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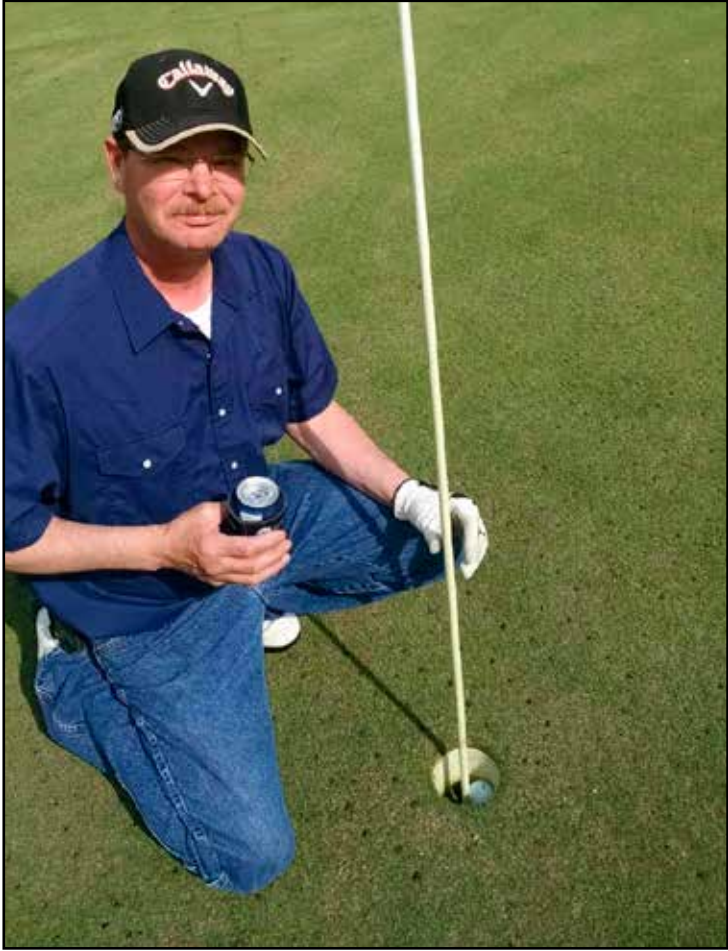
One of the best summertime activities is watching baseball on a sunny afternoon. Here, Sydney Svalen, Taytum Tradewell, Cameron Svalen, and Kale Tradewell cheer on the Win-E-Mac Legion team.



Win-E-Mac Legion team member, Alec Kiecker in action on the field.



Legion team pitcher, Zach Tradewell fires up a pitch while the Win-E-Mac Legion teams leads 2 - 0 during a recent game at home.



On Sunday, June 5, McIntosh resident, Rick Grove, shot a Hole-in-One at the Oak Lake Golf Course in Erskine on the 9th hole. Congratulations Rick!



The City of McIntosh Yard of the Week belongs to Orlett and Larry Hedlund. Congratulations on your beautiful yard!

2nd Annual reading of the Declaration of Independence

On Saturday, July 2nd; at 10:00 am, you're invited to set aside 30 minutes of your 4th of July weekend for the second annual reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Dan and Darlene Dierkes (formerly Morris and Alpha Johnson) farm northeast of McIntosh.

Bring your lawn chair and

Red Lake Watershed District to host public meetings
Informational meetings for Pine Lake and Four legged Lake Watershed projects held in Gonvick.

The Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers will host a public open house for landowners for two potential projects in the District. The open house will be held at the Gonvick Community Center located at 170 Main Street, Gonvick, MN 56644, on July 12, 2016. The Four Legged Lake public meeting will be held between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. The Pine Lake public meeting will be held between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. The public is invited to attend at their convenience.

There will not be a formal presentation. Staff from the Watershed District and project teams will be on hand to discuss each project, answer questions, and take comments from attendees.

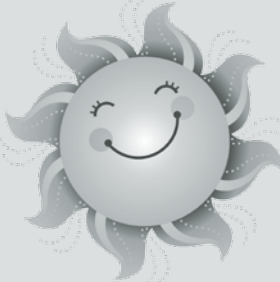
Myron Jesme, District Administrator, noted a region-wide goal was established to reduce peak flows along the Red River of the North (Red River) by 20 percent during a flooding event similar to the 1997 flood. In order to reach this goal, each tributary of the Red River has been provided with both peak flow and volume reduction goals as set forth in the Red River Basin Commission's (RRBC) Long Term Flood Solutions (LTFS) Basin Wide Flood Flow Reduction Strategy Report. Several large-scale modeling efforts have been conducted through-

out the Red River Basin to assist in determining the amount of effort required to meet the flow and volume reduction goals in each tributary basin of the Red River.

Pine Lake and Four Legged Lake subwatershed have been identified as areas where retention can be added to reduce peak flows at Crookston. There are also potential opportunities to modify the Pine Lake and Four Legged Lake control structures to provide benefits to the lakes and adjacent land areas such as reducing flood risk to local landowners, enhancing environmental conditions within the lakes, and adding recreational benefits.

The Pine and Four Legged Lake public meetings will offer the public and interested stakeholders an opportunity to review the project information and provide public comment.

The McIntosh Times
will be **CLOSED**
on
MONDAY,
4 JULY 4
in observance of
Independence Day.



Community Calendar

Wed. June 29: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Library event Wierd Chemistry with Don Carey 10:30am; 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 30: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. July 1: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Sat. July 2: 4th of July event 10:00am @ Dan & Darlene Dierkes Farm

Mon. July 4: Happy Independence Day!! McIntosh City Offices Closed; McIntosh Times Office Closed; McIntosh Library Closed

Tues. July 5: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Wed. July 6: 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 7: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Fri. July 8: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. July 11: 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. July 12: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Polk Cty. Road Closure near Erskine

According to the Polk County Highway Department, Polk County CSAH 34 and CSAH 36 located from 200th Avenue SW to the south city limits of Erskine, MN, will be closed to thru traffic starting approximately Monday, July 11, 2016. This closure will allow a contractor to replace several centerline culverts and for road realignment work. The road will be closed to thru traffic for approximately 6 - 8 weeks.

Anyone desiring further information should contact the Polk County Highway Department in Crookston at (218) 281-3952.

Community Club Meeting rescheduled

The McIntosh Community Club meeting typically held the first Tuesday has been rescheduled to Tuesday, July 12th at 7 p.m. at the Community Center because of the Independence Day holiday being so close to the 5th. This would be the only meeting before the corn feed.

Make this a safe fireworks season

While summer might be the season of fireworks, it's important that people who intend to incorporate fireworks into their summer festivities keep safety in mind at all times. The following are a handful of ways to ensure this summer is both fun and safe.

· Attend a municipal fireworks display rather than hosting your own.

· Exercise caution if fireworks are legal where you live. Maintain a safe distance from fireworks at all times and never allow children to handle fireworks.

· Read and strictly adhere to manufacturer's instructions.

· Light only one firework at a time, and never attempt to reignite a firework that doesn't light the first time around.

· Do not carry fireworks in your pocket.

· Do not shoot fireworks out of metal or glass containers.

· Keep water or a fire extinguisher around for emergencies.

If not handled properly, fireworks can cause serious injuries to kids and adults. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to leave it to the professionals.



Lined up to salute the flag during the National Anthem is the 2016 Win-E-Mac Legion team which includes Mason Spry, Blake Glass, Alec Kiecker, Noah Klinkhammer, Kolton Stuhag, Dustin Osland, Gavin Walker, Emelian Kaya, Austin Tadman, Hunter Chaput, Zach Plante, Travis Kater, Chase Svalen, Zac Tradewell, Nathan Fortman. Coached by Lee Tradewell and Travis Plante.

BBQ Competition to be held August 6th

The City of Erskine has approved an idea to hold a BBQ Competition this year! The competition will be on August 6th (tentative). There will be three categories: beef (not ground), pork, and chicken. Entrants will have to check in at the entry table, and get their products inspected before they can start cooking.

Everyone will be required to cook on site. Everyone must supply their grill and utensils, as well as a work station. There is a \$25 entry fee that MUST be paid by the registration deadline, which will go directly to prizes/awards (so no refunds- sorry). Call 218-687-2157 to sign up and for instructions on payment. Deadline is July 22nd. More info will be

posted online and in the newspaper later.

The people who enter the BBQ contest will need to make enough for not only the judges, but also have samples available for the spectators.

The entrants will have times when each type of meat is due at the midway table.

The samples will then be turned in to the judges by a BBQ staff member so they remain anonymous to the judges. Areas being judged will be presentation, overall taste, and cook (tender, tough, spongy, overcooked, undercooked, etc.), etc. The meat with the highest score will win the category.

There will be no alcohol allowed on the premises, this is family friendly.

VFW donates to local Churches

The McIntosh VFW Post 6891 made donations for cemetery funds for the following churches in our area:

- Gosen Lutheran Church
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Vernes Lutheran Church
- Mount Carmel Lutheran Church
- Our Saviors Lutheran Church
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Salem Lutheran Cemetery Association

A big thank you to the members of the VFW post #6891 for making local donations and serving our community.

**A correction was made from last week's listing.*

NOTICE ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING VERNES CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The annual election and meeting of the Vernes Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016 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

B-B Cafe Menu

Wed. June 29: Cali Burger, Mac Salad and Dessert

Thurs. June 30: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll and Dessert

Fri. July 1: Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Roll and Dessert

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. June 29: Jerome Voxland, Cole Shaver, David Herem

Thurs. June 30: Jade Pries, *Ed & Alice Nephew

Fri. July 1: Carla Grundyson

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

Sun. July 3: Chase Svalen

Mon. July 4: Josh Bartz, Barb Urness, Sandy Sultvedt, *Phillip & Amy Carlson

Tues. July 5: Ronald Roed

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

Wed. June 29: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 12:00pm - 8:00pm Adoration at St. Mary's, Fosston

Fri. July 1: 5:30pm Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. July 3: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Tues. July 5: 2:00pm Mass at Good Samaritan, Clearbrook

Wed. July 6: 3:30pm Mass at First Care Nursing Home, Fosston

Fri. July 8: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

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

Wed. July 13: 1:00pm Mass at McIntosh Nursing Home

Fri. July 15: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

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

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH Winger/Bejou Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Sun. July 3: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. July 10: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) McIntosh Supply Pastor Gordon Syverson

Sun. July 3: 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. July 10: 11:15am Worship Service

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

Wed. June 29: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place

Sat. July 2: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. July 3: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service

Tues. July 5: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. July 6: 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.

MCINTOSH AFLC McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Trinity:

Wed. June 29 7:30pm Bible Study and Prayer

Sun. July 3: 9:30am Worship Service

Wed. July 5: 7:30pm Bible Study and Prayer

Sun. July 10: 9:30am Worship Service

Mt. Carmel:

Thurs. June 30: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. July 3: 11:00am Worship Service

Thurs. July 7: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. July 10: 11:00am Worship Service

VERNES LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC) McIntosh Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. July 3: 9am Worship

Sun. July 10: 9am Worship

DOVRE FREE LUTHERAN Pastor Don Edlund

Wed. June 29: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

Sun. July 3: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. July 6: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

Sun. July 10: 10:00am Worship Service

Wed. July 13: 7:00pm Bible Study: Breaking the Apocalypse Code

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH McIntosh Rev. Linden Wendzel, Pastor

Sun. July 3: 8:45am Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion

Sun. July 10: 8:45am Worship Service

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

McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center



Caroline & Arndt Mintz lived in Sletten and Rosebud Townships.

They were third generation of German heritage in the United States. Caroline and Arndt were the grandparents of Donna (Carver) Larson of Winger. "My Grandmother was born in 1899 and came to Sletten Township from North Dakota in 1936. Later she moved to Fosston and lived there until her death in 1984. Grandma always had a big garden and loved her flowers. She always came by our house and made Struddles, Kuchen and Plechende."

Heritage Recipe-Ger-

**mans from Russia
Kuchen**
1-pkg. yeast (dissolved in ½ c warm water & 1 tsp sugar)
3 tsp salt
1 egg
2/3 c cream
1/3 c sugar
1-1/2 c hot water
Flour for soft dough-about 5 cups

Note: any sweet dough or hot roll mix may be used.

Kuchen Topping:
2 c sugar
4 c cream
3 T flour
Vanilla to taste
5 eggs
Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Cool.

Put egg, sugar, salt, cream and hot water in mixing bowl.

When luke warm add dissolved yeast, water, sugar, and flour for soft dough. Cover and let rise until double in warm place.

Knead down and let rise again. Shape into 8 or 10 balls of dough depending on size of pans.

Roll out and shape into pans. Spread Kuchen topping layer and preferred cooked fruit or cottage cheese (or raw rhubarb) on topping. Sprinkle mixture of sugar and cinnamon over top of Kuchen.

Crumb topping (may be sprinkled on top of fruit if desired):

¼ c flour

½ c sugar

¼ c soft butter

Bake at 350 degrees for ½ hour. Makes about 8 pans.

Random Things and Stuff



Lake Days

By: Emily L. Melott

Summer has officially begun! Time to spend more time out in the sun, which usually in MN means going to the lake. With the Fourth of July coming up fast, I am sure a lot of you are getting ready to spend a long weekend at the lake. What types of things are essential when spending a weekend at the lake? Well, here is what I have found:

Essentials for the lake:

1. Water: you want to stay well hydrated while having a good time at the lake. With the heat of the sun, and the extra energy you are exerting by swimming or other lake activities, it is important to stay hydrated. You don't want to end up getting dehydrated and feeling sick during your time away.

2. Snacks: bring some healthy snacks along that you

can munch on throughout the day to keep your energy levels up. You may not feel like eating a huge meal for a few different reasons, one being the heat and two being you are just having too much fun. Having healthy snacks such as granola bars, fruit, vegetables, etc. are a good idea to have on hand to grab and go. This will keep your blood sugar levels high enough to continue enjoying your lake day.

3. Sunscreen: make sure to bring sunscreen along, and remember to re-apply it throughout the day. If you are going to spend a lot of time in the water, make sure to get the sunscreen that is waterproof as well as at least a 30 SPF.

4. Floaties: most of us find it to be good exercise swimming, but do we really want to do this the entire time? Bring along some floaties so you can have some relaxation time as well. These also include tubes or other devices that can be pulled from your boat for water fun.

5. Koozies: keep your drinks cold, and easy to hold on to. This will come in handy when you are in need of a nice

JOIN US at a
Bridal Shower
in honor of
Janelle Graff
(Bride to be of Chad Haas).
Saturday, July 9th
at 1:00 pm at **Our Saviors Church, McIntosh**
Registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond M14-15P

cold drink after being out in the sun all day.

6. Cooler with lots of ice: essential for keeping your drinks cold, as well as any snacks that need to stay cool. Coolers come in multiple styles and shapes, so make sure to find the one that best suits you.

7. Sunglasses: on a bright sunny day, make sure to protect your eyes with sunglasses that are UV ray blocking. You want to be able to preserve your eyesight for as long as possible, and sunglasses are helpful in doing so. Going to the lake, you may not want to bring your favorite pair or your most expensive pair. Opt to bring ones that you wouldn't fret over "accidentally" losing them to the fishes.

8. Towels: bring plenty of these! Not only for showering and drying off after time in the water, but also some towels in case of spills. You can also use some not-so-nice towels as sitting towels on the beach, without getting sand all over the ones you are using to dry off.

9. Extra Clothes: you never know what can happen, whether you get spilled on, dirty, or wet from the water, or you just get chilly, you will want to bring an assortment of clothes. Layers are always a good way to go, so you can always add or take off layers when you get too hot or cold.

10. Trash Bags: not only for trash you can acquire, but maybe you need to put your wet clothes into something. Trash bags have more than one use, and can be quite handy to have along.

Other things you may want to consider bringing:

1. First Aid Kit
2. Books or Games
3. Toilet Paper
4. Lawn Chairs

Do you have a story to share?

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

Happy Birthday America!

On July 4, 1776, fifty members of the Continental Congress voted to adopt the Declaration of Independence.

This important document set forth the reasons for declaring our independence from Great Britain.

This Fourth of July we celebrate America's birth as a nation.

HOMETOWN BANKING



First National Bank of
McIntosh will be closed on
Monday, July 4th in observance of
Independence Day.



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Bethel Cemetery Association Meeting

June 30, 2016 at 9:00 am
at Bethel Cemetery. M13-14C

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

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Wednesday, June 29, 2016

Winger News

by Linda Pulskamp

Welcome back to Winger and the Union Lake areas after another week of unsettled weather, windy, some rain although not enough, a couple perfect summer days and of course the humidity has been there too. Fortunately we have not had the storms, wind and hail other areas have had.

With the end of June right around the corner we will be observing the July 4th holiday. May you all have a safe and happy 4th. Many area towns will have parades and fire works to observe Independence Day. May your travels be safe and your family get together be wonderful.

Orton and Joyce Stardig of Bemidji were recent visitors with Martha Henney at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Carson Benesh was a visitor on Wednesday afternoon at the Fern and Milton Carlson home, later Donna Carlson visited at Carlson's and picked up Carson.

Thursday afternoon Linda Pulskamp visited with Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake and Nola Abele at the Abele home in Fosston. There was a garage sale in process next door that I took in and Joy Lene was a visitor also that afternoon at the Abele home.

Thursday the 16th Judy Gieseke was a morning visitor at the Fern and Milton Carlson home. Later in the day Floyd Olson visited with Fern and Milton.

Mark and Betty Syverson visited last Sunday with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

There is an old and very accurate saying that corn is knee high by the 4th of July and that looks like it will be the case this year. Not only is the corn looking good but all the crops and gardens are looking very nice.

Judy and Lonnie Gieseke were visitors on Friday the 17th at the Fern and Milton Carlson home. Later in the day Dick and Wanda Donavon of St. Francis arrived at the Carlson home to spend the weekend. Las

Martha Henney had a very pleasant visit by phone with Jerry Wang this past week.

Tyler Brtek of Bagley spent from Friday to Sunday with Grandma Lucy Brtek, as Grandma's know the kids can keep one busy and Tyler kept Grandma on her toes.

Last Tuesday Sheila Benesh brought fresh strawberries to Fern and Milton Carlson that Carson and Jasmine had picked.

Strawberries are so delicious right now so was a great treat.

Last Monday Don Anderson of Twin Valley visited with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home.

Father's Day dinner guests at the Reha Sanstead home in Erskine were her house guest Leonard Taylor of Arizona, Marv Engesether of Plummer, Butch and Linda Pulskamp and Tom and Bailey Bradford of Mentor.

Judy Gieseke was a Wednesday visitor and coffee guest with Fern and Milton Carlson at the Carlson home.

The smell of fresh alfalfa is in the air as the farmers are busy cutting and baling their hay. There is something to be said about living in the rural area.

Mark Rolandson and children Sophie, Brenda an Garrett of Gilbert, AZ visited with their Aunt Lucy Brtek last Sunday. (I apologize if I have the name Brenda wrong, couldn't read my writing)

Saturday the 18th Paul and Donna Carlson and Emma Erickson were visitors at the Fern and Milton Carlson home.

Last Tuesday Roy and Judy Raben were visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Dick and Wanda Donavon St. Francis returned to their home in St. Francis after spending the Father's Day week end at the Fern and Milton Carlson home. That evening Fern and Milton Carlson, Judy and Lonnie Gieseke and Roy, Lisa and Ryan Schaumburg were guests of Mike, Kari, Terry and Olivayah Keller at the Keller home for supper.

In closing I want to again say thanks to those of you who text, or in conversation appreciate the "Winger News" that

so far is in our local paper. Hopefully it will continue and again thanks to "Bunny" for his interesting articles that he contributes.

Until next week have a good one, but remember your are the ones that make this possible.

From Bun Manor:

Brother Andy came up to spend some time with his brother Tim. Nephew Tom and his wife Jessica and children Arianna and Blake stayed over one night at Tim's one night on their way to a family reunion in ND. They went fishing with kids. The kids had great time catching sunnies and dad Tommy cleaned them for a shore lunch.

Bun and Andy ran into former Wingerite Kent Espeseth last week. Kent is the son of the late Kenny and Florence.

Saturday afternoon. Linda and Odney, Judy and Lloyd Schulz, Vicki and Jim Thune, Aunt Shirley and her friend Paul Schmidt from California along with Mark, Gary and Glen Nanson stopped by the manor before heading to the Lion's fish fry in Winger. There was a great turnout for the fry. They served around 270 people. The crowd was up a few from last year. Rumor has it that the crowd was up because all the Massmann's were out of town.

Some notables present were Denise Moore, Danny Zahl, Lois Schadler and her nephew Steve Beck from Michigan. Steve used to live with Lois at the old Wooded Park School west of Winger back in the seventies. The Lion's appreciate all those who attended and look forward to doing it all over again next year.

Congratulations to Lisa Stewart on her marriage to Sam Lalone last Saturday at the Black Lantern in Shevlin. Lisa is the daughter of Stue and Hollie of Erskine

Sunday afternoon Judy, Lloyd, Shirley and Paul took Tim to brunch. He ran into Roy and Judy Raben. They are the parents to Nicki who was a classmate of Bun in high school.

Chris (Pusser) Wang is home for about a week so be vigilant.

Happy real birthday to Lorri Massmann. Also happy 17th birthday to my buddy Jon Anderson of Fertile. Bun finds

this hard to believe because he can remember when he was barely housebroken like it was yesterday.

Have happy fun safe 4th and please be careful when traveling to and fro.

Winger Lions Raffle Winners

1st place (\$200.00 winner): Margaret Schindler. Red Lake Falls.

2nd place (\$100.00 winner): Dean Salvesson. Erskine.

3rd. place (\$500.00 winner): Mark Sonstle. Fargo. *Donated back to the Lions.*

2 - twenty dollar winners: Chris Wang. and Amy Van Deneinde.

The County Line

By Warren Strandell
Polk County
Commissioner, Dist. 2

Just a few tidbits that might be of some interest:

• **While a number of local governments** have projects that they would like to have the State of Minnesota help finance through a bonding bill, there is another side to having really big bonding bills, at least, on a regular basis. Polk County's solid waste expansion project along with several city projects in the county had survived the vetting process involved with being included in this year's bonding bill.

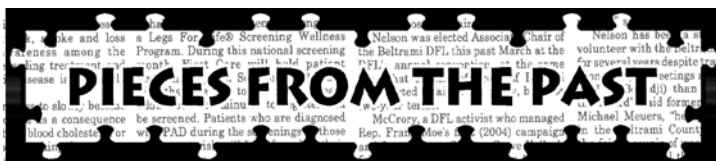
Consider this information provided by Dist. 1-A State Rep. Dan Fabian of Roseau. He isn't opposed to bonding but thinks we ought to know the extent of the debt service that comes with big bonding bills.

"There are several different types of bonds. The total of all obligations for Minnesota is \$11,118,366,908. (In case you didn't catch it, that number is \$11 Billion.)

"The amount that goes towards paying off debt fluctuates each year: 2014 - \$703 million; 2015 - \$752 million; 2016 - \$743 million.

"Future years would be depended on whether a bonding bill passes. Assuming an \$800

County line...
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40 years ago...1976: Salem Lutheran Women who served lunch at the George Hegland Auction Sale on Tuesday of this week are as follows: Jennie Svalen, Anna Oseth, Maria Milne, Clarice Haugom, Esther Strom, Agnes Svalen and Esther Swanson.



30 years ago...1986: East Polk 4-H'ers Vance Kaupang, Winger 4-H and Rachel Lee, On-To-Victory 4-H, attended the State 4-H Junior Leadership Conference in St. Paul June 16 - 20. 850 4-H'ers from Minnesota attended this annual conference which is planned and conducted by State 4-H Ambassadors to help Junior Leaders learn more about leadership skills.



20 years ago...1996: Carla Grundyson, Kelsi Thompson and (front) Georgette Maxfield boarded the bus at McIntosh for a field trip to Bemidji to roller skate. Many Win-E-Mac students participate in the summer recreation program where they roller skate, swim, play ball and have arts & craft sessions.



10 years ago...2006: Summer Rec is well under way, this group of Midgets are softball players ages 7 - 9. They practice each Tuesday morning and play in a weekly tournament. The group consists of (back row): Coach Chandler Burns, Jessica Kasprzak, Indiana Nornes, Madison McKeever, Maria Schommer and Coach Nicole Thompson. Front row: Michelle Johnson, Madison Stuhag, and Chloe Smeby. Not present for the picture were Hanna Davidson, Kara Sonstle and Kelsey Knutson.

Regional Ag News

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The Benefits of Dung Beetles in Pastures

Dung beetles play a small but remarkable role in the pasture ecosystem. They feed on manure and use it to provide housing and food for their young. This activity results in improved nutrient cycling and soil structure which results in greater forage production. Dung beetles are important enough in nutrient recycling that they will deserve the rancher's attention.

Dung beetles belong to the zoological order Coleoptera and family Scarabaeidae. Of the more than 90 species in the U.S., less than a dozen are significant in dung burial. Three behavioral groups of the beetles are relevant to manure recycling. Probably the best-known group is the "tumble bugs" or "rollers". These are so named because of their behavior characteristic of working together in pairs to roll a ball of dung (brood ball) away from a manure pile in order to bury it.

Dung beetles can be various sizes. Adults can range in size from 1/10 inch up to a whopping 2.5 inches. The front legs usually have serrated edges, used for powerful digging. Scarabs are distinguished from other beetles by the appearance of their antennae, which are segmented and end with a plate-like oval club of three to seven expandable leaves. These lobes create a large surface area for detecting odors. Look for these specialized antennae with a magnifying glass.

Adult dung beetles are connoisseurs of manure drawn by odor like that of a fine wine. Many are species-specific—they prefer a certain type of animal manure. They will fly up to 10 miles in search of just the right dung, and can attack dung pats within seconds after they drop. Some species will even hitch a ride near the tails of animals in anticipation of a deposit. Once drawn by the odor, the adults use the liquid contents of the manure for

their nourishment like a "dung slurpie."

The female, which typically has shorter, thicker legs, digs while the male helps haul the soil from the tunnel. The female lays one egg in each ball. She then seals the brood ball, seals the tunnel, and begins the process again if she is of a species that lays several eggs. Like most species, the women seem to carry the load.

The dung beetle benefits livestock and pasture by helping eliminate other livestock pests. Manure is the breeding ground and incubator for horn flies and face flies. A single manure pat can generate 60-80 horn fly adults if protected from insect predators and competitors such as dung beetles. As dung beetles feed, they compete with the fly larvae for food and physically damage their eggs. Fly populations have been shown to decrease significantly in areas with dung beetle activity. Research has shown 95% fewer horn flies emerged from cowpats with dung beetles as compared to pats where beetles were excluded.

Dung beetles are also reported to be effective biological control agents for gastrointestinal parasites of livestock. The eggs of most gastrointestinal parasites pass out in the feces of the host. The eggs then hatch into free-living larvae and develop into the infective stage. They then migrate onto grass, where they can be ingested by grazing animals, and complete their life cycle within the animal. If the manure/egg incubator is removed by beetles, the eggs perish and the life cycle of the parasite is broken.

On a pasture-management level, dung pat removal is beneficial for forage availability. Most ruminants will not graze closely to their own species' manure pats. Research has shown that the forage is palatable, but avoided because of the dung pile. Consequently,

cattle manure deposits can make from 5% to 10% per acre per year unavailable. By completely and quickly removing the manure, dung beetles can significantly enhance grazing efficiency.

The tunneling behavior of dung beetles increases the soil's capacity to absorb and hold water, and their dung-handling activities enhance soil nutrient cycling. An adequate population and mix of species can remove a complete dung pile from the surface within 24 hours. As the adult dung beetles use the liquid component for nourishment and the roughage for the brood balls, the dung pat quickly disappears. If left on the surface, up to 80% of manure nitrogen is lost through volatilization; by quickly incorporating manure into the soil, dung beetles make more of this nitrogen available for plant use.

Now the bad news. Dung beetle larvae are susceptible to some insecticides used for fly and internal parasite control for cattle.

Discontinuing the use of certain insecticides will help increase your population of dung beetles. Indeed, one must consider that any product designed to harm, limit or kill would have some impact on the ecosystem in general, and should be used judiciously. Backrubbers, ear tags, and the occasional use of insecticide dusts and sprays are alternatives that have little or no effect on dung beetles. Another option is to treat cattle during the coolest months of the year, as the beetles and larvae are inactive at those times. Better yet, before treating your animals for internal parasites, take a fecal sample from suspect animals to your veterinarian. An egg count can help determine parasite load and whether the symptoms you may be seeing in the form of low gains, weight loss, unthriftiness, etc., are truly being caused by parasites.

Controlled grazing systems



It's a Great Year to be a Patriot! These two teams participated in many local tournaments. They have been working hard in the gym this last month improving their skills and learning the fun game of volleyball. Thanks coaches and our community for supporting these young athletes.

(Pictured above): 14's Jo Picture: Paige, Savannah, Haley, Mia, Katelyn and Coach Kelsey Knutson front row Isabella, Grace, Olivia, Alivia, and Tabitha.

(Pictured Below): 12's players Shania Juve, Niveah Simpson, Alyssa Morberg, Brooke Tofstad, Jayden Gensburger, Kylie Geray, Kyra Stuhau, Claire Stuhau, Ella Strom, Destiny Molstad, Dani Winter, Mia Jewell, Josie Fortman Kianna Tadman, Liveah Kiecker, Joy Nuebert, Hana Thompson, not pictured Sydney Svalen Coaches Jessica Strom and Jessica Kasprzak.



County line...

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million bill is passed in even years, and a \$230 million bill in odd years: 2017 - \$767 million; 2018 - \$726 million; and 2019 - \$754 million."

Those are eye-popping numbers for sure! While bonding money goes to help pay for some needed and important projects that local governments would have a hard time paying the entire cost of, it isn't free money. There is a price tag.

• A personal viewpoint:

Local government works well for two reasons. First, those elected are required to have balanced budgets that include debt service for any spending/bonding that is done. Second, they operate without any affiliation to political parties.

These elected officials aren't Republicans or Democrats, they only answer to their constituents.

By contrast, while state government also operates with a balanced budget, things get all screwed up because of the influence of political parties.

The feds, well, they have the same problem of their affiliation to political parties AND they don't seem to have any concern about paying the bills. The national debt, in case you hadn't noticed, is now at \$19 trillion and rising by almost a million every minute!!

Seems funny (or more appropriately that word should be sad) that neither of the two candidates who want to be our next president talks about the federal debt issue. That problem is being passed on to our kids, grandkids and great grandkids.

• State legislators filed

3,068 bills in advance of the 11-day 2016 session. Of that total, 1,653 bills came from the House and 1,415 were filed in the Senate.

Only 109 bills made it to the governor, who signed 106 of them into law (prior to anything that might occur in a special session, if that possibility still exists).

• **Seems to me that there should be a final day of the session** where there can't be any more amendments or changes to the legislation that has progressed to that point. Motions to suspend the rules or to attempt any other maneuvers to make changes should no longer be allowed. The only action on that final day should be an up or down vote.

• **All 201 state legislators — that's both representa-**

tives and senators — are up for re-election this year.

Thoughts for the day:

I've learned... that just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day. — Andy Rooney

Political Correctness is a doctrine, recently fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and promoted by a sick mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end! — President Truman in a telegram to Gen. MacArthur on Sept. 1, 1945

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2016 Win-E-Mac Legion Baseball



Austin Tadman



Chase Svalen



Hunter Chaput



Noah Klinkhammer



The 2016 Win-E-Mac Legion Baseball team lines up for the start of one of their games.