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In this issue ... Nearly 100 years later, John Franzman's altars are still in use today (page 4)



The Goodridge Senior Homecoming Court consists of all seven students that make up the 2018 graduating class. L-R: Ben Groven, Kendra Jensen, Blake Nerhus, Jordan Skibicki, Dylan Manderud, Keanna Arndt and Brandon Stanley.

Goodridge/Grygla Schools hold Homecoming next week

It's that time of year again where the Goodridge and Grygla Homecoming candidates have been chosen and the festivities have been planned for each school.

Next week marks the special occasion!

Goodridge has set their 2017 Homecoming theme as "Good-night Kiss." Coronation will be held on Monday, September 25th, at 3pm in the Goodridge School Gymnasium. Dress up days will be: Monday: 'Merica Monday, Tuesday: Nerds vs. Jocks, Wednesday: Double Denim, Thursday: Country vs. Country Club, Friday: Charger Pride Day.

The Homecoming Advisor for Goodridge is Lacey Hruby.

Grygla has set their 2017 Homecoming theme as "Wizard of Oz." Coronation will be held Monday evening, September 25th,

at 7:30pm in the Grygla School Gymnasium. Dress up days will be: Monday: Oz the Great and Powerful (Green and Bling), Tuesday: Are you a good witch or a bad witch (Opposite/light vs. dark), Wednesday: Which witch is which Wednesday (Twin day), Thursday: Lions, Tigers & Bears (animal/Oz characters), Friday: There's no place like Grygla (Spirit Day).

The Homecoming Advisor for Grygla is Jesse Westbrook.

The Homecoming Volleyball game will be on Thursday, September 28th, in Grygla vs. BGMR. The Homecoming Football game is set for the next evening, Friday the 29th, in Goodridge vs. Stephen/Argyle. A dance for 7-12 graders will be held following the football game at the Goodridge School.



Grygla Senior Homecoming Court, L-R: Caryle Kiesow escorted by Clay Irlbeck, Alaina Monson escorted by Dustin Smith, Trystan Jelle escorted by Cooper Blazek.

GG Sophomore & Junior Homecoming Attendants



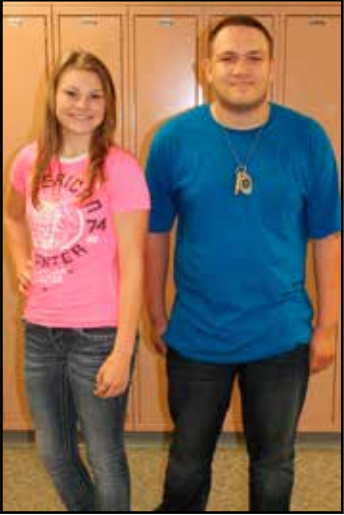
Goodridge Junior attendants: Cynthia Sampson and Aaron Jones



Goodridge Sophomore attendants: Hannah Seyller and Blake Jensen



Grygla Junior attendants: Olivia Tykward and Gavin Skime



Grygla Sophomore attendants: Daria Waletzki and Evan Fish

Verbout named MCAC North, Hitter of the Week

Shantel Verbout, a volleyball student-athlete at Northland Community & Technical College in Thief River Falls, has earned Week 3 Hitter-of-the-Week honors in the Northern Division. Verbout is third nationally in Kills Per Set (5.71) and leads the country in hitting percentage at .655. The Grygla, Minnesota, native is also 3rd in the NJCAA in Points per Set. Northland is off to a strong start, sitting at 4-0 on the season so far, and 3-0 in Conference play.



Satre named MCAC North, Defensive Player of the Week

Alison Satre picks up the Week 3 Defensive Player-of-the-Week in the Northern Division, helping lead the Rainy River Community College Voyageurs to a .500 week, beating Anoka-Ramsey and Fond du Lac by 3-0 scorelines, while falling to the JV team of Bethel University and NJCAA Division II Dakota County Technical College in tournament play over the weekend. Satre, from Gygla, Minnesota, is a freshman libero for head coach Mel Millerbernd.



LYO to hold game day in the park

Grace and Our Saviors Lutheran Youth Organization is sponsoring a "Game day in the Park" this Sunday, September 24th, from 3-6pm in the park on the west side of the Grygla School. Students will meet under the picnic shelter. LYO is for students in grades 6-12. A special welcome is extended to this year's 6th grade students. All students are encouraged to invite a friend.

You don't have to be a member of LYO to participate in the activities. There will be a brief explanation of LYO involvement activities during the past

years. Students are encouraged to suggest new activities also, so bring your ideas.

Following the meeting there will be some wild and crazy game activities for the students to participate in. Please wear old clothes since some of the games require physical activity. A light supper will follow the games. All students are invited to attend this fall kick off. Bring your new ideas to LYO. This is your organization, so your input is wanted. If anyone has any questions, please contact Ruth Anderson, Maureen Monson or Nikki Leach.

American State Bank issues notice about massive data breach



Equifax, one of the nation's three largest credit bureaus, disclosed that it was subject to a massive data breach – one of the worst in the nation's history. By the company's own admission, the breach affects as many as 143 million Americans or roughly half of the U.S. population. This constitutes a much larger share of Americans with a credit history.

According to the company's press release, "the information accessed primarily includes names, Social Security numbers, birthdates, addresses and, in some instances, driver's license numbers."

Given the risks posed by the data breach, American State Bank wants to inform their customers about the following precautions they can take to minimize potential fraud.

What Should Customers Do?

1. Visit www.equifaxsecurity2017.com, an online service Equifax has set up, to check if personal information has been compromised.
2. A number of experts also advise consumers to place a credit freeze on their credit reports, if they believe they are at risk of identity theft. Based on Equifax's disclosure, it's reasonable to assume that the risk is high. To learn more about the credit freeze process, you can go to the follow-

ing websites: Minnesota Office of the Attorney General www.ag.state.mn.us/consumer/publications/identitytheft.asp

Federal Trade Commission <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0497-credit-freeze-faq>

Minnesota state law requires a \$5 fee for each credit freeze. Consumers may contact the credit reporting agencies as follows:

Experian Security Freeze (888) 397-3742 <https://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html>

Equifax Security Freeze (800) 685-1111 <https://www.freeze.equifax.com/>

TransUnion Security Freeze (800) 680-7289 <https://www.transunion.com/securityfreeze>

3. Monitor accounts closely and frequently. By viewing accounts online and checking throughout the month, customers will be able to identify possible problems sooner.
4. Review credit reports every three or four months. Consumers are entitled to one free credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus per year. They can request a single report from one of the bureaus every three or four months. By staggering these requests, consumers will be able to monitor credit throughout the year.

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Wednesday:
8pm Interfaith Bible Study
Sunday:
Grace: 10:30am Worship,
OS: 9am Worship, no SS

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH
United – Gatzke; Our Savior's – Thief Lake
Pastor TBA
Sunday:
UL: 9am Worship
OS: 11am Worship

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

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday:
St. Clement's: 11am
St. Ann's: 12pm

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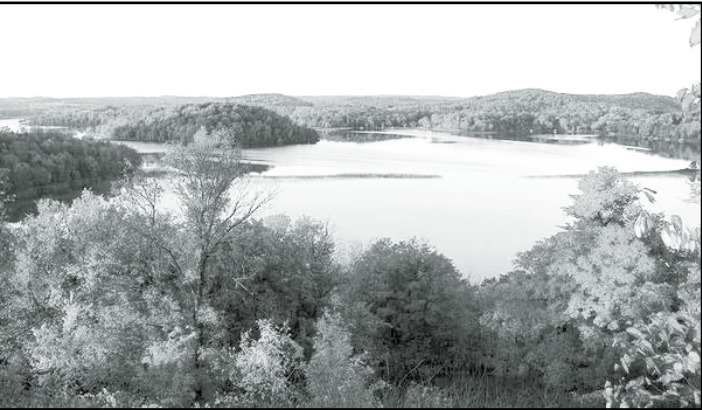
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The Fall Color Finder went live earlier this month! Plan your outings accordingly! See page 3 for more info.



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BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday:
8am Worship, 9am SS

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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, 9:15 SS
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship, 8:30 SS
Nazareth Fancy Work & Bake Sale (supper at 5pm, sale 6pm)
Oak Park: 11am Worship, 9:45 SS

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

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TRAINING PROGRAM
Grygla Public School District is looking for individuals interested in a training program. Must be 55 years of age, unemployed, and meet financial guidelines.
If interested, contact Shaunna Olson, administrative assistant, at the Grygla School at 218-294-6155.



Left: Goodridge 1st Grade Homecoming attendants: Austin Lovly and Julia Halvorson
Right: Grygla 1st Grade Homecoming attendants: Zachary Rian and Kami Mosher

Letter to the Editor

Happy 100th Birthday, Grygla!
My wife, JoAnn and I were visiting Grygla one afternoon last summer, when we first became aware of the upcoming Centennial. From that day on we planned and looked forward to attending the celebration. I was especially looking forward to the all-school reunion, having been one of the original (1974-76) teachers/coaches when the high school first opened. Unfortunately, a situation arose that prevented us from being able to be there.
So besides wanting to congratulate the Grygla community on your 100 years, I also wanted to share a couple of thoughts and impressions that I came away with after last summer's visit. First of all, I would like to begin by thanking Shaunna Olson for giving us a tour of the school and sharing many bits of information about its history. And I would also like to thank a former student, Julie Sparby, at the bank, for filling in a lot of blanks about former students, faculty members, and community members that JoAnn and I knew when we lived and worked there.
I will start by saying your school speaks volumes about



the pride and commitment your community obviously takes toward the education and extra-curricular activities of your youth. It is much different in appearance and size than during my time, but truly a great facility and highly furnished complex. You have reason to be extremely proud of it. I will also say much the same for the town itself. The new buildings and other construction that was taking place last summer was very impressive. Again, many dynamic changes have taken place there since 1974, as well as the surrounding agricultural landscape.
In closing, I want to say thank you. Now enjoying retirement, after 38 years in education as a teacher, coach, and administrator, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Grygla community for providing the start to my career. I have always been and will always be thankful for that opportunity. JoAnn and I have many fond memories of the people and our time spent in your community.
Wishing you all, past, present, and future the very best and continued success.
Jerry Lindstrom
Brooten, MN

Community Calendar

- Wed | Sept 20
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Eagle office open 9-6pm; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; VB/FB practice in Grygla
- Thurs | Sept 21
FB Practice in Grygla; VB game in Grygla vs. Warroad; School Board Meeting 8pm
- Fri | Sept 22
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; VB practice in Goodridge; Varsity FB game at Warren/Alvarado/Oslo 7pm
- Sat | Sept 23
Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf open 8-10:30am; JH VB tourney at Sacred Heart 9am
- Sun | Sept 24
LYO game day in the park for grades 6-12 at 3-6pm
- Mon | Sept 25
Grygla/Marshall County Hazardous Waste & Appliance Pickup 9:30-10am; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Goodridge School Homecoming Coronation 3pm; 7/8 VB in Grygla vs. RLCC; JH/JV FB in Goodridge vs. WAO; Grygla School Homecoming Coronation 7:30pm
- Tues | Sept 26
FB practice in Goodridge; VB at EGF

GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK



Written by Kari Sundberg, Grygla Librarian
Come and visit us on the inside! We're open every Wednesday from 2-6pm. Whether you want a good book to check out, a quiet place to read the newspaper or a computer to get some work done, we're your place.
This week's book suggestion is "What Happened" by Hillary Rodham Clinton. The hardcover edition was published on September 12, 2017, and immediately went to the top of the Barnes & Noble and Amazon bestseller lists.
For the first time, Hillary

MARSHALL COUNTY RESIDENTS
2017 Household Hazardous Waste, Appliance, Television and Fluorescent Lamp Collection
Marshall County will collect at a charge of \$5.00 per item: Unusable Freezers, Clothes Washers and Dryers, Dishwashers, Air Conditioners, Furnaces, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Stoves, Water Heaters, Refrigerators, TV's and Computer Monitors. Fluorescent Lamps are also accepted at a charge: 4' bulbs are \$0.50, all other bulbs are \$0.75. Oil and Latex Paint, Solvents, Acids, Caustics, Adhesives, Home and Garden Pesticides will be collected at no cost. Following is a list of the locations, dates and times at which you can bring in materials for disposal. Materials are to be delivered during the hours stated for each drop-off site. If you cannot come to the drop-off site on these days, we also take the materials listed above at the Marshall County Demolition Landfill every Wednesday from 8:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. May through October.
September 25, 2017
Grygla - Marshall County Garage
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Middle River - Community Center
11:30 to 12:30 p.m.
September 26, 2017
Newfolden - City Parking Lot - Behind Fire Hall
8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Stephen - Community Center
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Argyle - Marshall County Garage
Noon to 1:00 p.m.
September 28, 2017
Oslo - by Fire Hall
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Alvarado - Marshall County Garage
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Warren - Marshall County Shop (Highway Dept.)
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
For More Information Contact
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~ LISTEN LIVE ~
ON TRF RADIO
Friday, September 22nd
Chargers Football ...
at Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
KKDQ/KTRF

PEANUT has been FOUND!
On September 14, David's birthday, he received a call that his dog had been found. Kayden Hodny was rewarded when he found and returned Peanut. Sometimes it takes the help of a child to capture a dog! On that same day we had many calls regarding the dog's whereabouts, but no one could catch him. Thanks to all who looked for little Peanut, a dog who was lost for 5 days in the Grygla area. Your support means more than you know! We are so fortunate to have such a kind and caring community! ThankYou!!
David and Veronica, Tony and Connie Moe

HELP WANTED
Various positions and hours. Please apply in person at YoHawns in Grygla.
Thank you to the Grygla Rescue Squad and Roseau Ambulance for your good care in getting me to the hospital in Roseau. And to the staff, you provided great care during my stay.
Shorty Wilkens

NWRDC seeks representatives

The Northwest Regional Development Commission (NWRDC) is seeking nominations for two Minority and Six At-Large Public Interest Representatives on the Commission. These are two year terms of offices and members receive a \$50.00 "per diem" payment, as well as travel expenses, for the days on which they attend Commission meetings. The Northwest Regional Development Commission (NWRDC) serves the counties of Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau. See www.nwrdc.org for more information. Nominations should be submitted by November 1, 2017 Contact Carol Sorensen at 218-745-6733 or go to www.nwrdc.org for a nomination form.

what it was like to run against Donald Trump, the mistakes she made, how she has coped with a shocking and devastating loss, and how she found the strength to pick herself back up afterward.



The Fall Color Finder went live Sept. 7

Adequate rainfall nearly statewide combined with lots of summer sunshine point to a beautiful fall leaf season.

Starting Sept. 7 and on every Thursday throughout fall, people can consult the Fall Color Finder to learn more about peak fall color (www.mndnr.gov/fallcolors). This tool comes courtesy of the DNR's Parks and Trails Division and features:

- A map that shows peak color across Minnesota.
- A link to fall color programs and events.
- A slideshow.
- A photo uploader that provides a great way for sharing fall photos.

"It's that time of year again - kids are back in school, evenings are getting cooler, and leaves are changing color," said Lt. Gov. Tina Smith. "This fall, I encourage Minnesotans to get outside and enjoy fall colors in their state parks. Minnesotans can even use the DNR's Fall Color Finder to determine when leaves will be most vivid in every corner of the state. I hope to see you on the trail this

fall."

Rainfall and sunshine throughout the summer months determine the depth of color each fall in Minnesota. Kao Thao, a naturalist with Fort Snelling State Park, said that temperatures also come into play. An early freezing frost, for example, cuts short fall color.

"A light frost at the start of the color season actually helps produce vivid color," Thao said. "During those summers when we experience a severe drought, colors are dulled somewhat. But we had plenty of rain and there's always plenty of sunlight, so the leaf season at Fort Snelling State Park should be beautiful."

Elsewhere the west-central and northwestern parts of the state saw less rain this summer than the metro area. Sometimes a less rain, but not drought conditions, actually increase the color display.

All of the above begs a seasonal question often asked of the DNR. Just why do those leaves change color? Longer end-of-summer days and short-

er bouts with sunshine as well as cooler nights trigger the color change. The most brilliant leaves show their hues after many warm and sunny days and cool nights.

Those shorter periods of daylight mean a closing off of the leaf veins that carry liquid sugar in and out of leaves. As a consequence, sugars in the leaf permit the red and purple colors to develop. Purple-like and red pigments are found in the leaves of maple and oak, some varieties of ash, and tall shrubs like cherry, sumac and viburnum.

Yellow is always present in leaves all summer long, but the color is revealed when the green pigment in chlorophyll breaks down. The yellow leaves, found in ash, aspen, basswood, birch, cottonwood and elm, may be short in lifespan due to drought conditions. If it's dry, not as much sugar is produced so there isn't as much color.

Check out a state park, recreation area, state forest, trail and water trail. Each is within viewing distance of beautiful

leaf color. There's a state park within about 30 minutes of nearly every town and city in the state. Find a state park at mndnr.gov/parkfinder.

As a general rule, colors typically peak between mid-September and early October in the northern third of Minnesota, between late September and early October in the central third of the state, and between late September and mid-October in the southern third, which includes the Twin Cities.

State park fall programs are listed in the 2017 "Programs and Events" sampler available at state parks and recreation areas, Twin Cities libraries, and at metro outdoor retail stores. The DNR Information Center will mail the brochure if requested. A listing of all fall programs can be found online at www.mndnr.gov/fallcolor.

For more information, contact the DNR Information Center at info.dnr@state.mn.us or call 888-646-6367 between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday).

Word of the Week

...enhancing vocabularies one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Masscult

noun

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1. the forms of culture, as music, drama, and literature, as selected, interpreted, and popularized by the mass media for dissemination to the widest possible audience.

SIMPLY DELICIOUS



Written and made by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Caramel Apple Bread is the perfect recipe for quick sweet bread this time of year. Use any type of apple that you'd like! This recipe is easy to make, but it does take some time as you need to cool the bread, then cool the glaze and let the glaze set. It's well worth the wait though as this bread has incredible flavor!

- 1 cup smooth unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup peeled, cored, and finely diced apple (1 apple)

Caramel Glaze:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 tbsp milk

Spray a 9 x5 inch loaf pan with non-stick spray, then set it aside. Preheat the oven to 350°. Combine the applesauce, sugar, brown sugar, eggs, oil, and vanilla extract in a large bowl. Whisk well to blend. Add in the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Stir just enough to combine; do not over mix. Fold in the apples.

Transfer the batter into the prepared pan. Bake on the center oven rack until a toothpick inserted into the center of the bread comes out clean, about 60 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven and put it on a cooling rack for about 15 minutes, then remove the loaf from the pan and place it on the rack to finish cooling.

To make the caramel glaze topping:

Melt butter in a small saucepan on medium heat. Add in brown sugar and milk and whisk constantly. Bring to a boil, then boil for 2 minutes while continuing to whisk. Remove from heat and let cool about 30 minutes to 1 hour, until caramel has thickened, stirring every 10 minutes or so. You need to continue the stirring while cooling so that the sugar fully dissolves.

Pour caramel over the top of the apple bread. Let sit 2-3 hours, until caramel topping has set. Slice and Enjoy! Store leftovers in an airtight container on the counter, or in the fridge. Freeze bread by wrapping completely in plastic wrap twice, then wrapping with foil. Freeze for up to 2 months.

DO IT YOURSELF

Maybe this isn't so much of a DIY as it is a "Now you Know!" But the circle on these lid covers are actually the spot for the tiny containers to snap into...who knew?



A HIPPIE'S HEALTH

Written by Tara Waltman

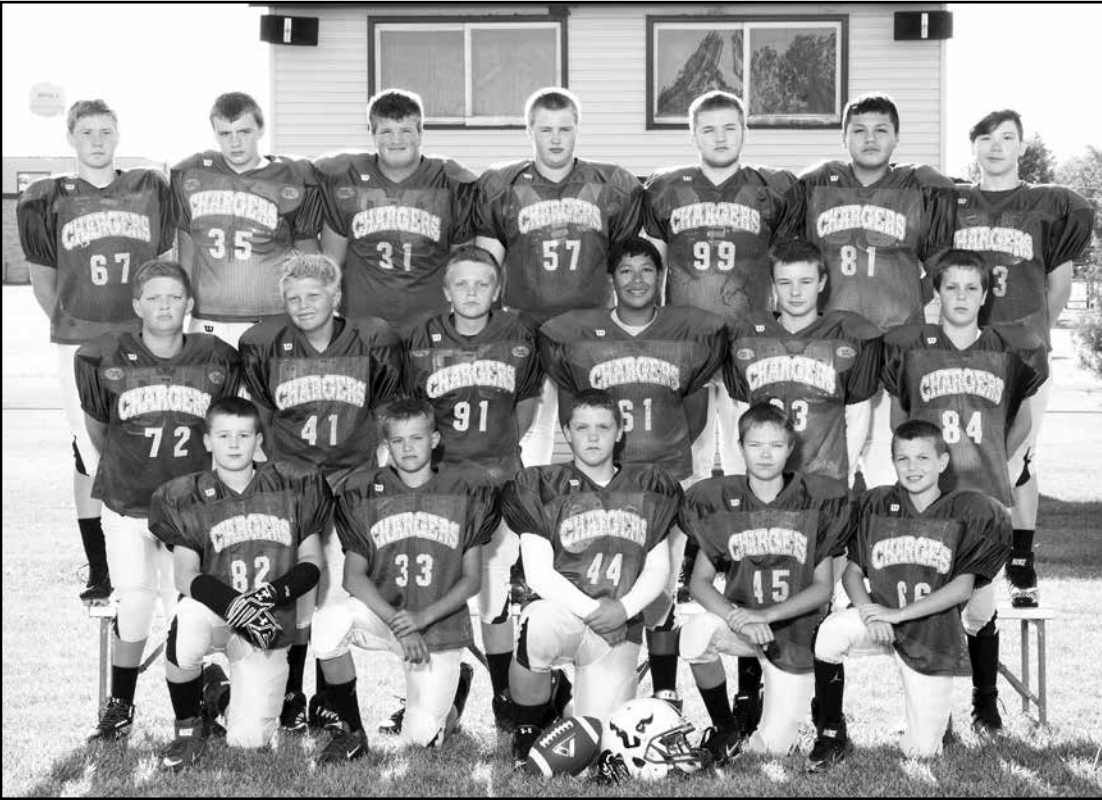
Taking wallpaper off...so much fun, I tell you! Not. I told Everett I would pay him 10 dollars to take off all the wallpaper in the kitchen. After about 5 minutes, he would get bored of that and go do something else, so that didn't turn out as well as I had hoped. He did earn 5 dollars out of the deal (he earned an extra dollar for cuteness). So we used Lemon Essential oil and vinegar and water. The lemon essential oil helps to take off the adhesive and it smells good, too! This really helped. You know what else helped? Aunt Pam to the rescue. She came over and pretty much took all our wallpaper off and I didn't even have to worry about it. For that, I am grateful. I have also heard that a steamer can

take wallpaper off too. A few tricks for you to think about - I am sure there are some others, too! Lemon essential oil is also good for cleaning. You can put in water and vinegar to use to clean as well as to get sticky things off from price tags and things like that because it is so acidic. Just a few little tips.

I hope all is well in Grygla. I have to get back to work. I promise to come up with something interesting for the next article!

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 Severts, of Grygla, and resides in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with her family.

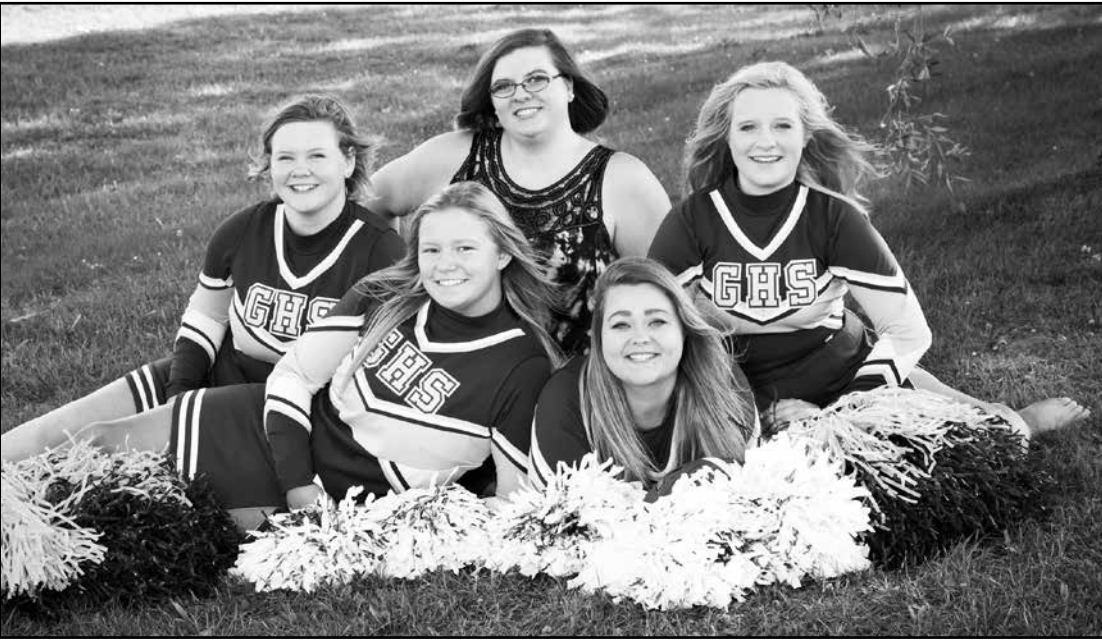
Meet the 2017 Chargers Junior High Volleyball & Football players



Junior High Football
Front row, L-R: Elliot Philipp, Kaylor Torgerson, Jolsen Sargent, Sheldin Sundberg, Jordan Johnson.
Middle row, L-R: Justin Thompson, Thor Henrickson, Nick Groven, Isaac Johnson, Matt Busse, Dane Arveson.
Back row, L-R: Nolan Anderson, Andrew Loken, Tucker Verbout, Walter Jones, Clayton Suchoski, Jordan Coan, Tra Alten.



7th grade Volleyball
Sitting, L-R: Caitlyn Jacobson, Jorja Salo, Sadie Anderson
Middle, L-R: Kylie DeLage, Jennah Henrickson, Paige Burns
Back row, L-R: Noelle Merrill, Emily Carlson, Peyton Homme, Kia Klein, Coach Sara Panek, Ahna Stanley



Cheer team
L-R: Bailey Watne, Shawntel Iganszewski, Julianne Nordby, Courtney Vad and Advisor Kass Nordby (back)



8th grade Volleyball
L-R: Coach Syra Naik, Katelyn Larson, Hannah Wilebski, Skya Wilson, Riley Saurdiff, Brigette Watne, Zoe Fish



C team Volleyball
Coach Courtney Olson, Hailey Knutson, Madison Paulson, Mya Anderson, Casse Alten
Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Grygla Senior, Alaina Monson, had 6 kills in the Varsity game against Roseau last week. The Chargers lost the game in 3 sets, which puts them at 3-2.

The team plays on the home court in Grygla this Thursday, Sept. 20th vs. Warroad.

(Photo by Coan Photography)





(1938) Bethel Lutheran Church in Grygla. Altar, pulpit, kneeling rail and baptismal font built by John Franzman. This altar is now at the Historical Society in Warren, MN. This was the second creation John made for Bethel, sending the original and smaller one to a church in Goodridge.

Nearly 100 years later, John Franzman’s altars are still in use today

John Franzman was born in Limberg, Geramany, in 1866. He was orphaned at a very young age. When he was just a child, his father was lost in a forest and froze to death during a severe snowstorm. Soon after this, his mother also died. With no family to care for him, the government took over and saw to it that he was educated and taken care of.

It was customary early in life, especially for a boy, what life work they were going to be trained for. It was decided that John Franzman had the abilities and a keen interest in wood carving and wood-related activities, so as early as 10 years of age, John was apprenticed to a carpenter shop with a cabinet maker and it was there that he learned the skills he would use in such a creative way in a land far from the land of his birth many years later.

John and Katrina Franzman, were married in 1891 in Germany and decided to come to America that same year. They first went to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where John hoped to become a cabinet maker. There was no work to be had so he, instead, took a job as a gardener.

The family later moved to Crystal, ND, in order to work in the harvest fields. Among some of the first families to move to the Grygla area in 1897, the Franzmans built a 2-room log shack with a sod roof, and started farming in Espelie Township. There were no roads and not much more than woods and meadows. The farm prospered, but the skills John had learned for building fine furniture were put on hold, except for when the children of early settlers passed away and he would offer to make their small wooden coffins.

The Franzman family included six children: Gustaf (died in infancy), Alfred, Minnie, Ida, Johnny and Alice.

In 1920, a German Lutheran minister, Rev. H. Lutz, began to have services both in German and English. As more German people moved to the area, services couldn't continue to be held in homes, so in 1930, a small church was built in Grygla. It came to be called Bethel Lutheran Church.

Here was the chance John Franzman had been waiting for. He offered to make the altar for the church. He converted

a chicken coop into a carpenter's shop before he began. The work was time consuming, involving much intricate design. John drew his own designs and special kinds of wood had to be ordered from seven different countries. All cutting, fitting, pressing and polishing had to be done with hand tools. Much inlay work was done.

After people saw the beauty of the finished altar, he was asked to make others. He built four in all, with a fifth one in question. In three of the churches, he also made a pulpit, baptismal font and kneeling rail, in addition to the altars.

The first one was smaller in comparison to the others. He wanted to make a larger one for his church, and did so with the smaller one being sold to a church in Goodridge.

Two colors of wood were used for the diagonal design of the inlay. Posts and pillars were carved by hand. Raised designs and religious symbols were carefully carved and then painted with gold paint. The work is that of a true artist.

When the Bethel Church dissolved, the altar was given to the Bemidji Museum and

later transferred to the Historical Society in Warren and can still be seen there today. Two are still in use today at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 15 miles east of Grygla, and St. Petri Lutheran Church, a few miles west of Grygla. The fourth altar that was sent to Goodridge was in use at First Lutheran, then Faith Lutheran Church, and was then sent to St. Paul in 2007 and is now displayed at the Minnesota Historical Society, along with the tools John used for his handiwork.

John started his first altar at age 65 and made his last altar in 1938 at 72 years old. He died of cancer at the age of 72. In his obituary, Rev. Anderson was quoted saying, "John was one of the finest men I have ever met. He thought mostly of beautifying the House of God. He forgot the monetary end and his own work. He enjoyed his work very much and anyone seeing the altars can partially realize the loving touch and infinite care required to make them so exquisite."

Farmer carves altar for Grygla Church

(Taken from the Grygla Eagle in November of 1930.)

Cabinet maker in Vienna as a young man, pioneer of Northern Minnesota, John Franzman, Sr. has given to Bethel Evangelical Church of Grygla a work of art, the creation of his own hands.

The gift is an altar, exquisitely carved, which will grace the front of the edifice in which Grygla Lutherans worship.

For 38 years, Mr. Franzman has farmed in this community. Hands skilled to the use of tricky instruments for fashioning delicate carved wonders during that time have known the feel of a plow. Have repaired machinery, milked cows, built fences and cared for stock.

That his hands had not lost their oldtime cunning, Mr. Franzman found to his amazement when he began the altar. Perhaps the fact that he wanted so much to make a gift to his church had something to do with his skill. In any event, his family, like himself, was astounded and members of the church came to exclaim over the perfection of the altar he had wrought.

The altar was dedicated here with ceremonies conducted by the pastor, Rev. E.F. Lorenz.

Large crowd attends church dedication

(Grygla Eagle, Sept. 1933.) The largest church gathering ever seen in Grygla was drawn at the St. Petri Church last Sunday where several hundred people gathered to witness dedication to the church.

The altar and pulpit were made by John Franzman. The work is wonderful. It is really art and the Grygla community should be proud of having a man who is able to do work like Mr. John Franzman.

Chargers over the Bears on home volleyball court

The GG Chargers Volleyball team got the win last week on Tuesday, September 12th, in three sets. (27-20, 25-11, 25-15)

Ace Assist: Mercedes Coan-17, Trystan Jelle-16

Kills: Alaina Monson-7, Maci Bakken-6, Madi Race-6, Trystan Jelle-5, Libby Johnson-10

Aces: Trystan Jelle-3
Digs: Nichole Arveson- 11, Amy Wiskow-6, Trystan Jelle-6

Blocks: Maci Bakken-4, Libby Johnson-5
Coaches Comments:

"Tonight's game went very well. We have been working really hard in practice on our coverage and where we need to be in certain times of play and tonight they showed me that all that hard work payed off. They played as a team and worked hard to pull off this win and I couldn't be more proud. On Thursday we head to Roseau to play the Rams, and Saturday Varsity goes to a tournament in Warren. Go Chargers!" – Head Coach Katelyn Tharaldson

Volleyball team record 3-2 after loss in Roseau

Head Coach, Katelyn Tharaldson, says, "We played a tough team and tried our best, but we know what we need to work on to improve for the next time we play Roseau."

The Chargers Volleyball team lost the game in three sets (6-25, 15-25, 13-25).

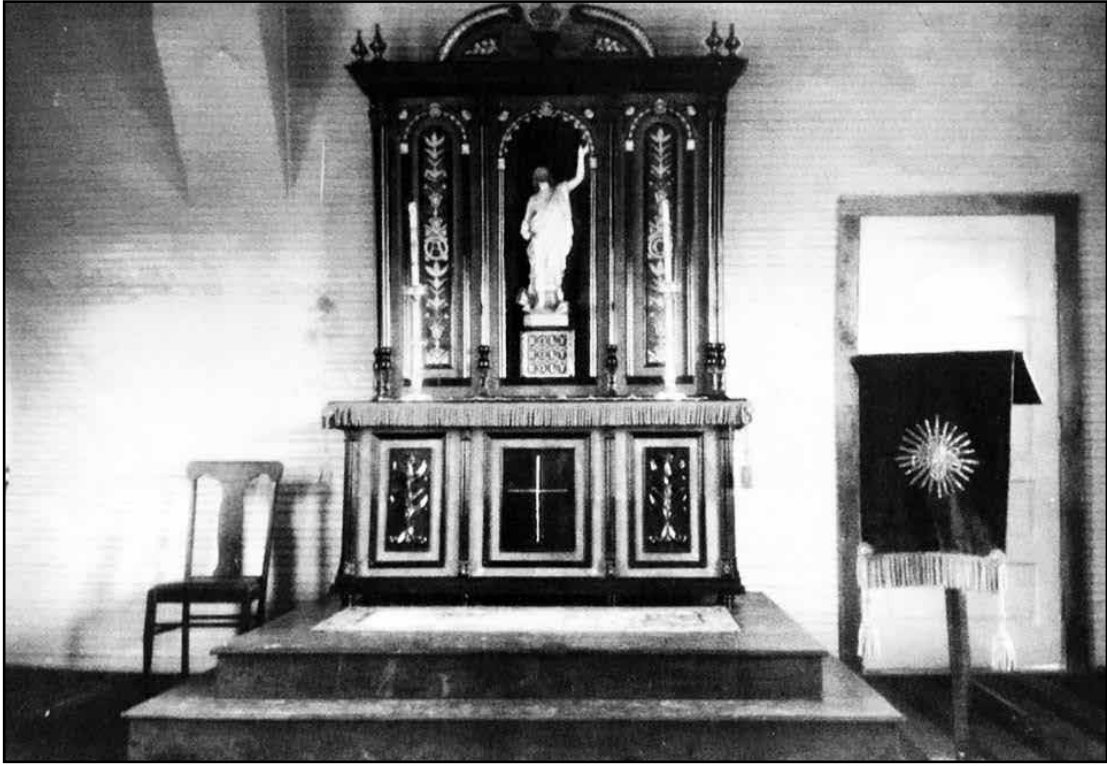
Ace Assists: Mercedes Coan-5, Trystan Jelle-4

Kills: Alaina Monson-6

The Varsity team went to Warren last Saturday for a tournament and ended up placing 5th. Coach Tharaldson said the team played really well together, but says there is still a lot to work on before this Thursday's game in Grygla vs. Warroad.



Junior Varsity Chargers vs. Roseau last Thursday evening. Pictured are Jamie Dougherty and Madison Cullen. (Coan Photography)



This was the first and original altar John made for Bethel Lutheran Church that was dedicated in April of 1930. The altar was later sent to a Goodridge church and a bigger one was constructed for Bethel. It was last in use at Faith Lutheran Church in Goodridge, but was sent to be displayed at the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul in 2007. It remains on display there today!



(1933) St. Petri Lutheran Church, Grygla. Altar, pulpit, kneeling rail and baptismal font built by John Franzman. These beautiful pieces of woodwork can still be seen in the church today.



Chargers #34 Peyton Verbout

Chargers football gets the win with 8 seconds left

The Chargers played Northern Freeze last Friday night in Karlstad and came home with the win, scoring and putting them in the lead with only 8 seconds left! Head Coach John Wilebski said, "It was a very exciting game from a fan's stand point. We had jumped out early and should have put up a couple more scores in the first half, which was worrisome knowing the Freeze was a good team and would fight back; they took the lead with less than 2 minutes in the game. Our boys showed poise and confidence with Jaden Kiesow making a nice return off the insinuating kickoff. The momentum carried over to the offensive line opening up some nice holes for backs Manderud, Kiesow and Verbout to drive the ball down from the 40 and scoring with 8 seconds left to take back the lead and secure the victory. It was a hard fought battle. The Northern Freeze is a good team, who has

dropped two heartbreakers in a row, but will be a sleeper come playoffs. Blake Passa also made some key blocks offensively and Blake Jensen contributed on special teams, as well."

GG: 16 0 0 8 = 24
NF: 0 0 8 12 = 20

Stats per Coach Wilebski: Jaden Kiesow 24/138 yards rushing 2 td's, Dylan Manderud 16/76 yards 1 td, Peyton Verbout 18/70yards

Passing: Kaleb Sjulestad 1 rec 25 yards, Dylan Manderud 1-5 for 25 yards

Def tackles: Anthony Loken, Brandon Stanley; 8 tackles each & 1 sack each, Jaden Kiesow 10 tackles, Kaleb Sjulestad 1 fumble rec

Lucian Tinnes and Peyton Verbout played well defensively. With the Aaron & Andy Jones boys making some major contribution on special team's.

Offensively Hudson McMillin and Ben Groven had some key blocks.