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A look at next week... Part 1 of 2: Back Behind the Barn Boys “The Early Years”

Farewell to the sweetheart at the Skime store



Mavis is pictured with Shelley Mueske, who will now be filling some pretty big shoes at the Skime Store. Photo courtesy of the Roseau Times. June 24, 2017

Written by Jeff Olsen/Courtesy of the Roseau Times, June 24th, 2017

Just shy of turning 83, Mavis Olson stood behind the counter at the Skime Store out in Skime on Tuesday and was counting down the days.

If she stands on her tiptoes, she just might be all of five feet, and all she wants is to walk off the job one final time on June 30 with no fanfare.

It's not gonna happen! Out in Skime, she could run for mayor and win in a landslide.

How big is the Skime Store? It's conveniently small, but it's as good as a Walmart when somebody is sick and needs Pepto-Bismol, a pound of butter, a dozen eggs, or is suffering from a terrific thirst and needs a six-pack of their favorite soda.

Little Mavis Olson is the day person at the store, and she tried to remember how long she'd been with the store.

"I think it's about 18 or 19 years," she said, adding that there have been three store owners, starting with Leonard and Rachel Olson (both deceased and her in-laws); then Judy Olson and her late husband, Brian; and now Roger and Bernice Skime.

"I've been passed down from one owner to the next," she said with a terrific smile.

She's the store's historian. "Roger is the first Skime

that has ever owned the Skime Store," she said. "He's a very nice guy."

Not five minutes earlier, she had sworn off an interview and then was asked if she'd had her hair fixed up nicely for the photo.

"I don't think so!" she said with considerable spunk. "Does it look like it?"

In fact, it did. And then she smiled and gestured to the gal behind the counter with her.

"Shelley is going to take over for me," she said.

Stand inside the Skime Store and just soak it all in. It has a lived-in feeling, like a Mom and Pop one-stop shop and go.

Sell beer here? "Oh, yes," she said, adding that Busch Light is their biggest seller.

Ever drink a Busch Light? "Oh, yes!" she said as she and Shelley Mueske laughed.

"But not for quite a few years now," she said.

Not everybody drinks Busch Light in Skime or in neighboring Wannaska, which is a dry town.

They stop and shop, and it makes her day.

"I like to read during the slow times," she said, mentioning that she reads mostly thrillers.

And then she was remembering years ago when she was working for Leonard Olson and

was reading a paperback.

"Here, I'm getting paid for reading after working in factories all my life, and I thought, 'That can't be right!' But nobody said anything."

They pull in at the Skime Store because it's convenient, and you never know when you'll get a hankering for sardines and soda crackers.

"Yes, we've got sardines," said Mavis, a 1934 model who keeps the store looking spic and span.

Take it from her replacement.

"I was surprised that she does pretty much all of it - filling out the deposit slips, doing all the ordering, stocking the shelves, and sweeping and mopping the floors," said Shelley while Mavis was taking an incoming call.

"She's a beautiful, wonderful lady, and very friendly and talkative," she said, before Mavis returned to the front of the store.

Catch many shoplifters, Mavis?

"No, we use the honor system here," she said.

Look up and down the rows of shelves, and the items are stacked neatly and the floors are spotless.

She knows the routine.

"The grocery truck comes in once a week, and the beer and pop trucks come once every two weeks," she said, adding that the beer and pop guys do all the heavy lifting.

"They stock it for me," she said.

It had to be asked. What prompted her to retire?

"The first of January, I thought about it. Then, that month went by and I thought, 'If I do it now, it's cold outside. I'll be sitting in the house basically all the time. So, I think I'll wait for a quarter of a year to go by.'"

"Well, then it didn't feel right yet and I thought, 'Well, six months then!'"

"Then, the kids got on me," she said, mentioning her four adult children - Ken, her twin daughters - Denise and Deann - and Stacy, the unexpected baby that surprised Hubert and Mavis.

Her kids basically told her, "Mom, you've worked long enough."

She's been a widow for 22 years.

But now, with her last day just over a week away, it will be a big change.

There's always somebody popping in at the Skime Store, buying something - a candy bar or a gallon of milk - and then chewing the fat.

Are you going to get lonely not working here?

"That's what I'm afraid of,"

she said. "I'll miss the people."

It was just like Shelley Mueske to give her an assuring hug.

"You can come and have coffee with me," she told her.

Mavis smiled.

"Everybody's been saying that," she said. "I don't know."

Then, she perked up.

Oh, she meets lots of people but a few years ago, she met an interesting couple.

"They were from Australia and they were riding bicycles, and they biked from New Orleans and stopped here on their way to Canada," she said.

Mavis suggested that the Times-Region would love to do a feature on them.

The lady told her that they preferred to avoid the publicity.

"We don't like to advertise because people know we probably have cash on us, and we don't want to get mugged," she said to Mavis.

Imagine getting mugged up here.

Out in Skime and anywhere else in Roseau County, these Aussies wouldn't have been robbed.

They would have been royalty.

That's one of the memories that Mavis Olson will fondly remember from all the characters she's served at the Skime Store.

On Wednesday morning, Roger Skime, a local cattleman who lives in the Thief River Falls area, put the finishing touch on a treasured employee.

"She's a remarkable lady. I don't know anything about that store. I kind of inherited it when I bought the land from Mrs. Olson - Judy," he said.

"And Mavis was evidently helping them out with the store. So, I don't know anything about that store other than she does the buying, invoicing and pricing."

Roger Skime is a very unique boss.

"She told me the other day that she's been doing this for 19 or 20 years. She and Judy run the place. I just stop and buy gas and stuff once in a while. I really think of it as their place."

And now, he losing one of the best.

"When she told us that she was going to retire, I thought, 'Well, you deserve it.' She's not young anymore, but she does an awesome job."

"She and Judy are remarkable. Bernice and I don't even own a key to the store," he said. "They take care of it, and we just make sure the finances are there to keep it going."

Out in Skime Country, Mavis Olson is the sweetheart at the Skime Store.

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Quilt Show with demonstrations



Saturday, August 26th, 9am

A group of local quilters have been busy putting time and effort into bringing you a quilt show at the Grygla Community Center, complete with numerous demonstrations! Approximately 30 quilts have been collected for the show thus far, plus there is room for more to be displayed! (Get in contact with Cheryl Sistas at 294-6223 if interested in displaying your work.)
The demonstration schedule is as follows:
9am: Spinning wool, Jude Haack
9:15am: Knitting, Jude Haack
9:30am: Weaving, Alicia Haack
9:45am: Tinting, Jude Haack
10am: Crocheting, Val Aune
10:15am: Embroidery, Lynette Jelle
10:30am: Quilting (Watercolor), Jane Skoein / Lynette Jelle
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Another sneak peek to come next week!

Saturday, July 29th 2017 FREEDOM FESTIVAL AT THE GOODRIDGE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

10:00 amOpening Eric Mickelson
10:30-11:00Mickelson Family Band
11:00-11:30Jensen Sisters
11:30-12:00Red, White & Blue Quilters Presentation
12:00-12:30Jeffery Salveson - Magician & Balloon Twister
12:00-4:00Goodridge Historical Buildings Open
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Goodridge Freedom Festival, bringing art and entertainment to our area

Written by Kendra Jensen, Eagle Intern

I recently had the opportunity to sit down with Berny Vraa, Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park committee member, on the up and coming Freedom Festival taking place in Goodridge July 29th. "We're pretty excited about it," Berny smiled. The Goodridge Veterans Memorial park was built in 2012 with the bandshell being built two years later in 2014 in the hopes of hosting an event like this. She told me, "We just really wanted to get something started in Goodridge."

The committee has been planning this event since last September when they re-

ceived a grant from The Minnesota Northwest Regional Art Council. Berny told me how the council was talking about starting a festival of some sort in Goodridge for a while, but the grant from the art council really helped them plant their idea.

That idea has now blossomed into a daylong event filled with music, art and activities for all ages.

The Festival kicks off at 10am with an opening by Erik Mickelson. To follow is music by the Mickelson Family Band and The Jensen Sisters.

Freedom Festival... Continued on back

Cattle grazing Sem WMA after prescribed burn.

Vandals destroy fencing on private property and Sem WMA in Marshall County

While checking fencing on his property adjacent to the Sem Wildlife Management Area in Marshall County, a local cattle producer near the Grygla area discovered that vandals had damaged a section of fence he shares with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The name of the property owner is not being released.

The DNR surveyed the entire fence line on the Sem WMA and found that about 2 miles of fence erected for cattle grazing had been damaged, and in some sections, completely destroyed. Construction of the new cattle fence had just been completed last summer.

The neighboring cattle producer grazed the WMA under a Cooperative Farming Agreement (CFA) with the DNR. The agreement is essentially a barter system to exchange grazing on WMAs for services for a WMA, such as seeding, mowing firebreaks, or maintenance on facilities such as campgrounds and parking areas.

"The fence was built to allow grazing on the WMA under the DNR Conservation Grazing program," said Becky Ekstein, Thief River Falls assistant area wildlife manager. "This vandalism not only hurts the DNR and those who enjoy recreating on state lands, but more importantly it hurts our neighbor."

The DNR Conservation Grazing program uses livestock to improve wildlife habitat. A Grazing Work Group comprised of representatives from various agencies and the Minnesota Cattleman's Association provides guidance and planning.

The DNR is committed to grazing as a management tool, similar to bison and elk historically grazing prairies. Grasslands thrive with periodic disturbance such as fire, grazing, mowing and haying. A lack of disturbance can lead to a decrease in the quality, diversity and productivity of grasslands.

There are about 10,000 acres of WMA land that are

currently being grazed, most in northwestern Minnesota.

"Our goal on the Sem WMA is to use a combination of methods, including grazing, to improve the wildlife habitat on the WMA, and in particular, habitat for the sharp-tailed grouse," said Ekstein. "We want to make the area more at-

tractive for the birds by maintaining a more open canopy. Deer and other game species will still thrive in the area."

Ekstein said it has been difficult and costly for DNR to meet management goals using

Sem WMA... Continued on page 2

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Wednesday:
6-7pm Supper at Grace,
7:15pm Worship at Gazebo
Sunday:
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 10:30am Worship

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

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

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Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday:
St. Clement's: 11am
St. Ann's: 12pm

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday:
8am Worship

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

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

LIBERTY CHAPEL
Grygla
Fellowship of Christian Assemblies
Sunday:
9:30am Worship.

Summer League Standings

Week 3 Standings	W	L
Gray	5	1
Green	4	2
Maroon	3	3
Orange	2	4
Blue	2	4
Black	2	4

Week 3 Results
Blue 53
Brady Olson 17
Maroon 54
Logan Dvergsten 15
Blaine Kriel 14
Cameron Naeseth 11
Cole Halvorson 10

Gray 53
Brandon Bakken 16
Tyler Schulz 12
Tori Miller 12
Brandon Stanley 12
Black 43
Dayle Larson 19

Maroon 50
Blaine Kriel 25
Logan Dvergsten 11
Black 51
Dayle Larson 27

Blue 74
Brady Olson 22
Jake Olson 17
Hunter McMillin 14
Justin Kiesow 12
Green 53
Tyler Stinar 24
Jake Tharaldson 11

Green 62
Tyler Stinar 32
Jake Tharaldson 11
Orange 61
Ben Groven 18
Steven Hanson 18
Ty Jelle 11

Orange 59
Steven Hanson 28
Ty Jelle 14
Ben Groven 11
Gray 65
Brandon Bakken 25
Tyler Schulz 18
Tori Miller 13

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Sem WMA...

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only fire and mechanical treatments. Conservation grazing is aiding in meeting these goals on this area and others.

The fence does not restrict access to the property by those who enjoy it, and the grazing poses limited interference with hunting seasons and does not discourage use by area wildlife species. Cattle are off the WMA by October 1.

Plans to repair and replace the damaged fencing are underway and estimated to cost several thousand dollars.

For a brochure on the DNR Conservation Grazing program, visit mndnr.gov/publications/wildlife/grazing-brochure.pdf.

Anyone with information on the vandalism to the Sem WMA or any other wildlife or natural resource violation can call the Turn in Poachers (TIP) Hotline at 800-652-9093.

Community Calendar

Wed | July 12
Pennington County Fair begins; Chargers Youth Baseball game in Grygla vs. Newfolden 9am; TBall in Grygla 9am; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Eagle office open 2-6pm; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; July Senior Birthday Party at Grain Bin 2:30pm; Grace Lutheran Church Gazebo Night (Picnic at Church 6pm, Worship at Veterans Gazebo 7:15pm)

Thurs | July 13
Pennington County Fair; No Sand VB in Goodridge tonight

Fri | July 14
Pennington County Fair; Chargers Youth Baseball game in Grygla vs. Warren 9am; TBall in Grygla 9am; NVPH FootCare Clinic at Grace 9am; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Sat | July 15
Pennington County Fair; Roseau ALS Run/Walk

Sun | July 16
Pennington County Fair; Roseau County Fair begins

Mon | July 17
Roseau County Fair; Chargers Youth Baseball PeeWee Tournament in Grygla beginning at 9am; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Goodridge Summer Reading Program event 1-2pm on playground; Monday Night Football in Grygla 6pm

Tues | July 18
Roseau County Fair; Chargers Youth Baseball Midget Tournament in Lancaster 9am; Grygla Eagle office open 9am-5pm; Summer League Basketball in Grygla 6:15pm

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GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK



Written by Kari Sundberg, Grygla Librarian

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a fun-filled magic show that's taking place on July 26th at 4pm at the Grygla Community Center! Hosted by NWRL/Grygla Library and made possible by the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment, Professor Marvel's DIY Magic Show is fun for all ages!

About Robert the Magician

Robert and Lynn Halbrook have been performing educationally significant assembly and summer reading programs for elementary schools and libraries throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin since 1998. Prior to that time, they were principals in a communications consulting firm for 15 years. Robert has been in public speaking for over 25 years!

Strategically weaving entertaining routines (utilizing drama, magic, comedy, and audience participation) with

educational messages (benefits of reading, appropriate eating habits, regular exercising habits, bullying, etc.) has become their trademark.

When your school or library hosts one of Robert and Lynn's Lyceum programs, you get more than just a lecturer and much more than just a magic show. You get an outstanding speaker talking with the children about important educational topics.

The magic show will be about 45 minutes long and also is held the day we wrap up the summer reading program, which means we will be drawing for the grand prize: A KINDLE!

It's been great to see all of the kids coming into the library and checking out books. We've been giving away a lot of fun prizes and the kids seem to be enjoying it! This magic show is a GREAT way to end another successful summer reading program. Hope to see you at the show!

Fabian named 2017 Legislator of Distinction by League of Minnesota Cities

Last week, the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) named Representative Dan Fabian, R-Roseau, as one of their 2017 Legislators of Distinction for his work on behalf of Minnesota cities. A total of 18 members of the Minnesota House of Representatives and 14 Senators were recognized this year.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the League of Minnesota Cities as a Legislator of Distinction for my work on behalf of cities and communities in rural Minnesota," said Rep. Fabian. "As your state representative, I will continue to champion commonsense policy that benefits our local cities, makes it easier to work with state agencies, and is in the best interest of hardworking taxpayers."

Gatzke All-School Reunion

Everyone is welcome to the Gatzke All-School Reunion - Gatzke Alumni and anyone who wishes they were! The party will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at the Bruce and Diane Lunsetter residence by Gatzke. Festivities are set to

begin at 1pm with music by the Barn Boys and local bands! Food wagons will be on site and there is room for parking campers. Please bring your own lawn chairs. T-shirts are available to buy for \$10 by calling 218-222-3734 or 218-222-3370.

A quick note from the editor

Are you missing the "Behind the Scenes" feature this week? Don't panic - the summer special will resume as scheduled next week. I took some vacation time last week, which didn't leave me enough time to meet up with a local business

or organization to go "behind the scenes" and bring you some up close and personal information. I hope you are enjoying the special series as much as I am. Have a happy week, readers.

26th Annual Grygla Open

The 26th Annual Grygla Open is scheduled for Friday, July 28th at Oakcrest Golf Course in Roseau. Registration begins at 8:15am with tee off starting at 9am.

Space is limited and it's a first come-first served! Sign up individually or sign up your team of four to Lynn Anderson (689-5892) or Bob Thompson (689-1374).

Centennial cookbooks are ready to be picked up

Just a friendly reminder to folks who reserved copies of the Centennial cookbook - they are ready to be picked up at American State Bank with Laurie! About 150 reserved copies still need to be picked up with approximately 100 extra to sell if anyone is interested.



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THE FAIR Schedule of Events
Wednesday - Sunday
JULY 19 - JULY 23, 2017
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Wednesday, July 19
Parade - 6:00 p.m., Downtown Warren
Midway Opens - Todd Armstrong Shows - 6:00 p.m.
Firefighter Bag Pipes - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 20
- KID'S DAY -
Dariann Wikstrom - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Tim Kivialo - Balloon Art/Face Painting - 3:00-5:00 p.m., Vonasek Stage
Four Wheel Drive - 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 21
- SENIOR DAY - - Vonasek Stage
Senior Citizens Music & Program - 1:30 p.m., with music by Byron and Peggy Stale
4-H Program - Emerging Leader & Century Farm Awards - 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Terry Sundby - Hypnotist - 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Shell Shock - 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 22
- FAMILY DAY -
ATV Safety Certification Training - 9:00 a.m., Vonasek Stage
Beef Cookoff - 9:00 a.m., By Beer Garden
Wild Rice Mounted Shooting - 10:00 a.m., Rusty Gate Arena
Kids Games in the Park - 11 a.m., Holiday Park
Noel Labine & Friends - 11:00 a.m., Talent Contest Practice - 12:00-1:00 p.m., Vonasek Stage
Tae Kwon Do Demos - 1:00 p.m., Vonasek Stage
Noel Labine & Friends - 2:00 p.m., Talent Contest - 3:00-5:00 p.m., Vonasek Stage
Noel Labine & Friends - 5:30 p.m., Teen Dance - 7:30-10:00 p.m., Vonasek Stage

Sunday, July 23
Church Service - 9:00 a.m., Vonasek Stage, Interdenominational Service
Open Horse Show - 10 a.m., Main Horse Arena
Wild Rice Mounted Shooting - 10:00 a.m., Rusty Gate Arena
Cathy Erickson - 10:30 a.m., Vonasek Stage
Livestock Auction - 12:00 p.m., Barn Area
Woodpicks/Overtones - 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Grandstand Events
• Back Behind the Barn Boys - 6:00 p.m.
• Restless Heart - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 21
• Redneck Racing Baja Style - 5:15 p.m.
• 8 & 8 Cylinder Cars - 6:00 p.m., \$15 Adult, \$10 Children (12 & under)
• Fireworks - Dusk - Free

Grandstand Event
• Bob Kilner Memorial Demo - 2:00 p.m., \$15 Adult, \$10 Children (12 & under)

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Alvarado - John's Service & Repair
Argyle - Johnson Oil & Convenience, United Valley Bank
Stephen - Koda Bank
Newfolds - Xpress Mart, Sethre's Store
Middle River - Young's Store
Viking - Viking Diner & Antiques
Thief River Falls - Petro Pumper
East Grand Forks - Frandsen Bank & Trust

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Wednesday: 6-Close
Thursday: 4-Close
Friday: Noon-Close
Saturday: Noon-Close
Sunday: 1-6 p.m.

Commercial Exhibit Hours:
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Thursday: 6-10 p.m.
Friday: Noon-Close
Saturday: Noon-10 p.m.
Sunday: Noon-5 p.m.

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Amazing new artists you’re probably not listening to

Written by Kendra Jensen, Eagle Intern

Sisters, Lydia and Laura Rogers combine their beautiful sibling harmony with a classic sound to form the folk power duo The Secret Sisters.

Growing up in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, the girls say their sound was influenced by their family who also plays music. The Sisters say their upbringing had a lot to do with their musical sound. They can remember times growing up where their whole family would be gathered around singing Don Williams songs. “We first learned to harmonize through singing acapella at our hometown church,” they say. Although the sisters had been told from a young age that they sang beautifully together, Laura and Lydia never considered a singing career as a duo. Once they became older, Laura went to Middle Tennessee State University to pursue a career in business, while Lydia was considered the “actual” singer of the family.

In 2010, Laura decided to attend an impromptu audition in Nashville with music producers Dave Cobb and Andrew Brightman. She was called back for a second audition in which she asked if she could bring her younger sister, Lydia. The producers asked them to sing together and they were almost immediately signed to Universal Records. “We know that’s not how it always happens, but that’s how it happened for us,” Laura stated.

The sisters released their self-titled-debut album on October 12th, 2010. When asked

about the experience Laura said, “In so many ways we are still the same kids who would perform songs in our parents’ room, when we sang about silver threads and golden needles and cold-hearted snakes, and all that. Even with everything that’s happened – getting that dream chance to make our own album, I really believe we’ve just found where we’re supposed to be.”

In 2015, the sisters faced hardship as they were dropped by their record label and sued by their former manager. “We’re pretty open about it now, but at the time it was awful. We were living paycheck to paycheck,” says Lydia. The Sisters moved back to their northern Alabama home where they contemplated leaving behind their musical aspirations all together.

But just as fate would have it, news of the sisters being dropped from Universal came to the ears of Nashville singer/songwriter, Brandi Carlile. She helped the sisters produce their newest album, released in July 2017, entitled “You Don’t Own Me Anymore” a powerful album inspired by their experiences with their former record label. The album’s opening track “Tennessee River Runs Low” is the perfect entrance to this wailing, bluegrass-y album. “It features a set of songs that sound so organic, you’d swear they were traditional ballads,” says SCENE Magazine.

Check out The Secret Sisters new Album on Spotify, iTunes, and Google Play! It’s definitely a record you don’t want to miss out on!



Changes to Disabled Veterans’ Homestead Market Value Exclusion

What changed?
Starting 2017 assessment for taxes payable in 2018, an annual application is no longer required. In addition:

The spouse of a veteran who was 100% totally and permanently disabled may now qualify for the homestead exclusion even if the veteran did not apply or receive the exclusion before their death, as long as the veteran died after December 31, 2011. The spouse must apply within two years of the veteran’s death or by June 1, 2019, whichever is later.

How do surviving spouses of veterans who were totally and permanently disabled qualify?

A surviving spouse qualifies if they meet all of the following requirements:

- 1. The veteran died after December 31, 2011
- 2. The spouse holds the legal or beneficial title to the homestead and permanently resides there
- 3. The veteran had an honorable discharge

4. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs certifies the veteran had a 100% total and permanent disability

5. The spouse applied within two years of the veteran’s death or by June 1, 2019, whichever is later

Can a surviving spouse qualify if the veteran was not totally and permanently disabled?

Yes. Surviving spouses may qualify if they were awarded Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The veteran’s disability rating does not affect the spouse’s eligibility.

When is the application due?

- 1. Spouses of veterans who were totally and permanently disabled must apply by August 1, 2017, for taxes payable in 2018. In future years, the due date is July 1.
- 2. Veterans or primary family caregivers who are applying for the first time must do so by July 1, 2017.



Mason Laidley and Jordan Coan attended the Christian Laettner Basketball Camp June 26-28 at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. The boys are pictured here with the retired NBA basketball great.

WHAT A JOKE

Submitted by Kendra Jensen, Eagle Intern

What is red and smells like blue paint?

Red paint.

You know why you never see elephants hiding up in trees?

Because they’re really good at it.

What do you call bears with no ears?

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As a scarecrow, people say I’m outstanding in my field.

DO IT YOURSELF

Submitted by Kendra Jensen, Eagle Intern

Summer baseball season is in full swing and this DIY lamp is the perfect gift for the baseball fan in your life!

- Materials
- Four baseballs
 - Baseball glove
 - Drill
 - Staple gun
 - Light kit
 - 3 screws
 - Wooden base
 - Steps

Drill a hole through the center of each ball. It’s very easy, but super messy. If you don’t know what a ball is made of, it’s cork. After drilling four balls, you’ll no longer be able to see your floor under all that cork!



But hay, it’s in my jeans.

What is the resemblance between a green apple and a red apple?

They’re both red except for the green one.

What’s red and moves up and down?

A tomato in an elevator

What did the green grape say to the purple grape?

OMG!!!!!! BREATHE!! BREATHEEEEE!!!!

Once the balls are drilled, stack them on to the metal rod. Then place the rod on the glove and determine where you need to add a hole for the wire. Using a staple gun, attach the glove to the wooden base you have prepared.

Next, run your wiring. Wiring a lamp is really pretty easy. You can purchase a complete kit and follow the directions. Be aware though, they do sell a three-way light kit and a regular kit. Don’t make the mistake of grabbing the three-way kit.

Attach the base to the balls by screwing three screws into the bottom of the base up into the bottom ball. All that is left to do is add your lamp shade!



SIMPLY DELICIOUS

Written and made by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Today, I’m making oven-dried strawberries. After I’m finished with work, I plan to try my hand at this delicious little treat. I hope they turn out and get as dry as they would in a dehydrator! With strawberries finally in season, there are a bunch of ways to enjoy them; we want to try them dried this week.

I spotted this recipe for oven-dried strawberries on Pinterest and decided to give it a try.

Preheat the oven to 200 degrees. Cut the green leafy part off your fresh strawberries and cut each berry in half. Lay them curvy-side down on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Make sure to space your berries out so there’s lots of room for air to flow through.

The sugar bakes into the berry and it’s supposed to be so sweet and packed full of flavor.

Also, the berries really do shrink down, so you may want to consider doing two sheets at a time.

Place the sheets of strawberries in the oven and dry them at 200 degrees for 3 hours. Experiment with 170 degrees for a longer period, if you so choose. You won’t know if the strawberry pieces are completely dehydrated until they’ve cooled (you know how

cookies crisp up after you take them out of the oven? Same way with dried fruit). Remove the baking sheets from the oven. Let the strawberries cool at room temperature for 20 minutes.

After the cooling off period, break one of the pieces of fruit in half. There should be no visible moisture on the inside. The pieces should be somewhere between chewy and crisp like dried cranberries, figs, or raisins. Although they’re often dried in a dehydrator, you can get an equally great result with your oven, even if you have to play around with it a few times to get it right.

Oven-dried strawberries make a delicious, portable and healthy snack. Pair them with some nuts and a glass of chilled white wine and it’s a slice of heaven.

Obviously, the more flavorful the strawberries you start out with, the more delicious the dehydrated version will be.



A HIPPIE’S HEALTH



Written by Tara Waltman

You know what’s a tad bit stressful? Trying to buy and sell a house, you know with the timing of it all, it adds another level of stress. Anyone else in this place?

So what brings you guys peace? Or what helps you to relieve stress?

Something that is coming to mind as I write this is gratitude. It can be a simple but difficult thing to practice, especially in the midst of stress. I am grateful that we have a house to live in and have the luxury to look for a new one. I am grateful for my car. I am grateful for my friends and family near and far. I am grateful for my health. So sometimes when we are stressed we can take a step back and think about what we are grateful for.

I have intentionally practiced meditation focusing on gratitude and it’s impossible to focus on your stress and distress when doing this! Some people might find peace in God or a high power of their choice or in being in nature. Doing

yoga or meditation can help people to feel at peace or less stress in general. Mindfully drinking a beer also is helpful at times.

Another thing that can help with emotional health is essential oils. This might sound strange, but it is very true. Last night after a long day, one of the dogs peed on the floor and shit in the other room. Now let me tell you, I was anything but calm in that moment. Satan had come out in me in a loud, yelling kind of fashion. I went and took a moment and took a few deep breaths. I went back downstairs and put Young Living Stress Away Essential Oil in the diffuser. Stress Away has lavender amongst other oils in it as well that helps me to feel a sense of calm. I was sitting there and noticed a shift in my mood. Now some time had passed, which I think helped, but I also know that aroma in the diffuser had a calming impact on me. That I was thankful for.

So take some time to breath, smell the roses, meditate, pray, practice gratitude, use some essential oils and destress.

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Sunday Night Softball started last week in Grygla and will be happening every Sunday evening at 6pm. About 15 people arrived to the field ready to play ball, including Mark Severts, Andrew Sundberg and Ben Sundberg, all pictured! All ages are invited to attend.



Word of the Week
...enhancing vocabularies
one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Ameliorate

\Uh-meel-yuh-reyt, uh-mee-lee-uh\

Verb

- 1. To make or become better, more bearable; improve



The Goodridge High School Class of ’97 met last Friday night to celebrate their 20 year reunion! 10 of the 18 grads were able to make it.

Front row: Steven Weber; Second row: Jamie (Bjerklie) Hendrickson, Danelle (Hyland) Ayotte, Darrin Arveson, Crystelle (Johnsrud) Philipp, Brent Philipp; Back row: Jason Kangas, Chris Grabowska, Shannon Lundeen, Neil Jensen

The missing classmates were Jenny Johnson, Christy (Nelson) Tall, Jeremy Haugen, Jeromy Asp, Benji Marquis, Jared Sundahl, Carl Dahlen, and Jason Schroeder.

Freedom Festival...
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A Red, White & Blue Quilters presentation will follow, where the quilters will present three local veterans with handmade quilts: Doug Cullen, Lynn Hanson and Clayton Johnsrud.

At 12 o'clock, there will be a show put on by Jeffrey Salvesson, a magician and balloon twist artist. At 12:30pm, local musician, Jordynn Johnsrud, will perform with more music to follow by Paul Imholte, The Latelys and Jeff Loven, Minnesota's #1 One Man Band, performing from 5-10pm.

Not only are there some great musicians lined up for the festival, there is also going to be a number of impressive artists there throughout the day. Some of those artists include Bonnie Lee's "Beautiful Life Project" from Red Lake Falls, Fiber Artist Aliza Olson from Roseau, Woodworker Duane Kotrba, artist Jona Brown, and chainmaille artist John Theroux.

Some live art demos will be done as well by Local pottery artist, Betsy Saurdiff, from Grygla, and blacksmith, Jeffrey Olson, from Fosston. Throughout the day there will also be face paintings done by

Kiesow competes at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference

Chris Kiesow, of Goodridge, and a student at Alexandria Technical & Community College, attended the 53rd SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, Kentucky on June 19-23, 2017. More than 6,000 students competed in 100 occupational and leadership skill areas at the conference. The SkillsUSA Championships are national-level competition for public high school and college students enrolled in career and technical education programs. SkillsUSA organizes this event, and it is considered the single greatest day of industry volunteerism in America. Each SkillsUSA Championships contestant is a state-level gold medalist.

This year, students from Minnesota earned 21 medals, bringing home 4 Gold Medallions, 11 Silver Medallions, and 6 Bronze Medallions. Kiesow earned 12th place in the CNC Milling competition.

About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a vital solution to the growing U.S. skills gap. This nonprofit partnership of

"Color and Fun" face paint artist Ashley Masloski and Caricatures drawn by "Exaggerated Entertainment".

There are over 35 vendors set up for The Freedom festival that day, including Hruby Rustics by Karen Hruby, which sells handcrafted furniture and barnwood décor. Weiss Asparagus Farm will also be selling pickled asparagus that day, along with Sassy Farmgirl Soaps by Olivia! There is sure to be something for everyone.

And if you get hungry? Hit up the food vendors such as Groovy Grub, Kate's Kitchen, David Lee Catering and Rainbow Concessions.

There will also be lots of fun activities for the kids with a rock climbing wall, inflatable slide and bouncy obstacle courses!

What a fun time! Come out to the first ever Goodridge Freedom Festival on July 29th! The day's festivities start at 10am with free admission. It's definitely going to be an event you won't want to miss out on!

For more information on the variety of vendors and events set for that day, check out the "Freedom Festival at Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park" Facebook page!

students, instructors and industry ensures America has the skilled workforce it needs to stay competitive. Founded in 1965 and endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, the association serves more than 300,000 member students and instructors each year in middle schools, high schools and colleges. This diverse talent pipeline covers 130 trade, technical and skilled service occupations, the majority STEM-related. More than 600 corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions actively support SkillsUSA at the national level. SkillsUSA programs are integrated into career and technical education through a framework of personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics. Local, state and national championships, designed and judged by industry, set relevant standards for career and technical education and provide needed recognition to its students. SkillsUSA also offers technical skill assessments and other workplace credentials.

Pictured below: Chris Kiesow front row, 3rd from the left, earned 12th place in the CNC Milling competition, which was held in Louisville, Kentucky, June 19-23.



Local youth musician attends music camp in LA

15 year old Jordynn Johnsrud, of Goodridge, recently had the opportunity to attend SOCAPA in Los Angeles, California. The School of Creative & Performing Arts Camp was held at Occidental College for a week, where she had to audition for the camp in order to go. "There is a whole bunch of groups: acting, filmmaking, dancers and then musicians," Jordynn explained. In the musician group, there were only 5 others. One was from Texas, Jordynn, the youngest of them, and the rest from LA.

Over the course of the week, members of the group would learn different aspects of music and spend a lot of time writing and composing. "They had portable pianos," Jordynn says. "Every afternoon, I took my piano outside and would write."

She got to show off her writing skills at the end of the week when the group had their final performance. Jordynn wrote a song called "14 Miles" and performed it in front of the audience, including her grandparents, Rhonda and Ryan Haugen. "My grandparents flew with me to LA and stayed in Santa Monica while I was at SOCAPA. They came to watch my performance at the end of the week and flew home with me," she offered.

Jordynn was at the camp June 19-23. "When I first got there I was pretty shy and ner-



vous about meeting complete strangers, but throughout the week they became some of my best friends!" She expressed, "Meeting new people and becoming friends with them was definitely my favorite part." That, and seeing some famous sites around the city!

Jordynn's favorite genre of music is pop, she says, but she enjoys singing all kinds and got to experience a variety of her interests at camp.

"I really just wanted to experience something new," she says of the camp. Jordynn searched LA music camps and came across this one. Using all of her own money from performances, she paid her own way to California. Pretty impressive for a 15 year old!

Yard of the Week



Goodridge 'Yard of the Week' goes out to Erik & Kelsey Jensen, 29196 130th St NE.



Grygla 'Yard of the Week' goes out to David & Linda Brateng, 25731 400th Ave NE.



Shane Dondelinger of Northern Motors in Thief River Falls, presented the Chargers Youth Baseball team with a \$500 dollar donation last Friday morning at the game in Grygla against Middle River! Grygla/Goodridge/Gatzke community members were asked to stop in to Northern Motors, which helped the team earn money towards their donation.

About the fundraiser/donation

Northern Motors has joined forces with the national Chevrolet Youth Baseball program to provide new equipment and an opportunity for community members to earn donations for their league via a Test Drive fundraiser.

"Playing the game of baseball helps kids develop skills like leadership, cooperation and sportsmanship while bringing families and communities together to show their support. Northern Motors and Chevrolet Youth Baseball are proud to participate in a sport that brings so many smiles to kids and families in Thief River Falls," said Shane Dondelinger, Sales Manager for Northern Motors. "Chevrolet believes that in play, there are

possibilities and supports the spirit of teamwork that baseball instills in its players."

2017 marks Chevrolet's Youth Baseball program's 12th year, and since its introduction has helped aid local teams, benefiting more than 6.7 million young people in communities where Chevrolet's customers live, work and play. In 2016, more than 1,500 Chevrolet dealers participated across the country.

Northern Motors will present an equipment kit including useful items such as bags, scorebooks, industrial-strength batting tees, ball buckets and Chevrolet Youth Baseball T-shirts.

In addition, Northern Motors will present a check rep-

resenting a one-time monetary contribution to North Star League. Sponsored leagues across the country will have the chance to earn additional funds as community members take test drives at their partnering dealership to help support the league. (\$25 per person stopping in went towards the local baseball team.)

In addition to its commitment to youth baseball, Chevrolet also is the Official Vehicle of Major League Baseball™.

"Chevrolet vehicles are designed and built for families, safety and fun, so we encourage young people and their parents to make a Chevrolet the official vehicle of their household," said Northern Motors.

Youth baseball schedule

Wednesday, July 12: Baseball game in Grygla vs. Newfolden 9am; Tball in Grygla 9-10am

Friday, July 14: Baseball game in Grygla vs. Warren at 9am; Tball in Grygla 9-10am

Monday, July 17: Baseball

PeeWee Tourney in Grygla beginning at 9am. 9 teams are scheduled to play. Concessions will be provided by the Chix from the Stix.

Tuesday, July 18: Baseball Midget Tourney in Lancaster at 9am

Wednesday, July 19: Baseball Small Fry Tourney in Warren 9am (bus leaves Grygla at 7:30am)

Current Records: As of Sunday, July 9th, Peewees were 6-3 and Midgets were 1-8.