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A look at next week... DNR officials meet in Grygla to discuss an elk management plan with the public.

Grygla Centennial Committee announces Holiday Cash Extravaganza winners



Above: Santa passed around treats to young and old alike! Pictured from L-R are Kearny Leitch, Lucy Mickeson, Santa, Chey Mickelson, Ava Sorvig and Anna Sundberg. *Below:* Gretchen Smeby looks pleased to hear her name being called as one of the \$500 winners in the Holiday Cash Extravaganza drawing!

The Grygla Centennial Committee hosted an enjoyable evening last weekend at the Community Center in town! A chili and baked potato feed was held, along with 20 games of Bingo; winners won hams, turkeys, pork loins and bacon! Santa made an appearance early in the evening and the Holiday Cash Extravaganza winners were announced! The lucky winners were:

\$1500 winner – Kyle Safransky

\$1000 winner – Patty Anderson

\$500 winners – Amy Sorvig, Chris Restad, Gretchen Smeby, Judy Bernet

\$100 winners – Renee Bowman, Robert Sundberg, Nick Smeby, Faye Miller,



Karen Cymbaluk, Steve Saurdiff, Lucas Miller, Dan Cullen, Jeremy Nordby, Lindsay Os-

lund. Proceeds made will benefit the 2017 Grygla Centennial.



Families were enjoying their Saturday evening at the Grygla Community Center! Kayla Kofstad is pictured with her son, Bryton, while Jake Sletten is enjoying Bingo with his daughter, Delia.



November School Board Meeting Minutes

The November School Board Meeting was held on Thursday, November 19th, 2015, with the following members present: Jim Verbout, Shaunna Olson, Gary Polansky, Karina Tinnes, Charisa Limesand, Principal Lunsetter and Superintendent Clow. Absent was Nicolette Leach.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and agenda was approved as presented, along with Minutes of the last school board meeting. Payment of the bills approved and Finance Report is as follows:

General Fund	\$114,325.41
MSDLAF	\$1,606,209.58
Food Service	5,881.37
Checking	8,482.55
Comm. Serv	\$339.83
Trust	0.00
Total	\$120,546.61
Total	\$1,614,692.13

Student Report: Given by Alison Satre, Hailey Vad, and Courtney Vad. Robotics will be leaving tomorrow for the Albany competition and will be using the new trailer. Fall Kickoff for Envirothon was in TRF on 11/19/15. Boys basketball practice started on 11/9/15 and played in a jamboree on 11/14/15. Girls basketball started on 11/16/15 and will host the jamboree on 11/21/15. Student council members attended the fall summit yesterday, 11/18/15, in Bemidji. Students in the FACS homeroom class baked cookies for parent teacher conferences. Student council held Thanksgiving BINGO on 11/16/15 and made over \$500. The fall sports banquet will be held in Goodridge this year on 11/23/15. The win-

ter band and choir concert will be on 12/7/15.

Teacher Report: Given by Isaac Kvasager and Jesse Westbrook. Elementary students created posters for American Education Week; they are hanging in the elementary hallways. Fourth-graders constructed mobiles showing the different levels of government. Students will be attending a competition this year called MATHCOUNTS; one team of four and three individuals are registered for 2/12/16 at Northland in TRF. Peer helpers have done a really great job this year: recently they had the haunted hallway on Halloween and put on a week of activities for Red Ribbon Week. Students on the robotics team have been putting in long hours preparing for the first competition in Albany this weekend. Isaac Kvasager has used the new trailer for hauling robotics materials and reports that it is great to use.

Principal Report: Given by Principal Lunsetter. The paired sports committee proposed creating a set of coaching expectations; a working document has been started to support coaches. New junior high boys basketball uniforms have been ordered, costing around \$1000. NWEA testing will happen November 23-25, 2015. Beth Kucera accompanied students to the student council summit in Bemidji yesterday, 11/18/15. Chromebooks are being utilized, and things are going well. Coaches are happy with the effort in the start of the boys basketball season. The girls basketball jamboree will be held in Grygla on

11/21/15. The long term strategic plan to support teaching and learning, an MDE required document, was discussed. Google Classroom was brought up at the principals' meeting on 11/18/15, and a few teachers at Grygla School are using it already. Isaac Kvasager is handling the demands of teaching and being technology coordinator very well. Lindsay Oslund and Lori Jones will be substituting for Marcie Moe, out on medical leave, in the near future. The fall sports banquet will be Monday, 11/23/15 at 7:00 p.m. in Goodridge. The elementary Halloween party was a success this fall. US News & World Report has awarded Grygla High School the bronze medal 2015 for performance on state assessments and how well we prepare students for college.

Superintendent Report: Given by Superintendent Clow. The bus report: most of the buses are running well, practice bus (#6) had alternator issues, and Colette's bus (#4) had some issues.

The board accepted the resignation of Jean Schulz as varsity volleyball coach and bus driver and approved the hire of Preston Swenson as junior high GBB coach. Also approved: the long range strategic plan to support and improve teaching and learning, the donation of \$110 from the Grygla-Gatzke Jaycees for the volleyball vinyl banner, the bid from Bob Neuschwander for the four 900 x 20 radial tires on rims, and the bid from Tyco Simplex Grinnell to replace the fire alarm system.



Last week, the Grygla School welcomed an esteemed visitor. Artist and Historian, Steve Stark, put his skills and passion for art and history to good use as he presented information to the students of Grygla in regards to the region's past. His unique presentation brought history and art to life as he told the stories while drawing in charcoal with skill and speed on a long roll of paper. Mr. Stark is a national award-winning editorial cartoonist and has had thousands of cartoons published in newspapers, books and magazines. The students of Grygla thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Stark's presentation.

Tis' the Season for Counting Birds

The Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge is hosting their 3rd Annual Christmas Bird Count. Last year, the Grygla Eagle participated in the event, along with a few friends! It's a great way to volunteer your time and allows one to take part in an outdoor winter activity. If you'd like to participate, plan to meet at the Spruce Valley Community Center (250 Hill Ave.) in Middle River at 8am this Friday, December 18th.

Not an avid birder? No wor-

ries. This is a perfect event for beginning bird watchers to "spread their wings", become actively involved in wildlife viewing, and help out with an important survey. Completion of the CBC can be tailored to your interests, with as much or as little of the survey being done from a vehicle or on foot. Agassiz staff will have route assignments, along with maps and data sheets ready for you. They will also will team up with participants that wish to

do so. Coffee will be brewing during the brief morning meeting, so you'll have a chance to fill your mug before venturing out. A midday potluck lunch will be provided, courtesy of the Refuge, with groups meeting back at the Community Center between 11:30 am and noon. This will give everyone a chance to warm up and share their morning observations.

Christmas Bird Count
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CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Wednesday:
6pm Choir, 6:30pm Confirmation, 7:30pm Interfaith Bible Study
Sunday:
Grace: 9am Worship, 10:15 SS
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. 16:
Ekelund Advent Services 7:30pm
Sunday:
Ekelund: 8:30am Worship
Faith: 9:45am Worship, 5pm
Sunday School Program
Bethany: 11am Worship

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

ship
St. Ann's: 10am Worship.
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday:
9:30am Worship, No SS
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 Merseth
Wednesday:
5-7pm Wed. School/Confirmation
Saturday:
Mt. Olive 9am Worship, 10:15am SS/Confirmation
Sunday:
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship w/ 11am brunch, 8:30am SS
Oak Park: 4pm preservice music; 4:30pm SS Christmas program

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

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.

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A reminder that the **Chargers GBB Holiday Tourney** at NCTC will be broadcasted on **December 14, 15, 17.**
Listen Live on **Friday, December 18th** - **BBB vs. Northern Freeze** in Grygla

School Lunch Menus

Grygla School Lunch Menu
Wednesday, December 16:
Cheese Pizza, Orange, Broccoli, Green Beans
Thursday, December 17:
Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Carrots, Pears
Friday, December 18:
Chili w/ Crackers, Cheese, Carrots, Applesauce
Monday, December 21:
Cook's Choice
Tuesday, December 22:
Cook's Choice
Wednesday, December 23:
Hot Dog on a Bun, Chips, Peach, Baked Beans

Goodridge School Lunch Menu
Wednesday, December 16:
Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Bread
Thursday, December 17:
Turkey in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, California Blend, Vegetables, Grapes, Bread
Friday, December 18:
Chicken Patty on a Bun w/ Lettuce & Mayo, Green Beans, Apples, Bread
Monday, December 21:
Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Pineapple
Tuesday, December 22:
Chicken Nuggets w/ Assorted Sauces, Green Beans, Peach Slices, Bread
Wednesday, December 23:
BBQ on a Bun, Corn, Chips, Pickles, Peaches, Pears

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Community Calendar

Wed | Dec 16
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; Community Education Christmas Baking Class at the Grygla School 6-9pm; Public Meeting w/ DNR on an Elk Management Plan at the Grygla Community Center 6:30-9pm
Thurs | Dec 17
Grygla Eagle office open 9am-3pm; Grygla School Board Meeting 7pm; GBB Holiday Tournament at NCTC in TRF
Fri | Dec 18
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Elementary Christmas Program 2pm; Goodridge Elementary Christmas Program 2pm; BBB vs. Northern Freeze in Grygla
Sat | Dec 19
Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf open 8-10:30am; Our Savior's Lutheran Church Christmas Program 7pm
Sun | Dec 20
Our Savior's Lutheran Church Advent Supper w/ Lois & Lois 6pm
Mon | Dec 21
First day of winter; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; GBB/BBB Double Header vs. LOW in Grygla
Tues | Dec 22
GBB vs. Warroad in Grygla

GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK

Written by: Karen Olufson
Hello Super Readers! How are you today? Have you been getting a lot of reading done or have you been out enjoying the unusually warm days for December? I wonder how much longer they're going to last. Probably not until you're reading this column in the paper! Smile! Anyway, I hope you are fitting in some reading somewhere.
This week we should have our December items on the shelves when you come in. Hopefully nothing will stop them like all the delays we had in November. (Smile!) I'm looking forward to seeing you when you come in to check out what's new! I've been missing a lot of you these days. Where have you all been?
Please note that we have some new day care kits in for the month of December. Remember, I have mentioned them before and they're not only for day cares. They're for anyone to take out and they're just activity kits with books in them on a certain theme. The two new boxes we have in are, "Family Love" and "Fire!" Some of the kits have puppets, some have DVDs or CDs, and some have hats to match the theme. There are all kinds of variations. All kits have activity suggestions and coloring pages. They're great for when you're going home with a few kids to visit or to keep your own children occupied on a rainy day. (Smile!)
We've also gotten in some donated books recently, so please come and check out the free box. You might find something you've just been waiting to read! You also can keep those books forever so there's no limit on when you have to get done reading them! (Smile!) Remember, we love book donations! Just a reminder, though: I can't guarantee that they will be on the shelves in the Grygla Library. All book donations go to Thief River Falls where headquarters is and the good books or recent publications are chosen to go on one of the Northwest Regional Library shelves. Other books go to the Thief River Falls book sales where they sell the books and use the money to get new items for the libraries in the system. Of course, if you donate a book and it does end up on the shelves of the library system somewhere, we can always order it in for someone who wants it! Everybody wins! Thanks to those of you who have donated books in the past. We appreciate you!
For this week's book suggestion, I'm going to list a book I just recently finished listening to on CD. The book is called JUST ONE EVIL ACT and is by Elizabeth George. It's kind of a mystery book, but not in the typical sense. I guess I found that the "moral of the story" was that you never know where one specific choice will lead you. It can have unforeseen consequences that take you straight where you don't want to go! I would suggest reading this book if only for this reason ... to make you think about that next choice you make!
Well Dear Readers, I hope something in this column will make you want to come to the library again. My numbers just keep dropping and it concerns me. What happened to all of you who used to come when we first opened? Please don't give up the library. It's very good for the community and you as an individual. In the meantime, please have a safe and super week. Enjoy reading to yourselves and the children who surround you. We'll see what next week brings. Until then
Red Kettle Campaign in Marshall County
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
...in American Federal Bank & Frandsen Bank
...in Newfalden 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

New Year's Eve Bash at United

Bring in the New Year with family and friends at the United Lutheran Church, in Gatzke, on December 31, 2015, with a free-will donation pancake supper from 5-7pm. After supper join in on some wild games

Elementary programs Friday

The Grygla Elementary kids will be performing their Christmas program this Friday at 2pm under the direction of Gene Lunsetter. Santa will be making an appearance



The senior citizens held their Christmas party last week at the Grain Bin Cafe in Grygla. Special music was provided by Edgar Miller of Goodridge.

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Kim Cleven's mother, Janet Towle, was on hand at the Grain Bin last week to help out with some baking for the senior citizens Christmas party.

► EXTENSION NEWS

Written by: James Stordahl

Keeping Houseplants Healthy

Houseplants always look their best when their leaves are clean, rather than dusty. But there are even more important reasons to keep houseplant foliage clean this time of year. When days are short and sunlight is less intense--as in during winter--it's important that houseplants get as much light as possible each day. But a layer of dust on the leaf surface acts as a filter, reducing the amount of light that reaches the green tissue where photosynthesis occurs. Keeping foliage clean allow plants to take full advantage of the amount of light that is available to them.

Dusty foliage also provides an environment that encourages the presence of spider mites and other houseplant pests. Relatively warm indoor temperatures coupled with low humidity result in their rapid reproduction. By cleaning the foliage every few weeks, you'll wash off many of their eggs before they have the opportunity to hatch and do much damage.

Use a soft cloth to wipe both upper and lower surfaces of larger leaves with lukewarm water. Dissolve a few drops of mild dishwashing liquid in the water, but not enough to make it sudsy--just a little slippery. Clean the stems, too.

This method is too time-con-

suming for plants with lots of small leaves. Instead, cover the soil with tin foil or plastic wrap, then spray the plants with water in your sink or shower. Be sure to get the undersides of the leaves, as that's commonly where mites and insects congregate. Another option would be to turn the plant upside down and swish it through lukewarm water (and a few drops of dishwashing liquid) in your laundry tub. Check houseplant leaves for pests each time you water the plants. Catching a problem early means there's a good chance you can eliminate the problem just by washing the foliage.

Notice that she did not suggest using a leaf shine product. Although these products make the plants look great they leave an oily film on the leaf surface which is a dust magnet. We no longer suggest the use of these products. Take a little time to wash your plants so that they will continue to thrive during the long cold winter months.

For more information, contact me at the Polk County office in McIntosh at 800-450-2465, or at the Clearwater County office on Wednesdays at 800-866-3125. If email is your thing, contact me at stor-dahl@umn.edu. This article was provided by Deb Brown, former U of M Extension Horticulturist.

SIMPLY DELICIOUS

Eggnog French Toast

This makes for the perfect holiday breakfast. Not only does it taste simply delicious, but it is also easy to make. It only requires 5 ingredients! Serve this up with sweetened whipped cream (a holiday must right?) and those irresistible slices of salty, crisp bacon we all crave, and you've got a holiday meal worth remembering. Enjoy!

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Yield: 12 slices

Ingredients

1.5 cups Eggnog

5 Large Eggs

½ Tsp Ground Nutmeg

½ Tsp Rum Extract

12 Slices Texas Toast

Directions

Preheat griddle to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl, whisk together the eggnog, eggs, nutmeg and rum extract until well blended. Pour mixture into an 11x7 baking dish (or other similar size) and dip bread 2 slices at a time into mixture, then rotate and coat opposite sides of each. Transfer to buttered griddle and cook until bottom is golden brown, flip and repeat. Serve with warm maple syrup and sweetened whipped cream.

Christmas Bird Count

Continued from front

Those interested in continuing to search for birds after lunch are welcome, but it is expected that many participants will complete their survey efforts prior to lunch. This count

circle includes portions of the Refuge, the city of Middle River, Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area, and points in between. Last year, observers tallied a total of 25 different species, a couple highlight species were a northern hawk owl and snowy owl. For more in-

formation or to sign up, please call Lynda at 218-449-4115 x202. Please sign up to participate by Wednesday, December 16th, so it's known how many people to plan for. Dress for the weather, bring a pair of binoculars and be ready for a birding adventure.

Christmas Bird Count

Hosted by: Agassiz Refuge



DATE:
Friday
Dec. 18th

TIME:
8:00 am

WHERE:
Spruce Valley
Community Center
in
Middle River

CALL:
Lynda at
449-4115 x202
for more info.
& to sign up.



The Grygla senior citizens group held their Christmas party last week complete with an afternoon full of goodies, special music and a gift exchange.



November and December birthdays were celebrated at the Grain Bin Café with Betty Ostby, Terry Cleven and Gloria Sistad celebrating! (Submitted)



What a sight! Jon and Mary Wilson, of rural Goodridge, recruited a lot of manpower to help with their Christmas tree this year. The Wilsons have an 18-ft beautifully trimmed tree on display in their home. After cutting and purchasing it from the Anderson Tree Farm, in rural Goodridge, it was hauled home via a large trailer and decorated with the help of a tall ladder. Picking out a towering tree has become a yearly tradition for the family!

A Note from Principal Lunsetter's Desk

"I have always said and felt that true enjoyment cannot be described."

~ Jean-Jacques Rousseau



I wonder if this could possibly be by design. I totally believe that we are all here to help each other, but that doesn't mean that we need to do everything for each other. We all mold and create our own experience here. We see things from a different perspective from the next person, and we feel things differently than our neighbors. We are responsible for our own victories and our own failures. Our feelings are definitely based on our own experiences, and certainly not on somebody else's, which is why I think sometimes, whether it's sadness or happiness, that we just can't find the words to describe it because they are all unique experiences that words might not exist for. Have a great experience!

► WHAT A JOKE

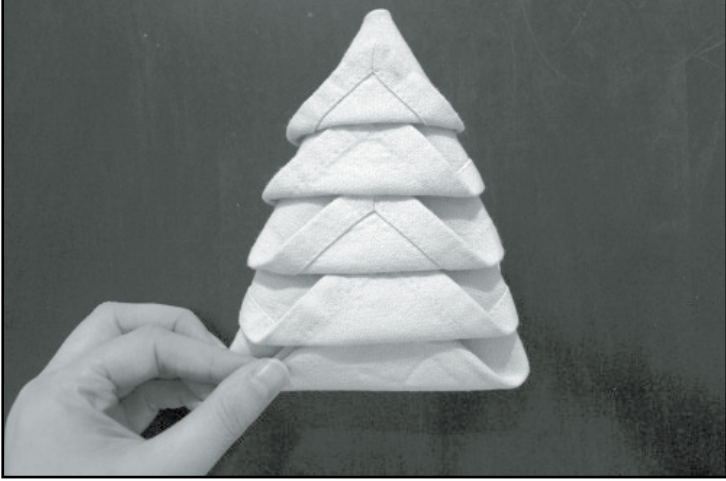
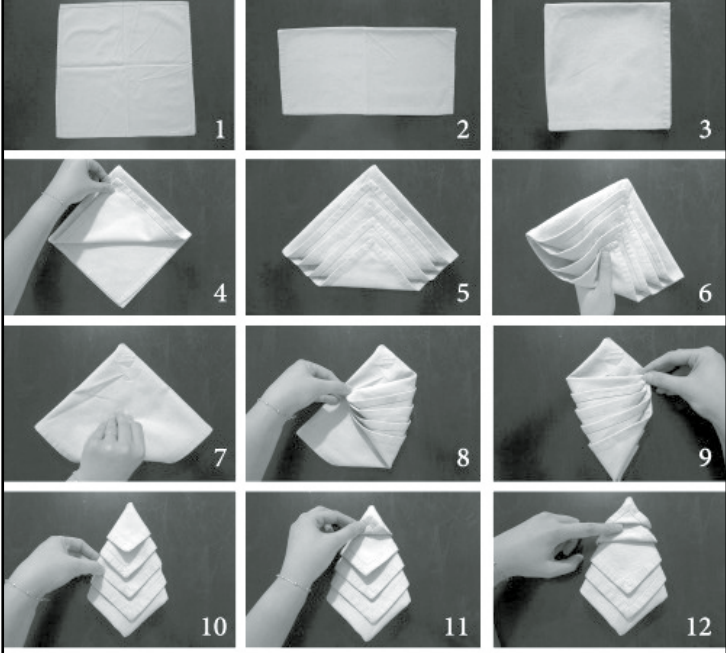
I'm trying to get into the holiday spirit but the darn bottle won't open.

Co-workers are like Christmas lights. Half of them don't work and the other half isn't so bright.

Optimist. Vs. Pessimist – A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other were their looks. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom and gloom pessimist. Just to see what would happen, on Christmas Day their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room was loaded with horse manure. That night

the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly. "Why are you crying?" the father asked. "Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken," answered the pessimist twin. Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" he asked. To which his optimist twin replied, "There's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"

► DO IT YOURSELF



Christmas Tree Napkin Folding

One of the most enjoyable parts of Christmas is putting in special effort to the setting of the table. There are so many things you can do that are inexpensive and can have an immediate impact. Centerpieces look great, but even adding a special touch to a napkin can really add to that festive feel. Check out this easy and festive idea ~ impress your guests and take just a few extra minutes to spruce up that dinner table.

Foreign persons must report U.S. agricultural land holdings

The Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Marshall County, Russell Miller, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricul-

tural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Miller.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value

of the agricultural land," said Miller.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such

as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Marshall County FSA office at 218-745-4251 or visit the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov>.



“Let Your True Light Shine” was the theme of the GHS winter music program, which was held last week on December 7th. Singing “One Voice” are the following Senior High Choir members: (bottom row, L-R) Ashley Lawrence, Brittanie Jones. Middle: Chey Irlbeck, Shawntel Ignaszewski, Hailey Vad, Julianne Nordby. Back: Jordan Hagen, Jake Ahlbeck, Antony Yip and Johnathan Hayes.



The Junior High Band performed a few numbers for the crowd, one of which included the theme song from Jurassic Park. Front row band members pictured are Brigette Watne, Layla Jelle and Bailey Watne.



The ECFE Christmas party was held at the Grygla School last week with many families in attendance. Pictured above are Oliver Smeby and Robbie Mosher, both of whom are listening intently to what Santa has to tell them!



“Dear Santa, before I explain, how much do you know already?”

Pictured above is little Liam Westbrook, son of Jesse and Renae Westbrook, at the ECFE Christmas party.

‘Dear Santa’ letters from the Grygla 2nd graders

Dear Santa,
I live in the country of Wankaska. My bike got ran over I wold sure like spy stuff for crismas. Is Rudlf real? Thank you for the monster truck last year.
Yours truly, Seth (Kaczor)

Dear Santa,
I live in Gryga. I like to play hockey. How many reindeer do you have? How old is Ruddph? How many elves do you have? Can I have a I pod. Thank you for being Santa.
Love, Jackson Bessler

Dear Santa,
I live in Grygla and I have been a very good girl this year. What kind of cookies should I leave for you? I sure do love Minnie Mouse, so this year I would love a Minnie Mouse bowling set. Thank you so much for my Minnie Mouse dancing and singing cheerleader last year.
Love, Jamie Denniss

Dear Santa,
I love stuff animals. How old is Rudolph? I would like some stuff animals this year. Thank you for the My Little Pony things.
Sincerely, Janessa (Torgerson)

Dear Santa,
I live in Grygla MN. How

is Mrs. Claus. I would like a volcano lob Thank you for Mr. Snagls. I'm in 4H.
Your friend, Lucy (Mickelson)

Dear Santa,
I live in Grygla in the country. What is one of your elves name? Can I have a pack of baseballs. Thank you for the stuff you gave me last year. I like to help my mom and Dad.
Love, Raymond Moe

Dear Santa,
I live in Gatzke. My house is big and green. I have three trees. I want a stuffed kitten. Thanks for the present. Do you have 2 white dogs?
Your friend, Mollie (Lunsetter)

Dear Santa,
I live in Grygla Minasota at the west edge. Last year my dog chewed my big stuffed elephant up. Do you have enough money to buy one? I would sure like a new one. Thank you for the clothes last year.
Love, Harlie (Hagen)

Dear Santa,
I live on a farm I have a zippy sack. Where do elves go on break? I wish I had a stuffed toy octapuss. Thank you for the Nut Job movie.
Love, Robbie (Mosher)

Charger Varsity Basketball results from last week

December 7: BBB vs. RLC at NCTC (Chargers 53, RLC 62)

“We dug ourselves a hole in the first half that we couldn’t recover from. We played better in the 2nd half. Our poor free throw shooting was a big problem...9/26. We have to get better,” says Head Coach Mike Gast.

Scoring: Blaine Kriel 19, Dylan Walker 15, Tyler Stinar 11, Benji Wilebski 6, Ben Groven 2.

Rebounding: Dylan Walker 8, Blaine Kriel 7, Ben Groven 4, Ty Jelle 4, Jesse Wiseth 4, Tyler Stinar 2, Benji Wilebski 2.

December 8: BBB vs. Fertile-Beltrami at NCTC (GG 52, FB 56)

“We didn’t close out the game. We had too many missed free throws, missed baskets, and turnovers when the game was on the line. We did some good things and we work pretty hard. We have to learn to win,” commented Gast.

Scoring: Dylant Walker 22, Tyler Stinar 8, Austin Brateng 8, Ben Groven 5, Ty Jelle 5, Blaine Kriel 4.

Rebounding: Tyler Stinar 10, Dylan Walker 10, Blaine Kriel 8, Ben Groven 4, Austin Brateng 4, Ty Jelle 3, Benji Wilebski 1.

December 10: BBB vs. Clearbrook/Gonvick at NCTC (GG 58, CG 52)

Coaches Comment: It was great to get the win. We made some free throws and rebounded very well. We still made too

many mistakes, but we are taking baby steps to improve. Hopefully we can build on this and continue to get better.

Scoring: Tyler Stinar 21, Blaine Kriel 12, Dylan Walker 8, Austin Brateng 8, Ty Jelle 4, Ben Groven 4, Benji Wilebski 1.

Rebounds: Dylan Walker 9, Tyler Stinar 9, Austin Brateng 8, Blaine Kriel 7, Ty Jelle 7, Ben Groven 6, Benji Wilebski 3, Jesse Wiseth 1.

December 11: GBB vs. KCC in Lancaster (GG 42, KCC 65)

“When we look at the score, we see a 23 point difference, but like most games we were happy with a lot of things that we did. We have a come a long way in 3 weeks. We handled the full court pressure better, we ran through our offense, and our half court defense has improved. It was a long road trip to Lancaster. We missed some easy shots and didn’t catch some passes because of it I think. The girls are working hard to get better everyday,” commented Head Coach Elroy Johnsrud.

Stats: Ashley Moe- 4 points, 4 rebounds; Ashlyn Henrickson- 4 points, 3 rebounds; Carlye Kiesow- 2 points, 1 rebound; Hannah Dietsch- 4 rebounds; Karlee Johnson- 2 points, 2 rebounds; Madison Bakken- 9 points, 7 rebounds; Mariah Coan- 6 points, 1 rebound; Shantel Verbout- 15 points, 9 rebounds.



Saurdiff’s pieces featured in Holiday Art Exhibit in EGF

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) is excited to announce a seasonal Winter Holiday Exhibit in the gallery in River Cinema Mall. The exhibit showcasing thirty-five holiday-themed artworks by nineteen artists from northwest Minnesota and the Grand Forks area opened Wednesday, December 2, 2015, and will be on display through Sunday, January 10, 2016.

Betsy Saurdiff, of Grygla, has two pieces featured in the exhibit: Penguin Talk and Holy Night, both of which are reductive printmaking. Other work includes whimsical pieces, including the oil painting “Snowman Fun” by Sue Ouellette, and a mosaic-encrusted chair by Elizabeth Rockstad of Ada, Minnesota. The exhibit also includes sublime landscape photographs by Raul Consing of Grand Forks, watercolors by LaVonne Forsberg of Thief River Falls, and glassworks by Jolene Juhl of Greenbush, MN.

Other participating artists are: Brenda Baumer, East Grand Forks, oil painting; Elisa Boushee, Grand Forks, acrylic painting; Phyllis Kalliokoski, East Grand Forks, watercolor;

Lynne King, Alvarado, photography; Carolyn Meisel, Grand Forks, acrylic painting; Courtney Olson, Crookston, acrylic painting; Jan Osborn, Thief River Falls, acrylic painting; Jessica Pribula, East Grand Forks, acrylic painting; Kathryn Rynning, Kennedy, photography; Leanna Sandahl, Thief River Falls, acrylic painting; Dale Sickels, Grand Forks, watercolor painting; Alicia Spilde, Karlstad, mixed media; and Karlee Westrem, East Grand Forks, acrylic painting.

Gallery hours are Wed. through Sat., 2:00 to 8:00 pm, and Sun., 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The Arts Council gallery and River Walk Artists shop & gallery are located in the River Cinema mall, East Grand Forks, across the street from Cabela’s and next to Mamma Maria’s Restaurant. Parking is available in the large lot next to the north mall door.

Private showings are available and gallery employees are happy to answer any questions. For more information or private showings, call the gallery coordinator at 218-965-4216, or email: tmjacobson16@gmail.com



The BBB Holiday Tourney was held at NCTC last week. The Chargers won 1 of 3 games. Pictured are #1 Blaine Kriel and #23 Ty Jelle. (Photo courtesy of Shonda Jelle.)