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A look at next week... Make sure to check out the Grygla Fall Festival weekend events! Fall Fest is set for August 28-30.

A helping hand all the way from South Africa

Written by: Trystan Jelle, Eagle Intern

In early April of this year, Grygla welcomed five new workers to the community. They weren't from some town 50 miles away though, in fact, they all came from a different continent! 2014 was the first year that Todd Stanley of Stanley farms decided to get some new help from out of the country. Only starting with two employees from South Africa, it was a success and decided this year that he needed more help than before. Visiting us until December is Dirk, Pieta, Attie, John and Philip, and as mentioned, they are here all the way from South Africa!

Philip DeBruin, originally from Pretoria, South Africa came to work for Stanley Farms because he enjoys farming and wants to get the experience. Although he is enjoying his time here one of the main differences that's been hard to get used to is the difference in language. Farming isn't the only thing he's done since he got here, earlier when he got here, he took a trip down to Minneapolis for the weekend. Although coming to America may have its perks, it also has disadvantages, such as being away from family. Communicating is an issue since most phone plans don't cover worldwide calling, so Philip uses WhatsApp, a free texting app. Philip has been in the states before (also working on a farm) and says he isn't looking forward to the snow and cold weather! (Then again, who is?)

Dirk Louw, who is also from Pretoria, South Africa, has never worked in the states before. Although back home, he did farm, but it wasn't wheat; Dirk was a cattle farmer. He wanted to come to America to see what is done here and he also wanted to travel. With the distance, Dirk uses Skype and the telephone to keep in contact his family back home. Although there are some differences between South Africa and Minnesota, such as the climate, some of the methods are different, too, he noted. One of the fun things Dirk has done since arriving was going to the Moondance Country Music Festival. Looking forward, he isn't anticipating the arrival of snow and would prefer warm weather, he mentioned!

Attie Heystek decided to come and work for Stanley farms for the experience and to see America. Before he came to America, he was

a sugar cane farmer and was also in the steel manufacturing business. He is originally from Pongola, which is a town next to Swaziland. Attie says he isn't quite used to the terrain since there are a lot of mountains where he lives and hardly any hills up here! He mostly uses Skype to communicate with his family when he can or when he's not working. Although Attie isn't looking forward to experiencing snow, he has been enjoying his summer so far. One of the most fun things he's done since coming to Minnesota was go Walleye fishing at Lake of the Woods with Wesley Sandsmark! Attie has never worked in the states before and would possibly come back next year, he said.

John Rautenbach is the only one of the four other Stanley Farm employees who is looking forward to the snow and cold temperatures to come! The most different thing from South Africa to Minnesota is the translation of certain words; some words are used in a different context than back in South Africa. He decided to come to work in the United States to get a good experience and to experience America. When he was back home his main profession was construction but he also worked in the mines for a little bit. He has never came to the United States before so this is pretty new to him. John comes all the way from Pongola, the same town as Attie.

Pieta Lourens is the only employee who has been here two years in a row now. He decided to come back because of the people and said it is possible he might come back for a third year! He initially wanted to come here for the experience and to try something different. Some of the main differences between South Africa and Minnesota, in his opinion, are the safety and the weather. At home he was a worker on a sugar cane farm so obviously this isn't his first farming experience! Pieta is also from Pongola on the North Coast. With his experience of snow last year, he definitely isn't looking forward to it this year!

The five Stanley Farm employees arrived to Grygla in early April and will be leaving in December, shortly before Christmas. If you see them around town, say hi and wish them all good luck with their new jobs.



From L-R: Dirk, Pieta, Philip, Attie and John just off the flight from South Africa last April. First stop: Buffalo Wild Wings. Next up: Stanley Farms.



Attie and Pieta both have farming experience in the sugar cane fields in South Africa.



The five employees of Stanley Farms will be exposed to a much colder climate than they are used to, as they will be living in Grygla and working for Stanleys until December.



Left: Bryan Grove, President of American State Bank of Grygla. Right: Ron Dvergsten, 30 year MAAE member, NCTC FBM instructor and director of ASB.

MAAE recognizes American State Bank with its Business and Industry award

The MAAE Business and Industry Award is designed to recognize individuals, businesses and organizations who have provided support, service, and promotion of Agricultural Education in Minnesota. American State Bank of Grygla, with offices in Grygla & Erskine, was recognized at the 2015 MAAE Annual Banquet held on Wednesday, July 8th, 2015 at Jackpot Junction located near Redwood Falls, MN.

Bryan Grove, President/CEO of American State Bank of Grygla is a great supporter of agricultural education. Bryan has been a member of the Northland Farm Business

Management advisory committee for over 10 years, and served as the advisory committee lead for their last program review in 2010. Bryan was very involved this past year in making key legislative contacts in support of the 2015 legislation that was enacted to provide additional dedicated funding for FBM programs.

Participation in Northland's Farm Business Management is recommended to the bank's customers to help in managing their farm operations. Mr. Grove has served in various leadership capacities with the Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota; and has

promoted the value of FBM and agricultural education to that group as well.

In addition to Grove's involvement with FBM, bank director Steve Holte is also active as a long time NCTC Farm Business Management advisory committee member and program participant. Ron Dvergsten, 30 year MAAE member and NCTC FBM instructor has served as a director of ASB of Grygla since 2013.

The Northland FBM instructors of MAAE Region I nominated American State Bank of Grygla, MN for the 2015 MAAE Business and Industry Award.

Join the Parade

Join the Grygla Fall Festival Parade! Prizes given for Most Original, Best Depiction of Theme, Funniest, Best Car and Best Tractor. Contact Jude Haack 294-6325, Terry Haack 294-6295, Tonia Haack 294-6025.

Fun Run proceeds to benefit Grygla Centennial

Registration for the Grygla Fall Festival Fun Run will begin at 5pm on Friday, August 28th at the new gym doors on the east side of the Grygla School. The race will begin at 5:30pm. All money raised from this year's Fun Run will go to benefit the Grygla Centennial that will be held in August of 2017.

Fest Fest Open Display

Open invitations for displaying whatever you have of interest; new or old cars, tractors, snowmobiles, motorcycles, ATVs, etc. Contact Donald Haack at 294-6325.

The little treasures



Writes NAVY DAVE of Bayport: "Here is my dear departed mother, Edna, at about age 15, making this about 1933. She was always very proud of this fine-looking sled of wood. No doubt she and her family were warm that night on the family farm east of Grygla, 'the biggest town of its size' in far northwestern Minnesota."

(Submitted) "Here is a picture someone sent me some time ago. Might be fun to run in the paper and see if anyone knows who this was?" ~ Ray Hendrickson

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Sunday:
Grace: 9am Worship
Our Savior's: 10:30am Worship

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH
United - Gatzke; Our Savior's - Thief Lake
Pastor Craig Bowyer
Wednesday:
(Wednesday Worship for the Summer, no Sundays)
United: 6:30pm
Our Savior's: 8pm

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Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Pastor Robert W. Dahlen
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Sunday:
Faith 8:30am
Bethany 9:45am
Ekelund 11am

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The Grygla school district has the following position open: K-12 Technology Coordinator, possible coaching. Letter of application, resume, credentials, letters of reference to Jamie Lunsetter, K-12 Principal, Grygla Public School, PO Box 18, Grygla, MN 56727. Phone: 218-294-6155. Email: jlunsetter@grygla.k12.mn.us. Open until filled.

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Pastor Joseph Abrahamson
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Sunday:
St. Petri: 8am
Oak Park: 2pm
Nazareth: 3:30pm

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By: Karen Olufson

Hello Fabulous Readers! What books have been on the agenda this week? Have you been reading or listening to them? Have you taken time to read to the children in your life? Isn't reading a real gift? What would we do without that ability? There are people in the world that don't know how to read and to me that's a very sad thing. Just think how much you would miss. Take time to enjoy the privilege.

Well we finally received our July shipment of items and they're all on the shelves for you. Please, please, please come in and take a look! The items have pink "JUL" stickers on the bindings so you know what is current. And if you just wait a week or two we'll have our August items on the shelf, too!

Today I'll share some of the new items that we got in. Maybe I'll start with some of the children's items first since I haven't listed any of them lately. We got in a Geronimo Stilton book on CD. It has two stories on it: WATCH YOUR WHISKERS, STILTON! and SHIPWRECK ON THE PIRATE ISLANDS. It's read by Bill Lobley. We also got a Ses-

ame Street movie called MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER for ages six months and up. For those children who are a little older we have two how-to books. The first one is an American Girl book titled GO FOR IT! START SMART, HAVE FUN AND STAY INSPIRED IN ANY ACTIVITY. The second book is called THE KID'S GUIDE-BOOK: GREAT ADVICE TO HELP KIDS COPE by Tova Navarra.

For paperbacks this time we got in HACKERS, a science fiction book edited by Jack Dann and Gardner Dozois and a mystery book called FATHER FORGIVE ME: A SYDNEY SLOANE MYSTERY by

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Wed | Aug 5

Grygla Eagle office open
10am-4pm; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm

Thurs | Aug 6

Grygla Eagle office closed

Fri | Aug 7

Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

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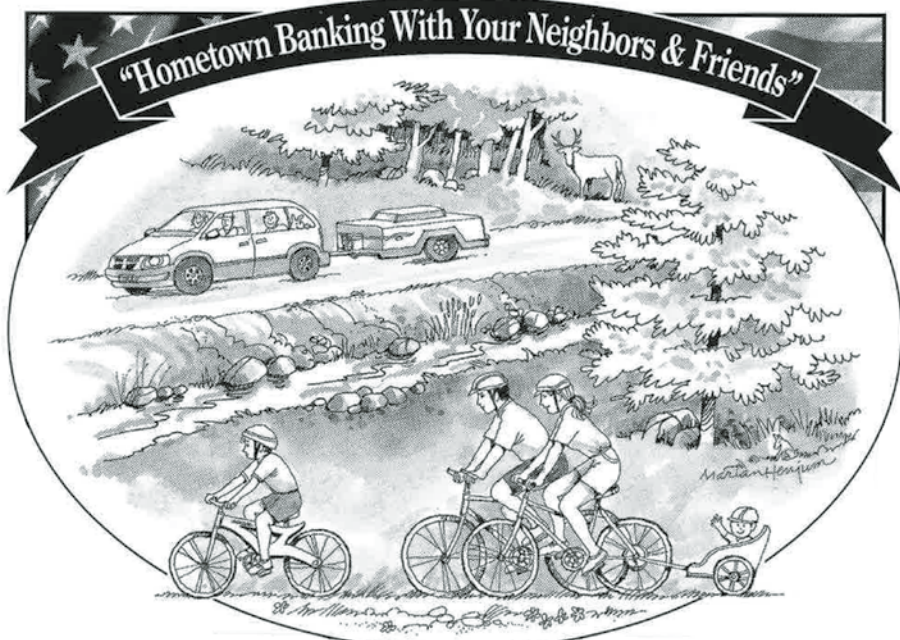


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EXTENSION NEWS

By: James Stordahl

Curling Leaves on Tomatoes

Again this summer, I've had several calls regarding curling leaves on tomatoes or peppers. In each case, the gardener had unknowingly applied contaminated compost -- or the garden area had been sprayed previously with the herbicide Aminopyralid in an attempt to control difficult weeds -- sometimes 2-3 years beforehand. Aminopyralid is the chemical name of the herbicide manufactured by Dow and sold under numerous trade names, including Milestone.

This problem is not unique to our area. Gardeners all across the US, Europe and Canada are finding classic herbicide damage on garden crops due to manure or compost contaminated with this herbicide. In fact, Aminopyralid can persist in hay, manure, compost or soil for up to three to five years depending on application rate.

The most commonly observed symptoms are twisted, cupped, and elongated leaves. Poor seed germination or death of young plants is also common. Certainly, these symptoms can be caused by other factors such as disease, insects or herbicide drift -- especially when spraying nearby lawn weeds.

In our area, Aminopyralid is typically used in pastures and along roadsides to control thistle, leafy spurge and spotted knapweed. The company label says the forage can be safely consumed by livestock and horses where the herbicide passes through the animal's digestive tract and is excreted in the urine and manure. After passage through an animal, this product will remain active in the manure even after composting and will cause damage to broadleaf garden plants. It can also remain active on hay, plant residue and grass clippings from treated areas.

You can prevent the loss of garden crops from herbicide damage from products such as this in two ways. One, do not spray any areas intended for current or future gardens. This includes pastures, hay fields or even lawns. Next, before using compost or manure that you did not produce yourself, be sure to ask if any herbicides were used on the hay or pasture. Also, be sure to ask about purchased hay sources as well. If the livestock were fed hay from road

ditches or land in CRP, which was sprayed with Aminopyralid, the carryover issue will likely be a concern.

If the horse has already left the barn, till the garden several times during the growing season, using irrigation if practical, and plant the area into a non-sensitive cover crop for a year or two to help the Aminopyralid break down. To determine when it's safe to plant again, conduct a pot or field bioassay with a sensitive crop like beans or peas. Meanwhile, you may want to prepare another garden area while the chemical breaks down in your existing garden.

Conducting a bioassay is easy. Simply take several random soil samples from various areas in the garden and mix thoroughly. Use this soil to fill three to six small pots (4-6 inches) with your suspect garden soil. Next fill the same number of pots with a commercial potting soil to serve as your untreated experimental control. Plant three pea or bean seeds in each pot, water, and let them grow for two to three weeks -- until you can see three sets of true leaves. If the peas or beans in the control pots grow normally and the ones in the pots with your garden soil do not, you can assume your soil is still contaminated. If they all grow normally and it's difficult to see any differences, it would be reasonable to assume that your garden soil is fine. Keep in mind however, that the test will be only as good as the samples you take, so be sure to get representative soil samples. For greater detail, see the Washington State University Web site: <http://www.puyallup.wsu.edu/soilmgmt/Pubs/CloBioassay.pdf>

Herbicides, like Aminopyralid, are very powerful poisons that can persist the soil for years and may damage sensitive crops at very low concentrations. If you use these products be sure to read the label and take the appropriate precautions and safety measures. If you get manure or compost from a neighbor, be sure to ask questions regarding chemical use on forage crops or pastures.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 stordahl@umn.edu. Source: North Carolina State University and Ohio State University.

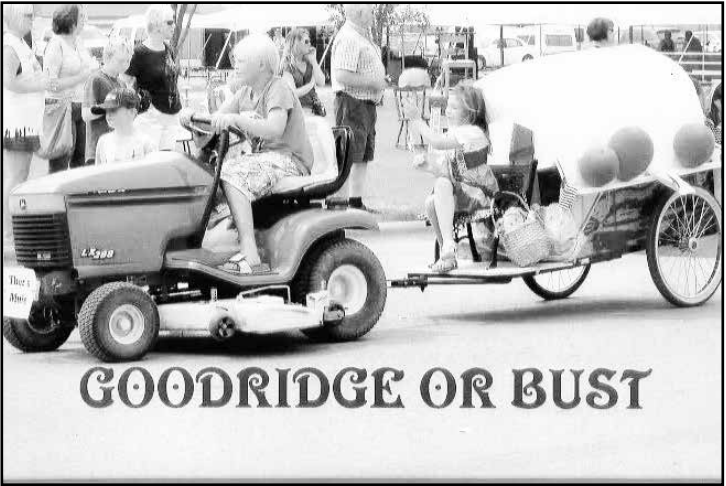


(Submitted by Sandy Henriksson, Goodridge) Goodridge Centennial July 3-5, 2015 -- Visiting at the Goodridge Senior Center on July 5, 2015. Olga Dahlen and Edna McEnelly are seen renewing their life long friendship of Goodridge days. Jane Dahlen seems to be enjoying the visit, too.



Irene Lovly and Olga Dahlen (lifelong friends) remembering the good old days over a piece of pie.

“Oh, to be so full of zest for life and love of people at their ages...wow...how wonderful,” says Sandy Henriksson.



(Submitted by Sandy Henriksson, Goodridge) Thor Henriksson and his niece, Kylie, won 1st place in the Goodridge Centennial Kiddie Parade on July 4, 2015. Their entry was titled, “Goodridge or Bust” driven by Thor's mule.



The above Grygla students have been taking part in this summer's Accel program at the Grygla High School. Students can keep in shape for the upcoming sports seasons. Below: Shantel Verbout is pictured practicing squats in the weight room during the summer Accel program. Verbout will be a senior this year at Grygla High School.



Talking to Trystan

Written by: Trystan Jelle, Eagle Intern

Learning to drive is a big part of everybody's life and is taught regularly every year! You can probably remember being 15 and taking classes to get your driving license and then doing your 'behind the wheel' with the instructor. You learned the rules of the road and the dos and don'ts. It may be fresh in your mind right away but you probably will forget over the next few years. I think that every ten years we should have to take a class on just some of the rules and be updated on laws!

Of course not everyone would be willing to take classes, but I believe it would be for the better. It would remind you on what to do in certain situations and would update you on new laws. It would prevent a lot of accidents and could save many lives. I think it is really important that everyone knows the rules of the road since you are putting a lot of trust into other drivers to drive safe also.

You could make up excuses to not go to a class - like you're too busy or you just don't have the time, but how much of a lie would that be? Preventing accidents is the best way to not get in one and taking a class every few years is a great way to stay out of trouble also! It could also be beneficial to your insurance since we all know, the fewer the accidents or cop incidents, the cheaper it is!

It could also help with being pulled over. Many people everyday are pulled over for not using their blinkers or for

speeding. Being reminded of what the speed limit is and how to read signs could be very beneficial to staying out of trouble. They could also teach you to stay off your phones while driving and to always wear your seatbelt, something that we are reminded of all too often.

They actually do offer classes for matured drivers who are over the age of 55. Minnesota state laws say that if you take one of these classes, you could be offered a 10% auto insurance discount for three years. I would suggest taking the class since if could save your life! You can choose between an 8-hour course and a 4-hour course. Both can be taken online so you can do it in the comfort of your own home.

Some states offer a class to you when your younger such as age 25. Although the class may seem like a waste of time at the moment, you never know when you could be pulled over or get in an accident and these classes could happen to save you! Of course you could do research on your own and jump on the computer to search for new laws and great driving tips.

No one is required by law to take a course but it is recommended because after being on the road for 40+ years, you're bound to forget something! It only takes minutes to find classes in your area and it could help you. It is important to know the rules of the road; if you're putting trust into someone else then they're probably putting trust in you, too.

Word of the Week
...enhancing vocabularies

one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Noctambulous

\nok-TAM-byuh-luh s\

(Adjective) of, relating to, or given to sleep walking.

WHAT A JOKE

A child asked his father, “How were people born?” So his father said, “Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on.” The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, “We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now.” The child ran back to his father and said, “You lied to me!” His father replied, “No, your mom was talking about her side of the family.”

Ole came home out of breath and puffing. He explained, “I ran behind a bus and saved 75

cents.” “Hmmmph,” snorted Lena. “Vhy didn't you run behind a taxi and save \$2.50?”

During an interview, the employer asked the candidate, “How long did you work at your last job?”

Candidate: 30 years.

Employer: What's your age?

Candidate: 20 years old.

The employer was surprised and asked the candidate how it was possible to be 20 years old with 30 years of experience.

The candidate said, “Over-time.”

Grygla Blood Drive set for August 12

The Grygla Lions have been coordinating our local blood drives for 34 years now and community members can help make a difference, too! You can help save lives by donating blood on Wednesday, August 12th, at the Grygla Community Center from 11am-5:30pm. Contact Ralph Rundell (294-6177), Sheldon Peterson (294-6176), Mildred Klamar (459-3436) or Nadine Wold

(459-3115) to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

To save time, donors can now fill out their Health History Questionnaire online at www.unitedbloodservices.org the day of their donation. To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 16 years old (16 year old donors need a minor donor permit, which is available online) and be in good health.

DO IT YOURSELF



A good way to keep the dog food from spilling everywhere is to make this creative bowl idea! All it takes is an old bench and some dog bowls. Cut out holes for where the dog bowls are desired to sit and then place the dishes in the newly made hole. Make sure the bench is short enough so your dog can still eat, though!

Library Link...

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Randye Lordon. Of course we received several other paperbacks too, so come on in and see what ones might interest you.

We received several new movies this rotation. Among them we got DIANA: THE STORY THE WORLD NEVER KNEW and ROBIN-B-HOOD with Jackie Chan. In the second movie Jackie plays a cat burglar who kidnaps a baby. It sounds like there are a lot of stunts in that movie. It might be kind of hilarious.

This rotation we got in a Janet Evanovich book on CD. It's called TOP SECRET TWENTY-ONE and is a Stephanie Plum novel. The reader is Lorelei King. We also got in DOUBLE SHOT by Diane Mott Davidson and read by Barbara

Rosenblat. These books are great for listening to in the car on long drives and listening to in the tractor while doing field work. Try it! You might like it!

I'll also list a couple adult non-fiction books. For those of you who enjoy the kitchen we have THE MAGIC OF JELL-O: 100 ALL-TIME FAVORITE RECIPES from the experts of Kraft Kitchens. I didn't know you could do so many things with Jell-O! (Smile!) We also got in BRINGING ADAM HOME: THE ABDUCTION THAT CHANGED AMERICA by Les Standiford with Detective Seargant Joe Matthews.

This is only a small list of items we received. We'd love to have you visit so you can check out for yourself what else we got in. We'd sure love to have you!

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

2015 Summer League Standings and Results

Playoff Results

1st Place-Gray
2nd Place-Blue
3rd Place-White
4th Place-Orange
5th Place-Green

Playoff Champions-Gray
Regular Season Champions-Orange

Play-In Game

Blue 54
Forrest Huset 19
Steven Hanson 13
Green 41
Brandon Bakken 13
Carter Burks 11

Semifinals

Orange 56
Brady Olson 18
David Hanson 17
Blue 58
Andrew Holte 17
Steven Hanson 14
Randy Henriksson 10

White 45

Tyler Stinar 14
Gray 61
Austin Brateng 14
David Jones 12
Hunter McMillin 10

Championship

Gray 59
Austin Brateng 17
Hunter McMillin 12
David Jones 12
Blue 58
Forrest Huset 19
Andrew Holte 14

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Old Time Dances lack attendance

(Submitted by Thelma Thomas, Coordinator)

Back in 1993, I started the old time dances in the afternoon in Grygla. The first one was out at Fourtown, and then they were moved to Diamond's Bar & Grill, then eventually Yo-Hawn's.

Some of the bands that have played in the past include Mylan Abrahamsan & Alden Larson, Edgar Miller & Vernon Iverson, Vern Rogalla, Cathy Erickson, Mylan Ruud's band, Bob Skogland & Eldon Larson, Joey Gust, MEL-ODIES, Dicky Miller, Carroll Heltand & Walter Vetelson, Kelly Weaner & Donna Peterson, and MANY more. Some of the bands are no longer around and some are the

same! Presently, some of the bands that come to Yo-Hawn's and play the third Tuesday of every month, from 1-4pm, include Texas Connection, Dick & Bob, Cathy Erickson, Diversion, Vern Rogalla, and Joy & Joey Gust.

It's fun to look back at all the old bands that have played, and the crowds were great back then. We'd have anywhere from 40-60 people. However, attendance has been steadily declining, and unless people show more of an interest, I'm sad to report that December of 2015 will be the last old time dance at Yo-Hawn's.

I would sure like to keep coordinating these musical

events, because it is a great afternoon full of music, fellowship, dancing and exercise. The next old time dance is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th. Texas Connection will be playing at Yo-Hawn's from 1-4pm. All are welcome to come for a wonderful afternoon; a light lunch is served afterwards, also.

It's been a great time coordinating these events and we've had some really faithful attendees come through the years. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to come and attend, whether you want to dance or just sit back and enjoy the music and fellowship!

Rep. Fabian receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

Rep. Dan Fabian was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 23 during the Coalition's three-day summer conference in Duluth for his positive impact on environmental policy.

Rep. Fabian, a Republican from Roseau, is serving his third term in the Minnesota House. The Legislator of Distinction Award is given to legislators who played key roles in advancing CGMC's policy during the preceding session.

Rep. Fabian was the chief House author of several key pieces of legislation that sought to bring much-needed reform to the environmental regula-

tory process and curb an overzealous Minnesota Pollution Control Agency from imposing unnecessary standards on city-owned wastewater treatment facilities. He worked hard to defend the controversial legislation against steep opposition from some environmental groups and metro-area legislators. In addition to garnering bipartisan support from other lawmakers, Rep. Fabian's efforts included writing a guest column for the Star Tribune about why the common-sense regulatory reform is vital rural communities and businesses.

"Rep. Fabian did a lot to raise public awareness about

the costly, unnecessary water-quality regulations being imposed on cities and why reform is needed," said Heidi Omerza, president of the CGMC and a member of the Ely City Council. "His forceful advocacy was a key factor in getting portions of the legislation passed despite strong opposition from many metro legislators."

CGMC is a nonprofit, non-partisan advocacy organization representing 85 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.



Pictured above: PeeWees
Charger's youth baseball season has wrapped up for the summer. Youth baseball takes place in June and July, with games being held 3 times a week in Goodridge/Grygla and other area towns. The program is coached by Jesse Westbrook and Jason Grandstrand. The PeeWees tied for 9th place and the Midgets tied for 5th place. The Small Fries team placed 2nd in their tournament!



Above: Midgets team



Above: Small Fries team 1



Above: Small Fries team 2



Fall is just around the corner because the Grygla Summer League Basketball program has also wrapped up for the season. The Gray team placed 1st. Back row, L-R: Alan Prestebak, Hunter McMillin, Austin Brateng, David Jones. Front: Leah Schulz and Jordan Hagen.

YARD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Todd and Deb Stanley of rural Grygla, 72552 Hwy 89 NW. They earned the title of 'Yard of the Week' because of their well-maintained yard, garden and beautiful arrangements of potted plants; just look at those beautiful trees? Congratulations Todd and Deb!



Summer League Basketball BLUE team placed 2nd. Back: Randy Henrickson, Forrest Huset, Ben Sundberg, Steven Hanson. Front L-R: Brock Hanson, Mike Jelen, Andrew Hult, Caleb Sjulstad.