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Poplar Meadow residents celebrating birthdays in November are (l-r) Elvira Just (Nov. 15th, 97 years old), Leona Brekke (nov. 18th, 98 years old), and Eileen Ostenaa (Nov. 17th, 97 years old). What an amazing group of women. Happy Birthday ladies!

Turkey Time Quiz

It is once again time to talk turkey, stuffing and all of the trimmings. Thanksgiving is celebrated in both Canada and the United States with similar parades and fanfare. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the blessings in one's life and enjoy the company of family and friends during a special meal.

Although people celebrate Thanksgiving each and every year, they may not be aware of some of its interesting history. Test your knowledge of gobblers and general trivia with this quiz.

1. Despite competing historical claims, the story most people associate with the first American Thanksgiving took place in a colony in this modern-day state?
a. Pennsylvania
b. New Jersey
c. Massachusetts
d. Delaware
2. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on which day of the week in Canada?
a. Monday
b. Tuesday
c. Wednesday
d. Thursday
3. Pilgrims from Europe associated with Thanksgiving are purported to have sailed across the Atlantic to reach North America on which ship?
a. Daisy
b. Mayflower
c. Santa Maria
d. Roseflower
4. Which tribe of Native Americans taught Pilgrims how to cultivate the land, contributing to the first Thanksgiving?
a. Algonquin
b. Lenape
c. Shoshone
d. Wampanoag
5. Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas how long ago?
a. 10 million years ago
b. 15 million years ago
c. 20 million years ago
d. 25 million years ago
6. Three different deboned types of poultry go into this Thanksgiving meal alternative?
a. Orange duck
b. Turducken
c. Turkey chowmein
d. Chixturek
7. In what year did Congress make Thanksgiving an official national holiday in the United States?
a. 1932
b. 1939
c. 1941
d. 1946
8. Twenty percent of the overall consumption of this type of fruit is done on Thanksgiving.
a. apples
b. cranberries
c. cherries
d. grapes
9. The first Canadian Thanksgiving was a welcome-home celebration for Sir Martin Frobisher when he returned to which area of the country?
a. Albert
b. Manitoba

Thanksgiving Service

The McIntosh Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.

The service will begin at 7:30pm and Pastor Jill Torgerson will be the speaker.

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise." Psalm 95:2

Please join us for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

- c. British Columbia
d. Newfoundland
10. Canadians sometimes call the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States by this name to distinguish it from their own Thanksgiving celebration.
a. Yanksgiving
b. Amerigiving
c. Turmerica
d. USthanks
- Answers: 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. b 7. c 8. b 9. d 10. a

Did you know?

Thousands of people line the streets of midtown Manhattan every year to catch a glimpse of the balloons and performers marching in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Millions more will tune in to watch it on television. The Macy's parade is intertwined with Thanksgiving, making it as much a part of the holiday as turkey and pumpkin pie.

The history of the parade is both interesting and informational.

Historians believe the parade was instituted by European immigrants who made up the majority of employees at the retail giant Macy's. In the 1920s, employees who were now proud Americans wanted to celebrate with traditions that were similar to traditions in Europe. This included a parade down the streets. Animals were borrowed from the Central Park Zoo, bands played and marchers wore different costumes.

In 1927, concern for children lining the parade route led parade officials to replace live animals with the signature helium balloons people now know and love. A dragon and Felix the Cat were some of the first balloons. The festivities continued to grow during the 1930s, In 1933 was the only year that Santa led the parade rather than closed it.

During World War II, the parade was put on hiatus.

The 1947 film "Miracle on 34th Street" made the parade even more popular. NBC televised the parade nationwide the following year, drawing viewers from all over the country.

Happy Thanksgiving

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Successful solos for Win-E-Mac students

Monday, November 7, 2016 was a very successful day for Win-E-Mac musicians!

A Solo Contest was held at Halstad, MN. 7 vocalists and 7 instrumentalists participated in this contest.

Win-E-Mac received 8 ** (Superior) and 6 * (Excellent) ratings!

Vocalists receiving Superior (**) ratings were as follows: Cleopatra Basargin (Think of Me), Andrea Reandeau (At Last), Tyra Wilson (Sing Me to Sleep), Mikah Olson (Empty Chairs and Empty Tables), Bailee Burcham (Peace: Du Bist Die Ruh), and Aries Qualey (On My Own).

Instrumentalists receiving



Instrumental contest winners were: Row 1 Bailee Burcham, Tyra Wilson, Alaina Juve, Aries Qualey; Row 2 Katelyn Sanden, Lily Breckel, Clarissa Neste.



Vocal contest winners were: Row 1 Bailee Burcham, Mikah Olson, Tyra Wilson, Aries Qualey; Row 2 Cleopatra Basargin, Hailey Balstad, JayDee Reandeau.

Friends of Rydell Annual Christmas tree cutting at Glacial Ridge

The Friends of Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association (FRGRRRA) will host their annual Christmas Tree Cutting on Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm, at the south-central portion of Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge (formerly the Lee Nursery) on Highway 32. Signs will be up along the highway, marking the location. Participants will need to stop at the Glacial Ridge Project Office, located 3 miles south of US Highway 2 on Highway 32, (5.5 miles west of Mentor) to register and get a map to the tree cutting site. The Friends group will have coffee, hot apple cider and cookies available for this fun, family event.

A variety of conifers, including long-needled pine and short-needled spruce trees will be available for hand cutting only. Bring a hand saw (no chainsaws allowed) to cut your own tree. A few hand saws will be available, for those who do

not have their own. Tree sizes range from small to tall – something for everyone! Volunteers will be available to assist with tree cutting and tie-down.

This activity is part of an ongoing effort to remove non-native trees from a portion of Glacial Ridge Refuge. The reduction of the planted conifer stands is an important Refuge management objective. These areas will eventually be restored to their historic tall-grass prairie habitat.

Donations received for trees go to the FRGRRRA to further their mission of promoting a better understanding, appreciation, and accessibility of both Glacial Ridge and Rydell National Wildlife Refuges for people of all ages and abilities.

In case of a winter storm on December 2, the tree cutting will be held the following Saturday, December 10th, with the same hours. Information will be available by calling 218-687-2229 extension 10.



Win-E-Mac School, accepts a donation to the Backpack Program from Win-E-Mac Travel Center. The donation was presented by Ryan Strem and accepted by Amy Bartz and Randy Bruer. If you are interested in learning more about the Program or if you wish to donate monies to assist in underwriting the Program for the Win-E-Mac School, you can contact Amy Bartz, Family Service Specialist, Win-E-Mac School at 687-2236 or D'Wana Carroll, Backpack Coordinator, at Grace Lutheran Church, 687-4035. Checks can be written to the Grace Backpack Program and mailed to Grace Lutheran Church, PO Box 124, Erskine, MN, 56535.

Community Calendar

Wed. Nov. 23: McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Computer Class at McIntosh Library 1pm to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's

Thurs. Nov. 24: Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri. Nov. 25: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Nov. 28: 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. Nov. 29: McIntosh Library 5pm to 8pm; McIntosh Heritage & Arts Center 10am to 2pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

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

Fri. Dec 2: McIntosh Library 12pm to 5pm; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

Mon. Dec. 5: McIntosh Library 10am to 3pm; Children's Story Time at McIntosh Library 10:30am; Winger Senior Meals @ Moran's 11:30am to 1:30pm

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Poplar Meadows offers coffee time

Coffee cup and saucer

Join the residents of Poplar Meadows every morning for coffee! Everyone is welcome to come for a visit!



We would like to thank all of our friends, family, and the community for the love, support, and prayers which lifted us up during this time of loss. Thank you to those who brought food to the house, sent cards, memorials, and flowers, and helped in so many ways. Thank you to Pastor Tim for the beautiful services, and Ross Roragen and Andrew Hanson for blessing us with their music. Special thanks to the angels of Hospice, to the ladies of the NALCW for the lunch, and to the members of the American State Bank Softball Team who were able to serve as honorary pallbearers. Our hearts are full of gratitude. God Bless You, The family of Curt Jensen

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Mac Library presents WWII Legacy Event

McIntosh Public Library Announces Upcoming Program, "Minnesota Home Front in World War II"

The community is invited to the McIntosh Public Library for a presentation from Minnesota author and historian Steve Hoffbeck. Hoffbeck will share what life looked like on the home front during World War II and the attack on Pearl Harbor.

This Legacy event will take place Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the McIntosh Public Library (115 Broadway NW).

This series is sponsored in part by the Minnesota Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

The community is also invited to join the library for stories and fun during weekly

Story time on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Computer classes are held Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Those interested should contact the library to register. The library can be reached by calling 218-563-4555.

The McIntosh Public Library is a location of Lake Agassiz Regional Library, which is a consolidated LINK Site system comprised of 13 branch libraries and nine LINK sites serving the residents of seven counties in northwest Minnesota.

More information is available at www.larl.org.

Ad deadline:
Noon Friday

IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

**This will affect the amount of property tax you pay in 2017, and it may affect your eligibility for a property tax refund.*

Please contact your county assessor to file a homestead application on or before December 15, 2016, if one of the following applies:

- You purchased a property in the past year and you, or a qualifying relative, occupy the property for homestead purposes on December 1, 2016; or
- You, or a qualifying relative occupy a property for homestead purposes on December 1, 2016, and the property was previously classified as non-homestead.

A qualifying relative for homestead purposes depends on the type of property. For residential property, a qualifying relative can be a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the owner. This relationship may be by blood or marriage. For agricultural property, a qualifying relative can be a child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or a child, grandchild, or sibling of the spouse of the owner.

Once you have been granted the homestead classification, no further applications are necessary unless they are specifically requested by the county assessor.

You must also contact the assessor by December 15, 2016 if you are the property owner, or a qualifying relative of the property owner, and the use of the property has changed during the past year.

If you should sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status. Failure to notify the county assessor within this 30 day period is punishable by recalculation of tax as non-homestead, in addition to penalty equal to 100 percent of the homestead benefits.

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Joyeux Noel Holiday Dinner

The Third Annual Holiday Dinner, sponsored by the East Polk Heritage Center and GFWC Athenian Club, will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016. This year's festive event will feature traditional French Christmas Cuisine.

Held at the Larson House on the Heritage Center grounds in Fosston, guests are seated in beautifully decorated rooms and served a three-course meal. Each course is paired with an exceptional wine.

Tickets are \$40 each with proceeds benefitting both organizations. Seating is very limited and reservations are required. You can reserve a space at the 5:30 or 7:30 PM seating. Please call Kathryn Carver at 435-1444 or Bonnie Stewart at 435-6119 to secure your spot. Enjoy a joyful start to the Christmas season by attending this one of a kind event!

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

The Fosston Community Library and Arts Association (FCLAA) is proud to announce the production of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, directed by Abby Pearson and Donna Parenteau and performed by twenty-seven children and adults from Fosston and the surrounding area.

This delightful comedy is

Head Football Coach Wanted

The Win-E-Mac School District is currently seeking a Head Football Coach. Please send letter of application or contact Aaron Cook:

Aaron Cook, Activities Director
Win-E-Mac School District #2609
23130 345th St SE
Erskine, MN 56535
218-563-2900
acook@win-e-mac.k12.mn.us

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HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH WANTED

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Eileen Ostenaa's 97th Birthday

Sat., November 26th
in upstairs gathering room
at Poplar Meadows
3:00pm to 5:00 pm

We only want you to visit and enjoy treats so your presence will be your gift!

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adapted from the best-selling Young Adult book, and has become a holiday staple for groups across the United States. It is a non-musical recommended for all ages.

Performance dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 1-3 at 7:00 PM each evening. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at Generations Clothing for Him, downtown Fosston or call 435-1676.

How to get Black Friday deals

As Thanksgiving draws near, retailers begin dropping hints about their Black Friday promotions.

Smart shoppers recognize that Black Friday is a great time to find deals on holiday gifts, and following these tips can help shoppers save even more.

Begin researching early. Since many retailers begin posting information online or send out advertisements about sale items far in advance of Black Friday, shoppers should pay attention to each retailer's offerings so they can better coordinate their shopping efforts.

Establish a shopping budget. It's tempting to go out shopping with credit cards blazing, but that may lead to overspending. Determine what you can afford and set a budget for Black Friday shopping. Establishing a budget can help you avoid impulse purchases as well.

Look for extra discounts. The early bird often gets the



Heritage Recipe #6 John Covlin

The family of John Covlin settled in Winger Township just west of the hamlet of the same name, where he raised five children. John and his wife Ellen moved to the area after meeting and marrying in North Dakota. John's parents had immigrated to the Dakota's from Russia and Ellen's from Norway.

Gloria Covlin Carver remembers her father as a quiet man who loved to listen to baseball on the radio. On Saturday nights he enjoyed playing cards with friends in Erskine, at the restaurant Leon and Edie's, while she and her siblings went to a movie at the local theater.

Gloria lost her mother at the age of six, her father taking on the role of mother and father would make a dish called Goulash for the family. Unsure of the origins of the recipe, Gloria remembers that it was always served with fried or scalloped potatoes. It is a recipe that she served on occasion to her family. The dish is one that she describes as and considers comfort food.

Goulash

1-Large Can Tomatoes
1-Cup Sugar
¼-Cup Chopped Onions (may use more or less to taste)

Salt and Pepper to taste
Bring ingredients to boil and simmer for 15 minutes.

Thicken with flour/water mixture.

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Serve over fried potatoes or scalloped potatoes.

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worm, but late shoppers also may benefit on Black Friday. Determine which times of the day stores are offering their biggest discounts.

Divide and conquer. Split up the shopping responsibilities so you and your family can get your shopping done quickly.

Dress comfortably for shopping. Malls and department stores may be crowded and can be warm, so dress in layers so you can remove clothing if you get hot. You'll probably do a good deal of walking on Black Friday, so make sure to wear comfortable shoes.

Have discount codes at the ready. Many retailers now use digital apps or emails to keep in touch with customers.

Black Friday is one of the best days of the year to land steep discounts on a variety of merchandise and services. Make the shopping trip even more successful this time around.

Best of all, make sure you have fun and enjoy your day.

Win-E-Mac Giving Tree

Win-E-Mac School will once again be having their annual Giving Tree. We will anonymously display "ornaments" for children in the Win-E-Mac School District that may have a need this holiday season for clothes, toys, or other items. Their wish list will be printed on the "ornament". Beginning the last week of November and continuing throughout the month of December, Win-E-Mac School will have the tree available to those who would like to donate gifts. The Giving Tree will be placed in the commons area of School. Please choose an "ornament" and write your name on the one you choose to provide for.

At this time we are looking for names of children and/or families that may be in need this year. If you need some assistance or you know of a child or family that may be in need this holiday season, please contact Amy Bartz at the school, 563-2900 or 687-2236. The Giving Tree also accepts monetary donations. The donations go toward food gift certificates for families to use over the holidays. If you are interested or have questions about donating, please contact Amy Bartz.

Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Wed. Nov. 23: Maci Hamre, Betsy Roed, Amber Finseth

Thurs. Nov. 24: Mary Lerfald, Betty Tangen

Sat. Nov. 26: Pat Tranby, Karen Rolf, Kristi Toftstad, Brittany Sylstad, Raquel Lindseth

Sun. Nov. 27: Shelley Quinlan, Susannah Roed

Mon. Nov. 28: Jacob Roue



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH Fosston

Fr. John Suvakeen, Pastor

Wed. Nov. 23: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston
Thurs. Nov. 24: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Fri Nov. 25: 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Nov. 27: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Wed. Nov. 30: 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston

Sun. Dec. 4: 8:00am Confession; 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

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

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Winger/Bejou

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. Nov. 27: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

Sun. Dec. 4: 8:30am Worship at Immanuel; 9:45am Worship at Calvary

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Sun. Nov. 27: 11:15am Worship Service

Sun. Dec. 4: 11:15am Worship Service

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Wed. Nov. 23: 1:30pm Bible Study at The Country Place.

Sat. Nov. 19: 8:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sun. Nov. 27: 9:30am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00am Worship Service;

Tues. Nov. 29: 10:00am Sunday Worship service telecast on Garden Valley Cable TV - Channel 2

Wed. Nov. 30: 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

Mt. Carmel:

Wed. Nov. 23 7:30pm Bible Study

Sun. Nov. 27: 9:45am Sunday School; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service

Wed. Nov. 30: 7:30pm Bible Study

Thurs. Dec. 1: 7:00am Men's Breakfast

Sun. Dec 4 9:45am Sunday School; 11:00am Sunday Worship Service

Trinity:

Sun. Nov. 27: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School

Sun. Dec 4: 9:30am Worship Service; 10:45am Sunday School

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McIntosh

Pastor Jill Torgerson

Sun. Nov. 27: 9am Worship

Sun. Dec 4: 9am Worship

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FREE LUTHERAN

Pastor Don Edlund

Wed Nov.23 : 7:15pm Bible Study: Old Testament Tabernacles

Sun. Nov. 27: 10:00am Worship Service

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Sun. Dec 4: 10:00am Worship Service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

McIntosh

Rev. John Anderson, Pastor

Wed. Nov. 23: 7:30pm Thanksgiving Service @ Our Savior's

Sun Nov 27: 9:00am Worship Service, 10:00am Sunday School

Wed. Nov. 30: 6:00pm Confirmation

Sun. Dec 4: 9:00am Divine Worship with Holy Communion

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Winger News

Linda Pulskamp

Hello again from Winger, Union Lake and the surrounding area! Our weather has continued to be beautiful for the middle of November but look out they are predicting a winter storm to move in by the weekend! It remains to be seen but it will be a rude awakening for us, hopefully it will bypass us, but eventually we will have to deal with winter.

Wednesday the 9th Judy Gieseke was a visitor and dinner guest with Milton Carlson at the Carlson home. That evening Milton Carlson was a visitor and supper guest at the Paul and Donna Carlson home to help Paul and Donna celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Paul and Donna!

Last weekend house guests at the Pulskamp home were Craig Helgaas of Glenwood, Steve Johnson of Coon Rapids, Terry Johnson of Newport and Brent Jessie, Sidnie, Skyline and Brylie Pulskamp of Wahpeton, ND. They were all here for the second week end of deer hunting which proved to be quite successful. The highlight of the weekend was our Granddaughter Sidnie shot her first deer. Needless to say we now have an avid hunter in the midst of the guys that hunt.

Last Tuesday and again on Sunday Sheldon and Rita Trandum were visitors and played rook with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

Floyd Olson was a visitor on Thursday the 10th at the Milton Carlson home.

Dean Johnson, Kelly Johnson and Bev Helgaas of Glenwood were all visitors last weekend at the Pulskamp home.

Shirley Salvesson of Moorhead and her daughter Karen of Glyndon were recent visitors at the Boyd and Sylvia Bratager home.

Paul and Donna Carlson were morning visitors and coffee guests at the Milton Carlson home. That afternoon Brent and Jennifer Carlson of Erskine were visitors with Milton at the Carlson home.

Last Saturday afternoon Bev Helgaas of Glenwood and Cindy Johnson of Gully were visitors with Joanne Zahl and daughter Denise at the Zahl home.

Last Saturday Dustin, Nikki and Dustin Wayne Carlson were visitors at the Milton Carlson home. While there Dustin did some work on the ramp on Milton's house.

Mark and Betty Syveson were last Saturday visitors with Helmer and Verlys Homme at the Pioneer Home at Erskine.

After church last Sunday Milton Carlson and Judy Gieseke had dinner together. That evening Paul and Donna Carlson picked up Milton and they all were supper guests at the Chad and Michelle Carlson

home.

Lucy Brtek and Sara Lucken made a road trip to Moorhead last week doing some shopping and a bit of shopping as well.

Last Thursday evening Donnie Johnson of Maple Lake, MN, Nola Abele of Fosston, Dean Johnson and Linda Pulskamp had supper together at the Cozy Café in Brooks to observe Donnie's birthday.

Jeff and Julie Bratager and Boyd and Sylvia Bratager all met Jeff Bratager and Bruce Bratager and their families in the Rochester area spending a few days together visiting and relaxing.

Monday morning Paul Carlson stopped in for a brief visit with Milton Carlson on his way to work.

Wednesday evening Butch and Linda Pulskamp visited at the Reha Sanstead home in Erskine with Reha and her houseguest Leonard Taylor.

Tuesday evening Paul and Donna Carlson brought supper and were visitor with Milton Carlson at the Carlson home.

I want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, may you all be blessed with your family with you and safe travels to all of you that will be traveling.

In closing and until next week, every new day is another chance to change your life.

From Bun Manor:

Thursday afternoon, Bun invited Stue and Lars to the Winger Depot for lunch. The depot is now open again and goes by the name The Lunch Box. They are open from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They serve breakfast till closing. Stop by and check it out.

Friday, Bun met Dale and Joyce at the Ness café for lunch. They were joined later by Robert Hegland Dale bought and Bun left the tip. Joyce got another freebie. Ole takes after Joyce on getting free meals.

Ole and Bun ran into Mary, Brian and their son Ben Espeseth at the casino. They were there to watch the upcoming country and western singer Kelsea Ballerina.

Ole got a text telling them to head back to Winger to attend the 49th Birthday party at Moran's for Jon Aasen. A good crowd of Winger friends helped him celebrate.

A couple of gals from Red Lake Falls that nobody knew sang Happy Birthday to Jon. They didn't know his name so they sang Happy Birthday dear Baldy. Everyone got a good laugh at that one.

Matthew brought Bun out some potato klub on Sunday from the Calvary Church. Members from the congregation put on the dinner for the public.

They figured around 125 people showed up for the event.

Bun would like some input from readers so he doesn't have to write about him all the time.

Your Legal Rights: Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

From the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

In 2014, 17.6 million Americans were victims of identity theft, including an increasing number of tax-related theft. In 2015, 781 recorded data breaches exposed 169,068,506 records.

ID theft occurs when a person uses someone else's information for fraud. Taking steps to protect your identity can reduce your risk of becoming a victim.

Common Methods in Which Information is Stolen There are numerous different scams and schemes thieves use to obtain people's personal information. Some of the more common methods include:

•**Phishing** In a phishing scheme, identity thieves pose as a trusted corporation or government entity to obtain personal or financial information.

•**Hacking** Hackers may attempt to download harmful malware or spyware on your computer to sift through information you may file electronically. This malware or spyware can be downloaded by visiting insecure websites, "clicking" dangerous links, or opening attachments from unknown e-mail senders.

•**Stolen Records and Dumpster Diving** Financial statements, medical information, or checks sent by mail contain sensitive information that identity thieves misuse.

•**Card Skimming** Some of the largest cases of ID theft in the United States occurred through card skimming, in which thieves electronically capture and store the details stored in a card's magnetic strip.

How to Protect Yourself Against ID Theft

You can take several steps to protect yourself from ID theft, some of which include the following:

•**Monitor Your Credit Report** You can obtain a free copy of your credit report from the credit bureaus once every year online at www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling 1-877-322-8228, or by writing to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta GA 30348-5281.

•**Monitor Your Financial Statements** Carefully review your credit card and bank account statements each month for unauthorized charges or fraudulent use.

•**Protect Your Information** Store documents that contain sensitive information in a secure location. You may ask each credit bureau to place a "fraud alert" in your file to require creditors to contact you before a new account is opened in your name. You may contact the credit bureaus to place a fraud alert in your file as follows:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285;
TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289;
Experian: 1-888-397-3742

•**Shred and Delete Sensitive Documents** Before you dispose of documents that



50 years ago...1966: This is the Scot football squad which was in action during the season. Left to right, front row: Darrel Johnson, David Sannes, Mark Simonson, Richard Simonson, Jerry Ostenaa, Stanley Smeby, Mark Burnett, Ronnie Roed, Mark Schimanski. Second row: Coach Don Johnson, Phillip Jore, David Faldet, Jim Peterson Ronnie Joppru, Brian Bennes, John Warford, Tim Lecy, Bruce Kaupang, Reggie Joppru and Scott Schimanski. Third Row: Steve Knudson, Student manager; Orvis Haugen, Gordon Ostenaa, Lauren Kindseth, Steve Haaven, Lewis Olson, Chester Smeby, Lowell Urdahl, Bruce Grun-dyson, and Wade Kindseth, Student manager.



40 years ago...1976: All-Conference selections for top players of the Football Season this year are Paul Kiecker, Sr. Half Back; Mike Dietrich, Sr. Full Back; Tim Anderson (Winger), Sr. Tackle; and Carey Burslie, Sr. Half Back. Most Valuable player of the year is Larry Haugen, McIntosh, a Junior Quarterback.

contain sensitive information (credit card or bank statements, etc.), shred them. You can opt-out of prescreened credit card offers online at www.optoutprescreen.com or by calling 1 888 567 8688. When disposing of electronic devices, make sure they are wiped clean of any personal information that may be stored on them.

•**Secure Electronic Devices and Online Accounts** Hackers try to get at people's information by accessing it directly from their devices or from websites. Make sure your devices have security software, such as a firewall and antivirus protection that is up-to-date. Create strong, unique passwords for your devices and online accounts, and log off when you are done. Encrypt and password protect your home Wi-Fi, and avoid using public Wi-Fi to access accounts or make online purchases.

Did you know?

According to Bank of America, a home equity line of credit, or HELOC, is a line of credit secured by a homeowner's home.

The HELOC is a revolving credit line, which means it allows homeowners to borrow up to the credit limit amount and re-borrow in repeated transactions once the outstanding balance has been repaid. A HELOC may have a lower interest rate than other types of loans, and BoA notes that interest paid on a HELOC is often tax-deductible. Not every homeowner is eligible for a HELOC. To be eligible, homeowners must have available equity in their homes.

That means the amount they owe on their homes must be less than the value of the home. Before applying for a HELOC, homeowners should know that just because they were approved for a mortgage does not mean they will be approved for a HELOC.

Lenders will examine many of the same variables, including credit score, monthly income and employment history, when weighing whether or not to approve a HELOC. Homeowners whose employment situations have changed or whose credit scores have dipped may want to wait to apply for a HELOC until they can make their applications more attractive

Story to Share?

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



30 years ago...1986: Minnesota State Class A Volleyball Runners-up: 1st row, L-R: Kristen Tangen, Nikki Hegg, Sheila Olson, Teresa Hegg. 2nd row: Shari Rolf (mgr.), Stacy Sandberg, Sheila Vasend, Jeanie Votaa, JoAnne Engebretson, Caren Boucher (mgr.). 3rd row: Lisa Carver, Shelly Evenson, Traci DiMaggio (Absent Becky Jensen). 4th row: Daryl Halverson, Mike Roysland, Doug Johnson (coaches).



20 years ago...1996: WEM Patriots accepted their Sportsmanship banner at the State Volleyball Tourney.



10 years ago...2006: 2006 Football team voted (l-r) Most Valuable Lineman as Dustin Faldet, Most Valuable Back as Kyle Kaupang, Hardest Worker was Evan Massman and Most Improved Player being Caleb Benbo.

Regional Ag News

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Local Land Rent Meetings

Determining a fair farm rental agreement is a challenge in today's economy with significantly lower commodity prices in 2014, 2015, 2016 and probably in 2017 preceded by recent record high commodity prices and farm land values. Farm land and pasture land rental rates are dropping as wheat, corn, soybean, alfalfa and beef prices continue in a low price cycle and as producers are trying to lower their input costs.

Landlords, Farmers, Agri-Business Professionals will learn about the factors affecting land rent at informative meetings being held across Minnesota.

These free meetings are being provided by the University of Minnesota Extension. Nathan Hulinsky, U of M Extension Educator in Ag Business Management, Moorhead will present topics including historic and projected farmland rental rates, current farm land values, projected 2017 input costs and cash grain prices, along with rate of return to the landlord at current market values which help calculate an affordable fair rental agreement. Other factors that go into a fair

rental arrangement will also be discussed.

Make plans to attend one of these informative meetings. Attendees will receive several useful worksheets and fact-sheets that will help both the landlord and tenant in determining what is a fair land or pasture rental arrangement.

Fair land rent meetings in Polk and Clearwater counties will be held Monday, December 5th, 2017. Locations and times are: McIntosh Community Center, 240 Cleveland Ave SW, McIntosh, MN at 10:00AM; D and R Café, 27 Central St SW, Bagley, MN at 2:00PM. The Bagley meeting will also include information on Pasture Rental arrangements.

For more information or questions contact Ray Bisek, Interim Extension Educator, Polk and Clearwater Counties in McIntosh at 218-563-2465, in Bagley at 218-694-6151 or by cell at 218-280-1129.

Funds for On-Farm

Livestock Improvements

Earlier this fall the MN Department of Agriculture announced there is \$2 million available in grants for improvement projects on MN livestock farms. These funds are available through the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innova-

tion (AGRI) Program.

Successful applicants are reimbursed 10 percent of the initial \$500,000 of their investment and has a minimum investment of \$4000.. The maximum available per year for a producer is \$25,000.

The Livestock Investment Grant was first funded by the Minnesota Legislature in 2008. Since then, 572 grant recipients have invested an estimated \$193 million in improvements to their operations.

"The Livestock Investment Grant Program helps encourage long-term development in Minnesota's \$7 billion livestock sector" states MDA Commissioner Dave Fredrickson. He also stated that "These grants have enabled livestock farmers to pay for new buildings or make renovations. In some cases, the recipients used the grants for modernizations and improvements that would help expedite the farm transition process to their sons or daughters".

Applications are due by Dec. 16, 2016. Funded projects will need to be completed between Jan. 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Complete details of this program, including application documents, can be found on the MDA website.

Random Things and Stuff



30 Days of Thankfulness

By: Emily L. Ferden-Melott

I ran across this questionnaire that was "30 days of thankfulness".

One question for each day of the month of November. I think this would be a good way to end the series of articles I have been doing on being thankful. Hope you enjoy!

Day 1: what smell are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the smell of eucalyptus mint...it is very relaxing!

Day 2: what type of technology are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for cell-phones because of the ability to be in constant contact with people that you may not be around.

Day 3: what color are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the color purple, because it is my favorite color.

Day 4: what food are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for spaghetti, because I really like noodles.

Day 5: what sound are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the sound of laughter because it means people are happy and enjoying themselves.

Day 6: what in nature are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for trees, because they provide shelter for different animals and also supply us with oxygen.

Day 7: what memory are you grateful for?

I am most grateful for the memories I made with my family.

Day 8: what book are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the

Bible.

Day 9: what place are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for a place to call home, that whenever I go back to my parent's house I know that I am welcomed and loved.

Day 10: what taste are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the taste of chocolate.

Day 11: what holiday are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for Christmas because of my faith and also because it is the time of year people tend to be more genuine and caring for others.

Day 12: what texture are you grateful for?

I am grateful for soft textures that make you feel comforted.

Day 13: what abilities are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the ability to perform everyday activities on my own, and then do harder tasks as well.

Day 14: what sight are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for being able to see the smiles on my loved ones faces.

Day 15: what season are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for spring because it is a time of year that seems like there are a bunch of new beginnings.

Day 16: what about your body are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful that my body has full range of motion.

Day 17: what knowledge are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the knowledge that I have gotten at college to be a nurse.

Day 18: what piece of art are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the portrait of The Last Supper.

Day 19: what touch are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for a reassuring touch from a loved one.

Day 20: what about your life are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for all of

the opportunities I have had in my life.

Day 21: what song are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the song Amazing Grace, because it always gives me peace.

Day 22: what hobby/interest are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for reading, and that there are books about any subject you can imagine.

Day 23: what tradition are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for my family's tradition of getting together for holidays.

Day 24: what challenge are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the challenge of going to college and working hard to graduate.

Day 25: what moment this week are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the opportunity I had to talk to a woman who had a mastectomy and how positive her outlook was on life.

Day 26: what form of expression are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for the expression, "Bless you".

Day 27: what small thing you use/do daily are you grateful for?

I am grateful for being able to have clean, running water to use each day.

Day 28: what small thing that happened today are you grateful for?

I am grateful that I got to spend the day relaxing and catching up on homework.

Day 29: what friend/family are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for all of my family and friends, but the ones that have continuously been there for me especially (they know who they are).

Day 30: what talent/skill that you have are you most grateful for?

I am most grateful for being able to be empathetic and compassionate towards others that may be different from myself.

The Beatles Slept Here is a hit!

Win-E-Mac High School presented their fall play, "The Beatles Slept Here," by Craig Sodaro, to a packed house, this past weekend.

The play was set at the Penny Lane Hotel where reportedly the Beatles once slept when they were passing through. The hotel is operated by the crochety Sgt. Paprika (Hunter Chaput) and his trusty accountant Eleanor Digby (Breanna Carroll). Alaina Juve plays Lizzie, one of the hotel maids. Some of her friends that stop by to visit and organize a raffle are portrayed by Bryce DuChamp, Tyra Wilson, McKenzie Fuller, and Kylie Stuhau.

Their rowdy male "friends" are acted by Micah Olson, Zach Simonson, Eoina Kulikov, and Mason Spry. The chief crook Mr. Mustard (Joe Parenteau) has three young assistants Jinx, Minx and Finx (Jordan Jerdee, Jhana Saeland and Brock Trandem).

The law is represented by Johnny B. Goode (Joe Rivier). The villainess Clarabel is portrayed by Olivia Simonson and her skeptical cohort Dr. Robert (Chris Kuznetsov).

The four elderly avid Beatles' fans are brought to life by Maci Hamri, Katelyn Sanden, Aries Qualley and Andrew Hanson.

The play was entertaining and lively and the performers were true to their parts. A big congratulations to the cast and Mr. McWilliam for another successful Win-E-Mac fall play.

