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A look at next week... Grygla organizations benefit from approximately \$90,000 in Beltrami County ConCon funds

Back Behind the Barn Boys: Part 1, The Early Years

Interview by Kendra Jensen, Eagle Intern

Although their glory days happened twenty years before I was a thought, even I had heard the stories of the local legends that are The Back Behind the Barn Boys. They ventured out from our small town area to pursue a dream and helped put little Gatzke, Minnesota, on the map. With the full support of our community behind them, it seemed as if everyone back home was living out their dreams along with them. Their successes became the community's pride and they were quickly deemed local musical heroes.

Any time I casually mentioned to people that I was getting the chance to interview these guys, I was taken aback by how excited everyone got by the mere mention of their name! With a sparkle in their eye, everyone would make some sort of remark, "Oh, I saw them live once!" or "I still own their record on vinyl!" It appeared as if everyone had a personal story about this band, and now so do I.

I recently had the pleasure of putting faces to the names I had been hearing about for so long as I caught up with the current members of The Back Behind the Barn Boys, Gene Lunsetter, Terry Ruud, Tom Bernstein, Randy Larson, Dan Schulz, and Pat Erickson at their annual practice session at the old cafe in Gatzke. Unfortunately, Randy McMillin wasn't able to join us that day.

To be completely honest, I had never been to Gatzke before. When I spoke with Gene Lunsetter on the phone, he told me, "You'll be able to find us once you get here." At the time, I was a little leery because I had no idea what that meant. I soon understood; I rolled by the Gatzke sign and saw only one building with six cars parked outside of it. As I walked in, the band was jamming away and I instantly got why these guys are such a big deal.

When did you start play-

ing music individually?

Terry: We didn't really start individually, Randy Larson's mom was our music teacher at Gatzke Elementary School. She played with a lot of gusto.

Randy: She had us all playing guitar at a young age.

Gene: We just always sang together in Sunday school, high school, things like that.

Who were your musical influences growing up?

They all agreed they were mostly influenced and inspired by local musicians around them.

Tom: Last resort was a local band up here back in the day and we just looked up to them like crazy!

Terry: As I'm sure you know, we have a lot of talent crammed up here in this area and it's always been that way.

The guys also say along with local talent, some of their favorite musicians whom they've looked up to were, The Beatles, The Statler Brothers, Oak Ridge Boys and Alabama.

How did The Back Behind the Barn Boys form?

Randy Larson: Kurt Vandermeer was our music teacher in high school. We were all in an octet together. Oddly enough, Terry, Gene, Tom and I all sang different parts. We took the octet and turned it into a quartet.

The Barn Boys started playing together in 1980, they were all fairly young when they formed their band with Dan Schulz, the drummer, being the youngest member at the age of 16.

What was your first gig together?

Tom: Our first gig was for Randy Anderson at the VFW in Roseau, Minnesota. We only knew maybe two hours of music.

Terry: We got asked to play there the day of, so we all went to my parents garage and learned all the music for that night right there and then.

Did any of you have stage fright starting out?

Terry: I don't think we were

ever scared on stage because we were always so focused on not forgetting the words!

Randy: We get a kick out of playing with each other and were more focused on having fun on stage together than what was going on in front of us.

Terry: We escape the nervousness by being this little clan of guys who grew up together.

Randy: I think we work harder on entertaining each other than we do the crowd!

Dan: It's a relaxing and fun atmosphere with these guys.

What was it like first playing shows together?

Tom: Kind of how it is now... funny! We would just always get together and have a good time.

Gene: The week was long because we were excited for the weekend to play.

Terry: For the first three years we just played here around home.

Randy: We would go out and try to find ourselves gigs.

Tom: To play in Fargo, that would be a big deal for us.

How would you deal with screw ups on stage?

Randy: Sometimes the only thing you can do is laugh.

Tom: You almost have to!

Randy: There was this one time, actually, where we just had to stop a song, laugh, get through that and start up a new song.

Dan: There was this one time in South Dakota where a screw up happened on stage. The guys stopped the song and said, "We're gonna try that one more time." I said, "No, I'm not."

Terry: Yeah! We kept counting down the beats for him, thinking he would start to play but he never did. He just sat there! We played the entire song without him.

Where did the name Back Behind the Barn Boys come from?

Terry: Well, my older brother, Bob, had this little compact cassette recorder and he used

Then and Now

In the top photo, L-R: Tom Bernstein, Gene Lunsetter, Mike Semanko, Terry Ruud, Randy Larson, Randy McMillin and Mike Sistad.

In the lower picture line-up, L-R: Tom Bernstein, Gene Lunsetter, Dan Schulz, Terry Ruud, Randy Larson and Pat Erickson.

Other members of the band through the years were Gregg Brown (Nashville), Craig Elkin (Nashville), Perry Steilow (Sioux Falls), Randy Hamill (Albuquerque), Jim White (Plymouth), and Paul Salo (Fargo). Sound technicians included Tom Monson, Steve Hoi-berg (Fargo), Rick Guptill (Fargo), Dan Breslin (Fargo), and Bob Bussiere (Nashville).



to record these silly cassettes. He would just make stuff up and I would join in. There was this Statler Brothers album called The Complete Lester Moran and the Cadillac Cow-boys. My brother heard that on KTRF one day and decided he was going to make a spoof of it called Beanball Barnette and the Back Behind the Barn

Boys. Later, when we formed, we used it and shortened it to The Back Behind the Barn Boys.

How did you develop your sound?

Tom: One thing I really like about our band is even when we learn a cover tune, it only takes a couple of days and it sounds more like The Barn Boys. We

have an original sound without even trying.

Dan: The 4-part harmony really sets us apart I think. Not only that, but we all sing a little so on some songs we even get to a full 7-part harmony.

Tom: That really does make a difference.



Playing on stage at Cowboy's in Lubbock, Texas.

The Barn Boys make their big break

Terry: It was 1982. We were just about to break up actually when Dave Ullstad, the owner of KKQ in Thief River Falls, talked us into entering a national contest called Wrangler Country Star Search. Sort of, I suppose, like the equivalent to The Voice now. We said, "Okay, well, we'll get together for this one last thing." So we won at the local level, then we won at the regional level, and wouldn't you know, we won for the whole state of Minnesota. So we won a trip to Nashville and got the opportunity to appear on the Grand Ole Opry stage. After that, we really got bitten by the bug.

Dan: When we went down there for that competition, we had the biggest following. There were 50 some groups down there and The Barn Boys had the most followers out of all of them. That made us feel pretty special.

What made you pursue music?

Terry: On the plane ride home from Star Search, a guy who was sitting next to us said, "You know, you guys are pretty good. You should take yourselves more seriously and maybe consider this as a living." All of us being from around here never really thought about making a living out of this. We didn't even know you could be a musician for a living! Anyway, we talked it over on the plane and by the time we got home we had decided to go to the bank and take out a loan to buy our bus, a PA system and cheesy polyester outfits.

Gene: That, and there wasn't a lot to do back in the day in Gatzke.

Tom: I mean how often do you get to do something with all your friends?

Were you nervous to leave Garzke and start touring?

Tom: No, I don't think we were nervous at all! We were too naive to be nervous.

Randy: I think the most incredible thing looking back is that we didn't have any cell phones or GPS. We played 48 out of 52 weeks of the year and Gene was just a wonderful navigator who

drove us everywhere.

Gene: I used to have nightmares about driving that bus.

Were your parents supportive of you leaving?

Tom: Every set of parents were great. They were totally supportive of us 100%.

Randy: A lot of our parents helped redo the bus and helped us get our loan.

Tom: Basically anything they could do to get us out of here they did. We couldn't have done it without our parents.

Dan: They fed us, they clothed us...

Randy:...and even bought us matching outfits!

How did you guys write your own music?

Terry: We kind of did that individually.

Randy: The songs I would bring to rehearsal needed work so Terry and Gene would make it into something where it probably wasn't ready otherwise. So it was definitely a collaboration.

Terry: There's the age old question: Do you start with music or do you start with lyrics? For me, usually a line will pop into my head and the music comes along later.

What is your favorite song you've ever written?

Tom: I think as a whole we like "Personal" the most.

Why was it so important for you to keep connected to your home town of Gatzke?

Randy: It's where we're from.

Tom: We had a population from anywhere to 8-12 people so that was something to brag about.

Gene: It was part of our personality I think.

Dan: It's just the small town people you grew up with, you know?

So when did you know you were kind of getting to be a big deal?

Barn Boys...

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Back Behind the Barn Boys		
Schedule '86'		
April:		
4/1-3/86	Opera Hall Saloon	Hopkins, MN
4/4/86	Depot:	Devils Lake, N.D.
4/5/86	School	Cavalier, N.D.
4/6/86	Mandan Com. Center	Mandan, N.D.
4/7-12/86	Boothill	Gillette, WY
4/14-19/86	Boothill	Rapid City, S.D.
4/24-26/86	Crumly's	Mandan, N.D.
4/27/86	Dorm UND (6-F Clinic Lodge)	Grand Forks, N.D.
4/28-3/86	Cactus Jacks	Fargo, N.D.
May:		
5/8-10/86	Hitch W/Post	St. Cloud, MN
5/12-17/86	Texas Tea	Grafton, N.D.
5/19-31/86	Ranchman's South	Saskatoon, Sask., Canada
		Calgary, Alta., Canada
June:		
6/2-7/86	Rodeo Club	Edmonton, Alta., Canada
6/12/86	Fan Fair Week	Nashville, TN
6/15-17/86	Part Side Fair	Thief Falls, MN
6/20/86		Whishik, N.D.
6/22/86	Sunwest Festival	Devils Lake, N.D.
6/25/86	Fair	Crosby, N.D.
6/26/86	Fair	Watford City, N.D.
6/27/86	Fair	Underwood, N.D.
6/28/86	Rochester Fest '86'	Rochester, MN
6/29/86	Fair	Grand Forks, N.D.

The Back Behind the Barn Boys April-June 1986 schedule!



The Back Behind the Barn Boys used to tour 48 weeks a year! During their career, they opened for pretty much anyone big in the 80's, including Merle Haggard, The Judds and George Strait, to name a few. The band that started in Gatzke, MN, also took the stage at the Grand Ole Opry.

CHURCH CALENDARS

Grygla Lutheran Parish, Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla, Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington, Wednesday: 6pm Choir, 8pm Interfaith Bible Study, Sunday: Grace: 9am Worship OS: 10:30am Worship, Gatzke-Thief Lake Lutheran Parish, United - Gatzke; Our Savior's - Thief Lake, Pastor TBA, Wednesday: Joint Worship at UL 7pm, Sunday, July 23: Joint Worship at UL 10am, Goodridge Area Lutheran Parish, ELCA, Bethany, Ekelund, Faith, Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp, Sunday: Faith: 8:30 Worship, Bethany: 9:45 Worship, Ekelund: 11am Worship, The Catholic Communities of St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge, Fr. Adam Hammess, Sunday: St. Clement's: 10:15am, 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 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 Assemblies, Sunday: 9:30am Worship.

HOME FOR SALE

3 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 1 Stall Garage on 5.74 acres. Very open large yard! 6 miles E. of Grygla along Hwy 89. Many updates to the home, all new roofing & much more! Asking \$65,000 OBO. Open to all offers and motivated to sell as soon as possible. Call/Text Clint 701-215-1362 or Matia 218-242-6494 with questions or if you'd like to view the property.



I would like to thank my family and friends, my church family, and community for the wonderful support I've received while I've been recuperating from my cancer diagnosis, surgery, and recovery. Thank you for the cards, flowers, hospital visits, phone calls, and prayers that everyone has sent my way. I can't tell you how much your support has meant to me. Thank you also to the Chix from the Stix for all the hard work you put into the fund raising projects you have done in support of cancer research. I am truly blessed to live in a community that cares so much for each other. God bless you all. Ruth Anderson

HELP WANTED:

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for 1 full time Dispatcher/Jailer/911 Operator Position. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Experience is preferred but not necessary. This position includes working rotating shifts, weekends & holidays. Must have good people skills, self motivated, computer skills, get along well with the public and co-workers and be able to handle high stress situations. Starting pay is \$18.74/hr. plus a nice benefit package. Application deadline is Friday, July 28, 2017. Applications may be picked up at the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, 208 E. Colvin Ave. Ste #1, Warren, MN 56762 or print out an application off the Marshall County website at www.co.marshall.mn.us "Marshall County is an equal opportunity employer"

A night to unite

Building a community, one neighborhood at a time... Night to Unite is a yearly event sponsored by the Marshall County Sheriff's Office and celebrated throughout Minnesota, where neighbors lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening getting to know each other. There is a party being

hosted at the Marshall County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 1st! Burgers and food will be provided from 5:30-8pm while you meet and greet your local Law Enforcement, EMT and Fire Personnel! Please come out to the fairgrounds in Warren for a 'Night to Unite'!



Community Calendar

Wed | July 19: Roseau County Fair; Marshall County Fair; Chargers Youth Baseball Small Fry Tourney in Warren 9am (Bus leaves Grygla at 7:30am); Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Eagle office open 2-6pm; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; Grygla Lion's Annual Picnic in the Park 6pm, Thurs | July 20: Marshall County Fair; Grygla Eagle office open 9am-5pm; Chargers Volleyball Camp in Goodridge 1-3pm; Senior Citizen's trip to Jasper's Theater in Park Rapids; Sand Volleyball in Goodridge 6:30pm; Grygla School Board Meeting 8pm, Fri | July 21: Marshall County Fair; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Roseau County 4-H Livestock Auction (luncheon at 12pm, Auction from 1-4pm); Chargers Volleyball Camp in Goodridge 1-3pm, Sat | July 22: Marshall County Fair; Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf 8-10:30am; Gatzke All-School Reunion at Bruce Lunsetter's residence beginning at 1pm, Sun | July 23: Marshall County Fair; Softball in Grygla 6pm, Mon | July 24: Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Swimming lessons in Fosston for Grygla kids (bus leaves Grygla at 12:15pm and returns at 4:45pm); Monday Night Football in Goodridge 6pm, Tues | July 25: Grygla Eagle office open 9am-5pm; Swimming lessons in Fosston for Grygla kids (bus leaves Grygla at 12:15pm and returns at 4:45pm); Summer League Basketball Playoffs in Grygla beginning at 6:15pm

RESOLUTION

Marshall County Board of Commissioners, Warren, Minnesota 56762, Date 7-6-17, Motion by Commissioner Sharon Bring, Resolution No. 07-06-09, Seconded by Commissioner Gary Kiesow, WHEREAS; the Laws of Minnesota 2017, Chapter 92, Article 3, Section 5, grants to the Marshall County Board of Commissioners authority to make appointive the office of Marshall County Recorder, pursuant to the conditions set forth in said legislation; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Marshall County shall provide an opportunity for public comment relating to this issue at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and at a special board meeting on August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Marshall County Boardroom in Warren, Minnesota. Aye: 5, Nay: 0, 7/6/17 Date

Marshall County Board Chairperson

Summer League Standings

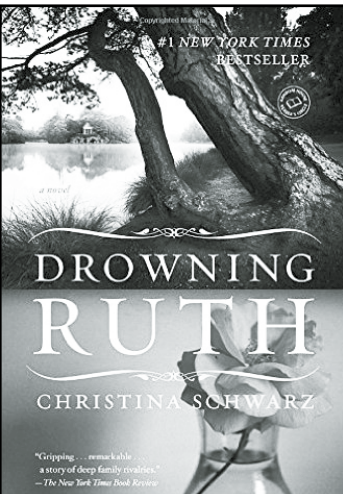
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Brady Olson	14	
Hunter McMillin	13	
Justin Kiesow	10	
Gray	50	
Brandon Bakken	21	
Tyler Schulz	14	
Brandon Stanley	12	
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Jake Tharaldson	24	
David Jones	19	
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GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK

Written by Kari Sundberg, Grygla Librarian, Mark your calendars and plan to attend a fun-filled magic show that's taking place next week on Wednesday, 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! Robert the Magician will perform for about 45 minutes. After the show, we will be drawing for the Summer Reading Program Grand Prize - a Kindle! I know swimming lessons is going on that day and the bus doesn't get back until 4:45pm, so some kids won't be able to make it, BUT, we have another magic show the very next week, August 2nd, at 5pm that will be PERFECT TIMING for the kids to walk over when the bus gets back. This magic show will be performed by Jared Sherlock! He is an illusionist and comic magician! We hope you enjoy the upcoming shows we're bringing to you! For a book suggestion this week, may I suggest Drowning Ruth by Christina Schwarz... Of this novel, Francine Prose of US Weekly says, "A gripping psychological thriller... In the winter of 1919, a young mother named Mathilda Neumann drowns beneath the ice of a rural Wisconsin lake. The shock of her death dramatically changes the lives of her daughter, troubled sister, and husband. . . . Told in the voices of several of the main characters and skipping back and forth in time, the narrative gradually and tantalizingly reveals the dark family secrets and the unsettling discoveries that lead to the truth of what actually happened the night of the drowning. . . . Schwarz certainly succeeds at keeping the reader engrossed." I read this book a few years ago; it was one of Oprah's book club picks. Maybe you'll find it as gripping as I did.



ROBERT & LYNN HALBROOK PRESENT, PROFESSOR MARVEL'S DIY MAGIC SHOW, WHEN: July 26 at 4pm, WHERE: Grygla LINK Site, A FUN FILLED MAGIC SHOW

Gatzke All-School Reunion at Lunsetter residence this Saturday

Everyone is welcome to the Gatzke All-School Reunion - Gatzke Alumni and anyone who wishes they were! The party will be held this 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.



Members of the Chargers Small Fry's team shake hands with Newfolden's team last Wednesday in Grygla.



Abe Miller, son of Aaron & Jody, swings hard at last week's home game in Grygla!



Jordan Johnson pitched in the PeeWee game.

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Barn Boys...

Continued from front

Tom: I don't know if we ever really felt that way.

Dan: And if we did we never wanted to admit it.

Tom: We always wanted to be low key and downplay everything when we played around home. We never want-

ed any attention brought to us.

Randy: I knew when the band we hired to play for us in Nashville ended up being Sawyer Brown. When we got there, they told us, "Don't waste your time here, you'll get nowhere."

Pat: Wasn't too long after that they won star search with Ed McMahon.

Do you remember your first newspaper interview?

Dan: It was at the Gatzke School right before we went to Nashville. Everyone threw us a sendoff party.

Terry: We occupied most of the Tri-County Canary!



Eagle Intern Kendra says, “To be completely honest, I had never been to Gatzke before. When I spoke with Gene Lunsetter on the phone, he told me, “You’ll be able to find us once you get here.” At the time, I was a little leery because I had no idea what that meant. I soon understood; I rolled by the Gatzke sign and saw only one building with six cars parked outside of it. As I walked in last week, the band was jamming away and I instantly got why these guys are such a big deal.”

The coolest city in the world

Terry: We had never been to Canada before and we were playing Devils Lake, North Dakota, in a Blizzard. We had to leave there and drive to Calgary, Canada. We just assumed the weather was going to be worse up north. We piled into the bus, crossed the border, headed up there and jumped out of the bus to 75° weather. So we started setting up and doing sound check. This guy walks in, starts talking to us and shakes our hands and says, "I'm Floyd Sneed from Three Dogs Night." So we visit with him for a while and soon this beautiful woman walks in with the owners. It was Rae Dawn Chong, actress and daughter of Tommy Chong! I just thought this is the coolest city in the world! Who else is going to show up?!

The devil went down to Dallas

Tom: My favorite time happened down in Dallas. We always did The Devil Went Down to Georgia. One of the things The Barn Boys was famous for was doing skits during our songs. A lot of times we were really bored so we'd act out all these different things on stage. During Devil Went Down to Georgia, Terry was the devil and I was Johnny. They had a railing in front of us, probably 3 feet high, but the stage was also raised about 6 feet off the dance floor. So we get to the part of the song where the devil lays his fiddle on the ground at Johnny's feet. So Terry lays his guitar on the ground at my feet and he was going to go exit off the one end of the stage and run all the way around to the other end and come back on the other side. He goes and does that, but we aren't ready to play yet, so everyone's yelling at Terry, "Go around again, go around again!" Well, he knows he doesn't have time to do that, so Terry decides he's just going to jump over the top of the railing and get to the stage that way. He makes it's just about over, except for about an inch of his big toe, and you just hear a KABOOM! So loud it drowns out the whole PA system! All I saw was that big, red Reebok shoe up in the air. So we're all just dying of laughter...I laughed so hard I fell back into Dan's drums and knocked over half the set. In the middle of all this Terry comes running up to the stage, grabs his guitar, and starts playing. He's the only one playing everyone else is just crying with laughter.

Rubbing elbows

Randy: I mean, it's just those once-in-a-lifetime interactions you can't get back. Like, for instance, you'd be at your hotel and in walks Bobby Hicks, the fiddle player for Ricky Skaggs. And then when you go to sleep at night you'd hear a guitar playing next door and it's the Doobie

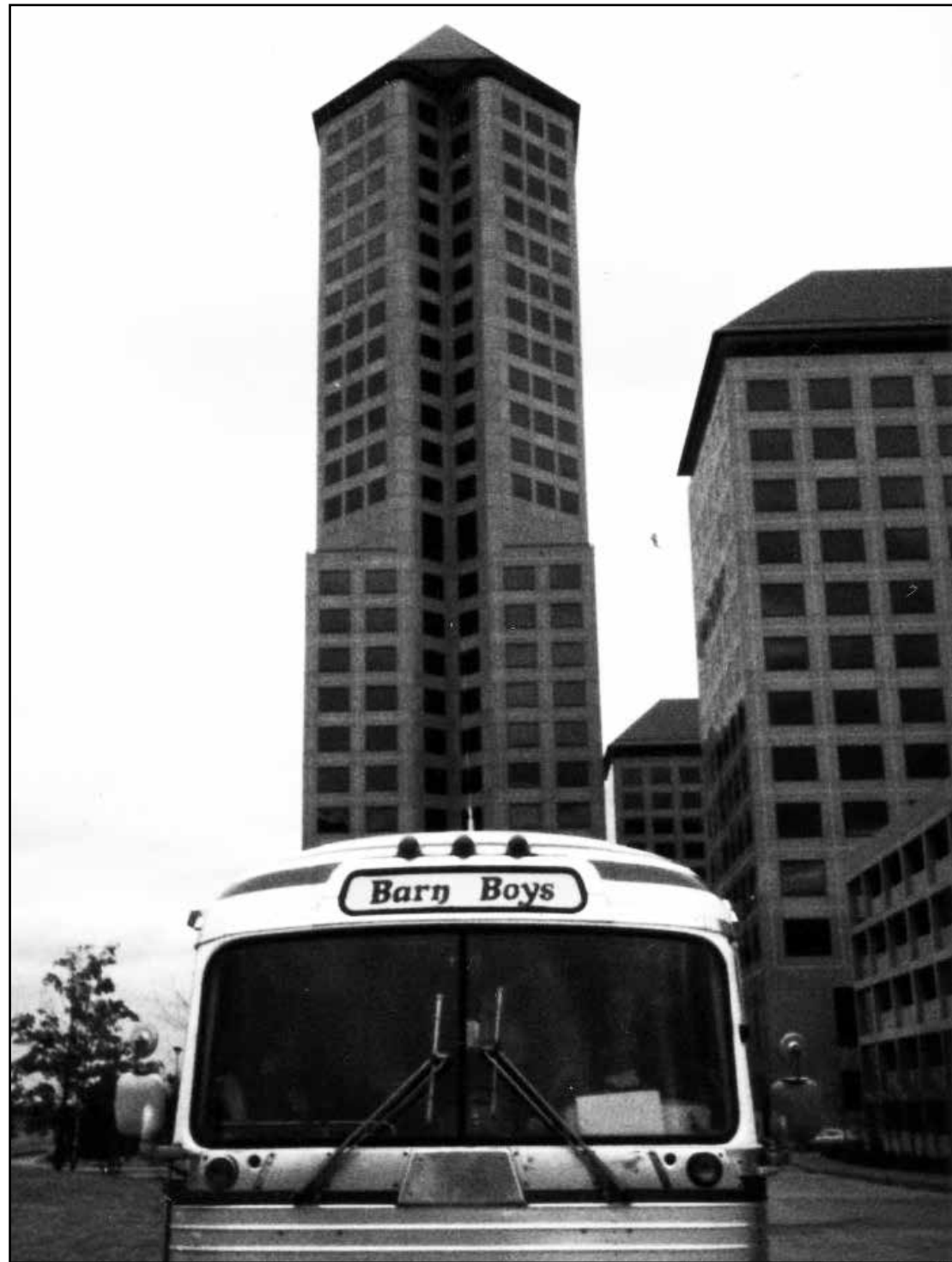
Sitting down with these guys, one thing was clear. They are all still the best of friends. Gracious and humble, and so willing to share their stories with me about what it's like to be a Barn Boy, they still serve as an inspiration on how to go for it and follow your dreams.

Stay tuned to the Grylla Eagle for the continuation of their story to come later this summer. From deciding to quit the road, to what they are all individually up to now, and some insane stories about the

infamous “Whale” (their old tour bus they all claim to be lucky they survived), you’re definitely not going to want to miss the continuation of Back Behind the Barn Boys: Part 2. The Later Years



Gene Lunsetter holds one of the band's albums.



Pictured in Dallas, Texas, the band's tour bus was nicknamed the whale.

The Thief River Falls Area Community Theater is excited to announce the comedy-drama play *The Boys Next Door*, written by Tom Griffin. Three performances are scheduled at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls for this week; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 18-20. Performances will begin at 7:00 each evening.

Set in the Boston area, *The Boys Next Door* focuses on four men with various mental disabilities who live in a group home. It takes place over roughly a two-month period and consists of brief vignettes about

the men's lives. The play provides a humorous commentary on the men's lives, taking a surprising turn as Barry's father comes to visit and as Jack (their caretaker) accepts a new job.

Actors featured in TRFACT's production include Mike Mickelson, of Grygla, Rob Burkel, Isaiah Burkel, Scott Pream, Jon Mansk, Leah Wattenphul, Kristi Hanson, Heidi Timm and Al Rogalla. The show is directed by Teresa McGriff.

The next two summer productions offered by the Thief River Falls Area Community Theater will be The Lion King KIDS on July 24-26 and The Sound of Music

on August 1-3.

Tickets for all shows are available at Digikey's east entrance during business hours, at Pennington Square and Pennington Main in Thief River Falls, and at the door each evening of the performance. Flexpasses, which are good for 3 tickets to any combination of TRFACT summer productions, are available at Digikey's East entrance for \$30.

For more info, contact Jane Anderson, TRFACT executive director at mjander@mncable.net

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Mike Mickelson, far left, performs in "The Boys Next Door" this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7pm at NCTC in TRF. Also pictured is Rob Burkel and Scott Pream.



JB, Megan and George getting all of your mail scanned and sorted!

Behind the Scenes at our local Post Office

Written by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

If you happened to read my “Note from the Editor” last week than you are aware as to why there wasn’t a “Behind the Scenes” column in last week’s paper; I had taken some vacation time and was out of town, which left me no time to personally visit a local business or organization. But, no worries...we’re back at it again.

This week, we’re going behind the scenes of Grygla’s very own post office.

You might not be aware, but from 8-9am, this is one busy place! Three bodies are busy sorting mail in the back room like you’ve never seen; it was a pretty impressive system! Megan Berg is our Post Master, while Jabir Yahya (JB) and George Rybakowski are our mailmen. The three of them work together in order to bring to your mailbox what you want (fun Target packages) and don’t want (bills).

JB, an HCR (Highway Contract Route) driver, has been on the job since May 1st. He actually lives in Grand Forks and makes the drive every single day. Before arriving in Grygla about 9am, his morning starts at 4am when he leaves Grand Forks. His first stop is at the post office in Thief River Falls, where he picks up mail to be dropped off in Goodridge and Grygla. After Megan scans all the incoming mail, JB gets busy sorting for his route, which is south of Highway 89 and westward on the way to Goodridge. He is out delivering mail from 9am-1pm. When he leaves Grygla for the day at 3:30pm, he takes all the outgoing mail with him and also stops to take the Goodridge items. At that point, he drops it all off in Thief River Falls.

The crew was telling me where our mail goes in one night and I was blown away.

Follow me on this, will you?

JB drops off the Grygla and Goodridge mail at the post office in Thief River Falls. It’s all put onto a truck bound for Grand Forks that same evening, where it all goes through an automated sorting system that night. It’s then brought right back to Thief River Falls early in the AM and ready for JB to pick up when he rolls through town.

I had to chuckle because my mother-in-law sent us a ‘Thank You’ card in the mail, which was a really sweet gesture and I love that she takes the time to do things like that - even if it’s

not necessary. But anyway, she put the letter in her mailbox, which is 100 feet from my mailbox. George picked it up and brought it to Grygla. JB picked it up and brought it to TRF. TRF sent it to Grand Forks. Grand Forks sent it back to TRF that same night. JB grabbed it the next morning and brought it back to Grygla. Megan scanned it and gave it to George, who brought it back out to Fourtown and put it in my mailbox. All in one night. HA! (Whoa, I’m tired just writing that.) Moral of the story: I’m thinking that is a lot of movement for \$0.49.

Are you still with me?

Like I said, the mail system is incredible...

Moving on to our other mailman, George, who has been serving our area since 1986! George is out on the road from 9:30am-2:30pm. He covers the area north of 89 to Moose River and then heads east to the Jack pines. After lunch at the Coop, he heads westward towards the 6-mile corner.

George said over the many years he has been bringing us our mail, the most unique thing he has ever delivered was moose horns! “The stamps were put directly on the horns,” he laughed.

In addition to flats and letters, our local post office also handles parcels. Megan said the average number of packages that go out for delivery in a day is 50! UPS also drops off packages to go out for delivery, although the Grygla Post Office is not a drop-off location for customers to use.

Megan has been our Post Master for just about 3 years now. Her schedule is pretty routine, she says, but we love it that she knows the drill; it makes for great customer service! After scanning in all the morning letters, flats and packages 6 days a week, Megan records the volume of mail received. She also has various reports to fill out including new or forwarding addresses, Grygla Eagle newspaper and financial reports, and various training programs to do online.

The Grygla Post Office is open from 8am-2:30pm, but closes for 30 minutes a day at 11:30am. Stop in and Megan is sure to get your mail to the intended destination. Make sure to say hello to George and JB, too. After all, these people know where you live...

wink

That’s all for this week’s article. Next week, we’ll be looking at our local Lion’s Club.

Fun at the Fair!



Mariah Coan, far right, won 1st place at the Talent Show at the Pennington County Fair on Wednesday, July 12th. Winning in the open division, she earned \$100 and a spot to compete at the state fair!



Jordynn Johnsrud entertained the crowd at the Pennington County Fair last week while she sang in the bandshell! She also received a Performing Arts Grand Champion during the 4-H judging. (See page 5 for more photos!)



At the Pennington County Fair, Kendra Jensen received a Grand Champion ribbon in Photography, Vet Science, Flower Gardening and Health. She is pictured in front of her Vet Science display.



On the right is Kansas Jensen, who also received a Grand Champion ribbon in Dog, Vegetable Gardening, Flower Gardening and Photography. The sisters are part of the Kratka Township 4-H Club.

Grygla City Council approves June minutes

The July meeting of the City Council was held at the Grygla Civic Building on Monday, July 10th. Council members approved the June 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

June 12th 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, Dave Dunrud and Robert Thompson. Absent: Lindsay Oslund. Also present was Rose Aune.

Council approved minutes, along with receipts, disbursements, checking, savings & total balances for that month. The payment of all bills was also approved. Other items included:

STREET REPAIRS
Chip sealing is done. The extra rock will be sold \$25 for a bucket load. Interested people must contact Rocky Hagen to have it delivered.

WATERTOWER
KLM Engineering said they will call when they are doing work up in this area. It didn’t work for them to get here in May.

FINISHING MOWER
On hold for this year.

PART-TIME SEASONAL HELP

The city will advertise for part-time seasonal help for approximately 10-15 hrs a week at \$10/hr.

COMMUNITY CENTER
The hire of Stacie Meyer to paint the Community Center for \$1,800 plus the cost of paint was approved. They will try replacing some of the broken tiles with leftover tiles they have upstairs in the CC.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
There was nothing new to report at this time.

AIRPORT AND CAMPSITE ADDITIONAL HOOKUPS
Monson’s and Roseau Electric are going to start getting hookups done. The Centennial Committee is going to cover the cost of that. The Centennial Committee applied for a grant from the PILT funds with Beltrami County.

RADAR SPEED LIMIT SIGNS
Thompson contacted the company for a new quote, since the old quote was over a year old.

FF ELECTRIC POLE
There is nothing new to report at this time.

REVOLVING LOANS
There was nothing new to report at this time.

STORAGE BUILDING
As long as David Grovum doesn’t charge anyone for storage fees in his new building it can be on a residential lot.

COMMUNITY GARDEN
Rose Aune and Brenda Mosher are working on a grant for the Community Garden. It has been planted and there seems to be a few households interested in taking care of it. The produce will be available for anyone that participates in the upkeep of the garden. If there’s enough interest in the garden this year there is the possibility of expanding the garden next year.

EXTRA MEETINGS
Mosher, Thompson, Oslund meeting with the school.

SCHEDULE POLICY MEETING
No policy meeting scheduled.

June 26th 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 6:00pm. The meeting was called to order, at 6:00pm by Mayor Mosher with the following council members present: Gavin Nordby, Dave Dunrud, and Lindsay Oslund. Absent: Robert Thompson. Also present was Rose Aune.

SUNDAY OFF SALE LIQUOR
Council voted to allow Sunday off sale liquor.

PART-TIME SEASONAL HELP
Council approved the hire of Joanna Smith and Josh Johnson for cleaning the CC and park bathrooms, and mowing and trimming around town for \$10/hr. Only 2 applications were received for the position.



Mariah Coan competed in the 2017 Miss Thief River Falls/Miss Riverfest Pageant on July 11th. The event was held at Lincoln High School and Mariah received 1st Runner-Up that evening; Ashley Myers was crowned Miss Thief River Falls 2017.

As 1st Runner-Up, Mariah’s title earned her a \$500 scholarship, plus another \$100 just for competing!

In order to enter the pageant, the young ladies needed to raise \$250 worth of ads for their pageant booklets, \$100 for the Children’s Miracle Network, have a resume, fact sheet and a platform. Mariah’s platform was “The Importance of the Arts.” She believes in bringing awareness to how important it is for our youth to have the arts in order to grow and be successful. She offers, “Schools are cutting these programs because of financial reasons and I want to spread the word of why it’s so essential to have them.”

That evening, Mariah competed in the following categories: Interview, Lifestyle, Fitness, Talent, Evening Gown and Stage Question.

This fall, she plans to compete in the Miss North Star Pageant in Middle River. She is pictured here with her parents, Robert and Deanna.



Charger’s Basketball Camp was held last week in Grygla. Pictured above are the 5th -8th graders working on their ball handling skills. The 2-day camp was hosted by Chargers Basketball Coaches and team members.



This group of Grygla youngsters attended Camp Emmaus last week for a couple of days! L-R: Ryelin Stanley, Jens Oslund, Landon Nordby, Brett Rychlock, Gus Jones, Blake Stanley, Connor Boutain and Cooper Aune.

Fun at the Fair!

Pennington County Fair Fun! (Continued from page 4...)



Gretchen and Oliver Smeby stopped by the Thief River Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau Photo Booth at the fair last week. Guests were asked to take a photo, upload it to Facebook with a #PictureYourselfInTRF for a chance to win some awesome fair prizes that included VIP tickets to Grandstand events or \$100 in Chamber Bucks!



Edgar and Dorothy Miller swung by the Visit TRF photo booth, too! Their granddaughter, Laura (Anderson) Stengrim, is the Executive Director of the Thief River Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau; she is the one who put together this fun photo booth for fair goers.



Jordynn Johnsrud entertained the crowd at the Pennington County Fair last week while she sang in the band-shell! She also received a Performing Arts Grand Champion during the 4-H judging.



After performing for the crowd at the fair in Thief River Falls, Jordynn and her family left for Medora! She opened for Tigerlily last Saturday night! Below, she is pictured in the middle of the up and rising duo; the talented sisters plan to move to Nashville this fall.



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

Uptalk

noun

1. a rise in pitch at the end usually of a declarative sentence, especially if habitual: often represented in writing by a question mark as in Hi, I'm here to read the meter?

WHAT A JOKE

Submitted by Kendra Jensen, Eagle Intern

Q: What goes up and down but does not move?
A: Stairs
Q: Where should a 500 pound alien go?
A: On a diet
Q: What did one toilet say to the other?
A: You look a bit flushed.
Q: Why did the picture go to jail?
A: Because it was framed.
Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?
A: I'll meet you at the corner.
Q: What did the paper say to the pencil?
A: Write on!

Q: What do you call a boy named Lee that no one talks to?
A: Lonely
Q: What gets wetter the more it dries?
A: A towel.
Q: Why do bicycles fall over?
A: Because they are two-tired!
Q: Why do dragons sleep during the day?
A: So they can fight knights!
Q: What did Cinderella say when her photos did not show up?
A: Someday my prints will come!
Q: Why was the broom late?
A: It over swept!

DO IT YOURSELF

Submitted by Kendra Jensen, Eagle Intern

With summer here, it seems like coastal DIYs and crafts are more popular. Did you know that you can fake the look of sea glass? Yep! With a little paint, the sea glass-inspired crafting possibilities are endless.
Here's your supply list for these DIY Sea Glass Lanterns:

- empty glass jars, cleaned with labels removed
- sea glass "sea foam" spray paint
- floral wire – the thickest you can find in the floral department of your craft store
- wire cutting tool
- votive candles or small electric candles

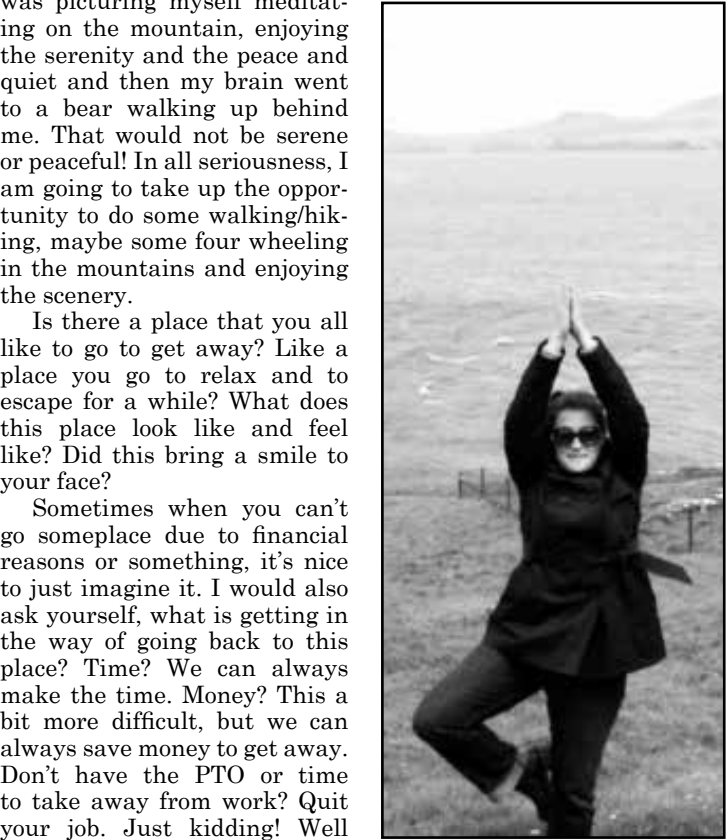
Sea Glass Lantern Instructions:
Select your glass jars. For this project, a small olive or pickle jar would work well.
Clean the jars well, removing any sticky label residue with Goo Gone if needed. I recommend wiping down the sides of each jar with rubbing alcohol as well, to get a thorough clean.
Place your glass jars upside-down on a large piece of cardboard. In a well-ventilated area, spray a thin coat of sea glass spray paint on the jars. Let dry. Then spray on another coat.
Note about this spray paint: This does not spray or apply like ordinary spray paint. It sprays on goopy, and has a little bit of texture to it. That's totally OK. When the paint dries, it will look perfectly normal. Don't worry!
Once your sea glass spray paint had completely dried, it's time to make wire handles for the lanterns. Wrap floral wire around the mouth of the jar, creating coil loops on either side of the jar.
This is where you will attach the handle. Cut a wire handle, and attach either end to the metal coils on the jar. The floral wire can be a bit tricky to work with at first, so just be careful not to scratch the paint on your jar with the end of the wire.



A HIPPIE'S HEALTH

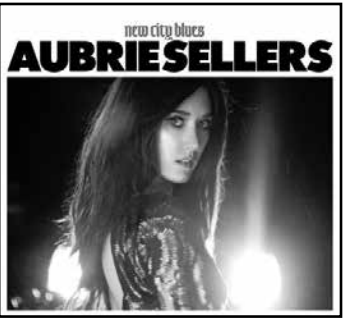
Written by Tara Waltman

You ever want to go disappear and live up in the mountains where no one lives? Not a care or worry in the world? You could move up there and live in solitude....
Well, I am not doing quite that, but this weekend we will be heading up to a family's cabin up in the mountains of PA. It is such a nice little getaway for a couple days. Noting but rest and relaxation...well, almost.
Did I tell you guys we have 5 pets? Five! I said no to getting cats, but obviously I lost out on that battle. I have to admit though when I saw the cute little kittens, it was hard to say no. Now that I am writing this, I think I have mentioned we have 5 pets.
So we will be up in the mountains, but taking care of the dogs and cats and keeping a close eye on the one cat so it doesn't dart out the front door and get eaten by a bear or something.
Speaking of bears...remember that article I wrote about feeling like you're being chased by a bear? I hope that doesn't happen in real life. I was picturing myself meditating on the mountain, enjoying the serenity and the peace and quiet and then my brain went to a bear walking up behind me. That would not be serene or peaceful! In all seriousness, I am going to take up the opportunity to do some walking/hiking, maybe some four wheeling in the mountains and enjoying the scenery.
Is there a place that you all like to go to get away? Like a place you go to relax and to escape for a while? What does this place look like and feel like? Did this bring a smile to your face?
Sometimes when you can't go sometimes due to financial reasons or something, it's nice to just imagine it. I would also ask yourself, what is getting in the way of going back to this place? Time? We can always make the time. Money? This a bit more difficult, but we can always save money to get away. Don't have the PTO or time to take away from work? Quit your job. Just kidding! Well kind of...
If I didn't have a lot of PTO at my job, I personally would look for something else because I love to take time off and travel! Like a true hippie. I know that is not a reality for everyone, though.
If you can, make sure you take a break from reality, get away. Go somewhere peaceful and meditate, find your zen. Haha! Or you could go hiking up a mountain and drink wine while doing this. (I may or may not have done this several times in South Africa.) Probably not the best or safest idea, but oh so fun! So I'll be off in the mountains this weekend just being a hippie hillbilly with 5 pets, a kid, spouse and family. Good times!
Tara Waltman is a licensed clinical social worker doing outpatient therapy working on health and wellness for people. She is also a Young Living Essential Oils consultant. She is the daughter of Darell and Karen Severt, of Grygla, and resides in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with her family. She will be contributing a health and wellness column weekly.



Amazing new artists you're probably not listening to

"A snarky, barbed-wire cross between Lee Ann Womack and Buddy Miller" is what Rolling Stone Magazine used to describe this new up and comer.
25 year old Aubrie Sellers has been making a splash in country music with her alternative take on the traditional genre. A sound she deemed herself as trashy "garage country." Growing up as a musical kid on the road touring with her mother, Lee Ann Womack, she says music is a part of her DNA. That is one statement that definitely shows through in her songwriting and performing. I had the opportunity last March to see her live as she was an opening act on Miranda Lambert's Highway Vagabond tour. I left that concert truly mesmerized by her songwriting style and unique sound. "Yes, vocally I sound like my mother, I don't think I can help it," Sellers laughed. "But as far as style, we definitely have some differences."
That night, after taking a listen to this up and comer, I instantly went and bought her record on Vinyl. Sellers released her debut album, New City Blues, last January and has received tons of support behind it. This album is one of those albums where I could listen to it on repeat and not tire of it. My favorite track from this record has to be "Sit Here and Cry" a sassy, sarcastic twist of a break up song.
Definitely give her a listen and I'm sure you won't be disappointed.



Two local youth hope to be a part of the 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction

Roseau County 4-H invites you to the 2017 4-H Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction on Friday, July 21st. A luncheon will be held at 12pm with the auction going from 1-4pm. The event is held at the Andy Erickson Arena in the Livestock Barn at the Roseau County Fair.
Buyers are responsible for premium only, which does not include ownership of animal. Premium is the dollar amount per pound above the market price of an animal. The auctioneer will introduce the youth, their animal placing and will begin the bid. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will be sold first in each species with third, fourth, etc...blue ribbon to follow. Buyers are asked to take a photo with the 4-H youth for a framed appreciation gift to come after the fair. Buyers are recognized in local paper and at the Roseau County Fair!
Auction order: Poultry, Dairy Steer, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Beef, Rabbit.
Grygla/Gatzke youth 4-Her's will, hopefully, be attending this event and showing their animals. Lakylie Brobst is showing her steer, Hokey Pokey, on Wednesday. Walter Jones is showing a bred heifer and a market steer. If either of them receive blue ribbons, they are then eligible to be in this Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction! (Walter would only show his steer at that time.)



Doris Smeby celebrated her July birthday at the Grain Bin Cafe last week with the Senior Citizen's Club.

Make Settler's Square a stop during your visit to the Marshall County Fair

The Marshall County Historical Society cordially invites you to visit Settler's Square during the Marshall County Fair. We are open 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday thru Saturday, and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m., during the fair.
Step back in time and walk in the footsteps of the Marshall County pioneers. See the collected objects and materials of cultural, religious and historical importance. This is a unique interactive experience of getting up close to things we usually only see in books, newspapers or on the television.
Visit the numerous exhibits. Check out the farming history of the past. Take a look at old firefighting equipment and classic automobiles. Take a stroll through the vintage 1880s storefronts and visit the Soo Line Railroad depot. See the Alma Church, Cook School, Landreville cabin and other time-honored buildings. Check out the cook car used in the days of the bonanza farms of Western Marshall County. And be sure to visit the new Military exhibit honoring men and women from Marshall County who selflessly served our country.
Saturday, July 22, will be a whirlwind of activity at Settler's Square. From 7:30 to 10:00 a.m., the historical society will host a Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee will be served for a free will donation. Help celebrate the 100th birthday of the Hart Parr steam engine. Enjoy an ice cream cone and fresh lemonade. In the afternoon and evening, area car enthusiasts will be displaying their vehicles in the museum parking lot. You are invited to bring your vehicle and be a part of this event.
If you know the words, sing along! Sunday at 3 p.m., there will be a community sing-along led by the Waldorf family. You don't have to have a great voice. Come out to socialize and enjoy yourself.
The categories in which you can enter exhibits at the museum include Antique Machinery and Equipment, Demonstrations and Depression Glass. Check the Fair Times for details. It is a great way to display your historical items for others to see. And you may even win a prize!
The historical society is collecting biographies of the brave men and women who served in the United States armed services. They will be saved as a memorial to those who answered to the call of their country. These stories are a precious gift and in years to come will form a valuable historical record of Marshall County's participation in various conflicts.
The Marshall County Historical Society is devoted to documenting and preserving our past for future generations, creating fun & education for the whole family! See you at the fair!

GRYGLA CENTENNIAL
SNEAK PEEK



REMEMBERING THE
PAST

CELEBRATING THE
PRESENT

EMBRACING THE
FUTURE

AUGUST 25-27, 2017

Fireworks Show



Friday, August 25th, at dusk

“OOOHHH! AAAHHH!”

Sponsored by American State Bank of Grygla, a fireworks show will be held Friday evening at dusk. Set up your chairs at one of Grygla’s city parks or enjoy the display from any spot in town.

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

Another sneak peek to come next week!



All aboard the Chester Charles II

You are invited to relax aboard beautiful Lake Itasca, the source of the mighty Mississippi River! The Grygla Senior Citizen’s Club is planning a river boat tour on the 141-passenger Chester Charles II on Thursday, August 31st, and is extending the invite to anyone interested in joining them.

A bus will be leaving the Grain Bin Café that morning at 8:30am. The river cruise itself is from 2-4pm that afternoon, but the group plans to arrive a bit early to do some exploring around the area. Please plan to pack your own picnic lunch to be eaten in the park.

The cost to attend is \$16 for

members of the Senior Citizen’s Club and \$22 for non-members. (For only \$3, people 60 years of age or older can join the local club.)

The cost of this event includes travel and the river cruise. After the Coborn’s Lake Itasca tour, the group has plans to stop at the D&R Cafe in Bagley to eat supper.

This pleasant experience is being coordinated by Senior Citizen’s Club Vice President, Rose Hanson. To RSVP, please call her at 218-280-5944 by August 23rd so reservations can be made. Again, anyone is welcome to attend!

Don’t miss the boat!

Yard of the Week



Grygla ‘Yard of the Week’ goes out to Gary & Laurie Polansky at 30496 370th St NE, Gatzke. All of the bountiful pots you see were purchased from Jason Moe’s benefit, donated by Jocelyn’s Greenhouse.



Goodridge ‘Yard of the Week’ goes out to Loren & Ardis Race at 17435 370th Ave NE, Goodridge. Neighbors say Ardis is very deserving of this title as she gives her yard a lot of TLC and extra effort!

CITY OF GRYGLA SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Grygla to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at the City Hall, 219 West Beltrami Street. Questions about this report should be directed to Ms. Rose Aune, Clerk/Treasurer at (218) 294-6292.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS (GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS)				
	Total 2016	Total 2015	Increase (Decrease)	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 69,907	\$ 61,968	\$ 7,939	12.81%
Special assessments.....	16,582	21,930	(5,348)	-24.39%
Licenses and permits	2,599	4,756	(2,157)	-45.35%
Intergovernmental	100,434	109,690	(9,256)	-8.44%
Charges for services	88,370	71,235	17,135	24.05%
Fines and forfeitures	510	230	280	121.74%
Gifts and contributions	49,507	15,285	34,222	223.89%
Investment earnings	797	775	22	2.84%
Miscellaneous	26,757	32,589	(5,832)	-17.90%
Total Revenues.....	\$355,463	\$ 318,458	\$ 37,005	11.62%
Per Capita	1,601	1,441	160	11.12%
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	\$ 66,537	\$ 97,328	\$ (30,791)	-31.64%
Public safety	67,416	43,334	24,082	55.57%
Highways and streets.....	55,047	44,291	10,756	24.28%
Sanitation	30,666	33,379	(2,713)	-8.13%
Culture and recreation	37,096	23,146	13,950	60.27%
Conservation of natural resources	520	470	50	10.64%
Economic development.....	4,283	40,000	(35,717)	-89.29%
Debt service				
Principal retirement	23,780	34,780	(11,000)	-31.63%
Interest	6,358	7,065	(707)	-10.01%
Capital outlay				
Public safety.....	46,000	-	46,000	100.00%
Economic development.....	-	-	-	100.00%
Total Expenditures.....	\$ 337,703	\$ 323,793	\$ 13,910	4.30%
Per Capita	1,521	1,465	56	3.83%
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures.....	\$ 17,760	\$ (5,335)	\$ 23,095	100.00%
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in.....	\$ 1,723	\$ 1,410	\$ 313	22.20%
Transfers out	(1,723)	-	(1,723)	100.00%
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ 1,410	\$ (1,410)	-100.00%
Total Long-Term Indebtedness.....	\$ 189,750	\$ 213,530	(\$23,780)	-11.14%
Per Capita	855	966	(111)	-11.54%
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 216,878	\$ 199,118	\$ 17,760	8.92%
Per Capita	977	901	76	8.43%

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016			
	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Total
Operating Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 38,135	\$ 45,903	\$ 84,038
Operating Expenses			
Personnel services	\$ 23,627	\$ 23,430	\$ 47,057
Professional services	1,689	1,238	2,927
Repairs and maintenance	11,070	5,389	16,459
Supplies.....	1,049	3,860	4,909
Utilities.....	1,898	7,008	8,906
Insurance.....	1,219	1,352	2,571
Miscellaneous.....	1,269	3,159	4,428
Depreciation	190	472	662
Total Operating Expenses.....	\$ 42,011	\$ 45,908	\$ 87,919
Operating Income (Loss).....	\$ (3,876)	\$ (5)	\$ (3,881)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)			
Investment earnings	\$ 153	\$ 95	\$ 248
Micellaneous	250	86	336
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses).....	\$ 403	\$ 181	\$ 584
Change in Net Postion	\$ (3,473)	\$ 176	\$ (3,297)
Net Assets - January 1.....	\$ 12,478	\$ 34,153	\$ 46,631
Net Position - December 31.....	\$ 9,005	\$ 34,329	\$ 43,334

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2016			
	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Total
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and pooled investments.....	\$ 4,968	\$ 4,424	\$ 9,392
Investments	12,116	27,286	39,402
Accounts receivable	4,707	5,567	10,274
Special assesments	213	213	426
Total Current Assets.....	\$ 22,004	\$ 37,490	\$ 59,494
Noncurrent Assets			
Capital assets			
Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation.....	3,422	14,618	18,040
Total Assets.....	\$ 25,426	\$ 52,108	\$ 77,534
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Related to pensions.....	\$ 6,486	\$ 6,486	\$ 12,972
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 337	\$ 1,124	\$ 1,461
Salaries payable.....	384	384	768
Due to other governments.....	1,440	2,011	3,451
Compensated absences payable.....	171	171	342
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Net pension liability	\$ 14,290	\$ 14,290	\$ 28,580
Total Liabilities	\$ 16,622	\$ 17,980	\$ 34,602
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Related to pensions.....	\$ 6,285	\$ 6,285	\$ 12,570
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets.....	\$ 3,422	\$ 14,618	\$ 18,040
Unrestricted amounts	5,583	19,711	25,294
Total Net Position.....	\$ 9,005	\$ 34,329	\$ 43,334

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents			
	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers.....	\$ 39,068	\$ 45,682	\$ 84,750
Payments to employees.....	(24,105)	(24,103)	(48,208)
Payments to suppliers.....	(17,213)	(19,448)	(36,661)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities.....	\$ (2,250)	\$ 2,131	\$ (119)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities			
Miscellaneous.....	\$ -	\$ 31	\$ 31
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Investment earnings received	\$ 153	\$ 71	\$ 224
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ (2,097)	\$ 2,233	\$ 136
Cash and Cash Equivalents at January 1	19,181	29,477	48,658
Cash and Cash Equivalents at December 31	\$ 17,084	\$ 31,710	\$ 48,794
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Operating income (loss).....	\$ (3,876)	\$ (5)	\$ (3,881)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities			
Depreciation expense	\$ 190	\$ 472	\$ 662
Decrease (increase) in assets			
Accounts receivable.....	152	(479)	(327)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities			
Accounts payable	197	904	1,101
Salaries payable	168	168	336
Compensated absences payable	(474)	(474)	(948)
Due to other governments.....	1,076	1,334	2,410
Net pension liability	317	211	528
Total adjustments	\$ 1,626	\$ 2,136	\$ 3,762
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (2,250)	\$ 2,131	\$ (119)