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# WEM Celebrating School Lunch Hero Day

*Win-E-Mac School District to honor the School Lunch Heroes serving healthy meals.*

Between preparing healthy food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, Win-E-Mac nutrition professionals have a lot on their plate. To celebrate their hard work and commitment, Win-E-Mac schools will celebrate School Lunch Hero Day on Friday, May 3, 2024.

This day, celebrated annually since 2013, was designated by Jarrett Krosoczka, author of the "Lunch Lady" graphic novel series and The School Nutrition Association. School Lunch Hero Day provides an opportunity for parents, students, school staff and communities to thank those who provide healthy meals to nearly 30 million of America's

students each school day.

All across the school district, school nutrition professionals will be honored and recognized from students, school staff, parents, and the community.

School nutrition employees must balance many roles and follow numerous federal, state and local regulations to ensure safe and healthy meals are available in schools. School Lunch Hero Day provides the opportunity for the community to thank these hard working heroes. Federal nutrition standards ensure that school cafeterias always offer low-fat or fat-free milk, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein. School meals also meet limits on calories, sodium and unhealthy fats.

The importance and nutritional value of school meals are well documented. For many children, school lunch is the most important and nutrient-

rich meal of their day.

Jarrett J. Krosoczka is the New York Times bestselling author/illustrator behind more than forty books for young readers, including his wildly popular Lunch Lady graphic novels, select volumes of the Star Wars™: Jedi Academy series, and Hey, Kiddo, which was a National Book Award Finalist. Krosoczka creates books with humor, heart, and deep respect for his young readers—qualities that have made his titles perennial favorites on the bookshelves of homes, libraries, and bookstores over the past twenty years.

The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is a national, non-profit professional organization. Founded in 1946, SNA and its members are dedicated to making healthy school meals and nutrition education available to all students.



**Congratulations to Win-E-Mac students Faith Osmundson (1st place) and Crew Kiecker (3rd place) for placing in the Polk County Waste Management's essay contest on Aquatic Invasive Species. Congratulations as well to Silas Lee for finishing with Honorable Mention for his essay on The Benefits of the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle).**



**A special thanks to our Win-E-Mac lunch ladies, Cam Thompson, Lisa Salvhus and Brenda Hole. These ladies are working hard every school day and all summer long providing nutritional meals to our students.**

# Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with food

Cinco de Mayo is a relatively insignificant holiday on the Mexican calendar. However, among Americans, Cinco de Mayo has become an opportunity to celebrate Mexican culture and cuisine. Each year on May 5, many Cinco de Mayo celebrants toast with their favorite agave-based beverage (typically tequila) and dine on Mexican specialties.

Visiting a Mexican restaurant may be a large part of Cin-



co de Mayo festivities. Those who want to keep the party closer to home can bring the

tastes of Mexico right to their kitchens. "Chicken Flautas" are a light meal or snack that make ideal finger foods. In this recipe, courtesy of "The Complete Mexican, South American & Caribbean Cookbook" (Metro Books) by Jane Milton, Jenni Fleetwood and Marina Filippelli, common ingredients are turned into a crispy, fried

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# First Care Taskforce established to lead transition

Quality healthcare is essential to the quality of life in Fosston and surrounding communities. Over the years the local healthcare system has been foundational to providing high-quality, core healthcare services within the Greater Fosston Area, including Bagley, Bejou, Clearbrook, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Golvick, Gully, Lengby, Leonard, Mahnomen, McIntosh, Mentor, Oklee, Shevlin, Trail, and Winger.

The local medical campus, including the clinic, hospital, nursing home, and assisted living, has been owned by First Care Medical Services since 1993.

Although the medical campus is locally owned, healthcare services have been provided through an affiliation agreement with Essentia Health since 2009. Services provided at the local healthcare campus are highly rated; however, local healthcare staff are trusted and receive high ratings because of the care they give, not because of the brand they wear.

Nevertheless, a recent pattern of delays and unfulfilled commitments on the part of Essentia Health corporation have raised serious concerns among local stakeholders.

Issues began to surface in 2022 when Essentia corporate leadership decided to divert Obstetrical (OB) services to

their Detroit Lakes facility due to a shortage of nursing staff. At that time, a local OB taskforce was established, in partnership with Essentia Health, for the purpose of bringing OB services back to Fosston.

An arduous two-year journey ensued—one in which local stakeholders were working to bring OB back to Fosston and Essentia corporate was working to keep OB out of Fosston. (A timeline, detailing actions of both parties during this period, may be found at Fosston.com.)

What began as a partnership devolved into the need for legal mediation and arbitration.

On April 22, 2024, local leaders established the First Care Taskforce, whose purpose is to lead the transition for uninterrupted high-quality, core healthcare services in the Greater Fosston area, engaging members of the Fosston community and nearby communities, assessing solutions and partners, and keeping the public informed throughout the arbitration and subsequent transition periods.

The likely transition is complex and multi-faceted. Additional steps which have been taken in preparation are the engagement of Eide Bailly, a certified public accounting and business advisory firm, establishment of small working groups who will focus on specific items relating to the transi-

tion, and inviting neighboring communities to be part of the planning process.

Taskforce members include Bob Overmoe (Chairman), Mark Finstad (Vice Chairman), Michelle Landsverk (Secretary), Jim Aagnes, Dean Anderson, Dawn Skeie Crane, Evan Fonder, Cassie Heide, Jim Offerdahl, Dr. Wes Ofstedal, Mike Mulry, Julie Sundquist, Pat Wangler, and Dr. Chuck Winjum.

The Taskforce is committed to full transparency in this process and encourages members of the public to sign up for email updates by sending an email to [information@fosston.com](mailto:information@fosston.com) and putting "First Care Taskforce" in the subject line.

About First Care Taskforce

The First Care Taskforce is dedicated to ensuring the uninterrupted provision of high-quality healthcare services in the Greater Fosston area. Established in response to recent challenges, the taskforce brings together a diverse group of community leaders and healthcare professionals committed to overseeing a smooth transition process.

With a focus on transparency and community engagement, the taskforce aims to address concerns, assess solutions, and guide the community through this period of change. For more information, visit [www.fosston.com](http://www.fosston.com).



**The older kids from The Clubhouse Childcare Center spent some time on Earth Day, Monday, April 22nd, picking up garbage around the McIntosh community. A special thank you to the kids and the Center for helping out in our community.**

# Talking hearing loss and aging with U of M

Many Minnesotans experience changes to hearing and speech as they age. One-third of adults over 65 have hearing loss that significantly affects their lives.

University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts Professor Matthew Winn, a speech, language and hearing scientist, shares insights about hearing loss and aging.

**Q: How does hearing change as we age?**

**Prof. Winn:** Most people think hearing loss is like turning the volume down, but the most common problem is sound losing clarity. Imagine a camera with a smudge on the lens — even in good lighting, the photo will be blurry. For someone with age-related hearing loss, no matter how loud the volume is, the sound will be a little blurry and they'll have a hard time telling one sound from another.

Volume can still be part of the problem — it becomes harder to hear softer high-frequency sounds like “s” and “t”, and the crispness of high musical notes. But more importantly, it becomes harder to separate two sounds that are going on at the same time. A younger person with typical hearing can listen to one person even if five other people are talking. We start to lose the ability to separate voices as we age, and they blend together into a tangled mess.

**Q: Are there options to restore hearing?**

**Prof. Winn:** For the most common type of hearing loss, hearing aids are the best option because they are programmed in a way that reflects decades of research on how the ear works to decode sounds. They can boost the frequencies of specific types of hearing loss and also prevent sounds from becoming too loud. A hearing aid also boosts soft sounds but doesn't amplify sounds that are already loud, which is what a typical healthy ear would do.

There are a variety of other options as well, especially for someone who only needs extra clarity for specific situations rather than all day. There are personal amplifiers and over-the-counter devices that can

give you a boost.

Cochlear implants are used for more extreme situations, such as severe to profound hearing loss, where hearing aids no longer provide any benefit. Getting a cochlear implant is a more complicated procedure that involves surgery and a lot of hard work. I spend a lot of my time working with people who grew up with typical hearing and then chose to have cochlear implants after losing their hearing — these are folks who didn't grow up in the Deaf community using sign language.

**Q: How can changes in hearing or speech affect overall health?**

**Prof. Winn:** When hearing loss makes conversation difficult, people tend to avoid places where conversations happen — especially lively and noisy environments. People with hearing loss are more likely to take sick leave, experience anxiety, need extra time to recover after work, and retire early because of the strain of listening.

Hearing loss is connected with loneliness as well, because the quick phone calls and lunch dates that keep folks connected to friends and family become so frustrating that they are avoided to escape the strain of hearing. Hearing loss is the number one risk factor for dementia, and many believe this is related to a person withdrawing from stimulating situations because their hearing difficulty becomes a frustration.

Age-related hearing loss happens very slowly, so these little changes to routines and schedules are barely noticeable. This is why many people are unaware of their hearing problems — there is not a single day when everything changes. This is why friends and family can play an important role in helping someone recognize ways their hearing can impact their willingness to enjoy all the activities they once enjoyed.

**Q: Are there resources available for people who experience hearing loss as they age?**

**Prof. Winn:** Get an evalu-

ation by an audiologist as a part of your regular health-care routine. An audiologist is trained to measure hearing in a variety of ways and also has the experience to guide their patients through options that might make listening easier.

You can learn a lot by chatting with someone with a similar hearing loss who knows about places to enjoy, places to avoid and resources that make listening easier. It can help to find community with meetup groups like Hearing Loss Association of America, which has a chapter in the Twin Cities.

Check out blogs and books written by people with hearing loss, which are different from material written by someone who identifies as deaf. There are consistent themes that might sound familiar, like disagreeing with your spouse over how loud the TV should be, being frustrated when someone starts talking from another room, asking someone to repeat what was said, and remaining quiet at restaurants because it's too difficult to hear different parts of the conversation.

**Q: What is your research team doing to help Minnesotans experiencing hearing loss and speech disruptions?**

**Prof. Winn:** My lab measures effort by tracking changes in pupil dilation while listening, which is a sign that the brain is working harder. People with hearing loss often need an extra moment after they hear a sentence to piece the words together or fill in gaps they missed. By the time there is enough information to figure it out, the speaker has already moved on to the next sentence, and it can be very frustrating to try to catch up. Our research is about that situation and the factors that make it better or worse.

A larger goal of our research is to raise awareness of this issue of listening effort so that it can be better understood by other scientists, as well as the audiologists and family members who converse with individuals who have hearing loss. One day soon, the concepts of listening effort and social in-

## BABY SHOWER

Please join us for an  
**Open House  
Baby Shower**  
Honoring  
**Amanda Farrell**  
Due July 11th  
**On Saturday, May 4th  
10:30 a.m.**  
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Amazon*

teraction will be the center of the conversation when we talk about hearing loss.

*Matthew Winn is a professor in the U of M College of Liberal Arts. He is a speech, language and hearing scientist, and trained audiologist, focusing on speech communication and the factors that make it difficult for people with hearing loss.*

**Ad deadline:  
Noon Friday**

**Friends  
of McIntosh  
Veteran's**

The Friends of McIntosh Veterans will be organizing both the traditional in-person Memorial Day service as well as the virtual program online and on Garden Valley TV. We are looking for names of veterans who have passed away so we can add them to our honor roll.

Sadly, we have lost many veterans this year; those we have already added to this year's program are: Harris Bartz (d. 2022), Roger Buchholz, Dwayne Carver, Melford Enevold, David Faldet, Arnold Gunderson, Maynard Johnson (d. 2013), Gordy Oseth, Norris Syverson, and Herman Voxland.

If you have a loved one who should also be added to the honor roll, please let us know and provide a photo of them if possible.

fore turning golden. Remove the toothpicks, then add the flautas to the pan, a few at a time.

7. Fry the flautas for 2 to 3 minutes until golden, turning frequently. Drain on paper towels and serve at once, with the salsa.

## Gala for Girls

The Gala for Girls is set for Friday, May 17 th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Crookston Inn.

Girls in grades K-6, this is your night! Bring your dad, grandpa, uncle, or adult male role model and register now for this unforgettable evening. The event includes a professional picture, social and sit-down dinner, special gift, and an evening of dancing.

Registration will be open until filled: pre-registration is required. The cost to attend is \$45 per couple (\$15 for each additional girl). Registration forms available on the Polk County Public Health website(<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/191/Public-Health>)

### NOTICE LESSOR TOWNSHIP

Lessor Township will hold their monthly board meetings on the **2nd Monday** of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Free Lutheran Church in McIntosh. Alternate date, the 3rd Monday. Lessor Township Clerk, Matt Voxland

## Gosen Luther League

The Gosen Luther League meets again (yes, one week after the last concert) on Sunday evening, May 5th, at 7 o'clock. Previously scheduled for March but postponed because of the weather till now will be Phil and C'Dale Jore and Family from Williston, ND.

Phil and family are entertaining and talented, seeking to encourage people in God's Word through fast paced inspirational Country Gospel and Old-time music. They are real down-to-earth folks as you will witness in the genuine way they relate to people.

Phil and C'Dale sing and play guitars; daughter Karli sings and plays mandolin, violin, banjo, guitar, and drums; Karli's 15-year-old daughter Piper joins in with vocals playing violin, mandolin, and tin whistle at times.

Join us for an inspirational evening in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. Refreshments will be served following the program.

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 791-0797 or 280-0821.

### Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

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| <b>Wed. May 1:</b><br>Lavern Tofstad,<br>Ava Carlson, Isabel Burthwick | <b>Thurs. May 2:</b><br>Stacy (Kringlen) Smith, Jessica Strom, Casey Bartz, Maren Laing, *Philip & Ashley Lee | <b>Fri. May 3:</b><br>Donna Skeie, Roxanne Stordahl, Bonita Shaver | <b>Sat. May 4:</b><br>Connor Haaven, *Nick & April Ostenaa | <b>Sun, May 5:</b><br>Anne Schow, *Carey & Elaine Burslie | <b>Mon. May 6:</b><br>*Clyde & Paulette Kringlen | <b>Tues. May 7:</b><br>McKenzie Smith, Logan Kringlen |
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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

Wed. May 1: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston  
Fri. May 3: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston  
Sun. May 5: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley; 3:00pm Divine merch Sunday, St. Mary's, Fosston  
Wed. May 8: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston  
Sun. May 12: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley; 3:00pm Divine merch Sunday, St. Mary's, Fosston

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

Sun. May 5: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services  
Sun. May 12: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Our Savior's 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 Pastor:  
Nathan Dalager**

Trinity: (27262 315th St. SE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 11:00am; Sunday School: 9:45am  
Mt. Carmel: (305 State St. NE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 9:30am; Sunday School: 10:45am

Lutheran Parish YouTube Channel

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

Fri. May 3: 10:00am Telecast of the Luther League concert with Elvis impersonator, Emory Schmidt

Sun, May 5: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com); 7:00 p.m. Luther League Concert with Phil and C'Dale Jore and Family from Williston, ND (see article elsewhere in the paper)

Tues, May 7: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, May 8: 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. May 5: 9:00am Worship  
Sun. May 12: 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: 9:15am Sunday School; 10:30am 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.

## Cinco de Mayo..

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delight.

**Chicken Flautas**  
*Makes 12*  
2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts

- 1 onion
  - 2 garlic cloves
  - 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
  - 3 1/2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
  - 12 corn tortillas, freshly made or a few days old
  - Oil for frying
  - Salt and ground pepper
- For the salsa:**
- 3 tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
  - Juice of 1/2 lime
  - Small bunch of cilantro, chopped
  - 1/2 small onion, finely chopped
  - 3 fresh fresno chiles or similar fresh green chiles, seeded and chopped

1. Start by making the salsa. Mix the tomatoes, lime juice, cilantro, onion, and chiles in a bowl. Season with salt to taste and set aside.

2. Put the chicken breasts in a large pan, add water to cover, and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes or until the chicken is cooked. Remove the chicken from the pan and let it cool a little. Using two forks, shred the chicken into small pieces. Set it aside.

3. Chop the onion finely and crush the garlic. Heat the oil in a frying pan, add the onion and garlic and fry over a low heat for about 5 minutes, or until the onion has softened but not colored. Add the shredded chicken, with salt and pepper to taste. Mix well, remove from the heat, and stir in the feta.

4. Before they can be rolled, soften the tortillas by steaming three or four at a time on

a plate over boiling water for a few moments, until they are pliable. Alternatively, wrap them in microwave-safe film and then heat them in a microwave oven on full power for about 30 seconds.

5. Place a spoonful of the chicken filling on one of the tortillas and roll tightly to make a neat cylinder. Secure with a

toothpick, immediately cover the roll with plastic wrap to prevent the tortilla fry drying out and splitting. Fill and roll the remaining tortillas in the same way.

6. Pour oil into a frying pan to a depth of 1 inch. Heat it until a small cube of bread, added to the oil, rises to the surface and bubbles at the edges be-

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POLK COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 2, 2024  
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., April 2, 2024. Members present: Commissioner Paul Reese, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee, Commissioner Mark Holy, and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Samuel Melbye, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the April 2, 2024, agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the April 2, 2024, consent items:

Approve the March 19, 2024, Board minutes.

Approve Auditor Warrants.  
Approve for payment Lost Warrant No. 576308 dated January 9, 2024, issued to RnC Consulting P.A. of Kimball, MN, in the amount of \$796.58.

Approve payment to Enervex Venting Design Solutions, Alpharetta, GA, in the amount of \$5,985.00 for a Dryer Exhaust Motor and FedEx delivery for the Facilities Department.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER  
ISSUE FORUM

Action to Appoint Dave Zavoral to the Inter-County Community Council Workforce Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to appoint Dave Zavoral to the Inter-County Community Council Workforce Board.

Commissioner Reese brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

No meetings.  
Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

Polk County Spring Township meeting.

Grand Forks – East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting.

Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) meeting.

Polk County Spring Township meeting.

Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended the following meetings:

Met with auditor Colleen Hoffman regarding Polk County audit.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task Force meeting.

East Polk County Development Achievement Center Board meeting.

Inter-County Community Council meeting and activity.

Inter-County Community Council Board meeting.

Met with Mahnomen, Becker, Clearwater, and Norman counties, and East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District representatives regarding potential legislation giving land back to the White Earth tribe and permitting water to go through the tribe.

Clearwater Watershed – One Watershed, One Plan meeting.

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Leadership Conference.

Commissioner Holy brought forth that he attended the following meetings:

No meetings.

Received call regarding issue with tax statements. Sam Melbye, Director of Property Records, is aware of the issue and staff are working on correcting it and new statements for those affected will be sent.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Karen Warmack, Social Services Director, came before the board with matters pertaining to her department: Office Support Specialist Replacement Request

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve filling one Office Support Specialist position, and to fill any internal subsequent position vacancies occurring because of this action.

HIGHWAY

Richard Sanders, Polk County Highway Engineer, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

Bridge Inspection – Dynamic Infrastructure

Dynamic Infrastructure System is a new system to help with Bridge Maintenance Inspection to detect flaws in bridges that may or may not be picked up in a normal bridge inspection. Polk County, along with Marshall, Red Lake, Cass, and Clay Counties are set up to do a 3-year pilot project using the system. Polk County will pay the entire bill and get reimbursed from each county. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the 3-year proposal with Dynamic Infrastructure in the amount of \$70,000.00 per year.

Drone Survey Software – Pix4D  
Polk County uses a drone for certain surveys and then needs to analyze the photos taken. Pix4D allows the ability to analyze the surveys. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the purchase of Pix4D Perpetual License in the amount of \$9,184.00.

Approve Resolution (2024-19) PLSS Monument Grant/Application

RESOLUTION (2024-19)  
Public Land Survey System (PLSS) Monument Grant

The following resolution (2024-19) was offered by Commissioner

Reese:

WHEREAS, Polk County has made a concerted effort to place certified corners in all its 58 townships. This was done via two separate contracts that has enabled Polk County to have a certified corner every 3 miles; and

WHEREAS, A majority of the property lines in Polk County are described based on a Government Corner; and

WHEREAS, The Polk County Board of Commissioners has been concerned about the property line locations based on their deeded description versus their perceived location in certain areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, If PLSS Monument funding is received, Polk County is committed to implementing the proposed project(s) as described in the Grant Application; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) requires that Polk County would enter into one or more Grant Agreements with the MnGeo that identifies the terms and conditions of the funding award.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Polk County Board of Commissioners authorizes the submittal of a PLSS Grant application to complete the installation of certified corners in the Township of Columbia in Polk County Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Polk County hereby agrees, if awarded PLSS Monument Grant, to enter into and sign a Grant Agreement(s) with the MnGeo to carry out the project specified therein and to comply with all terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the Grant Agreement on its behalf.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Willhite. NAYS: None

Approve Resolution (2024-20) Accepting Responsibility as the Sponsoring Agency for the City of Fosston's Safe Routes to School Project

RESOLUTION (2024-20) Accepting Responsibility as the Sponsoring Agency For the City of Fosston's Safe Routes to School Project

The following resolution (2024-20) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, The state of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) requires that states agree to operate and maintain facilities constructed with state transportation funds for the useful life of the improvement and not change the use of right of way acquired without prior approval from MNDOT; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) has determined that for projects implemented with carbon reduction program funds, this requirement should be applied to the project sponsor; and

WHEREAS, The County of Polk is the project sponsor for the transportation enhancement project identified as Safe Routes to School project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The County of Polk will act as the sponsoring agency for a Carbon Reduction Program project and acknowledges herewith that it is willing to be the project sponsor knowing full well that such sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules, and regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City of Fosston hereby agrees to assume full responsibility for the operation and maintenance of property and facilities related to the aforementioned transportation enhancement project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Cassandra Heide is hereby authorized to act as the agent on behalf of this applicant.

Commissioner Strandell seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Willhite. NAYS: None

PUBLIC HEARING  
Annalee Jones, Deputy Director of Property Records, came before the Board with matters pertaining to the Public Hearing:

Housing Incentive Program & Property Tax Abatements for the City of East Grand Forks

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the Housing Incentive Program & Property Tax Abatements for the City of East Grand Forks.

Open of Public Hearing  
A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Holy and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to open the Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m.

CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to close the Public Hearing at 9:03 a.m.

Approve Resolution (2024-21) to Approve the Housing Incentive & Property Tax Abatements as presented

RESOLUTION (2024-21) Proposed Tax Abatements for the City of East Grand Forks

The following resolution (2024-21) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, The County of Polk has held a Public Hearing on the proposed abatements in the City of East Grand Forks pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1812 through and including 469.1815; and

WHEREAS, The Polk County Board of Commissioners has proposed to abate the County's share of property taxes on the following parcels for two years, unless noted:

| City of East Grand Forks           |                             |  |             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------|
| 83.04274.00                        | DANIEL & BETHANY ABRAHAMSON |  | \$1,711.63  |
| 83.04056.00                        | WAYNE & KATHY KENDLE        |  | \$1,775.78  |
| 83.04275.00                        | REID & KELSEY HUTTONEN      |  | \$1,419.02  |
| 83.04115.00                        | NICK & SAMANTHA BERGAN      |  | \$1,503.52  |
| 83.04515.00                        | PATRICK & ELIZABETH DOYLE   |  | \$1,536.60  |
| 83.04271.00                        | ROBERT & KAYLA LUKKASON     |  | \$1,622.16  |
| 83.04402.00                        | RYAN & CIERA AMUNDSON       |  | \$1,341.80  |
| 83.04108.00                        | CASEY & ALICIA MACK         |  | \$1,403.82  |
| 83.04116.00                        | BRIAN & TARA OPSAHL         |  | \$2,589.28  |
| 83.03215.00                        | GREGORY & TRACY MEAGHER     |  | \$1,598.74  |
| 83.04107.00                        | AUSTIN & ALISHA LITTLEJOHN  |  | \$1,356.21  |
| Total for City of East Grand Forks |                             |  | \$17,858.56 |

Commissioner Holy seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Willhite. NAYS: None

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES/ PLANNING AND ZONING

Jacob Snyder, Assistant Environmental Services Administrator/Planning and Zoning Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to Environmental Services and Planning and Zoning:

1. Approve Resolution (2024-22) Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Solid Waste Grants – 2024; Polk County Support for Hub & Spoke-Related Grant Proposals

RESOLUTION (2024-22) Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Solid Waste Grants – 2024 Polk County Support for Hub & Spoke-Related Grant Proposals

The following resolution (2024-22) was offered by Commissioner Lee:

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) received substantial funding from the 2023 Legislature to solicit proposals for multiple Solid Waste (SW) related Grants in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Nine (9) Counties in northwest Minnesota have formed a Coalition to cooperatively address regional SW issues of shared concern. The Coalition counties include Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Polk, and Red Lake, and benefit the tribal nations of Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth which are classified as Environmental Justice (EJ) communities which are not otherwise eligible to receive these grants; and

WHEREAS, This Coalition applied for, and received funding from, the MPCA to complete a Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris Landfill (LF) Study in 2023. The Study identified these SW issues, proposed a comprehensive alternative system which addressed those issues, and identified associated costs and programs to implement that alternative system; and

WHEREAS, The alternative system proposed to address these C&D and SW issues is referred to as the regional Hub & Spoke (H&S) system; and

WHEREAS, The H&S system is comprised of many smaller projects which can be coordinated in a manner to benefit the Coalition. Specifically, the H&S system is comprised of, but not limited to, the following: (1) small, C&D and mixed-waste mini transfer stations, (2) MRF improvements via advanced process equipment and robotics to capture new materials and/or add additional processing capacity for the region, (3) new technologies for capture of, and additional processing capacity for, regional SSOM ; and (4) material-specific infrastructure to collect, aggregate, transport and process various C&D materials for reuse and recycling or biochar (incl. shingles, clean wood, gypsum board, concrete, porcelain); and

WHEREAS, These MPCA SW grants represent new opportunities to fund and implement one or more sub-parts of the proposed regional H&S project; and

WHEREAS, Polk County intends to, and supports other Coalition members to also, apply for these 2024 MPCA SW Grants which would implement one or more sub-parts of the H&S system for the benefit of the Coalition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Polk County supports all 2024 MPCA SW Grant proposals put forth by any one or more Coalition members which would, if funded, further advance or implement a portion of the H&S system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, If MPCA grant funds in 2024 are allocated to Polk County or any other Coalition member for any portion of the H&S project, Polk County pledges to implement its portion of that H&S project.

Commissioner Holy seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Willhite. NAYS: None

2. MSW Landfill Phase 15 Liner  
Polk County MSW Landfill Phase 15 needs to be constructed in summer 2024. In previous phases, Polk County has purchased the liner direct, ensuring a critical component is on-site when the construction crew arrives and reduces contract/ subcontractor mark-up. Polk County solicited quotes from two vendors, and only AGRU America, Inc. responded. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve purchasing Landfill Phase 15 liner from AGRU America, Inc. of Georgetown, SC in the amount of \$90,252.87.

The McIntosh Times

3. Aquatic Invasive Species Project Request – ULSID Loan

Union Lake Sarah Improvement District has applied for funding from the Polk County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Taskforce emergency response fund to help with the purchase of an Eco-Harvester to combat healthy populations of the AIS weeds Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) and Curly-Leaf Pondweed in shallow bays on Union Lake. The AIS Taskforce has a balance of \$45,502.32 in the emergency response fund, and ULSID is requesting a loan of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of an Eco-Harvester to help control these AIS species. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to follow the recommendations of the Polk County AIS taskforce and award this funding in the form of a loan to the Union Lake Sarah Improvement District in the amount of \$40,000.00, which will be repaid with no interest to be received no later than December 16, 2024.

SHERIFF

James Tadmam, Polk County Sheriff, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. 2024 State of Minnesota County Boat and Water Safety Grant Contract

A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the receipt of the 2024 State of Minnesota County Boat and Water Safety Grant Contract in the amount of \$10,318.00.

2. Approve Resolution (2024-23) Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 14-20, 2024

RESOLUTION (2024-23) Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 14-20, 2024

The following resolution (2024-23) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, Polk County Telecommunicators serve the citizens of Polk County daily by answering emergency calls for police, fire, and emergency medical services, and by dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the vital link between the citizens calling for help and the agencies which respond and assist them; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are professionals behind-the-scenes, and the often-unrecognized actions are responsible for helping protect people and property; and

WHEREAS, Professional Telecommunicators work to improve the emergency response capabilities of these communication systems through their leadership and participation in training programs to improve their skills; and

WHEREAS, The Polk County 9-1-1 Emergency Network wishes to join with other 9-1-1 entities across the United States in setting aside the second week of April 2024 to recognize Telecommunicators for their crucial role in protection of life and property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Polk County Board of Commissioners, this 2nd day of April 2024, that the week of April 14-20, 2024, be designated as NATIONAL PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK.

Commissioner Lee seconded the foregoing resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Commissioner Reese, Commissioner Strandell, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Holy, and Commissioner Willhite. NAYS: None

3. Received a Bullet-Proof Vest Award from Vested Interest in K9's for K9 Jax.

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the receipt of a bullet-proof vest award from Vested Interest in K9's for K9 Jax. This was possible because of the generous donation from Commissioner Joan Lee and her husband, Mark, of McIntosh.

ADMINISTRATION

Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. 2025 Budget Calendar

The budget calendar allows the Board and staff to set benchmarks in the calendar for the progress of next year's budget. Certain dates are noted to allow Commissioners and staff to schedule their attendance accordingly. A motion was made by Commissioner Holy seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the proposed 2025 Budget Calendar.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board that the following Auditor Warrants were approved

AUDITOR WARRANTS 02/27/2024

| Vendor Name                  | Amount    |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Chester Township Treasurer   | 15,909.45 |
| Crookston Township Treasurer | 2,651.58  |
| Gentilly Township Treasurer  | 10,606.31 |
| Grove Park Tilden Township   | 10,606.31 |
| Gully Township Treasurer     | 2,651.58  |
| Kertsonville Township Treas  | 2,651.58  |
| Liberty Township Treasurer   | 2,651.58  |
| Onstad Township Treasurer    | 2,651.58  |
| Queen Township               | 2,651.58  |
| Woodside Township Treasurer  | 2,651.58  |
| Final Total:                 | 55,683.13 |

AUDITOR WARRANTS 03/05/2024

| Vendor Name                  | Amount     |
|------------------------------|------------|
| BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE  | 3,611.32   |
| Cole Papers Inc              | 2,344.92   |
| Crookston Water Department   | 3,412.47   |
| Diversified Contractors Inc  | 30,000.00  |
| Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc      | 47,390.05  |
| Liberty Business Systems Inc | 6,816.17   |
| Norman County Public Health  | 4,619.44   |
| Polk County Public Health    | 34,734.14  |
| The Master's Touch           | 29,545.91  |
| Vanguard Appraisals Inc      | 27,425.00  |
| Ziegler Inc                  | 6,544.00   |
| 11 Payments less than 2000   | 7,715.77   |
| Final Total:                 | 204,159.19 |

AUDITOR WARRANTS 03/12/2024

| Vendor Name                    | Amount     |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Bergstrom Electric Inc         | 6,700.00   |
| Burggraf/Mark & Jill           | 2,104.00   |
| ENTERPRISE FM TRUST            | 28,830.87  |
| Lepier Oil Company Inc         | 3,076.47   |
| Mn Dept Of Transportation      | 5,161.86   |
| North American Systems Int'l   | 10,935.00  |
| Northdale Oil Inc              | 2,259.21   |
| Polk County Highway Department | 16,114.48  |
| University Of North Dakota     | 19,132.20  |
| 20 Payments less than 2000     | 12,488.45  |
| Final Total:                   | 106,802.54 |

AUDITOR WARRANTS 03/19/2024

| Vendor Name                       | Amount     |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Altru Health System               | 2,653.00   |
| AMP Robotics Corporation          | 6,068.94   |
| AT&T Mobility                     | 2,751.05   |
| BMC Software Inc                  | 4,707.43   |
| Bremer Bank                       | 81,132.91  |
| C L Linfoot Co                    | 36,500.00  |
| ENTERPRISE FM TRUST               | 32,307.07  |
| Fosston Municipal Utilities       | 3,032.32   |
| Great Plains Natural Gas Co       | 13,151.32  |
| Hoffman, Philipp, & Martell, PLLC | 22,300.00  |
| Mn State Treasury                 | 4,917.50   |
| Norman County Public Health       | 65,572.37  |
| Ottertail Power Co                | 24,203.61  |
| Peterson Sheet Metal Inc          | 16,780.85  |
| Rokke, Aandal & Associates PLLC   | 2,259.00   |
| Sather Law Office Ltd             | 3,466.30   |
| Verizon Wireless                  | 3,516.87   |
| 39 Payments less than 2000        | 26,000.75  |
| Final Total:                      | 351,321.29 |

AUDITOR WARRANTS 03/20/2024

| Vendor Name               | Amount |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 2 Payments less than 2000 | 30.00  |
| Final Total:              | 30.00  |

AUDITOR WARRANTS 03/26/2024

| Vendor Name                           | Amount     |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE           | 3,160.73   |
| BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE           | 9,599.60   |
| Crookston Water Department            | 3,619.59   |
| Fosston Municipal Utilities           | 49,653.87  |
| Hewlett Packard Financial Services Co | 53,211.32  |
| Norman County Public Health           | 26,823.00  |
| Ottertail Power Co                    | 19,074.34  |
| Polk County                           | 3,620.00   |
| Polk County                           | 36,617.80  |
| Polk County Environmental Services    | 175,000.00 |
| Polk County Public Health             | 34,756.00  |
| Polk County, MN                       | 212,669.13 |
| 12 Payments less than 2000            | 5,203.38   |
| Final Total:                          | 633,008.76 |

AUDITOR WARRANTS 03/29/2024

| Vendor Name       | Amount    |
|-------------------|-----------|
| PERA Of Minnesota | 71,375.61 |
| Final Total:      | 71,375.61 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/01/2024

| Vendor Name              | Amount     |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Internal Revenue Service | 189,589.91 |
| Minnesota Revenue        | 33,318.89  |
| Final Total:             | 222,908.80 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/15/2024

| Vendor Name              | Amount     |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Internal Revenue Service | 188,988.25 |
| Minnesota Revenue        | 32,789.88  |
| Final Total:             | 221,778.13 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/19/2024

| Vendor Name        | Amount   |
|--------------------|----------|
| Mn Dept Of Revenue | 1,210.00 |
| Final Total:       | 1,210.00 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/19/2024

| Vendor Name                 | Amount    |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Minnesota Revenue           | 3,501.00  |
| Minnesota Revenue           | 235.13    |
| Mn Dept Of Rev Tax Division | 43,576.54 |
| Mn Dept Of Revenue          | 1,384.00  |
| Mn Dept Of Revenue          | 42.00     |
| Final Total:                | 48,738.67 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/22/2024

| Vendor Name                         | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems | 905.59 |
| Final Total:                        | 905.59 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/22/2024

| Vendor Name                         | Amount    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems | 70,166.66 |
| Final Total:                        | 70,166.66 |

MANUAL WARRANTS 03/29/2024

| Vendor Name              | Amount     |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Internal Revenue Service | 198,072.56 |
| Minnesota Revenue        | 34,959.96  |
| Final Total:             | 233,032.52 |

Seasonal allergies crop up at certain times each year, particularly in spring and fall. In 2021, approximately 81 million people in the United States were diagnosed with seasonal allergic rhinitis, according to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. The Canadian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Foundation says between 20 and 25 percent of Canadians suffer from allergic rhinitis.

Tree and grass pollen are notable contributors to allergies, as is mold. Verywell Health says allergies can be worse in certain areas. In the U.S., certain areas of the East Coast have high rates of allergies, while cities on the West Coast tend to be less harsh on those with allergies.

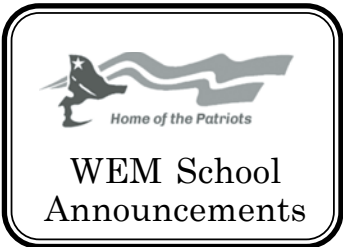
Since allergies can make life uncomfortable, people want to know all they can do

- to overcome seasonal allergies. These strategies can help.
- **Know the pollen count.** Information is key, and knowing when pollen or mold counts are particularly high can help people take certain steps to avoid allergic reactions.
  - **Close the windows.** When pollen levels are high, closing windows to prevent breezes that can bring pollen inside a home can be an effective strategy. You also can utilize a HEPA filter on the home's air conditioning system.
  - **Remove clothes worn outdoors** and shower to rinse pollen off of skin and hair.
  - **While it can reduce energy usage,** hanging clothing to line dry during high pollen counts can cause pollen to stick to freshly laundered items.
  - **Avoid gardening** or other outdoor activities when

- pollen is high. If you must be outdoors, wear a mask.
- **Try an antihistamine product** that will reduce your body's reaction to the seasonal allergen. WebMD says butterbar as well as a plant-based Phleum pratense could be natural alternative antihistamine products.
  - **Use a nasal rinse** to clean allergens out of your nose. This can help ease congestion and itching. Select sterile saline solutions or carefully follow directions for preparing rinses in neti pots.
  - **Corticosteroid nasal sprays** can improve nasal symptoms. Speak with a doctor about how to use these products and how long to use them.
  - **Consider allergy shots,** also known as allergen immunotherapy. These shots can help desensitize the body to common allergies by using very

small amounts of allergens over time. Eventually the immune system will produce a reduced reaction to the allergen.

Allergies can be troublesome. However, various strategies can help to diminish the often unpleasant effects of seasonal allergies..



**After prom party update:** The after-prom party will now be ending around 3:00 a.m. May 5th. We are looking forward to a fun-filled evening! Thanks, the Win-E-Mac after prom party committee.

**Anyone needing to do Behind the Wheel** this summer should get signed up ASAP. Space is filling up fast. If you wait till August/September to sign up you might not get to drive before winter.

**All Win-E-Mac Seniors and their families are invited to attend our annual Senior Academic and Scholarship Night,** which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th.

The evening, which will include a dessert bar, will begin promptly at 6:30 P.M. and will be held in the Events Center. Scholarships as well as Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Senior Arts and Athletic awards will be presented. Students who have been on the Honor Roll at least one quarter will also be recognized.

While there is no charge for the dessert bar, we do need to have an accurate number of people who will be attending. Each senior is asked to sign up in their English class and indicate how many people will be attending with them. We need to have all seniors and family members who are attending signed up by Friday, May 3rd.

We are looking forward to recognizing the Seniors for their Academic, Athletic and Fine Arts successes as well as awarding numerous scholarships. Come join us in that endeavor!

Win-E-Mac Spring concerts

**All School Choir Concert**  
The Win-E-Mac School vocal music department is proud to present their annual all-school choir concert Monday, May 13, 2024 beginning at 7:00 PM. The concert will take place in the Win-E-Mac School auditorium. This concert will feature the Elementary Choir (Grades 4-6), Junior High Choir and Sr. High Choir. Seniors will be recognized and music awards will also be presented, including the prestigious National School Choral Award! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a wide variety of musical entertainment!

**Elementary and K - 3 program**  
The Win-E-Mac Elementary students in grades K-3 will be presenting the musical "Pajama Party" on Thursday, May 16, 2024. Come out and celebrate another year of Music and dancing with our elementary students! The program will take place in the Win-E-Mac School Arts & Events Center, and will begin at 6:30 P.M.



Ben Shultz was the winner of the Easter M&M's during the Easter Egg hunt in McIntosh.



A golden egg and a visit with the Easter Bunny for Kase Kiecker during the McIntosh Community Club Easter Egg Hunt.

**DUST CONTROL - POLK COUNTY ROADS**

The Polk County Highway Department is accepting requests for application of calcium chloride for dust control in front of residences that lie along County or Township gravel roads. The cost will be approximately \$250.00 or 7.5 cents per square foot, whichever cost is higher. County & Township Roads: the cost will be the responsibility of the homeowner on all roads. Invoices will be sent via our Permitting site. Polk County requires Township approval/permission documentation prior to chloride application on township roads. The cost will be for a one-time application only. The size and cost of each application may vary. The application site must be flagged from start to finish by residents. Polk County requires all individuals requesting Calcium Chloride to complete and submit application forms. Forms are to be filled out online at <https://mn-co-polk.onegov.rtvision.com/>. Please contact our office at 218-281-3952 with any questions.

Application deadline is May 18, 2024.

There will be added fees for late applicants.

**Calcium Chloride Chart**

**APPROXIMATE COST**

**Early Bird End May 18, 2024**

|       | Length of Application |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Width | 150'                  | 200'  | 250'  | 300'  | 350'  | 400'  | 450'  | 500'  |
| 16'   | \$250                 | \$250 | \$300 | \$360 | \$420 | \$480 | \$540 | \$600 |
| 20'   | \$250                 | \$300 | \$375 | \$450 | \$525 | \$600 | \$675 | \$750 |

**May 19, 2024 – June 2, 2024**

|       | Length of Application |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Width | 150'                  | 200'  | 250'  | 300'  | 350'  | 400'  | 450'  | 500'  |
| 16'   | \$300                 | \$300 | \$350 | \$410 | \$470 | \$530 | \$590 | \$650 |
| 20'   | \$300                 | \$350 | \$425 | \$500 | \$575 | \$650 | \$725 | \$800 |

**After June 2, 2024**

|       | Length of Application |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Width | 150'                  | 200'  | 250'  | 300'  | 350'  | 400'  | 450'  | 500'  |
| 16'   | \$350                 | \$350 | \$400 | \$460 | \$520 | \$580 | \$640 | \$700 |
| 20'   | \$350                 | \$400 | \$475 | \$550 | \$625 | \$700 | \$775 | \$850 |

Township roads will be sprayed at 16 ft and county roads will be sprayed at 20 ft. M5-7C



The Win-E-Mac school lunch ladies are serving up students a healthy lunch each day.



Kendall Olson of Glydon, Minnesota found a golden egg during the McIntoh Community Club Easter Egg Hunt. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Karen Olson of McIntosh.



Last Friday afternoon, the Win-E-Mac kindergarten students, along with their parents and grandparents, played some dodgeball and enjoyed some pop-floats.