



				
Today	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
H 32 L 20	H 51 L 36	H 64 L 36	H 60 L 40	H 65 L 43

In this issue ... Back by popular demand, we'll turn the Eagle pages back to 1975 once again! (See page 3.)

Two friends and their inspiring stories will reunite in Texas



Clint & Matia Brobst, are pictured along with their children. Matia and her oldest daughter, Lakylie, will soon be traveling to Austin, Texas, to meet up with their friend and author Claire Culwell. Photo courtesy of Matia Brobst

Written by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Two inspiring women and their success stories will be coming together again in just a few weeks in Austin, Texas.

For Matia Brobst, the cup has always been viewed as full. She made the choice to see it that way.

So did her support system.

At 28 years old, Matia has proved that she could go after her goals and check them off her list, making a good life for not only herself, but her children, too. Rewind the clock to just one month after her 15th birthday, while still a Grygla High School student, her determination was just as strong.

Matia had just given birth to her daughter, Lakylie. As a teen mom and a student still in school, it was common for her to hear things like “Your life will come to an end...you won’t get to live out your teen years...you won’t make it on your own, etc.” It was even assumed by a primary care doctor that she would want to end her pregnancy because of her age.

But with the loving support of her parents, grandparents and so many other family members, Matia never doubted the life she would soon bring into the world.

Now married to Clint Brobst, residing in Grygla and having four beautiful children, Matia is still counting her blessings. “It truly takes a village,” she says. “I had family members and friends who supported me and believed in me when I needed them the most. And I am thankful for each and every one of them.”

Matia acknowledged that she’s always had a “watch me” attitude. She was determined to spread her wings and not become “another statistic.” While she admits there were bumps, bruises, life lessons, relationships built and broken, and tears along the way, Matia graduated from college, earning a degree in Special Needs & Early Childhood Education (with a focus in Political Science). She is also just one year shy of her BA in HR & Organizational Leadership.

After graduating from Grygla High School, Matia moved 3 hours away from her at-home support system to enroll at NDSU full-time. She had been dating Clint Brobst since Lakylie was 8 months old, and the three of them were now residents of Fargo. “Clint has been by our side every step of the way. From late nights studying, to tucking Lakylie in at night or dropping her off at campus daycare when I had early morning class, he has al-

ways been there for us girls,” she said, lovingly.

While in college, Matia agreed to do a story for The Spectrum, an NDSU newspaper. The story was titled “College mother with a passion” and it was written by a fellow NDSU student named Jordan, who had overheard pieces of her story. Matia explained, “Many colleges do not offer on-campus living for parents with children, therefore I lived “off campus” directly across from the Fargo Dome. Also, most colleges do not offer meal plans for students who have children either. Maybe that’s what started the conversation with Jordan, who was a classmate of mine.”

Jordan had asked Matia if she would share pieces of her story in The Spectrum. With hesitation, she said yes. After it was printed, the article stirred up a lot. In fact, it’s still impacting her life 11 years later.

After “College mother with a passion” was printed, a director for North Dakota Right to Life had reached out to Matia and asked if she would share her story at their annual banquet. She was asked to share about choosing life and becoming a teen parent, along with all the struggles that she had to endure and overcome, including living off-campus and having a successful college career. With nerves about having to speak to a large audience, she said yes and told her story from the start of finding out she was pregnant to that day standing on the stage, October 22nd, 2013. That was also the day she formed her friendship with Claire Culwell, who was the keynote speaker of the night.

Culwell is an abortion survivor and pro-life spokeswoman who tells her story of redemption, healing, and forgiveness, offering grace and support to women facing the most difficult decision of their lives. Matia recalls, “I can’t explain the emotions and thoughts I had after hearing her story. Especially after speaking my own.”

Following that initial meeting and newly formed friendship, Matia took part in March for Life in Washington D.C. in 2014 and 2015, and met up with Claire each time, listening to her share her story with others. Fast forward to present day, and Claire Culwell is now getting ready to launch a book detailing that story.

Over the past 8 years, Matia and Claire have kept in contact, sharing a unique friendship and watching each other’s families grow. A few months ago, Claire asked if Matia would be

a part of her Launch Team for her book, SURVIVOR, which is releasing on April 27th. Matia and Lakylie will be traveling to Austin, Texas, to support Claire and the launch of that new book. They will be joining Claire at her parent’s home, for a launch party gathering on May 1st. “I’m looking forward to supporting someone who has done the same for me over the years,” Matia noted.

Before the highly-anticipated launch party, Matia and Lakylie will have a few days to explore the area. They plan to head up to Waco one day and visit Magnolia Market at the Silos, owned by Chip & Joanna Gaines. They are also taking a drive over to Galveston, so Lakylie can see the ocean for the first time! With Austin being the “Live Music Capital of the World,” there will be some evenings filled with live music on the agenda, as well.

Taking that trip together, making those memories and, of course, being a part of Claire’s Launch Team makes for one exciting and special journey.

SURVIVOR will be released officially on April 27th but can be pre-ordered online at any major book-selling retailer, including Amazon. A summary of the book is included here.

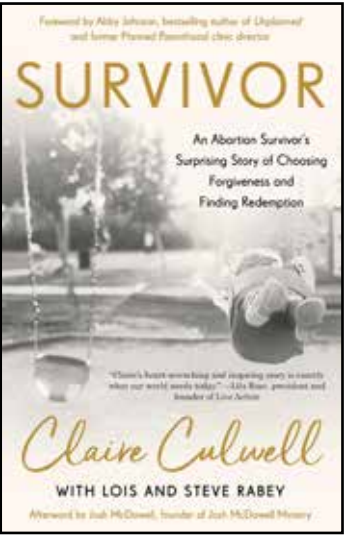
SURVIVOR: An Abortion Survivor’s Surprising Story

of Choosing Forgiveness and Finding Redemption

Raised in a loving adoptive home, Claire Culwell, at the age of twenty-one, decided to meet her birth mother—and got the shock of her life. Claire’s birth mother, Tonya, confessed that when she was pregnant with Claire, she’d gone to a clinic for an abortion. Yet, after the abortion, the pregnancy continued to progress. What Tonya’s doctor had overlooked was that she’d been pregnant with twins. The abortion that terminated the life of Claire’s twin had miraculously spared Claire.

Claire embraced the unique circumstances, soon sharing her story with the world and urging her listeners to understand how abortion takes the life of a child. When Claire faced her own unplanned pregnancy as a single woman, she embraced the added opportunity to step into the shoes of those she advocates for. Her heart grew bigger on the issue of life, which increased her extension of empathy and grace to women in pregnancy crisis. At the same time, she began to challenge churches to truly value not just the unborn but also the women who face unexpected pregnancy.

SURVIVOR is Claire’s incredible story of surviving abortion and advocating for life—the lives of unborn babies as well as the lives of their mothers. Her powerful message of grace speaks louder than politics or controversy or shame as she inspires each of us to choose life wherever we are.



SURVIVOR will be released on April 27th, but is currently available for pre-order.



L-R: Claire Culwell, Matia Brobst and Abby Johnson at the 2015 March for Life in Washington, D.C. Brobst said Johnson is a fellow speaker who supports mothers and their unborn children. Photo courtesy of Matia Brobst



Back in February, Grygla Senior, Chloe Kuznia, signed a Letter of Intent to play volleyball with the Pioneers at Northland Community & Technical College. She’ll now be staying on that court right through basketball season, too, as she just signed with the Pioneer basketball team, making her a two-sport NCTC athlete. She is pictured with Elroy Johnsrud, Head Coach for the Chargers Girls Basketball team. Photo courtesy of Chelsey Stanley

No Smelt Fry this spring



The ever-popular Grygla Lion’s Smelt Fry will be on hold again this year. 2019 brought a record-breaking year with the Lion’s Club serving over 550 plates. With the onset of COVID-19, the Smelt Fry had to be cancelled in 2020. Due to restrictions still in place, it’s just not cost or time effective to hold the event this year.

The Grygla Community Center holds 250 people, but half-capacity restrictions would only allow 125 people in

at one time. An event as large as the all-you-can-eat Smelt Fry would make it challenging to get people in and out in a timely manner, allowing for others to come in, plus sanitizing between groups. The Lion’s Club prides itself on following guidelines and feels it would send a poor message as an organization if the event were held in regular fashion. They look forward to hopefully bringing you a successful (and delicious) Smelt Fry next year.

Northern Galaxy awards local athletes

The Northern Galaxy Girls Basketball Conference has announced the conference awards, which includes three GG Chargers. The 2021 team champions are the Red Lake Falls Eagles (10-1 conference record).

Offensive player of the year – Riley Mooney (Stephen-Argyle)

Defensive player of the year – Riley Mooney (Stephen-Argyle)

Coach of the Year – Brian Remick (Red Lake Falls)

All-Conference team
Red Lake Falls – Clara Girdler, Sienna Olson; Stephen-Argyle – Riley Mooney, Grace

Carlson; Goodridge-Grygla – Caitlyn Jacobson, Vivian Coan; Warren-Alvarado-Oslo – Kylie Hanson, Lily Bayne; Northern Freeze – Leo Bring, Brooke Olson; Red Lake County Central – Kia Bachand

Honorable Mention
Red Lake Falls – Hollie Knott, Gabby Casavan; Stephen-Argyle – Greta Weberg, Leah Johnson; Goodridge-Grygla – Chloe Kuznia; Warren-Alvarado-Oslo – Emily Pederson; Northern Freeze – Brooke Fredrickson; Red Lake County Central – Cari Bachand; Sacred Heart – Grace Vonesh, Sydney Lloyd

Monson named to BSU President’s List

Elise Monson from Grygla earned President’s List honors from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn., at the conclusion of the Fall 2020 semester.

To be eligible for the President’s Honor Roll, BSU stu-

dents must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a perfect 4.0 GPA during the semester. A total of 428 students earned Fall 2020 President’s List honors from the university.

• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor TBA
 In-person Worship services have resumed at Grace Lutheran and Our Saviors in Grygla. Recorded services will still be available on-demand on the church website and will play on Garden Valley channel 36 on Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 9am & 7pm. *gracelutherangrygla.weebly.com*
Friday, April 2
 Good Friday Service at Grace 7pm
Sunday, April 4
 Grace: Easter Worship at 9am w/ Amber Bergeron
 OS: Easter Worship at 10:30am w/ Linda Anderson

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
 In-person Worship services have resumed. Sunday services will be posted online on the Parish YouTube channel. They are rebroadcast on the GVTV Channel 36 on Wednesdays at 9am and 6:30pm.
Thursday, April 1
 Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm at Faith
Sunday, April 4
 Easter Sunday Worship at Faith 6:30am; Bethany 8am; Ekelund 9:30am
Monday, April 5
 9am-12pm Quilting at Faith; 9:30am Ekelund WELCA

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge Fr. Adam Hanness
Sundays:
 St. Ann's: 10am Worship

St. Clement's: 11:45am Worship.
No Lent or Easter Worship info available.
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Thursday, April 1
 7pm Maundy Thursday Service at Riverside, 7pm FB Live
Friday, April 2
 7pm Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 4
 9:30am Easter Worship, 11am FB Live Broadcast
LIBERTY CHAPEL Grygla
Congregation-Led
 Calendar/information not provided.

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Sundays
 8:30am Worship with 9:45am SS.
No Easter Worship times available.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Thursday, April 1
 Mt. Olive: Maundy Thursday Service 5pm
 Oak Park: 7pm
Friday, April 2
 St. Petri 8am, Nazareth 7pm
Saturday
 9am Worship at Mt. Olive
Easter Sunday, April 4
 St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
 OP: 8:30am SS, 9:45 Worship
 Nazareth: 10am SS, 11am Worship

The Grygla Public School District is looking for bus drivers. If you are interested, please contact Jamie Lunsetter at 218-294-6155

HELP WANTED
 Need person to run tire truck and work in service shop. Benefits include paid vacation, sick leave most holidays. 401k.
 Apply in office or call **218-294-6117** and ask for Brenda

Funeral Pre-planning Monuments
 Thief River Falls • 218-681-4331
 Red Lake Falls • 218-253-2128
 Oklee • 218-796-5177
 www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

Monson Electric Services, Inc.
 Grygla, MN

LICENSED - BONDED - INSURED

Residential - Commercial and Farm Wiring - Underground Trenching

Brad Monson • 294-6349

PUBLIC HEARING 5 YEAR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM MARSHALL COUNTY

The Marshall County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing, April 6, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. at the Marshall County Courthouse in Meeting Room 1, for the purpose of discussing and receiving comments on the proposed 2021-2025 Road and Bridge Construction Program in Marshall County. All interested citizens, public officials and representatives of townships and cities are invited to attend and provide input. The meeting is available by **Zoom** at I.D. **812 1622 6097** and pass-code **350984** or by **Phone** at **218-686-3507**.

Northern Lights fishing report

Written by Ben Kucera
 On this week's report, the lakes are opening up. The Rainy River is open to the frontier access. Walleye catch and release season ends April 15. I don't target the early spawning walleye; I wait 'til sturgeon season, when you can keep 1, which opens up usually the end of April. We plan on going for 3 days at the end of April.
 As of now, I have started smoking all the tulibeas we caught recently. Over Easter we are heading down to Big Stone, SD, so might wet a couple of lines there.

For now I'm in limbo and thinking where I want to go for opener. Good luck if you are heading out and Happy Easter!
Ben Kucera is the owner and creator of Northern Lights Tackle & Custom Rods. He is also a Marshall County Sheriff's Deputy residing in Grygla with his wife and children. Ben is an avid fisherman who will be writing and submitting a fishing report weekly. You can follow his Facebook page at Northern Lights Tackle and/or contact him at 218-684-0588.



Head Start recruitment

Northwest Head Start and Early Head Start are currently recruiting children and families for the 2021-2022 program year. Head Start and Early Head Start are operated by Northwest Community Action, Inc. and serve low income families in Marshall, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, and Kittson Counties.
 Head Start and Early Head Start are family focused, comprehensive, child development programs which provide activities, information, and assistance in the areas of education, health, family services, and parent involvement. Head Start is a preschool program located in local schools and serves eligible families with children who are 3-5 years old. Early Head Start is for eligible families who are expecting or have children birth up to 3 years old. The EHS program consists of weekly home visits and Busy Buddy Group twice per month.
 For more information or to apply, e-mail Sharon at smillner@nwcaa.org or call the main Head Start office at 218-528-3227 or 1-800-568-5319. You can also apply online at www.nwcaa.org.

Grygla Garden Club

The Grygla Garden Club 7th, at Yo-Hawn's at 6:30pm. will meet on Wednesday, April

Evening with the Arts

The Grygla School will be hosting their Evening with the Arts this year. The event will be held on Monday, May

3rd, which includes a play performed by the students. More information to come.

American Rescue Plan will deliver \$1.81 million to Marshall County

U.S. Senator Tina Smith (D-Minn.) said the American Rescue Plan (ARP) will send an estimated \$1.81 million in COVID-19 relief to Marshall County to help make up for budget shortfalls suffered dur-

ing the year-long pandemic.

Sen. Smith said the pandemic has taken a heavy toll on Minnesota's state and local governments, with many having to drastically cut services, reduce public safety efforts, delay needed infrastructure projects, including broadband, water and sewer upgrades.

"Marshall County, like other Minnesota counties, has been hit hard with budget shortfalls. I pushed hard for funding to help state & local governments in the rescue package to help make up that shortfall & help get the county back on its feet," said Sen. Smith.

The ARP will deliver an estimated total of \$4.9 billion to Minnesota governments, including approximately \$2.6 billion to the state, and more than \$2 billion to counties, cities and other local governments. In addition, the ARP includes Senator Smith's provision to make state and local governments eligible for a tax credit to provide paid leave to police, firefighters, health care workers, and other government employees who have been fighting on the front lines of the pandemic.

GOODRIDGE AREA FIRE & RESCUE 17TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND FUNDRAISER
Saturday April 10, 2021
4:00- 7:30 pm
Goodridge Fire Hall

Menu: Burgers (with all the fixings), Fries, Ice Cream, Milk, Coffee, Juice (Dine in or Curbside available)

Full Bar by Goodridge Liquor Store will be available at the fire hall

Many Raffles - Guns, Fishing Equipment, Ladies Items & More!

Live auction 9-11 pm at Fire Hall

NOTICE

Lee Township Board of Review
 April 13th at 1 pm
 Wally Byklum's house

kids' corner

BOOK FACT

THE OLD TESTAMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE IS THE SAME AS THIS SACRED BOOK IN THE JEWISH FAITH.

ANSWER: TORAH

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Holy

SPANISH: Sagrado

ITALIAN: Sacro

FRENCH: Saint

GERMAN: Heilig

Maze Craze

Can you find your way through the center of the maze?

Start Finish

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

1889: THE EIFFEL TOWER IS OFFICIALLY OPENED.

1918: DAYLIGHT SAVING GOES INTO EFFECT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIRST TIME.

1985: THE FIRST WRESTLEMANIA TAKES PLACE IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN IN NEW YORK CITY.

Did You Know?

PASSOVER COMMEMORATES THE LIBERATION OF ISRAELITES FROM SLAVERY IN EGYPT AND THE "PASSING OVER" OF A PLAGUE ON FIRST-BORN ISRAELITES.

CELEBRATE PASSOVER!

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY

G2C

ASB AMERICAN STATE BANK

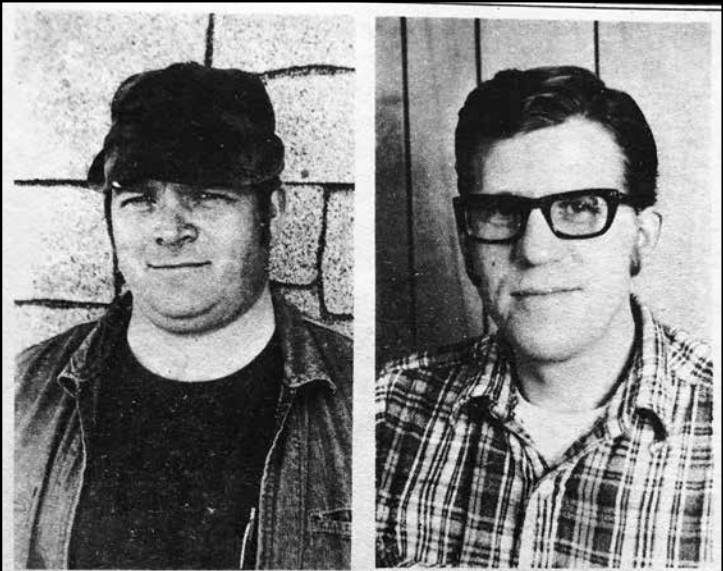
PO Box 78
 Grygla, MN 56727-0078
 (218) 294-6111 • TOLL FREE (877) 814-9937
 FAX (218) 294-6239

201 Vance Ave. S.
 Erskine, MN 56535
 (218) 687-2865 • TOLL FREE (800) 434-7721
 FAX (218) 687-2328

www.asbgrygla.com

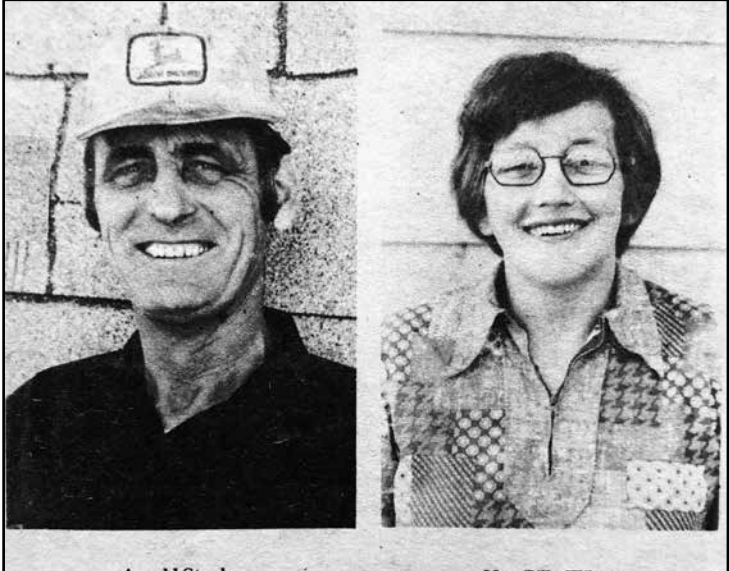
Grygla Eagle archives: 1975

We're going down memory lane this again week! Many of you said you enjoyed the flashback to 1975 so let's do it again!



Gerald Aune
Gerald Aune is one of four persons who is seeking election to the local school board. Gerald, 34 and his wife Val have three children: Pam, age 6; Brian, age 9; and Scott, age 11. The Aunes own and operate a farm located about 5½ miles N.E. of Grygla, where they have lived for the past two years. Gerald is originally from Gatzke. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, where he serves on the council, and is an active member of the Grygla Lions Club.

Edward Monson
Edward Monson of Gatzke is seeking his first term on the local school board. Monson and his wife, Maxine, have four children. Colleen in grade six, Thomas in grade five, Bradley in kindergarten and Gregory who is two years old. Monson operates a dairy farm five miles north of Gatzke near highway 89. The Monsons are members of the United Lutheran Church of Gatzke and Edward serves as a member of the church council.



Arnold Stanley
Incumbent Arnold Stanley, currently serving as treasurer of the Grygla School Board, is seeking re-election. Arnold, 42, and his wife Ida are the parents of six children. They are: Todd, 19, Gwone, 18, Jeffrey, 17, Brian, 15, Trent, 13, and Allison, 3. The Stanley farm is located two miles north of Grygla. Stanleys are members of the Grace Lutheran Church. Arnold is the president of the Area Income Development Corporation and a director of the proposed American State Bank in Grygla.

Mrs. Billy Wikert
Mrs. Billy Wikert (Phyllis) has filed for the school board election which will be held May 20th. Phyllis and Billy are the parents of five children: Donald, 13; Wendy, 11; Denise, 9; Penny, 7; and Rocky, 9 months. Their farm is located 22 miles east of Grygla in the area known as Thorhult. Phyllis is the Thorhult Weather Observer. The Wikerts are members of Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

Waling is new director Record year enjoyed by Grygla creamery

The approximately 100 persons who attended the 89th annual meeting of the Grygla Cooperative Creamery Association were told that net margins for the year ended December 31, 1974, totaled \$31,391.70. John Smeby, president of the association, told the Eagle that this amount is a new record high for overall operations. In the previous accounting period net margins totaled \$10,097.52.

The main item of business was the election of a new member of the board to fill the expired term of Palmer Holte. Those nominated included Palmer Holte, Ole Byklum, Jr., Tom Waling, Manley Anderson, Luther Anderson, and Eugene Johnson. Holte and Luther Anderson asked that their names be withdrawn from consideration.

In the secret ballot that followed Waling was elected with 18 votes, followed by Manley Anderson with 17, Ole Byklum, Jr. with 10, and Eugene Johnson with 9.

In other business John Smeby, who conducted the meeting, asked for discussion on a proposal to charge interest on past due accounts. Also discussed was a proposal to establish a scholarship fund to benefit a member of the first graduating class of the Grygla high school.

Duane Syverson, representing Land O' Lakes - Felco, was on hand to talk to creamery patrons and answer questions. He told the patrons, "Grygla is one of our main accounts at Land O' Lakes - Felco." While the regional operation is huge, we want you to know we care about you and your operation.

Syverson told his audience that he didn't know any dumb farmers any more. To make it agriculture these days you have to be a brain child, he said.

Syverson told members that times were changing and that rural population down trends have reversed and that the "rural - small town way of life" is gaining in popularity. The LOL-Felco representative praised the tremendous advances made in Grygla: the beautiful new community center, the new high school, and the new bank building.

There were five door prizes awarded to those in attendance - a 50 lb. bag of calf pellets to Minnie Bucholz, trace mineral salt to Orvis Nordby, a block of trace mineral salt to Lenore Chapman, one-half gallon of juice to Elmer Blaine, and a popcorn popper to Gordon Foss.

Members of the board include John Smeby, president; Raymond Aune, secretary; Robert Mosher, director; Ralph Lee, director; and Tom Whaling, director-elect.

Manager of the creamery is Amos Thompson. Bookkeeper is Altha Benson. Employees include Norman Nelson, Arvid Sistas, Ray Sorenson, and Gerald Langness.

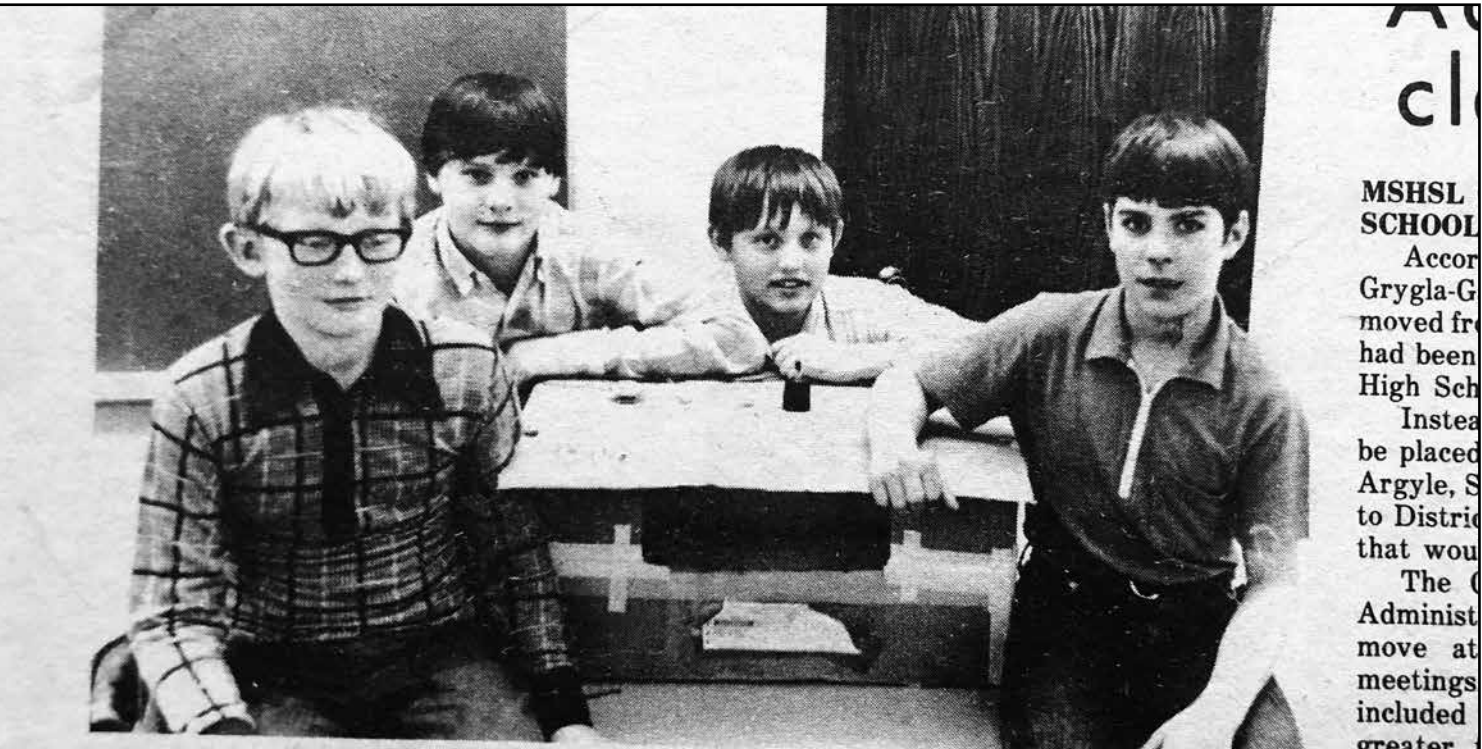
COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Saturday, April 12 Lions 4th anniversary and 'Ladies Night'
Sunday, April 13 Recreation at the school gym from 1-4 p.m.
Monday, April 14 4-H practice at the school
Tuesday, April 15 4-H "Share the Fun" contest in Newfiden.



Scenes from the 1975 Eagle's Prom!



NDSU, FARGO -- The Grygla-Gatzke meat identification team won third place in the Region I contest held at North Dakota State University the Monday before last. Seen here are team members James Thorson, Dale Warne, Tim Hermanson, and Mark Sax. Individual ratings were Thorson, 6th; Sax, 7th; and Hermanson, 9th. Francis DeCook is the advisor for the vocational agriculture program at the Grygla-Gatzke School.



Incubator--These seventh grade students are posing with an incubator they have built and which will be used to hatch chicks this spring. Those pictured (left to right) are Wayne Morey, Gerald Verbout, Eric Kline, and Gary Polansky. The four told the Eagle that their incubator features controlled heat and humidity. The ventillated incubator is heated by a 25 watt bulb.

Word of the Week

...enhancing vocabularies

one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Peduncle

\Pi-duhng-kuhl\

Noun

A flower stalk, supporting either a cluster or a solitary flower.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS

Written and made by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Tuesday night's supper was simply delicious. A one-pot Mexican ground beef and rice. We ate this as a casserole, but it'd be super good wrapped up in a tortilla, I bet! This dish is loaded with ground beef, rice, salsa, corn and cheese. Serves 4 perfectly and made in only thirty minutes from start to finish.

- Ingredients**
- 1 lb lean ground beef
 - ½ cup onion, diced
 - 10.5 oz chicken broth
 - 2 cups water
 - 2 cups instant rice
 - 1 cup medium salsa
 - ½ cup chili sauce
 - 1 can corn, not drained
 - 4 oz. can chopped green chilies, not drained
 - 1 pouch taco seasoning
 - 3 cups cheese, shredded
 - 1 tsp dried or fresh chives

Instructions

Place a large saute pan on the stove over medium-high heat and add a dab of butter or margarine to the pan. Cook the ground beef in the saute pan. Add diced onions to the pan while the ground beef is cooking. Continue cooking the ground beef and onions, being sure to crumble the ground beef well. Once the ground beef is fully cooked, drain the

grease from the pan.

With the pan still over medium-high heat, add the chicken broth and water to the pan. Add the instant rice and stir gently. Leave the dish to simmer, stirring occasionally, until all of the liquid is absorbed by the rice.

Add the salsa, chili sauce, canned corn, chopped green chilies and taco seasoning to the pan. Stir well. Leave the dish to simmer for a few minutes and then remove the pan from the heat.

Add two cups of the shredded cheese to the pan. Stir until the cheese is fully combined. Sprinkle the remaining cup of shredded cheese on top but this time do not stir it in. Sprinkle your chives on top and serve!



Grygla School Board February Minutes

Wednesday, February 17th, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Chairperson of the board Jeremy Rychlock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with James Verbout, Tera Nordby, Luke Nordvick, Clinton Brobst, Gretchen Smeby, Principal Gieseke and Superintendent Jamie Lunsetter present. Pledge of Allegiance said.

Motion by Tera Nordby, second by Jeremy Rychlock to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 6-0. 2. Minutes of the 1-21-21 regular school board meeting are approved as printed. Motion by Gretchen Smeby, second by James Verbout to approve payment of the bills check #37861 through check #37941 and wire payments. Passed 6-0.

Finance Report: Bills: General Fund \$165,173.27 MSDLAF \$1,512,346.30 Food Service \$4,264.80 Checking \$76,005.29 Community Service \$2,000.00 Trust \$12,000.00 Scholarship \$500.00 Student Activity \$2,942.87 Total \$186,880.94 Total \$1,588,351.59

Student Report Given by Jared Haack: The Senior class is planning their trip for May 13-16 to Duluth. They will leave at noon on the 13th and return sometime on Sunday. 15 Seniors will be in attendance, and the class will be staying at an Airbnb.

Teacher Report Given by Mr. Mickelson. Envirothon is approaching, and will be held virtually this year, using Google Meets. The robotics team has put together an excellent robot and are looking for competitions that are nearby. The 6th graders held an escape room for their Valentine's Day activity. The FACS class is working on a food unit including fruit pizzas and banana splits. The Media Productions class is working on film production and continuing to cover as many live events on Channel 36 as possible. The Business class is working on their final clothing order for the school year.

The 8th grade is building earthquake-proof structures.

Principal Report Given by Mr. Gieseke: Homecoming coronation will be on February 22nd at 2:30. Prom is going to be a big topic coming up soon. We will be doing something to celebrate Prom, although it may look quite different this year. There will be a parent meeting on March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the options. Mr. Kvasager is looking for options to upgrade the school's Smartboards. Every staff member that requested a vaccine has received at least their first dose. Thank you to Nurse Gieseke and the Marshall County nurses for all of their work on this.

Superintendent Report: Athletic Update - Basketball season is at the halfway point. Scheduling is being done for next basketball season. Bus Log - We will be discussing solutions for purchasing of a school bus for the 2021-22 school year. Other - The board was briefed on a variety of personnel changes throughout the school, as well as options for replacing the boiler system.

Motion by Clinton Brobst, second by Gretchen Smeby to approve the 2021 Senior Class Trip. Passed 6-0. Motion by Tera Nordby, second by Jeremy Rychlock to approve the hire of Jaclyn Lunsetter as full time paraprofessional. Passed 6-0. Motion by James Verbout, second by Gretchen Smeby to approve the hire of Elaine Rychlock as business manager. Passed 6-0. Motion by Jeremy Rychlock, second by Clinton Brobst to approve the retirement of Betsy Saurdiff, Art/German Instructor. Passed 6-0. Motion by James Verbout, second by Tera Nordby to approve the resignation of Courtney Alderete, Paraprofessional. Passed 6-0.

Trustee Reports: None. Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 7:23. Next Meeting is 3/18/21, 7:00 p.m

Grant funding for public art projects deadline is May 1

The NWMAC has created a special category this year for Arts Legacy Grants and Arts Project Grants for public art projects. The deadline to apply is May 1. Take advantage of this opportunity to enhance our communities with public art! Individual artists, arts organizations, or communities can apply.

The Arts Legacy Grants is a main category for funding artistic activity within the seven-county service region. Funding for the grants comes from the Minnesota State Legislature through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. These grants are a maximum of \$10,000 with a required cash match.

Arts Project Grants are used primarily for small budget arts projects. These grants are a maximum of \$3,000 with a required cash match. To start your application, login at our Grants Portal on the homepage of our Website.

You absolutely must reside in our service region in northwestern Minnesota. Our region covers the Minnesota counties of Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau.

Creating art in public spaces requires a different skill set than creating art for private commissions. It requires the artist to work with the city, the community, or the neighborhood in collaboration to determine subject matter, look, and timeline. The artist needs to recognize and adhere to zoning and building codes. The artist also needs to be transparent at times with a whole committee of people related to design and installation and lighting requirements for public safety. Often it requires working at a large scale and understanding whether your art can handle our extreme weather. It can be very rewarding and fun.

For more information look to our website at www.NWArtsCouncil.org

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

RATE INCREASE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

For Otter Tail Power Company Customers

MPUC Docket No. E017/GR-20-719 OAH Docket No. 8-2500-37230

On November 2, 2020, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its electric rates by about 6.77 percent, or about \$14.5 million.

State law allows OTP to collect higher rates on an interim (temporary) basis to allow the MPUC time to evaluate the request. The MPUC has authorized an interim rate increase of approximately 3.23 percent, or about \$6.9 million, effective January 1, 2021. These higher rates will remain in effect until the final rates are determined by the MPUC.

The MPUC will determine the final rate increase by December 2021. If the final rate increase is less than the interim rate increase, OTP will refund to customers the difference, plus interest. If the final rate increase approved by the MPUC is higher than the interim rate increase, OTP will not charge customers the difference.

Since the company's last Minnesota Rate Review in 2016, OTP has made investments in low-cost, reliable, cleaner energy generation and smarter technology. OTP seeks to include these investments and an increase in general costs in its rates.

The chart below shows an example of how the approved interim and proposed final rates will affect the average customer's monthly bill in each of our customer classes. Your bill may be higher or lower depending on the actual electric usage in your customer class.

AVERAGE MONTHLY ELECTRICITY COSTS

Customer classification	Monthly kilowatt-per-hour usage	Previous monthly cost	Approved interim change in monthly cost	Proposed final change in monthly cost
Residential	760	\$83.97	\$2.71	\$7.77
Farms	2,605	\$266.33	\$8.60	\$17.80
General Service	9,758	\$1,006.31	\$32.50	\$98.70
Large General Service	312,084	\$21,163.64	\$683.59	\$1,080.10
Irrigation	1,536	\$129.40	\$4.18	\$17.89
Outdoor Lighting	636	\$14.03	\$0.45	\$0.94
Other Public Authority	2,874	\$248.79	\$8.04	\$16.55
Controlled Service Water Heating	314	\$25.79	\$0.83	\$1.58
Controlled Service Interruptible	1,570	\$95.26	\$3.08	\$2.20
Controlled Service Deferred	5,630	\$230.01	\$7.43	\$(12.96)

The Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources office is reviewing OTP's filing and records with respect to this requested rate increase. The Minnesota Office of the Attorney General—Residential Utilities Division may also review this proposed rate increase.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You may request additional information from OTP's General Office during normal business hours at:

Otter Tail Power Company
215 South Cascade Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Phone: 800-257-4044

You also may review current and proposed rate schedules by contacting the Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources:

Minnesota Department of Commerce—Division of Energy Resources
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
Telephone: 651-539-1886
FAX: 651-539-1549
Web: <http://mn.gov/commerce/>

Additional information about proposed rate schedules and a comparison of present and proposed rates is available at www.otpc.com/MNRateReview. Questions or comments about the rate increase request may be directed to 800-257-4044.

Persons who wish to intervene in the litigation and participate as a party at the evidentiary hearing in this case should review Minn. R. 1400.6200 (2019) and contact the Administrative Law Judge.

Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Robert St
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164
Telephone: 651-361-7900
FAX: 651-361-0310
TDD: 651-361-7878
Web: <http://mn.gov/oah>

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The MPUC will hold public hearings for customers to speak and will ask for customers' written comments about the rate increase request. You may add verbal comments or written comments, or both, to the record.

You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of OTP's service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney to provide comments during the public hearings.

To maintain appropriate physical distancing and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public hearings will be held remotely (over the telephone for audio and over the internet for video). The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone has had an opportunity to share comments or after 3 hours of hearing time, whichever occurs first.

To receive audio for the hearing, you will need to participate over the telephone. Additionally, you can watch the hearing (without sound) over the internet. To see the public hearing panelists, and hear what they are saying, you must join the public hearing using both the telephone connection and the internet link. The video on the internet does not include sound from the public hearing.

To be able to provide your verbal comments, you will need to join the hearing by audio, at a minimum. Follow the directions below to access the hearing over the telephone. If you are interested in providing verbal comments on the proposed rate increase during the public hearing you must join the hearing by telephone.

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held virtually: April 13th at 1:00pm; April 13th at 6:00pm; April 14th at 1:00pm; April 14th at 6:00pm.

JOIN BY TELEPHONE

4/13/21 — 1pm	4/13/21 — 6pm	4/14/21 — 1pm	4/14/21 — 6pm
Ph (866) 609-6127 Conf ID 8960889	Ph (866) 609-6127 Conf ID 4847889	Ph (866) 609-6127 Conf ID 8397865	Ph (866) 609-6127 Conf ID 6687187

An operator will assist you over the phone.

To watch the hearing over the internet on a computer or smartphone, follow the directions below. (video only — no audio).

JOIN BY INTERNET (video only — no audio)

Navigate on your computer to: <https://minnesota.webex.com>

4/13/21 — 1pm	4/13/21 — 6pm	4/14/21 — 1pm	4/14/21 — 6pm
Event No. 187 361 1312 Password, if needed: MnPUCI	Event No. 187 775 3715 Password, if needed: MnPUCI	Event No. 187 541 2682 Password, if needed: MnPUCI	Event No. 187 407 9248 Password, if needed: MnPUCI

If you wish to watch the video stream with audio, you will need to join by both phone and internet.

Please contact Charley Bruce at 651-201-2251 or charley.bruce@state.mn.us or Tera Dornfeld at 651-201-2195 or tera.dornfeld@state.mn.us if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

The MPUC welcomes your comments on the requested rate increase. A Public Comment period is open through June 14, 2021. Comments should be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date. Comments received after the comment period closes may or may not be considered in the MPUC's final decision. There are a number of ways for you to participate.

TO COMMENT ONLINE

Visit mn.gov/puc, select the Comment icon on the top menu to go to the Public Comment page where you will find a list of ways to comment on docket 20-719, an online Public Comment form, and how to get help to participate in the comment process.

TO COMMENT BY EMAIL

Send your comments to consumer.puc@state.mn.us and reference docket number 20-719.

TO COMMENT BY U.S. MAIL

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Ste. 350
St. Paul, MN 55101
Be sure to reference docket 20-719

For assistance in submitting comments, or if you have questions, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at: Phone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782 Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

G2MNA



Haedynn Boutain and Jens Oslund go up against each other in last Friday's Grygla Elementary Intramurals. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Jens Oslund back in action with the screen against Landon Nordby!



Grygla Elementary Intramurals came to an end last Friday with 1st place going to the Shooting Starz, who are coached by Jake Olson and Madison Cullen.



2nd place went to the Jayhawks – coached by Jared Haack. Photos by Grygla Eagle



3rd place went to Bomb Squad – coached by Levi Kiesow.



The Net Rippers came in 4th – they were coached by Chloe Kuznia and Hailey Knutson.



It was a battle for the ball between Ryelin Stanley and Cooper Aune, but Coop managed to hold on to it against his persistent defender! Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper