

GRYGLA EAGLE

				
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A look at next week... The Grygla Centennial Holiday Cash Raffle winners to be announced! Who will win the 1st place prize of \$1500?

DNR officials to meet in Grygla and discuss elk management plan

WHAT
Department of Natural Resources officials will be available to the media to discuss the draft strategic management plan for elk in Minnesota for 2016-2020. The plan addresses elk population goals, elk-landowner conflicts and opportunities to hunt and view elk.

There are only about 130 elk in Minnesota but support for an increase in the population appears to be growing.

WHO
John Williams, DNR northwest region wildlife manager, and Steve Merchant, DNR wildlife populations and regulations manager.

WHEN/WHERE
The first of three public meetings was held on Thursday, Dec. 3, at the community center in New Brighton, MN. The other two meetings will be December 15th at the Lancaster Community Center and December 16th at the Grygla Community Center from 6:30-9pm.

At the meetings, people will hear about the draft plan, upcoming research, habitat use

and plans to evaluate citizens' perspectives toward elk in northwestern Minnesota. Attendees will also have the opportunity to comment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Elk are a large, charismatic native species and a valuable, but vulnerable part of Minnesota's natural history. Elk once ranged across most of the state on the prairie and in the prairie brushlands. By the early 1900s, elk were nearly eliminated from Minnesota due to land conversion to agriculture and overharvest in the 1800s. Twenty-seven elk were reintroduced in northwestern Minnesota in 1935 and established a population near Grygla. Two additional elk herds reside in Kittson County.

The goal of the draft plan is to increase the size and range extent of Minnesota's elk population while maintaining positive coexistence with private landowners and providing increased recreational opportunities to the people of Minnesota.

Another component of the plan includes support for the



first study of elk movements and habitat use. This study aims to improve the understanding of Minnesota's elk seasonal movement patterns and habitat use. The information should help the DNR in developing options for managing elk and their habitats in future years.

For more information, visit www.mndnr.gov/elk.

Shop small, shop local this Christmas



American State Bank of Grygla has the gift they really want this Christmas; one they're sure to never return! Along with cash, the bank also has VISA cash cards and re-loadable cash cards available to you. Missy Saurdiff and Elaine Rychlock are the ladies to see this season! They can also help you give the gift of 'saving' this year by opening up a new savings account for that special youngster in your life.



Stop in to Diamond's, Yo-Hawn's or the Grain Bin Café and surprise a friend with a gift certificate good for a tasty meal out. Yo-Hawn's Bar & Grill also has a variety of spirits, wines, champagnes and liquors available on off-sale – another gift they are sure to never return! Pictured is Darell and Karen Severts, owners of Yo-Hawn's.

Christmas is just around the corner and it's up to **YOU** to shop local! Why shop at a locally owned business first?

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Motel 89 not only offers your visitors a place to stay, but they also have gift certificates available for those winter tanners! They are currently running a tanning Christmas special – see page 2 for more information.

Below: Stop in and see the remodel job at the Farmer's Union station. While you're there, you can pick up some scratch offs, automotive goods or fuel cards – all of which make wonderful gifts! Pictured are Farmer's Union employees Jim Hagl, Gwen Saurdiff, Wendy Sandsmark, Pam Mstrom and Brenda Mosher.



The Grygla Coop offers a variety of gift cards – Cabela's, Applebee's, Domino's Pizza, VISA, phone cards and many more. The hardware department carries many different brands and styles of boots, including Muck and Ranger. You can also find a variety of tools for the handyman in your life. Give the gift of a home makeover with their customized paint mixes. Don't forget the Coop takes special orders, including meat & cheese trays and fresh-baked buns for all of that leftover ham and turkey you'll have. You can also find a selection of locally made crafts at the Grygla Coop, along with 'All Things Bling' purses, wallets, scarves and hats. Pictured is Mayor Richard Mosher with Misty Erickson and Kayla Anderson.



Pamper that special lady in your life by giving her a gift certificate to Sue's Beauty Shop, which also offers all the latest in hair products. Pictured is Jan DeLong getting pampered by Sue Aune.

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Wednesday, Dec 9:
6pm Choir, 6:30pm Confirmation, 8pm Grace Council
Sunday:
Grace: 9am Worship, 10:15 SS, 10:15am-noon Grace Choir Brunch Fundraiser, 3pm LYO Caroling
Our Savior's: 10:30am Worship, No SS

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH
United - Gatzke; Our Savior's - Thief Lake
Pastor Craig Bowyer
Sunday:
United: 11am Worship, 10:15am SS
Our Savior's: 9am Worship, 10am SS.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Pastor Robert W. Dahlen
Wednesday, Dec. 9:
7:30pm Advent Services at Bethany
Sunday:
Bethany: 8:30am Worship, 9:30am SS, SS Program at 4pm
Faith: 9:45am Worship, 11am SS
Ekelund: 11am Worship w/ SS Program, 9:45am SS program practice

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday:
St. Clement's: 11:45am Worship
St. Ann's: 10am Worship.

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday:
7pm Advent Vespers

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COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Christian & Missionary Alliance of Grygla
Pastor TBA
Sunday:
9:30am Worship, 11am SS and Adult Bible Class.
Wednesdays:
7pm Bible Study and Prayer.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Saturday:
Mt. Olive 9am Worship, 10:15am SS/Confirmation
Sunday:
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship, 8:30am SS
Oak Park: 11am Worship, 9:45am SS.

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

Community Calendar
Wed | Dec 9
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Senior Citizens Christmas Party w/ music by Edgar Miller at 1pm; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; ECFE Christmas Supper at the Grygla School 5:30pm
Thurs | Dec 10
Grygla Eagle office open 9am-3pm; Community Ed Holiday Crafts Class at the Grygla School 6-9pm; BBB Holiday Tourney at NCTC (time/opponent TBD)
Fri | Dec 11
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; JH BBB vs. RLCC in Goodridge (7th 3:30pm, 8th 4:30pm, C Team 5:30pm); GBB vs. KCC in Lancaster
Sat | Dec 12
Elementary Basketball practice in Grygla from 9-11am; Holiday Extravaganza Bingo Night at the Grygla Community Center 4-8pm
Sun | Dec 13
Mon | Dec 14
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; GBB Holiday Tourney at NCTC; Grygla City Council Meeting 7pm
Tues | Dec 15
Old Time Dance at Yo-Hawn's with Cathy Erickson 1-4pm; GBB Holiday Tourney at NCTC

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Girls Holiday Basketball Tournament at NCTC - DEC 14-15 & 17

PLEASE JOIN US for
Pastor Bob & Sheila's Retirement Celebration
for the Goodridge Lutheran Parish.
Joint services will be at Ekelund Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 27th
Services begin at 10:30 a.m. with a special meal to follow.
For those traveling, the address for Ekelund is 34477 130th St NE, Goodridge, MN 56725.

Grygla Community Education classes

Christmas Baking Made Easy
Instructor: Kandy Sundberg
No shopping or searching for recipes! Make, bake and take your goodies home. Bring containers to hold 8-10 dozen cookies. Don't need that many treats? Bring a friend and split the cookies and the cost!
Cost: \$30.00
The class will be held on December 16th from 6-9pm. Registration is due by December 9th. Class will be held in the Grygla School FACS room.
Make checks payable to Grygla School; fees may be paid the night of the class.
Register online and see the school website for updated Community Ed info: www.grygla.k12.mn.us or call 218-294-6155 or email aholte@grygla.k12.mn.us. Ideas for Community Ed classes are welcome!

Holiday Bingo night coming up this Sat. eve

This Saturday, December 12th, will be the chili cook off and supper at the Grygla Community Center from 5-6:30pm. Supper includes chili and a baked potato with all the fixings! Santa will also be making an appearance from 4-5:30pm!
Bingo will follow supper with cards being just \$.50 each! 20 games will be played with your chance to win meat prizes, which include turkey, ham, pork loin and bacon! The Holiday Cash Raffle Drawing will also be announced that evening, following Bingo, at 7:30pm.
This is a free will donation with all proceeds going towards the Grygla Centennial.

School Lunch Menus

Grygla School Lunch Menu
Wednesday, December 9: Chicken Wraps, Lettuce, Cheese, Corn, Fresh Fruit
Thursday, December 10: Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Peach, Broccoli, Green Beans
Friday, December 11: Chicken Enchilada or Corn Dog, Broccoli, Green Beans, Pineapple
Monday, December 14: Shrimp Poppers, Mac & Cheese, Carrots, Pears
Tuesday, December 15: Turkey in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Corn, Pear

Goodridge School Lunch Menu
Wednesday, December 9: Chili w/ Cheese & Crackers, Broccoli, Carrots, Celery w/ Dip, Cinnamon Roll, Apples
Thursday, December 10: Quesadillas, Green Beans, Fruit, Seasoned Rice, Salad, Bread
Friday, December 11: Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits
Monday, December 14: Tacos w/ Lettuce & Cheese, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Bread
Tuesday, December 15: Polish Sausage on a Bun, Baked Potato w/ Toppings, Broccoli, Carrots, Celery w/ Dip, Oranges, Bread

GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK

By: Karen Olufson
Hello Esteemed Readers! I know it's awhile ago now but I hope you had a special Thanksgiving. I was gone for the long weekend that weekend. That's why the library was closed and there was no column last week. Hope you can find it in your hearts to forgive me! (Smile!) Have you gotten some reading done in the last few weeks? I finished a book and a book on CD so that was a pleasure. Now I'm going to read TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD again. I want to read the sequel that's come out recently, but it's been so long since I read the first book that I have to read it again!
Well, we FINALLY got our November items on the shelf this past week (and now it's almost time for the December ones). I hope you'll come and see what's new. I'm going to share a few of the items with you in this column. Hopefully something you see will make you want to come and visit the library. (Smile!)
We got a brand new movie in this past week: SPY. We also got in SIDEWAYS and several others. Remember, if there's something you'd like to see that we don't have on our shelves you can always ask us to order it.
For books on CD I'll mention the children's book first. We got in LOCKWOOD AND COMPANY: THE SCREAMING STAIRCASE by Jonathan Stroud and read by Miranda Raison. These are great to take along on long trips or even to daycare. We have for all age levels, so come on in and see what your child might like. For adult books on CD we got in THE NIGHTMARE THIEF by Meg Gardiner and read by Susan Ericksen and Christine Feehan's DARK WOLF, read by Natalie Ross and Phil Gigante.
Several paperback books arrived and are now sitting on the shelf. I have two of them in front of me: WHY MERMAIDS SING - A SEBASTIAN ST. CYR MYSTERY by C. S. Harris and SHELTER ME - A SECOND CHANCE RANCH ROMANCE by Catherine Mann. Our paperbacks cover a wider variety of styles of writing so I'm sure you'll find something there. Besides, they fit nicely in your pocket when you're going somewhere! (Smile!)
I'll list some non-fiction books now. I'll start with two children's books. We have NINJAS AND SAMURAI: A MAGIC TREE HOUSE FACT TRACKER book by Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce. We also have STAR WARS REBELS: THE VISUAL GUIDE by Adam Bray. For adults I'll also list two books. We got in THE PERFECT MILE by Neal Bascomb about those who've run the four minute mile. We also have THE COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUILDE TO KNITTING by Becca Smith.
You might also like to know that we have some large print and Christian fiction books. One book we got in large print is BREAKING POINT by C. J. Box. One of our Christian fiction books is MERCY AND EAGLEFLIGHT by Michael Phillips. We try to be accommodating by having books that make you love to read! (Smile!)
Well Dear Readers, it's nice to be back and to chat with you again. Please let me know what you're reading these days. Sure wish you a safe and super week. Enjoy your reading time and the time you spend reading to the children in your life. You'll never regret it!

Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa will be making a couple appearances in Grygla this year! The first one will be this weekend at the Holiday Extravaganza Bingo Night, which will be Saturday, December 12th, at the Grygla Community Center. Santa will be there from 4-5:30pm. He will also be showing up at the school on Friday, December 18th, immediately following the Grygla Elementary Christmas program, which is at 2pm.

Spread a little Christmas Cheer

Grace Lutheran Church LYO and Sunday school students will be going Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 13th. Students should meet at Grace at 3pm. Please come dressed for the weather. Song sheets will be provided.
All members from the congregation are invited to accompany the students. This is a time in which we can spread Christmas cheer around town through songs that have been sung throughout the ages. Let's not leave it up to our youth to do God's work. Come along and enjoy each other's company - young and old!
Hot chocolate and goodies will be provided following caroling at the church.

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Help available with home heat costs

Applications for the 2015-16 Energy Assistance Program are being taken by Northwest Community Action. If you feel you may be eligible, either write to Northwest Community Action, Inc./PO Box 67/Badger, MN 56714, or phone (218) 528-3258 or 1-800-568-5329 and an application will be mailed to you. Also visit www.northwest-cap.org. Households may apply once during the program year of October 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016.
Energy Assistance eligibility is based upon household income and household size. Both homeowners and renters may be eligible. Households who live in subsidized housing but pay either heat or electric costs may also qualify. Subsidized housing residents who have both heat and electric costs included in their rent do not qualify for energy assistance.
The eligibility guidelines for 3 month's gross income are listed below:
Household size of 1 has a maximum income of \$5,987, 2 people is \$7,829, 3 people is \$9,671, 4 people is \$11,514, 5 people is \$13,356, 6 people is \$15,198.
Northwest Community Action serves households located in Kittson, Lake of the Woods, East Marshall, and Roseau Counties. Home visits available for homebound applicants, upon request. Households requesting assistance in completing the application are encouraged to phone our office to set up an appointment.
NOTICE: You are responsible for your heating and electric bills until you hear from Northwest Community Action.
This program is funded by the Minnesota Dept. of Commerce and U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services.

Fourtown Grygla Sportsman's Club news

The Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club will be holding its December Meeting on December 15th at 7pm at the TRF Legion.
The club Christmas party will be held on January 9th at the Grygla Community Center. The evening will start at 5pm with social hour, followed by a pancake supper from 5-7pm. After supper join in on some wild games of Bingo. Prayer service will be held right before ringing in the New Year. Everyone is welcome! Come help celebrate closing 2015 and blessing in 2016.

New Year's Eve Bash at United Lutheran

Bring in the New Year with family and friends at the United Lutheran Church, in Gatzke, on December 31, 2015, with

The Holiday Season is a great time to express appreciation to friends and customers.
American State Bank of Grygla invites you in during the month of December to sign up for the Christmas drawings. We will be giving away a wagon full of toys to one child and a \$150 cash card to one adult with the drawing to be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, December 23rd. Christmas goodies will be served in the bank lobby from December 21st through December 24th. During the month of December, we will be waiving the fee for any gift card purchase, and remind you to stop in and pick up your 2016 Calendar.
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Machinewell, Inc. has expanded - the Grygla business recently added some outdoor storage to their facility.

Holiday Gift Giving Guide by the Grygla Eagle & friends

By: Kari Sundberg, Grygla Eagle Editor
I ran this in last year's Eagle as a fun little addition and wanted to share it with you again. This is the time of year where we struggle to pick out gifts for our family and friends...so let this serve as a "guide" to you! ENJOY.
I was going to spend some time googling some tips for a more "professional" or "official" gift giving guide...but I thought to myself, "This could be a really great gift giving guide with the help of some friends." So I took to my Facebook page and asked for some dos and don'ts when it comes to gift giving. Some are funny, others warrant some serious consideration. 'Tis the season for gift giving so what better way to provide you with some kind of a guide. Take it for what it's worth and happy shopping!

Here we go.
Kari Sundberg says: Price tags, people. Take 'em off. Sure, we all forget once in awhile, but sometimes I think people do that on purpose just so we can see how much they paid (or how much they want you to THINK they paid!) It's a tempting move to take the clearance price tag off and to leave the full price tag on, but don't do it, friends.
Allison Kangas says: Follow a gift-giving guide when it comes to your wife. Do not suggest getting tires for her vehicle, even if the tires are probably bad; it's not romantic. You will not get the reaction you are hoping for and she's not going to tell all of her friends what a gem you are. Another tip would be to have your wife make a list – a DETAILED list – of things she wants, where you can get it, websites, people's names to talk to, etc. That is the best way to go. You don't want to walk into Walmart with no ideas and fill your cart full of stuff she isn't going to like. NOT COOL. Because guess what? Those gifts will be regifted and the money you spent could have gotten her new tires for her vehicle.
Karina Tinnes says: When it comes to giving gifts to your children, here is a neat idea: "Something they want; something they need; something to wear; something to read."
Cody Severts says: Don't buy your brother a t-shirt that has a pug on the front of it. Even though he might only have 4 shirts, he won't wear this one due to feeling embarrassed by it. I also suggest to never buy a woman something she can easily throw at you if she doesn't like it. Lastly, don't shy away from gift cards. No one wants a homemade knit sweater that is so itchy it causes them to get a rash. For the record, men will always be happy with sweat pants or wool socks.

Lindsay Oslund says: Think handmade! There have been years where I've only done handmade gifts. I made purses for all of the women in my life that year. I also made my son a tablecloth out of felt that looks like a fort to fit over a folding table! It was actually pretty easy, just cut out and glue!
Kari Sundberg says: Do set a budget, but don't set a spending limit. (If that makes sense.) People are quick to say \$20-\$30 spending limit but what happens when you have 29 people on your Christmas list? You are definitely going to go over your budget. Don't set a spending limit with someone you are exchanging gifts with. Does it really matter if they decided to pick out a gift for \$20 and yours was only \$7? Everyone's budgets are different. We shouldn't have to match each other financially. And for people like myself, who hunt for bargains, most of the time I can find a \$50 gift for under \$10 given the right store and the right time. And does that person need to know that? No.
Heather Hagen says: I try hard to think about whom I am giving the gift to. For some people, it's all about making the gift pretty and the presentation is everything! Hint: This can also help make a \$10 gift look more expensive! For others on my list, it's about something that's useful, even if it only costs \$1. I try to keep the specific person in mind when shopping for a gift.
Laura Stengrim says: Do think it through. An inexpensive, meaningful gift is always better than an expensive, generic gift. That feeling you get when you watch your loved one open something really special is priceless. (And you probably won't spot it on the Sell & Swap the next week.) Do be careful when giving someone a gift you think is "so them." That may mean they already have too many or it's something personal to them that they would rather pick out themselves. Don't leave home without a list of everyone you want to buy for, along with an idea/price range. And bring cash so you stay within your budget! Don't try to guess a woman's size. EVER. Too big will offend her and too small will annoy her. Do take this opportunity to give your guy's wardrobe a mini makeover and buy him a few things you've always wanted to see him in! Do remember the real reason for the season and don't stress over the gift giving too much.
Kari Sundberg says: Don't pass the pressure of a gift onto the receiver. Example: "Tell me what you want for Christmas or get me a list for the kids." We have enough pressure trying to do our own shopping without having to do yours, too. I would much rather be surprised with a little something that they really

thought I'd love. Something silly, something useful...I love to be surprised and I feel like it's much more meaningful to do it that way. It feels less "forced" like they WANT to give you a gift rather than they NEED to.
Carol Steuck says: Don't give gifts with electrical cords. Examples of things I have received in the past for Christmas: electric chain saw, washing machine, shop vac, snow blower and an electric lawn mower. The list goes on. Why me? The divorce didn't come with an electric cord attached!
Megan Loken says: Husbands, DO NOT give your wife a toilet plunger as a gift.
Friend A (who wishes to remain nameless): Don't give your daughter, daughter-in-law and granddaughter Clinique for Christmas and then give the other daughter-in-law a box of 29-cent jello.
Kari Sundberg says: Regift with caution. Remove any evidence that it ever belonged to you. Make sure it's in the original packaging so it doesn't look used and use common sense – don't give it to the person who originally gifted it to you.
Joni Anderson says: For the person who has everything: Consider donating money to a favorite charity in their honor or their name. Give a homemade coupon book of jobs you are willing to do for an older relative. Offer to bake for someone who isn't able to. Prepare homemade mixes for cakes and things and put them into jars with recipes attached. Have kids decorate brown paper bags to use as gift-wrap; people love getting gifts wrapped this way! Tree ornaments also look great on a package vs. a bow. How about a subscription to the Grygla Eagle for someone? Don't give your mother, who collects a certain thing; more to add to that collection...you'll probably just get it back some day! My sister and her family once boxed up clothing they knew another family really needed and put the box by their mailbox. I also love giving the gift of time to others; anything we can do to help someone is really the best gift.
Robert Sundberg says: Any gift is a good gift that should never be complained about.
Kari Sundberg says: That's good advice, Robert. I'll remind you of that when you open your new book I'm going to get you for Christmas called "Housework Harmony: Building a Loving Partnership through Domestic Cooperation".



Mrs. Saurdiff's Art class is busy with their ad artwork that will run in the Eagle over Christmas and New Year's. All ads are sponsored by a local business or organization. Pictured above is Willie Holthusen. Pictured below is Ashley Moe, along with Olivia Tykward. The students are required to draw a holiday ad following these requirements: religious, secular, winter or New Year.



Word of the week: Choose

By: Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington, Grace/Our Savior's Lutheran Churches
When I was growing up as a preacher's kid, then a preacher's wife, and finally a preacher, I met a lot of . . . preachers. All unique in style and personality, there was one "famous" one in North Dakota (not my dad) that used more sports analogies in his sermons than there were sports. Pretty soon my ears turned off, and my eyes drooped.
Until this past Thursday. It was the re-match of the Lions vs. the Packers, and I was sure that the "Pack was Back" and this time they would roll over Detroit. For most of the game, though, nothing seemed to be working, at least by the comments I was reading on my first-ever experience with a live sports blog.
Now I admit I have a lot of fun on a Sunday morning with my latest thoughts on the Vikings and the Packers, and I haven't been kicked out yet (emphasize the "yet"), but believe me, that's all in fun. But the comments I was reading on Thursday were really sad, and they were sad mostly because they were probably true. The game was AWFUL! And I'm wearing my Rodgers jersey and everything. Frankly, there was nothing to do but laugh at how badly the game was going. It was like me having a bad hair day or bumping into a wall or furniture or dropping things constantly or losing my glasses or purse or that piece of paper that had my important list of . . . I don't remember.

When Tim and I got home, I don't know what possessed me, but I turned on the television to see if the game was still on. It was . . . I had forgotten that the two minute warning means at least 20 minutes left. Okay, maybe not that much, but you know what I mean. So I watched and started thinking what I could possibly say on Sunday morning. In fact, I sent a text to a Grace member and wondered if THIS Packers' loss could be a resigning issue! That person responded by telling me it might be easier to become a Vikings fan.
I seriously thought about that.
And then it happened. A face mask penalty. Another chance for Packer offense. Hardly any time left on the clock. Hail Mary! That's what they called it. A "Hail Mary" throw that sailed so high that when the football finally came down, as gravity said it must, it landed in the arms of a Packer. TOUCHDOWN! Unbelievable! It will stay on my DVR for a long time.
It will stay on my favorites list, not because of a Packers win, but because it reminds me of the first season of the church year. It's the season of Advent, and it means "coming". The color is blue for hope or purple for royalty. It's the time we remember that as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we also prepare for Jesus coming back.
In my 62 years of living, I've seen good times and bad times and everything in between, just like you. God has blessed me beyond belief with a good

family, good work, good opportunities. But I've also known what it is to feel like a loser, not at the top of my game, inadequate, not prepared, not very lovable.
My heart is so sad because of mass shooting after mass shooting in our own country. I grieve for our military and their families who live through tour after tour after tour with no end in sight. I'm sick to death of the numbers of people who live in poverty throughout the whole world. I don't know where ISIS will strike next. Our own community has had its share of too many deaths this past year, and I wonder who will be next. Some days it just feels like a 4th quarter with little time left on the clock.
I can fall a long way down into the pits, but that seems to be when God speaks. And it's a very simple word: CHOOSE. Choose to believe God or not. Choose to believe that God is stronger than cancer, stronger than bad relationships, stronger than grief, stronger than even death. God has made and kept promises for a long, long time. God promised a son, and Jesus was born. God promised life from death, and Jesus was raised. God promises that Jesus will return, as God, not gravity, says he must, to take us with him into a brand new world where there is peace and joy and no more death.
The time clock might be winding down awfully fast. God's just getting started. TOUCHDOWN!

Fabian and Kiel congratulate NCTC on getting FBM Grant

The Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council (MAELC) recently awarded more than \$3 million to eight Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Farm Business Management programs including Northland Community and Technical College (NCTC). These grants are provided through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, and were funded through this year's agriculture legislation spearheaded by House Republicans. Representative Deb Kiel (R-Crookston) chief-authored the bill to create these grants, and Representative Dan Fabian (R-Roseau) was a co-author. The grants are intended to help address an instructor shortage in

Farm Business Management. Both representatives advocated for this initiative, citing the importance of Farm Business Management programs to Minnesota's rural economy and met with NCTC staff and administrators, as well as local farmers, to gather input regarding this grant program. "As Vice-Chair of the Agriculture Finance Committee, I heard first-hand this session how important local Farm Business Management programs are for our community, and how providing a quality rural education is essential to Minnesota's agricultural economy," said Rep. Kiel. "I'd like to congratulate Northland Com-

munity and Technical College for receiving this grant!" "Talking with folks in our community, it became clear how vital the Farm Business Management program is for Northwest Minnesota, and ensuring these grants were available to address instructor shortages in this field was one of my top legislative priorities," said Rep. Fabian, a member of the House Agriculture Finance Committee. "I am pleased our community has access to world-class rural education opportunities at NCTC and would like to congratulate them for receiving this grant from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture."

WHAT A JOKE

Who's up for some fun ol' Christmas Mad Gab? Last year's Eagle at this time had a "Mad Gab" game instead of jokes. Let's do another round of that. It's a fun game enjoyed by most, so grab a friend and play. See if they can figure out exactly what it is you're trying to say and make your own game out of it!
Happy Mad Gabbing!

1. Cramp hairy saws
2. Had vend kale lender
3. Mill can goo keys
4. To us thin I'd beef fork wrist miss
5. Egg wrist mask air ill
6. Caw dressed deem air reach end almond
7. Sill Verb Elsie
8. Oak a Mocha me manual
9. Pie neck own sand all he

- bear ease
10. Par ants sir
11. Neigh tv tea
12. Ear gum sand tack loss
13. Sell air eyed
14. Went her one twirl and
15. Cease owns creed dings

ANSWERS ARE ON PAGE 5!

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7th grade GBB:
Front row, L-R: Hailey Knutson, Chloe Kuznia, Shyann Harske.
Middle row: Jackie Zaviska, Nikayla Fody, Madison Cullen, Mya Anderson, Kansas Jensen.
Back row: Gracie Lunsetter, Vivian Coan, Coach Kelsey Loberg, Trinity Walseth, Madison Paulson.



7-8 BBB:
Front row, L-R: Jordan Horachek, Jared Haack, Jake Olson, Moses Jensen.
Middle: Riley Manderud, Ian Haugen, Evan Englund, Levi Kiesow, Felix Jensen.
Back: Blake Jensen, Preston Panek, Cory Cleven, Gabe Arveson, Hudson McMillin, Coach Cole Halvorson.



JV BBB:
Front row, L-R: Antony Yip, Blake Nerhus, Jaden Kiesow, Dylan Wold, Jacob Tharaldson, Kaleb Sjulestad, (no name available at time of print).
Middle: Cameron Naeseth, Trystan Jelle, Sarah Suchoski, Kristin Farris, Alaina Monson, Jeremy Wiskow.
Back row: Peyton Verbout, Coach John Wilebski, Logan Merrill, Hogan Lundeen, Arman Duyar, Brandon Stanley, Coach Jesse Westbrook, Lucian Tinnes, Michael Jelen, Dylan Manderud.



Varsity BBB:
Front row, L-R: Blaine Kriel, Trystan Jelle, Kristin Farris, Sarah Suchoski, Alaina Monson, Jeremy Wiskow.
Middle: Dylan Manderud, Ty Jelle, Jesse Wiseth, Cameron Naeseth, Benji Wilebski, Mike Jelen, Blake Nerhus.
Back row: Brandon Stanley, Coach John Wilebski, Tyler Stinar, Hogan Lundeen, Dylan Walker, Ben Groven, Austin Brateng, Logan Merrill, Coach Jesse Westbrook, Coach Mike Gast.



8th grade GBB:
Front row, L-R: Maci Bakken, Elise Monson, Daria Waletzki.
Middle: Kayla Kiesow, Mataya Sargent, Amy Wiskow, Layla Jelle.
Back row: Coach Preston Swenson, Maloni Henrickson, Kansas Jensen, Zachary Marquis, Jackie Zaviska, Katerina Groven.



BBB 'C' Team:
L-R: Andrew Jones, Jaden Kiesow, Keyton Klein, Ethan Englund, Peyton Verbout, Lucian Tinnes, Kaleb Sjulestad, Jacob Tharaldson, Dylan Wold, Coach John Wilebski.



JV GBB:
Front row, L-R: Brooke Limesand, Mercedes Coan, Karlee Johnson, Nichole Arveson, Madi Race.
Middle: Alison Satre, Ashlyn Henrickson, Hannah Diestch, Brooke Anderson.
Back row: Cheyenne Irlbeck, Zachary Marquis, Ashley Moe, Jackie Zaviska, (no name available at time of print), Kansas Jensen, Carlye Kiesow, Coach Alex McDonald, Libby Johnson.



Varsity GBB:
Front row, L-R: Alison Satre, Hannah Diestch, Brooke Limesand, Ashley Moe.
Middle: Jackie Zaviska, Marisa Newton, Shantel Verbout, Mariah Coan, Maddy Bakken, Kansas Jensen.
Back row: Coach Elroy Johnsrud, Coach Alex McDonald, Karlee Johnson, Ashlyn Henrickson, Brooke Anderson, Carlye Kiesow, Zachary Marquis, (no name available at time of print).

► EXTENSION NEWS

By: James Stordahl

Planning for Retirement

As we prepare to close out another year, many farmers may be considering retirement and wonder when to pull the trigger. For those in which this point is approaching, there are many questions that should be considered. David Bau, Extension Educator in Agricultural Business Management, shares some of the common issues to those at this crossroads. Even if your plans are a few years off, it's never too early to begin planning for this transition.

Perhaps the first question to consider is, "What are your farm transfer goals"? We all have goals in life and each is unique. All generations involved in the farming operation should sit down and list their individual, family and farm goals. The next step would be to rank and combine these goals from the different generations into one plan for the farming operation. This process is an opportunity to bring the entire family together to share your wishes.

How much income will be necessary in retirement? You should determine how much income will be needed in retirement. A simple way to calculate this is to list out your current expenses, then complete a second column with adjustments for which expenses will go up or down after you retire. This will determine the amount of income necessary for your retirement years.

How are you going to use your farming assets to accomplish your farm transfer goals and to generate your retirement income? When completing your balance sheet, determine which assets you will keep to generate retirement income. Often times the land is kept and rented out. This rental income, along with social security, livestock and equipment sales, and investments can generate your necessary retirement income. If you have sufficient assets heading into retirement, you may look at which assets you could possibly transfer to the succeeding generation through a sale or

gift.

Is there sufficient income for both generations to make a living? This is a tough question for many farm operations to answer. Frequently, there is not sufficient income generated by the farming operation for both the retiring and incoming family. This is where carefully planning and analyzing different options can help the transfer plan succeed. Many farming operations are now subsidized by off-farm incomes. Taking a realistic look at the income needs of both generations can help determine how the asset transfers can take place: whether gifting is needed for the start of the succeeding generation or a purchase is needed to provide income for the retiring farmer. Renting equipment and/or livestock can also provide a flexible option that could be adjusted according to the profitability of the farming operation.

How retired do you want to be? When retiring from the farming operation you must determine how actively you will contribute labor to the operation. Will you be available to help with certain livestock chores, or at peak times of the year such as planting and harvesting? You must decide how much you are willing to contribute to the farming operation, even in retirement, so the next generation can plan how to proceed.

These and many other questions will need to be answered as you approach retirement. To help guide your transition, we have a series of 10 bulletins on "Transferring the Farm" and 10 more bulletins on "Estate Planning" that can be found on the Center for Farm Financial Management website at www.cffm.umn.edu, or simply stop by your local Extension office. These bulletins are a great place to start planning a successful transition into retirement.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu.



Thanks to everyone who donated to the sharing tree at American State Bank of Grygla, many families will have a brighter Christmas this year because of you. The employees at ASB have wrapped all the gifts and gotten them prepared for delivery around the county.

Answers from pg. 3 Mad Gab game

1. Cranberry sauce

2. Advent calendar

3. Milk and cookies

4. Twas the night before Christmas

5. A Christmas carol

6. God rest ye merry gentlemen

7. Silver bells
8. O come O come Emmanuel

9. Pine cones and holly berries

10. Prancer

11. Nativity

12. Here comes Santa Claus

13. Sleigh ride

14. Winter wonderland

15. Season greetings

► SIMPLY DELICIOUS

Oreo Fudge

This is a very easy and SIMPLY DELICIOUS fudge recipe. You're going to love this one!

INGREDIENTS:
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, room temperature
4 cups confectioners' sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
15 ounces white chocolate, chopped
15 Oreo cookies, broken into chunks

DIRECTIONS:
In the bowl of your mixer, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth and no lumps remain.
In the top of a double boiler (or just a glass bowl set over a pot) over lightly simmering water, heat white chocolate, stirring until melted and smooth.

Stir the melted white chocolate and 3/4 of the Oreo cookies

into the cream cheese mixture. Spread into a parchment lined 8x8 baking dish. Press the remaining cookies into the top of the fudge to make it look pretty.

Chill in the fridge for at least 4 hours before cutting.

Cut into 1-inch squares (or smaller - this stuff is rich) and serve.



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

Oniomania
Noun
An uncontrollable desire to buy things.

A Note from Principal Lunsetter's Desk

"You're going to go through tough times - that's life. But I say, 'Nothing happens to you, it happens for you.' See the positive in negative events."

~ Joel Osteen

I completely agree with what he is saying. Every event in our life holds a lesson if we choose to take the time to look for it. When we make good decisions, we build our character. When we make bad decisions, we should look at what made it a bad decision and try to avoid doing that again. Either way, all of life's events, good and bad, big and small, have the potential to build us into a person we would like to have as a friend if we decide to learn from it. When we take the right perspective, all things become a positive and we eliminate negativity. Try looking for the positive in all things today and see if you notice a difference.

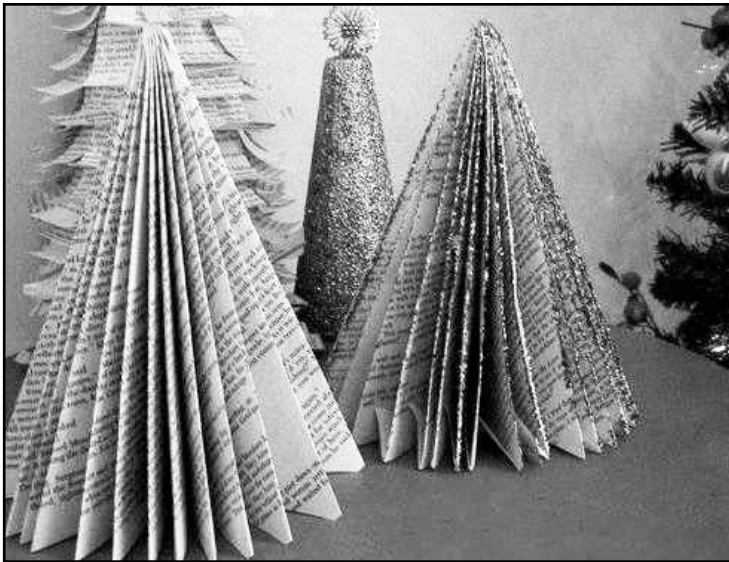


Grygla Elementary Perfect Attendance for Quarter 1:
Front row, L-R: Gus Jones, Cooper Aune, Braeden Nordby, Blake Stanley, Autumn Osse, Ryelin Stanley, Joseph Stinson, Colbie McManus, Raymond Moe, Jackson Bessler, Rowan Johnson, Evan Grindahl.
Middle row: Andrew Loken, Blake Rychlock, Sheldin Sundberg, Kaylor Torgerson, Wade Tornow, Hunter Vad, Tatum Carrlson, Alicia Osse, Callie Loken, Chelsie Nelson, Anna Sundberg, Addison Severt, Paizley Moe, Gavin Aune.
Back row: Clayton Suchoski, Dane Arveson, Tucker Verbout, Lewis Jones, Justin Thompson, Zoey Fish, Brigitte Watne, Chloe Osse, Ellie Sabourin, Kia Klein, Emily Carlson.
(Not pictured: Connor Boutain, Jens Oslund, Kinsley Oslund, Taylor McManus.)



Grygla High School Perfect Attendance for Quarter 1:
Row 1, L-R: Evan Englund, Levi Kiesow, Maci Bakken, Peyton Verbout. Row 2: Chris Luttrell, Brooke Limesand, Abby Kiesow, Carlye Kiesow, Anthony Loken. Row 3: Madison Bakken, Shantel Verbout, Dustin Nelson.
(Not pictured: Mya Anderson, Arman Duyar, Andrew Jones, Antony Yip, Keyton Klein, Daria Waletzki, Nikki Waletzki)

► DO IT YOURSELF



Easy Christmas Craft Tutorial: How to make a Christmas tree from a paperback book

This decorative folded paperback Christmas tree made from an old book is super cute, easy to make and affordable! It's even a great craft to do with the kids. There are several variations you can make with these, like the rolled tree and the full glitter tree you see in the background. What you'll need for these (pictured in front) are:

A paperback book
Exacto knife
Dry adhesive

Optional: glitter and glue
Step 1. Get your paperback book and gently remove the cover so that it is naked.

Step 2. Count out 30 pages of your book.

Step 3. Use an exacto knife to slice down the spine where you've partitioned off your 30 pages.

Step 4. Repeat steps 2 & 3 so you have two sets of 30 pages.

Step 5: Now take one section of the book and lie it on the table so that the spine is facing left, as shown. Grasp the top right corner and fold it down so that the edge of the corner is

Look for the Red Kettle at American State Bank in Grygla

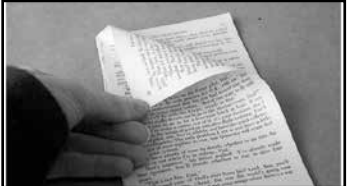
The Salvation Army of Marshall County would like to recognize and thank the communities for their generous support over the past years. We have worked hard to assist individuals in the County with utilities, transportation, rental assistance, medical needs, unexpected emergencies, backpacks with school supplies and food baskets. The Red Kettle Campaign is used to raise money for the needy in Marshall County. The money that is donated in the kettles STAYS directly in Marshall County and is used in a variety of ways to assist local individuals. This can only be done through the generous donations of individuals and organizations. Please look for the Red Kettles in the local area banks

to donate. This year we are not sending out donation letters but instead are hoping that you donate directly into the Kettle before December 22nd.

Please look for the Kettles at the following locations:

- ...in Oslo at Frandsen Bank
 - ...in Warren at Bremer Bank, American Federal Bank & Frandsen Bank
 - ...in Newfolden at Marshall County State Bank
 - ...in Middle River at Border State Bank
 - ...in Grygla at American State Bank
 - ...in Argyle at United Valley Bank
 - ...in Stephen at Koda Bank
- Thank you for your continued support.
The Salvation Army Service Unit of Marshall County

touching the spine.



Step 6: Now grasp the part of the page where the folded edge meets the straight edge. Fold it over so that the part of the page that it already folded from the last step will be flush with the spine. It's just like folding a paper airplane.



Step 7: Either fold the overhanging part of the page up, or cut it off. It will sit well either way.

Step 8: Continue to do this until all of the pages are folded.

Step 9: Take the other set of thirty pages and flip it so that the spine is on the right.

Repeat steps 5-8 with your spine on the right.



Step 10 (OPTIONAL): Now hold the book page with the folded part towards you and brush glue along the edges. Then dip the edges into glitter and shake off the excess. Note: when you use the glitter, you'll have to gently separate the page edges afterwards so that the glue doesn't adhere the pages together.

Step 11: Lay the folded pages down and apply dry adhesive liberally to the front and last page

Step 12: Press the two edges of each set together, lining up the edges. Open the pages and curl around until you can do the same both sides.

Step 13: Sit it up and let dry! Occasionally you'll need to add some glue to the very top of the tree, along the inside edge to keep it from gapping but if you use enough dry adhesive that shouldn't be a problem! Sit back and enjoy all the compliments you get on your beautiful paperback tree.

Wednesday, December 9, 2015



7th grade basketball players Trinity Walseth (left) and Mya Anderson (right) in their game against RLF last week.



Jesse Wiseth had 3 points in the game against the Rebels.



Pictured above, L-R: Chargers on offense, Alison Satre and Ashley Moe in the game against RLF last Thursday, December 10th. GG Varsity girls won the game 64-62. Pictured below is Brooke Limesand #32 on defense against RLF. Also pictured is varsity senior player Benji Wilebski bringing the ball down the court.



Chargers Basketball hosts two double headers

Last week was a busy week for the Chargers Basketball teams. On Monday, November 30th, the boys hosted Sacred Heart – East Grand Forks in Goodridge. GG lost the game by 8 points with a final score of 43-51. Head Coach Mike Gast said of the game, “We had too many turnovers. We cannot win ballgames if we don’t take care of the ball better. We need more discipline with the ball. We played hard and with a lot of heart. We rebounded pretty well. We will get better.”

Stats from the GG/SH game are: Scoring: Dylan Walker 15, Ben Groven 9, Tyler Stinar 6, Ty Jelle 4, Blaine Kriel 4, Benji Wilebski 4, Jesse Wiseth 1.

Rebounds: Dylan Walker 14, Ty Jelle 8, Ben Groven 7, Blaine Kriel 6, Benji Wilebski 4, Tyler Stinar 3, Jesse Wiseth 3.

The Chargers played ball the next night, hosting a double header against Stephen Argyle in Grygla on Tuesday, December 1st. Both the varsity boys and girls teams lost their games. The boys had a final score of 57-64. Gast said the team has to be able to finish games without shooting themselves in the foot. “I feel bad for our players because they worked their butts off. We need to play smarter with a composed intensity. Once we

improve in these areas we will be ok,” he added.

BBB Stats vs. SAC: Scoring: Dylan Walker 12, Tyler Stinar 12, Ty Jelle 9, Blaine Kriel 8, Ben Groven 7, Benji Wilebski 4, Jesse Wiseth 4, Hogan Lundeen 1.

Rebounds: Walker 9, Jelle 8, Wilebski 7, Groven 6, Stinar 4, Kriel 3.

The varsity girls basketball team is now coached by Elroy Johnsrud. In their game last Tuesday against the SAC Storm, they lost 41-64. Johnsrud said, “We started off a little slow, which will happen in the first game. Shantel got into early foul trouble so she had to sit. Other players jumped in and played well while she was out. Second half we did very well. The girls kept fighting and never quit.” Stats were not available at time of print.

On Thursday, December 3rd, Grygla was the site of another double header; the Chargers hosted Red Lake Falls. The Varsity girls team came out with the win by 2 points. Their score was GG 64, RLF 62. Head Coach Elroy Johnsrud said, “This was a hard fought game. We picked up the pressure on defense and handled the pressure on offense better than we did in the last game. We were getting to the basket and making them. We had a good lead, RLF made good come back, but

the girls kept fighting and we pulled out a win. Shantel Verbout had a good night on the offensive side and defensive side. She had 37 points, 10 rebounds, and 7 steals. Hannah Dietsch handled the pressure very well and got our half court offense set up.”

The Chargers Boys team fell short in their game. They lost to RLC 41-66. “We took a step back in the improvement department. We didn’t do a lot of things well. This was not a good game for us in all facets of the game. I need to do a better job getting the kids mentally ready. I look for a huge improvement in our next game,” said Head Coach Mike Gast.

Scoring for the BBB/RLC game: Scoring: Blaine Kriel 10, Dylan Walker 8, Ben Groven 7, Ty Jelle 7, Jesse Wiseth 3, Tyler Stinar 2, Benji Wilebski 2, Cameron Naeseth 2.

Rebounding: Dylan Walker 11, Ben Groven 7, Blaine Kriel 6, Ty Jelle 6, Tyler Stinar 5, Benji Wilebski 3, Jesse Wiseth 1, Michael Jelen 1.

Up next this week for the Varsity Chargers: The Boys Holiday Basketball Tournament will be held at NCTC in Thief River Falls on December 7-8 & 10. The girls travel to Lancaster on Friday, the 11th, to play KCC. There is also a JH BBB game in Goodridge that day against RLCC.



The Iron Chargers do it again! Both teams, 4149G & 4149C, allied together at their competition at BSU last weekend and were named tournament champs! The C team (the older team pictured left) won the Excellence Award that day and were also the programming skills champs and the robot skills champs! The Grygla team competed against 32 teams that day.

The Robotics club has their next competition on January 9th in TRF. The club was first started in 2011 and has made it to the World Competitions for the past 3 years!

Currently there are over 175 Robotics teams in the State of Minnesota.

