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# Louie's Mercantile is the newest shop in Mac

Joining the businesses on Main Street in McIntosh is Louie's Mercantile.

Julie and Sydney Vorachek are a mother and daughter from Grand Forks, North Dakota, who recently opened Louie's Mercantile, which is a family owned shop fully with a curated mix of hand picked & gathered goods. They are brick and mortar and part of "the Shoppes of McIntosh"

Every item in their shop is hand-picked and ranges from fine jewelry to baby items, household goods, dried flowers, greenery, aromatherapy, products for men, women & pets, old fashion games and yummy treats.

They are excited to share their family traditions. Everyone is greeted with a smile and offered a cup of coffee or cocoa and homemade goods.

The mother/daughter team are always looking for new items to add to their collections and the inventory will change throughout the seasons.

Louie's Mercantile will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday throughout the year and will have extended hours on occasion. This week they are open every day to make sure their customers are prepared for Christmas. Check out their Instagram and Facebook accounts @louiesmercantile for their hours and sneak peaks of new goods.



Julie and Sydney Vorachek



Celebrating his very first Christmas is Cliff Syverson with his parents, Amber and Luke during Santa Claus Day held last Saturday at the McIntosh Community Center. Look for more event photo's this week and in the coming weeks inside the McIntosh Times.



Louie's Mercantile on the main street in McIntosh.



Sue Lee sang songs with the children who attended Santa Claus Day in McIntosh on Saturday, December 17th. Pictured here singing with Sue are Peyton Schow, Aubrey Gunufson, Maci Lee and Adler Stordahl.



## Why are Christmas colors red and green?

Many people may not get in the holiday spirit without decorations and all the trimmings. Chances are strong that if you have containers full of items just waiting to see the light of day again this holiday season, those items are red or green or some combination thereof.

Red and green have become the traditional colors of Christmas, just as blue and white symbolizes Chanukah. But how did this color palette come to evolve?

Just like many traditions of Christmas, the red and green scheme has origins that pre-date the Christian celebration. Christmas has borrowed from many of the customs of winter solstice celebrations of ancient peoples, including the Celts. Ancient Celtic people revered holly plants, believing they brought beauty and good fortune in the middle of winter - a time when the landscape is normally bleak and holly plants thrive and stand out. Celts would regularly bring in sprigs of holly and decorate their homes with the plants, which feature shiny, serrated leaves and bright, red berries, as a way to guarantee a prosperous new year. Holly also came to be associated with the crown of thorns Jesus Christ was forced to wear during his crucifixion.

The custom of using red and green continued into the 14th century. Dr. Spike Bucklow, a research scientist at the University of Cambridge, says red and green also were used to paint medieval rood screens, which were partitions installed in churches to separate the congregation from the priest and altar. Dr. Bucklow notes that Victorians also extended the association of these colors as a physical boundary to another boundary: the marking of the end of the old year and the beginning of a new one at Christmastime.

While red and green had associations with Christmas in early times through holly and other sources, the connection was perhaps best solidified thanks to a man named Haddon Sundblom. Sundblom was an artist commissioned in 1931 by the Coca-Cola company to create an image of Santa Claus for the company's upcoming holiday ads. Until this point, versions of Santa were rarely consistent, with his clothing vacillating between green, blue and red. He also wasn't the plump, jolly fellow associated with Christmas as we know him today, but rather thin and elf-like. Sundblom portrayed him as a chubby man wearing red robes, likely as a nod to Coca-Cola's own red logo, even though the company denies the connection. Santa was featured in front of a green background. The ads proved popular and Sundblom's Santa became the preferred depiction. Santa's red robes perfectly complemented the green background and other green components of the holiday, such as Christmas trees and holly, that already had been solidified as Christmas imagery.

Color plays a strong role in creating Christmas nostalgia. Red and green are put on vivid display throughout the season.



Santa Claus Day had drawings for prizes sponsored by the McIntosh Community Club. Here, Autumn Plante was happy for her new sled.

# How to host a New Year's brunch

New Year's Day unofficially marks the end of the holiday season.

After the turkey and trimmings of Thanksgiving and the gifts galore of Christmas and Chanukah, New Year's presents one final chance to toast to fun and fortune.

Chances are good that after an evening of ringing in the New Year and dancing until dawn, most people sleep in and catch up on a few extra hours sleep on January 1st. Breakfast may come and go before tired revelers are ready to greet the day. That is what makes brunch so popular on January 1st.

Brunch is a meal eaten in the late morning or early afternoon - generally between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. It consists of a blend of breakfast and lunch foods. Historical evidence suggests that brunch originated in the British upper classes in the late 19th century. Many upper-class people gave servants partial or full days off on Sundays. Staff would set out buffet spreads in the morning before leaving, enabling homeowners to graze among breakfast and lunch items.

It may be challenging to compete with the excitement of New Year's Eve, but a New Year's Day brunch can be just as memorable, especially when planning is a priority.

**Send invitations early on.** The holiday season is a busy time and people often commit to invitations early on. If you want to host certain guests at the brunch, send out those invitations several weeks in advance.

**Keep it intimate.** Individuals will be feeling the effects of a late night of partying and it's likely you will be as well. Make things easier on yourself by keeping the guest list on the small side. In turn, there will be less food required and perhaps less mess to clean up afterward.

**Serve familiar foods.** Brunch combines the best of breakfast and lunch. Guests will be expecting some of the standards, including omelets, French toast, bagels, deli meats, and salads. If you want to get creative, change up these recipes in subtle ways, such as serving French toast stick dippers with a warm maple-cara-

mel dipping sauce or bite-sized omelets baked in small ramekins.

**Keep the coffee flowing.** Coffee, teas and hot chocolate are great at brunch. It's easier to recover from New Year's Eve overindulgence with a warm jolt of caffeine. Set up a nice beverage bar, and be sure to include other drinks that enable guests to rehydrate after a night of revelry.

## Enjoy Irish coffee at home

Weather-related flight delays or cancellations are often the cause of much frustration. However, one timely storm nearly 80 years might just have paved the way for a beloved beverage.

In 1943, Joe Sheridan was working as a chef at the Shannon Airport in Ireland. According to the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum, on one fateful night, a flight bound for Newfoundland was forced to return to the airport in Foynes due to inclement weather. Sheridan was called back to work that night and asked to create a warm beverage for the suddenly stranded passengers. Quick on his feet, Sheridan brewed some coffee but decided to add a little whiskey. Asked if the beverage was Brazilian coffee, Sheridan shook his head before indicating his newly minted creation was "Irish coffee." And thus a legendary beverage was born.

This recipe, courtesy of the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum, can be great for

**Keep it simple.** Soft music and nice conversation may be all that's needed to entertain during a New Year's brunch. Another low-key option is to queue up a light-hearted movie or play a relatively easy trivia game.

New Year's brunches can close the door on another successful holiday season with a relaxing afternoon spent in the company of family and friends.



anyone who wants warm up with their own batch of Irish coffee at home.

**Step One:** Preheat your Foynes Irish coffee glass by filling it with boiling water for 5 seconds, then pour the water out.

**Step Two:** Add 1 teaspoon of brown sugar and a good measure of Irish whiskey into the warmed glass.

**Step Three:** Fill the glass to within 1 centimeter of the brim with hot, strong black coffee. Stir well to dissolve all the brown sugar.

**Step Four:** Carefully pour lightly whipped cream over the back of a spoon so that it floats on top of the coffee.

**Step Five:** Do not stir after adding the cream; optimal flavor comes from drinking the coffee and Irish whiskey through the cream.

## 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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Albert Plante,  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Lessor Township

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# Little Bobby's

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Charles will be serving Tom and Jerry's on Friday, December 23rd beginning at 4:00 p.m.



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## The Reason For Christmas

*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."*  
~Matthew 2:1-2

As we celebrate the season, we wish you a Merry Christmas!

*First National Bank of McIntosh will be closed on Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas Day.*



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**Winner of the drawing for Christmas in McIntosh at Neil's Quality Meats & More Event was Charles Svalen from McIntosh.**

## LARL announces Holiday closures

In observance of the upcoming holidays, Lake Agassiz Regional Library announces the following closures at all of its branches, including the McIntosh Library.

All locations will be closed Saturday, December 24 in observance of Christmas Eve and Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas Day. The Crookston Public Library will also be closed Sunday, December 25.

Regular hours will resume Tuesday, December 27.

## St. Mary's announces the Christmas schedule

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 725 6th St. NE, Fosston, MN, will celebrate the birth of

Jesus on Christmas Eve, December 24, at the 5:00 pm Mass and on Christmas Day,

December 25, at 8:30 a.m. Oh, come all ye Faithful! Christ is born!

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Raymond O. Sundrud,  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Hill River Township  
35563 300 th Street SE  
Fosston, MN 56542  
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## Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

**Wed. Dec. 21:** Brooke Tofstad, Beth Hagen

**Thurs. Dec. 22:** Andy Smith, Jerry Shimp, Camille Smeby, \*Robert & Sharon Hegland, \*Allen & Shirley Carver

**Sat. Dec. 24:** Candace Haaven, Anthony Grande, Jered Agnes, Philip Lee, Cheryl Jore

**Sun. Dec. 25:** Nicole Vetteson, Jordyn Zahn  
**Mon. Dec. 26:** \*Bill Jr. & Valerie Fritz

**Tues. Dec. 27:** Heather Hegre, Erin Jore, Haley Smeby, Dustin Carlson

## LARL offering free Covid tests

Just in time for the holiday season, libraries across Lake Agassiz Regional Library's seven county region are offering free COVID-19 tests through a partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health. The tests are available while supplies last in Lake Agassiz Regional Library's branch libraries. Visit us at [www.larl.org](http://www.larl.org).



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

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

Wed. Dec. 28: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. Dec. 30: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Jan. 1: 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. 25: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. Jan. 1: 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**  
11:00am Mt Carmel  
9:30am Trinity  
**Sunday School**  
10:45am Trinity  
9:45am Mt. Carmel

**GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Independent  
Gary Johnson, Pastor  
[www.gosen-church.com](http://www.gosen-church.com)  
Face Book: Gosen Church

Sun, Dec. 25: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Christmas Worship Service (also on Facebook: [gosenchurch](http://gosenchurch.com) and [gosen-church.com](http://gosen-church.com))

Tues. Dec. 27: 10:00am Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV-30

Wed. Dec. 28: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home

Thurs., Dec. 29: 7:00pm Luther League/Sunday School Christmas Program (see article elsewhere in the paper)

*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. 25: 9:00am Worship  
Sun. Jan. 1: 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**  
Erskine  
Rev. Pam Thorson

Sundays: 10:30am Worship

**Ad deadline: Noon Friday**

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5 easy ways to get outdoors this winter

Wondering how to get outside and enjoy the outdoors this winter?

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has some great no- and low-cost activities open to everyone.

"We know Minnesotans love being outdoors, and winter offers a whole different way to play outside," said Ann Pierce, DNR parks and trails director.

The DNR offers several suggestions to make getting outdoors easy, fun and affordable for Minnesotans:

**Get a vehicle permit**

Vehicle permits are required to visit state parks and recreation areas.

The cost is \$7 per day or \$35 for an annual permit. Permits can be purchased at a park office, or visitors can save time by purchasing online before heading to the park. Park permits can be purchased on the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/ParkPermit](http://mndnr.gov/ParkPermit)).

The DNR also offers free park permits through its library program. More than 100 libraries across Minnesota offer seven-day permits that people can check out at no cost.

"The library park pass program is a terrific way to access state parks for free," Pierce said. "It's one way we're removing barriers to getting outdoors and enjoying the beauty of Minnesota's state parks."

A list of participating libraries is on the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/LibraryPass](http://mndnr.gov/LibraryPass)).

**Try winter camping**

Winter camping is offered at 25 state parks and recreation areas.

For visitors looking for a warmer overnight stay, many state parks offer heated camper cabins with electricity and yurts with wood stoves that

are open year-round. Camper cabins accommodate up to six people, while yurts hold three to seven people. Pets are not allowed inside camper cabins or yurts.

Find the winter camping guide ([mndnr.gov/State\\_Parks/Winter\\_Camping](http://mndnr.gov/State_Parks/Winter_Camping)) on the DNR website, as well as information on staying in camper cabins ([mndnr.gov/CamperCabins](http://mndnr.gov/CamperCabins)) or yurts ([mndnr.gov/Yurts](http://mndnr.gov/Yurts)).

**Look into family-friendly events**

Events and programs are scheduled at state parks throughout the winter season, offering a wide range of activities, including escape rooms, interpretive hikes, crafting, education about park wildlife, and more.

"Whether you want to learn, or be physically active, or both, you're sure to find an event that fits you," Pierce said. "State parks and trails events are suitable for beginners and all age groups."

State park events are free, but a vehicle permit is required to enter the park. Find state park events on the DNR events calendar ([mndnr.gov/PTCalendar](http://mndnr.gov/PTCalendar)).

**Rent snowshoeing or skiing equipment**

Snowshoe rentals are available at 30 state parks and recreation areas, and five state parks offer cross-country ski rentals. Rental prices vary by location, and some state parks offer free rentals.

"Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are great activities to be active while beating cabin fever," Pierce said. "If you need rental equipment, it's a good idea to check the website for the park you're planning to visit or call ahead to get details about the type of rental

equipment offered at the park and to check for availability."

For snowshoe rental information, visit the snowshoeing page of the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/state\\_parks/snowshoeing](http://mndnr.gov/state_parks/snowshoeing)) and for cross-country ski rentals, visit the ski pass map on the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/Skiing/SkiPass/Map.html](http://mndnr.gov/Skiing/SkiPass/Map.html)).

**Try ice fishing**

It's free to fish in many Minnesota state parks, and some parks have fishing kits for visitors to borrow.

"Ice fishing is a quintessential winter activity in Minnesota," said Pierce. "If you're new to ice fishing, don't worry, we can help. State parks offer events and hands-on learning programs to teach you how to ice fish."

Those interested in ice fishing in state parks can read tips, learn about ice safety, find a lake to fish on and more by visiting the state parks ice fishing guide ([mndnr.gov/state\\_parks/ice\\_fishing.html](http://mndnr.gov/state_parks/ice_fishing.html)).

To find parks that have fishing kits available to borrow, see the DNR's page about borrowing equipment ([mndnr.gov/state\\_parks/loaner.html](http://mndnr.gov/state_parks/loaner.html)).

NOTICE

Sletten Township

Sletten Township has the following positions open for election:

1. Treasurer for a two year position

2. Supervisor for a three year position.

Filing will begin January 3 and end January 17, 2023.

Terri Kaupang

Township Clerk

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Abby and Aubrey Wang visited with Santa at the McIntosh Community Club's Santa Day held last Saturday at the Community Center.



Telling Santa his Christmas wishes was Lucas Hornbuckle last Saturday at Santa Day in McIntosh.

Mass readings

Whether one attends mass in Australia, America or Canada on any given Sunday, he or she is apt to hear the same Bible verses being read that day.

The reason for that dates back to the Second Vatican Council and its desire for the public to draw more deeply on scripture in the liturgical life of the church.

Scripture is proclaimed according to a schedule of passages called a lectionary. Roman Catholics follow the Lectionary for Mass, while other western churches abide by the Revised Common Lectionary.

The earliest Christians simply read the scriptures that were available in their communities. Through the years, scripture was collaborated in books and missals. The current Lectionary for Mass was created in 1970 and has been revised twice.



The Revised Common Lectionary was created by a panel of experts and then reviewed, adapted and approved by various Protestant church authorities in 1983. Both lectionaries are organized on a three-year cycle, according to U.S. Catholic magazine. Year A is the

year of Matthew, Year B is Mark, and Year C is Luke. The Gospel of John is used each year during Christmas, Lent and Easter, as well as in Year B, to round out the year since Mark's gospels are short.

The first readings usually come from one of the books of the Old Testament or from the Acts of the Apostles during Eastertime.

The second reading comes from a New Testament letter or the Book of Revelation during Easter.

The first and second readings typically connect thematically to the gospel reading.

Sundays and feast day scripture is arranged so that the more important biblical passages are highlighted. The cycle for readings for Advent, Christmas and Easter is yearly and the readings remain the same each year.



Harper Wiseth had a chance to sit on Santa's lap in McIntosh last Saturday morning for Santa Day.



Santa was able to hear some Christmas wishes from Alice Merriweather during Santa Claus Day held at the McIntosh Community Center.



Brylee, Alex and Paisley Kildal were able to see Santa last Saturday during Santa Claus Day at the McIntosh Community Center.



Santa had a full lap with Peyton, Piper and Cannon Schow when they came to see him at the McIntosh Community Center last Saturday morning.



Lily Handyside came to McIntosh to visit with Santa last Saturday for Santa Claus Day.



Lucky D.J, Sharp, as he was the first to be able to sit on Santas' lap during Santa Day in McIntosh.

# How to make Christmas Eve special for kids

Christmas Eve is viewed differently by different people, even those who live under the same Santa-ready roof. Adults may see Christmas Eve as crunch time when they must prepare food for the next day or set up presents for their children to open in the morning. Children, on the other hand, are focused on Santa's visit and little else.

Parents naturally want to make Christmastime as special as possible for their children, and that may involve ensuring that Christmas Eve is just as memorable as Christmas Day. The following are some ways to impart more magic into Christmas Eve celebrations.

**Attend Mass at midnight**  
Practicing Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas. On Christmas Eve, churches often hold celebrations that may include late-evening or midnight masses that celebrate the birth of Christ when the calendar switches over to December 25. While it does make for a late night, it can be thought-provoking for kids and a unique experience unlike any other.

**Bake fresh cookies**  
Children like to leave out



a plate of cookies and a glass of milk for Santa. That makes Christmas Eve a perfect time to whip up a fresh batch of cookies. Explore different recipes to come up with a unique offering each year.

**Read a Christmas story**  
Watching television or looking at a tablet or mobile phone before bed can be too stimulating when it's time for children to wind down for bed. Choose a holiday tale or tales that can be read as a Christmas Eve bedtime story. Reciting the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" ("Twas the Night Before Christmas)" is a great way to set the Christmas Eve mood.

**Make a batch of 'reindeer dust'**  
Why should Santa's rein-

deer be left out when it comes to receiving treats? Reindeer dust, made from a combination of oatmeal, rice cereal, dried fruits, and glitter (if desired), is purported to attract Santa's reindeer and provide them a nibble at the same time. Plus, it's generally safe for other animals in the yard to eat.

**Go caroling**  
Caroling may not be the norm, but some families may want to revive it. Close-knit communities can organize family-centric caroling opportunities and roam the cul-de-sacs and other pedestrian-friendly areas singing popular songs.

Christmas Eve is a great time to embrace various traditions that help to make the season even more special.

# TARP has upcoming training scheduled: apply now

Teaching artist Roster Program (TARP) training will be January-February 2023

This is a series of 7 training sessions on professionally marketing and teaching your art form to students. Sessions include business skills on lesson plans, artistic statements, web listing, mock grant application on sponsoring you, mock press release on yourself.

**Who should apply?**  
Area creatives interested in earning income by working within our local schools and festivals as an artist in residency.

**Who will facilitate the training?**  
Jane Anderson of Thief River Falls again has agreed to

serve as our consultant. Jane has led four cohorts in the past and does a great job. She's also lots of fun.

**When and Where will this be held?**  
Online for six Thursdays in 2023 from January 19 until February 23 from 6-9 PM on Zoom. Training ends on Saturday, February 25, 2023 in person in Warren from 10 AM - 4 PM.

**What is the result?**  
In addition to honing your teaching skills, you will join our Teaching Artist Roster list on our website where schools and festivals go to select who

they would like to sponsor with our grant funds. This is a wonderful opportunity to receive training for free! Being selected into the TARP cohort is the equivalent of receiving a \$500 grant award.

**How Do I Apply?**  
Log into our grants systems via the Grant Login button in the top righthand corner of our website. You will apply through that system.

**Questions?**  
Reach out to our director, Mara Hanel at director@NWArtsCouncil.org or 218-745-8886.



A group of ladies gathered at poplar Meadows on Monday, November 28th and decorated the doors for the tenants. Ladies got the eye lashes and men got the top hat! The hallways look so festive and inviting. First National Bank donated all the supplies and leftovers were donated to The Clubhouse. Ladies were back row: Paulette Kringlen, Nicole Grande, Peggy Hartel, Clellie Kiecker, Arlene Eggers, Mary Schow Front row: Ann Vesledahl, Connie Strom, Mary Salvhus. Missing was Gloria Carver





Destiny, Dakota, Divinity and Alex Hedlund were able to visit with Santa during Santa Day at the McIntosh Community Center last Saturday morning.



Stopping by the McIntosh Communit Center last Saturday, to let Santa know their Christmas wishes were Clara, Grace and Hawkin Roed.



Santa had a full lap with Dawson, Aubrey and Bryson Gunufson during Santa Claus Day last Saturday morning.



A visit with Santa for Dylan Goetsch during Santa Claus Day last Saturday in McIntosh.



Trey Mahlen came to Santa Day in McIntosh last Saturday to say hello to Santa.



Stopping to see Santa was Natalya Parker who came to Santa Day at the McIntosh Community Center.



Nick, Clarissa, Autumn and Asher Plante, along with little sis, Breelyn Hegre, all came to the McIntosh Community Center to visit with Santa, have some fresh baked treats and make some fun Christmas crafts all for Santa Day sponsored by the McIntosh Community Club.



Stopping at the McIntosh Community Center and enjoying some Christmas fun was the Hanson family, Andrew, Becky, Ellie and James.

Wishing you love, laughter, joy and good health this  
Christmas from the following businesses:

**The  
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