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Memorial Day in McIntosh



McIntosh Veterans along with the Win-E-Mac Band marched down the Main street on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th.



John Petterson was presented a Quilt of Valor during the McIntosh Memorial Day program. here, John is pictured with his wife, Donna.



Maci Lee and Sophie Strom during the White Cross Ceremony on the school lawn on Memorial Day in McIntosh.

Celebrate summer with the June events happening in Winger and McIntosh

The communities of Winger and McIntosh have many events happening during the month of June. These events are for all in the community.



Starting with **The Clubhouse Childcare Center** celebration of their 5 year birthday. An Open House on Friday, June 16th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm will have fun activities for kids including a bounce house, music and dancing, ice cream and sno cones, guest characters and face painting. The Clubhouse has made many changes and additions to accommodate their growing family of kids. The community is invited to enjoy a treat, meet the staff, tour the facility and enjoy a fun, family friendly evening.



The McIntosh Community Garage sales will take place on Saturday, June 17th. (some sales open on Friday evening as well.) There is a map on page 4 of this edition of the McIntosh Times with hours and locations of the garage sales around town.



On Saturday, June 17th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am you can enjoy **Breakfast on the Farm** at Steinmetz Farm with a free breakfast of pancakes with strawberries and ice cream. You can tour the robotic

dairy, win door prizes and visit with friends and neighbors. The event is sponsored by the Mahanomen County Dairy Association and is 13 miles south of Fosston on County Road 6 to 170th Street.



The 2nd Annual Winger Boys Tractor Drive is an antique tractor drive on June 24th .The tractors are meeting at the Winger Depot Cafe parking lot at 10:30 am and heading to Fertile. Stopping there for lunch before heading back to Winger. Tractors need to travel at least 10MPH. For more information please contact Tom Vesledahl 701-261-4276 or Dean Johnson 218-280-7672.



On Saturday, June 24, 2023 is also the annual **Winger Li-**

ons Fish Fry. The fish fry will take place at the Winger Community Center from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be all you can eat fish, potato, salad, baked beans, rolls and a beverage. Take out is also available or eat there and enjoy the company of community members and friends.



The Ant & the Grasshopper mini-play will be performed at the McIntosh Public Library on Wednesday, June 28th at 10:00 am. A live theater with an engaging performance the mini-play is for young children to enjoy.

There are many events to start your summer off with some fun! Enjoy these events and the many more exciting things to come this summer in our communities.



Aubry Gunnufson was part of the White Cross Ceremony on the lawn of the old school on Memorial Day in McIntosh.



Baby Lincoln and Baby Cliff during their first Memorial Day on the lawn of the school. Lincoln is the son of Paige and Hunter Smeby and Cliff is the son of Luke and Amber Syverson.

McIntosh Regular Council minutes for May 2023

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday May 11, 2023
5:30 p.m.
Community Center
Call to order:
Mayor Strom called the meeting to order at 5:30.
Pledge of Allegiance:
Roll Call:
Members present: Mayor Toby Strom, Luke Burd, Beth Hagen, and Luke Syverson.
Peter Tranby – Public Works Superintendent.
Rebecca Boehrnsen - Licensed Assisted Living Director for Poplar Meadows of McIntosh.
Melissa Finseth – City Clerk/Treasurer.
Members absent: Jordan Gunufson.
Guests: Kim Spaeth, Virgil Lerfald, John Merriweather, Mary Goodwin, Roy Ostenaar, and Denise Stark.
Determination of Quorum:
Quorum was met.
Agenda additions:
d. Building permit – Holter
e. Water cooler installation – Head Start
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Beth Hagen. Passed unopposed.
Approval of minutes:
a. April 13, 2023 Regular council meeting
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Beth Hagen to approve the April 13, 2023 regular council meeting minutes. Passed unopposed.
Public concerns:
Mary Goodwin inquired about the Memorial Day parade, program and grave service on the old school lawn. Kim Spaeth, of the McIntosh Times, listed off the itinerary that was provided to her by the McIntosh Friends of Veterans. The full itinerary is scheduled to be published in the next edition of the McIntosh Times.
Kim Spaeth discussed the issues she's had with a neighborhood dog hanging around her property causing her own dogs to become upset - barking and whining incessantly while the other dog was outside her property. She reported that the dog clawed and damaged her screen door. Ms. Spaeth asked what the council will do to mitigate the problem. Mayor Strom asked that she contact him the next time the dog is on her property so he can call Bagley Animal Control.
John Merriweather was in attendance to discuss a variance to allow chickens on his five-acre lot. The council asked for detailed plans, in writing, so that the clerk can talk it over with the City Attorney.
Virgil Lerfald wanted to know if the city will approve the gambling license for the

Alumni Association so pull tabs and bingo can be played at Little Bobby's Bar and Grill.
motion by Beth Hagen and seconded by Luke Burd to approve pursuing a new gambling license to the Alumni Association. Luke Syverson abstained. motion passed and carried.
Mayor Strom informed Roy Ostenaar that the city's insurance company requires the Tractor Day posters to state that the city of McIntosh is the official sponsor of the Tractor Parade. The city cannot sponsor the Tractor Pull for liability reasons.
MEDA and Poplar Meadows :
a. Rental status
Rebecca Boehrnsen reported that Poplar Meadows currently has twenty-four residents with three more moving in in June. as of the May 11th meeting, there was 1 – one bedroom available.
b. Approve Poplar Meadows monthly bills
Motion by Luke Burd and seconded by Luke Syverson to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$65,457.43.
Passed unopposed.
c. Debt payment
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Luke Burd to approve a \$5,000.00 debt payment. Passed unopposed.
d. Employee wage increase
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Beth Hagen to approve a three percent wage increase and to make Don Brinkman a salaried employee. Passed unopposed.
e. Rate increase
Motion by Luke Burd and seconded by Luke Syverson to approve a slight housing rate increase as well as an increase to the service packages. Passed unopposed.
Old business:
a. Water tower
Peter Tranby informed the council that the water tower has been fully drained for the remainder of the reconditioning project.
KLM Engineering, Inc. provided a logo template of the lettering for the council to approve. The lettering for the word McIntosh will remain at five feet in height and the height for est. 1889 will be

three feet.
The council chose an off-white paint color with black lettering for a clean look.
New business:
a. Resolution – Tractor Parade sponsorship
Luke Syverson introduced the resolution for the City of McIntosh to be the official sponsor for the Tractor Parade for liability reasons. Motion was seconded by Luke Burd. All members voted in the affirmative.
b. Amend personnel policy to add Juneteenth
Motion by Luke Burd and seconded by Beth Hagen to add Juneteenth to the list of official government holidays. Passed unopposed.
c. Building permit – Brady Finseth
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Luke Burd to approve a building permit for fencing for Brady Finseth and Katie West. Passed unopposed.
d. Building permit – Erik Holter
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Luke Burd to approve a building permit for Erik Holter for a 30'x30' shed. Passed unopposed.
e. Water cooler installation – Head Start
Motion by Luke Burd and seconded by Luke Syverson to approve the installation of a water cooler in the Head Start office. Passed unopposed.
Approval of monthly bills:
Motion by Luke Burd and seconded by Luke Syverson to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$14,689.91. Passed unopposed.
Council & Staff reports:
Peter Tranby received a quote, from Strata, of \$2,000.00 for class five gravel for the electric only hookups at Roholt Park. Council unanimously agreed to the purchase.
Luke Syverson asked Peter

Tranby to inspect the grade on the corner of Riverside Avenue and Fourth Street NE. There is some concern that it is too low.
Toby Strom reported that he's been asked by several residents when the city streets are going to be repaired. While the city cannot afford to completely redo all of the city streets, we can make a list of the areas in most need and contact a paving company to repair those areas.
Notices & Correspondence:
Adjournment:
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Beth Hagen to adjourn at 6:43. Passed unopposed.



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

Wed. June 14: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. June 16: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun, June 18: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Wed. June 21: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. June 23: 8:00am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun, June 25: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Pastor Rene Mehlberg
Synodical Authorized Minister Katie DeMarais

Sun. June 18: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services
Sun. June 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.

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

Sunday Services
11:00am Mt Carmel
9:30am Trinity
Vacation Bible School
June 12th - 16th
9:00 am - 2:15 pm
218-563-3454

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

Sun, June 81: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)
Tues, June 20: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30
Wed, June 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. June 18: 9:00am Worship
Sun, June 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: 10:30am Coffee Fellowship; 11:00am Worship

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH-NALC
Erskine
Rev. Pam Thorson

Sundays: 9:00am Worship
Come early and enjoy fellowship and a good cup of coffee. It will also be available at the same time on Garden Valley Channel 30, Facebook and YouTube.



Bob Olson, an E8 Sr. Staff Sargent from Fosston was this years Memorial Day speaker in McIntosh.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday July 13, 2023 at the McIntosh Community Center 115 Broadway NW McIntosh, MN 56556 for the purpose of amending the city ordinances pertaining to utility shut offs, blighted properties, and animals.

Melissa Finseth
McIntosh City Clerk/Treasurer

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Happy 95th Birthday
to
Ellen Burslie!

We love you Mom!
Craig, Karen, Mary, Nancy,
Blake and families.

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LSS Meals Menu

687-2262

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

Mon. June 19: Closed - Juneteenth Day
Tues. June 20: *Bingo* Salisbury Steak - Baked Potato - Squash - Wheat Rolls - Tropical Fruit - Milk
Wed. June 21: Chicken Wild Rice Hotdish - Broccoli - Fruit Cocktail - Bread - Orange Jello Cake - Milk
Thur. June 22: *Bingo* Pulled Pork on Bun - AuGratin Potatoes - Peas & Carrots - Lettuce Salad - Sugar Cookies - Milk
Fri. June 23: Tator Tot Hotdish - Green Beans - Peaches - Wheat Rolls - Chocolate Chip Bars - Milk

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. June 14: Shane Burslie, Carter Carlson
Thurs. June 15: Ellen Burslie, Carey Burslie, Kaitlin Marshall, Leona (Eleanor) Christianson, *Virgil & Mary Lerfald, *Nathan * Siri Vigoren
Fri. June 16: Mya Strom, Twila Rolf, Brooklyn Walk, *Jon & Cindy Lecy, *Kraig & Elainia Kundert
Sat. June 17: Kathy Johnson
Sun. June 18: Jeff Haaven, Braylon Hamre, Gordon Oseth, *Milke & Brifany Sylstad
Mon. June 19: Adam Carlson, Alex Hedlund, *Kyle & Kayla Jore
Tues. June 20: Tom Hegg

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JUNETEENTH

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Commemorating Emancipation

A holiday celebrated on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, enslaved people were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

First National Bank will be closed on Monday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

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Museum Mystery Item (at left): This massive metal object is in front of the Centennial Building at the Polk County Historical Society Museum in Crookston. If anyone knows what it is or what it was used for, they can call the museum at 218-218-1038 and leave a message or email twyllaaltepeter@yahoo.com. The previous mystery item is an antique wheel rim tool tire changer. It is in the Centennial Building at the museum in Crookston. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Funding pool doubles for 2nd round of MDA down payment assistance grants

Grant offers up to \$15,000 for qualified farmers to purchase their first farm

St. Paul, MN: Emerging farmers looking to purchase their first farm will soon have another opportunity to apply for grant funding to support their efforts. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority (RFA) has announced that a second round of funding for the Down Payment Assistance Grant Program will open for applications on July 1, 2023.

The Minnesota Down Payment Assistance Grant offers up to \$15,000 for qualified farmers to purchase farmland. To qualify, farmers must earn less than \$250,000 per year in gross agricultural sales, and each award must be matched with at least \$8,000 of other funding. Applications will remain valid for purchases closing within six months after award approval or until June 30, 2024, whichever is sooner.

The grant opened for its first round of funding this past January, almost instantly accumulating enough applications to meet the waitlist cap. Several

changes have been adopted for the second round to ensure more equitable access, including:

- A doubling in grant funding as approved by the state Legislature, from \$500,000 to \$1 million. The RFA expects to award approximately 66 grants in this funding cycle, dependent on the size of grant requests.
- A guaranteed 30-day application window. Whereas the first round stopped accepting applications once a waitlist of 100 applications was formed, the second round will allow farmers to apply anytime from 9 a.m. on July 1, 2023, through 11:59 p.m. on July 31, 2023. All applications received within this window will be eligible for consideration.
- After the application window closes, all eligible applications will be placed in a randomized lottery to determine the order in which grants are awarded. The lottery drawing will be held in early August, and the RFA will announce award winners in early to mid-August.

Preference for this round of

awards will be given to emerging farmers. A full definition of who qualifies as an emerging farmer can be found in the grant's request for proposals (RFP).

If funding remains after the RFA has awarded grants to all eligible emerging farmer applicants, the RFA will award as many grants as funding allows for to applicants who are not emerging farmers, based on the order of their lottery placement.

The MDA will host an informational session over Zoom on June 14 to review the grant program, explain changes for the second round of funding, and hear questions and comments from the public. Information for joining this session can be found on the program webpage.

Another round of grant funding of \$1 million will be available starting July 2024.

To view the full eligibility requirements and access the RFP, visit the program webpage. Questions may be directed to Jenny Heck at Jenny.Heck@state.mn.us or 651-201-6316.



Stephanie Frisk, from the East Polk County Quilters, presented John Petterson with a Quilt of Valor during the Memorial Day program in McIntosh.



Many thanks to the McIntosh Community Choir director, Gerald Borud for his dedication to our community, especially the Memorial Day Service over the past several years. Gerald has directed the choir every Memorial Day since about 1982. Music is a big part of Gerald's life. At Fosston High School, he played in a trumpet trio that won the talent show at the Fertile Fair and a trip to New York City to audition for Ted Mack's Amateur Hour. He was the High School Principal at McIntosh-Winger from 1978 - 1981. During his tenure, he found himself without a band director, so he also took on that role, learning to play additional instruments. He was the director of the East Polk County Men's Barbershop Chorus from 1983 - 1990, including the men's quartets. Due to health reasons, this will be his final year conducting the Memorial Day Choir.



The tradition of the Win-E-Mac band participating and performing in the area Memorial Day programs in McIntosh, Winger and Erskine is always appreciated by all who are in attendance.

WEM School
Announcements

Win-E-Mac will be hosting a basketball camp on July 25th, 26th and 27th. Shannon Nelson (Head Coach of NCTC Women Program, National Champion Coach, Former Gopher women player, and played in a Final Four) will be running a camp for all our elementary students and is willing to run a camp for our 7th -12th athletes as well as long as we can get enough participants.

Camp charge is \$30 dollars as our elementary basketball fund will be covering the rest of the cost.

Please let Nathan Johnson know if you have any questions and please encourage your athletes to participate in this camp.

The Fitness Center access has now been changed to summer hours. (The Fitness Center is closed during the school day during the school year.) You are now able to get into the fitness center 24/7. If you have any questions, please call Kristi at the school.



Beautiful weather accompanied the White Cross Ceremony held on the lawn of the old school in McIntosh on Memorial Day. Community youth march and place wreaths on the crosses representing our local fallen soldiers.

Area students invited to RiverView’s free Scrubs Camp in August

Are you or your child going to be a junior or senior in high school in 2023-2024 and thinking about a healthcare career? If so, sign up today to participate in RiverView Health’s free Scrubs Camp to learn more about the medical field.

Scrubs Camp offers an opportunity for students to experience first-hand the challenges, opportunities, and rewards of working in healthcare.

Participants will learn about the skills and education required to become a healthcare professional.

Scrubs Camp offers:

- Information on specific careers
- A look at different types of health careers
- Information on how to prepare for a healthcare career
- Help to decide what field to go into
- Opportunity to meet others with similar interests
- Chance to make contacts for the future
- An “edge” when applying for jobs, schools, or volunteer activities

Many opportunities await healthcare professionals. According to a survey by the American Hospital Association, there will be a shortage of up to 3.2 million healthcare workers by 2026. You can help fill that void and enjoy a rewarding career at the same time.

The camp will be held Aug. 8-10, 9 am-4 pm, at RiverView Health, Crookston.

To register for the free camp, go to <https://rvhealth.org/2023ScrubsCamp>. Registrations must be received by July 7. Send registrations to Stacey Bruggeman, RiverView Health, 323 South Minnesota Street, Crookston, MN 56716. For more information, contact Bruggeman at sbruggeman@riverviewhealth.org or 281.9440.



Area Veteran's during the Annual Memorial Day program and parade in McIntosh. Pictured (l-r) Bob Olson, Joel Strom, Joe Collova, Charles Svalen, Todd Tranby and Don Ostenson.

Hydrating is key in summer heat

Summer is a season to enjoy some fun in the sun, but it's imperative that people remember to take steps to reduce their risk for heat illness. Those measures should include efforts to hydrate and remain hydrated throughout the day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that water will almost always help people remain hydrated even when they're working in the heat. But food also plays a vital role in preventing heat illness, as the CDC notes eating regular meals can help to replace the salt lost through sweat. It's also important that individuals avoid energy drinks and alcohol when spending time in the hot summer sun. Many en-



ergy drinks contain more caffeine than standard servings of coffee, tea and soft drinks, and excessive caffeine consumption can contribute to dehydration. The same can be said for alcohol, and the CDC reports that consuming alcohol within 24 hours of working in the heat can increase the risk of heat illness.

LARL presents Podcasting Workshop

Join your library for a fun interactive experience allowing kids to make a live story podcast! Ed Jenkins, creator and executive producer of PBS KIDS new podcast, “Keshawn Solves It,” will share how to create your own one-of-a-kind wacky story podcast.

This program is appropriate for a wide range of ages including children in PreK-6th grade.

Jenkins will offer podcasting the workshop at the Foston Public Library on Wednesday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m.

This program is offered free-of-charge and is made possible thanks in part to funding from the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund through an appropriation from the Legacy amendment.

McIntosh Community Garage Sales June 16th and 17th



- Garage sale locations**
1. Little Bobby's Bar and Grill Six Party Sale on the Patio (295 SW Cleveland Ave)
 2. Wayne & Vicki Strom (540 Cleveland Ave SW)
 3. Louise Baumgartner (315 Second St NW)
 4. Garnet Aanenson (430 N State St)
 5. Donna and Kristi Skeie (530 NE Cottage Ave)
 6. Svalen Family (440 Riverside Ave NE)
 7. Virgil and Mary Lerfald (350 Third St NE)
 8. Burthwick Family (425 NE Riverside Ave)
- Open 12-6 Friday 7:30 am to 1 p.m. Saturday

