



Memorial Day parades & programs scheduled in Winger and McIntosh

The Winger American Legion Fengestad-Solie Post 200 will host its' annual Memorial Day program on Monday, May 27th, beginning at 8:30 am with a parade and the Win-E-Mac band performing outside at the Winger Community Center.

This year's speaker will be Adam Gallant, who is a Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army National Guard out of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The program will conclude in the Memorial park at 9:00 am with the laying of the wreaths and the 21 gun salute and taps. Refreshments will be served by the Dover Lutheran Church Youth Group, following the event and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Friends of McIntosh Veterans invites you to attend their Annual Memorial Day program on Monday, May 27th, to honor and remember those from our community who served our country in the armed forces and who have passed.

The Win-E-Mac band will gather at the First National Bank parking lot at 10:25 am and march down Main Street to the Community Center, where they will play the Star Spangled Banner. We do have a color guard organized by Don Ostenson and Joe Collova, and welcome all veterans and friends of veterans to assemble at 10:20 am by the First Na-

Polk County household hazardous waste collection

Polk County Environmental Services is once again holding its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection events. The first collection event will be held at the Fertile Fairgrounds on Friday, May 31st from 3-6pm. The second collection will be at the East Shore Beach Area of Maple Lake off County Highway 10 on Saturday, June 1st from 9am-12noon.

Household hazardous products, if not properly used, stored, and disposed of, can pollute the air and water. These collection events, along with year-round collection facilities in Crookston and Fosston, give Polk County residents the opportunity to take part in protecting the environment.

Household hazardous wastes accepted at this event include: cleaning solvents, paints, stains, strippers, automotive products (carburetor cleaners, brake, steering or transmission fluid, etc.), aerosols, adhesives, pool chemicals, photographic chemicals and hobby chemicals.



tional Bank.

The program begins inside the community center at 10:30 am. Joe Collova, husband of Rachel (Ramse) Collova, formerly of McIntosh, will be giving the address.

The program moves to the old school lawn for the Honor Roll and wreath laying at approximately 11:00 am. Following the lawn service, Our Savior's Lutheran Church will serve lunch at the Community Center starting at 11:30 am.

Veterans or friends of veterans are welcome to pick up an American flag at the community center and assemble at the bank parking lot at 10:25 to lead the band.

ALL SINGERS, regardless of experience, are invited to join the community choir. We will be practicing at 9:30 am in

the Community Center. Your voice is a valuable addition to our tribute.

There will be a Memorial Day luncheon served at the Community Center following the lawn ceremony at the old school grounds. Lunch will be served by Our Savior's Lutheran Church members and a free will donation is suggested. The funds will go to the elevator re-

pair fund for the church as well as a donation to the Friends of McIntosh Veterans.

For those who cannot attend the traditional in-person service, we will once again broadcast a video program, which will air on Garden Valley TV at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Memorial Day. Later that day, it will also be available on the Friends of McIntosh Veterans Facebook page and website (www.friendsofmcintoshveterans.com).

The McIntosh Heritage and Arts Center will be open from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm with a Military Display from past McIntosh Veterans, so make sure to stop by and view the memorabilia collection.

Little Bobby's will also have a special lunch of Spaghetti for any Veteran's and their families.

Thank you for helping us honor our family, friends, and neighbors who have answered the call to serve our country and fought to keep it free.



In honor of the 10-year anniversary of Cops vs. Kids at Win-E-Mac School, the Class of 2024 presented Polk County Sheriff Jim Tadman with a special sweatshirt. They were the first class ever to play against the Polk County Deputies. Special thanks to the Polk County Sheriff's Department and Win-E-Mac's Mrs. Burd for creating and taking time for this great event.

HAPPY

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember and honor

The McIntosh Times thanks and honors all those who have given their lives for our freedom. Next week's edition of the McIntosh Times will be one day late, due to the holiday. Thank you to all who served.

Outer space-themed Summer Reading Challenge for youth & teens at Mac Library

3-2-1 Blast Off! Lake Agassiz Regional Library is bringing an outer space-themed Summer Library Experience to youth and teens in communities in Becker, Clay, Clearwater, Mahnomen, Norman, Polk, and Wilkin counties. Beginning June 1st, participants can read to win prizes as well as attend out-of-this-world programs at their local library or library LINK Site.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to stop by the McIntosh Library to pick up a reading log beginning June 1st.

The first event at the McIntosh Library will be on Monday, June 3rd. Come to the library to take on some hands-on science experiments, including a balloon rocket, Milky Way planets and more. Pre-schoolers and elementary age students are welcome to attend from 10:30 am to 11:15 am.

On Wednesday, June 12th all ages are welcome to join a park naturalist from Itasca State Park and explore the starts in the nighttime sky from 10:30 am to 11:00 am.

Monday, June 17th is all about animals. Join in at the McIntosh Library to learn all about animals! Staff from the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji will be on-hand to tell all about animals' habitats, adaptations, defenses and more. All ages are welcome to come to learn and discover.

Thursday, June 27th is a fun filled magic show at the McIntosh Library. Come in from 10:30 am to 11:15 am and take a magic adventure Lost in Space with Minnesota magi-

cian Magic Bob.

On Monday, July 8th Star Lab will be at the McIntosh Library from 10:30 am to 11:15 am. Join your friends in the StarLab to learn about stars, constellations, and planets and how they appear in the night sky on any day and hour of the year. This program is geared toward youth ages 5 and up.

Monday, July 15th at 10:30 am, kids of all ages can hear from out-of-this-world heroes close to home and explore a fire truck, ambulance and patrol car.

Information about the program and event lists are available at larl.org/explore.

The program will be offered from June 1st - July 31st at libraries and LINK Sites. A number of fun programs will be held in connection with the reading challenge, including Magic Shows, theater productions, craft events and much more. All programs are offered free-of-charge. More information is available at larl.org and a full list of programs can be found at larl.org/explore.

Win-E-Mac Commencement Ceremony

Saturday, May 25th 2:00 p.m.

School Gymnasium



The first official year of school for the Win-E-Mac kindergartner's is about to come to an end. Announcing the Win-E-Mac Class of 2036! Back L-R: Teachers, Jill Landsverk, Eileen Cook Middle L-R: Oliver Solie, Griffin Smeby, Axle Peterson, Haaken Roed, Thielen Brtek, Jaxon Morgenroth, Ivy Neal, Aubree Lisburg, Joanna Jore, Amelia Bring, Etta Breitbach, Kalisa Zarkoff, Bristol Bring, Savannah Bsargin, Magnolia Langemo, Trey Mahlen, Front: L-R: Madilynn Lewis, Briar Sonstelie, Nera Van Dyk, Alexander Hedlund, Alice Merriweather, Vasily Lisov, Tywin Sannes, Alivetina Cheremnov, Xavier Howe, King Jackson, Azariah Santoya Sherrieff, Elijah Dahl, Cannon Schow and Lydia Erickson. Absent: Eowon Kutsev.

McIntosh Council minutes for April 2024

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday April 16, 2024
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: Toby Strom, Jordan Gunufson, Luke Syverson, Beth Hagen, Luke Burd
Melissa Finseth – Clerk/Treasurer
Rebecca Boehrnsen - Licensed Assisted Living Director for Poplar Meadows
Guests: Denise Stark – Little Bobby's Bar and Grill, Zach Thoma – Moore Engineering, Inc.

Determination of quorum:
Quorum was met.
Agenda additions:
Approval of minutes:
a. March 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes
Motion by Jordan Gunufson and seconded by Luke Burd to approve the March 7, 2024 regular council meeting minutes. Passed unopposed.
b. March 7, 2024 Public Hearing minutes
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Luke Burd to approve the March 7, 2024 Public Hearing minutes. Passed unopposed.

Public concerns:
Denise Stark asked the council to consider putting back up the "Welcome to McIntosh" sign on the east bound lane of Highway 2. Mayor Strom explained that Burlington Northern Railroad has been difficult to work with in getting the sign reset, due to it being so close to the train tracks. The city clerk will call Ross Lewis Sign Company and see if they have had success working with the railroad.

MEDA and Poplar Meadows :
a. Rental status
Rebecca Boehrnsen reported that Poplar Meadows currently has 24 residents. There is a one bedroom available as well as a two-bedroom apartment available to rent. Ms. Boehrnsen had shown the apartments and felt confident that they will be filled soon.
b. Approve Poplar Meadows monthly bills
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Beth Hagen to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$71,104.42. Passed unopposed.
c. Revenue status
The council was made aware that the rate increases are beginning to reflect in the monthly revenue over expense totals. Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Luke Burd to a 2024 rate increase. Passed unopposed.
d. 2024 pay increase due May
Motion by Luke Syver-

son and seconded by Jordan Gunufson to approve the annual wage increase of three percent. Passed unopposed.
Old business:
a. Reese property
Melissa Finseth informed the council that the city attorney has drafted a joint resolution, with King Township, for the annexation of the Reese property. Once the property has been fully annexed, Zach Thoma, of Moore Engineering, Inc., will begin the project of plotting the lots.
b. Lead service line inventory
Zach Thoma, of Moore Engineering, Inc., was available to discuss the lead service line inventory project. The project is 100% funded by the state to ensure there are no lead waterlines left in use. According to city records, from as early as the 1930's, McIntosh began replacing its lead water mains with galvanized steel or pvc piping.
c. Weather siren
McIntosh applied for community facilities grant for a new weather siren but was denied due to the USDA running out of funds. The city has placed an order for a new weather siren with Stone's Mobile Radio and will pay for it out of its general fund savings account.
d. Building permit – Brady and Katie Finseth
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Jordan Gunufson to approve the building permit for a fence for Brady and Katie Finseth. Passed unopposed.
New business:
a. Order signs
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Jordan Gunufson to approve installing a one-hour parking sign on the northwest corner of Little Bobby's. Complaints have been made that parking is difficult enough between the post office and Little Bobby's without having people park for extended periods of time. Motion passed unopposed.
b. Mosquito spraying
Motion by Luke Syverson and seconded by Beth Hagen to approve the 2024 mosquito spraying contract with Vector Disease Control International, LLC. Passed unopposed.
c. Bjella building – Repaint women's bathroom doorframe
Motion by Jordan Gunufson and seconded by Luke Burd to repaint the women's bathroom door frame and other door frames at the Bjella building. Passed unopposed.
d. 2024 liability coverage waiver form
Motion by Jordan Gunufson and seconded by Luke Burd to not waive the city's insurance liability coverage for 2024. Passed unopposed.
e. Resolution – gambling license for Little Bobby's Bar

and Grill
After much discussion, Luke Burd presented the resolution to approve a gambling license for Little Bobby's Bar and Grill to allow the Knightriders Snowmobile Club to have pull tabs in the bar. Those in the affirmative: Luke Burd and Beth Hagen. opposed: Jordan Gunufson. abstained: Luke Syverson. Be it resolved that a gambling license be permitted at Little Bobby's Bar and Grill.
Approval of monthly bills:
Motion by Luke Burd and seconded by Jordan Gunufson to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$109,132.89. Passed unopposed.
Council & staff reports:
Luke Burd asked that the bleachers, from the old football field, be moved to the baseball field during the summer months.
Notices & Correspondence:
Adjournment:
With no other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

Memorial Day Meal

by Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Monday, May 27th, 2024
following the Lawn Ceremony
(approx. 11:30 am)
Free Will Donation

Proceeds will go towards the elevator repair fund at Our Savior's and also to McIntosh Friends for Veterans.
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A complimentary meal of spaghetti and meat balls will be provided to Veterans and their families after the events in the community center. This is an addition to the wonderful events that are taking place in the community center on Memorial Day.
Thank you for your service! ~ Little Bobby



The winner of Neil's Meats Shop Hop Drawing is Kristin Watson of McIntosh. Congratulations!



The winner of Neil's Meats Mother's Day Drawing is Michelle Johnson of Erskine. Congratulations!

They Gave Their Lives

On Memorial Day, we honor the brave service men and women whose hopes and dreams were cut short in battle. They sacrificed their own lives to protect the lives and freedom of others. This Memorial Day, join us in paying tribute to them.

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Pickleball isn't that new of a sport

Pickleball is an American original. The popularity of pickleball has risen sharply in recent years, and a recent report from the Association of Pickleball Professionals indicated more than 36 million people played the sport across the United States in 2022. But pickleball is much older than its recent participation boom suggests. According to USA Pickleball, the sport is the brainchild of U.S. congressman Joel Pritchard and businessman Bill Bell. In 1965, Prich-

Everyone is invited to a graduation open house in honor of
Sydney Svalen.
Saturday, May 25th at the McIntosh Community Center from 4 to 7 PM.

ard and Bell arrived at the former's home on Bainbridge Island in Washington to find their families lounging around. Pritchard's property had an old badminton court, but no equipment. So the players improvised, using ping pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball. The net, initially around 60 inches high, was lowered once the players realized how well the ball bounced on the asphalt playing surface. The following weekend Pritchard introduced the game to another friend, Barney McCallum, and the two men and Bell soon created rules for the game that is now known as pickleball.

MHAC News

McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center to extend hours throughout Memorial Day Weekend.
The McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center will have a variety of military emblems, awards, photographs, and other items in our collection from several veterans from McIntosh on display throughout the week leading up to Memorial Day. MH&AC hours will be Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Ohnstad Building at 125 NW Broadway, which is located next to the McIntosh Community Center. On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th, MH&AC will also be open from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

MH&AC Annual Meeting, June 6
The McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center will be holding their Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 6th at 6:30 pm in the Ohnstad Building, located at 125 NW Broadway. If anyone would like to attend virtually, please email McIntoshHAC@gmail.com and we will send you the meeting link.

Mac Library Closed Memorial Day
All Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) branches and LINK sites will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day, with regular hours of operation resuming Tuesday, May 28th. This includes the McIntosh and Fosston branches of LARL. Lake Agassiz Regional Library is a consolidated public library system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota. More information is available at www.larl.org.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar
Wed. May 22: Nick Burslie, Darlene Dierkes
Thurs. May 23: Gwen Rue, Kris Faldet, *Mike & Angela Lindseth, *Tom & Laura Perkerwicz
Fri. May 24: Joyce Sultvedt
Sun, May 26: Raine Haaven, DeeDee Narum, Chad Smeby, Angela Lindseth
Mon. May 27: Zach Plante, Gordie Goldsmith, Jackie Huschle, Charlie Roed, Brady Grove
Tues. May 28: Elizabeth Klemer



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 26: 9:00am Worship
Sun. June 2: 9:00am Worship
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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.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston
Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor
Wed. May 22: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. May 24: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. May 26: 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 29: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Fri. May 31: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. June 2: 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 26: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services
Sun. June 2: 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
Face Book: Gosen Church
Sun, May 26: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com); 7:00pm Luther League with Deb Shafer and Family (see article elsewhere in the paper)
Tues, May 28: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30
Wed, May 29: 6:30pm Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home
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Wrapping up Corn and Soybean planting

After rain halted early planting progress, farmers are looking to wrap up the planting season. Drs. Jeff Coulter, Extension Corn Agronomist, and Seth Naeve, Extension Soybean Agronomist, discussed planting and replanting decisions on the May 15 Strategic Farming: Field Notes session.

Check corn stands: Corn populations down to 23,000 plants/ac can still result in a yield that is 92% of optimal. Ideally corn seedlings would be evenly spaced, but in reality, if spacing between plants is a bit uneven, this won't have much of an effect on yield.

If you have corn to plant yet: Corn planted on May 20 and May 25 can be expected to yield 92 to 95% and 87 to 92% of corn planted in late April under ideal soil conditions, respectively.

Note if planting is delayed until May 22 to the 28, a hybrid 5 to 7 relative maturity units earlier than what is considered full season for the area would be recommended. Until this time, it is recommended to stay the course with original seed choices. If corn planting is delayed until May 29 to June 4, a hybrid 8 to 15 relative maturity units earlier than what is considered full season for the area would be recommended.



Check soybean stands: Critically assess a stand before deciding to tear it up and replant. A final soybean stand of about 100,000 plants per acre or less results in maximized yield. It is possible to interseed about 75,000 seeds per acre early in the season if stands are lower than optimal (e.g. around 50,000 to 75,000 plant per acre). Waiting a few days until both rows are combine ready at harvest should alleviate issues with maturity differences.

If you have soybeans to plant yet: Throughout late-April and May, there is a small but consistent drop in soybean yield, averaging about 0.1 to 0.2% per day as planting is delayed. Once we hit June, however, we can see a 1.0% to 1.25% drop in yield per day as planting is delayed.

Stay the course with your original soybean maturity un-

til the second week of June. At that point a soybean variety 0.5 relative maturity units shorter than the original choice would be recommended. If planting is delayed until late June, it is recommended to plant a variety 1.0 relative maturity units shorter than what you'd normally plant.

Watch soil conditions at planting for both crops: If wet conditions persist, it becomes a balance between waiting for good soil conditions to plant, "mudding in" the crop, or if planting really gets delayed, taking prevent plant.

Soil conditions at planting can significantly impact yield potential of both corn and soybean. A rotary hoe can effectively help a crop struggling to emerge through a soil crust. In soybean, however, one must be very careful when seedlings are just starting to emerge (when you can see the hypocot-

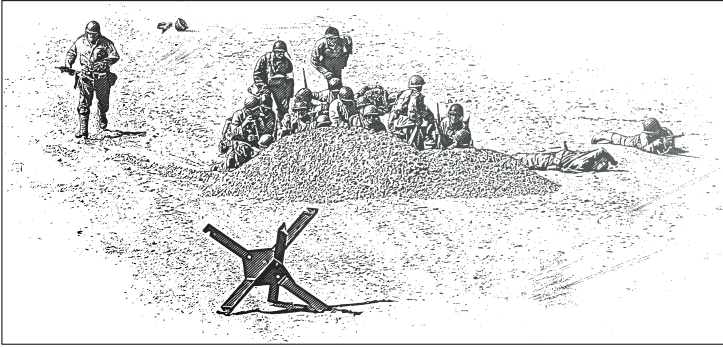
yl arch) so plants are not broken off below the cotyledons, as this will kill the seedling.

Weigh the replant decision: Yield potential for an earlier planted field with reduced stands should be weighed against the yield potential of a later planted crop, along with the additional costs and time involved in replanting. Consider what herbicides and fertilizer that has been applied and that weed control can be a bigger challenge where stands are spotty and/or reduced. See z.umn.edu/crops for resources and further information on corn and soybean late planting and replanting decisions.

Listen to the podcast of this session at <https://strategicfarming.transistor.fm/>.

Join us for University of Minnesota's Strategic Farming: Field Notes webinar series, offered Wednesdays morning from 8 to 8:30 a.m. through August 21, for useful, timely and relevant research-based information on cropping issues throughout the growing season. For more information and to register, visit z.umn.edu/strategic-farming.

Thanks to the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council and the Minnesota Corn Research and Promotion Council for their generous support of this program.



LARL presents "Operation D-Day" history program

Libraries in Bagley and Fertile will host "Operation D-Day," inviting audiences to witness a profoundly important date in history come to life with a presentation by Minnesota historian and educator Arn Kind.

The programs will be held in honor of the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the date when the Allied nations launched Operation Overlord, the surprise invasion of France. In these living history performances, Kind will bring history alive with a realistic portrayal of the invasion, which was accomplished by thousands of intrepid young American, British and Canadian soldiers parachuting out of the sky behind enemy lines and wading through heavy surf onto the beaches of Normandy.

"Operation D-Day" will be held on Friday, June 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the Fertile Public

Library, 101 Mill St. S., The presentation will be again on Saturday, June 8th at 11:00 a.m. at the Bagley American Legion, 112 Main Ave. N., in partnership with Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL).

Admission is free thanks in part to funding from the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Legacy fund and the programs are sponsored by Lake Agassiz Regional Library.

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Weed and insect management in an extended planting season

After a good start, wet conditions stalled planting across much of the state. Dr. Debalin Sarangi, Extension weed scientist, and Bruce Potter, Integrated Pest Management specialist at the Southwest Research and Outreach Center by Lamberton discussed weed and insect management challenges faced by growers this year due to an extended planting season during the May 8 Strategic Farming: Field Notes session.

Weed management updates: Preemergence (PRE) herbicides are the foundation of a strong weed management program, regardless of the postemergence (POST) program used. Typically a quarter to a half inch of rainfall is needed to activate PRE herbicides, so activation should not be an issue this year for products already applied.

The bigger question this year from growers who have been able to plant and apply a PRE earlier this season, is how long will their PRE herbicide last? Dr. Sarangi reports that residual activity typically lasts three to four weeks after application, so where crops were planted mid-April, these products may be running out of steam.

It will be some time until crops reach canopy closure so check fields for weed emergence and prepare to apply POST products early. The addition of a PRE herbicide to your POST applications will help extend herbicide residual activity for troublesome weeds like waterhemp.

Insect management updates: Bruce Potter is leading the black cutworm (BCW) monitoring network once again this year. This network is made up of a group of volunteers who set out pheromone traps to help monitor BCW migrations into the state.

BCW does not overwinter in Minnesota - moths move into the state via strong southerly winds, and thunderstorms are often associated with significant moth flights. The larval stage is the damaging stage of BCW. Once larvae reach the 4th instar stage, they are large enough to cut small corn plants. By the third week of May, larvae from early flights this year may be big enough to cause damage to corn. Results and predicted cutting dates can be tracked at z.umn.edu/bcw-reporting.

Potter is also leading monitoring efforts for true armyworm. True armyworm is

another migratory pest that does not overwinter in Minnesota but is brought up from the south often through storm systems. Armyworm moths are attracted to grassy areas to lay their eggs.

True armyworm larvae feed on grasses including crops such as wheat and corn, but they have been known to feed on soybeans when a grass host is killed. Care should be taken to monitor corn that is planted into ground where a grass cover crop like cereal rye was growing this spring, especially if the cover crop was terminated less than 10 to 14 days prior to corn planting.

Check out these links if you'd like to listen to the podcast of this session at <https://strategicfarming.transistor.fm/> or review additional resources at z.umn.edu/strategic-farming.

Join us Wednesday mornings from 8 to 8:30 a.m. through August 21! University of Minnesota's Strategic Farming: Field Notes webinar series provides useful, timely and relevant research-based information on cropping issues throughout the growing season. For more information and to register, visit z.umn.edu/strategic-farming.

How to build a better burger

Backyard barbecue season is starting to heat up. Although many people grill all year long, grilling season kicks into high gear in spring and summer.

Burgers will always be quintessential grilling fare. It should come as no surprise that the month of May is National Hamburger Month. That's likely due to Memorial Day weekend - which many view as the unofficial start of summer - being one of the first times of the year people begin grilling burgers.

Despite burgers' popularity, it's easy to make mistakes when preparing them. These tips can help anyone build a better burger.

Use freshly ground meat

Buying ready-made ground meat (of any variety) is taking a gamble because you don't know when it was ground, how many animals it came from or how it was handled. By freshly grinding the meat at home you will have greater control over the cut of meat and the fat content. Personally ground meat will be fresher, especially when you get nice cuts of meat directly from your local butcher. Top chefs suggest dicing cold meat into chunks and freezing for about 10 minutes prior to grinding for the best results.

Fat is key
For the most juicy, flavorful burger, you'll want a ratio of 80



percent meat to 20 percent fat. Some people like to eat lean, but with a burger, the fat will be necessary and it's better to select leaner meats for other dishes.

Don't overwork the meat
Handling the burger patties too much can lead to dense, tough burgers. Gently shape the burgers into round, 1-inch thick, flat discs. To prevent the burgers from rounding in the middle during cooking, press a dimple with your thumb in the center of the patty to help it cook evenly. It's a smart idea to weigh each patty to ensure uniformity of size and even cooking.

Don't add salt early on
Salt added to the ground meat before it's shaped can draw the liquid out of the meat, leaving a dry burger behind. Sprinkle salt sparingly while it is cooking for flavoring.

Avoid overcooking

Most health authorities recommend not leaving any pink meat in a burger made from ground meat. According to BBC Good Food, burgers can be cooked for 5 to 6 minutes on each side for medium and 8 to 9 minutes per side for well done. For the best results, use a food thermometer to check internal temperature. The USDA says ground meat, whether it's pork, veal, beef, or lamb, should be cooked to 160 F

Flip as desired

The cooking resource Serious Eats debunked the myth that burgers should only be flipped once. Flipping the burger repeatedly, as often as once every 15 seconds, encourages faster, more even internal cooking and can dramatically reduce cooking time.

Keep the patties separate

Let everyone build their own burgers, as keeping the cooked meat away from the burger buns for as long as possible will reduce the chances of the juices making the buns soggy. Soft, squishy buns tend to make for good burger eating, as they will not overwhelm the meat with too much crusty bread.

The smell of grilling burgers is in the air. Ensure that every burger is a masterpiece by utilizing some important cooking tips



Gosen Luther League will present Deb Shafter this Sunday evening.

Shafter to perform at Gosen Church this Sunday

The Gosen Luther League meets on Sunday evening, May 26th, at 7 o'clock.

Deb Shafter from Pierre, SD, will be our special guest. She was with us about a year ago and is returning this year with her family-- her son, Stuart, daughter-in-law Sara, granddaughters Emma and Ava, and her mom and dad, Bruce and Janet Shafer. All but her dad will be taking part in the program.

They are a very musical family. Janet traveled in a ladies trio in college. Deb and her mom have been singing duets together since Deb was 11 when she started to play piano. Stuart is an accomplished musician, a recording artist with many songs he's written and recorded on Apple Music and Spotify just to name a few. This year's concert will definitely be a family affair.

Deb's son and family had been living in Oklahoma City for seven years. She never thought that they would ever move back to South Dakota. It was a prayer that she never dared pray but held that desire in her heart. Last fall that prayer came true when they all moved up to Pierre. You'll find out more about that impossible

testimony come true at the concert.

Deb is the South Dakota Area President for Aglow International, a ministry that's in 190 countries around the world. She has held this title for two years. She is currently working on getting an Aglow prison lighthouse established in Rapid City, SD, for the new women's prison that's going to be built out there in two years.

Being the music minister at the First Congregational Church in Fort Pierre, SD, is another position Deb has held for a little over a year. It's a conservative church but they give her the freedom to bring her own touch to the services. This church provides a weekly meal for the needy. They also have a closet for those that are in need of anything, and Deb has been helping supply that closet with donations from the store where she works.

Countryside Thrift Store is a non-profit store that Deb has worked at for seven years. Recently she has accepted the position of assistant manager. This organization helps fund the local Hospice programs as well as other needs of many people in so many ways in the community.

Last summer Deb joined a gospel band from the Pierre area called the Blood Washed Band. She's known these people for a long time and had heard they needed a keyboard player. They play regularly at the Oahe Chapel up on the Oahe Dam on the Missouri River as well as different services and concerts.

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.



Breathe easier with allergy, asthma services at RiverView

If your allergies and asthma are flaring up ahead of schedule this year, you're not alone. Experts report that Minnesota's mild winter has given pollen a head start, and people feel it.

Pollen from grasses, trees, and weeds is needed for plants to reproduce.

However, it can also cause health concerns, triggering allergies and asthma attacks and affecting other respiratory conditions.

RiverView Health Respiratory Therapist (RT) Stephanie Korynta said she's seeing patients coming in earlier this year for breathing help. Korynta and fellow RT Dallas Aune are asthma educators who see patients of all ages. They educate asthmatics on triggers and ways to eliminate or reduce their triggers, how to monitor symptoms, proper use of asthma medications, and they work with patients to create individual Asthma Action Plans.

Asthma, Allergies, Both, or Something Else?

Asthma is a chronic disease of the airways that makes breathing difficult. It causes inflammation and a narrowing of the airways, along with overproduction of mucus in the lungs. During normal breathing, air flows freely in and out of the lungs. However, during an asthma attack, the lining of the airways swells, muscles around the airways tighten, and mucus clogs the tiny airways, making breathing difficult.

Common asthma symptoms can include:

- Wheezing
- Coughing (especially at night)
- Shortness of breath
- Chest tightness

Asthma symptoms can range from mild to life-threatening. There is no cure for asthma, but it can be managed with appropriate medications

and by avoiding asthma triggers.

Asthma is common in Minnesota. According to Minnesota Department of Health reports, 9.9% of adults and 6.3% of children have asthma in Minnesota, accounting for approximately 516,200 people. In 2021, on average, one Minnesotan died of asthma every six days. In the United States, 32.7 million people have asthma, including 4.7 million children.

The majority of people who have asthma also suffer from allergies. While asthma triggers are not the same for everyone, common ones include allergies to molds and pollen and weather changes, making this spring the perfect storm for an allergy-triggered asthma attack.

According to Korynta, symptoms can be confusing for patients at this time of year.

"With the weather being so up and down with temps and precipitation and the snow being gone already, it does not feel like your typical spring; this has caused some to not recognize their allergy symptoms right away and assume they are coming down with a cold or other virus."

Common allergy symptoms include:

- Nasal congestion
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Itchy eyes
- Coughing
- Sore throat
- Sinus headache

While cold and allergy symptoms are similar, if you have a fever or body aches, it's likely a cold or the flu. In the case of allergies, symptoms will continue beyond the typical seven-day timeframe of a cold or flu.

Tips for Relief

There are many ways to prevent or reduce asthma triggers this time of year. Most importantly, follow medical orders.

"If your primary care provider has recommended use of allergy medication, now would be the time to start taking it," Korynta stated. "Be consistent with taking allergy and asthma medications to get the most benefit from them. Nasal sprays are commonly used, but talk to your provider if you feel you need it longer than the manufacturer recommended time of use."

Korynta also shared the following tips to help reduce allergy and asthma symptoms:

- Use saline nasal rinses to clear your sinuses of allergens.
- Be sure to clean the filter on your furnace/HVAC system so it can help filter allergens.
- Having your rescue inhaler with you is important as many find that they need it more during the spring and fall months in our area due to pollens, molds, and dust from harvest.
- Pay attention to your surroundings. Many are doing yard cleanup, including thatching, which kicks up dust and allergens. Consider staying inside while this is happening and keeping your windows closed. If you are doing this work in your yard, consider using a mask and a saline rinse afterward.
- Pets also enjoy the nicer weather; however, they can bring in allergens on their fur. Consider not letting your pet onto the furniture or into bed with you at night. If keeping pets off of furniture or out of your bed/bedroom is not an option, consider using blankets or covers that can be washed easily to remove allergens and dirt brought in by the pet.

With the cool, crisp air at night, many people like to sleep with their windows open, but for someone with allergies, this can worsen symptoms. Keep your windows closed.

If you have a peak flow meter, check it regularly during peak seasons to help detect

a breathing problem sooner, which allows you to address it sooner.

"Our homes are our sanctuaries, and while we may not be able to avoid our asthma or allergy triggers when we are out of the house, be sure to protect your home from them as much as possible," Korynta concluded.

If you are suffering from allergies or asthma, talk to your primary care provider regarding treatment options



On Saturday May 11th, Win-E-Mac sophomore Lauren Kaupang was recognized at the MSHSL State Art Festival for her high achievement in visual arts. Her print making artwork titled "Save the Bees" received a Best in Show / Spotlight award at this years Regional Art Festival!

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WEM School Announcements

Win-E-Mac has a new app!

What's the purpose of an app when you have a website? Convenience! The app stays on your phone's home screen. The app has easily accessible buttons dedicated to the pages and links you visit most. The app has the option for push notifications for timely announcements.

Currently, our new app is only available on the Apple App Store, but don't worry, the Android app is coming soon.

In fact, if you are an Android user, we could use your help.

There's a longer approval process for Google to get the app on the Play Store, including an internal testing period of two weeks with at least twenty testers.

Win-E-Mac Students from kindergarten through 6th grade:

All students in elementary school can participate in the McIntosh Memorial Day parade and wreath ceremony.

Practice in only 1 day on Friday, May 24th from after school until 4:30 pm. Please see note sent home with students.



The Polk County Sheriff's Department recently visited Win-E-Mac High School for the Cops vs. Kids game of dodge ball. Some of the kids who were able to play the game were the same kids who played the first year of Cops vs. Kids at Win-E-Mac in 2014. Special thanks to all the men and women of the Polk County Sheriff's Department for taking part in this annual event.



The annual Cops vs. Kids game took place recently at Win-E-Mac School. Where the elementary students and members of the Polk County Sheriff's Office get together for a fun game of dodge ball in the school gymnasium. A big Shout out to the Polk County Sheriff's office for helping us put on this event every year. Another big shoutout to Win-E-Mac teacher Heather Burd for her creative and fun ways to teach our kids about community with physical exercise which is always a lot of fun.