



Logan Johnson has fun with the giant game of Ker-Plunk at the McIntosh Library Summer Reading Program kick-off last Monday, June 6th.

“Read for the Win” this summer at the Mac Library

McIntosh Library is celebrating summer with the annual Summer Reading Program for youth ages 0-18. This free program will encourage youth to “Read for the Win” during the summer months, by inviting them to track their reading progress to earn prizes and to attend free events at the library.

Help your child enhance or retain their reading skills this summer by participating in the Summer Reading Program.

Visit the library to sign up, pick up a reading log and get a preview of the fun events that will be held this summer.

The Summer will start on Wednesday, June 15th at 11:00 am, with “Leapfrog for

the Win!” with Itasca State Park. Come jump, leap, and frog around with a park naturalist from Itasca State Park. Explore the amazing amphibian, the frog. Learn how reading and learning about this critter can help us score a win for these animals.

On Monday, June 20th at 10:30 am, The Agassiz Environmental Learning Center will join young and old alike to discover what it means to speak for the trees. Kids will become part of the story, The Lorax and after the story, there will be an opportunity to create a “seed bomb” to plant at home.

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Each year, for the past 4 years, Janice and Garnet Aanenson have hosted the Ordell Aanenson Memorial Bike Ride. Riders gather at The Club Bar & Grill and take a near 150 mile ride to honor Ordell and raise money for the Aanenson Family Foundation.



Carey and Elaine Burslie get ready to ride during the Ordell Aanenson Memorial Ride last Saturday. The ride starts and ends in McIntosh.



Honoring Ordell Aanenson, these bikers gathered at the Club Bar & Grill on Saturday, June 11th for a 150 mile bike ride to raise money for the Aanenson Family Foundation, which donated money to charitable organizations.

Bears, oh my!

Late Monday, the McIntosh Times received a phone call about a bear on the South side of town. Indeed, upon investigation, there was a bear in town.

Then, there was another sighting north of town, and another about half way between Fosston and McIntosh on Highway 2. They all of a sudden seemed to be everywhere.

Well, upon talking with Emily Hutchins, a Certified Wildlife Biologist® and the Assistant Area Wildlife Manager in the Crookston Office of the DNR, there have been many more bear in the area over the recent years.

The reasoning, we reside in the area where the forest and the fields meet, there is a lot of what a bear likes to eat around here and it is fairly easy to get to, and there is still fairly good cover for bears to live in.

Here is some more information she gave me about bears:

A symbol of our northern forest lands black bears can live successfully in close proximity to people. Conflicts between bears and people can arise when bears, usually seeking food, cause damage. However, people can learn to prevent most of this from occurring. A bear will take advantage of any food source available and will attempt to eat anything that looks, smells or tastes like food. When natural foods such as berries, nuts, bugs, tender vegetation and meat are scarce,

bears will search for something to eat.

This is usually when bears most often come in contact with people. When bears find a source of food, they will usually return to it regularly.

Bears are attracted to homes by garbage and bird feeders. Pet food, charcoal grills, fruit trees and gardens may also attract bears. Once a bear finds food around your home, it will likely return. Never feed bears, they will associate people with food and may become a problem.

To minimize bear problems on your property, reduce garbage odors by rinsing food cans and wrappers before disposal; keep meat scraps in your freezer until garbage pick-up day; wash out your garbage cans regularly and use lime to cut odor; keep pet food inside; remove bird feeders in the spring; barking dogs, bright lights and noisemakers will sometimes discourage bears from coming into an area.

If a bear comes into your yard, do not approach it. Most bears fear people and will leave when they see you. If a bear woofs, snaps its jaws, slaps the ground or brush, or bluff charges, you are too close. Back away slowly and go inside and wait for the bear to leave. It is rare that a bear cannot be chased away by loud noises and throwing things at it.

If you are worried, there are spray repellents contain-



Black bear

ing capsaicin that are available to discourage bold bears. These repellents are effective and will not make the bear aggressive.

Landowners sometimes experience bear problems with livestock, crops, orchards, berry patches and beehives.

Because of potentially large financial losses, bears can be controlled with electrical fencing that has voltage sufficient to ward away bears.

Sometimes a bear causing problems must be destroyed by the DNR. This should be done only after exhausting all other options. Your local DNR Area Wildlife Manager may attempt to trap a bear if it is determined that this would be the best solution. Most bears that are trapped because they have become a nuisance, are destroyed rather than relocated to a different site. Relocated bears seldom remain where they are

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Polk County enforces new Social Host Ordinance

The Polk County Wellness Coalition (PCWC) thanks and recognizes the Polk County Commissioners as partners in helping to reduce underage alcohol use in Polk County as demonstrated by the adoption of the Social Host Ordinance for Polk County.

This work resulted from collaboration with many stakeholders. The PCWC highlights key leaders Polk County Attorney, Greg Widseth, and Polk County Sheriff, Barb Erdman.

Their support and guidance have been imperative throughout the process to ensure its success.

Through the Social Host Ordinance, individuals (regardless of their age) are held Criminally responsible for hosting events or allowing gatherings where anyone under the age of 21 possesses or consumes alco-

hol, regardless of who provided the alcohol. Violating this ordinance could result in a misdemeanor, subject to a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and/or a fine of \$1,000.

The Social Host Ordinance is an effective strategy to combat the problem of underage drinking where it repeatedly occurs, house parties.

It further reduces youth access to alcohol, reduces binge drinking, and holds teens and adults accountable for their behavior.

In addition, it provides law enforcement an imperative tool in their communities to prevent tragedy. It assists both adults

and youth to make wise choices.

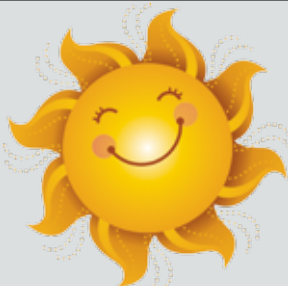
And finally, the SHO reinforces a consistent message that underage drinking in unhealthy, unsafe, unacceptable, and illegal.

The PCWC congratulates Polk County for joining the 23 counties in Minnesota who have adopted a Social Host Ordinance and for demonstrating their leadership in reduction of illegal underage drinking.

If you have any questions about the Social Host Ordinance or any other issue related to underage alcohol prevention contact Polk County Public Health.



Mr. Hanson's 5th Grade Class Wins Final Challenge of the year! Mr. Hanson's class brought in the most Box Tops and Soup Labels, so they won the Last Challenge of the year! Their class won an ice cream party. The coordinator, Maggie Haskett, brought in ice cream and toppings for the students to make their own sundaes to enjoy! Please continue to save Box Tops, Our Family, Sunny D labels and pop tops. We are no longer saving soup labels and milk caps because that program has been discontinued. Pictured is Laila Roragen enjoying her ice cream!



Community Calendar

- Wed. June 15:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Library event with Itasca State Park 11:00am; 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. June 16:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Fri. June 17:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Sat. June 18th:** McIntosh Community Rummage Sales and Flea Market
- Mon. June 20:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Library event with Agassiz Environmental Learning Center at 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Tues. June 21:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Wed. June 22:** McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's
- Thurs. June 23:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm;
- Fri. June 24:** McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Mon. June 27:** McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Tues. June 28:** McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mac Rummage Sales & Flea Market on Saturday

Saturday, June 18th in McIntosh, you can spend the day finding some bargains and searching through lots of different sales and the 2nd annual Flea Market that will be held at the same time.

The sales will be located all around town. You can check them out using the map on page 2 of this weeks McIntosh Times.

The Flea Market will be set up on 1st and Broadway (the south side of the Community Center), with multiple vendors.

Most sales will start around 8:00 am, so get your comfortable shoes on and find some great treasures. Plan to come early to get the best deals. You can end your day with lunch at one of our local eateries!! See you there!



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Next will be Weird Chemistry with Don Carey on Wednesday, June 29th at 10:30 am.

Don is a professor from North Dakota State University and he will be at the library to demonstrate the different stages of matter, using dry ice and liquid nitrogen! He will make floating bubbles, freeze marshmallows to -340 degrees below zero (the feed them to kids) and even blow some stuff up. Everybody wins with Don!

Monday, July 11th at 10:30 am, Philip and Susan Lee will bring some foot tapping, hand clapping music to the library, and everyone can sing along!

Schow Brothers Motorsports will visit the library on Monday, July 18th at 10:30 am. The Schow brothers are racing champions and they will be here to tell everyone what it is really like to race for the win!

Join in the fun this summer and get to the library to "Read for the Win!" Library hours are Monday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and Wednesday and Friday, Noon to 5:00 pm.



Bears...

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released. They may return to where they were caught or become a problem somewhere else.

Research and experience have clearly shown that removing the food that attracts bears resolves the problems much more than attempting to trap and destroy, or relocate the bear. A person my kill a bear to protect their property, however, this option should be used only if the bear is causing immediate damage. The killing of a problem bear must be reported to a Conservation Officer within 48 hours.

Minnesota & The Civil War presentation June 20 & 21

The American Civil War impacted everyone in the mid-19th century America.

The growing differences that ignited a conflict which divided a nation also bound together neighbors, friends and strangers, who would never forget what they did or what they experienced together.

Taking the opportunity to protect the Union, they recently joined as a state, men from Minnesota quickly formed regiments of volunteers to fight the conflict.

One such regiment, the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment answered this call above and beyond what was asked of them or was thought possible.

After graduating from Fosston High School in 2014, Caleb Curfman began his undergraduate studies at Bemidji State University.

He will be graduating this coming year with a History B.S. and a minor in Social Studies. Upon graduation he will pursue a graduate degree in history with which he would like to become a professor at a



Caleb Curfman

college or university.

At Bemidji State he has received the Dewitt Dunham Scholarship in History in both of the past two years and has focused his studies towards 19th Century America.

His fascination with the American Civil War has been ever growing since he was young.

With both a love of knowledge and a passion for preservation he has contributed to the Civil War Trust, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to battlefield preservation and education.

Caleb's interest specifically in Minnesota in the Civil War came from his discovery of the little attention their crucial role receives in the many forms of civil war education and remembrances.

Branching from this discovery, Caleb has researched the topic in great detail and would like to share their story. He has been in contact with historical societies and archives around the country acquiring information and making connections.

He most recently was in Gettysburg touring and researching the locations Minnesota soldiers fought at.

Caleb describes himself as a Social Historian, meaning along with all of the military history he looks at the individual experiences of people rather than groups as a whole.

Where military historians sometimes focus on the masses and numbers, Caleb uses journals and letters to understand the war on an individual basis and loves to share the stories.

Join Caleb Curfman, a History student at Bemidji State University, on Monday, June 20th and Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00pm at the Fosston Library, as he presents the stories of the heroic Minnesotans who fought during the Civil War.

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. M52-27C

Indexing the Newspaper

Do you want to help the McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center but don't know how? You are invited to help us index the McIntosh Times newspaper over the life of its publication beginning in the late 1890's.

Why? Because there is no easy way to access the multitude of information available from over 125 years of newspapers just for McIntosh alone.

Who? Anyone with 2 -4 hours a week can volunteer. No special skills are needed, just ring your enthusiasm for making this project a reality.

When? Can be accomplished at the MHAC office, located in the Bjella Building from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

If interested contact Robin Shimpa at 563-2040 or send an email to mcintoshheritageandartscenter@gmail.com.

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

Bridal Shower

for

Cassie Kihne

bride-to-be of Travis Plante

The shower is on

Saturday, June 18th at 10:00 AM at the McIntosh Community Center

Cassie and Travis are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

Did you know?

The Internet has made it easier than ever before to access information quickly.

But people who look to the Internet for answers to their medical questions may be doing themselves more harm than good.

A 2013 study from the Pew Research Center found that one-third of study participants had gone online to diagnose a medical condition.

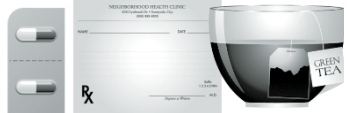
While the Internet can be a valuable resource, self-diagnosing medical conditions can be dangerous, as the risk of misdiagnosing signs or symptoms is considerable.

But misdiagnosis is not the only potential problem of relying on the Internet instead of certified physicians for medical advice. "Cyberchondria" is a term used to described the unfounded escalation of concerns about certain symptoms a person might be experiencing.

These unfounded concerns escalate as individuals search for and read information about their symptoms online.

In fact, a 2008 Microsoft analysis of online search patterns found that one-third of the hundreds of thousands of people examined in the analysis tended to escalate their medical-related searches, potentially turning relatively minor medical conditions into something far worse, all without consulting a doctor.

Men and women concerned about symptoms or medical problems should resist the temptation to self-diagnose online and should book an appointment with their physicians instead.



Ad deadline: Noon Friday

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. June 15: Ellen Burslie, Carey Burslie, Kaitlin Marshall, Dianne Christopherson, *Virgil & Mary Lurfald, *Nathan & Siri Vigoren

Thurs. June 16: Twila Rolf, Mya Strom, *Jon & Cindy Lecy, *Kevin & Tanya Ek, *Kraig & Elaina Kundert

Fri. June 17: Ethel Wiseth, Kathy Johnson

Sat. June 18: Jeff Haaven, Braylon Hamre, *Michael & Brittany Sylstad

Sun. June 19: Adam Carlson, Stanley Osteana, *Kayla & Kyle Jore

Mon. June 20: Tom Hegg, Lota Deitzler

Tues. June 21: Isabella Ek, Elvind Jore, Linda Christianson, *Susan & Jim Lee, *Jerry & Bonita Shaver

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

Wed. June 15: 12:00pm to 8:00 pm Adoration at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. June 19: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. June 22: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 12:00pm Adoration at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. June 24: 11:30am Mass at ST. Mary's, Fosston

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

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

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Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. June 19: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. June 26: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

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McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. June 19: 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. June 26: 11:15am Worship Service

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Gary Johnson, Pastor

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Wed. June 15: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Fri. June 17: Telecast of the Luther League program on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Sat. June 18: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. June 19: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service

Tues. June 21: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. June 22: 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.

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McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Trinity:

Wed. June 15 7:30pm Bible Study and Prayer

Sun. June 19: 9:30am Worship Service

Wed. June 22: 7:30pm Bible Study and Prayer

Sun. June 26: 9:30am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

Thurs. June 16: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. June 19: 11:00am Worship Service

Thurs. June 23: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. June 26: 11:00am Worship Service

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)

McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. June 19: 9am Worship; 10:15am Sunday School

Sun. June 26: 9am Worship; 10:15am Sunday School

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Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. June 15: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

Sun. June 19: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. June 22: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

Sun. June 26: 10:00am Worship Service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. Linden Wendzel,

Pastor

Sun. June 19: 8:45am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

McIntosh Rummage Sales Saturday, June 18, 2016

- A. Debbie Anderson, 130 Jackson Ave NW
- B. Barb Oseth, 220 Jackson Ave NW
- C. Anita Roy, 100 County Road 30
- D. Teresa Syverson, 250 5th St NE
- E. Paulette Kringle, 245 Cottage Ave.
- F. Phil Lee, 210 3rd St NE
- G. Linda Barstad, 140 2nd St NE
- H. Judi Lindseth, 150 4th St NE
- I. Becky Boehrnsen, 215 Riverside Ave NE
- J. Judy Newton, 610 Cleveland Ave SW
- K. Vicki Strom, 540 Cleveland Ave SW



McIntosh the Town and the Man (Part 1)

The Chippewa people made regular trips between White Earth and the Red Lake Agency via the Old Beaulieu Trail. "This trail passed near the present towns of Gully and Trail, then south to McIntosh and on to White Earth. An overnight camp just east of the Poplar River in the present city limits of McIntosh was occupied usually in the spring and fall. The Indians were friendly with the early settlers and often asked for food and other assistance."

In 1879 the pine trees at the eastern edge of the Red Lake and White Earth In-

dian reservations were sought after by Winnipeg lumber merchants. Leases and purchase agreements were made with the Native Americans. The trees were cut and trimmed and then skidded to the Clearwater River. The timber was then floated through various river systems and lakes and finally down the red river to sawmills in Winnipeg.

A resolution to Congress opening the Red Lake Indian reservation to lumbering that would not allow the wood to go to Canada resulted in a sawmill being built in Crookston.

The milling venture provided lumberjack opportunities for many of the residents of Crookston and the outlying area, beginning in 1883. The workers likely traveled east by stage coach. The plausible stage route ran from Crookston to Maple Lake, to Willetwater Lake at Polk County 41 and Highway 59, continued east to "the old McIntosh store" and then to the timber camps.

It is probable that Angus J.

McIntosh established a store, post office and lodging house to serve the lumberjacks, traveling merchants, as well as the settlers in the area. The businesses were located one and a half miles east of the current city of McIntosh. The buildings were believed to have been built using some of the lumber that came from the Crookston mill.

"Angus J. McIntosh gave his name to a town in which he would live only briefly. An enterprising individual, he purchased some of the open land in the town-site located a few miles west of his store and lodging house. He also served the official McIntosh post office there from October 14, 1884 until the government ordered it moved into town in the autumn of 1888."

Source:

- The Centennial History of The Thirteen Towns
- About Time-A History of McIntosh, Minnesota

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Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Greetings again from Winger and the Union Lake areas, and after some misty wet days, we are now enjoying some sunshine and warmer temps, actually by the week end it is supposed to be hot and muggy, hopefully that doesn't lead to some storms.

Even with the rainy weather we had the Erskine Water Carnival which again was well attended with lots of activities going on every day for all ages, was fun to see acquaintances that one doesn't see very often. The pig races were a huge success on Saturday night, there is no explaining them you have to see them to appreciate them.

Paul Carlson stopped by the Fern and Milton Carlson home briefly before work on Thursday the 2nd, later that morning Judy Gieseke was a visitor with Fern and Milton.

Sheldon and Rita Trandem were visitors at the Pioneer Home on Sunday afternoon with Helmer and Verlys Homme.

Friday the 3rd Paul Carlson stopped by the Fern and Milton Carlson home on his way to work for an eye opening cup of coffee. Later in the day Chad Carlson of Fosston was a visitor with Fern and Milton at the Carlson home.

After all the rain we have had, the lawns are so nice and green and the crops too are so pretty and green. Gardens that have been planted are up and looking good, enjoyed some fresh radishes and asparagus too is very tasty.

Judy Gieseke was a Saturday morning visitor and coffee guest at the Fern and Milton Carlson home. Later in the day Sheila, Vincent and Carson Benesh visited with Fern and Milton Carlson. That same evening Paul and Donna Carlson stopped in at Fern and Milton's after work.

Kelly Johnson and Granddaughter Lily visited at the Pulskamp home this past weekend.

Donna Carlson stopped in at the Fern and Milton Carlson home for a visit on Sunday.

Truman and Darlene Johnson of Dilworth were visitors on Memorial Day at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home.

Sheila and Jade Benesh and Dusty Wayne Carlson were visitors at the Fern and Milton Carlson home on Monday afternoon.

PLEASE!!! If you want the "Winger News" to continue I need more bits and pieces from you all.

Until next week, may you all have a good one.

From Bun Manor:

On May 21st, Steve (Strawberry) Johnson loaded up two party buses of people and traveled to Detroit lakes to watch Chris Bachmeier at the Kent Freeman arena for the no mercy VMMA fights. He fought the second to last fight and

dominated! Congratulations to Chris on his championship. Following the fights everyone loaded back up on the buses and headed back to Winger where they had a celebration after party at Liquor Pigs with good food and great friends All together a great time was had by everyone.

Tim's nephew Tory Hegrenes called him the other day from Key West, Florida. He told Tim that he got a promotion in the Navy from Lt. Commander to Commander.

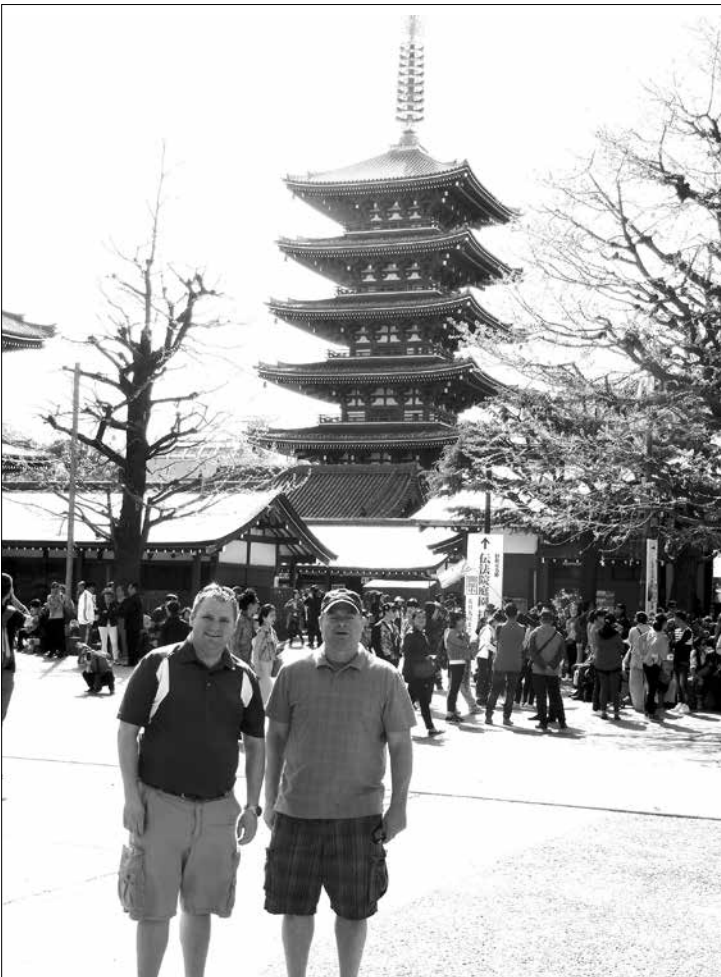
Commander in the Navy is equivalent to a Lt. Colonel in the Army. Congratulations Tory. Your Uncle is proud of you. Tory is the son of Linda and Odney.

Bun happened to be up at the Deuce Bar and Grill eating lunch last week when the local TV news guy came down to do an interview about their clean plate award they got from the state. Eating places get rewarded when they have no critical violations in the kitchen. Bun got his mug for a brief moment on TV. Congrats to the crew at the Deuce.

Winger held a street dance on Friday evening featuring the band called Thirty Two Below. One couldn't get a better evening. It was perfect out. Everyone who was there had a great time. Bun saw a former Wingerite girl that he hadn't seen for awhile. Dani Maxfield. She is the daughter of Dan and Kerri Maxfield. She commented that she felt old because she saw some kids that she used to babysit were of legal drinking age. Bun smiled and thought that the last time he saw her she was a minor. How old does that make him? The band played a song by Queen called Fat Bottom Girls which was appropriate for some of the girls in the crowd. Bun only wishes that some of the surrounding people in the area would have come down and showed some support. Winger doesn't like to be left out of the loop. They will make you feel welcome if you show up.

Stacy and Steve Brekken from Crookston held a wedding reception in their honor at their home on Saturday afternoon. Friends and family showed up and had lunch followed by cake. The couple were married last November. Stacy is the daughter of Earl and Lila Lucken of Winger.

Lorri and Steve headed down to the Alexandria area on Saturday and returned home on Sunday. Lorri had a family reunion on her fathers side and Steve went down to New Brighton with his parents to attend the wedding of his sister Mary. Matthew was supposed to go to the wedding but had received a phone call from one of his co-workers asking him if he would work in her place because of a family emergency. Matthew didn't seem to



Picture at the Sensoji Temple, the oldest temple in Tokyo, with Matthew Massmann and his Uncle Kenny during their recent trip to Japan.

The journey in Japan continues

(part two of three)

On April 14th. Kenny and Matthew met Ken's co-worker Bob, whose brother lives in Tokyo. They learned to navigate the subway system and enjoyed a trip up the Skytree. The Skytree, is a communications tower which allows you the chance to go up and watch. The day was perfectly clear and the group was able to view Tokyo from 1480 feet and 3 inches. The views were incredible with city as far as the eye can see. They were also able to see the Sensoji Temple, which is the oldest temple in Tokyo. Built in 628 in the year of our Lord. The ornate architecture of the temple was incredible. The group later met Bob's brother Brian in the district near the Tokyo tower for supper.

The following day, Ken and Matthew were picked up

by Bob and his brother Brian for a tour about Tokyo. The day included a trip the ornate East Garden of the Imperial Palace, and despite Matthew's invitation, the Emperor did not show up for tea. They were also able to enjoy a dinner of sushi. This was without a doubt the freshest and best tasting sushi, Matthew has ever come across. A plate of various tuna, squid, crab, (salmon roe (eggs) and uni, (sea urchin) was enjoyed by all. The group met again and enjoyed a night on the town in the Roppangi district. This included dinner at Kushiage which is deep fried skewers of just about everything including meats, vegetables, quail eggs, fish eggs. It was always a surprise guessing what you were going to bite into. A trip to a brew house concluded the evening.

How to use clouds to predict weather

Clouds can say much about the weather to come.

Meteorologists rely on electronic equipment and their knowledge of weather patterns to provide forecasts each and every day. But weather can be unpredictable, and even the most reliable weather prognosticator can sometimes get it wrong.

Novices can try their hands at predicting the weather by interpreting the environmental signs around them.

Earth science is a part of many elementary school curriculums. Current students and adults can use what they

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50 years ago...1966: McIntosh area had a brief, but severe storm as newly put up hay filled the hay mow of this barn on the Mrs. Ardella Ostenna farm located almost straight south of McIntosh. A garage close by was also badly damaged.



40 years ago...1976: Louciel Johnson, Legion Auxiliary Sgt. at Arms, placed three more poppies on the Memorial poppy cross honoring this years deceased members: Mrs. Edith Mosser, Mrs. Regina Casselman and Mrs. Emma Mandt, while Maria Stordahl played "Taps" on the Melodian.



30 years ago...1986: Laura Wang by the Winger 4-H booth at the East Polk County Fair.



20 years ago...1996: The Win-E-Mac Summer Rec program began on Monday morning with softball practice. Director Connie Strom and (front l-r) Supervisors Russell Johnson, Nathan Tangen and Kyle Ness get ready for the season and take inventory of the equipment. Not present for photo: Marji Maxfield.



10 years ago...2006: Karen Thompson and Ann Vesledahl, enjoying a brisk morning with brisk sales, held their rummage sale at the Thompson residence as part of the Community Garage Sales.

Regional Ag News Jim Stordahl, Extension Educator

Seven Simple Tips to Prevent Tomato Disease

Plants need three factors for disease to develop. The host plant must be susceptible, the pathogen must be present (usually in the soil), and the environmental conditions must be right. This typically involves wet leaves over some period of time.

There are several simple cultural techniques that you can implement before considering chemical treatments. Fungicides (that innocent looking white dust) are dangerous and are often applied, so avoid using them until you have exhausted the following cultural options. Why add pesticides to your food when it can be avoided?

Step 1. Begin with a proper crop rotation. This simple practice alone will significantly reduce disease. Do not plant tomatoes where you had potatoes, peppers -- and of course tomato -- last year. Rotation is important and is your first defense in disease prevention.

Step 2. Plant a variety of tomato that is resistant or tolerant to leaf blight, especially if blight has rained on your parade in the past. Sometimes, disease can be prevented simply by variety

selection. If you start your own transplants, this information is supplied on the package. If you purchase transplants, your local garden center horticulturalist will have this information.

Step 3. Do not crowd the tomatoes, lack of air circulation favors disease development. Leaf diseases need longish periods of uninterrupted wetness for disease development, and overcrowding prevents leaf drying.

Use a trellis or cage on plants spaced a minimum of 24 inches apart to keep leaves and fruit off the ground. This aids in the plant drying and keeps the disease inoculum further away from the leaves; remember, the disease inoculum is in the soil. Also, it keeps the fruit cleaner and reduces the incidence of spoiled fruit.

Step 4. This may be the single most important step of all. If you need to irrigate, water the ground, not the leaves. Sprinkler irrigation keeps the leaves wet and splashes the disease inoculum from the soil onto the leaves. Soaker hoses, drip irrigation or careful hand watering are better alternatives.

Step 5. Consider using plastic mulch. Plastic mulch laid on the soil surface prior to transplanting is a common

practice in commercial production and works well in gardens too. Commercially available plastic is available in 3' and 4' wide rolls in a rainbow of colors.

Clear and black are the most readily available to the gardener, but red and green are often available at garden centers. Clear and red mulch will allow weed growth beneath the plastic, unlike the black and green colors. If you need to water the plants, water through the transplant hole. Often, however, the plastic reduces water evaporation so watering is not necessary. Drip irrigation is another option when mulch is used, but increases the complexity of "simple tips".

Plastic mulch's other benefit is warming the soil, which significantly increases the yield of warm season crops like tomatoes, peppers and melons. Research in northern Minnesota shows a two-fold increased fruit yield using plastic mulch as compared to bare soil. The increased yield is due to warmer soil temperatures, reduced disease pressure, reduced water evaporation, and greater consistency in water uptake by the plant.

Step 6. Pinch off the "suckers" growing at the

leaf axis. Suckers produce unnecessary foliage and decreases air circulation around the plant. Commercial growers will often leave one leaf beneath the first flower and remove all other leaf from that point and down. This does not make for a pretty tomato plant, but it's effective.

Step 7. Don't apply too much fertilizer, especially nitrogen. Excess fertilization promotes succulent leaf growth which is often more prone to disease.

My fertility choice is compost, from either manure or other vegetative materials. Compost is advantageous as it provides all the essential elements necessary for plant growth in a slow release form in sync with plant growth.

If you follow these recommendations, you will hopefully enjoy juicy red tomatoes with an added benefit -- fruit without pesticide residue.

If all else fails and you're tempted to use a fungicide, remember that fungicides only prevent new infections, they will not cure existing leaf disease. Fungicides should be applied according to the product label.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu.



There were lots of kids doing the limbo during the Elementary School dance held at Win-E-Mac on Thursday, May 26th.



The kids were always ready for the fun stuff that Mr. Svalen, who D.J'd the dance, had to throw to the crowd of dancers during the Win-E-Mac Elementary School Dance held on Thursday, May 26th .



A group of Win-E-Mac 6th graders, now 7th graders starting the 2016-2017 school year during the Win-E-Mac Elementary School dance. The last Elementary event for these soon-to-be high schoolers!

Red Lake County Fair Scheduled for June 24, 25, 26

Red Lake County Fair is coming to Oklee June 24-26. The fair is one of the best events of the summer! Stop by Oklee to take part in all the activities described below.

Red Lake County will kick off fair week with an opening ceremony on June 24, at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Red Lake County Central school. After the ceremony there will be donuts and coffee for the public. Starting at 9:00 a.m. the public is welcome to enter their projects in the Open Class entry. At this time members of 4-H will have Open Class judging in the barns. At 1:00 p.m. Senior Citizens are invited to attend the Senior Citizen event at the Oklee Community Hall where an Outstanding Senior Citizen Award will be given out. Play bingo to win prizes. Also at this time open class entries from 4-H will be judged in the multipurpose room. At 2:00 p.m. all ages are invited to join a coloring contest held at the fair office inside the RLCC school building. This is a great time to put your coloring skills to the test! Grab a friend and meet at the East side of the RLCC High School for a scavenger hunt at 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Community Old Time Music will be playing. At 8:00

p.m. the Booths close so make sure to stop in the RLCC High School gym any time before 8:00 p.m. to have a look at the great Open Class entries and business booths.

On Saturday, June 25 at 8:15 a.m. 5K registration begins on the South side of the RLCC High School. If you are interested in taking part in the 5K, contact Jessie at Jessie.hamrum@gmail.com. Then at 9:00 a.m. the Open class entries and business booths open up for the day, so stop back in the gym to check out those. Community Social Hour will start at 10:30. From 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. various demonstrations will take place in the Oklee Community Hall. Rosemaling with Connie Nelson and Sewing Table Toppers with Shirley Dessellier will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Also starting at 11:30 and running until 1:30 p.m. Bobbi DuChamp will show how to Hand Stamp Jewelry. If you're interested in making a vinyl sign, see Bobbie Olson from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to create your own wall hanging. Sign making will cost \$25. 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Laurel Smith will be demonstrating how to make homemade Jelly. Also stop by her station to purchase some fresh jelly. At 1:00

p.m. at the South City Park (2 miles south and 1.5 miles west of Oklee), Old Fashioned Games and Dunk Tank will be set up for all ages to play. Then at 2:00 p.m. head out to the "Oklee Pits" at the South City Park for the Baja Races. 4-H awards will be given out at 6:30 p.m. Then at 8:00 p.m. the booths in the gym will be closed for the day. To close the night off, a street Dance will be held in front the TJ's Tavern at 9:00 p.m.

The last day of the fair will be on Sunday, June 26. To start off the day, Bingo will be played at the Oklee Community Hall for anyone that is interested. Then stop by the front of the school to watch the Mini Tractor Pull at 12:30 a.m. This is one of the favored events of the year. Head back to the "Oklee Pits" at the South City Park at 2:00 p.m. for a Demo Derby. To end fair week, there will be a Variety of Talent Show at the Oklee Community Hall starting at 3:00 p.m. Then at 5:00 p.m. the release of exhibits will take place in the gym. Anyone who participated in Open Class entry needs to collect their entries and pick up their awards.

Be sure to be around this week for lots of fair fun!



Clouds...

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learn or learned about cloud types and formations to determine if rain is coming or if they can leave their umbrellas at home. Clouds can say a lot about both the current weather and what's to come.

According to Weather Wiz Kids, clouds are formed from very tiny droplets of water or ice crystals. Because the droplets are so small and light, they can float in the air. The characteristics and look of clouds are dictated by temperature, height, wind, and the amount of water vapor in the air, as well as the influence of other air masses.

Clouds can say a lot about the weather, and weather prognosticators have relied on clouds for centuries to help make their predictions. Understanding clouds and what makes each cloud type unique can help amateur meteorologists impress their friends and avoid being caught in inclement weather.

The County Line

By Warren Strandell
Polk County Commissioner, Dist. 2

It is difficult to follow the review procedure that is involved with getting the proposed Sandpiper pipeline project through permit process—and that of the Line 3 replacement project, too.

But if there is one thing that remains obvious in the procedure, it is that every effort is made for those opposed to the project to have their say. The opponents, even though they are a small minority, seem to be working under the theory that if they can't stop the Sandpiper from being constructed, they must delay it for as long as possible. For the most part, that strategy seems to be working.

The permit process starts with the development of a "draft" Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). In that procedure, the Minnesota Department of Commerce recently held 12 "scoping" meetings to collect information about possible impact.

One of the more crazy claims to come out of one of those 12 meetings was that Saudi Arabian oil is better than American oil.

Was that to be interpreted to mean that the U.S. should be importing Saudi Arabian oil rather than tapping its resources? Would that make \$4 gas better than today's price while also making the United States again more dependent upon the whims of countries that just plain don't like us and even go so far as to fund terrorism activities.

The last of those 12 scoping sessions was held on May 4 and the comment period for the draft EIS has now ended. The "scope" of that document is to determine what should or should not be included in the regulations.

But hold on, that is just the first part of the three-step pro-

cess. Once a draft EIS is developed there will be another series of public meetings to take testimony concerning a route for the pipeline... one meeting is to be held in each county through which the Sandpiper would pass.

That means that there will be at least 15 meetings concerning for the route proposed by Enbridge. Plus, there will be at least a minimum of another six meeting for routes that have been proposed by other interests. And the total of meetings could go up from there if the routes that have been proposed through the southern part of Minnesota are considered.

At the conclusion of the routing determination, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is to start its regulatory process. This will mean another round of public meetings.

Although it failed to get traction at a recent proceeding, a "citizen request" was made to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) to change from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to some combination of the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) and the Department of Natural Resources as the state government unit that would be responsible for regulatory authority.

Minnesota statutes clearly state that the responsible government unit for pipeline regulation is the PUC and the EQB, despite opposition by some of the citizen members on its board, voted to keep it that way. Both the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have stated on the record that the PUC and the Department of Commerce have the most knowledge for pipeline environmental review and siting. Had the request for

a change in the agency responsible for regulation been approved, who knows where the process would be going.

A positive in this action is that the PUC has signed a memo of understanding with the DNR and the MPCA that they are work together on the EIS. This development should help to brunt the grumbings of the opposition who most likely will claim that the EIS will not be adequate.

What seems to be lost in all of this is that one way or the other the petroleum will get from the Bakken to Superior, Wis., and that pipelines are the safest and most environmentally friendly way to accomplish that delivery.

In addition to environmental safety and efficiency in moving the oil, the Sandpiper is important to Polk County because of the jobs that will be created during construction and because of the tax benefit that will occur when the line is completed. The tax bill to Enbridge for the Sandpiper has been projected to be about \$2 million a year. That's an amount that will have a good effect on our tax bills.

Despite all of the ongoing attempts to delay, if not road-block the project, Enbridge still expects to have the Sandpiper in operation by 2019. Let's hope that's not a dream.

Thoughts for the day:

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. — Mark Twain (1866)

One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been. — Will Rogers

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