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A look at next week... Eagle Intern Kendra Jensen reports for duty!

Behind the Scenes: Holy Mama History/Mystery



Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington visits with Laudy Sistad at Minnesota Greenleaf Senior Living in Thief River Falls last week.

Written by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

By now you're familiar with the new summer series that's been running the last few weeks. I've been giving you an up close and personal look into a local business or organization after spending some time on the job with them. I hope you've been enjoying a more personalized, inside look and going "Behind the Scenes" of our local entities.

This week we're taking a look at Pastor Vicki Worthington, AKA Holy Mama. Pastor Vicki is the minister for Grace Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Grygla. We know what she does on Sundays when we see her in front of the congregations, but what does she do behind the scenes?

I called her to find out. After explaining that I wanted to run this story on her, she quickly agreed and

extended an invite to me and my children to accompany her on some nursing home visits! My daughter and I got to spend last Thursday with her and really enjoyed the day. If you know Pastor Vicki, or for those of you who don't, she is an open book and loves to talk about anything with you. ALWAYS up for a good laugh and great conversation, it's easy to feel like you've known her your whole life.

When we made the trek to Thief River Falls, we headed to Greenleaf. We had a great visit with Laudy Sistad, formerly of Grygla, and also stopped in to see Donna Jelle, but she was out for an appointment. Laudy talked a lot about Grace Lutheran Church and shared so many fun memories with us. Pastor Vicki even told Laudy that she is referred to as Holy Mama, which generated a lot of laughter!

Next, we drove over to Oakland Park where Ardell Roen is living. She was so happy to see familiar faces and, let me tell you, everyone around there just loves her. Pastor Vicki, Anna and I got to hear so many of Ardell's fond memories from when she grew up, including recollections from Our Savior's

Lutheran Church. Not many people take the time to just visit with one another anymore. Like REALLY VISIT, you know? But we did some quality visiting that day and left Thief River feeling fulfilled.

Because we spent the day visiting, driving (and eating really great food), I didn't get much time to jot things down so I sent Pastor Vicki some questions after the fact via email. She wrote me back, and in true Vicki Worthington style, let her personality shine in her answers. I thought, "Why re-write this and change HER words to MY words. Hers are better. Hers are ALWAYS better...if you know her, you know this to be true. Enjoy a "behind the scenes" look at the Holy Mama History/Mystery, as she so cleverly called it.

Let's turn the pages back to the beginning and get to know you....

I was born in Grafton, North Dakota, in 1953. My parents were living in Park River, ND, at the time. Then we moved to Minot and then Williston where my Dad worked for Standard Oil. While we were in Williston, my Mom finally convinced

Behind the Scenes... Continued on back

GRYGLA CENTENNIAL SNEAK PEEK



REMEMBERING THE PAST
CELEBRATING THE PRESENT
EMBRACING THE FUTURE

AUGUST 25-27, 2017
Co-Ed Sand Volleyball



Sunday, August 27th, 11am

Make a team of guys, make a team of gals or mix it up and HIT THE SAND! In order for the sand volleyball tournament to happen, a minimum of 4 teams must be pre-registered on or before August 23rd. There is a \$30 entry fee but you could get that money back as there is a CASH PRIZE for the 1st place team!

The sand volleyball courts are located on the west side of Grygla behind the softball field. Contact Jodi Schulz (218-294-6101/218-689-1454/jschulz@machinewell.com) or Tonia Haack (218-294-6101) to get your team registered.

STAY UP TO DATE BY LIKING THE "GRYGLA CENTENNIAL 2017" PAGE ON FACEBOOK!

Another sneak peek to come next week!



Yard of the Week



Nominated from Grygla: Jared and Kristie Moe, 30731 400th Ave NE

Picking just four photos was a very hard job as the Moe's have at least a dozen creative and unique flower/rock beds spread across their yard! Each one is so charming; Kristie has the eye and energy to design some pretty neat landscapes and yard décor.



Nominated from Goodridge: Jason and Sarah Kotrba, 15678 370th Ave NE

Such a clean and welcoming view as you drive into the Kotrba yard. With the extensive lawn always being well-groomed and the hearty flower pots spilling over so beautifully, this country yard is definitely an eye-catcher.

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Wednesday:
6pm Choir, 8pm Interfaith Bible Study
Sunday:
Grace: 10:30am Worship
OS: 9am Worship

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH
United – Gatzke; Our Savior's – Thief Lake
Pastor TBA
Sunday:
No Worship
Wednesday:
Joint Worship at OS 7pm

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Pastor Kristin Dahlen Os-tercamp
Sunday:
Bethany: 8:30 Worship
Ekelund: 9:45 Worship
Faith: 11am Worship

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge

Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday:
St. Clement's: 10:15am
St. Ann's: 12pm

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday:
9:30am Worship

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Christian & Missionary Al-
liance of Grygla
Sunday:
9:30am Worship, 11am SS

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Ol-
ive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak
Park – Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Saturday:
Mt. Olive: 9am Worship
Sunday:
St. Petri: 8am Worship
Oak Park: 9:45am Worship
Nazareth: 11am Worship

LIBERTY CHAPEL
Grygla
Fellowship of Christian As-
semblies
Sunday:
9:30am Worship.

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Help Wanted
The City of Grygla is look-
ing for a part-time seasonal
worker. Approximately 10-15
hrs. a week to help with clean-
ing the Community Center,
park bathrooms, and doing
trimming around town. Apply
in person in the City Clerk's
office or online at www.grygla.govoffice2.com

Community Calendar

Wed | June 21
JO Volleyball 12U/16U tour-
ney in TRF; Chargers youth
baseball game vs. Argyle in
Grygla 9am; Tball in Grygla
9-10am; Senior Meals at
Grain Bin Café 11am; Gry-
gla Eagle office open 2-6pm;
Grygla Library open 2-6pm;
Chix from the Stix Gazebo
Night at Veterans Memorial
(supper at 6pm, talent show
at 6:30pm)

Thurs | June 22
JO Volleyball 12U tourney
in Greenbush/16U tourney
in Lancaster; Goodridge
Sand Volleyball 6:30pm;
Jensen Sisters perform at
Floyd B. Olson Park in TRF
at 7pm

Fri | June 23
Chargers youth baseball
game in Warren at 9am
(bus leaves Grygla at
7:30am); Senior Meals at
Grain Bin Café 11am

Sat | June 24
Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf
8-10:30am

Sun | June 25

Mon | June 26
Chargers youth baseball
game in Middle River at
9am (bus leaves Grygla at
8am); Senior Meals at Grain
Bin Café 11am; Monday
Night Football in Grygla
6pm

Tues | June 27
JO Volleyball 12U/16U
tournament in Stephen; Grygla
Eagle office open 9am-5pm;
Summer League Basketball
in Grygla 6:15pm

Memorial Service
There will be
a memorial ser-
vice for Gerald
(Jerry) Erickson on
Saturday, June 24th at 11am
at Grace Lutheran Church in
Grygla, followed by a luncheon
and then the interment at
Valle Cemetery. Jerry was born
and raised in the Grygla area
and died January 30th, 2017 in
Marion, Iowa.
Family & friends welcome.



Gracie Lunsetter re-
ceived 3rd place for her
trap shooting season aver-
age of 15.2 in the Female
Class A Conference 2. The
state shoot was held for GG
Chargers last week in Alex-
andria.

GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK

Written by Kari Sundberg,
Grygla Librarian
Hello from the Grygla Li-
brary! Things have been so
busy and steady with lots of
little people and adults coming
in for books, computer usage,
movies and cd's. It's fantastic to
see all of you taking advantage
of your little library!

The youth summer read-
ing program is underway. Ev-
ery week we draw for 2 free
movie tickets, courtesy of Falls
Cinema. As long as kiddos are
checking out books, they are el-
igible to win them! The winner
last week was Janessa Torger-
son.

Speaking of kids, remember
how I always say every week
we're getting in new books?
Well, this week I'll be getting
a new tote full of Juvenile Fic-
tion books. These are perfect
for kids in grades 4-8...lots of
great chapter books to choose
from. One day, little Kinsley
Oslund came into the library
(she will be a Grygla 5th grad-
er) and asked if I'd pick her out
a good chapter book to read. I
don't remember which one I
picked, but it was one I thought
she'd like. The next time I saw
her she was just dramatically
telling me how AMAZING
the book was. It was the cut-
est thing ever! My daughter,
who is a classmate and friend
of Kinsleys, is also reading a

good chapter book. It's called
"Orphan Island" and is about
these kids living alone on an
island. Every year the oldest
child has to leave and new child
is brought to the island. Each
kid has their own set of jobs to
ensure they all survive and eat.
She is really loving it so far!
The library didn't have the ac-
tual book, so I put in a request
for it and it was purchased on
Overdrive so Anna has been
reading the e-version on our
Nook. If there is a book that
you or your child is interest-
ed in and we happen to not have
it (although we have THOU-
SANDS so the odds are pretty
good we'll have it!) just let me
know and I can always put a
request in for you.

I just requested a couple for
my son about these teenage
twin brothers who play basket-
ball. That's all I really know
about it, to be honest. But he
seemed to really like the first
one and didn't complain when
it came time for his 30 minutes
of reading each day! Haha.

Anyway, I will be gone next
week, but a sub will be filling
in for me at the library. She'll
still be drawing for the movie
tickets and weekly prizes for
the kids who are coming in and
checking out books, too. So all
is well.

Enjoy your week and I'll see
a lot of you when you stop in.

June youth baseball schedule

Below is the June schedule
for your reference.
Wednesday, June 21: Base-
ball game vs. Argyle in Grygla
9am. Tball in Grygla 9-10am.
Friday, June 23: Baseball
game in Warren at 9am. Bus
leaves Grygla at 7:30am.
Monday, June 26: Baseball
game in Middle River at 9am.

Bus leaves Grygla at 8am.
Wednesday, June 28: Base-
ball practice in Grygla from 10-
12pm. Tball in Grygla 9-10am.
Thursday, June 29: Baseball
All-Star Game 5pm (location
TBD)
Friday, June 30: Baseball
game in Karlstad at 9am. Bus
leaves Grygla at 7:45am.

Summer League Basketball Schedule

Summer League Basketball
is underway. All games will
be in the new gym at the Gry-
gla School until the old gym is
available. Below is the remain-
ing June schedule, along with
the teams.
June 27
6:15pm: NG Black vs. Gray,
OG Green vs. Orange, Refs are
Blue, Maroon
7pm: NG Blue vs. Maroon,
OG Gray vs. Orange, Refs are
Green, Black
7:45pm: NG Purple vs.
Black, OG Green vs. Blue, Refs
are Orange, Gray
Teams
Maroon: Charlie Wells,
Blaine Kriel, Cole Halvorson,
Logan Dvergsten, Cameron
Naeseth, Trystan Jelle, Madi-

son Cullen, Alan Prestebak
Green: David Jones, Tyler
Stinar, Lucian Tinnies, Matt
Hanson, Kember Anderson,
Jake Tharaldson, Cory Clevon
Blue: Brady Olson, Hunter
McMillin, Justin Kiesow, Hud-
son McMillin, Ashley Moe,
Jake Olson, Michael Jelen
Black: Brock Olson, Dayle
Larson, Jaden Kiesow, Pey-
ton Verbout, Hogan Lundeen,
Dylan Wold, Chloe Kuznia
Gray: Tyler Schulz, Bran-
don Bakken, Brandon Stanley,
Michael Lawrence, Tori Miller,
Levi Kiesow, Jared Haack
Orange: Andrew Holte, Ben
Groven, Steven Hanson, Ty
Jelle, Kaleb Sjulestad, Keith
Sparby, Courtney Olson

Monday night football for 6-12 graders

For anyone interested in
Chargers Football, students
going into grades 6-12 are in-
vited to attend Monday night
football from 6-8pm. Assistant
Coach, Drew Kjono, says these
are not official practices, but
rather fun evenings to get to-
gether and play some football.
"We get about half an hour
of warming up in...we run
through a couple of drills and
then we'll play two hand touch
against each other." Kjono said
there will be two games – one
for the younger boys and one
for the older boys.

No pads are needed and
footballs are provided. Boys
who are going into grades 6-12
just need to bring a water or

something to drink, along
with a pair of shoes. Football
cleats, baseball cleats or ten-
nis shoes are acceptable. "This
is just a fun night for the kids
to be around each other and for
those interested in going out
for Chargers football. Those
going into 6th grade this fall
are welcome to join us," offered
Kjono.

Chargers Varsity Head
Coach, John Wilebski, along
with other assistant coaches
will be in attendance, as well.
Monday night football will
be alternating between Gry-
gla and Goodridge. Check the
Community Calendar to see
which field the gathering will
be held on.

Summer League Standings

Week 1 Standings		
	W	L
Maroon	2	0
Gray	2	0
Black	1	1
Green	1	1
Blue	0	2
Orange	0	2

Week 1 Results
Gray 63
Tyler Schulz 17
Michael Lawrence 15
Brandon Bakken 11
Tori Miller 11
Orange 44
Steven Hanson 18
Ben Groven 14

Green 52
Tyler Stinar 21
David Jones 11
Blue 37
Brady Olson 11

Black 75
Blaine Larson 18
Peyton Verbout 16
Jaden Kiesow 12
Dylan Wold 10
Orange 64
Steven Hanson 18
Ben Groven 18

Maroon 63
Blaine Kriel 15
Charlie Wells 11
Green 43
Tyler Stinar 12
David Jones 10

Blue 60
Brady Olson 23
Hunter McMillin 11
Gray 62
Tyler Schulz 16
Brandon Bakken 16
Michael Lawrence 11
Brandon Stanley 10

Maroon 75
Blaine Kriel 25
Logan Dvergsten 20
Cole Halvorson 12
Cameron Naeseth 11
Black 72
Dayle Larson 32
Peyton Verbout 15

Mayville State University Dean's List

Mayville State University
announced their Dean's List
for the Spring Semester of
2017. In order to be named to
the Dean's List, each student
has attained a grade point av-
erage of 3.50 or higher and has
successfully completed a mini-
mum of 12 graded credit hours
of regular academic credit from
Mayville State.
Included on the list was
Leah Schulz of Grygla.

Goodridge Summer Reading events

The Goodridge Summer
Reading events are open to
all children. Daycares are also
welcome! Come for some sum-
mer fun, stories and friends.
Upcoming dates: Thurs-
day, June 29th with a 5:30pm
picnic (pack your own) and a
6-7pm story time/event
Meet at the Goodridge
School playground on sunny
days and in the school lobby on
rainy days.



The Goodridge Summer Reading Program held their first event last Wednesday, June 14th. Water and story fun was had with friends! The kids stood against the wall while SRP Coordinator, Ruby Sundberg, sprayed them with water to create a body outline on the brick! L-R: Gemma Kotrba, Norah Phelps, Emma Dale, Julia Halvorson, Abel Hruby, Ellie Hruby, Samuel Dale and Ruby Sundberg.



Julia Halvorson, Abel Hruby and Ellie Hruby having water fun last week at the Goodridge Summer Reading Program!

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Full Service Bank

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Members serve three-year terms and can serve up to 3 terms. Nationally, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA County Committees. FSA County Committees consist of three to five members and meet once a month or as needed to make important decisions on producer's appeals, disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs, and other agricultural issues.

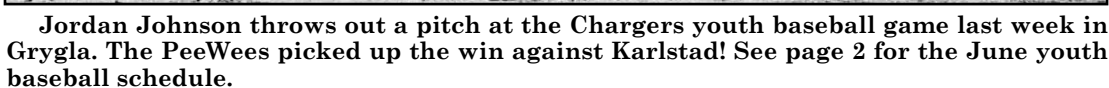
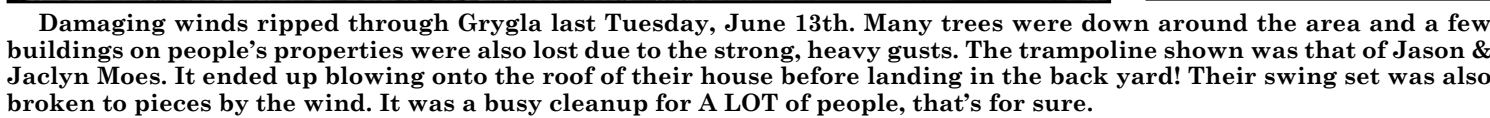
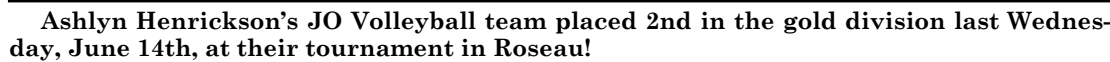
FSA is committed to increasing the participation of all farmers on the FSA County Committees, with an emphasis on women and minority farmers. Beginning farmers are also highly encouraged to become involved.

To become a nominee, all eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A, which includes a statement that the nominee agrees to serve if elected. The FSA-669A and other valuable information about the FSA County Committee election process are available at local FSA County Offices and online at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

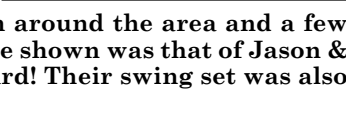
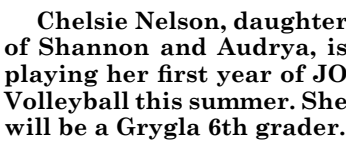
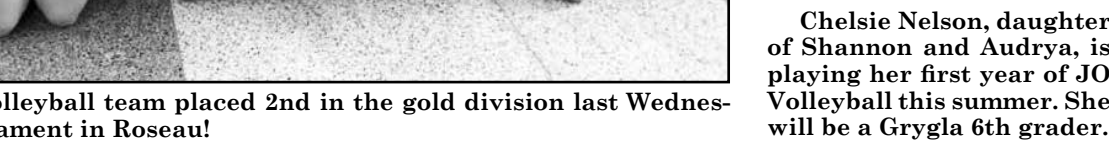
In Marshall County the 2017 FSA County Committee election will be held in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3 which includes the 4 ranges of townships in the East one third of the county. Darwin Klamar, currently represents LAA #3 and is completing his third 3-year term. Due to term limits, Darwin is not eligible to run for re-election this year.

Newly elected FSA County Committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2018.

Producers with questions on the FSA County Committee election process should contact their local FSA County Office, the Marshall County FSA Office at 745-4251 ext. 2.



Unfortunately, no one from Grygla or Goodridge qualified for state. However, brothers, Jaden and Levi Kiesow, pictured below, had a successful day! The two tied each other with 94 out of 100! Levi and Jaden are both Varsity shooters, which qualified the whole team to move up to that level. The two placed 22nd that day. When it comes to trap shooting, there are 3 classes: Novice, Junior and Varsity, which are all based off of season average.



WORD OF THE WEEK
...enhancing vocabularies

one Grygla Eagle at a time

Whizzo

\hwiz-oh, wiz-oh\

adjective

1. British Slang. Absolutely first-rate; superb; excellent

Written and made by Kari
undberg, Eagle Editor

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Three layers of no bake goodness. These bars are RICH and need to be eaten in small doses but the chocolate ganache layer really draws you in and you won't be sorry. In fact, we noticed they almost tasted

etter after sitting in the pan
or 3 days and drying up some!

Cookie Dough Layer
½ cup butter, softened
¾ cup brown sugar
¼ tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups flour
14 oz. sweetened condensed
milk
2 cups mini chocolate chips

Peanut Butter Layer
1 cup smooth peanut butter

Make the chocolate layer
by pouring the chocolate chips
into a microwave safe bowl. For
a softer chocolate layer, pour
in heavy cream. Microwave
15 seconds at a time, stirring
in between, until chocolate is
smooth and melted. Pour over
peanut butter layer immedi-
ately and smooth out with a
rubber spatula. Refrigerate for
4 hours before slicing and serv-
ing.

½ cup powdered sugar
 Chocolate Layer
 12 ounces milk chocolate
 chips

½ cup heavy cream
Instructions

Spray a 9x9 baking pan with nonstick cooking spray and line with parchment paper. Make the cookie dough layer by using a hand mixer to cream together butter and brown sugar in a mixing bowl. Mix in salt and vanilla. Slowly mix in flour and sweetened



Written by Tara Waltman scenery. Or taking a nap when

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I wanted to talk about how our thoughts and mindset impact mood, but all I can think about is the vacation I am going on in a couple days! We are heading to the beach with family from MN and I am so excited; it's all I can think about.

So that is the topic for today...vacations.

There are many types of vacations. There are vacations where you fly off to some exotic place. Or when you drive to the beach, which is what we are doing. It's a nice little perk being a couple hours from the beach. There is taking vacations from your phones. Heading to the park. You could count going off in your room and reading when I was at a meditation retreat and we were meditating for about 6 hours. At first, I was like, "what if someone needs to get a hold of me? What if something happens?" I thought of every worst case scenario, which is what I thought for like the first few hours I meditated. Haha. Once I got through that, though, it was very freeing.

gossip magazines and eating ice cream as a vacation. Some people do stay-cations. I did that once and loved it! Stay-cations are when you take off work but stay at home or in the area. So there are options for a little mini vacation if funds are tight. Or some people like to go along with their vacations and fly all over the place.

So, why take vacations?

So I would like to challenge you all to take a mini break or vacation, whether that's to the beach or reading gossip magazines and eating ice cream for an hour of your time. It is important to take breaks in this fast paced life. It is important to take time off work. Life goes by way too fast you don't want to be so busy working you miss it!

How does one feel after they
have had a break? I don't know

Take some vacations. Take
breaks. Enjoy!

about you guys but I feel rejuvenated with an increase in energy and a more positive attitude. I have more resilience in handling things when they don't go well. I feel like a new woman!

We can get these same type of feelings from taking mini vacations or mini breaks as well. I like going to the park for a day and reading or just enjoying the

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Make a Difference for LS Walk/Run July 15 ade stand, car wash, bake sale or other fundraising event.

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The ALS Walk/Run team would like you to save the date July 15, 2017, for this year's walk/run for ALS (Lou Geh-

4. Become a sponsor of the event by making a monetary donation or donating a prize or door prize.

g's disease). The event will take place on the Roseau High school track and the streets/walking paths of Roseau.

How can you help?

1. Sign up to walk/run one of the events on July 15: 5k, 10k or the 1-mile fun walk/run.
6. Be a spectator and encourage the walkers and runners on the course or at the start/finish line.

2. Raise funds and come join us on July 15, as a walker/runner or spectator and you could win an awesome prize. Right now we have 10 prizes: \$500, \$150, \$100 gift certificates, Milwaukee Tools, Garmin Watch, 19" TV, a Drone and a Gizmo.

3. Ask your friends, family, co-workers to support you, have a rummage sale, lemonade stand, bake sale, car wash, schedule and to guarantee a Walk/Run t-shirt.



Ardell Roen, formerly of Grygla, is now living at Oakland Park in Thief River Falls. She really enjoyed seeing familiar faces from home last week! When asked if she was adjusting to her new living arrangements, she laughed and said, “Oh! Of Course! I’ve always made the most out of where I’m at.”

Behind the Scenes... Continued from front

my Dad to stop spinning and go to Luther Seminary in St. Paul to become an ordained minister. So we moved to St. Paul for two years. I was sick part of that time and had to miss a lot of school. Dad bought an upright piano from the St. Paul Courthouse for \$3.00 and found a bench for \$8.00. He would carry me from the couch to the piano every day. I listened to the radio and played back what I heard.

I went to high school in Northwood, North Dakota, and graduated in 1971. I went to Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and was going to major in music but changed to a religion major because music wasn't fun to study and religion was. Between my freshman and sophomore years, I was on a Christian musical team from Concordia, and we traveled mostly in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana. At the time, I thought Eastern Montana was the ugliest place I had ever seen. (And never, never, never drink the water in Wolf Point.)

Can we get a glimpse into your working world?

For almost 20 years, I had a variety of jobs including a receptionist/transcriber for Meeker County Social Services in Litchfield, MN; getting advertisements for the local paper in Hillsboro, ND (never again . . . no offense, Kari); a legal secretary for a law firm in Hillsboro (I started turning gray with that one); and a high school secretary in Valley City, ND (how could I say no to that . . . the principal was a cross between Tom Selleck and Burt Reynolds!). And I spent two summers going to lots of churches to give the message and even play the piano on a Sunday the regular pastor was gone.

After fighting with God about doing this “pastor thing” for most of that 20 years, I got out of my car on a lonely country road, shook my fist at God and said, “fine . . . I’ll go to seminary, but just so we’re clear: I’m not happy about it, but I can’t fight you anymore.” At 40 years of age, I was accepted to Luther Seminary, the same place where my Dad went. In addition to classes, I played organ/piano at a church in Minneapolis every Sunday, had a student job in the seminary bookstore (where I got to know what the faculty was reading), and played for a community theater production in White Bear Lake. On study breaks, I drove through downtown Minneapolis at night and if I passed a big test, I went to the discount movie theater where the popcorn was drenched in REAL butter, not that chemical crap!

I graduated from seminary in 1997 after completing an internship at Castle Rock, Washington. In 1998, I was officially ordained, and my first call was in North Dakota; then Washington State, Montana, back to North Dakota, South Dakota, and finally the one state I didn't want: Minnesota! And all because of taxes. Grygla changed my mind. Now I'm on a roll to serve the longest call of my career. All I have to do is beat the five-year mark.

1. How do you pick your sermons and 2. I heard you finalize them at 3am on Sundays.....?

The most important work I do all week as a pastor is getting the sermon ready because it ranks #1 as part of my job. Most of my research is online with mostly two favorite websites: Working Preacher and Textweek. From that research, I hope to find the “hook” that is the focus of the sermon. There is a weekly guide to what Bible passages to use. I mostly like to work with stories rather than concepts. Sometimes it takes a long time, and sometimes it clicks right away. And it's true . . . I do get up at 3am every Sunday morning to put

the final touches and order in my head since I don't use any notes. Scary! And if the Holy Spirit isn't part of the process, nothing works. I also like to use my own life experiences because I'm not just preaching “out there” . . . I have to preach to myself, too.

Do you lead worship anywhere else?

I am fortunate to be able to lead worship services at least twice a month at the Thief River Care Center. It brings me back to my time as chaplain of a care facility in South Dakota. I also get to play the piano at the service and have coffee with the folks afterwards.

One thing we all love about you is your ability to bring that personal touch. Whether it's worship, weddings or funerals, it's always there. Where do you draw your inspiration from?

The personal touch . . . I give absolute credit to my Dad who was known for the same thing when he did weddings and funerals. Whether it's a conversation with a couple or a prayer service for the deceased, I try to listen very hard to what's being said so I again can find that “hook” for the message. Again, sometimes the words come easily, and sometimes I go into panic mode when time is ticking.

What does a typical week look like for you?

My working schedule varies quite a bit. During the school year, Wednesdays have a pretty firm schedule with release time, choir, confirmation, and Bible study or council. Otherwise, I'm at home where my office is or at the hospital or at a nursing home or in monthly meetings with colleagues. And in the last three years, I've visited my folks in Northwood quite often since Dad is in the nursing home, and Mom needs financial help and just some face to face support. Our Savior's and Grace couldn't be more gracious to me about that, and I'm so lucky and appreciative that they understand without reservation.

Are you under a contract right now or how does that work?

I'm not under contract. It's a call, and in the Lutheran denomination, pastors can stay or go at their own discretion, although it's strongly recommended that a pastor stays at a particular place for at least three years. My standing joke is that after four years, I'm still on pastor probation!

Does the Holy Mama have any hobbies?

Road trips . . . I especially love going to Itasca and Bemidji. I love to read almost anything and love the Grygla Library. I confess...I'm a news junkie! I also love to play the piano and keyboard.

How would you define Grygla in 1-2 sentences?

I would define Grygla as a town “on the edge”. It's on the edge of farming and on the edge of the woods. It has more to offer than what one might find at first glance. A school, Cenex, a community center, a co-op store, a library, good eating places, a fire and rescue department . . . it truly is “the biggest city of its size” and a neighborly place to be.

Finally, the music.....

Music doesn't just follow me . . . it IS me. When I struggled with becoming a church musician or a pastor, it finally dawned on me that the two things I love doing best . . . telling a good Bible story and introducing new music . . . well, that added up to becoming a pastor. Every pastor brings a specific skill set, just like everybody else. For me, music and theology go hand in hand. My latest musical pleasure is directing the church choir. And the parsonage basement holds my digital piano and keyboard. I can't be a pastor without the music.

DAD a son's first hero...a daughter's first love!

In honor of Father's Day last Sunday, the Grygla Eagle checked out all the lovely tributes people had posted about their husbands or dads on Facebook. With their permission, a few are shared below! Hope all of the dads out there had a really special day! This one's for you.....



Courtney Salo wished her husband, Jason, a happy Father's Day. He is pictured with their daughters, Chesney and Jorja.



On her Facebook, Krista (Rindahl) Bernstein said, “Happy Father's Day to these three amazing dads!” Her tribute was to her dad, Don, her husband, Mitch, and her father-in-law, Tim.



Kelsey (Wilkins) Greeelis gave an emotional tribute to her dad, Donnie on Father's Day by saying, “Happy Father's Day to my biggest protector. This guy used to come into my room in the wee hours of the night to make sure I was covered up and tucked into bed until the day I graduated high school and moved out. Sometimes, after he would cover me up, he would just sit at the end of my bed. I am certain he would still do it to this day if he was able. I never told him I knew he did it for fear that he would stop doing it. As I'm now a parent myself, I get it, as I do the same thing with my kids and will do so as long as I can, too! Sometimes those little things go unnoticed, but they mean just as much to the kids as they do to the parents. I love you, Dad!”

Grygla City Council approves May minutes

The June meeting of the City Council was held at the Grygla Civic Building on Monday, June 12th. Council members approved the May minutes, which are included below. Official minutes are taken by Grygla City Clerk and recapped by Eagle Editor. For the full version, including receipts & disbursements, visit www.grygla.govoffice2.com

May 8th Minutes of the Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Mosher with the following council members presents: Gavin Nordby, Dave Dunrud and Robert Thompson. Absent: Lindsay Oslund. Also present were Dave Clark, Gary Kiesow, Russ Steer and Joy Nordby.

It was approved to lower the value of Joy Nordby's house since the basement is just a cellar. Meeting was adjourned.

May 8th Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Grygla City Council

The meeting was called to order, at 7pm by Mayor Mosher with the following council members present: Gavin Nordby, Lindsay Oslund, Dave Dunrud and Robert Thompson. Absent: None. Also present were Rick Neuschwander, John Verbout and Jared Moe.

Council approved minutes,

along with receipts, disbursements, checking, savings & total balances for that month. The payment of all bills was also approved.

LAND LEASE BIDS

The written bids for the land west of the softball field for 3 years, possibly 4 years if they put hay in, were Jared Moe \$45, Carson Saurdiff \$55, John Verbout \$51, and Rick Neuschwander \$10. Those present were able to raise their bids. Jared Moe switched to \$56-58-60-\$65. Rick Neuschwander upped to \$57-59-61-\$66.

Council accepted Rick Neuschwander's bid of \$66/acre for 3 years.

STREET REPAIRS

Crack sealing is done and chip sealing will start May 22nd.

WATERTOWER

Shawn from KLM Engineering said he will try to get a crew up here to check the water tower in May.

FINISHING MOWER

Looking at Land Pride. Waiting on blade and mower.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Rose met with Matt Ugren from Karvakkio Engineering last week. He is going to try find some grants for the playground, tennis court, and campground hookups.

CAMPSITE ADDITIONAL HOOKUPS

It'll cost \$12,000 for hookups for the campground. That includes power by the school park for centennial and uptown behind the cafe for the bands.

REVOLVING LOANS

Waiting to hear back from Jeff Burges. Diamonds won't be able to make any payments until it sells.

MICRO LOAN FOR STREET REPAIRS

Approval for \$99,500 micro loan with MRWA

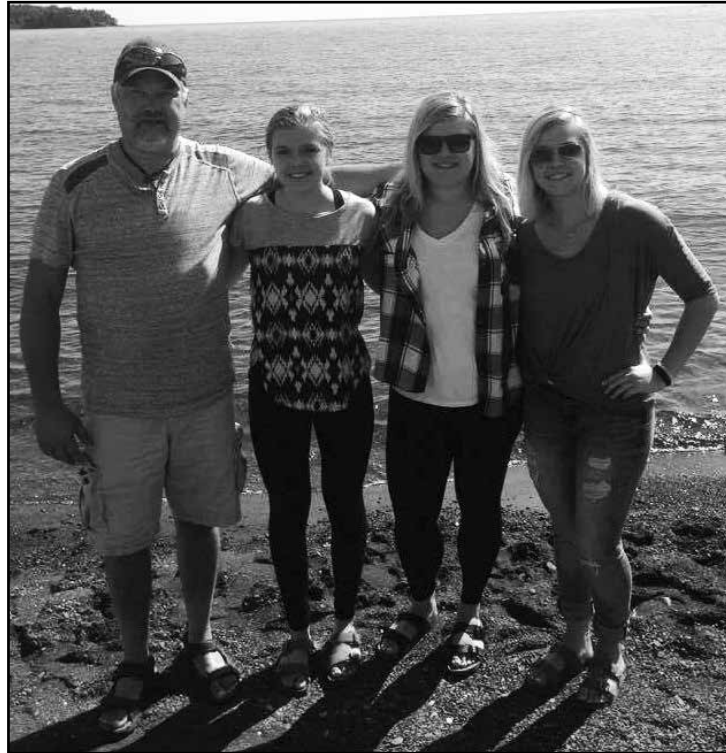
POPPY PROCLAMATION

Approval for the Proclamation of Poppies.

May 15th Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Grygla City Council

The special meeting of the City Council was scheduled to be held at the Grygla Civic Building at 12:45pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mosher with the following council members present: Lindsay Oslund and Robert Thompson. Absent: Dave Dunrud and Gavin Nordby. Also present were Galen Clow and Rose Aune.

Council accepted the resolution to lease parcel #51.0013.000 and #51.0003.001 to the Grygla School for \$1.



Scott Bakken is pictured with his daughters, L-R: Maci, Kenzie and Maddy. A photo was shared to Facebook wishing him a Happy Father's Day that said “You have the kindest heart and would do anything for your family. We love you so much!”



Garrett Anderson did some reading to his kids, Everett and Devon, on Father's Day. His wife, Amanda, gave a special shout out by saying, “The kids are so lucky to have a dad like you!”



Jacki Lunsetter shared a photo of her husband, Gene Lunsetter, and their daughter, Carlye, who played together in church on Father's Day.



Sue Ann Sjulestad had shared a photo of her dad, Wayne Verbout. Wayne also celebrated his 72nd birthday on Father's Day!