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In this issue ... Minnesota's own Statue of Liberty. (See page 3.)



Grygla's essential businesses remain open, although some operate quite differently

Grygla has a handful of businesses that are still up and running, deemed essential. Though some of these businesses are operating a bit different these days. Take a look at some of them below for information on their hours, what has changed/what has stayed the same, and other information that is of interest to you.

Grygla Coop Store

The Grygla Coop Store is currently open Monday through Saturday, 7am-6pm. They have made the decision to be closed on Sundays through April, or until the Coronavirus issues change. Employees are still maintaining their regular work hours, except for one employee who has an underlying health issue and can't risk the chance of being exposed. When asked what has changed and/or been affected at the store throughout all this, owners Randy and Janelle McMillin stated, "There has been a lot of inconsistency in getting products into the store. Our distributors cover a five-state region and have put a limit on what they deliver to us depending on what they have in stock at their warehouse. Prices on a few products, such as hamburger, eggs, ice cream, toilet paper, and some produce items have increased due to shortages in the supply chain."

The McMillins want to stress that if people have traveled out of the surrounding area, please do not enter the store until you have completed a 14-day quarantine period. As for precautionary steps the Coop is taking to the COVID-19 threat, employees are continually disinfecting grocery carts, door handles, cooler and freezer handles, and countertops. They have begun offering curbside pickup or home delivery for people who are uncomfortable going inside the store. Employees are wearing gloves and soon expect to be wearing masks. In the near future, they may also be asking customers to wear masks while they are in the store.

Looking forward to the next month or so, the McMillins commented, "As the threat of COVID-19 increases in Minnesota, we will have to become more stringent about how many people can be in the store at one time, or may have to offer only curbside pickup or home delivery to protect our employees and customers. We are already hearing that the supply chain is being filled and we hope that the prices will soon be more reasonable."

Beings we are on the subject of the Grygla Coop, it also seems "essential" to mention that Randy and Janelle McMillin have now owned the store for a year! It seemed like a good time to chat about their first year. Take a look!

Did your first year go as expected? "We really didn't

know what to expect when we bought the Co-op, but we definitely knew there was a need for it to remain open. People in the Grygla community and surrounding area have proved they need and want a store. We have kept our full-time employees and added a few part-time employees. With the addition of the off-sale liquor store, as well as the hardware, the Co-op will be able to survive with continued community support."

What have been some of the high points? "We have increased our monthly inventory purchases in the grocery section by nearly 20 percent. We have also added inventory and set up a new layout on the grocery side, as well as opening an off-sale liquor store. We hope to begin a transformation in the hardware, which is taking more time than expected. One of the best high points was having an elderly lady tell us that she could no longer drive very far, so her one freedom was still being able to drive to Grygla and shop at the Co-op."

What have been some of the challenges? "The biggest challenge has been learning the retail business itself and putting in the extra hours to bring in the groceries, stock the shelves, and keep up on the cleaning of the store. I am also finding that I need to spend more time at my farming occupation than I did last year."

Has it become like second nature or is it still a learning experience? "The daily operation is getting to be more routine, but we learn something new every day."

In conclusion, the Grygla Coop wanted to thank its customers for their support over the past year, adding, "We realize even more than before that the fate of the Grygla Co-op is strictly going to be up to the people in the community. Without their patronage, it would be impossible to keep this service available in our small town."

Machinewell, Inc.

Machinewell is carrying on with business as usual. Their shop operates on 2 shifts, 10 hours a day, 4 days a week. Per the Minnesota Critical Business List, Machinewell is deemed "critical" or as most know it "essential" due to their industry code. In fact, 95% of their annual sales are essential. A few of those they provide essential support to include: Pharmaceutical, Food and Agriculture, Medical, Public Safety, First Responders, Public Works, Emergency Equipment, Gov't Defense and many more.

Including part-time workers, Machinewell has over 60 employees with everyone still working their same hours as before the pandemic.

What has stayed the same for the company throughout all of this? Job security. Even

through a pandemic, the work remains at their front door with employee Tonia Haack stating, "It's great to be able to support those at the front lines."

What has changed/been affected? Haack says, "We have seen some slow downs with the fitness and recreational industries that we support, to be expected with the "Shelter in Place" order. It has only caused us to rearrange the work that remains and on the lighter side of things maybe it will give our employees more time over the warm summer months to enjoy the weather. We are typically moving into heavy over-time season shortly and the current pandemic might give that some relief."

As far as steps taken as a precaution to the COVID-19 threat, Machinewell has required all outside personnel not to enter the building, such as delivery truck drivers & sales reps, as well as a "do not enter" for all civilians. Haack added, "We do have signs posted on all of our walk-in doors to call-in for assistance. We have enforced the social distancing where necessary. Due to the nature of our business, we had already been following that guideline on the shop floor, but instead of face to face meetings, we have been conducting more internal business via email & phone, when possible. We have increased the amount of sanitizing commonly touched surfaces. We caught wind of some local companies requiring a temp check for anyone entering, we're not to that level yet but are prepared for anything."

In conclusion, Machinewell offered the following statement: "Although this pandemic can get a person's fears going, we would like to thank our employees for standing strong with the company, trusting us to help keep you safe and making the effort to be here every day. It absolutely can't be done without every one of them."

American State Bank

What are your business hours looking like right now?

Regular Monday through Friday, 8:30am-3pm, along with Wednesday-evenings from 4-6pm.

Is the bank open or locked? Limited access to the facilities. Front and rear vestibules are open, however, final entrance to the lobby will require completion of a brief screening questionnaire and a bank employee to allow customer access. One customer at a time. If you can, please call prior to arrival.

Customers are encouraged to access accounts and conduct transactions electronically, anytime, anywhere, with any device through Online and Mobile Banking, Bill Pay, and Mobile Check Deposit. The Night Deposit is also available.

American State Bank employees are still working their regular hours for the most part

and continue to follow CDC guidelines, which include trying to limit face-to-face interaction, while still providing customer service.

"American State Bank would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding. If we all work together, everyone will get through this difficult time," President Bryan Grove reassured.

Farmer's Union

Both the Farmer's Union Cenex Station and Ag Department are open for business as usual with all employees still working their regular hours.

Manager Brenda Mosher gave the following statement: "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are asking, if possible, that you make your payments by mail or by phone. Feel free to call the office if you have any questions about your bill. We are also urging our customers to respect the social distancing procedures that have been put into place. We understand that there are going to be purchased that need to be made, which will necessitate a trip into our store. All we ask is that after making your purchase, do not linger more than is necessary. For the time being, our business hours are remaining the same. However, we expect to be shortening the hours that we are open. Watch for notices in the Grygla Eagle or posted on our doors. We look forward to the day when we can all spend time visiting over a cup of coffee once again. Hopefully, that will be in our near future."

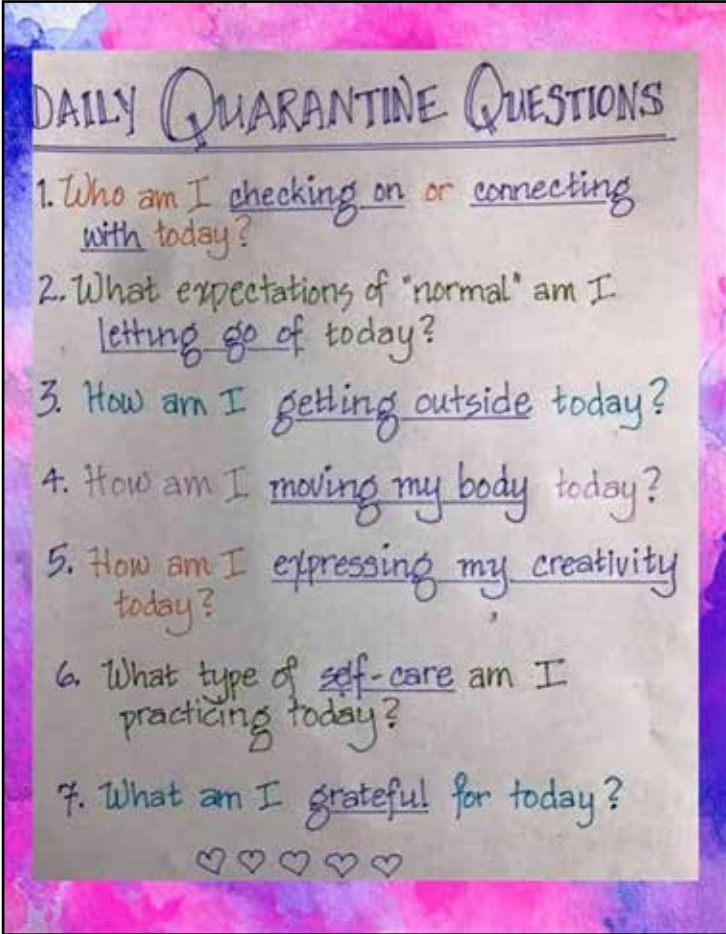
Grygla Post Office

Currently, the Grygla Post Office has the same business hours as before with employees still working their same hours. Postmaster Megan Berg says business has been slow. "We aren't getting as much mail as we normally do, but I do feel packages are up - meaning people are shopping a lot online," she said. Berg added that sanitizing steps are being taken, along with a lot of hand-washing and just doing what they can do everyday. She added, "We're giving it our best. We thank the customers for all their business. We have a great town and we need everyone's support to make it through this."

Food Service in Grygla

Diamonds Bar & Grill is open Monday through Saturday 12-7pm for takeout. The full menu is available. Owner Randy Stephen says that he'll bring orders to the vehicle if customers feel more comfortable staying outside. He remarked, "I'm trying to remain optimistic that we will be open May 1st, but in reality, I am very concerned that this will last into or through the month of May. I would like to thank everyone for coming in and

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Good advice to follow and pass along!



Betsy Saurdiff, of Grygla, has handmade, cotton, elastic, reusable masks for sale at the Grygla Coop as of Monday. She also is selling them online on her Etsy Shop "BetsyByBetsy" for \$10.00. These reusable masks are sewn of tightly-woven fabric, are machine washable and available in small, medium and large sizes.

Photo courtesy of Betsy Saurdiff

Free "Front Porch" photo sessions

With all the problems going on in the world right now, Coan Photography, out of Goodridge, has decided to brighten some local spirits by introducing an idea that will hopefully bring happy moods and happy faces - FREE OF CHARGE.

Deanna Coan, photographer, will be taking appointments within a ten-mile radius to take portraits of your family, kids, or just you, right off your front porch, through your window or on your driveway. If you live farther than 10 miles away and would like to make an appointment, Deanna says they can find a road to meet you on. She also added that she will be up-to-date with CDC guidelines and will take photos from

a distance using a zoom lens. Also, these photo sessions are for families that are healthy and have not tested positive for COVID-19.

This project is voluntary and free, as mentioned. Customers will receive a high-resolution image as a gift, while allowing Coan Photography to create the work and share it on social media and in printed materials.

You can contact Deanna Coan via Facebook or call/text 218-686-2498 to set up a day and time.

Pictured below is the Kotrba family from Goodridge, who set up their free "Front Porch" session with Coan Photography over the weekend.



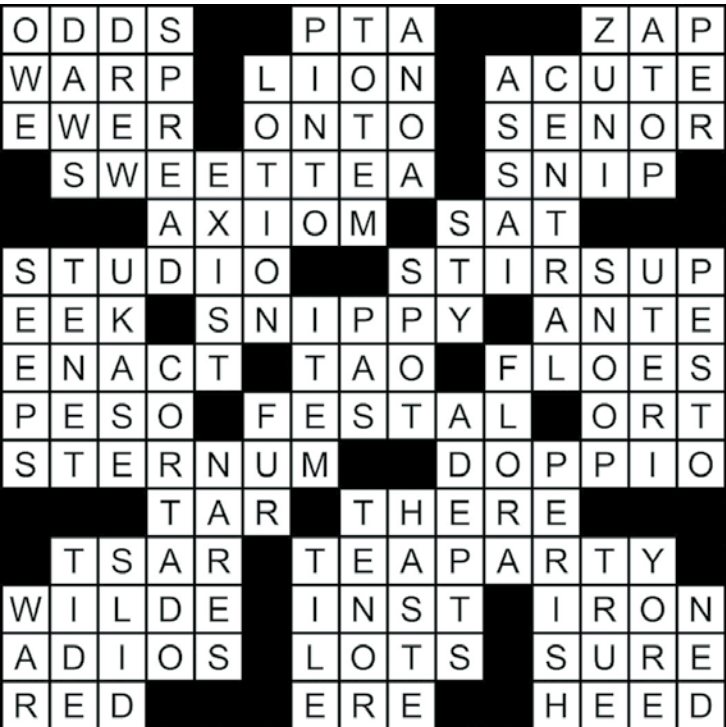
CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Ken Bowman
 Please join Grace Lutheran Church/Our Saviors Lutheran Church for TV and online worship services Sundays at 9am on Garden Valley channel 36. The same service will be played on Sundays at 7pm and Wednesdays at 7pm. This Friday, there will be a Good Friday Service playing at 7pm.
 A video recording is also available to view any time at gracelutherangrygla.weebly.com

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
 Facebook Live Streaming Worship on Wednesdays at 7pm and Sundays at 9:30am.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
 An outdoor Easter sunrise service is planned at 6am at Ekelund Church ONLY if the "stay at home" order is lifted on April 10th. If the outdoor service can happen, folks are asked to remain in their vehicles as social distancing will still be in place. Worship

Please call/email the Grygla Eagle with any updates regarding your church services.



Results from last week's StatePoint puzzle.

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Easter Egg Window Hunt

Since the Grygla/Gatzke JCC's cannot do their annual Easter Egg Hunt this year, they have decided to do a Window Hunt! Decorate your best Easter eggs and hang them in

your window for families and kids to find while out on drives or walks. Feel free to also share pictures on the JCC's Facebook page. Happy Easter, everyone, and Happy Egg Hunting!

will be done outdoors with the help of a PA system. If Governor Walz extends the "stay at home" order, the Easter service will be presented on Facebook Live with Worship Leaders.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge Fr. Adam Hammess Sunday:
 No Worship at this time.

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
 Currently for the week of March 29th, Services are closed to the public but can be viewed online at the Wannaska Lutheran Parish Facebook page.

LIBERTY CHAPEL Grygla
Congregation-Led
 Calendar/information not available at this time.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth & Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
 No services until further notice. Services and past sermons can be found at www.facebook.com/clearwaterlutheranparish

Red Lake Reservation restricts access

Due to the ongoing preventative planning measures regarding COVID-19, Medical Martial Law went into effect last Friday, April 3rd, at 5pm on the Red Lake Reservation. This law restricts access to the Reservation.

Red Lake Nation Tribal members, community members and other individuals may enter the Red Lake Indian Reservation for the following circumstances:

To shop for necessities during the hours of non-curfew, care for elders and vulnerable persons or others requiring assistance, attend medical appointments and go to and from employment, only if determined to be an essential employee.

Food Shelf news

Written by Cheryl Sistad
 Now that a lot of you have been staying at home because of temporary lay-offs or you are home with your children, you may be having a hard time stretching your income to meet all your needs. The food shelves all across Minnesota are trying to help you ease that burden. We are here to make sure that anyone who needs food will receive it and at this time all we require is your name, address, and age category of household members (0-17, 18-64 and 65+). Last month, because we are a small location, and new guidelines do not allow our clients to handle food, we only allowed one person in the food shelf at a time and we did the "shopping" for them. This ended up to be very time consuming. Since then our guidelines have changed again. So please note the following changes:

If you are new to the food shelf, we have added an extra day, April 18, to get food to you. Please call Joni or Cheryl

ployee.
 Semi-trucks will be allowed to deliver food to grocery stores on the Red Lake Nation or passing through to deliver food to another destination.
 Other Law Enforcement agency vehicles passing through to get to another jurisdiction of the Red Lake Indian Reservation.
 Funerals and wakes.
 Going home, taking Red Lake members or community members home.
 Semi-trucks can pass through, unscheduled stops can lead to penalties.
 Individuals may NOT enter the Red Lake Reservation to visit or pass through.

as soon as possible, so we have some idea how much extra food we need to have on hand.

For our "regular clients" who have been to the food shelf before, our next Food Shelf date is April 25th. We are asking you to call Joni with a shopping list, so we can prepackage as much food as possible.
 We will try to keep you up to date if and when any other changes occur.
 Meanwhile, we are asking our clients:
 •Do NOT come to the food shelf location if you have a cold or are not feeling well. Send another person in your place to pick up your food.
 •Please understand if we ask only one person to come to the food shelf door (no one is allowed inside) at a time, others should wait in their vehicles.
 •We are no longer allowed to help you load your vehicles, so please keep this in mind.
 Any questions, call Cheryl Sistad at 218-684-4707 or Joni Anderson at 218-689-7418.

Update from Marshall County Sheriff's Department

The Minnesota Department of Corrections has informed the Marshall County Sheriff's Office that James Donald Jacobs WILL NOT be released to Marshall County on April 13th.

(Refer back to last week's Grygla Eagle Press Release about the Level 3 Registrant who was set to be released in Marshall County.)

Donations accepted

Beginning Monday, April 6th, the Grygla School will be posting a trivia question related to the school or community

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on the Grygla School Facebook Page. They will give away gift certificates and/or merchandise donated by local businesses or individuals, in order to keep and build our sense of community, and to keep morale up in these changing times. If you are interested in donating something to give away, please contact Jamie Lunsetter at 218-294-6155 or 701-741-4102. The first item given away was a \$25 gift card to the Grygla Coop, donated by Blue Sky Blading. The school will continue this as long as there are items to donate. Trivia runs from 3-7pm with all answers submitted via private message to the Grygla School Facebook page. All correct answers will be thrown into a drawing with one winner chosen daily.



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The Marshall County Highway Department is currently accepting applications for the following full-time positions:
Survey Crew Chief

Primary duties include highway/bridge design and construction surveying and inspection, AutoCAD Civil 3D, and other computer applications, and applicable engineering duties. A diploma or AAS degree in Civil Engineering Technology or related field from an accredited post-secondary institution or equivalent training and experience is preferred but not required.
 Applications and job description are available at the Marshall County website (<http://www.co.marshall.mn.us/>) and at the Highway Department office, 447 So. Main, Warren, MN 56762. Pay range is set by the County Board, depending on experience from \$21.95 to \$30.04, depending on experience, plus \$0.71/hour hazard pay. The closing date is April 17, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

Engineering Technician
 Primary duties include highway/bridge design and construction inspection, AutoCAD and other computer applications, surveying, and other applicable engineering technician duties. Job related experience and/or Civil Engineering technician degree is preferred, but not required.
 Applications and job description are available at the Marshall County website (<http://www.co.marshall.mn.us/>) and at the Highway Department office, 447 So. Main, Warren, MN 56762. Pay range is set by the County Board, depending on experience from \$20.91 to \$28.45, depending on experience, plus \$0.71/hour hazard pay. The closing date is April 17, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.
Marshall County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. G2-3C

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and phone calls in memory of my dear friend, Grant Satre. I sure will miss him. Also, thank you to his family for the kindness they have shown me.

- Eunice Schulz GSC

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Grygla businesses

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 showing their support of our (new to us) business. We REALLY appreciate it and can't wait to get back open and back to normal."
Yo-Hawn's Bar & Grill will be open only Fridays and Saturdays from 4-8pm. The full menu, along with evening specials, will be available for takeout or curbside pickup. The plan is to continue these hours through April, unless restrictions are lifted and things change.
Fourtown Store & Tavern is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11am-6pm with the full menu available for takeout. Customers are still able to have access to the gas pumps and store inside.
Grain Bin Café is currently open Monday thorough Saturday from 7:30am-5pm. Takeout orders with a full menu and a daily special are available. The café is still doing Senior Meals on Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays as takeout or curbside delivery. Homemade pizzas are available for customers to "take and bake." Owner Kim Cleven mentioned that there is potential for delivery of senior meals if anyone is needing home delivery. In regards to this new way of operating, Cleven said, "We are taking one day at a time. I am so grateful for God's promise that He will supply all my needs (Philippians 4:19). We will continue to serve our community in the days ahead."

Important info regarding the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting

Due to the recent State of Emergency, the Township Boards, City Councils and County Board are following guidance from the Minnesota Department of Revenue and Minnesota Department of Health to help limit the spread of COVID-19.
 All Board of Appeal and Equalization meetings for Marshall County held during the months of April, May and June, will be held using a virtual meeting (conference call) option only. Appeals can be submitted by owner or representative via phone call, written letter or email request to

the following address:
 Marshall County Assessor's Office; Attn: Russ Steer, Marshall County Assessor; 208 Colvin Ave E, Suite 13; Warren, MN 56762; 218-745-5331; russ.steer@co.marshall.mn.us
 Conference call on Monday, April 13th, 2020, 6pm
 Please call 218-745-4287. You will then be asked for an access code which is 3147 followed by the # sign. This will connect you to the conference call. While on the phone, please mute the phone call to prevent background noise for everyone and place the call on speaker if you wish.

NOTICE

To our Customers,

Beginning Monday March 30, 2020, American State Bank will be following the Executive Order from Minnesota Governor Walz to "Stay at Home."

The health and safety of our employees and customers is important to us. To help with the nation-wide effort to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus (often called COVID-19) we will be limiting access to our facilities.

As an essential service provider, American State Bank is committed to providing support to our customers and communities; recognizing the need to adjust how services are delivered. We will continue to do everything we can to support you and the businesses in our communities during this pandemic.

Customers are encouraged to access accounts and conduct transactions electronically, anytime, anywhere with any device through **Online** and **Mobile Banking**, **Bill Pay** and **Mobile Check Deposit**.

Electronic payments and purchases can be made using your debit, credit and pre-paid cards.

Night Depositories are available at both branches and an **ATM** is available in the Erskine bank entry.

American State Bank's Erskine branch will continue to serve customers through the drive-up window during the regular business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In our Grygla office, lobby access will be limited to one customer at a time. Both front and rear vestibules will be open, however, final entrance to the lobby will require completion of a brief screening questionnaire and a bank employee to allow customer access. We encourage you to call in advance of your arrival.

Call- Ahead Appointments

Our Bankers are available by phone and email to answer questions and assist you in any way they can. Services that are only available inside the lobby can still be accessed. To comply with social distancing recommendations from the CDC, phone and email contact is preferred. However, please call our Grygla office at 218-294-6111 and Erskine at 218-687-2865 to arrange an appointment, access your safe deposit box, or conduct other business as required.

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Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

Most people don't know there's a little Statue of Liberty in Minnesota! Drive through any small town in America, and there's more often than not a quirky roadside attraction that locals pass by without a glance. Even the travelers they're meant to attract often overlook these small wonders. But there are some attractions that are worth stopping for.

In tiny Arco, Minnesota – a town of just 75 people – a stone replica of the Statue of Liberty stands as a beacon for travelers looking for something a bit different. Here's the story:

In the early 1930s, a man named H.P. Pederson gave up farming to take up a new hobby.

His hobby? Making things out of rocks. First he'd create a wire frame for his creation, and then he'd cover it with cement. The final step was to cover it with stones H.P. and his wife collected in nearby areas.

H.P.'s most famous creation was probably the Texaco gas station he bought in 1936. After he covered it with rocks, the station became a tourist attraction that drew thousands of people annually. An old guest book recorded 4,000 visitors in 1949. Today, the gas station is no more, but you can still see the old facade. It is now a private home on West Laurel Street in Arco.

After the Texaco was complete, H.P. moved on to other

works. He created a small sculpture garden in the yard of the gas station, adding many pieces to it over the years. In time, it held more than 30 pieces. They included a Dutch windmill, a lighthouse, and many more sculptures.

After H.P. died in the late 1940s, the rock garden was dismantled. Most of the pieces are gone, but some have been relocated and are still accessible today. A large stone ram called Hugo is one such sculpture. It can be found at Anderson Park & Campground along Stay Lake in Arco.

Aside from Hugo, the bell - perhaps a replica of the Liberty Bell - is an impressive feat. Like the other sculptures, it's

made entirely of wire, concrete, and stone.

But the most impressive sculpture still standing? Definitely the Statue of Liberty. At 7 feet tall, it's a far cry from the 305-foot-tall Statue of Liberty in New York. But the Arco Lady Liberty does hold a certain charm. It was originally wired for electricity, so the torch lit up when it was plugged in.

The Statue of Liberty may not draw the thousands of yearly visitors that it did in its heyday, but it's still worthy of a stop. You'll get to see one of Minnesota's tiniest towns and take in a little bit of its history.

A note from Superintendent Jamie Lunsetter

“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.” – Margaret J. Wheatley

Hello everybody! I'd like to start by thanking our students, staff, parents and our communities for sticking together during these unprecedented times. It would be easy to stick our heads in the sand and pretend that nothing is happening right now. That's not what I've seen at all these past few weeks. I've seen people taking our situation seriously, while also trying to maintain a sense of normalcy. I've seen people come together and support each other in ways that we largely haven't for a long time. I've seen a greater sense of humanity in more people than we hear about in the news. Our community has always been a strong one. I've always been proud to be from our community and that has only been strengthened by our current circumstances. We have changed. We have grown. We have proven that there is nothing, no matter how big or small that can tear us apart. This is the thing that will remain long after the Coronavirus is gone: our sense of COMMUNITY. Please take some time today and recognize the ways that this has changed us and those around us for the better, and make sure to acknowledge that in yourself and others. We are going to get through this, and we are going to be stronger than we've ever been because of it. In the meantime, take care of yourself, your family and those close to you. We are all in this together, and we prove it every day!

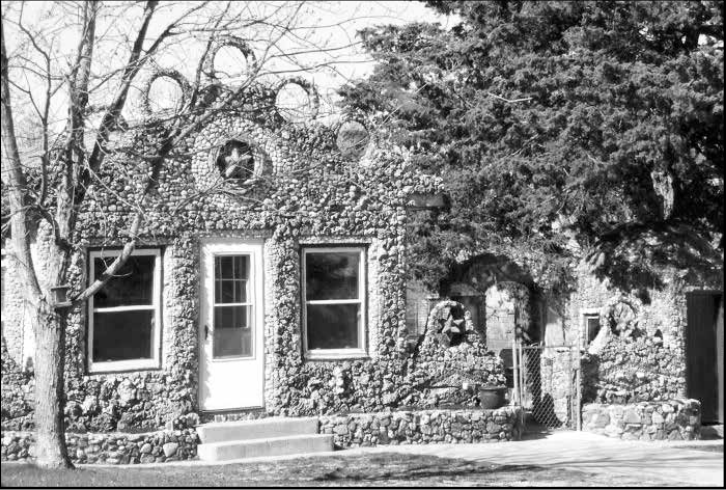
Let's see!

The Grylla Eagle took to its Facebook page last week and asked the following:

“What is ONE thing that this time at home has allowed you to get done the last couple of weeks? Example: a certain activity, a project, chore, maybe a book you've read, something you've made...the options are

endless.”

The following people have shared their activities for your reading and viewing pleasure, OR to inspire you to tackle a project, as well. Joni Anderson even submitted an article, along with her photos, which are shared on this page, as well.



There is no wrong way to Junk Journal

Written by Joni Anderson

Journaling is an old art form. Like letter writing, it has fallen by the way side in our busy world.

This past winter, I stumbled upon Junk Journaling. I suspect it became a craze because people like me like saving fun papers, old letters, recipes and postcards, postage stamps and memorabilia. Being a saver, I have lots of scrapbook paper I've purchased and put away for a rainy day. I have boxes of memorabilia from my mother in law, and grandmothers.

I enjoy looking at fun ideas on Pinterest and started thinking I should try using some of my accumulation of Junk or treasure (however you want to look at it)!

This past winter I started sorting through boxes of junk in our basement. Old book pag-

es make really fun journal pages or as they call it in the Junk Journaling world, ephemra.

Ephemra is making little collages or pockets or really anything you can imagine. The journal I'm using as an example for this article was made out of an old book.

I separated the cover from the pages and used the cover. I didn't throw the pages away. I use them for other items. I glued fabric on the cover and made a new spine to attach the front and back covers. There are several ways to bind the pages. For this one I used a waxed cord I had from another project. Because I wanted to be able to remove the signatures (a junk journaling term for chapter or sections). I left long tails from the cord I used as binding so I can add charms or beads later. The cover is a

copy of a card I bought in South Africa. It is from a print of a watercolor painted by a local artist I liked. I tea dyed a paper doily and used part of it on the cover. I used a little piece of a page from a school spelling workbook.

Lyle's Mom saved everything and I'm so glad she did! I made the little birds nest out of thread and 3 small beads. The cover has little pieces of Ephemra.

This book has 5 signatures (chapters). Each one has between 5-7 pages of various kinds. Some are scrapbooking paper, some are stationary. I also used paper I tea dyed and pages from books etc.

All of the pages can be used to journal. There are several little pockets for little treasures throughout the journal or pieces of Ephemra you create.



Gretchen Smeby has been busy painting in her new home. This room also got new flooring!



Amy Holte says her time at home has allowed her to hang some pictures in her living room, and put up curtains and install a lamp over this window seat.



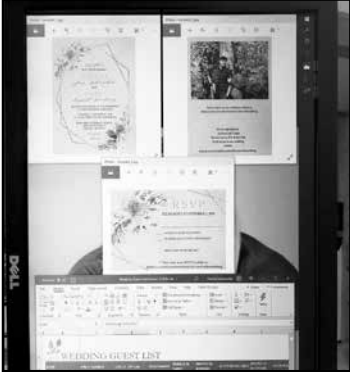
Cheryl Sistad has been organizing her sewing room.



Lindsay Oslund's projects have included crocheting this beautiful piece.



Ruth Anderson has kept busy updating her grandchildren's scrapbooks, something she says she has procrastinated for a long time, but is finally finding the time to catch up with. She still has four more to start!



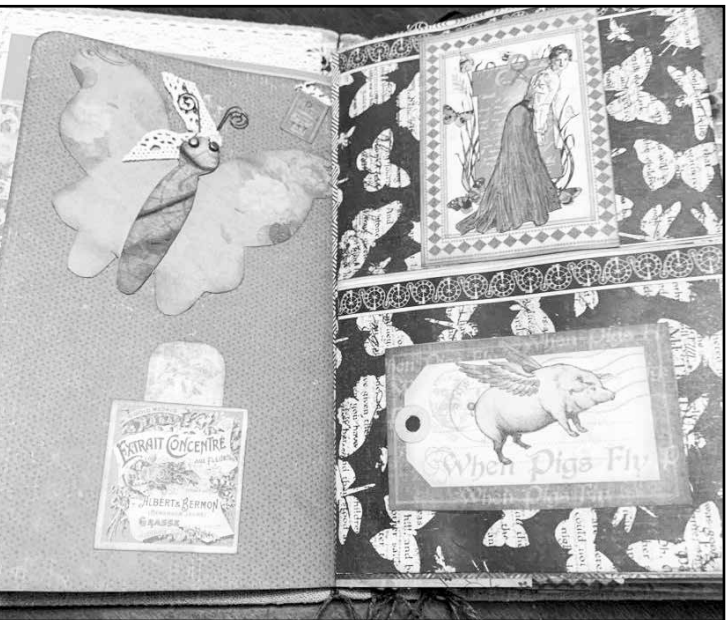
Emilee Schmechel and Erik Sundberg have stayed busy working on their upcoming wedding invites.



One project Amy Sorvig says they have tackled is making a shelf for under their TV.



Krystle Ruud says she has enjoyed starting a church service with her family. During the week, they read a scripture on their own time. They also send each other a praise song of their choice to listen to. And on Sundays, they hop on a group FaceTime where they discuss the scripture and enjoy some songs. Krystle also said they tell each other prayer requests and end the conversation with a prayer. She added, “We have definitely embraced technology as a way to stay connected through family, friends and God.”



Pieces of the Past: Let's go back to the year 2000



(June 2000) Former baseball players attended a Grygla baseball reunion at the Steak Knife III. Back row: Allan Nygaard, Robert Smeby, Palmer Holte, Ervin Vigen and Palmer Lian. Middle row: Clinton Erickson, Jim Salvesson, Bill Nelson, Jerry Erickson, John Smeby and Ernest Landsrud. Front row: Dennis Erickson, Orvis Nordby, Gene Teigland, Ray Warne and former manager's wife, Elizabeth Holte.



(June 2000) Orvis Nordby couldn't quite fit into the old uniform he wore when he played for the Grygla baseball team back in the 1950's. "Hartz Store" is printed on the back of his shirt.

Baseball "glory days" in Grygla relived by former ball players

Not too many "Pieces of the Past" were shared last week from the year 2000, so let's head back to that year again this week...

(Taken from the June 8, 2000, issue of the Grygla Eagle) "Take me out to the ballgame" isn't being sung anymore at the old baseball field in Grygla.

The old baseball field is now a new residential area known as "Klein Addition." The new baseball field on the northwest side of town is almost always vacant, except for a few weeks in the summer when little league players use it a couple of times a week. Baseball in Grygla just isn't what it used to be.

Memories of baseball in the old days were shared recently by members of a baseball team that played for the Grygla independent team back in the 1940's and 50's. Those were the glory days of baseball – when the Erickson brothers, the Smeby brothers and others would try to get chores done early on Wednesday nights so they could get a chance to come to town for a little bit of practice.

The baseball reunion, held recently at the Steak Knife III, was organized by Bill and Harriet Nelsen. Harriet called or sent letters to many team members who had played ball during the years Bill was on the team. Almost everyone showed up.

The reunion and luncheon was held for team members and their wives. Clinton Erickson, a baseball player and retired pastor, led the informal program and added a bit of humor. Each of the former ball players had a chance to give a few comments. The out-of-townners were welcomed by Grygla Mayor Joy Nordby.

Ball players attending were Allan Nygaard of Big Falls; Gerald Erickson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Dennis Erickson of Aitkin, MN; Gene Teigland of

Minneapolis and Oklee; Jim Salvesson of Sauk City, Wisconsin; and Clinton Erickson of Webster, Wisconsin. Local players were John Smeby, Robert Smeby, Palmer Lian, Palmer Holte, Ervin Vigen, Orvis Nordby, Ernest Landsrud and Bill Nelsen. Elizabeth Holte stood in for her late husband Henry, who had been the manager of the team. Mrs. Adrian Johnson also came without her husband, who was ill.

Youngest members at the reunion were Gene Teigland and Orvis Nordby; Bill Nelsen was the oldest.

Their memories of the games varied a great deal, and after about 50 years, the accounts would be hard to prove. But for a couple of hours, the former ball players were back in their glory days again.

They remembered the large crowds who came to watch the games. They remembered how Ervin Vigen, a shortstop, kept the game moving with his constant chattering. They remembered how Orvis Nordby hit a ball farther out than even Kirby Puckett.

Bill Nelsen was known as the spark plug on the team. Bill lived for baseball and when his wife Harriet was teaching school, he came to play ball with the kids during recess whenever he could.

Before the original ball field was made in Grygla, the team played in John Byklum's cow pasture, just outside the city limits. Members took turns leveling and mowing the field, pulling a mower or a drag behind a pickup. The first ball park was about where the Community Bible Church is now. Later, it was moved to the west side of town.

In the 50's, the players all had uniform and were part of a league, but in the 40's, most didn't have uniforms and games were scheduled randomly with nearby towns.

Grygla business places paid for the uniforms and the name of each sponsor was printed on the back of the shirt. Only two uniforms were brought to the reunion. Adrian Johnson's uniform had been sponsored by "Armstrong Pool Hall," a business not many Grygla people remember. Letters on the back of Orvis Nordby's uniform read "Hartz Store."

Grygla and surrounding towns had baseball teams as far back as 1903. Some of the older members at the reunion remembered when there were township teams, as well as a town team.

Games were always held on Sunday afternoons – the only available time for most working folks. Fun and games rarely interrupted the six-day work week in those days, and Sunday morning was reserved for church. Sunday afternoon and evenings were a time for getting together with neighbors, and baseball often drew many together for a good time.

Other coaches and managers remember, besides Henry Holte, included Paul Saurdiff and Manfred Stennis.

There are some moments in life that always stay clear in our minds – having a baby, getting our first car, and getting the hit that scored the winning run in a baseball game. But sometimes, not getting that final run is memorable, too. Orvis Nordby recalls having the honor of losing a game one year when they seemed destined to go to State. Grygla had won the championship in the league and was playing Warroad for Regions. It was the ninth inning and Grygla was up to bat with two outs and Warroad leading. Orvis came in off the bench as a pinch hitter with two players on base. Orvis was known as a home-run hitter and when he cracked one out into center field, everyone held their breath. But the ball was caught

and the game ended abruptly. There was no instant replay, but the play did a re-run in Orvis' mind many times. Had the ball traveled a couple more inches, the team may have won the game and gone to State.

Elizabeth Holte, a long time baseball fan, brought record books kept by her late husband Henry Holte, who was manager of the team for many years. The record books are written in pencil and are missing a lot of dates and details. But the books do include names of the players, rival teams and scores. The most recent book gives records of the years 1951-1953.

1951 was a rather short year, with the first game played May 2nd and the final on August 12th. Harvest season, weather or other factors may have brought the season to a close.

In 1952, the first recorded game was May 18th and the final game was September 6th.

There's a bit of a story in the record for the 1952 games. On August 10th, the Grygla team beat the Thief River Falls Bums 7-4 in what was recorded as a "playoff" game. Gerald Erickson, who played third base, scored three runs on two hits. Ervin Vigen, the shortstop, was credited with scoring one run and Jimmy Salvesson, right field, got one run. Dennis Erickson was the winning pitcher, Bill Nelsen the catcher, John Smeby on second, Robert Smeby on first and LeRoy Austad at center field.

The following Sunday (August 17th) the team played Goodridge for the league championship. The game was a shut-out for Grygla pitcher Dennis Erickson, who led the team to a 19-0 victory. Robert Smeby and Bill Nelsen led the team in scoring with four runs each. Robert had four runs on four hits and Bill apparently hit a grand-slam with 4 runs on one hit. Dennis Erickson had three

runs, Clinton Erickson and Gerald Erickson, each two, and one a piece for Ervin Vigen, LeRoy Austad, John Smeby and Jimmy Salvesson.

According to the record book, the team moved on the Region Playoffs on August 24th and overwhelmed Greenbush 25-1. Pitchers were Dennis Erickson and Gerald Erickson. Individual scoring in the game is unclear. On August 31st, the regular season ended with a 0-5 loss to Warroad, but the final game of the year ended on a winning note with Grygla defeating Redby 10-9. Again, the individual scoring is unclear but pitchers were Gerald Erickson and Jimmy Salvesson.

While Goodridge and Grygla played against each other for the most part, they sometimes borrowed players from each other when they were short. The same was true with the Gatzke team. Denny Sabo, who normally played on the Goodridge team was borrowed to pitch for Grygla in a couple of key games. In one game, Sabo (their secret weapon?) pitched for a game against Clover, which the Grygla team won 7-6. Sabo also pitched for Grygla in the Region Championship loss to Warroad in August of 1952.

The reunion brought a lot of other memories back to the former players. As one person put it, half the fun of remembering the good old days is rearranging all the facts. The record books helped fill in some of the gaps.

In 1951, the Grygla team played Thief River Falls, Goodridge, Carpenters, Trail and Gully at least twice each. Among the teams played in 1952, were Thief River Falls Bums, Goodridge, Plummer, Rocksbury and Clover.

The next year the Grygla and Goodridge teams switched to a different league. Teams recorded in the 1953 book were Weme, Clover, Trail, Go-

odridge, Gully and Leonard.

Umpires listed in the books are Art Nordby, Harold Bush, Clinton Knutson, Francis Haack, Manfred Stennes, Kenny Saxvold, Adolph Erickson, Vernon Becker and Frank Race.

An interesting bit of history in the books is that one women's game was recorded in the year 1953, probably Kitten Ball. Players on the East team included Doris Howland, Carol Arneson, Ione Byklum, Olive Olstad, Eunice Stavenes, Marlene Hanson, Marion Olstad, Alma Jelle, Pat Carlson and Ingeborg Byklum. On the Grygla team were Helen Thorson, Doris Sletten, Darlene Byklum, Audrey Austad, Myrtle Lee, Tillie Sistad, Marlys Larson, Elizabeth Holte, Edith Hanson and Alice Qual. The ladies from the East team whipped the Grygla gals 25-12.

Batting averages were given in the book for the 1951 and 1952 seasons. In 1951, Bill Nelsen led the team in batting with 20 hits on 46 at-bats for a .435 average. Other top players that year were LeRoy Austad, .415; Ervin Vigen, .408; Orvis Nordby, .400; John Smeby, .375; Robert Smeby, .333.

In 1952, Bob Smeby led the team with 25 hits and 45 at-bats for a .567 average.

Many of the real stories behind the games are not written down at all, and team pictures were apparently never taken. But the memories are still vivid among the boys who played the grand old game back in the days when it was the all-American sport.

"We always had a lot of fun," John Smeby said. "It was tough when the game was over because we knew we had a whole week to wait until the next game."



(April 2000) The theme of the 2000 Grygla Prom was "Heaven." Pictured above is Heidi Sundberg & Alex Holte. Below is Lindsay Anderson & Alex Anderson.



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(May 2000) The Grygla-Gatzke Women of Today members with their trophy for Highest Percentage Growth – third quarter in Minnesota. Back row, L-R: Dina O'Brien, Karla Byklum, Kristie Moe and Shaunna Olson. Front row: Tausha Thomas and Tina Englund.

Grygla-Gatzke Women of Today reactivated

The Grygla-Gatzke Chapter of the Women of Today has been reactivated and is in full force. They have elected officers for the 2000-2001 year as follows: Dina O'Brien, President; Kristi Moe, Vice-President; Shaunna Olson, Secretary; Tausha Thomas, Treasurer; Rachel Landsrud, State Delegate; Tina

Englund, Parliamentarian.

The enthusiastic group has already raised \$1,343.00 for March of Dimes through the Walk-America project. They will be working on the Miss Grygla Pageant and will be holding a large Rummage Sale in early June to raise funds for new playground equipment in

the recreation area.

The Women of Today is a community service organization dedicated to enhancing the individual members' talents. The meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at Diamonds in Grygla. All women 18 years of age and older are invited to attend.

Oliver Howland is 98 years young



(April 2000) Oliver Howland celebrated his 98th birthday at the Community Center in Grygla. With him in the photo are his daughters Blanche Bakken and Doris Clevén.