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A look at next week ... Will the Grygla Flames get their 15th consecutive win at this year's Grygla Cup?

WWII soldier, a Grygla native, finds peace 75 years later by becoming pen pals with fallen comrade's family



More than 70 years later, Chuck Rustvold still vividly remembers his short time with a fellow soldier who died during World War II. Photo by Chris Flynn, The Forum

Written by Tracy Briggs, Forum News Service, January 22nd, 2020

FARGO — When you walk into the warm, quaint home Chuck Rustvold shares with his son Jeff, it's obvious this is a man who has lived every second of his 96 years.

Each room is filled with memorabilia — family photos, military medals and even an appreciation plaque or two from his years spent as a popular barber in Fargo.

While he has a little trouble getting around these days and his hearing isn't what it once was, his mind is still sharp as a tack, especially when he remembers a young soldier he knew for just a couple of days more than 75 years ago — a dead man who has haunted his dreams for decades long after the end of World War II.

From farm to battlefield

When Uncle Sam came calling, Rustvold was a 20-year-old living on his family's farm in Grygla, MN. In September 1944, he went overseas as a part of the 28th Infantry Division and landed on Omaha Beach just three months after D-Day. By November, the division engaged in one of the longest and bloodiest battles of WWII — the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest on the border between Germany and Belgium.

"It was like we had walked into hell. It seemed like the whole German army was right there, throwing everything they had at us," Chuck told his nephew Larry Haugen, a memory recounted in the biography Haugen wrote about his uncle, "Chuck's Story."

The division was in the middle of retaking the town of Schmidt, Belgium, when Rustvold and his comrades were headed for cover in an old, abandoned building. Rustvold entered last when a mortar exploded, sending his body down the stairs like a rag doll. Temporarily paralyzed with shrapnel in his leg, he relied on his fellow soldiers to rub his legs and restore circulation.

"They were bound and determined not to leave me," Rustvold said in Haugen's

book.

And they didn't until their fellow soldier they called "Rusty" was able to move out with them.

'Utter mayhem'

Rustvold says bullets were flying everywhere as they moved toward their only hope for survival: deep cover in the thick Hurtgen Forest. During the push toward the forest on Nov. 7, 1944, "Rusty" was once again hit in the leg during what he calls "utter mayhem." But he says another soldier had it worse.

"I was coming up a hill and I heard this ungodly scream and I knew somebody had been hurt," Rustvold says. "I could tell it had taken his leg off except for a few cords."

That's when the self-described "stubborn Norwegian" dug his heels in with his commanding officer.

"He said, 'Come on, come on! We're going!' I said, 'What about him?' He said, 'He's done for. We're leaving him.' I said, 'Oh no we're not! I'm not leaving him.'" Rustvold says as emphatically as he probably did that day.

He worried he'd be court-martialed later for disobeying the officer — he wasn't — but he says he also never rose above the rank of private first class because of behavior like this.

"I was too ornery, I think," he says.

Rustvold wanted to be there for another soldier the way others had been there for him.

"I just wanted to help him. But that lieutenant didn't give me anything. All I had was my handkerchief and his handkerchief and I tied them together to make a tourniquet. I think it might have saved him for an extra day," Rustvold says.

For the next three days, Rustvold risked his life to protect this man he barely knew from the Nazis just yards away.

"In the evening, I'd cover him with the brush so they wouldn't see him just laying there," Rustvold says with a far-off look in his bright blue eyes. "I'd crawl on my stomach over to him and whisper, 'Don't

say a word. They (the Nazis) are right over there.' And he understood what I was saying. How he stayed awake without passing out, I'll never know."

But the man — Gordon F. Brader — started to lose his fight the next day, dying as he slept.

Rustvold once again covered Brader with leaves and grass. He then crawled to safety, navigating his way through a river and even receiving aid from two German soldiers during a truce.

By the time he reached a hospital, the ice on his uniform was an inch thick. Medics only needed a shot of whiskey to knock him out. He'd spend five and a half months recovering in a London hospital, lucky to be alive but never forgetting the man he tried to help.

'He didn't die alone'

Rustvold's injuries bought him a ticket home and two Purple Hearts. He married his beloved girlfriend, Marion, and raised a family in Fargo until her death in 1995.

But the nightmares of battle plagued him throughout his life. He sought help from counselors but longed to reach out to Brader's family to let them know what happened all those years ago.

"More than anything, I just wanted to let them know, 'He didn't die alone,'" Rustvold told Forum Communications Co. when he went on a WDAY Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., in 2007.

The tears flowed when he saw Brader's name at the World War II Memorial, after more than 60 years of not being able to give his message to the Brader family.

He said he'd also like to tell the Braders that their relative was brave.

"He wasn't a chicken. He was right in there," he says.

Finding the Braders

Around the time of Rustvold's Honor Flight trip, Forum Communications wanted to help. After finding out Brader was from the Buffalo, NY, area, reporters sent personal notes to about a dozen Braders in Buffalo. Only one woman replied: Barb Brader.

She said she wasn't sure if she was related to Gordon Brader, but wanted to send her thanks and appreciation to Rustvold for his service.

By 2016, Barb Brader's appreciation grew even deeper when Ancestry.com helped her figure out she was most likely Gordon Brader's first cousin once removed, meaning Gordon was her father's first cousin.

She sent a letter to Rustvold, writing: "Mr. Rustvold please accept my sincere THANKS, representing the entire Brader family for your kindness in taking care of and being there for a relative of mine. And even more for keeping him in your heart for so long! Your story has been told and I am hon-

ored to know what you did for him. Even though he did not survive, his friend was there for him. You are truly a special man!"

The modest Norwegian scoffs at that last part, but says he was so moved by Barb taking the time to write.

"Oh boy! That made me feel so good. I couldn't believe it," he says with a tear in his eye.

Barb was also able to explain to Rustvold that Gordon was an only child. His father had died in 1974, and his mother died in 1998 at the age of 102. She also told him Gordon was buried at the Ardennes American Cemetery in Belgium — something that makes Rustvold happy.

"I was glad to hear they were going to leave him where he was buried. It's a beautiful place. I'm glad to hear they done what they done," Rustvold says.

Becoming pen pals

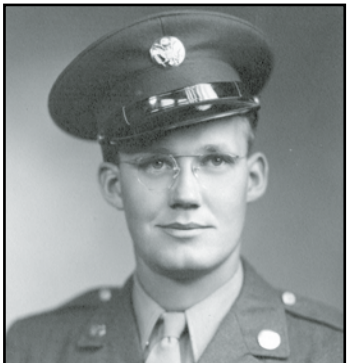
But the correspondence between Barb and Chuck didn't end with one note. The two have become fast friends via the mail since 2016 — pen pals who will probably never meet.

Barb, who is retired after 37 years with the New York State Department of Labor, has also called Chuck to chat on the phone.

"When I talked to him on the phone that first time, he told me the story again and he tells the story like it happened just a few weeks or months ago. He had so many details. That is remarkable," she says. "He kept his friend Gordon Brader in his heart all this time. That is some friend. We should all have such loyal friends in our lives!"

Jeff Rustvold says the cards and letters from Barb have been "a bright spot" in his dad's often-painful WWII memories, creating peace 75 years after the battle from a stranger 1,000 miles away.

"I thought knowing that there was some Brader out there that got to hear Chuck's story would make him feel better and give him a little more closure on such a heroic story," Barb says. "I hope it gives him a little smile about such an important part of his life. It is so good to be remembered!"



Chuck Rustvold was just 20 years old and working on the family farm in Grygla when he was drafted for World War II. Photo special to The Forum



The Hurtgen Forest lies on the border between Belgium and Germany. Conditions during the battle there from September to November 1944 have been described as "hell on earth." Charles Rustvold spent two nights covering up a fallen comrade with brush to hide him from the nearby Nazis. Photo special to The Forum, Wikimedia Commons



Barb Brader, of Buffalo, NY, has written Chuck Rustvold cards and letters for close to five years after finding out Rustvold helped her relative die in peace on a World War II battlefield. Photo special to The Forum



Boots and Bling with The Bellamy Brothers

"Boots and Bling with The Bellamy Brothers" is this year's theme for the Fully Charged Foundation's Spring 2020 Fundraiser.

The 2nd annual event will be held on May 7th, 2020, at the Ralph Engelstad Arena Imperial Room in Thief River Falls. The evening festivities kick off with a social hour at 5:30pm, followed by a 6pm meal, an auction at 6:30pm and the entertainment taking the stage at 7pm.

Fully Charged Foundation is excited to announce that special guests, a local favorite band, Shell Shock will be opening the show, followed by the main act, which is The Bellamy Brothers.

All ages are welcome to the family-friendly event. Seating is limited to 400 guests. Advance tickets are \$75 and include the meal, drinks and concert. Tickets will be available at the Ralph Engelstad Box Office and Ticketmaster this Monday, February 3rd.

The evening will consist of a live and silent auction, as well. Sponsors include Mark-

It Grain and Thief River Ford. This benefits the Fully Charged Foundation, which gives out scholarships to high school graduates.

The 2019 recipients of Fully Charged Foundation scholarships were all Grygla High School 2019 graduates: Abby Kiesow, North Dakota State University - \$1,000; Cheyenne Irlbeck, University of Minnesota Crookston - \$1,000; Wendy Sandmark Memorial Scholarship - Peyton Verbout, University of Minnesota Crookston - \$2,000.

You can follow Fully Charged Foundation on Facebook for more information, including updated event sponsors, auction items and other exciting news as the event draws nearer.



Shell Shock, pictured above, will open for The Bellamy Brothers at the Fully Charged Foundation Spring Fundraiser on Thursday, May 7th, at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in TRF.

Back Breaker's Vintage Snowmobile Show and Ride

The 10th Annual Back Breaker's Vintage Snowmobile Show and Ride will be held on Saturday, February 15th, in Grygla. The show will be held at Diamond's Bar & Grill, starting at 10am with the ride leaving Grygla at 12pm sharp. There is an entry fee of \$5 per person, which will go towards the cost of door prizes and meal.

As mentioned, the ride departs Diamond's at 12pm and is approximately 30 miles long (snow conditions pending). Riders can plan on returning to the bar at or before dark. Everyone is welcome to ride along with

any year sled they have. Plan on going early to register and show of your prized machine! Trophies will be given in three different categories: Best Unrestored/Original, Best Restored and Most Unique/Custom. Only 1979 and older chassis snowmobiles may be eligible for trophies.

A meal will be served at Diamond's when the ride returns and many door prizes will be given out after supper.

Contact: Drew Monson 689-1601, Hunter McMillin 686-3180, Lucas Miller 689-0138, or Dayle Larson 684-0601.

Grygla Cup this Saturday

A reminder that this Saturday is the 27th Annual Grygla Cup hockey tournament at the Brian W. Olson Memorial Arena. It'll be a round robin tournament with the Grygla Flames vs. the Ice Devils taking the ice at 9am to start out the day.

The rest of the schedule is as

follows: 10:30am Ross vs. Williams, 12pm Flames vs. Ross, 1:30pm Ice Devils vs. Williams, 3pm Ice Devils vs. Ross, 4:30pm Flames vs. Williams.

Concessions will be available that day. Everyone is welcome to attend and watch the games. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

Kiesow makes Dean's List

Area Minnesota students were among the 4,069 North Dakota State University students to be placed on the fall 2019 Dean's List. A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be en-

rolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify. Included on the Dean's List was Abby M. Kiesow, Goodridge, MN, Accounting.

The full list can be found at www.ndsu.edu/registrar

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor TBD
Thursday, January 16th:
9am Quilting
Sunday:
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 10:30am Worship

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Sunday:
UL: 8:30am Worship, 9:30am SS
OS: 11am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
Sunday:
Ekelund: 8:30am Worship, 9:45am SS
Faith: 9:45am Worship, 11am SS
Bethany: 9:45am SS, 11am Worship w/ Annual Meeting and Dinner to follow
Monday, February 3:
Quilting for Missions at Faith 9am

THE CATHOLIC

COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday:
St. Clement's: 10:15am
St. Ann's: 12pm

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

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Congregation-Led
Wednesdays:
Bible Study 7pm
Sunday:
9:30am Worship

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wednesday, January 29:
5-7pm Wed. School/Confirmation
Saturday:
9am Worship at Mt. Olive
Sunday:
Oak Park: 8am Worship
Nazareth: 9:15am Worship
St. Petri: 11am Worship

Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Financial & Tax Administrative Assistant

The Marshall County Auditor/Treasurer is accepting applications until filled for a full time Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Financial and Tax Administrative Assistant. This position will work primarily with the County Financial, Tax, Documents and Election Systems. Pay range is set by the County Board, depending on experience from \$19.14 to \$25.77 per hour, with opportunity for advancement upon Certifications. Applications and job description are available at the Marshall County Auditor/Treasurer's Office and online on the Marshall County website. For additional information please contact Marshall County Auditor/Treasurer Scott Peters at 218-745-4851 or by email at scott.peters@co.marshall.mn.us. G44-45C

February WIC Schedule

The Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Education Program (WIC) is being held the month of February 2020.

Infants, children up to the age of 5, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be eligible for the program. We are very interested in enrolling pregnant women in the program. We feel that the prenatal nutrition is a vital part of producing a healthy baby. Therefore, it is important to apply for WIC early in your pregnancy. We need no proof of pregnancy. All potential clients must contact the WIC Program to schedule an appointment.

Monday, February 3: Newfolden, Evangelical Free Church

Tuesday, February 4: Hallock, Kittson County Courthouse

Wednesday, February 5: Warroad, Community Center

Thursday, February 6: Red Lake Falls, Community Center (City Building)

Elementary tournament this Saturday

The Goodridge School will host a 5th/6th grade boys and girls Chargers basketball tournament this Saturday, February 1st, beginning at 9am for 5-6 grade girls and 12pm for 5-6 grade boys. The following teams are participating: GG, Northern Freeze, BGMR, and KCC.

The schedule for the Charger girls is as follows:
9am NF vs. GG 6th grade

Monday-Friday, February 10-14: Thief River Falls, Redeemer Lutheran Church

Monday, February 17: Warren, Evangelical Covenant Church

Tuesday, February 18: Karlstad, First Lutheran Church

Wed-Thurs, February 19-20: Roseau, LifeCare Medical Center Basement Auxiliary Room

Tuesday, February 25: Grygla, Grace Lutheran Church

For further information concerning the WIC program, call or write WIC Quin, PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738, phone 874-7845 (Newfolden, Viking, Middle River, Holt or Thief River Falls residents) or 1-800-223-1591, or e-mail at quinchs@wiktel.com.

North Valley Home Health will offer immunizations, dental varnishing & blood lead testing at the Newfolden and Warren clinics from 9 to 11 am.

Arrangements should be made prior to clinics by contacting North Valley Public Health.

girls; 9:45am NF vs. GG 5th grade girls; 10:30am GG vs. BGMR 5th grade girls; 11:15am GG vs. BGMR 6th grade girls

The schedule for the Charger boys is as follows:

12pm GG vs. BGMR 6th grade boys; 12:45pm KCC vs. GG 6th grade boys; 1:30pm GG vs. BGMR 5th grade boys; 2:15pm KCC vs. GG 5th grade boys

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Grygla Elementary Intramurals

Grygla Elementary 4-6 grade Intramural Basketball games are being held every Friday from 1:30-3:30pm. The games are open to all parents, grandparents, family and friends and will continue until mid-March. This week's January 31st schedule is:

1:30-Twinkle Toes vs. Blazing Yogurt; 2:00-Dream Squad vs. Those Random People; 2:30-Those Random People vs. Blazing Yogurt; 3:00-Twinkle Toes vs. Dream Squad

Extension to address late corn harvest & 2020 spring planting issues

Due to the cool summer and wet fall, much of the area's corn crop is still standing in the field. Many of the area's soybean and some wheat fields that are normally tilled ready for spring seeding have not been touched. Marshall / Pennington Counties Ag Services Director Bill Craig has invited NDSU Extension Specialist Joel Ransom to meet with area farmers and crop advisors to discuss potential issues regarding the late corn harvest and soil preparation for the 2020 spring planting. Results of the 2019 Marshall County Corn Varietal Trials will also be shared at this meeting. The meeting will start at 1:30pm at the Courthouse Basement Meeting Room in Warren on Monday, February 10th. For more info, contact Bill Craig at the Marshall County Extension Office at 218-201-1686 or email craig030@umn.edu

Be Charger Kind



The Grygla School is promoting their Be Charger Kind program again this year. Each week, an elementary and high school student will be recognized for going above and beyond in showing their acts of kindness. Recent winners are Jamie Dougherty and Josie Saurdiff. *Photo courtesy of Grygla School*

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Fri., Jan. 31st Charger Boys Basketball vs. KCC in Lancaster

Tues., Feb 4th Charger Boys Basketball at BGMR

Charger Girls Basketball at RLF

GBB Parent's Night

Parents Night will be held in Grygla this Monday, February 3rd, to honor parents of girls basketball players and managers. Parents will be admitted free to the game. The

Chargers host Warroad this night with a special recognition of seniors and their parents prior to the game. Please be there by 6:30pm.

Ski trip for High School LYO students

The Goodridge Lutheran Parish is planning their annual youth ski trip to Buena Vista for on Sunday, February 16th. Leave time is at 1pm from the Faith Church with a return time at approximately 10:30pm. The cost per person is \$45.00, which includes ski rental, lift fee, transportation

and some snacks at the lodge. Bring your registration forms and payment with you to the Faith church prior to getting on the bus. There is an additional charge for helmet or snowboard rental. The bus will be stopping in Bemidji for fast food following the skiing. It is the student's responsibility to

bring money with for this meal. Please sign up for the trip no later than Tuesday, February 11th, so transportation plans can be made. This trip is open to 7-12 grade students of the Goodridge Lutheran Parish, along with Grace and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches in Grygla.

Community Calendar

Wed | Jan 29
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; BBB practice
Goodridge/GBB practice
Grygla

Thurs | Jan 30
Foot Care Clinic at Grygla Community Center 9am;
BBB/GBB Double Header at Sacred Heart in EGF

Fri | Jan 31
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Elementary Bball Intramurals 1:30-3:30pm; Goodridge Elementary Bball Intramurals 1:30-3:30pm; BBB vs. KCC in Lancaster; GBB practice
Grygla

Sat | Feb 1
Grygla Cup Hockey Tournament 9am; 5th/6th grade Elementary Basketball Tournament at Goodridge School 9am; Bar Bingo at Yo-Hawn's 6:30pm

Sun | Feb 2

Mon | Feb 3
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; GBB vs. Warroad in Grygla (Parent's Night)

Tues | Feb 4
GBB at RLF; BBB at BGMR

Volunteers needed for snowmobile race

The Goodridge/Grygla 500 USXC Snowmobile Race will be held February 8-9th. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up/autograph session on Friday, the race both Saturday and Sunday, and clean-up on Monday. For more information or to sign up, contact Nicole Kiesow at 218-686-7642.

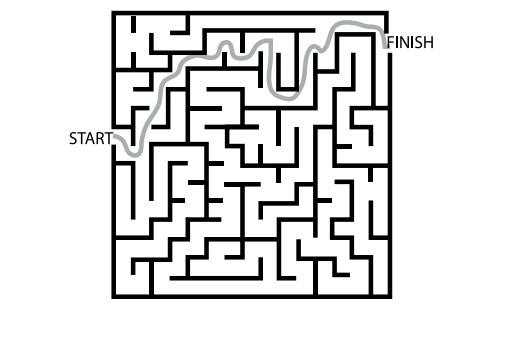
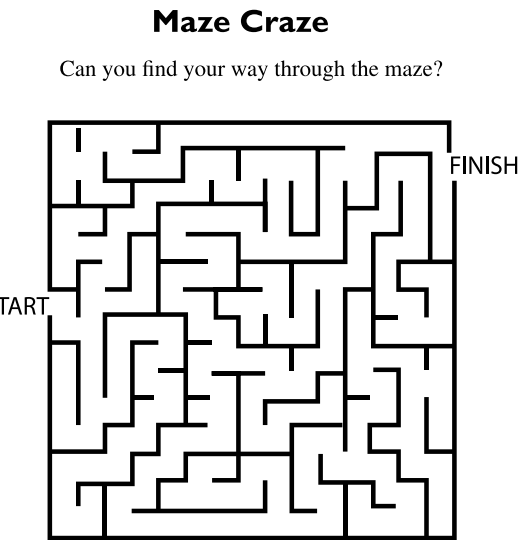
Nicole provided the following rundown of the weekend: Friday there will be a meet and greet/autograph session at the Goodridge Lion's Hall from 5-7pm. There will then be a spotter/volunteer meeting at the Hall when that is completed. Saturday, the race will start at 9am so people will need to be in town around 7am. Racing is done for the day about 3-4 pm. On Sunday, racing will start at 9am again with people arriving around 7am. Racing will go until about 3pm and awards will be about an hour after the race ends. There will be an estimated 125-150 individual racers that weekend.



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GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: NUTS

Only in Minnesota: a new addition to the Eagle

We have a new addition to the Eagle! Each week, we'll be featuring a couple tidbits taken from Onlyinyourstate.com/Minnesota. It's a daily e-newsletter filled with all types of interesting information about our state, including a "Did you know?" section, an image of the day and a variety of articles and photos relating to destinations around the state. You can subscribe to it by visiting the link mentioned above. Enjoy this week's "Only in Minnesota!"

DID YOU KNOW? The Minneapolis Skyway System is the largest, contiguous system of enclosed, second level bridges in the world, composed of 9.5 miles of pathways connecting

80 city blocks. **It's impossible to forget these 7 horrific winter storms that have gone down in Minnesota history**

Minnesotans are used to harsh weather conditions. Sure, we get a mild winter every once in a while. But those of us who have been around for a while have grown used to the blowing snow and frigid temperatures that come with the harshest winters. The winter climate often leads to some truly unforgettable snowstorms. There have been many whoppers, but these 7 horrific winter storms have gone down in history. Take a look:



October 1880 Blizzard

Here's another Minnesota snowstorm that predates anyone around today. Snow drifts topped 20 feet in southern Minnesota, and they stuck around for months during this cold winter. That may not seem uncommon until you realize that it was only October 16! This was the earliest blizzard in Minnesota history, and one that has stayed in the record books for more than 100 years.



Armistice Day Blizzard of 1940

On Armistice Day back on November 11, 1940, a slow-moving storm caused more than a few hiccups throughout the Twin Cities. The day started off relatively warm, but the weather caught many hunters unprepared during the start of hunting season. The storm caused almost 50 deaths in the Twin Cities, and 59 sailors were lost in the storm on the Great Lakes.



Halloween Blizzard of 1991

We couldn't make this list without including what might be Minnesota's most famous blizzard. Those who were young enough to go out trick-or-treating - or who took their kids - will always remember this wild Halloween for its incredible drifts of snow. The Twin Cities got 28 inches of snow, and totals in Duluth topped 35 inches. The conditions closed roads and schools for days, making it one of the most unforgettable snowstorms ever.

Goodridge School crowns Snofest King & Queen



The Goodridge School held Snofest last week with a variety of activities taking place over the course of the week. The theme of this year's Coronation was "Speechless" and the Sophomore class took 1st place after tallying up all of their activity points, giving their candidates the crown. Congratulations to King Jolson Sargent and Queen Kjerstin Nelson!

Snofest Royalty, L-R: Carter Lee Johnsrud and Spencer Coan (8th grade), Madison Paul and Kyler Horgeshimer (11th grade), King Jolson Sargent and Queen Kjerstin Nelson (10th graders, pictured in front), Felix Jensen and Morgan Burns (12th grade, pictured in back), Lakota Bliner and Wyatt Seyller (9th grade), Ava Halvorson and Brennen Parnow (7th grade).

Activities included: Dress-up days, class competition games, snow sculptures, a pep fest, Coronation and a dance, in addition to a few Charger basketball games during the evenings that week. *Photo courtesy of Alyssa Nelson*

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

Halcyon

Hal-see-uhn

adjective

Calm; peaceful; tranquil.

A note from Superintendent
Jamie Lunsetter

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day-out.”– Robert Collier

This is really the bottom line when it comes to life. If we want something badly, we set priorities, make goals and do whatever we can to make that thing happen. That might mean putting away a dollar every day, or doing a hundred sit ups before bed every night. Neither one days worth of sit ups, nor a dollar on their own will make much of a difference. But repeatedly doing this day after day for a long period of time will ultimately pay off. When we understand how the little things we repeatedly do, really determine the big things that happen in our lives is when we've figured things out. Make sure to do those little things; ask someone how their day is going, or even flash a simple smile. It can make all the difference in the world!

SIMPLY DELICIOUS

Written and made by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

As the days and nights are shorter and colder, most of us crave a quick, comforting weeknight meal. This slow cooker sausage and potato casserole fits the bill perfectly. It can be made ahead of time, which makes the evening run that much smoother without the rush of trying to get supper on the table. Plus, it uses only six simple ingredients so it's super quick to put together. (Note: You could also serve this delicious casserole for breakfast with a side of eggs and a hot cup of coffee!)

Ingredients:

Shredded Hashbrowns, Cheddar Cheese Soup, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Kielbasa, Evaporated Milk and Green Onions

Instructions:

Cut up two Kielbasa links (14 oz. each) sliced ¼" thick. Combine sausage with 30 ounces of frozen shredded hashbrowns, 1 can cheddar cheese soup, 1 & ¼ cup evaporated milk and 1 cup shredded

slow Cooker
Sausage & Potato
Casserole

March 16 deadline to make ARC or PLC program election & enroll in Annual Farm Program for 2019

The Marshall, Pennington, and Red Lake Farm Service Agency (FSA) Offices want to remind area producers that March 16, 2020, is the deadline for producers to make the one-time unanimous election decision on whether to enroll crop acreage bases in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs.

Producers are also reminded that March 16, 2020, is the deadline to enroll farm(s) in the ARC/PLC program for the 2019 crop year.

If a program election is not made by the deadline the farm will automatically be defaulted to the previous election(s) on the farm under the 2014 Farm Bill for the 2019 & 2020 crop years and would not be eligible for any potential payments earned for 2019.

Starting with the 2021 crop year producers can make annual elections on the farm for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 crop years.

To better serve producers the ARC/PLC Program election process is being conducted by appointment.

If producers are close to making a decision on which program to elect, they are encouraged to make their election now because you can always change your mind up until the March 16 deadline.

The decision to choose which program(s) to elect is made by all producers on the farm who have an interest in a commodity on the farm. If the farm is cash rented, then the decision can be made by the operator. If it is share rent, then the operator, and any producer(s) who have a share in a crop(s) on the farm, would have to make a unanimous decision on program(s) election and sign the applicable forms by the March 16 deadline.

The ARC-County (ARC-CO) program provides revenue loss coverage at the county level. ARC-CO payments are issued when the actual county crop revenue for a covered commodity is less than the ARC-CO guarantee for the covered commodity.

The ARC-CO guarantee equals 86 percent of the previous five-year national Market Year Average (MYA) price, excluding the years with the highest and lowest price, multiplied by the five-year average county yield, excluding the years with the highest and lowest yields.

The PLC program payments are issued when the effective price, the higher of the MYA or national loan rate for the covered commodity, is less than the reference price for the applicable covered commodity.

ARC-CO & PLC payments are not dependent on the crops planted or considered planted on the farm for the current year but are determined by the applicable bases on the farm.

ARC-Individual Coverage (ARC-IC) program provides revenue loss coverage at the farm level. ARC-IC revenue loss payments are made when the current year revenue for the ARC-IC farm for all covered commodities planted on the ARC-IC farm falls below 86 percent of the ARC-IC farm benchmark revenue.

Prevented plant acreage is not included in ARC-IC current year revenue unless 100% of the covered commodities on the ARC-IC farm were approved for prevented planting by FSA. An ARC-IC farm includes all farms within a State that the applicable producer elected ARC-IC coverage.

The decision to elect ARC-CO or PLC is made on a commodity-by commodity basis on the applicable farm. If ARC-IC is elected, then all covered commodities on the farm are enrolled in ARC-IC.

Producers with questions about the ARC/PLC Program Election process or who wish to schedule an appointment should contact the Marshall County FSA Office at 745-4251 ext. 2, the Pennington County FSA Office at 681-1612 ext. 2, the Red Lake County FSA Office at 253-2181 ext. 2, or contact their local FSA County Office.

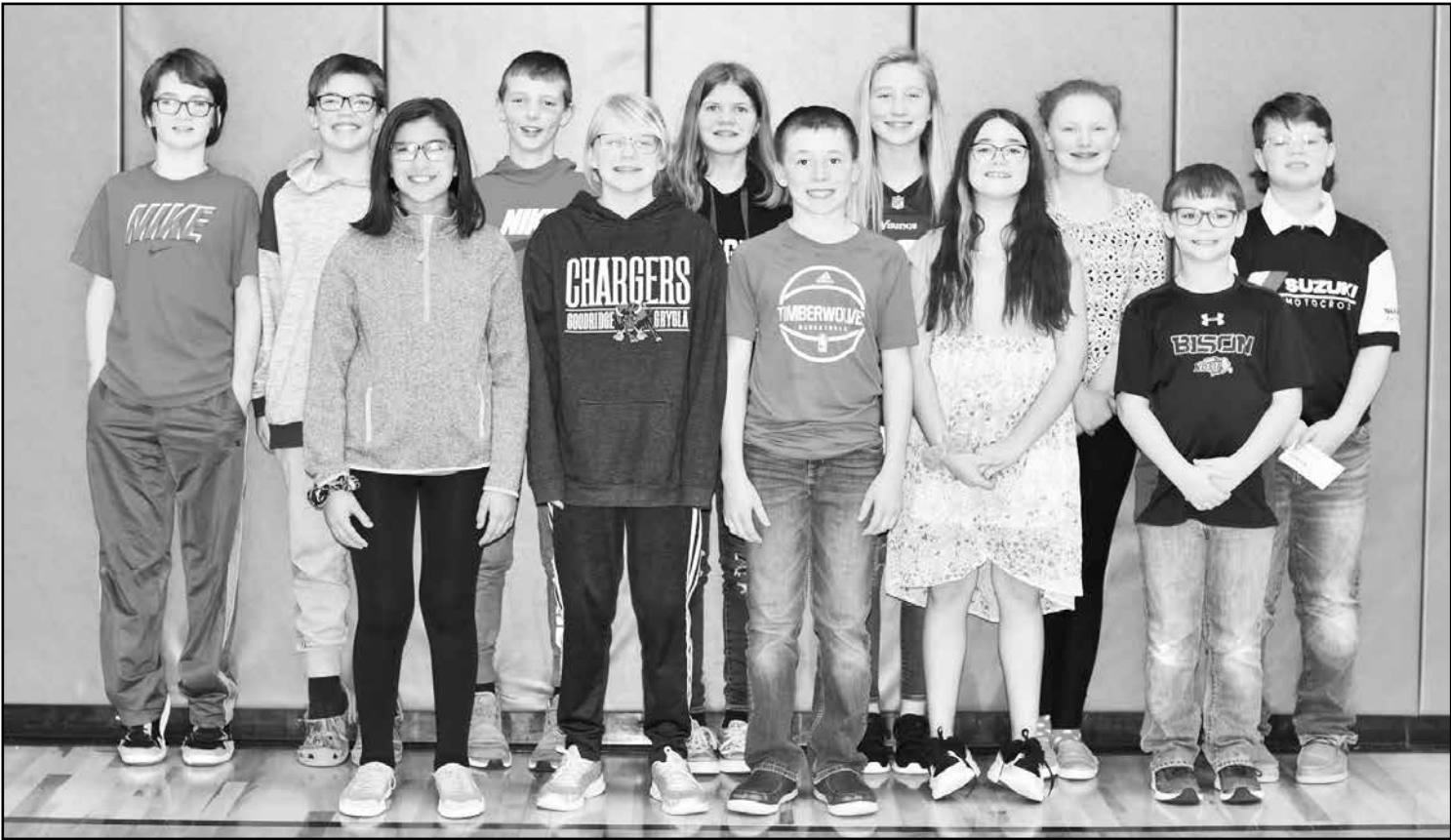
NorsKids Little Brother, Little Sister Night

(Submitted) On December 6, 2019, Tim & Michelle Benton's NorsKids Foundation hosted Little Brother, Little Sister Night at the TRF Norskies Jr A Hockey game for LBLS program participants and their mentors from Pennington, Kittson, Marshall, and Roseau counties. In addition to cheering for our TRF Norskies, they played NorsKids/Norskies Box Hockey and Norskies Corn Hole games.

McShane Construction Company sponsored concessions and a custom TRF NorsKids Little Brother/Little Sister Night.

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Congratulations to 8th grader Carter Lee Johnsrud, winner of the 2020 Goodridge School Spelling Bee that was held on Tuesday, January 21st. Maddie Nelson took 2nd place and Abe Miller placed 3rd.
5th-8th grade participants, L-R: Chase Horachek, Sawyer Jacobson, Taylyn Banasau, Brennen Parnow, Hannah Lovly, Emilea Johnson, Evan Rubischko, Carter Lee Johnsrud, Amy Sampson, Maddie Nelson, Henry Miller and Abe Miller. Photo courtesy of Goodridge School

Goodridge/Grygla Spelling Bee participants



Congratulations to 7th grader Emily Johnson, winner of the 2020 Grygla School Spelling Bee that was held on Wednesday, January 22nd. Harlie Hagen took 2nd place and Anna Sundberg placed 3rd.
5th-8th grade participants, bottom row, L-R: Tatum Carrlson, Landon Nordby, Harlie Hagen, Christian Loken, Mollie Lunsetter and Brett Rychlock. Back row, L-R: Ryelin Stanley, Lewis Jones, Gavin Aune, Anna Sundberg, Emily Johnson and Raymond Moe. Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

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skies T-shirt that was given to all the Little Brother, Little Sister participants and their mentors.

NorsKids Foundation provided prizes to all the participating kids. The Grand Prize was a Razor Power Core 90 Electric Scooter that was won by Evan. Other prizes included 2 tents, 2 Zebco fishing rod kits, TRF Norskie T-Shirts, sweatshirts, ball caps & beanies, 4 Flexible Flyer Snow Saucers and several other smaller items.

The Little Brother, Little Sister program pairs a child age 4 to 14 with an adult mentor who becomes an advisor and friend on the child's journey to adulthood. The program forms relationships that can last a lifetime. Mentoring helps prevent juvenile crime; increases school success; decreases juvenile depression; and can provide support to the child with day-to-day living. Mentors are required to commit to a minimum of 4 hours a month with the child. The application process is simple and the LBLs program would love to hear from prospective mentors and children.

McShane Construction Company is proud to support the LBLs program. They are a family-owned business with a national presence that is the general contractor on the Digi-Key facility expansion project. McShane greatly values building relationships with surrounding communities during their construction projects. The McShane field team has enjoyed getting involved locally, and making Thief River Falls their new home away from home.

For more information about the Little Brother, Little Sister Program in Marhsall County, contact the following:

- Contact Stacey Urbaniak, Marshall County Social Services Case Aide at (218) 745-5124 or email her at stacey.urbaniak@co.marshall.mn.us.



Nolan Anderson and Nick Groven (above) and Jake Olson (below) on defense against Lake of the Woods at last week's home game in Grygla. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Riley Manderud passes to Ian Haugen in the Varsity game. Photo by Grygla Eagle

Charger Basketball stats from last week

BBB on Monday, January 20, vs. RLC in Goodridge
RLC 58, Chargers 38

GG Stats: Hudson McMillin (6 pts, 2 reb). Nick Groven (1 pt, 3 reb, 2 asst), Riley Manderud (10 pts, 3 reb, 4 asst), Jordan Coan (6 pts, 11 reb, 2 asst), Jordan Horachek (3 pts, 2 reb, 2 asst), Nolan Anderson (2 pts), Moses Jensen (8 pts), Ian Haugen (2 pts, 5 reb)

Coach's comments: The beginning of the game was sloppy for both teams. We defended really well and hung with the Rebels for most of the first half. As the game wore on, the Rebels found some rhythm on offense and we continued to struggle to score against their very good, aggressive defense. We shot poorly both from the field and from the FT line. Jordan Horachek gave us some good minutes as he was aggressive and active on defense.

BBB on Tuesday, January 21, vs LOW in Grygla
Chargers 80, LOW 53

GG Stats: Blake Jensen (3 pts), Hudson McMillin (10 pts, 2 reb, 3 asst), Jake Olson (2 reb, 4 steals), Nick Groven (7 pts, 5 reb, 5 asst), Riley Manderud (18 pts, 11 reb, 6 asst), Jordan Coan (25 pts, 7 reb, 3 steals), Andrew Loken (4 pts, 2 reb), Jordan Horachek (3 pts, 4 reb), Nolan Anderson (2 asst), Moses Jensen (5 pts, 2 asst), Tucker Verbout (3 pts), Ian Haugen (2 pts, 3 asst)

Coach's comments: The Bears looked to be a much improved team from when we last matched up with them. We struggled to pull away from them for most of the first half, but had a big run just prior to halftime to get a good cushion. Our pressure created turnovers and some transition points which allowed us to keep our lead. We had good contributions from our bench this evening - Blake and Tucker provided some good shooting, Andrew did a nice job in the paint, and Nick played a very good all around game.

GBB on Thursday, January 23, at WAO

WAO 62, GG 28
GG Stats: Daria Waletzki- 2 points, Amy Wiskow- 5 points, Chloe Kuznia- 4 points, Trinity Walseth- 2 points, Caitlyn Jacobson- 4 points, Maddy Cullen- 5 points, Vivian Coan- 4 points

Coach's comments: The girls played very good half court defense most of the night. I think one of the best games we have had. There were a few possessions that we took off, but for the most part we played well. We were able to contest a lot of their shots. They scored a lot off of our turnovers. We had too many of those and they capitalized. I felt we contested a lot of the shots that they made, but they were just really good shooters. We are still slumping on the scoring end. We had a few shots go in and out tonight, but we have to start shooting better from the outside.

BBB on Friday, January 24, vs. BGMR in Goodridge

BGMR 66, Chargers 54
GG Stats: Hudson McMillin (15 pts, 7 reb), Jake Olson (6 pts, 4 reb), Nick Groven (2 pts), Riley Manderud (13 pts, 7 reb, 4 asst), Jordan Coan (7 pts, 7 reb), Jordan Horachek (2 pts), Moses Jensen (3 pts), Ian Haugen (6 pts, 5 reb, 3 blocks)

Coach's comments: Although we didn't win the game, this was our best effort in a long time. Our effort was where we need it to be. We really competed on defense against a strong Gator squad. Turnovers were definitely an issue - their pressure defense forced us into 30 turnovers. Despite that, we hung with them the entire game. We trailed by 2 at halftime, held a brief lead during the second half, and were within 6 with a minute left. Everyone on the team played well, but Ian really stood out. His defensive presence was excellent and crashed the glass hard all night. We will need to carry this effort into the remainder of the season.



Matt Busse puts up two in the JV game against Lake of the Woods last week in Grygla. Photos by Grygla Eagle



Jordan Coan (above) on defense against LOW Bears. Moses Jensen (below) had 5 points in the GG vs. LOW game last week. Both of these photos were in the Varsity game. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



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