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Grace Kaupang and Kallie Hand have some fun during Win-E-Mac's Basketball Camp last week at the school. All ages were welcome to join in the fun.



Ella Strom was one of many Win-E-Mac students who took part in the summer Basketball Camp held last week at the school.

Mac Community Club will meet July 7th

The McIntosh Community Club will meet at the Community Center on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. McIntosh Community Club is not limited to businesses anybody in the community can join. The Community Club is looking for ideas and inspiration for making McIntosh a great place to live. The Club currently is making plans for Fall Craft and Market Day in September and Santa Claus Day this December. The Community Club also sponsors the Citywide rummage sale and flea market day and does many beautification projects in the community. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to participate, please call Phil at 563-2865.

Mac Council approves permits as building goes on in City

The McIntosh City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the McIntosh Community Center. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Toby Strom and all members of the Council were present. There was a determination of Quorum, agenda additions were added and minutes were approved. Mark Dietz and Sarah Reese from Polk County Public Health were present to contract with the City for Leasing space in the basement of the Bjella building for Polk County Nursing, which currently had its offices across the street from the Bjella building. After review of the contract their council and Polk County Public Health agreed to accept a contract for lease for 3 years beginning on July 1, 2015. Polk County Public Health was also interested in some office space that Marial Harbor presently uses for storage. Marial Harbor has agreed to relinquish the space so that Polk County Public Health is able to use it as an office area. For doing this the council agreed to adjust the rent and the lease for Marial Harbor accordingly. Lisa Newton from East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District was present to show interest in the upstairs office at the Bjella Building which currently is vacant. They SWC currently uses the space as a break room and a meeting room, so should someone be interesting in renting the space, SWC would like to be considered first. After discussion of a sewer collapse for one of the current rehab loan holders in the city the council agreed to rewrite the loan due to the resident's history of making timely payments. The Council agreed to accept a donation from the Beito foundation for \$800 for McIntosh beautification projects. The money will be passed to the Community Club who recently planted and placed flower pots on the main street in McIntosh. The council accepted and agreed to the resignation of MacMaid by mutual termination of their contract on June 15, 2015. There was a discussion and approval of the change of several streets to avenues by the County. The streets that will change into avenues are, Mill Street, State Street, and Jackson Street. As these roads run north and south, typically they are considered avenues and the change will provide ease to emergency personnel in the future.

Fun facts about America

Did you know? The Fourth of July has been a federal holiday since 1941. Though that may seem like a long time for the country to wait to celebrate the independence it declared in 1776, the tradition of the Fourth of July, often referred to as Independence Day, dates back to the dawn of the American Revolution and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Since then, July 4th has been recognized as the dawn of American independence, and celebrations that included fireworks and parades can be traced back to the 18th century. On July 4, 1777, the city of Philadelphia, which would become the first capital of the United States of America, held the first annual commemoration of American independence, and exactly one year later George Washington ordered that all of his soldiers be offered double rations of rum to commemorate the anniversary. In 1781, Massachusetts was the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday, and the day was actually declared a federal holiday by the U.S. Congress in 1870. However, that declaration did not grant a paid holiday to federal employees. That benefit came in 1941, which is why that year is now recognized as the first year when the Fourth of July officially became a federal holiday.

There was an approval from all members of the Council to replace the microwave at the Community Center kitchen. The new microwave will be up to code and is part of the ongoing project to update the facility. The council discussed community projects and what projects should be priorities. They agreed that the updated to the Community Center kitchen for public use, paving and fixing the city streets that are in need of repair, updating the parks and playgrounds in the city and installing a basketball court for youth. Chris Thorson from Ulteig Engineering was present at the meeting and the last paving job, from the sewer and water upgrade project two years ago was discussed. There were building permits approved for Nick Schmit to build a shop on his property, John and Cindy Lecy to add a porch addition onto their home, and Lindsay Haaven to fence in her property. Staff and council reports were given, monthly bills were approved and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the McIntosh City Council will take place on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Community Center.



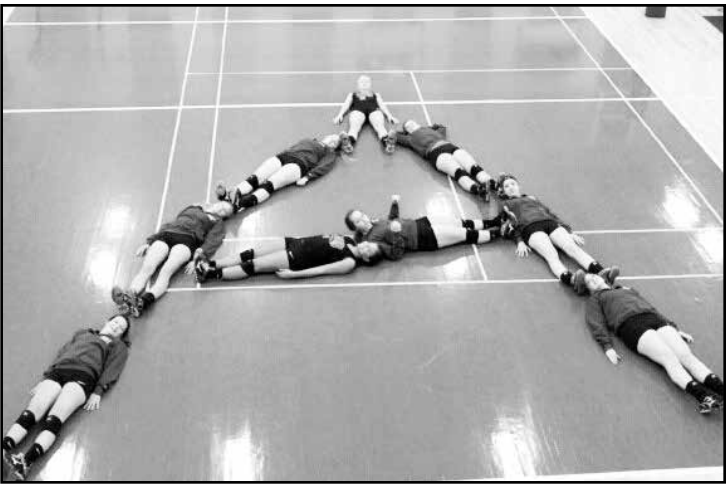
America's national anthem July 4, 2014 marks the 238th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Fireworks will illuminate the night sky, the rich smell of barbecue will be in the air, and the country will be awash in red, white and blue splendor. Chances are the swelling melody of "The Star Spangled Banner" will be broadcast over the radio and on various firework display telecasts. The national anthem is synonymous with the United States America, and its notes very well may be the patriotic glue that binds the country together. Although the lyrics and music of the song are widely known, many may be unfamiliar with the rich history behind the beloved tune. A poem is born America began its fight for independence from Great Britain in 1775, and the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776 to identify the 13 colonies that succeeded in winning their independence from Britain. However, the battles with Britain stretched on. Fights over territories kept disputes between the British Empire and the newly formed United States raging on, and it was during one such fight, and not during the Revolutionary War as some may think, that "The Star Spangled Banner" was written. The War of 1812 was declared by the United States to set right some of the issues that were not resolved after the Revolutionary War. Francis Scott Key was an American lawyer at the time of this war, negotiating for the release of an American hostage being held by the British. Although Key won the hostage's release, he was not able to leave the British fleet where the negotiations took place until the British completed their attack on Baltimore. Key witnessed the British fiery bombs on Ft. McHenry at Chesapeake Bay. Just before dawn on the morning of September 14, 1814, Key was said to have noticed a huge American flag still waving above Ft. McHenry in defiance to the British attack. This imagery helped inspire the words of a poem that eventually would become the national anthem. Key penned the poem on the back of a let-

Community Calendar

- Wed. July 1:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Thurs. July 2:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Bingo at The Club Bar & Grill 6:30pm
- Fri. July 3:** McIntosh City Clerks Office Closed; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. July 6:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Tues. July 7:** McIntosh City Clerks Office closed; McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 6:30pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Wed. July 8:** Polk County Fair Opens in Fertile; McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;
- Thurs. July 9:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Bingo at The Club Bar & Grill 6:30pm ; McIntosh City Council Meeting 5:30pm @ Community Center
- Fri. July 10:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. July 13:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Tues. July 14:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 6:30pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm; Serenity Seekers Al-Anon 7:00pm @ Kongo Church Library, Fosston



The 18's Northern Rebels volleyball team traveled to the Star of the North tournament in Rochester with one thing on their minds- Alayna. The team finished 2nd in their first pool and tied for 2nd in their second pool. They ended the tournament in Second place in their division. Congratulations girls, it was an impressive day. The team was missing their teammate Alayna Espeseth, who had surgery on Friday. Thank you girls for showing why team (and our community) is so important and for being there for each other, and for Alayna. Sports teach so many wonderful things, including there are more important things than trophies and medals. Thank you ladies for being such positive inspirational young adults. Beat it Alayna!!! Pictured back row: Indiana Nornes, Olivia Simonson, Kelsey Knutson, Tyra Wilson, Shayley Espeseth and Coach Kaster. Front row: Kali Olson, Jessica Kasprzak, Maci Hamre, Breanna Carrol and Manager Kasia Wilson.



ter he held in his pocket. After the battle was over and Key was released, he completed the poem at the Indian Queen Hotel, where he was staying. The poem was titled, "Defense of Fort M'Henry." The poem was put to music to fit the popular melody "The Anacreonic Song" by English composer John Stafford Smith. Key's brother-in-law, Judge Joseph H. Nicholson, anonymously made the first printing of the lyrics to the melody, and the song was printed in two newspapers. The song quickly became popular, and soon after, Thomas Carr of the Carr Music Store in Baltimore, Maryland published the words and music under a new title, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"The Star-Spangled Banner" takes off "The Star-Spangled Banner" became one of the nation's most beloved patriotic songs in the 19th century. According to Smithsonian, the song gained special significance during the Civil War, a time when many Americans turned to music to express their feelings for the flag and the ideals and values it represented.

Norton earns diploma at BlueSky Online School

BlueSky Online School (BlueSky) congratulates Madisyn Norton on attaining a high school diploma and making the "B" honor roll.

"Madisyn is one of 63 students who graduated this semester, preparing her with an essential education for future successes," said Amy Larsen, executive director at BlueSky.

BlueSky's tailored programs help each student find a path for success throughout his or her education. Students, parents and staff work together to design a program that works best for each student's learning style, skill level and credit requirements.

With a team of three professionals for every student, BlueSky brings a personal touch to online education. Support teams consist of an advisor, a counselor and a social worker, giving students the one-on-one attention they need for long-term success and graduation.

Educators are seeing a growing trend in online education due to the flexibility of taking courses at students' convenience and the variety of courses offered for 7-12 grade students and postsecondary enrollment options.

About BlueSky Online School

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line learning options for a wide range of students throughout Minnesota. BlueSky's unique personal approach to online learning is unmatched by other online schools. Contact the school at 651-642-0888, or visit www.blueskyschool.org.



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nies and celebrations. By the 20th century, President Woodrow Wilson wanted to establish a standard version, so he tasked the United States Bureau of Education to provide an official version.

In response, the Bureau of Education enlisted the help of five musicians, including Walter Damrosch, Will Earhart, Arnold J. Gantvoort, Oscar Sonneck and John Philip Sousa, to agree on an arrangement. This new standardized version was first played on December 5, 1917, at Carnegie Hall.

It wasn't until March 3, 1931, that "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the official national anthem of the United States when President Herbert Hoover signed this designation into law. This Fourth of July, people may be struck by the magnificence of the fireworks or the enjoyment of the parades.

But as the music swells, they also can think about the significance of the events that inspired the creation of the country's national anthem

NOTICE
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING
VERNES CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION

The annual election and meeting of the Vernes Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, July 6, 2015 at the Vernes Lutheran Church. The meeting shall start at 7:00 p.m. and all association members are invited to attend. Association members are all members of Vernes Lutheran Church and anyone else who has relatives or friends buried in the cemetery. Again, all members are encouraged to attend.

Gordon Syverson
Secretary/Treasurer
Vernes Cemetery
Association

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I would like to thank the Winger fire department for the Savage .17hmr rifle I won during the fireman's ball gun raffle. In addition, thank you for volunteering your time to ensure safety in Winger and the surrounding communities.

Philip Lee, McIntosh M14C

Alzheimer's support group to meet

The Minnesota/North Dakota Alzheimer's Association Alzheimer's support group will meet Tuesday, July 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in meeting room two at RiverView Health, Crookston.

Ashley Eckert, PhD, pharmacist at RiverView will speak about the different medications available for people with dementia/alzheimer's.

For easiest access, park in the north parking lot and enter through the north RiverView Clinic entrance near the meeting rooms.

The support group can be made up of care partners, family members and loved ones of those with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

The meetings focus on emotional support, sharing experiences and exchanging information specific to dementia.

The group facilitator will be Carole Larson, RN and Alzheimer's advocate.

Anyone with questions can call Larson at 218-280-5162.

Christian Fellowship tent at the fair

The Christian Fellowship Tent that has been a place of relaxing, inspiration and fellowship going on 43 years and has again put together a full program of gospel music for the Polk County Fair in Fertile from July 8 to July 12, 2015.

The program begins on Wednesday night July 8th at 7:00 pm. Programs will continue Thursday and Friday evenings and continue on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings.

The Gloryland Gospel Team of Gully, who have for 41 years been a part of our program will sing and play, provide all the necessary sound equipment and MC the program.

Without their commitment to the ministry it could not go on.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

The McIntosh Times Office Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon

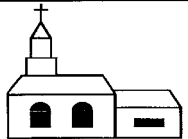
Friday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Call or fax: (218) 563-3585

Ad deadline is Noon on Friday prior to publication



Church News



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fosston

Fr. Johnmelike

Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. July 1: 3:30pm Holy Mass at First Care Nursing Home, Fosston

Fri. July 3: 5:30pm Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley (First Friday)

Sat. July 4: 8:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:00am Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. July 5: 8:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Tues. July 7: 2:00pm Holy Mass at Good Samaritan, Clearbrook

Wed. July 8: 1:00pm Holy Mass at McIntosh Senior Living

Fri. July 10: 11:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

If you have any questions about the schedule please call 435-6484.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou

Interm Pastor

Melody Kirkpatrick

Sun. July 5: 10:30am Worship at Calvary

Sun. July 12: 10:30am Worship at Calvary

No worship service during the month of July at Immanuel

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh

Interm Pastor

Melody Kirkpatrick

Sun. July 5: 9:00am Worship Service

Sun. July 12: 9:00am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. July 1: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Fri. July 3: 10:00am Telecast of the Luther League program on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Sat. July 4: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. July 5: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 10:45am Worship Service

Tues. July 7: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. July 8: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

For information on free rides to any of the above activities call 218-268-4242 or 218-687-3461 Gosen Church is located 4 miles south of the junctions of HWY 2 & 59 or 4 miles north of Winger; then ½ mile east on County Road 206.

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Paul Magelson

Sun. July 5: 8am Worship

Sun. July 12: 8am Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. Mark Peske, Pastor

Sun. July 5: 9:30am Worship Service

Sun. July 12: 9:30am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion

Service Broadcast, TV Channel 12 Wednesdays at 10am - Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

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FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. July 1: 7:00pm Inter-Denominational Bible Study on Beth Moore's Revelation Study. Everyone Welcome!

Sun. July 5: 9:30am Worship Service

Wed. July 8: 7:00pm Inter-Denominational Bible Study on Beth Moore's Revelation Study. Everyone Welcome!

Sun. July 12: 9:30am Worship Service

MCINTOSH AFLC

McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Trinity:

Wed. July 1: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. July 5: 11:00am Worship Service

Wed. July 8: 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. July 12: 11:00am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

Sun. July 5: 9:30am Worship Service

Sun. July 12: 9:30am Worship Service

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gordon Olson,

Lay Pastor

Sun. July 19: 10:30am

Please join us for Salem Lutheran Church's last service. Catered meal to follow. Please contact Arlene at 563-2085 or Janis at 563-2745 if you will be staying for the meal.

Celebrate our Independence on the 4th of July

Before there were fireworks and picnics, there were 56 courageous men who declared that the 13 Colonies were considering themselves sovereign states, free from the rule of the British Empire. Please come and start your 4th of July holiday by hearing the Declaration of Independence being read aloud, so you and your family can truly appreciate what we are celebrating!

Where: Dan & Darlene (Johnson) Dierkes farm: At the north end of McIntosh, turn east on Co Rd 30 for 1 mile; north on 285th for 1 mile, and east on 350th for 1/3 mile (Fire #28891).

When: Saturday, July 4th, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Bring: Lawn chair and a mug of coffee. Doughnuts and bars (and bug spray!) will be provided. We will be hosting it, rain or shine; bring rain gear if needed

MAC TO FLUSH WATERLINES

The City of McIntosh will be flushing waterlines and hydrants each Thursday throughout the summer.

Residents are encouraged to watch for rusty or dirty water on these days. Fill washing machines to check water before adding clothes.

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Story to Share?

If you have a story or photos you want to share, please send to: mcintoshtimes@gmail.com

Please contact the McIntosh Times if you move or have a change in your address so we can keep the paper coming to your home on time.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. July 1: Carla Grundyson

Thurs. July 2: Hudson Smeby, Nickolas Schow, *Dan & Mary Salvhus, *Paul & Julie Schow

Sat. July 4: Josh Bartz, Sandy Sultvedt

Sun. July 5: Ronald Roed

Mon. July 6: Ella Strom, Timothy Perreault

Tues. July 7: John Strom

The McIntosh Heritage and Arts Center Tree Art Project is a great re-use art piece on the north side of the McIntosh School. It is a work in progress and stuff will be added all the time, so make sure you stop and take a look at it from time to time. If you have anything you would like to suggest or donate let a MHAC member know.

Bird House by Laurie & Bob Bursheim and Wheels from Donna Larson.



Congratulations to Curt Pawlitschek for being chosen "Yard of the Week". If you would like to nominate somebody for "Yard of the Week", stop into the McIntosh City Clerk's office for a form or email mcintoshtimes@gmail.com.

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings again from Winger and the Union Lake areas. Once again our weather has been a bit unsettled, seems like we seem to get a rain shower every day and some areas have gotten more than other areas. Past couple days have been very summery, hot and sticky and of course for anyone being outside in the evening the mosquitoes are horrible.

By this time next week we will have closed out the month of June and will be into July with next Saturday being July 4th which will find many of our area towns will be having celebrations.

Not much news again this week but on to it.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were visitors at the Pioneer Home last Thursday with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Carson Benesh visited with Fern and Milton Carlson at the Carlson home last Wednesday the 17th.

Last Saturday afternoon Lucy Brtek attended a bridal shower for Kjerstie Haugen in Fertile.

Terry Johnson and Sharon Griffiths of Newport house guests last week end at the Pulskamp home. Kelly Johnson was a visitor also during the week end to visit with the family.

Judy Gieseke was a dinner guest at the Fern and Milton Carlson home last Friday.

Last Saturday Mark and Betty Syverson were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home.

Mike, Kari, Oliviayah and Terry Keller hosted brunch last Sunday in observance of Father's Day at the Keller home, guests included Fern and Milton Carlson, Roy, Lisa and Ryan Schaumburg and Lonnie and Judy Gieseke.

Elroy Maygra and Pearl Locke of Red Lake Falls were last Sunday afternoon visitors at the Pulskamp home.

Paul Carlson visited Father's Day afternoon at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Last Saturday evening Lucy Brtek met Michelle and Greg Gagner, Kyle and Samantha O'Bierne and Sean and Lexi of Bemidji in Mentor at Rhombus Pizza. Rhombus was a very busy place that evening so they took their pizza to the school park and picniced. Dilly bars from the Dairy Queen topped off their meal. While there the

kids enjoyed playing on the playground.

Donna Carlson visited on Monday evening after work at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

May you all have a safe and Happy July 4th.

From the Manor:

Bun checked his mail on Monday and got a letter back that he had sent to Niki and Evan Massmann in Texas on Dec. 4 2014. They must have delivered it and sent back by Pony Express.

Bruce came out to the manor on Monday afternoon and fixed the sliding glass door as well as he could. He took his sweet time getting out there but the price was right. Free! Bun thanks you Bruce.

Kristin Sonstlie attended a gender revealing party in Badger for some friends. Those of you who don't know what the party is about, the answer will be revealed next week.

Harlan got Bun's pontoon running just in time for the weekend when company is coming. What a fiasco that was on everybody involved.

Andy and Linda came up for a couple of days to spend with Bun. Tommy, Jessica, their children Arieanna and Blake came up also. Megan Reed came with Laura Kotsmith and her children Anna, Claria, Eli and Estell. Megan's husband Adam had to play cop and Laura's husband Craig had to stay back and lay brick for the new house they are building. The kids had a great time fishing, swimming and boating.

Friday evening. Bun, Megan and Jessica left the lake and headed into Winger to listen to Johnny Holm's and his band on the street. There was a nice crowd present and nobody got into any hassles with anybody. Lorri Massmann was having a fun time celebrating her 55th birthday. Just like Mary Beth she is now available for 55 alive and the Denny's senior meals. Lucky girl!

Bun spotted Libby, Brian, Tony, Dave Espeseth and his son Jake at the dance. They were home to go over some of Joey's belongings. They plan on having a sale later on sometime.

Saturday. Judy and Lloyd Schulz along with their friend

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Regional Ag News

Jim Stordahl,
Extension Educator

Pine Bark Beetles

Each summer, we get numerous calls regarding ailing yard trees. Over the past couple of years, we are seeing an increase of problems on pine trees, especially red (Norway) pines. The most common concern is a loss of vigor coupled with orange/brown needles - or dead branches - on the top of the tree. In some cases, trees have been lost while others seem to struggle in a state of decline.

Trees are slow to respond to stress. Any significant stressor, such as nearby soil disturbance, drought or insect damage, typically shows up 3-5 years later after the event. Often, whatever caused the damage can be easily forgotten. When I'm called out to check an ailing yard tree, I'll ask about recent soil disturbance. "Have you dug in new water or sewer line? Have you added on the house? Have you added top soil around the trees?" About half the time, the response is, "No, we have not done any.... Oh, wait; we did dig in a new waterline right past that tree three years ago." If the stressor is not man-made, then it's typically related to weather.

Despite our recent rain, we recently experienced severe drought, the most severe occurring in 2012 and 2013. Pines are common to areas with sandy soils, so when it gets dry, their root systems are left high and dry putting them under significant stress. With the drought stress, red pines became vulnerable to insects that took advantage of their weakened state. Pine bark beetles attacked the upper crowns of many of these pines.

The most common symptom is discolored needles on branches on the top half of the tree. Pine bark beetle activity begins in the upper crown and

progressively moves down the stem. Exit holes are created as the new generation of bark beetles chews its way out of the bark, and when severe, look like holes from a shotgun blast. This is positive evidence that bark beetles are active and could threaten nearby pines.

So what can you do with yard trees that may be affected?

The best, cheapest, and most practical thing to do is to water the pine trees. Keep the trees well-watered by providing at least 1-inch of water per week for the growing season. If nature doesn't supply it, use the garden hose. The top 8 to 12 inches of soil should be kept evenly moist around trees during periods of drought, at least as far as the branches spread (drip line).

Avoid using a sprinkler; this just waters the grass and, although you think you're watering the tree, you're not. It's easiest to position the hose near or inside the tree's drip line and let it run for an hour or more, move it slightly, and let it run. Continue doing this until you've watered most of the areas around your trees. Then repeat this next week if you don't receive an inch of rain. If you have many trees to keep watered, a large-diameter soaker hose may be more practical.

Mulching around the tree will also help to keep soil moisture high. Use needles, bark, wood chips, or other organic materials in a layer about 2 to 4 inches thick. Never place plastic under the mulch because this does not allow rain or irrigation water to get into the soil and root system.

Do not fertilize until the drought and bark beetle outbreak is over. A water shortage triggered the bark beetle outbreak, not a shortage of chemi-

FSA Issues Important Program Reminders

By Mike Philipp, CED, Red Lake and East Polk County FSA Offices

Acreage Report Deadline Approaches: Farmers and CRP participants are reminded that the deadline to report and certify their 2015 acres is July 15, which is fast approaching. Producers who have not been into the FSA office yet should call for an appointment as soon as possible, preferably a couple days in advance. Planting dates will again be needed, and there are other special rules for prevent plant acreage when applicable. Once completed producers will be offered a copy of their certification and maps for their own records or to bring to their crop insurance agent.

Farm Program Enrollment (step 3): Most producers are surprised to learn that there is still one more step in the farm-program sign up process, which is to actually enroll the farm (for both 2014 and 2015) and tell FSA who has a share of the crops on the farm. In some cases there might be a different operator in each of the two years. The enrollment process just got underway and the software still has some bugs, so we're asking producers to focus on getting things certified and they'll have to come back one last time between July 15 and September 30 (the deadline). Producers who are farming ground that came out of CRP last fall (Sept 30th, 2014) may soon be getting crop acreage bases back on that land, if there was any, and will soon have an opportunity to sign those bases into the 2015 ARC-PLC program. If you're in that boat you may want to ask FSA about that land, otherwise we will be contacting those who are affected if we know who the new operator is.

County Committee Elections: Every eligible agricultural producer should participate in Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees elections - - whether you are a beginning or longtime producer, or whether you have a large or small operation - - because FSA county committees are your link with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Farmers and ranchers who are elected to serve on FSA county committees apply their judgment and knowledge to help with the decisions necessary to administer FSA programs in their counties, ensuring the

needs of local producers are met. FSA county committees operate within official federal regulations so that local input is provided on federal programs such as loans and program payments (including setting county average yields), conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, Emergency programs, and payment eligibility determinations.

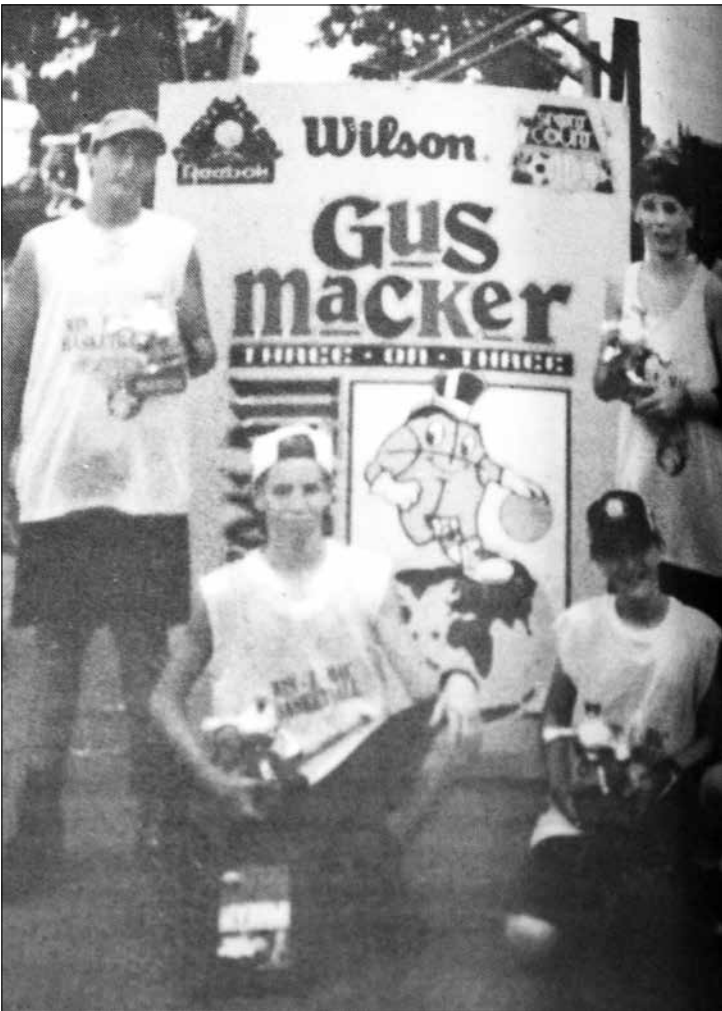
Each year FSA County Committee (COC) elections are held in one of the three Local Administrative Area's (LAA's) in each county, and this year in Red Lake County the election will be in LAA One (LAA-1), which is the western one-third of the county and contains the townships of Wylie, Browns Creek, Louisville, Red Lake Falls and Lake Pleasant. LAA-1 is currently served by COC member Duane Knott who lives and farms near Red Lake Falls and is eligible to run for re-election. In East Polk County this year's election will be held in LAA-2 which includes the middle townships of Lessor, King, Knute, Winger, Sletten, Rosebud, and Columbia. This area is currently served by McIntosh farmer David Kiecker who is also eligible for re-election.

The election process begins with the nomination period, which began June 16 and runs through August 16. Within that time period any eligible voter from the respective LAA who is interested in running for the COC position or would like their name placed on the fall ballot, or anybody who would like to nominate somebody else (we need their concurrence) should contact their FSA office to request form FSA-669A which must be completed no later than the August 16 deadline.

FSA places increased emphasis on candidates who are beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged, or otherwise under-represented farmers and ranchers. The nomination period is now open through August 1, and anybody who is interested in possibly being a candidate or serving on the County FSA Committee from any of the above townships, should contact Mike Philipp, CED, for more information.



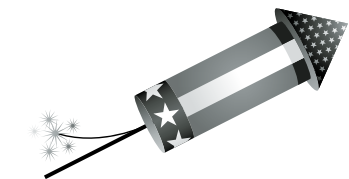
30 years ago...1985: John and Sue Berg, left, turn over the keys to Gerald and Marlyss Borud, new owners of the B-B Lunch.



20 years ago...1995: Brady Langemo and Ryan Voxland of McIntosh and Scott Brumwell and Steven Bradley of Erskine captured top honors in the Gus Macker Basketball tournaments.



10 years ago...2005: Members of the Grace Lutheran Church Relay for Life team raised over \$6,000 in donations for the American Cancer Society during their recent fund raiser. Team members included: Paulette Moe, Arlene Dorr, Celeste Morris, Lori Oian, Carrie and David Jensen, Paul and Lynette Kaster, Nancy and LeAnn Johnson, Bernice McKeever, Betty Herdliska, Jenelle Faldet, Ann Johnson and Nancy Jensen.



Winger Lions

Raffle Ticket Winners

\$200 winner: Wes Torgri-

son, Evansville, MN

\$100 winner: Curt Bartz,

McIntosh, MN

\$50 winner: Darrin Faldet,

Erskine, MN

\$25 winner: Vicki Thune,

Lakeville MN

\$25 winner: Chris Wang,

Gillete WY who donated the prize money back to the club.

Congratulations to all the winners!!

Recipe Corner

It is almost the weekend, and this weekend we celebrate our Nation's birthday on the 4th of July. Here is a quick, fun recipe to give a try for a picnic or the weekend at the lake. You can make it in a snap and be back outside enjoying the great weather before you know it!

Happy 4th of July!
Red, White & Blue Fruit Salad

This easy fruit salad is the perfect thing to take to a 4th of July BBQ. You can mix apples, blueberries and

raspberries (or strawberries instead of the raspberries). Then add a little of the Secret ingredient fruit salad sauce and your fruit will not turn brown all day long!

Secret Ingredient Fruit Salad Sauce

1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup lime juice (fresh is best)
2 TB sugar
2 TSP poppy seeds
dash of Tabasco (surprise!)

Combine all ingredients in a tightly covered jar. Shake well. Pour over prepared fruit.

The ingredients for the dressing sound weird, but trust me, it's so good!!!

Random Things and Stuff



Day Trips in MN

By: Emily L. Ferden

Did you know that there are so many amazing places to explore just in Minnesota? Minnesota has many diversities in its geography, which makes it even better for its residents to have a wide variety of things to do. Here are some ideas for fun summer day trips that you and your family can do right here in Minnesota:

1. Taylor Falls: Not far from the cities, and it has plenty of things to do. Take a hike at Interstate State Park and learn about the glacial potholes; you can take a scenic paddleboat tour along the St. Croix River with Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours; Or you could head over to Wild Mountain for some waterpark action or to rent canoes or kayaks to explore the river on your own. Stop for lunch at The Drive In before taking a stroll through Taylors Falls' historic Angel District, which also has the oldest schoolhouse in Minnesota. On the way out of Taylors Falls, take a slight detour into Franconia for the Franconia Sculpture Park (found on <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com>).

2. Wabasha: A beautiful, historic river town with an easily navigable downtown and plenty of fun things to do. The National Eagle Center has live eagle programs three times daily, and a kid's fishing program Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6/18-8/28. If you've got kids interested in olden days, a stop at the Castle Rock Museum is in order, so they can see the collection of historic European arms and armor up close. In Wabasha's downtown, 50 buildings have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, making it a great walking tour. Finally, stop by nearby Kellogg on the way out for a visit to Lark Toys to check out the vintage toy exhibits, play some mini golf, and shop for toys and candy (found on <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com>).

3. New Ulm: You may not expect to see Schell's Brewery on the list, but it's a kid-friendly stop—not only do they brew beer, they brew root beer, too. The latter allowed them to keep the brewery open during

Prohibition. Take the brewery tour, visit the gardens behind the brewery, and refresh yourself with nice cold root beer. Then visit downtown New Ulm to check out the Glockenspiel (with daily performances at noon, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.), as well as the Heritage Tree: a tree created to exhibit New Ulm's German heritage and history. If your kids are fans of the book "Millions of Cats," take them to see the author's home at the Wanda Gag House (open Saturdays and Sundays only). Just outside of New Ulm is the Harkin General Store, an actual 1870s general store (found on <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com>).

4. Check out the local State Parks and Wildlife Refuges: Take the day to go out and bike ride along the paths or hike the trails of these parks. If you choose to go to Itasca State Park, you can even walk across the Mississippi River. These day trips are a good way to get some good exercise as well as view the beautiful nature here in Minnesota.

5. Visit one of the 10,000 lakes or rivers: With so many lakes and rivers, of course there is a lot of opportunity for water activities. Whether it is fishing, a relaxing pontoon ride, kayaking, canoeing, jet skiing, or paddle boating, you can do all of these in the waters of Minnesota.

Here are just five ideas that you and your family can do as a day trip this summer. There are so many more things you and your family can do and some not far from your home. Keep your eyes and mind open, and little adventures are sure to come!

Winger News...

Continued from page 3... Karen Johnson from Moorhead stopped by the manor for a visit and a pontoon ride.

Other visitors were Laura's sister-in law Kelly and her husband Tom and children Tommy and Abbey Gehrz who came from Grand Forks.

The manor crew all went to Winger to attend the Lion's 31st annual fish fry. The Lions estimated that around 300 people came for the event.

Bun spotted his buddy Bert there but his girl Joyce was a no show. Where were you Joyce?

Dr. Dougie came to the manor on Sunday to spend some time with his uncle. Chris Wang from Wyoming came out to the manor with the Winger mayor for an afternoon lake day.



The 2015 Win-E-Mac Legion baseball team. Bottom row- Blake Glass, Chase Svalen, Alec Kiecker, Zac Tradewell, Devin Faldet, Emelian Kaya Back row- Coach Lee Tradewell, Hunter Chaput, Travis Kaster, Zach Plante, Jake Knutson, Austin Tadman, Kolton Stuhau Not pictured- Jake Walker, Matt Thompson, Hunter Plante, Micah Olson, Noah Klinkhammer, Coach Travis Plante

The County Line
By Warren Strandell
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"Without them, it is not likely that it would have happened."

That's how Polk County Environmental Services Director Jon Steiner describes the work of District 1 State Sen. Leroy Stumpf, D-Plummer, and District 1-B State Rep. Deb Kiel, R-Crookston in providing \$8 million of funding in the state Bonding Bill for the first phase of a \$25 million Regional Solid Waste Expansion Project.

As chair of the Senate Capital Investment Committee, Sen. Stumpf was the chief author of the bill in the Senate. Rep. Kiel authored the bill in the House. Both legislators worked extensively behind the scenes to make funding become a reality.

About the project:

The project involves the expansion and improvement of the solid waste infrastructure in the region, much of it in Polk County. Of the total investment, the State of Minnesota

is to provide \$8 million for the first phase of work and another \$7 million in 2016 for the second phase. Each County will be required to provide the required matching funds for the portion of the project in their county, referred to as the "local share." Polk County will bond for the "local share" of its portion of the Phase I project, with that debt to be paid off by tipping fees collected from the six partner counties and from the sale of items that are separated out from the waste stream for recycling.

Partner project

The regional partners are Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Mahanomen, Norman and Polk counties. The project will include:

- Expansion of the tip floor at the Resource Recovery Facility (incinerator) in Fosston;
- New equipment to process recyclables and remove more recyclables from the waste stream at the Fosston facility;
- A new natural gas auxiliary boiler at the Fosston facility;
- A compost pad at the Polk County Landfill at Gentilly;
- Waste and compost processing equipment at the landfill;
- A new transfer station at Park Rapids;
- A new transfer station at Bemidji;
- Modifications to the transfer station at Crookston.

About the work of Sen. Stumpf:

"Leroy," Steiner says, "and his staff walked us through the process from the start. He always made sure that we were aware of what was going on and kept us in the loop in each step of the way. When we weren't successful in the bonding bill a year ago and things were looking questionable this year, he asked us if we could the break the project into two phases. That, he said, that would make it a little easier

for him to get some funding in the bill this year with the rest of the funding to come in 2016.

"He was very knowledgeable about our project and was able to address all concerns that were brought up by other legislators. His support continued right on into the special session when he answered questions right on the floor. It was extremely helpful to have someone speaking for you who was involved in the crafting the bonding bill."

About the involvement of Rep. Kiel:

"Deb was the author of our bill in the House in 2014 and again in 2015. In the session this year she was able to arrange for us to have a hearing in front of the House Capital Investment Committee. That was key. Not many informational hearings on capital investment projects were allowed in the house, which didn't put forward a bonding bill until the very end of the regular session. That was well after the deadline for new bills and too late for any testimony. Without that hearing, there would have been no opportunity for us to provide the testimony that would give our project a presence or any visibility to what we were attempting to accomplish.

"During the informational hearing arranged by Deb, legislators were able to ask questions of us. Both Polk and Beltrami counties were able to testify on behalf of the group. I think our message was well received by the committee and certainly by the chair of the House Capital Investment Committee (Rep. Paul Torkelson, R-Hanska).

"You really need the support of the committee chair because of the questions and concerns that pop up. Had Rep. Torkelson not allowed Deb to have our project heard in that informational meeting, I don't

know that he would have been able to answer the questions that came up when they were doing the bonding bill during the special session. Deb spearheaded that effort for us and saw it through."

All area legislators were supportive of the project, Steiner notes. To that end we would like to acknowledge and thank Sen. Stumpf; Rep. Kiel; Rep. Torkelson; Sen. Kent Eken, D-Twin Valley; Sen. Rod Skoe, D-Clearbrook; Rep. Dan Fabian, R-Roseau; Rep. Steve Green, R-Fosston; Rep. Dave Hancock, R-Bemidji; Rep. Paul Marquart, D-Dilworth, Rep. John Persell, D-Bemidji; Sen. Tom Saxhaug, D-Grand Rapids.

The neat thing about this list of legislators is that support for the project was bipartisan. There was support by all area legislators for a regional project that makes a lot of sense for the handling of solid waste going forward for many years.

Note: While he is quick to credit others for the support and work that made the funding piece of the pie happen, there never would have been a project without Steiner's insightful vision, planning and extensive work with state agencies over several years that put everything together for legislative action. Very well done, Jon!

Thoughts for the day:

Life is not about how fast you run or about how high you climb, but about how well you bounce. — Wisdom from the Seat of an Old Tractor

The shadows will always be behind you if you walk into the light. — Royce

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Northern Rebels 16's team participated in 3 tournaments. All three tournaments the team worked hard and represented Win-E-Mac well. In the Bagley tournament the team finished in first place. Pictured front row: Kylie Brekke, Kendra Thompson, Kylie Stuhau, and Kail Olson, back row: Sydney Tadman, Mariah McKeever, Tyra Wilson, Savannah Nelson and Coach Shelby Kaster



Jessica Kasprzak practiced shooting baskets with a group of kids during the Win-E-Mac Basketball Camp held at the school last week.



Reasons to Celebrate

Build a Scarecrow Day

Build a Scarecrow Day is the first Sunday in July, this year that is July 5th.

A scarecrow will help to keep birds out of your garden... we hope.

You would think that this day should have been held in the fall. Logic is that Scarecrows are a big hit in decorating during the fall, and are associated with harvest scenes. But, there is error in that logic.....

Scarecrows are built to stand out in the garden to scare crows and other birds away. The crops are out growing in the field during the summer months.

So, if you're going to build a scarecrow for your garden, the time is now. Hence, a July date.

Sometimes the scarecrow does his job quite effectively. The birds think someone is in the garden, and they stay away.

Other times, they know better. How can you tell that a bird is not scared by a scarecrow?

When you see a bird resting

upon a scarecrow, you can be pretty certain that the bird has not been fooled.



Making a scarecrow is a fun thing to do and is a great project for bored kids and can be very important in protecting your vegetable garden. There are no right or wrong ways to make a scarecrow but the possibilities are endless to make your own keeper of the veggie patch.

Materials

- 1 x 160cm length of dowel for the arms
- 2 x 130cm lengths of dowel for legs
- wire
- old pillowcase for the head
- fabric paint
- straw for stuffing
- some old clothes, shoes, hat and gloves
- 7 foot garden stake

The Body

Measure and mark the half way point on the longer piece of dowel. Place the tips of the two shorter bits of dowel in an X shape over the halfway point. Leave at least 15cm at

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the top of the X as this will form the neck and head. Drill a hole through each of the pieces where the X intersects. Put the shirt and jacket on the longer longer dowel then wire all the pieces up.

The Head

Take an old pillow case and stuff with hoppy fill or plastic bags and seal with a rubber band. Decorate the face with some buttons for eyes and hessian for eyebrows and nose. You can also use fabric paint to make your scarecrow as realistic as possible.

Assemble

Find a good spot in your garden for your scarecrow to live and hammer your garden stake into the ground. Put your scarecrow in position by slipping the stake under his jacket. Put on the head by inserting the top bits of dowel into the rubber banded head. Tie on some extra rope so he doesn't lose his head on an extra windy day. Put on his pants and button his shirt and stuff the scarecrow with straw. Tie up the wrists and ankles so the stuffing doesn't come out. Put on his shoes gloves and hat and your scarecrow is ready to protect your vegetable garden from birds trying to get a free feed.