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On Friday, January 31, Minnesota Senator Mark Johnson came to Win-E-Mac school to talk with Mr. Arell's 9th grade Civics classes. They discussed what it's like to be a Senator and conducted a fun little activity to pick the perfect school lunch. Senator Johnson also answered a bunch of questions brought forth by the students.

Accounts vary on Valentine's Day origins

Valentine's Day is a bright light in the middle of the winter . Come February 14, sweet-hearts celebrate their love and affection for one another on this day devoted to happy couples.

The origin of Valentine's Day has generated much speculation over the years. Most early accounts do not point to heart-shaped boxes filled with chocolates.

Rather, a few distinctive tales may paint the picture of early Valentine's Day, and they have nothing to do with stuffed animals or romantic dinners.

Roman festival

One of the earliest records of the term Valentine's Day is traced to the Roman festival of Lupercalia, which was a fertility festival. This annual event held on February 15 included animal sacrifices and priests called the Luperci who would take pieces of animal hide and touch it to the foreheads of women in the hopes it would make them more fertile.

Fortunately for the squeamish (and the sacrificial animals), Pope Gelasius I ended Lupercalia and replaced it with St. Valentine's Day by the end of the fifth century.

Two or three

St. Valentines?

Most people attribute the origins of Valentine's Day to the holiday's namesake, St. Valentine. But it seems that Valentine was the surname of a few different individuals. According to History.com, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus.

One Valentine was a priest during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, who decided that single men made better soldiers than those with families or wives. Claudius outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine disagreed with the decree and would perform marriages in secret. Others believe it was St. Valentine of Terni, a bishop beheaded by Claudius II outside of Rome, who was the true namesake.

Yet another Valentine may have been jailed and fell in love with a jailer's daughter while in prison. He purportedly wrote to her, beginning the first Valentine card or letter tradition.

Other stories say the imprisoned Valentine actually was writing to a blind woman he purportedly healed, and signed the note "from your Valentine."

It is hard to know who is who in regard to the name Val-



entine, as the stories and the people behind them are used interchangeably.

Some historians believe they actually are the same person rather than several Valentines, while others insist there

were multiple martyred individuals.

However you slice it, the defiant actions of one or more people named "Valentine" set the course for centuries of romance to follow.

MN Dept. of Commerce offers advice to spot a scam

"Across Minnesota and the U.S., we are seeing an alarming increase in scammers who are tricking people into sharing their private financial information and losing money to these scams," said Commerce Assistant Commissioner of Enforcement Jacqueline Olson. "As you set goals for the new year, especially with plans to improve how you manage money, we want to empower you to arm yourself with tools to prevent losing money to fraud. Make a resolution to have conversations with your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers on how to spot and prevent scams."

Commerce advises Minnesotans to learn how to spot scams and take steps to protection themselves from scams. Here are some tips from federal and state consumer protection and enforcement agencies:

- Verify first. Scammers are using technology to look and sound like a person or business you know. Do not respond. Instead, contact the person or business directly to verify whether there is a problem.
- Among the top imposter scams: **Scammers use caller ID** to make it look like they are calling from an official government or business. They will demand you urgently need to share your account info or pay money.
- **Scammers pretend** to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help.
- **Charity scammers** pretend to be from a real or fake charity to try to get you to contribute.
- **Technology scammers** tell you your computer's security is at risk and try to remotely access your device.
- Beware when someone plays on your emotions or claims there's an urgent situation. Slow down and consider that the call or text could be from a scammer trying to trick you into feeling fear and panic. Advances in artificial intelligence make it easier for scammers to clone phone numbers and voices. They may also alter images to look like a person or organization you know.
- Contact the person yourself to verify the story. Use contact information you know is theirs. If you can't reach them, try to get in touch with them through another trusted person, like a family member or their friends.
- Too good to be true? Ask yourself why someone is trying so hard to give you a "great deal." If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Never pay up front for fees, taxes or prizes: It's a scam if you are told that you must pay fees or taxes to receive a prize or other financial windfall.

Scam..

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Sheriff Jim Tadman gives Citizen Partnership Award to Joe and Jamie Kresl of Mentor, Minnesota. In August of 2024 the Kresl's assisted the Polk County Sheriff's Office with an Internet Crimes Against Children Operation. The operation has resulted in 53 suspects investigated throughout the United States and Canada for soliciting children for sex or child pornography. Five local men were arrested for solicitation, possession of child pornography, and sexual assault. Two suspects have been referred for federal prosecution. Joe and Jamie's willingness to help also resulted in rescuing numerous children from ongoing abuse. The abuse these children were suffering included human trafficking and sexual assaults that they no longer will have to endure. THANK YOU Kresl family!!!



The First Annual East Polk Coaches versus Cancer night on Tuesday, February 4 was a huge success for raising awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society. Both the Win-E-Mac Patriots and the Fosston Greyhounds Boys Basketball programs together raised \$11,102 to help in cancer research, and for patients and families in need. 501 names were placed on our placard honor and memorial wall. Thanks to the coaching staff of the Win-E-Mac Patriots and the Fosston Greyhounds for their cooperation in making this evening a touching tribute for those with cancer and a great fund-raising success. Thank you to all who donated online. Thanks to both the Win-E-Mac and Fosston communities for rallying behind this fund-raising event. The teams and schools hope their efforts help patients who are dealing with cancer know that our communities support them and that hopefully it will help defeat cancer for good, for everyone. Go Patriots and Greyhounds, beat cancer!

NFL Alumni Association shares 8 plays needed to improve heart health

The American Heart Association and the NFL Alumni Association are sharing the 8 steps to boost heart health in a collaboration focused on improving men's health

According to the just released American Heart Association 2025 Heart Disease & Stroke Statistics report, heart disease is the leading cause of death for men in the United States. That is why the American Heart Association, a global force changing the future of health for all, and the National Football League Alumni Association (NFL Alumni) are teaming up for a men's health campaign to boost heart health through promotion of the Association's Life's Essential 8, the eight steps everyone should take to achieve ideal cardiovascular health:

1. Eat Better
Aim for an overall healthy eating pattern that includes whole foods, lots of fruits and vegetables, lean protein, nuts, seeds, and cooking in non-tropical oils such as olive and canola.

2. Be More Active
Adults should get 2 ½ hours of moderate or 75 minutes of vigorous physical activity per week. Kids should have 60 minutes every day, including play and structured activities.

3. Quit Tobacco
Use of inhaled nicotine delivery products, which includes traditional cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vaping, is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S., including about a third of all deaths from heart disease. Roughly 40% of U.S. children ages 3-11 are exposed to secondhand smoke.

4. Get Healthy Sleep
Most adults need 7-9 hours of sleep each night. Children require more: 10-16 hours for ages 5 and younger, including naps; 9-12 hours for ages 6-12; and 8-10 hours for ages 13-18. Adequate sleep promotes healing, improves brain function and reduces the risk for chronic diseases.

5. Manage Weight

Achieving and maintaining a healthy weight has many benefits. Body mass index, a numerical value of your weight in relation to your height, is a useful gauge. Optimal BMI is less than 25, but less than 18.5 is considered underweight. You can calculate it online or consult a health care professional.

6. Control Cholesterol
High levels of non-HDL, or "bad," cholesterol can lead to heart disease. Your health care professional can consider non-HDL cholesterol as the preferred number to monitor, rather than total cholesterol, because it can be measured without fasting beforehand and is reliably calculated among all people.

7. Manage Blood Sugar
Most of the food we eat is turned into glucose (or blood sugar) that our bodies use as energy. Over time, high levels of blood sugar can damage your heart, kidneys, eyes and nerves. As part of testing, monitoring hemoglobin A1c can better reflect long-term control in people with diabetes or pre-diabetes.

8. Manage Blood Pressure
Keeping your blood pressure within acceptable ranges can keep you healthier longer. Levels less than 120/80 mm Hg are optimal. High blood pressure is defined as 130-139 mm Hg systolic pressure (the top number in a reading) or 80-89 mm Hg diastolic pressure (bottom number).

"As the nation's oldest and largest voluntary organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke for more than 100 years, we've been helping people reach their maximum potential to live longer, healthier lives," said Nancy Brown, chief executive officer at the American Heart Association. "We are proud to work with the NFL Alumni Association as both organizations are working to meet people where they are to inspire them to champion their health."

The campaign was an-

nounced last Thursday on Radio Row at Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans. Chaired by Ken Coffey, former NFL safety and NFL Alumni senior vice president and chief operating officer, the social media initiative focuses on improving those measures used to define optimum heart health by the American Heart Association known as Life's Essential 8: four indicators related to cardiovascular and metabolic health status (blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and body mass index); and 4 behavioral/lifestyle factors (smoking status, physical activity, sleep and diet). Recent studies have shown that adults who follow a heart-healthy lifestyle measured by Life's Essential 8 tend to live longer lives free of chronic disease.

The collaboration features eight NFL Alumni who highlight the pillars of Life's Essential 8 to help both retired NFL players and the general public understand both the health risk factors as well as the opportunities for improvement. Ambassadors include retired NFL players, including leaders from NFL Alumni chapters across the United States. The campaign will include public service announcements (PSAs) and will focus primarily on two periods, Men's Health Week, June 10-16, and Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15.

"As former athletes, we recognize the importance of being proactive about our health," said Brad Edwards, former NFL All-Pro safety and chief executive officer of NFL Alumni. "We look forward to teaming up with the American Heart Association to promote the eight 'essential' steps that everyone should take to lower the risk of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular conditions."



Gerri Balstad was the winner of the \$10,000 prize for the Winger Lion's annual raffle drawing. The drawing was held during their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 5th. All winners are listed below.

About 1 in 5 people in the U.S. have optimal heart health according to the American Heart Association[3]. A free tool is available to help improve those numbers by empowering individuals to better understand their heart health score to more accurately understand their individual health. My Life Check is an assessment that is based in the science of Life's Essential 8. The tool asks questions about health behaviors, factors and well-being to offer health insights.

Participants are given a personal health score along with a custom plan with the eight specific steps to help them start living a healthier life. Supporting good heart and brain health helps to lower the risk of heart disease, stroke and other major health problems.

2025 Winger Lion's Raffle Winners:

\$10,000 - Gerri Balstad
\$1,000 - Kyle Sonsteli
\$500 - Al Bauer
\$500 - Curt Leier
\$500 - Al Bauer
\$250 - Rob Hole
\$250 - Lavonne McWilliam
\$250 - Evan Massmann
\$250 - Will Decker
\$250 - Les Gervais
\$100 - Reed Klinkhammer
\$100 - Paul Vesledahl
\$100 - Brent Carlson
\$100 - Jenson Christmas (Liz)
\$100 - Tricia Proulx
\$100 - Julie Bauer
\$100 - Bert Bendickson
\$100 - David Balstad
\$100 - Ethan Paradis
\$100 - Jim Steinmetz

Grace Community Food Shelf

Open Thurs. Feb. 13: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 20: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
East side of Grace Lutheran in double garage.
Contact: foodshelf@grace-churcherskine.org. or 218-687-2250, leave a message.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Feb.12: Jan Langemo
Thur. Feb. 13: Clellie Kiecker
Fri. Feb. 14: Vicki Aaker, Rhonda Carlin, Veronica Rolf, *Craig & Rosann Burslie
Sat. Feb. 15: Bryce Stordahl, Parker Wirth, *Mike & Jane Aakhus
Sun, Feb. 16: David Rolf, Kimberlee Ferden, Lucy Carlin
Tues. Feb. 18: Taylor Schulz, Karen Olson

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

Wed. Feb. 12: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. Feb. 16: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley
Wed. Feb. 19: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Sun. Feb. 23: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
McIntosh
Pastor Rene Mehlberg
Synodical Authorized Rachel Roggenbuck, SAM

Sun. Feb. 16: 10:00am Coffee Hour; 10:30am Worship Services

Sun. Feb. 23: 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 FREE LUTHERAN AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:
Pastor: Jerry Moan

Trinity: (27262 315th St. SE, McIntosh) Sunday Worship: 9:30am; 10:45am Sunday School

Mt. Carmel: (305 State St. NE, McIntosh) 9:45am Sunday School; Sunday Worship: 11:00am

Wednesdays: 6:30pm Confirmation; 7:15pm Free Lutheran Youth meets at Pastor Moan's home

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

Sun, Feb. 16: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service (also on Facebook and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, Feb. 18: 10:00am. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, Feb. 19: 6:30pm Bible Study at Connie Parr's

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
PastorLee Laaveg

Sun. Feb. 16: 9:00am Worship
Sun. Feb. 23: 9:00am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh
Pastor Bruce Blocker

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

DOVRE LUTHERAN CHURCH Winger, MN

Sundays: 9:00am Adult and Children's Sunday School; 10:00am Worship Service
Wednesdays: 7:00pm Bible Study

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.

THRIVING LIFE CHURCH Erskine, MN

Sunday service at 10:00 am
Call or visit us at: 22722 350th Street; 218-687-2343

Brownies to love

Forget about that triple layer chocolate lover's cake you didn't have time to make this year. No one will complain once they sink their teeth into one of these decadently delicious chewy fudge brownies speckled with the cutest pink and red Valentine's M&M's.

These are not your basic brownies. They're rich, fudgy, extra thick and perfectly chewy. Every bite is bursting with chocolate flavor and those crackly tops make my heart skip a beat. Chocolate lovers, prepare to fall head over heels in love with these brownies.

M&M's Brownies Recipe

Makes 16 brownies

1 1/4 cups (285 g) unsalted butter

2 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped

1 1/2 cups (300 g) light brown sugar, packed

3/4 cup (150 g) granulated sugar

4 large eggs, room temperature

1 cup (100 g) Dutch process cocoa powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

3 teaspoons vanilla extract

3/4 cups (95 g) all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled

2/3 cup M&M chocolate candies

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray the bottom of a 8 x 8 baking pan with non-stick baking spray and line with parchment paper. Allow the sides of the parchment to hang over the sides of the pan by an inch or two for easy removal of the brownies once baked.

Melt the butter, chocolate and sugars in a heat safe bowl over a double boiler. To create a double boiler, fill a medium sauce pan with 2 inches of water and place over medium low heat. Place the heat safe bowl over the pan, being careful not to let the bowl touch the water below. Stirring frequently, heat the ingredients

until melted. The mixture will be grainy but glossy. Remove the bowl from the heat and set aside to cool slightly.

Add the eggs, one at a time, whisking well between each addition. Continue to whisk until the mixture lightens in color and is smooth and shiny.

Add the cocoa powder, salt and vanilla. Stir to combine well.

Add in the flour, folding into the mixture with a large spatula until just a few streaks of flour remain. Do not over mix.

Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and level the top with an offset spatula.

Sprinkle the M&M's over the top of the brownies.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes, or until the edges are set and a toothpick inserted two inches from the side of the pan comes out with just a few crumbs remaining. Do not over bake or the brownies will be cake-like and dry instead of fudgy.

Remove the pan from the oven and set on a wire rack to cool. Cool completely before slicing into squares.

Variations

One of the best parts about this recipe is that you can sprinkle the top of the brownies with any variety of M&M's you want. Add red, white and blue M&M's for the 4th of July or try their pastel candies for Easter or Mother's Day. Here's a few more ideas for topping these ultimate fudge brownies:

- Add 2/3 cup of semi-sweet chocolate chips to the batter. Or try milk chocolate or white chocolate chips for an even sweeter taste.

- For extra crunch, add a handful of chopped nuts to the batter like walnuts or pecans. Toast them first for extra flavor.

- Take these brownies over the top by adding crushed Oreo cookies or mini peanut butter cups.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 22, 2021

MORTGAGOR: Mitchell D. Marquis and Qihua Lyu, married to each other

MORTGAGEE: Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union, a credit union organized under the laws of the United States of America

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded November 30, 2021, in the office of the County Recorder, as Document No. A000738134, Polk County, Minnesota.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 34219310th St, Fosston, MN 56542

TAX PARCEL I.D. NOS. 38.00131.02

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 NW 1/4), Section Twenty-three (23), Township One Hundred Forty-nine (149) North of Range Forty (40) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the North line of the Northwest Quarter 620 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence West along said North line 700 feet to the West corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South along the West line of Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, distance 320 feet; thence East on a line parallel with the North line 700 feet; thence North 0 degrees 320 feet to the point of beginning, Polk County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Polk
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$132,465.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$108,167.94

INTEREST RATE AND PER DIEM: Current interest rate is 1.875%, with a daily per diem of \$5.42.

The person holding the Mortgage is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, Subd. 30. The

name of the residential mortgage servicer and lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 is: Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union.

That prior to commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 27, 2025, at 10:00 am.

PLACE OF SALE: Polk County Sheriff's Office, Polk County Law Enforcement Center, 600 Bruce Street, Crookston, Minnesota 56716, to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE AND TIME MORTGAGOR MUST VACATE THE PREMISES: September 27, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE (5) WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: January 31, 2025
AVISEN LEGAL P.A.
By: /s/ Creig Andreasen
Creig Andreasen (#334832)
901 Marquette Avenue South, Suite 1675
Minneapolis, MN 55402
612-416-2199
Attorney in Fact for Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union

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POLK COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2025
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:30 o'clock a.m., January 21, 2025. Members present: Commissioner Paul Reese, Commissioner Warren Strandell, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee, and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Others present: Samuel Melbye, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Members absent: Commissioner Mark Holy.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the January 21, 2025, 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 January 21, 2025, consent items:

1. Approve January 7, 2025, Board minutes.
2. Approve Commissioner Warrants: General Revenue Fund, \$105,491.59; Public Works Fund, \$162,250.19; Public Safety Fund, \$108,514.10; Public Health Fund, \$54,495.52; Opioid Settlement, \$7,758.58; Forfeited Tax Sale Fund, \$1,320.00; Spec Assmnts (Ditch) Fund, \$55,138.97; Environmental Services Fund, \$10,497.48; Solid Waste, \$94,755.28; Per Diems, \$1,948.03; Meal Reimbursements (without over-night lodging), \$20.52; and Sign Audit List.
3. Approve payment to US Bank, St. Louis, MO, in the amount of \$98,951.45 for procurement card purchases.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER
ISSUE FORUM

1. Commissioner Reese brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council meeting.
 - b. Fertile City Council meeting.
2. Commissioner Strandell brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a. NW Emergency Communications Board meeting.
 - b. Tri-County Corrections meeting.
 3. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the following meetings:
 - a. Tri-County Corrections meeting.
 - b. Tri-Valley Opportunity Council meeting.
 4. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she attended the following meetings:
 - a. East Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District meeting.
 - b. Monthly radio program.

HIGHWAY

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

- 1.Certificate of Performance/
Final Acceptance CP 124-235-1428, CP 124-35-1423 Stabilized Aggregate Base CSAH 5, CR 235
Thygeson Construction, Inc. of Thief River Falls, MN, has completed the work required in the contract. The original contract amount was \$539,600.00, with the final contract amount being \$535,822.80. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Certificate of Performance and the Certificate of Final Acceptance for CP 124-235-1428 etc. and allow the County Engineer to sign the Certificate of Performance and the County Engineer and County Administrator to sign the Final Voucher.
- 2.Bridge Replacements –
RAISE Grant
Polk County will be applying for a RAISE Grant to replace 3 bridges over the Red River of the North in Nielsville, Hendrum, and Georgetown. A resolution and match assurance letter are required.
 - a.Resolution (2025-10) Agreeing to be Lead Applicant for the 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

The following resolution (2025-10) was offered by Commissioner Strandell:

WHEREAS, Surface Transportation is a vital part of Polk County, and the region's infrastructure as it provides safe, reliable, and affordable transportation which is essential to the mobility, economic competitiveness, and quality of life for regional residents; and
WHEREAS, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act authorized and appropriated \$1.5 billion annually to be awarded by the Department of Transportation ("DOT") 2022 – FY 2026 for Local and Regional Project Assistance Program Grants under National Infrastructure Investments.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners agrees to serve as the lead applicant for the counties of Clay and Norman in Minnesota, and Cass and Trail in North Dakota, for a RAISE Grant application to restore and modernize Minnesota Bridges 5767, 6676, and 6646 across the Red River of the North; also agreeing to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, assuring compliance of all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners authorizes the submittal of a RAISE Grant application for the Revitalizing Connections

across the Red River of the North project, as described above.

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

b.Polk County Match Assurance Letter

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Polk County Match Assurance letter.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Sarah Reese, Public Health Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1.Opioid Settlement Fund –
Advisory Council

The following individuals are recommended for appointment/ reappointment to the Polk County Opioid Settlement Advisory Council: Nick Neibauer and Jim Juve for appointment; and Abdirisak Duale, Aeiiso Schrage, Andrew Larson, Cassie Heide, Catherine Johnson, Elizabeth Boucher, Jackie Hanson, Jodi Ramberg, Laura DeLage, Malissa Burnette, Marley Melbye, Dr. Mary Sens, and Shannon Kronlund for reappointment. Other members include Greg Widseth, James Tadman, Molly Paulsrud, and Kelsey Helgeson of Polk County, and Sarah Shimek, Kirsten Fagerlund, and Sarah Reese of Public Health. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the above-listed individuals to the Polk County Opioid Settlement Advisory Council.

2.Opioid Settlement Fund –
Naloxone Distribution Report 2024

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the Opioid Settlement Fund – Naloxone Distribution Report 2024.

3.PCPH Communications
Report Q4 2024

Discussion was held with the Board regarding the PCPH Communications Report for quarter 4, 2024, including social media insights and community outreach.

4.Out of State Travel Requests

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the out of state travel requests for Sarah Shimek to attend the CADCA Mid-Year Training Institute in Nashville, Tennessee, from July 20 – 24, 2025; Angel Korynta and Sarah Reese to attend NACCHO 360 Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, from July 14 – 18, 2025; and Alex Orvik to attend the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions national meeting and the National Oral Health Conference in Orlando, Florida, from April 5 – 9, 2025.

5.Resolution (2025-11)
Accepting Financial Donations
on Behalf of Polk County Public Health

RESOLUTION (2025-11)

Accepting Financial Donations
on Behalf of Polk County Public Health

The following resolution (2025-11) was offered by Commissioner Reese: WHEREAS, Blue Plus/ BlueCross BlueShield Minnesota, located in Minnesota, has made a financial donation of \$12,000.00 to support Blue Plus advisory participation and youth programming with three NW MN based youth initiatives through a collaborative effort with Local Public Health in Polk, Pennington, and Roseau Counties to understand and address the unique needs of transitional age youth in rural NW MN; and

WHEREAS, This period is marked by significant life changes, such as healthcare and educational transitions, employment changes, mental health/substance use development, and the need for autonomy and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, By focusing on local community health/prevention, preventive care, behavioral health, social determinants of health, and ensuring seamless transitions from pediatric to adult healthcare, together we aim to improve the health outcomes of transitional age youth, providing them with a better foundation for adulthood – all this contributing to our Community Health Improvement Plan priorities; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Public Health will serve as the fiscal host and work in partnership with local public health agencies in Roseau and Pennington Counties, and each health department will work directly with Blue Plus and youth in their respective county; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Public Health wishes to have the County Board formally accept this financial donation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Polk County, Minnesota, as follows:

1.The financial donation from Blue Plus / BlueCross BlueShield Minnesota, listed above, hereby is accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Polk County Public Health to be used in supporting advisory participation and youth programming.

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

6.Memorandum of Agreement
among the County of Polk,
Crookston Youth Foundation, and
Alluma

Polk County provided the Crookston Youth Foundation with Opioid Settlement Funds described under a separate agreement between the County and CYF in 2024. This Agreement is for Alluma to provide

standard services of a fiscal host to the Crookston Youth Foundation. A motion was made by Commissioner Willhite seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Memorandum of Agreement among the County of Polk, Crookston Youth Foundation, and Alluma for Alluma to serve as the fiscal host for the Crookston Youth Foundation's Opioid Settlement Funds.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Victoria Ramirez, Social Services Manager, on behalf of Karen Warmack, Social Services Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to Karen's department:

1.Replacement of Social
Service Board Lay Person

A motion was made by Commissioner Willhite seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the appointment of Kathleen Twite to the Social Service Agency Board.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Alecia Helms, Human Resources Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1.Approval of Pay Equity Report

Based on the statistical findings, the County is in compliance with state required Pay Equity analyses. Human Resources Director Alecia Helms worked with DDA Human Resources to generate this report. Required Pay Equity reports are submitted every three years. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the data and submittal of the Pay Equity report to the state.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Jon Steiner, Environmental Services Administrator, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1.Equipment Purchase – MPCA
Co-Collected Organics Grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the purchase of a CAT 906 with the pre-cleaner & auto-reversing package installed from Ziegler Co. of Minneapolis, MN, in the amount of \$114,622.57. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the purchase of SETCO tires from SETCO Inc. of Lowell, AR, for the CAT 906 in the amount of \$9,984.88.

2.Program Updates

Discussion was held with the Board regarding updates on grant projects and upcoming activities within Environmental Services.

SHERIFF

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

1.Professional Services
Agreement with LEAST Services/
Counseling LLC

A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the Professional Services Agreement with LEAST Services/ Counseling LLC effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, providing psychological services including counseling, consultation, and training to the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

MIS

Levi Webster, MIS Director, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1.Request to Purchase Splunk

A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Strandell and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the purchase of Splunk and hardware in the amount of \$26,304.74, which is used for FBI/BCA compliance and gives the IS Department the ability to monitor, search, index, and correlate data from various sources, as well as providing alerts, reports, and visualizations to help keep county data secure.

PROPERTY RECORDS

Samuel Melbye, Director of Property Records, came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1.Memorandum of Agreement

The MOA for 2025 – 2027 between Polk County and the University of MN Extension was presented to the Board on September 17, 2024, by Lisa Loegering, NW Regional Director of the University of MN Extension. No action has been taken regarding the MOA. The salary requests were included and approved in the 2025 budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Reese seconded by Commissioner Willhite and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve and sign the Agreement as presented to the Board.

2.Sublease Request for Parcel
#09.00288.00

Polk County has a lease agreement with Sheila Wurdén for parcel #09.00288.00. Section 13 of the agreement requires written consent from Polk County for subleasing, and Ms. Wurdén has requested written consent to allow her to sublease the parcel. A motion was made by Commissioner Strandell seconded by Commissioner Reese and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve that Sam Melbye, Polk County Director of Property Records, issue written consent to Sheila Wurdén to sublease parcel #09.00288.00 in accordance with the lease.

ADMINISTRATION

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

1.Resolution (2025-12) Designating Official Depositories and Authorized Signers

RESOLUTION (2025-12)

Designating Official Depositories
and Authorized Signers

The following resolution (2025-12) was offered by Commissioner Willhite:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 118A sets forth the procedures for the deposit of public funds, and it is necessary for the Polk County Board and the County Administrator and/or his/her designee to annually designate a bank(s) as the official depository for County funds, designate authorized signers, and manage the collateral pledged to such funds; and

WHEREAS, Bremer Bank N.A. is designated as the official depository; and

WHEREAS, The following are named as additional depositories for County funds, subject to the furnishing of collateral for funds on deposit as provided in Minnesota Statutes Section 118A.03:

- United Valley Bank
- PFM Asset Management (MAGIC)

WHEREAS, For the purpose of being certain that all funds in financial institutions will be insured, the County Administrator and/or his/her designee shall have the authority pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 118A.02, Subd. 1, to name additional depositories for the deposit of funds so as to make certain that all County funds are either insured or collateral has been pledged by the depository as security, as permitted by M.S., Chapter 118A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board of Polk County hereby designates said institutions as depositories of County funds and authorizes the County Administrator and/or his/her designee to name additional depositories as deemed necessary for the safekeeping of all County funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following individuals be designated as official signers for Polk County:

- Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator
- Heather Ellis, Accounting Officer

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

2.Resolution (2025-13) Auditor
Warrant Listing

RESOLUTION (2025-13)

Auditor Warrant Listing

The following resolution (2025-13) was offered by Commissioner Reese:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 375.16 allows the County Board to authorize the County Administrator and/or his/her designee to pay incidental expenses of the county upon the presentation of a properly itemized and verified bill; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 375.18 allows delegation by the County Board for paying certain claims to county administrative official.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Administrator and/or his/her designee is authorized to pay incidental expenses per Minnesota Statute § 375.16 (such as postage, express, freight, telephone, water, light, other utility charges).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Board delegates and authorizes the County Administrator and/or his/her designee to pay the following types of claims made against the County:

- Utilities (gas, lights, garbage, telephone, postage, P.O. box fees)
- Contracts
- Specific items pre-approved by the Board
- Court Orders
- Grants
- Lease Agreements
- Maintenance Agreements
- Billings being paid with Drug Forfeiture Funds
- County Attorney Contingency Fund payments
- County Attorney Fines & Fees Fund payments
- Polk County Attorney/Victim Services (medical services for victims)
- Court Administration (court-appointed attorney fees/medical evaluations)
- Polk County Public Health (Walmart purchases)
- Cole Papers, Inc., Fargo, ND
- Fertile Oil, Fertile, MN
- Crookston Fuel, Crookston, MN
- Late/past-due claims for various vendors
- WinEX Bank & other fuel purchases
- In-State Registration Fees for staff education/trainings
- Stein's Inc.
- AMP Robotics Corporation
- Miscellaneous taxes, including property tax and special assessment distributions
- Refunding overpayments, including tax
- Debt payments or other claims with fixed payment schedules
- Expenses that would incur a penalty if not paid before claims submitted at the next regularly scheduled meeting would be issued by the County and reasonably expected to be received by the vendor
- Payroll activity, including insurance (medical, dental, etc.), all other withholdings, and non-overnight meals and other taxable expenses
- Reimbursement to employees for travel-related expenses (hotel, mileage, parking, overnight meals, etc.) approved by the department manager
- To reissue any Commissioner

warrant, after receiving a signed affidavit

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That on considering the sum charged excessive, or for any claims with other possible questions or issues as determined by the County Administrator and/or his/her designee, those bills will not be issued but will be presented to the board for action at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Administrator and/or his/her designee will not be held personally liable for payment for any claim falling into the above authorized types the County Board later disagrees with, disapproves of, or questions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the above delegation and authority conferred shall be and remain in full force and effect until written notice of any amendment or

revocation thereof shall have been delivered to the County Administrator and/or his/her designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That as part of internal accounting and administrative control procedures and for informational purposes, a list of all such claims paid be presented to the County Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

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

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

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

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS DATED 01/24/2025 APPROVED 01/21/2025	
Vendor Name	Amount
Alluma Inc	5,064.67
Alternative Sanitation	2,040.66
Applied Concepts Inc	13,852.50
Assoc Of Mn Counties	23,000.00
Association of Mn Counties	5,829.00
AT- Scene LLC	9,059.00
Balco Uniform Co Inc	3,176.20
Baldwin Supply Company	10,514.65
Bert's Truck Equipment	5,632.36
BMC Software Inc	3,828.76
Brandner Printing & Office Supplies	3,674.90
Brost Chevrolet Inc	9,517.85
Burggraafs Ace Hardware	2,532.12
Care & Share	2,693.91
Cellebrite, Inc	7,185.00
Central States Wire Products Inc	2,823.21
Church & Dwight Co Inc	26,069.02
Crookston Fuel Company	4,973.62
CuraScript SD	3,276.06
Evenaire Systems Inc	3,120.00
Garden Valley Innovations	2,100.00
Grove Mechanical Inc	6,171.28
KnowBe4, Inc.	10,711.25
Kurita America Inc	8,700.72
Larson Helicopters, LLC	41,437.50
Level 5 Services	3,969.00
LSQ Funding Group LC	3,842.71
Mcintosh City	2,226.00
MCIT	5,622.00
MnCCC Lockbox	23,025.73
MNCCC MI 33	12,069.46
North Country Overhead Door LLC	4,667.00
Northdale Oil Inc	2,830.50
Northland Business Systems Inc	19,289.00
Pemberton Law PLLP	8,971.50
Polk County Facilities	2,670.18
Polk County Highway Department	8,864.08
Polk County Social Services	2,351.55
Proulx Refrigeration	3,859.37
Red Lake County Treasurer	7,556.10
Reese/Sarah	2,394.54
Setco	4,928.08
Stone's Mobile Radio Inc	16,113.00
Stoneridge Software	2,109.60
Team Laboratory Chemical LLC	116,400.00
Total Response	13,821.85
Vestis	2,260.30
Widseth Smith Nolting & Assoc	6,242.50
Winger City	2,700.00
Ye Ole Print Shoppe	3,584.49
Ziegler Inc	4,491.33
210 Payments less than 2000	96,377.06
Final Total:	600,221.17

With no further business, the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 o'clock a.m., February 4, 2025.

Joan Lee, Vice Chair	
ATTEST:	
Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator Clerk of the Board	M48C

POLK COUNTY LEGAL

Notice of Intent to
Amend Polk County Land
Use/Zoning Ordinance

Pursuant to MN Statute §375.51 and §394.26, notice of intention to adopt amendments to the Polk County Zoning Ordinance is hereby given. Polk County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for input on the following date: February 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Polk County Environmental Services Building conference room at 320 Ingersoll Ave, Crookston, MN 56716.

Section 26 to be established to address cannabis businesses in unincorporated (outside city limits) within Polk County Jurisdiction for the purposes listed below: (The ordinance is multiple pages long, for a complete version of the draft ordinance please see below instructions.)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to implement the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342, which authorizes Polk County (County) to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of County residents by regulating cannabis businesses within the legal boundaries of the County.

The County finds and concludes that the proposed provisions are appropriate and lawful land use regulations for the County, that the proposed amendments will

promote the community's interest in reasonable stability for now and in the future, and the proposed provisions are in the public interest and for the public good.

LIMITATIONS:

Limitations of Registrations: Polk County shall limit the number of cannabis retail businesses to no fewer than one registration for every 12,500 residents within Polk County. If Polk County has one active cannabis retail businesses registration for every 12,500 residents, Polk County, and any City or Township which has delegated registration authority to Polk County, shall not be required to register additional state-licensed cannabis retail businesses.

DEFINITIONS: Cannabis Definitions are consistent with MN Statute 342.01, which are adopted by reference.

Copies of the referenced draft ordinance may be viewed during regular business hours M-F 8am-5pm at Polk County Environmental Services, 320 Ingersoll Ave, Crookston, MN 56716, or on the Polk County Website: www.co.polk.mn.us. To submit written comments, ask questions, or to request more information please contact Jacob Snyder at Polk County Environmental Services at (218) 281-5700 or (800) 482-6804.

Scam...

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- After hearing a sales pitch, take time to compare prices. Ask for information in writing and read it carefully.
- Watch out for deals that are only "good today" and that pressure you to act quickly. Walk away from high-pressure sales tactics that don't allow you time to read a contract or get legal advice before signing. Also, don't fall for the sales pitch that says you need to pay

immediately, for example by wiring the money, sending it by courier or over a payment app, or by sending cryptocurrency.

▪ Don't click on links or scan QR codes. These can take you to scammers' malicious websites or give them access to your device.

▪ Put your number on the National Do Not Call Registry. Go to www.donotcall.gov or call (888) 382-1222.

NOTICE OF
EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION
OF TAXES PAYABLE IN 2020

Office of the County Auditor

County of Polk, State of Minnesota.

To all persons having an interest in lands described in this notice:

You are notified that the parcels of land described in this notice and located in the County of Polk, State of Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on those parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) 60 days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the lands of record at the office of the County Recorder or Registrar of Titles, or (2) by the second Monday in May. The redemption must be made in my office.

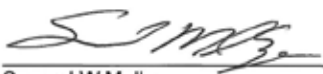
IMPORTANT: If the parcels forfeit, they will be sold. If the proceeds from the sale exceed the total amount of the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs assigned to those parcels, you may be entitled to the excess proceeds from the sale. If there are excess proceeds, you will be notified and must submit the claim form included with the notification in order to receive the proceeds.

Names (and Current Filed Addresses) for the Taxpayers and Fee Owners and Those Parties Who Have Filed Their Addresses Pursuant to section 276.041	Legal Description	Tax Parcel Number	Amount Necessary to Redeem as of Date of Notice
Keith Danks Jr 205 N 3rd St Grand Forks ND 58203	The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE1/4NW1/4), Section 33-147-39, Except Spruce Grove Subdivision and Except the following described tract: All that part of the SE1/4 of NW1/4, Section 33-147-39 lying Westerly of the Southerly extension of the East line of Spruce Grove Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, except the plat of Spruce Grove Subdivision. AND The North 60 rods of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE1/4SW1/4), Section 33-147-39	12.00259.00	\$247.92
Kristen Sobolik 25772 180th St NW Warren MN 56762	That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4SW1/4) of Section Twenty (20) in Township One Hundred Fifty-four (154) North, Range Forty-six (46) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4SW1/4) Section Twenty (20) in Township One Hundred Fifty-four (154) North, Range Forty-six (46) West; thence East along the South edge of the said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4SW1/4) a distance of One Thousand Sixty-two (1,062) feet; thence North at right angles a distance of Four Hundred Fifty-eight (458) feet to the point of beginning of the tract conveyed; thence continuing Northerly along the same line a distance of Two Hundred Ten (210) feet; thence West at right angles a distance of four hundred forty-nine (449) feet; thence South at right angles a distance of Two Hundred Ten (210) feet; thence East at right angles a distance of Four Hundred Forty-nine (449) feet to the point of beginning, containing	36.00043.02	\$3,428.20

Charles Skornicka 612 N Broadway Crookston MN 56716	approximately 2.16 acres; together with an easement to the driveway located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4SW1/4) of Section Twenty (20) in Township One Hundred Fifty-four (154) North, Range Forty-six (46) West, which lies Easterly of the conveyed parcel extending Easterly and Southerly to the township road. A strip of land 55 feet in width(inclusive of the present road right of way) lying south of and parallel to the North line of Section 16, Township 153, Range 49 and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4NW1/4) of Section 16, Township 153, Range 49, thence proceeding easterly of the north line of Section 16 to the North quarter corner of said Section 16, Township 153, Range 49.	54.00100.01	\$27.47
Larry Monson 111 1/2 W Robert St #4 Crookston MN 56716	A tract commencing 70 feet East and 84 feet North of the southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 9, First Addition to Beltrami City, East 480 feet to East line of NW1/4, South 167 feet, West 480 feet to East line of Desota Avenue and North 167 feet to point of beginning in Section Twenty-one (21), Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147) North of Range Forty- six (46) west of the Fifth Principal Meridian	80.00017.00	\$222.39
Brent VonRueden 508 Stuart Ave Crookston MN 56716	The South Half(S1/2) of Lot Thirteen (13) and all of Lots Fourteen (14) and Twenty-one (21) and the S1/2 of Lot Twenty-two (22), Block One (1), McManus Subdivision of Outlots in Hurlbut's Addition to Crookston, Minnesota.	82.01120.00	\$2,758.68
Gunnar Kronholm 612 N Broadway Crookston MN 56716	That part of Lot 22 described as follows: Beginning at the Southeasterly point of said Lot 22, Block 2, running thence from said point West along the South side of said Lot 22 a distance of 16 feet; thence Northerly a distance of 60 feet to a point on the West line of the alley as now laid out thru said Block 2; thence Southeasterly along said Westerly line of said alley to the place of beginning, said tract of land to be used as a public alley or driveway only; all in Block 2 of Highland Park Addition to the City of Crookston, according to the Official plat there on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Polk and State of Minnesota.	82.02021.01	\$150.97
Thomas & Marlo Thygeson 116 Adams St Crookston MN 56716	Lot One (1) , Block Two (2) , Nimens' Subdivision to the City of Crookston, Polk County, Minnesota	82.03106.00	\$12,927.62
Ruth Calarese 36 Mt Vernon St Gloucester MA 01930	The South Half (S-1/2) of Lot Seven (7) and all of Lot Eight (8). Block Three (3), Original Townsite of Lengby.	89.00041.00	\$3,282.78
Ruth Calarese 36 Mt Vernon St Gloucester MA 01930	Lots Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), and Twenty (20), Block Three (3) of Original Townsite of the Village of Lengby. And Dove Avenue between Block Three (3) Original Townsite and Block Eleven (11) First Addition to the Village of Lengby except the East 40 feet of vacated Dove Avenue adjacent to lots 21, 22, 23 and 24.	89.00046.00	\$413.87
Ruth Calarese 36 Mt Vernon St Gloucester MA 01930	South Ten (10) feet of Lot Four (4) of Block Eleven (11), First Addition to Lengby	89.00083.00	\$41.24
Ruth Calarese 36 Mt Vernon St Gloucester MA 01930	Lots Five (5) and Six (6) of Block Eleven (11), First Addition to Lengby	89.00084.00	\$198.78
Lara Routier 101 Hwy 75 S PO Box 35 Nielsville MN 56568	That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4 NW1/4) of Section Twenty-nine , Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147) North of Range Forty-eight (48) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point 33 1/2 rods South of the Northwest corner of Section 29, Township 147 North of Range 48 West, thence running East 16 rods, thence South 5 rods, thence West 16 rods, thence North 5 rods to the place of beginning, containing 1/2 acre, more or less.	92.00049.00	\$516.76

Inquiries as to the proceedings set forth above can be made to the Director of Property Records for the County of Polk, whose address is set forth below.

Witness my hand an official seal this 4th Day of February 2025.


Samuel W Melbye
Polk County Auditor



NOTICE OF
EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION
OF TAXES PAYABLE IN 2021

Office of the County Auditor

County of Polk, State of Minnesota.

To all persons having an interest in lands described in this notice:

You are notified that the parcels of land described in this notice and located in the County of Polk, State of Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on those parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) 60 days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the lands of record at the office of the County Recorder or Registrar of Titles, or (2) by the second Monday in May. The redemption must be made in my office.

IMPORTANT: If the parcels forfeit, they will be sold. If the proceeds from the sale exceed the total amount of the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs assigned to those parcels, you may be entitled to the excess proceeds from the sale. If there are excess proceeds, you will be notified and must submit the claim form included with the notification in order to receive the proceeds.

Names (and Current Filed Addresses) for the Taxpayers and Fee Owners and Those Parties Who Have Filed Their Addresses Pursuant to section 276.041	Legal Description	Tax Parcel Number	Amount Necessary to Redeem as of Date of Notice
Michael & Rebecca Burns 33990 220th Ave SE Erskine MN 56535	All that part of Government Lot 7, Section 34, Township 149 North, Range 42 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Polk County, Minnesota described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of said Government Lot 7; thence North 01 degree 05 minutes 01 second West, assumed bearing, along the east line of said Government Lot 7, a distance of 125.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 11 seconds West, parallel with the south line of said Government Lot 7, a distance of 164.34 feet, more or less, to the centerline of C.S.A.H. 34 as is presently constructed and existing; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 13 seconds East, along the centerline of C.S.A.H. 34, a distance of 38.60 feet, thence southerly along a tangential curve concave to the east and having a radius of 3819.72 feet, a central angle of 1 degree 17 minutes 47 seconds, a chord bearing South 00 degrees 44 minutes 06 seconds East, and a length of 86.42 feet, more or less, to the south line of said Government Lot 7; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 11 seconds East, along the south line of said Government Lot 7, a distance of 165.54 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. AND That part of Government Lot Four (4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township One Hundred Forty-nine (149), North of Range Forty-two (42), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence in an Easterly direction along the Southerly boundary line of said lot 4, a distance of 125 feet, more or less, to a point on the Easterly boundary line (extended, if necessary) of that	03.00201.01	\$3,202.44

Jarod W Peterson 502 Prairie Rose Ave Warren MN 56762	parcel described in Warranty Deed dated March 14, 1952, and recorded October 29, 1952 in Book 282 of Deeds on page 437, the actual point of beginning of the tract herein described; thence in a Northerly direction along the Easterly boundary line (extended, if necessary) of said parcel a distance of 125 feet, more or less, to a point on the Northerly boundary line (extended, if necessary) of said parcel, thence in an Easterly direction and parallel with the Southerly boundary line of said Lot 4, a distance of 348 feet; thence in a Southerly direction and parallel with the Westerly boundary line of said Lot 4, a distance of 125 feet, more or less, to a point on the Southerly boundary line of said Lot 4; thence in a Westerly direction along the Southerly boundary line of said Lot 4, a distance of 348 feet, more or less, to the actual point of beginning of the tract herein described. ALSO A tract of land situated in Government Lot Four (4), of Section Thirty-five (35), Township One Hundred Forty-Nine (149), North of Range Forty-two (42), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Govt. Lot 4, thence North 125 feet, thence East 125 feet, thence South 125 feet, and thence West 125 feet to the place of beginning.	08.00018.00	\$8,475.07
Jim & Sandra McBride 27408 220th Ave SW Crookston MN 56716	The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township One Hundred Fifty-four (154), North of Range Forty-seven, West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.	13.00258.00	\$8,903.48
Thomas Harmon 10127 452nd Ave NW East Grand Forks MN 56721	Lot Four (4), of Krogstad Subdivision, part of Government Lot One (1), Section Thirty-four (34), Township One Hundred Fifty (150), North of Range Forty-six (46), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, according to the official plat thereof, now on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Polk and the State of Minnesota.	18.00167.00	\$4,082.74
Brent W Bowman 13335 US Hwy 75 SW Euclid MN 56722	Lot Three (3), Peterson Subdivision in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 36, in Township 153 North, of Range 50 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Polk and State of Minnesota.	19.00154.00	\$1,098.60
Perry Paul Berube 33708 150th St SW Euclid MN 56722	Lots Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9) and Thirteen (13) all in Block Two (2) of the Original Townsite Euclid	43.00097.02	\$7,103.70
Kyle Albert Mandt PO Box 263 McIntosh MN 56556	A tract commencing at the southeast corner of Section 26, Township 152, Range 48 West 3,499.35 ft. to the point of beginning; West 584.39 ft.; Northern 640.70 ft.; Easterly 524.39 ft.; and Southerly 621.19 ft. to the point of beginning.	44.00114.01	\$13,664.69
Nikon & Anastasia Zarkoff 37829 395th St SE Fosston MN 56542	The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (S1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4) and the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2 SW1/4 NE1/4); ALL IN Section Twenty-two (22), Township One Hundred Forty-eight (148) North, Range Forty-one (41) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.	57.00223.00	\$1,782.82

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Au T Khuu 11463 71st St NE Otsego MN 55301	Tract Com 66°W of the SE Cor of the SW4 SW4, W 216', N 290', E 75', S 80', E 141', and S 210' to the POB. Section 08 Township 153 Range 048	67.00210.00	\$3,866.13
Daniel & Chezzire D Netland 403 DeSoto Ave Beltrami MN 56517	Those part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE1/4NW1/4) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147), North of Range Forty-six (46), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point 70 feet East and 173 feet South (said point being on the East line of Desota Avenue) of the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 9, First Addition to Beltrami; thence going East 474 feet and 4 inches to the East line of the NW1/4 of sec. 21- 147-46; thence going south along the East line of the said NW1/4 of Sec. 21, 184 feet and 4 inches; thence going West 471 feet and 2 inches to the East line of the said Desota Ave; thence going North 184 feet and 4 inches to the place of beginning, (approx. 2 acres) AND Beginning at a point 70 feet East and 83 feet South (said point being on the East line of Desota Avenue) of the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 9, First Addition to Beltrami; thence East 480 feet to the East line of the NW1/4 of Sec. 21-147-46; thence South along the East line of said NW1/4 a distance of 90 feet; thence West a distance of 474 feet 4 inches, to the East line of Desota Avenue; thence North on the East line of Desota Avenue a distance of 90 feet to the place of beginning.	80.00018.00	\$5,977.67
Adam Russell & Monica Hanlan 103 2nd St NE Climax MN 56523	That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4NW1/4) of Section 29, in Township 148 North, of Range 48 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Outlot 6 to the Village of Climax, Polk County, Minnesota; thence running due South along the East line of said Outlot 6 a distance of 185 feet to the Southeast corner of said Outlot; thence running at right angles due East a distance of 145 feet to a point; thence running at right angles due North 185 feet to a point; thence running at right angles due West 145 feet to the place of beginning.	81.00029.00	\$4,098.88
Graciela Yanez 230 3rd Ave N Crookston MN 56716	Lot Seventeen (17), Block Three (3), Stearns' Addition to Crookston, Minesota	82.00809.00	\$4,389.70
Shirley Radke Life Estate Etal 1800 Bridlebrook LN West Lafayette IN 47906	Lots Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24) Block Thirteen (13) Sampson's Woodland Addition to Crookston.	82.01424.00	\$7,288.60
Erica Pruneda 1013 S Minnesota St Crookston MN 56716	The South 18.5 Feet of Lot Six (6), all of Lot Seven (7) and the North One-Half of Lot Eight (8), Block Seventeen (17) of South Crookston	82.01691.00	\$4,058.67
Randy Haglund 202 7th Ave S #85 Crookston MN 56716	Lot Twenty-Four (24), Block Eighteen (18), South Crookston to the City of Crookston	82.01710.01	\$1,168.43
Mark G Bakken 521 Washington Ave Crookston MN 56716	Lots Twenty-five (25) and Twenty-six (26), Block Thirty-two (32), Jerome's Addition to Crookston, Minnesota.	82.01952.00	\$3,832.70
Donald V Baldock Life Estate Etal 122 4th St NE East Grand Forks MN 56721	Lots Twenty-one (21) in Block Twenty-two (22), Traill's Addition to the City of East Grand Forks, Polk County, Minnesota.	83.00389.01	\$434.42

Shirley Christopherson 1723 7th Ave NW East Grand Forks MN 56721	Lot Eleven (11), Block One (1), M.J. Ryan's Addition to East Grand Forks	83.02337.00	\$2,358.58
Brian S & Jenna S Filipi 522 20th St NW East Grand Forks MN 56721	Lot One (1), Block Four (4), Garden Valley 2nd Addition to the City of East Grand Forks, Polk County, Minnesota	83.02514.00	\$17,216.78
Callie Jo Wagner 404 5th Ave SE East Grand Forks MN 56721	Lot 2, Block 1, Waters Edge First Addition, to the City of East Grand Forks, Polk County, Minnesota.	83.04055.00	\$3,168.83
Kirikia Basargin 420 2nd Ave S Erskine MN 56535	Lots Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17), Block Three (3), Trovaten's 1st Addition to Erskine	84.00254.00	\$3,979.28
Beverly Marie Greaver Life Estate Etal 211 Broadway Ave Gary MN 56545	Lot Five (5) of Gilbertson and Espeseth's Addition to Erskine.	84.00286.00	\$2,229.80
Aino C Krogstad Life Estate Etal 204 Washington Ave NW Fertile MN 56540	Lots Thirty-one (31), Thirty-two (32) and Thirty-Three (33), Block Five (5), Opheim and Mott's Addition to Fertile.	85.00218.00	\$4,067.17
Cornerstone Farm Services Properties LLC 25017 President Dr NW Pinewood MN 56676	That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4) of Section 35, Township 150 North, Range 39 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Polk County, Minnesota being described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North side of the Railway Right of Way, 230 feet South 81 degrees 18 minutes East of a point 617.35 feet North of 1/4 Section corner between Sections 34 and 35 T. 150 N. R. 39 W. of the 5th P.M.; thence due North 150 feet, more or less, paralleling the Section line between Sections 34 and 35 of said Township and Range; thence South 81 degrees 18 minutes East a distance of 110 feet parallel and 148.5 feet distance from the Railway Right of Way; thence due South 150 feet, more or less, paralleling the Section line between Sections 34 and 35 of said Township and Range to said Railway Company Right of Way; thence North 81 degrees 18 minutes West, a distance of 110 feet along the North side of said Railway Right of Way to place of beginning.	88.00016.02	\$231.18
Cornerstone Farm Services Properties LLC 25017 President Dr NW Pinewood MN 56676	Lot One (1) Block One (1) Townsite of Gully.	88.00018.00	\$30.63
Cornerstone Farm Services Properties LLC 25017 President Dr NW Pinewood MN 56676	Lot Two (2) Block One (1) Townsite of Gully.	88.00019.00	\$18.83

Cornerstone Farm Services Properties LLC 25017 President Dr NW Pinewood MN 56676	Lot Three (3) Block One (1) Townsite of Gully.	88.00020.00	\$36.52
Cornerstone Farm Services Properties LLC 25017 President Dr NW Pinewood MN 56676	Lot Four (4) Block One (1) Townsite of Gully.	88.00021.00	\$1,668.73
Cornerstone Farm Services Properties LLC 25017 President Dr NW Pinewood MN 56676	Lot Five (5) Block One (1) Townsite of Gully.	88.00022.00	\$42.42
Cornerstone Farm Services Properties LLC 25017 President Dr NW Pinewood MN 56676	Lots Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) Block One (1) Townsite of Gully.	88.00023.00	\$6,065.74
Christopher J Basinger & Amber J Agnes 33 Dakota St S Gully MN 56646	Lots Six (6), Seven (7), and Eight (8), Block Three (3), Town of Gully	88.00033.00	\$3,372.85
John D & Nicole M Lewis 317 Brovold Ave Gully MN 56646	Lots One (1) and Two (2), Block Ten (10), Original Townsite of Gully	88.00080.00	\$160.60
Beatrice Hillard Life Estate Etal PO Box 36 Lengby MN 56651	Lot Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15) and Sixteen (16) all in Block Number Four (4), according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in Polk County, Minnesota.	89.00047.00	\$2,630.88
Gay E Otness 107 Main St N Lengby MN 56651	All of Block "C" Townsite of Lengby, Polk County, Minnesota, according to the official plat thereof now on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for the County of Polk and State of Minnesota.	89.00062.00	\$2,808.50
Beatrice Hillard Life Estate Etal PO Box 36 Lengby MN 56651	Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6) of Block Ten (10), First Addition to Townsite of Lengby, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in Polk County, Minnesota.	89.00080.00	\$58.48
David Allen Swanson PO Box 452 Gaylord MN 55334	Lots Eight (8) and Nine (9), Block Two (2), Original Townsite of McIntosh; also a strip of land Fifty (50) feet wide lying immediately North of a line running from State Street West, and at right angles thereto, to the Southeast corner of Lot Nine (9), Block Two (2) of the Original Townsite of McIntosh. Said strip being a part of Lot One (1), Block One (1) of said Townsite, and the line marked by two marked monuments, and agreed on as the division line by the respective owners.	90.00087.00	\$3,936.16

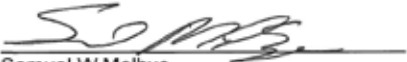
Peter Zarkoff & Pana Fend 140 2nd St SW McIntosh MN 56556	The Westerly Ninety (90) feet, front and rear, of Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), in Block Two (2) of the Original Townsite of McIntosh, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for said County of Polk, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of said Lot 14; thence in a northeasterly direction along the westerly boundary line of said Lots 14, 13, 12, 11 and 10 to the northwest corner of said Lot 10; thence in a southeasterly direction along the northerly boundary lines of said Lot 10, a distance of 90 feet to a point; thence at right angles in a southwesterly direction across said Lots 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, a distance of 125 feet to a point on the southerly boundary line of said Lot 14; thence in a northwesterly direction along the southerly boundary line of said Lot 14, a distance of 90 feet to the point of beginning.	90.00088.00	\$3,837.78
Sarah Marie Schauer 110 2nd St NE McIntosh MN 56556	The West one-half (W1/2), being the Westerly seventy-five feet, of Lot Three (3), excepting the northerly fifty feet thereof, in Block Six (6), Jensen's Addition to McIntosh, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in and for Polk County, Minnesota.	90.00257.00	\$5,543.24
Margarette Rivera 525 Jensen Ave SW McIntosh MN 56556	Lot Nine, Block Two, South McIntosh	90.00285.00	\$5,771.09
Thomas Schreiner 210 W 2nd St Nielsville MN 56568	That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (Pt. SE1/4 SE1/4) of Section Nineteen (19), in Township One Hundred Forty-seven (147), North of Range Forty-eight (48) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the forty line between SE1/4 SE1/4 and SW1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 19 in Township 147 N, Range 48 W 15¼ rods north from the South Section line of said Section 19; thence running North along the said forty line a distance of 102 feet; thence at right angles East a distance Of 107 feet; thence at right angles South a distance of 102 feet; thence at right angles West a distance of 107 feet to the point of beginning.	92.00021.00	\$1,278.41
Leslie G Stine 204 Maple St Trail MN 56684	Lot Three (3), Block Four (4), City of Trail according to the Official Plat thereof.	93.00059.00	\$1,234.02
Leslie G Stine 204 Maple St Trail MN 56684	Lot Four (4) and Lot Five (5), Block Four (4), City of Trail according to the Official Plat thereof.	93.00060.00	\$82.63
Leslie G Stine 204 Maple St Trail MN 56684	Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12), and the South Half (S1/2) of Lot Thirteen (13), Block Four (4), in the Village of Trail, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for the County of Polk and State of Minnesota.	93.00063.00	\$66.34

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Inquiries as to the proceedings set forth above can be made to the Director of Property Records for the County of Polk, whose address is set forth below.

Witness my hand an official seal this 4th Day of February 2025.


Samuel W Melbye
Polk County Auditor

Polk County Taxpayer Service Center
612 North Broadway, Suite 207
Crookston, MN 56716
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New MN Veterans homes celebrate first anniversary

After more than a decade of advocacy and planning and two years of construction, three new State Veterans Homes opened their doors one year ago.

Located in Bemidji, Montevideo and Preston, the three Homes continue to receive strong support from their local communities during this first year.

Dedication events were held in summer 2024 to celebrate the openings with hundreds of attendees taking tours and furthering their engagement with the Homes. Since then, the Homes’ Residents have

enjoyed an outpouring of community support through donations, volunteers, sponsored activities and special events.

“Living here has been a great experience. I’ve made some wonderful friends and built strong relationships with good buddies,” says Bill Homan, Montevideo Veterans Home first Resident and WWII-era Army Veteran. “The staff is top-notch, and their support has made a big difference.”

Eric Meittunen, MDVA Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Healthcare says it’s all about serving Minnesota Veterans and their families. “We work together in order to help one another and achieve our mission to serve those who have served, their families and our communities.”

“I moved here because I knew I would have something in common with everyone who lives here,” says Walt Hanson, Preston Veterans Home first Resident and Korean War-era Veteran. “I enjoy meeting new Veterans and playing 500 (Rummy) with my friends here.”

“My favorite place is the therapy gym,” Jim Larson exclaims. The Bemidji Veterans

Home Resident and Korean War and Vietnam War-era Air Force Veteran adds, “I love to go down and exercise. We listen to music in the gym and visit with other Veterans. It is just a wonderful place to live.”

The Bemidji home is built on a 15-acre site donated by

Sanford Health of Northern Minnesota, the Home reflects a Northwoods cabin setting and offers a variety of welcoming exterior views, including a well-appointed, fenced-in courtyard and garden.

To see the new Bemidji home, watch these video

tours on the MDVA website at mn.gov/mdva/homes/bemidji/virtualtour.jsp.



WEM updated
2nd quarter Honor Roll

**Updated list provided by Win-E-Mac school. Last weeks list was genreated before all grades were compiled.*

The following Win-E-Mac Junior High School and Senior High School students have attained either an “A” or “B” average in academic subjects for the second quarter of the 2024 – 2025 school year. Congratulations! To be eligible for the “A” Honor Roll, you need to have attained a 3.76 – 4.00 GPA (grade point average), and to be eligible for the “B” Honor Roll, you need to have attained a 3.00 – 3.75 GPA.

Seniors:
“A”
Clay Below
Ariana Dickinson
Josie Fortman
Mason Halstad
Calvin Hill
Livaeh Kiecker
Ericka Kramer
Shelby Long
Colten Mandt
Shelby Mandt
Kassidi Qualey
Evelyn Ryan
Brayden Sander
Abigail Sauer
Pamela Solis
Danielle Winter
“B”

Emelia Boianoff
Kaylee Dickinson
Hank Earls
Braylon Hamre
Bergen Howard
Julian Janisch
Samuel Lundy
Destiny Molstad
Mariah Overgaard

Juniors:
“A”
Paige Breitbach
Cody Johnson
Josie Johnson
Lauren Kaupang
Joy Neubert
Karlie Schow
Hudson Smeby
“B”

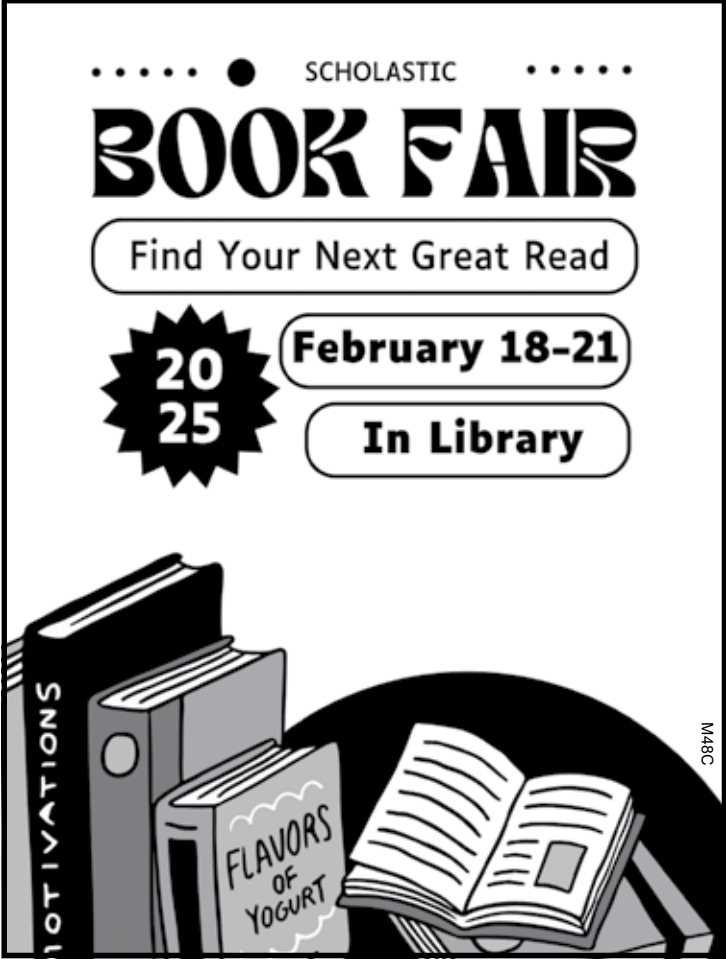
Daniel Boianoff
Cambell Brown
Jordyn Halstad
Riley Kochmann
Klaudia Kutsev
Marissa Mayer
Adrian Ryan
Hunter Westcott
Sophomores
“A”

Joe Courneya
Carter Fortman
Chloe Howard
Austin Johnson
Hayden Johnson
Austin Langseth
Kalli Roy
Nathaniel Spry
Jareth Walk
“B”

Ashton Anderson
Rian Bergh
Cora Earls
Macie Haskett
Caralina Janisch
Clara Kolden
Theodore Moritz
Kolten Schow
Lillian Shimpa
Alex Soteras
David Zarkoff
9th Grade:
“A”
Charles Carlson
Jayden Close
Lukas Gensburger

Adlaide Hickman
Malaina Jax
Stephen Kutsev
Ella Langemo
Owen Strom
Ella Subbert
“B”
Samantha Armeay
Andrew Austin
Haylee Beckett
Abraham Cheremnov
Addison Clow
Garett Davis
Axel Fuglseth
Cooper Gieseke
Gracey Gunderson
Callie Herriman
Cameron Holthusen
Eleanor Kaiser
Elsii Kiecker
Khloe Luckow
Adara Peterson
Nickolas Schow
Bella Senn
Krista Shimpa
Kale Smeby
Peyton Solie
8th Grade:
“A”
Bennett Bailey
Grady Breitbach
Emma Determan
Ana Kolden
Kinsley Kroshus
Megan McGlynn

Alexander Molina
Shelby Shimpa
Mya Strom
“B”
Stephanida Anufriev
Carsen Boyd
Stella Davis
Aria Doyle
Carson Fortman
Ethan Geray
Levi Halstad
Dakota Hedlund
Larissa Martusehv
Madelyn McKinney
Corbin Moran
Liam Schow
7th Grade:
“A”
LaShelle Johns
Ava Sharp
Sofia Zarkoff
“B”
Bailey Audette
Lynn Burd
Elizabeth Determan
Tavin Hewitt
Jaelyn Hillstad
Iris Howard
Karl Jax
Jorgen Johnson
Logan Johnson
Efrosia Kutsev
Sydney Overgaard
Clara Roed
Maxwell Rue



Win-E-Mac Snowfest started on Monday, February 3 with Pajama Day in the Elementary school. Here the kindergartners celebrated the day!



Interesting facts about George Washington

In terms of name recognition, few individuals in American history may stack up against George Washington. A statesman, Founding Father and, of course, the first president of the United States, Washington led an interesting life. As Americans prepare to celebrate Presidents' Day, they can ponder these interesting facts about the first man to hold the office of the president.

· **George Washington was something of an autodidact.** According to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, which is devoted to educating individuals about the life and legacy of America's first president, George Washington's formal schooling ended around the time modern students might be immersed in their sophomore year of high school. The death of his father in 1743, when Washington was just 11 years old, left little money to finance a formal education for young George. Despite that, Washington fed an intellectual curiosity throughout his life by reading.

· **George Washington could cut a rug.** The MVLA notes that various accounts indicate America's first president was not averse to dancing into the wee hours of the morning. Washington also was notably appreciative of the arts and attended the theater throughout his life.

· **George Washington did not wear wooden teeth.** The National Constitution Center notes that Washington's teeth were made from a combination of materials, including ivory, gold and human and animal teeth.

· **It might surprise modern students** of American politics who have grown accustomed to divisiveness, but George Washington was twice the country's unanimous choice

Those pictured below: Minnesota Senator Mark Johnson came to Win-E-Mac school to talk with Mr. Arel's 9th grade Civics classes on Friday, January 31. Students were able to take part in a fun project as well as ask questions of the Senator.

for president. The MVLA reports that the electors of all 10 eligible states chose Washington as president in 1789. In 1792, Washington received all 132 electoral votes.

· **George Washington bred American mules.** King Charles III of Spain gifted George Washington a donkey in November 1784. That gift was not out of the blue, as Washington had sought to acquire a donkey several times prior to receiving the

gift, which the MVLA notes arrived at Mount Vernon in 1785. Washington firmly believed mules could revolutionize American agriculture, and he sought a donkey so he could crossbreed it with his mares to produce mules.

These are just some of the notable and interesting facts about George Washington, a man who played a vital role in the establishment of the United States of America.



Megan McGlynn, who won the Win-E-Mac District Spelling Bee a few weeks ago participated in the Regional Spelling Bee on Wednesday, February 5. There were around 40 students from area schools competing in the Regional Bee. The day began with a written test with only the top 14 highest scores of that written test moving on to the oral round in the afternoon. Megan was in the top at number 11 and participated in the Regional Spelling Bee oral round.