingerbread Pancakes
2 1/3 cup all purpose flour
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 1/2 tsp ground ginger
1/4 cup sugar
1 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp baking soda
pinch of salt
1 cup milk
1/4 cup molasses
1 egg, beaten
3 tbsps vegetable oil

Combine the dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl. (Flour, spices, sugar, baking soda and powder)

In a separate bowl, beat the egg then add and mix together the milk, molasses and oil.

Add wet mixture to dry mixture and blend until combined. Using a ladle or measuring cup, scoop 1/4 cup of batter onto a hot greased griddle or skillet.

You can use non-stick spray or butter. (I prefer butter for

flavor)
Turn when bubbles form on the surface and the edges are golden brown.

Serve with butter, syrup and festive starfruit.

This easy recipe for Gingerbread Muffins is filled with the comforting spices of cinnamon, ginger, and cloves. Grab a muffin, and cozy up with your favorite warm drink

Gingerbread Muffins
3 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 cup unsulphured molasses
2/3 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup granulated sugar , plus additional for dusting
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup boiling water

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line two 12-count muffin pans with paper liners; set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves, and ginger. In a large bowl, beat the molasses, oil, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Add the dry ingredients and gently mix. Add boiling water; stir to combine.

Divide batter into muffin cups, filling about 2/3rds full. Dust the tops with sugar. Bake 20 minutes, until toothpick inserted comes out clean.

Johnson, Kiel release statements on Crookston soybean processing facility leaving NW MN

Senator Mark Johnson (R-East Grand Forks) and State Representative Deb Kiel (R-Crookston) released the following statements regarding the announcement from Epitome Energy they will be moving their to Soybean Processing Facility from Crookston to Grand Forks, North Dakota after delays from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

"This is tough news for Crookston, Northwestern Minnesota, and our state," Johnson said. "Due to a grindingly slow regulatory process by the Walz Administration, we just lost many well-paying jobs, millions of dollars of investment in our local economy,

revenue for our local schools, and desperately needed property tax relief. North Dakota Governor Burgum once again stepped up to snatch another promising business from Minnesota while the MPCA and the Walz Administration push away growth and progress for our communities."

"I am deeply disappointed that the governor's administration is dragging their feet on this project, which has now cost Minnesotans both jobs and agricultural resources," said Kiel. "This project has been in process for four years now, and the roadblocks put in place by the MPCA have pushed this important resource out of the state completely. I will con-

tinue fighting for Minnesota farmers and agribusiness so this does not happen again."

Epitome Energy blamed the move on the unnecessarily long permitting process in the State of Minnesota. Epitome Energy had waited over a year-and-a-half for their permit application to be reviewed before exploring elsewhere.

The operation of the new plant was expected to generate hundreds of millions of dollars for the Northwest Minnesota economy and create hundreds of new jobs. Now those benefits will go across the border



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

Wed. Dec. 14: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. Dec. 16: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. Dec. 18: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Wed. Dec. 21: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sat. Dec. 24: Christmas Eve 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 8:00pm Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Sun. Dec. 25: Christmas Day 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. Dec. 18: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. Dec. 25: 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.

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

Sunday Services
11:00am Mt Carmel
9:30am Trinity
Sunday School
10:45am Trinity
9:45am Mt. Carmel

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

Sun, Dec. 18: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (also on Facebook: gosenchurch and gosenchurch.com)

Tues. Dec. 20: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV-30

Wed. Dec. 21: 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. Dec. 18: 9:00am Worship
Sun. Dec. 25: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker,

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

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Winger

Sundays: 9:45am Sunday School; 10:00am Coffee Fellowship; 10:30am Worship

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH-NALC
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Rev. Pam Thorson

Sundays: 10:30am Worship

NOTICE King Township Filing Notice

The filing dates for the King Township, County of Polk, State of Minnesota will be for:

One (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years, and
One (1) Clerk for a term of two (2) years.

Filing will take place from Tuesday, January 3, 2023 until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The filing fee is \$2.00. To file, contact the Township Clerk.

Lucus Thom, Clerk,
King Township

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I want to thank everyone who came to my 70th birthday. You made it very special for me. Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the repair business. You don't realize how many friends you have and I'm very thankful for you all. Thanks to my 3 daughters for being there and especially thanks to my wife, who has been my inspiration all these years. And lastly, thanks to my grandchildren for making my birthday extra special. I am truly blessed. Dan Salvhus

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NOTICE Lessor Township FILING NOTICE

The filing dates for the Township of Lessor, County of Polk, State of Minnesota will be from Tuesday, January 3, 2023 until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Filing will be for:

One (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years, and
One (1) Clerk/Treasurer for a term of two (2) years.

The filing fee is \$2.00. Filing is to be at the Clerk/Treasurer's home.

Albert Plante,
Clerk/Treasurer
Lessor Township

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NOTICE Hill River Township Filing Notice

The filing dates for the Township of Hill River, County of Polk, State of Minnesota will be from Tuesday, January 3, 2023 until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Filing will be for:

One (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.

The filing fee is \$2.00. Filing is to be at the Clerk/Treasurer's home.

Raymond O. Sundrud,
Clerk/Treasurer
Hill River Township
35563 300 th Street SE
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(218) 435-1029

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Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Dec. 14: Clayton Salvhus
Sat. Dec. 17: Don Ostenson, Benjamin Shultz
Sun. Dec. 18: Jenny Howard
Mon. Dec. 19: Clarissa Neste, Erik Roed, Addisen Haas
Tues. Dec. 20: Kalli Roy

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Superintendents Notes

By Randy Bruer

Inclement Weather

Snowy weather is upon us, and we will be faced with decisions to close school because of unsafe weather conditions. The district has a School Reach system to notify parents and students when unsafe weather conditions are upon us. We send out a notification to your home phone, cell phone, email or other means of programmed communication if such weather exists. If we have a day which weather causes no school, our staff will still be teaching our students in a program teachers created call E-Learning. We have done this in the past and will continue this teaching technique into the future. If the parent contact information is not current the notification will not be completed to your device until the information is updated.

School remodel of Locker Rooms

Our school will be remodeling the Girls and Boys Locker rooms from March 30-May 30. We will be changing out fixtures and redesigning new shower/dressing room areas



in both rooms. The remodel is calling for bids and advertised in the Erskine Echo. These rooms are used often and need updates just like a home will need updates as things wear out. The look will change as safety for students is the top priority.

School Bus Dress

We have had some trouble with proper student dress when riding the bus to and from school. Our policy states that each student should dress accordingly for the weather. We cannot predict bus emergencies such as breaking down

or a bus getting stuck somewhere. We ask parents to make sure your child is dressed appropriately, coats, shoes, boots and warm clothes. We have seen a variety of shoes and clothing which is unsafe for cold weather. Bus drivers are concerned about the lack of winter clothing and do not want to be held responsible. If there are concerns about a child's dress for the weather, parents will be notified.

Construction Trades Program

The Building Trades class built has an 8-hole heated icehouse for sale. Its brand new. Come and see the house. This project provided students with many concepts of building a house on a smaller scale. The 2022 icehouse is completed, and we will sell the house. For details, call the District Office. In February/March we will be advertising for quotes for a new house build for 2023/2024 school year. If you are interested, please get in touch with the District Office. Call 218-563-2900 or email rbruer@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us

New grant brings meat cutting and butchery training to MN students

Apply for MDA's Meat Education and Training Grant by March 9, 2023.

A new grant opportunity from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) helps Minnesota schools looking to establish or enhance meat cutting and butchery training for secondary students.

The Meat Education and Training (MEAT) Grant Program will award about \$350,000 in onetime funding from the Minnesota Legislature to secondary career and technical education programs (public or private schools or school districts) to fund equipment, facility renovation, curriculum development, faculty

training, and more.

"The past few years have clearly shown that expanded meat processing capacity is important for the health of Minnesota's livestock industry and to give consumers more choices," Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "To get there, we need more butchers and meat cutters. This investment will expose students to these in-demand positions."

Applicants may request a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$70,000 per project. Up to 10% of each grant may be used for faculty training; there is no matching funds requirement.

MEAT grants will be award-

ed through a competitive review process. Priority will be given to applicants that collaborate with meat cutting and butchery programs at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and/or local industry partners.

The MDA expects 5 to 10 grants to be awarded, depending on award size.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023. Applications must be submitted through the MDA's online application system.

Contacts for more information and additional eligibility requirements are available on the MDA's MEAT Grant webpage.



Cullen and Bennett Massmann were able to visit with Santa last Saturday after the Winger Lion's Pancake Breakfast.



Drake Casavan was pretty happy to see Santa, along with his sister, Kylie, they enjoyed the visit as well as some yummy pancakes made by the Winger Lions last Saturday morning.



Not only was Santa and his faithful Elf at the Annual Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Winger Lion's, but the Lion himself came for a visit last Saturday morning at the Winger Community Center.



Nevaeh Fritsch was very happy that Santa came to visit the kids of Winger last Saturday morning.



Collin Westcott stopped in for some pancakes and a visit with Santa last Saturday morning at the Winger Community Center.



Sharing his wish list with Santa last Saturday during Breakfast with Santa in Winger was Sawyer Cook.



Kinzley and Kodehn Sherer were able to see Santa last Saturday morning during the Annual Winger Lion's Breakfast with Santa event.



Emmy Ystenes was able to let Santa know her wishlist during Breakfast with Santa last weekend in Winger.



Cousins Grayson Simonson and Avery Ness had some pancakes and were able to visit Santa during Breakfast with Santa in Winger.



Christopher Nephew was able to visit with Santa Claus at Saturday's Breakfast with Santa in Winger.



Breakfast with Santa last Saturday morning in Winger was a great time for Liam Schmiedeberg to let Santa know his Christmas wishlist.

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Breakfast With Santa



Charlie Hagen with mom, Michelle, was able to have a short visit with Santa during Breakfast with Santa last weekend in Winger.



Santa was able to visit with all the kids who came for pancakes, here with Brooklyn Courneya, during the Winger Lion's event held last Saturday,



A quick visit for Avery and Aiden Londin during the Annual Breakfast with Santa event hosted by the Winger Lions last weekend.



Stopping by for a visit with Santa last Saturday at the Winger Community Center was Layne Ystenes.