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In this issue ... It's the Betts Pottery studio sale this week and you're invited!



Aboard the USS California, Steven Anderson, United States Navy Machinist 2nd Class, circumnavigated the globe in 1981 and has the prestigious documentation to prove it. *Photo courtesy of Steve Anderson*

There was nothing that was going to deter me



Written by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

"There was nothing that was going to deter me." That's how he describes the 6-year contract he signed with the United States Navy back in 1979 as he set out to serve his country.

We know Steve Anderson as the friendly joker and familiar face commonly seen around town. We know him as the down-to-earth and approachable HR Director as he sits behind his desk at Machinewell, Inc. in Grygla. What we may not know is how Steve served diligently, faithfully, and professionally in one of the loneliest and hottest areas of the world: the Indian Ocean. Or how he's been awarded many prestigious certificates that include crossing the Equator or being the first ship to travel around the entire world in almost 20 years. We also don't know how his time aboard the USS California as a Navy Machinist has helped shaped him into who he is today.

Until now. From California, to Singapore, to Spain, to Australia, Steve Anderson, United States Navy Machinist 2nd Class, sits down, reflects on his time in the service and takes us on a little trip around the world.

It was a couple of years after his graduation from Grygla High School in 1976, Steve was 20 years old and decided to enlist in the Navy. Rather than just working, and because a

recruiter had visited the area a couple of years prior, it was a decision Steve decided to put into action.

Initially enlisting for Advanced Electronics, and taking the required entrance exam, Steve got a call from someone in Kansas City asking if he'd be willing to take a Nuclear Power exam. This is what brought him into the United States Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program where he served six years from January 1979-January 1985.

It was the first time he had ever flown as Steve was bound was San Diego. Being the middle of winter in Grygla, he touched down to a beautiful, sunny 70 degrees in California. There weren't a lot of nerves on his end, though it was expected to be a tough 8 weeks of basic training. Like most veterans say, the mental challenge is almost greater than the physical challenge; they break you down to build you back up stronger. "Honestly, I thought football practice with Lindstrom was harder than basic, but I was a lot smaller back then," Steve laughed.

For the first couple of days, the guys were basically just camping at the U.S. Naval Training Center. They needed to wait until about 80 men or so came to form their recruit company. That's when the medical exams started, the clothes were handed out, the hair was cut, and the training began. In addition to the well-planned physical training program, and many hours in the swimming pool, classroom training also occupied a lot of the future shipmates' time, as well as ordnance and gunnery training. Everyone was getting into the necessary physical and mental shape for their time abroad the USS California that would soon follow.

Before Steve could set sail around the world, he would first need to head to Military A School as a Machinist Mate where he perfected all skills necessary for operating and

maintaining the ship's propulsion machinery. After spending roughly four weeks at the Great Lakes Naval Station, there was a lull in his schedule, so Steve headed to a base in Norfolk, Virginia, for a couple of months. Just before he was transferred out of there, he recalled an interesting story involving a sailor who didn't want to head out to sea. The man cut all the fire hoses and lit the ship on fire while it was in port. The whole ship had to be evacuated, fire boats and crews fought the fire for hours, which caused millions of dollars' worth of damage.

After that stay with vivid memories, Steve was headed to Orlando, Florida, for Nuclear Power School and then Idaho Falls for Prototype Schooling.

He says, "Just the travel within the United States alone was great. If I hadn't been in the Navy, there is no way I would have seen what I've seen. Many times, I just had moments of being astounded; especially when you'd see the size of the ships, wondering how they can even float."

Floating around the world would come next. With no active wars at the time, besides the Iranian Hostage Crisis that had taken place, Steve and his 500+ shipmates aboard the USS California served as an escort ship for the American Battle Group. The USS California was 596 feet in length with a full-load displacement of 11,100 tons. It was outfitted with guns, torpedoes, missiles, and anti-submarine rockets. The crew consisted of over 30 officers and over 500 enlisted men. The year was 1981 when it began its 221 day-long journey around the globe.

"We were escorting another ship from Norfolk to the Indian Ocean, which was a hot spot at that time. I remember getting up to the Suez Canal (a waterway in Egypt), but not being able to travel through it since we were a nuclear power ship, which wasn't allowed in

there. We had to go all the way down and around the southern tip of Africa and meet them again," Steve shared. It was during this time that the ship got a call that something was happening in the Middle East. The ship had to travel all the back up and get to Cartagena, Spain.

During their journey, the USS California crossed the equator. That's quite a naval tradition that is celebrated greatly while on the ship. For any men who have never made the crossing, the "pollywogs" and "tadpoles" were part of an initiation ceremony that provided for many laughs and many uncomfortable situations, all in the name of fun. Steve recalls crawling around on his hands and knees while getting sprayed with fire hoses. He also had to crawl through a long tube filled with all the garbage and food from the mess decks. "I think we had to take tabasco shots, too, and parade around in a beauty contest," he said.

Crossing the equator earned Steve a prestigious certificate in addition to a few others that he still has: Order of the Ditch transit through the Panama Canal; The Domain of the Golden Dragon, which is crossing the International Date Line; and the Order of Magellan for circumnavigating the globe on the seven seas. All of these large documents have been preserved perfectly since he was awarded them in November of 1981.

As mentioned earlier, the USS California was the first nuclear-powered surface ship to travel around the world in 17 years. During the 221-day deployment, the California participated in several training exercises involving units of the 6th and 7th fleets and those of allied nations. Port visits were made in Spain, Australia, and

Steve Anderson... Continued on back



Steve Anderson shares memories of his time in the United States Navy and looks back on different documents he acquired during that time. That includes a yearbook from the year he sailed around the world, and various certificates and awards for things like crossing the Equator and the International Date Line. *Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*



Arena reflections

Written by Nick Olson
I wrote this story a while back and forgot about it, but after working on the rink this past weekend, I thought it would be a good time to share.

On the edge of town, in a town tucked into the Northwest corner of the State of Hockey, there is a rink. From the outside, the rink resembles many of the sheds, barns, and buildings that are prevalent in this part of the state. It's only when you approach that you can hear the building coming to life. Pucks clanging off of posts, skates slicing across the ice, roars of laughter and roars of encouragement alike.

Nestled in the middle of such hockey powerhouses as towns likes Roseau, Warroad and Thief River Falls, sits the humble town of Grygla, MN, home to the Brian W. Olson Memorial Arena. Grygla itself does not boast a high school hockey program, but to many in the community, hockey is a part of their very fabric.

The history of hockey in Grygla goes back generations but really found its footing in the 1980's when the Grygla Flames were formed. The Flames were comprised of a group of friends and families around the area that shared a passion for the game of hockey. The Flames travelled to many of the "old timer" hockey tournaments from Bemidji to Hallock, and everywhere in between.

In the early 90's the city of Grygla had a decision to make, to build a swimming pool or a hockey rink. Ultimately the rink was chosen, and the Grygla arena opened in the winter of 1992. The arena was built on the backs of volunteers and its lack of amenities at the time were far overshadowed by the mountains of character within its walls.

With a brand-new arena in place, the Grygla Flames now had the ability to host their

own hockey tournament which gave birth to the 1st Annual Grygla Cup in 1993. Throughout the years teams from Bemidji, Warroad, Williams, Roseau, Ross, Thief River Falls, Red Lake Falls, Grand Forks, Langdon, and many more have made the annual trek to "the Cup." In the early years of the arena, a 2nd team from Grygla formed going by the name of the Grygla Ice Devils. This team was mostly made up of younger guys and high schoolers who had no other outlet to play hockey.

As years passed the arena began to evolve. Chicken wire, which once kept stray pucks from the spectators, was eventually replaced by glass. Player benches were installed, one painted in Flames red, one in Ice Devils blue. Bathrooms were installed, one locker room became two, and a heated spectator box was installed.

In 2006, the Grygla arena was given its new name, the Brian W. Olson Memorial Arena following the untimely passing of my uncle Brian. Brian was a long-time member of the Flames and was one of the founding members of the Grygla Cup. Shortly after the arena was renamed, a new scoreboard was added and dedicated to the memory of Milo Hagen, another important contributor in Grygla hockey history.

Fast forward to today, and the arena is still as busy as ever. Skating is still part of the physical education curriculum at the local school, Friday night is still hockey night, and twenty-seven Grygla Cups are now in the books. Hundreds of volunteer hours from the local community have made this all possible and contributed to this labor of love. Three decades of blood, sweat and tears are the true character of our rink. Not bad for a shed sitting on the edge of town.



Some recent updates were made at the Brian W. Olson Memorial Arena in Grygla. New boards were put up all around the rink with funds from the money that has been raised over the years. Helping on the rink was Nick Olson, Brock Olson, Jake Olson, Greg Olson, Robbie Anderson, Rodney Hagen, Owen Hagen, Katie Hagen, and Ethan Schulz. The latest update had Nick Olson reflecting on memories from inside the arena walls; he shares that story above. *Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Anyone ages 5 years and older can get a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at the Grygla Community Center on Tuesday, November 23rd, from 4:30-6pm. Older siblings and adults can also register to receive their vaccine at this time. 2nd dose will be administered

3 weeks after the initial dose. Dates/times are TBD. A parent/guardian must accompany the child to the appointment. Call NVPH at 218-745-5154 to schedule your appointment. Masks are required at the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic.

Veterans Day programs

The Goodridge and Grygla Schools are each holding a Veterans Day program on Thursday, November 11th. Each

school's program begins at 9am with the public being invited to each.



Happy Veterans Day on Thursday, November 11th.

• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Vicar Marilyn Grafstrom
Recorded services are 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
Wednesday, Nov 10
11am Bible Study, 6pm Grace Choir, 6:30pm JH Confirmation
Sunday, Nov 14
Grace: 9am Worship, 10:15am SS
OS: 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
Sunday services are posted online on the Parish YouTube channel. They are rebroadcast on the GVTV Channel 36 on Wednesdays at 9am and 6:30pm.
Sunday, Nov 14
Calendar N/A

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge Fr. Adam Hamness

Sundays:
St. Clement's: 10:15am Worship.
St. Ann's: 12pm Worship
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays
8am Worship, 11am Facebook Live Broadcast
UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Sundays
8:30am Worship

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wednesday, Nov 10
Wednesday School 5-7pm
Saturdays
9am Worship at Mt. Olive
Sunday, Nov 14
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15 SS
Nazareth: 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship
Oak Park: 9:45am SS, 11am Worship

Please send your church calendars in a timely fashion to grygla.eagle@gmail.com

Thank You!

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Many thanks to our local rescue squad. You are very much appreciated! I was just amazed with all the squad members that came rushing over that September morning to help with Sheldon. Although Sheldon was soon beyond help, it was just so comforting to know we have such dedicated people, right here, that drop everything and rush to help us when we are in need. Thank you so much! Janey Peterson

DITCH MEETING

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Thursday, November 18th, Grain Bin Cafe
JD11 at 9:30am - JD21 at 10am

You may qualify for a reduction in property taxes

Disabled Veterans' Homestead Property Tax Exclusion: who is eligible? This program provides a property tax exclusion for the homestead of:

1. An honorably discharged veteran who has a service-connected disability rating of 70% percent or higher.
2. Surviving spouses of certain qualifying veterans and service members.
3. Primary family caregiv-

ers of qualifying veterans.
How do I apply? Applications are available in your County Assessor's office. You must apply by December 31 to qualify for the exclusion on the current year's market value for taxes payable next year (except for manufactured homes assessed as personal property, which are taxed in the same year they are assessed).

WGU honors veterans, current military service members and their families with \$75,000 in scholarships

In recognition of Veterans Day and to honor service members for their sacrifice and commitment to our country's future, Western Governors University (WGU) will be offering \$75,000 in scholarships to veterans, active-duty military personnel and their immediate

family members who are interested in furthering their education. The "Military Appreciation Scholarship" is available for those interested in pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree

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The staff, school board and Grygla School Community would like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to the communities we serve! Your support in the recent election is appreciated, and we are excited that all three ballot measures were approved. Regardless of how you voted, we value your feedback and take our responsibilities that you have entrusted to us seriously. We take pride in the outstanding curricular and extra-curricular opportunities that are provided to our students to help them be ready to handle the challenges that lie ahead for them. The positive relationships that we are able to develop with each other is something that only the members of our district can understand. Our school and communities are a special place to be a part of that others don't "get" until they are a part of it! THANK YOU to our Grygla School Community for helping ensure that we will have everything we need to continue our tradition of excellence!

NOTICE

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2nd Half Agricultural Real Estate Taxes
Due November 15th, 2021

Penalty will be charged on all taxes paid or mailed with a postmark after November 15th
Receipts issued on request only
The Marshall County Courthouse Will Be
Closed Thursday, November 11th in Observance of Veterans Day
Scott Peters
Marshall County Auditor/Treasurer

Community Calendar

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Wed | Nov 10
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am, followed by November Senior Birthday Party; Grygla Library open 2-6pm

Thurs | Nov 11
Happy Veterans Day! Veterans Day program at Goodridge School 9am; Veterans Day program at Grygla School 9am; Goodridge School PT Conferences 4-8pm; Betts Pottery Studio Sale at her home 4-7pm

Fri | Nov 12
No School for Grygla/Goodridge; Betts Pottery Studio Sale at her home 4-7pm; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Bingo at Goodridge Municipal Liquor Store 6:30pm

Sat | Nov 13

Sun | Nov 14

Mon | Nov 15
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Chargers GBB practice begins

Tues | Nov 16
Grygla Coop Store Wine Tasting 3-6pm; Goodridge School PT Conferences 4-8pm; Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club meeting 7pm

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Northern Lights fishing report

Written by Ben Kucera
On this week's report, it's the first weekend of deer season in the books for 2021. And if you are anything like me this is a bittersweet time. Everyone is together for deer camp and the first weekend is over. You look forward to seeing everyone again for second weekend and then after that, it's a ghost town; the camp is empty and everything is put away until next season.
As many know, I'm not a big deer hunter, but I enjoy the company deer camp brings. If I can have it my way, I'd be at deer camp and go duck hunting in the mornings. Sometimes it happens - other times it's frozen. My group wound up with 6 deer for the weekend. I did make it out for opening morning with Maria in tow. We didn't see anything, but I half expected that. The deer would have had to be blind, deaf, and dumb with all the noise and

movement in the meadow.
This past Wednesday, we did get out duck hunting again and broke ice the whole way for 6 ducks, but I did shoot a stellar drake widgeon for the wall. This week I hope to do more duck hunting with the cold front coming in and some deer hunting in the evenings. After the deer seasons begins, my next favorite season: ice fishing.
Good luck everyone! Be safe and congratulations to those that filled their tag.
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.

Close Up Turkey Bingo

Show your support for the Goodridge School Close Up program as they raise money to send students to Washington DC for a hands-on learning experience of our country's heritage and government.
Turkey Bingo will take place on **Saturday, November 20th, at 5pm in the Goodridge Community Center.** The

event will include a taco bar, turkey bingo, and a silent auction. The taco bar will cost \$10/ adult and \$5/6th grade students or younger. Bingo prizes range from turkeys to ham to bacon, with the blackout bingo prize being a full thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the fixings. \$1/ bingo card to play.

GHS Turkey Bingo

It's back! Turkey Bingo – the popular evening where folks flock to the Grygla School to try and win their Thanksgiving Turkey! There's also bacon and pork loin up for grabs! The event will be on **Thursday, November 18th, at 7pm in**

the Grygla School Commons. Bars and refreshments will be available. Games are \$0.25 a card with the last game being blackout at \$1 per card. This fun evening is sponsored by Grygla Student Council.

Betts Pottery November studio sale

Want to get a jump start on your holiday shopping with no supply chain worries? Stop by my studio for some one-of-a-kind, handmade gift items, with refreshments to enjoy while you shop! I will be throwing pottery as well, so you can also see how I work.
I have times set for:
Thursday, November 11th,

4-7pm
Friday, November 12th, 9am-Noon
My studio is at my house, address below:
29813 390th Ave NE
Grygla, MN, 56727
If you have any questions feel free to message me on Facebook, otherwise I hope to see you there.

Grygla Coop Store Wine Tasting Event

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Tuesday, November 16th from 3:00-6:00pm
Come and sample a variety of wine specials and sales!

****IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX NOTICE – SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD****

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Do you own agricultural land but do not have an agricultural homestead?
Homestead is available on farmland as long as all the following conditions are met:

- (1) The owner must live within four cities, townships or a combination thereof from the farm;
- (2) The owner or qualifying relative must actively farm the land;
- (3) The owner and operator must be a Minnesota resident;
- (4) Neither the owner nor their spouse claim another agricultural homestead in Minnesota; and
- (5) The farm consists of at least 40 contiguous acres.

What is a qualifying relative?
For special agricultural homestead, a qualifying relative includes a spouse, child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner, either on the person's own behalf as an individual or on behalf of an entity.

When do I apply?
You must apply on or before December 31, 2021. This is an annual application accompanied by your 156EZ from the 2021 crop year. Contact your county assessor for applications.
Marshall County Assessor's Office
218-745-5331

****IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX NOTICE – AGRICULTURAL & RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD****

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This will affect your 2022 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?
Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 31, 2021.

What is a qualifying relative?
Qualifying relatives for both agricultural and residential homestead include parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the owner, by blood or marriage.

When do I apply?
You must apply on or before December 31, 2021.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 31, 2021 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.
Marshall County Assessor's Office
218-745-5331

A Tribute To America's Veterans

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November 11 is Veterans Day. On this special holiday, we recognize all those men and women who have served in the U.S. military during war and peacetime.

We thank them for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve.

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Saturday, November 13th, 6-9pm
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Cake and coffee will be served.

Bells of Peace
"Bells of Peace" - a World War I remembrance is a national tolling of bells in honor of those who served and sacrificed during WWI.
Marshall County Area Veterans Memorial Park (MCAVMP) will be participating in "Bells of Peace" on November 11th at 11am. At that time, the bell at the MCAVMP on the west lawn of the county courthouse will toll 21 times. That is the same moment when in 1918 the guns fell silent, and the fighting ceased on the Western Front.
During the short 18 months that America participated in WWI (April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918), our nation went from a standing army of around 130,000 to deploying nearly 2 million men and women to Europe. Over 200,000 were wounded; 116,516 made the ultimate sacrifice.
"Bells of Peace" is a national event sponsored by the Doughboy Foundation.

Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

Duluth's beloved Bentleyville Tour of Lights opens on November 20th

How can we not share this beloved Minnesota Christmas activity!? Soon opening on November 20th and running through December 27th, Bentleyville is reverting back to a walk-through format, bringing people together to create delightful memories for all this holiday season.



Bentleyville will be open every Sunday-Thursday evening from 5-9pm with the Friday and Saturday hours running 5-10pm.

Bentleyville is a popular annual Christmas celebration held in Duluth, Minnesota. It is made up of millions of colorful lights. For years, this has been one of the most popular Christmas displays in Minnesota. People from around the state

(and beyond) travel to Duluth to see the lights in person. The event has traditionally been open only to pedestrians. But in 2020, the event was set up as a drive-thru lights display to keep the event safe in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizers created a display that was enjoyed from the comfort of people's vehicles. It was a great way to see the holiday lights in a whole new way, but this year,

it gets back to a walk-through display.

As usual, unique displays will depict favorite animals, holiday characters, pieces of Minnesota culture, and more. Being one of Minnesota's best holiday traditions, we think it's well worth it to head to the Bayfront Festival Park.



Students are busy in the school's pottery room



Betsy Saurdiff's Community Ed students finished up some projects recently, working hard and learning a lot in a short amount of time! More classes will be coming this winter! Photo courtesy of Grygla School



The Grygla 5th and 6th grade students have also got to spend some time in the pottery room at school. Betsy comes in and works with the students on occasion. This particular project had the young students making trays and platters. Their work will be getting glazed this week and on displayed at the elementary concert in December. Photos courtesy of Grygla School

Families are what children need most

By Jodi Harpstead, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services

Editor's note: November is Adoption from Foster Care Awareness Month in Minnesota

All children need safe, loving, permanent families. But right now, too many Minnesota children aren't getting the basic building blocks of support, stability and love that families can offer.

During a time of devastating natural disasters, racial inequities that persist in our communities and the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety that families provide is more important than ever. Foster children face their own upheavals, not only dealing with the turmoil of the world around us, but also with day-to-day challenges including the trauma of being removed from their homes.

We at the Minnesota Department of Human Services have three priorities to ensure that children in struggling families get the care and support they need.

Reunifying families
Parents want what's best for their children and work hard to give them good lives. Yet sometimes parents struggle to manage financial worries, health concerns, work-related chal-

lenges, parenting demands and other stresses. When parents have problems and children are placed in the foster care system, our first priority is to reunify families. We support parents to overcome their difficulties and minimize trauma for children who have been removed from home. The more quickly we can safely reunify families, the better off everyone is.

While child protection intervention can lead to foster care, its primary purpose is to promote child safety and strengthen families so that they can stay safely together. In fact, 90% of Minnesota children remain with their families at the close of a child protection assessment or intervention.

Uniting children with relatives

When children cannot safely reunify with their families, our next priority is finding relatives to adopt them. Minnesota law requires child protection agencies to prioritize placing children with relatives, as long as the relative meets state child protection standards, including passing a background study.

More than half of all adoptions from Minnesota's foster care system in the past three years have been with relatives, including 59% of the 965 children adopted from foster care

last year. We know that placement with relatives:

- Minimizes the trauma of removal as they can still be with family who know them
- Increases permanency as relatives are more likely to provide a permanent home
- Improves behavioral health
- Promotes sibling connections, with relatives often willing to enable siblings to remain together
- Preserves children's cultural identity and community connections.

Creating new families through adoption

While family reunification is our highest priority, followed by adoption by relatives, sometimes we also need to create new families to provide children with safe, loving, permanent homes.

If you're thinking about adoption, consider adopting children from the foster care system instead of pursuing a private or international adoption. We have a great need for families to adopt all waiting children – particularly siblings and older youth who often remain in foster care the longest.

Children right here in Minnesota need families immediately. You could be one of them who:

- Offers patience, guidance,

compassion and structure that children need

- Advocates for and helps children who need mental health and medical care
- Spends time chilling, watching movies and barbecuing with family, which one foster youth described as a great day

Provides the love that makes a happy family, as another foster youth described it
Earlier this month, we hosted our 24th annual "Celebrate Adoption: Circus of the Heart" event virtually to celebrate families created by adoption in the past year and to encourage others to consider adopting a child from the foster care system. Working in partnership with counties, tribes and nonprofits, our goal is to find safe, nurturing, permanent homes for all foster children available for adoption as quickly as possible. Our hope is that you can help us and, more importantly, the 641 Minnesota children who are waiting for families to love and support them for a lifetime.

For more information, contact your county or tribal social services agency or MN ADOPT at www.mnadopt.org, 612-861-7115 or 866-303-6276.



A big welcome to Brutus the Bull, who recently joined the Chargers family and looks forward to cheering on the Chargers all year long! Shown here, some younger students were able to introduce themselves to their new friend last week! Photos courtesy of Grygla School

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

Serein

\Suh-ran\

Noun

Fine rain falling after sunset from a sky in which no clouds are visible.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Arroz Con Pollo

My thoughts: recipes that have names you can't really pronounce are usually way too complicated and call for ingredients I don't even have. Usually, I haven't heard of half of those ingredients either.

But I came across this dish called "Arroz Con Pollo" in a book at the library and it looks simple enough, right!? I love to try new dishes, yes, but I also love when they look pretty. Not gonna apologize for it; I do love me some good food aesthetics. With that being said, this dish looks impressive...it looks delicious...and seems pretty easy to make, so let's get cookin'.

Arroz Con Pollo = Rice with Chicken

Crispy chicken thighs, fragrant cauliflower rice, and briny olives complete this skillet dinner. The recipe uses bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs for the flavor factor, but you could also use boneless chicken thighs as well. You can also use regular rice if you wish. Side-note: I love the added olives into this recipe. I think green olives go SO good with chicken or turkey; so flavorful.

- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp oregano
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 4 chicken thighs

¼ cup (plus 2 tbsp) olive oil, divided

- 1 small bell pepper, any color, diced
- ½ cup onion, diced
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- ¼ cup chicken broth
- ¼ cup crushed tomatoes
- 12 oz. uncooked cauliflower rice

8 large pimento-stuffed green olives

2 tbsp minced fresh cilantro

In a small bowl, mix together the coriander, cumin, salt, garlic powder, oregano, and pepper. Season the chicken with this spice mixture and set aside.

Heat 2 tbsp of your oil in a larger cast iron skillet over high heat. Add chicken, skin side down, and sear it for 5-6 minutes without moving it. Flip the chicken and cook for 10-15 minutes. Transfer to a plate.

Add the remaining ¼ cup of oil, bell pepper, onion and minced garlic to the skillet. Cook, stirring for 5 minutes, until veggies have softened. Add your broth and crushed tomatoes.

Bring the mixture to a simmer, then add in the cauliflower rice. Cook for 5 minutes until rice is fluffy. Transfer the chicken back to the skillet, cook for a few minutes to re-heat the chicken. Top the dish with your olives, cilantro and serve.



Scholarship...

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from WGU in any of the online, nonprofit university's 60+ programs in IT, business, K-12 education, and health professions, including nursing.

Each "Military Appreciation Scholarship" is valued at up to \$2,500 per student and will be applied at the rate of \$625 per six-month term, renewable for up to four terms. The scholarship is open to new students who have been officially admitted to WGU and qualify as active-duty military personnel, a reservist, a veteran or a military spouse or child. Scholarships will be awarded based on a candidate's academic record, financial need and current competency, as well as other considerations.

"WGU is thankful for each and every member of the military— and their supportive families — for their selfless dedication to serving our country," said Dr. Angie Besendorfer, Regional Vice President of Western Governors University. "One way we're proud to give back to those who give so much is through our Military Appreciation Scholarship. In addition to the military-exclusive scholarship offering, WGU's degree programs are also approved for VA education benefits under the GI Bill — and because of our low, flat-rate tuition, that means veterans are usually eligible for benefits that make their program effectively tuition-free."

WGU has been named one of the top Military Friendly® Schools for 11 consecutive years by Military Advanced Education and Transition Magazine. More than 17,200 WGU students are currently affiliated with the military, approximately 11 percent of the student population. Earning a bachelor's or master's degree from WGU can help them transition into a rewarding, high-paying civilian position upon graduation.

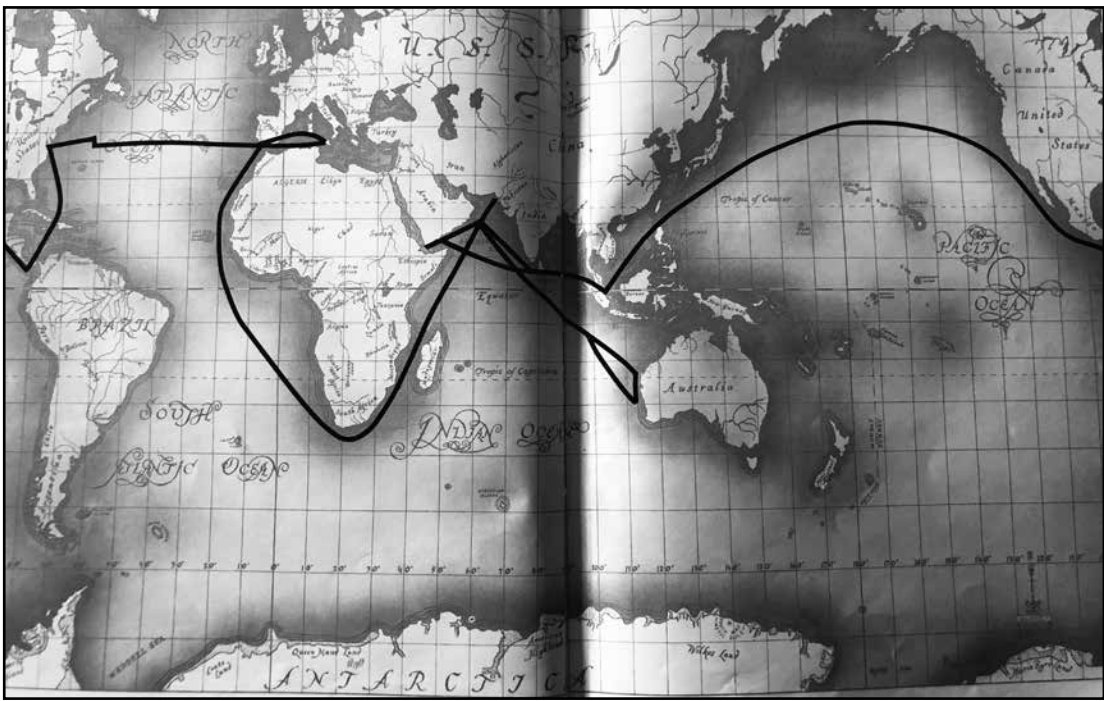
WGU's programs are com-

petency-based, providing flexibility and workforce-focused degree programs active-duty military members, veterans, and their families need. Designed to meet the needs of adult learners, competency-based education allows students to move quickly through material they already know so they can focus on what they still need to learn, rather than basing progress on a number of credit hours. Faculty members work one-on-one with students as mentors, offering guidance, support and individualized instruction. While the university's degree programs are rigorous and challenging, competency-based learning makes it possible for students to accelerate their programs, saving them both time and money.

For more information about WGU, the Military Appreciation Scholarship or how the university supports service members and their families, visit wgu.edu/militaryappreciation.

About WGU

Established in 1997 by 19 U.S. governors with a mission to expand access to high-quality, affordable higher education, online, nonprofit WGU now serves more than 130,000 students nationwide and has nearly 250,000 graduates in all 50 states. Driving innovation as the nation's leading competency-based university, WGU has been recognized by the White House, state leaders, employers, and students as a model that works in post-secondary education. In just 24 years, the university has become a leading influence in the development of innovative workforce-focused approaches to education. WGU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, has been named one of Fast Company's Most Innovative Companies, and has been featured on NPR, NBC Nightly News, and CNN, and in The New York Times. Learn more at www.wgu.edu.



This map shows the path the USS California took in 1981. This photo comes directly out of Steve's yearbook that documents that year both on and off the ship as it sailed the seas.

Steve Anderson...
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Singapore, to name a few. Memories that stick out in Steve's mind include an instance where there were 60-70-foot waves, endless 360-degree views of water, the occasional sighting of a whale pod, and island hopping down in the Caribbean. "Perth is my most memorable stop. It's naïve to figure everyone should speak English, but it's just the reality. We got to Perth and they spoke English there. They also had a McDonalds," shared Steve. St. Croix was also a favorite stop along the way.

While on board, Steve spent a lot of time under deck as a Machinist Mate. Of course, there were days off. Those were much more fun if you were in port somewhere, able to get off the ship and explore. As for his time on though, he never got lonely. Between the hundreds of men aboard or sleeping in the 30-man birthing compartment, playing endless hands of poker, and doing a lot of reading during his time off, the time passed quickly. When he wasn't on duty, a lot of time was also spent studying and doing extensive training to stay on top of everything, making sure the ship was always

operational ready. If it wasn't, well, the ship wouldn't leave port until all exams had been passed.

The ship was always moving. It was never just sitting out at sea and always aiding as an escort ship, presenting a false image and carrier signal. The deployment was highlighted by the rescue of 39 crewmembers from a burning Greek merchant ship, and 1,000 consecutive helicopter landings without a deck mishap. Steve has a yearbook to commemorate the USS California's time at sea in 1981. It's extremely interesting and informational to flip through, complete with many pictures from both on and off the ship.

The USS California was welcomed home in November of 1981. The Norfolk-based ship arrived and docked on the coast of California where she was welcomed home with plenty of pomp and circumstance. Today, the ship is no longer, having been completely cut up as it's now considered obsolete, but the memories at sea live in countless numbers of sailors.

When Steve stepped off the ship, his service coming to an end, he rented a U-Haul and would make the 36-hour drive straight up to Minnesota. He admitted there was one "insane" moment he thought about re-enlisting, but he ultimately didn't want to live a life at sea.

With his motorcycle in tow (that cruised the streets of San Diego, and was later sold to Randy Larson), the U-Haul was Minnesota-bound. For about 6 months, Steve drove truck with his dad before going to work at Marvin Windows in Warroad. After 13.5 years there, he found himself back in his hometown working at Machinewell, Inc., in Quality Control and later Human Resources. He has been there for the last 22 years.

With a 29-year membership in the American Legion Post #162, Steve shares his feelings as he reflects back on his time in the Navy. "Personally, I think every single man and woman should have to go through the military experience. I think it helps you grow up and learn how to be a responsible member of society, building character. I also think it's great to be military trained and ready if we were ever invaded. It's just an all-around experience everyone should have."

Thank you for your time and service, Steve Anderson, United States Navy Machinist 2nd Class.



An aerial view of the United States Naval Training Center in San Diego, California, where Steve Anderson completed his 8-weeks of Basic Training.



Welcome home, California! This picture was taken in November of 1981 as the Norfolk-based ship arrived home on the coast of California after it had been on a 221-day journey across the globe.

In a field near you...

Deer season is here with opening weekend bringing some "buck luck" to quite a few hunters!



Cheyenne Irlbeck had some luck right before dark last Saturday night when she took down this big 10-pointer! Photo courtesy of Chey Irlbeck



Kansas Jensen saw this one come out and within a couple of minutes it was down from roughly 60 yards away. Photo courtesy of Kansas Jensen



Brothers Donny and Jennings Johnsrud, both shot these 8-pointers last Saturday morning, about 5 miles north of Gully on their hunting land. Photos courtesy of Roz Johnsrud



Kinsley Oslund joined the 10-point club with her buck she shot opening morning up by Wannaska. Photo courtesy of Lindsay Oslund



Chloe Kuznia



Vivian Coan - Photos courtesy of NCTC

Kuznia and Coan given MCAC athletic honors

Pioneer Volleyball athletes Chloe Kuznia and Vivian Coan are among the volleyball players recently given MCAC athletic honors. Chloe Kuznia has been named to the MCAC Minnesota College Athletic Conference North All-Division First Team. Vivian Coan grabbed Second Team honors. Kuznia is a setter on the Northland team, leading the team in assists with 520 and added 91 kills, 26 service aces and 155 digs from her setter position. Coan recorded 144 kills and led the team with 29 service aces and 177 digs.

Individual Artist Grants of \$1,500 have a November 15 deadline

Grant money is available from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council. Grants are awarded to performing artists, visual artists, media artists, and creative writing artists from our seven county Minnesota service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties.

To be eligible you must be out of high school and at least 18 years of age. College tuition is not an eligible expense. This is the main category that individuals use to support their artistic business or advance their technical skills. This category is for non-hobby artists who make substantial yearly income from their art. Grants are awarded annually with \$1,500 going to four individuals. Support for this program comes from The McKnight Foundation. The deadline is November 15th for \$1,500 level applicants.

You absolutely must reside in our region (for one year prior) and remain living in our region during your entire grant year (2022). In the case of college students, your school or your home mailing address must be in our region. You will have to show proof of residency, usually your driver's license.

Also available on a first come-first served basis are Quick Turn Around Grants for \$500. These grants can be used for artistic training, arts marketing, and equipment purchases related to creating a body of artistic work, as well as recent loss of income from canceled gigs, due to the pandemic. Use the Quick Turn Around application in the Individual Artist grants.

To learn more about these grant programs and start an application visit www.NorthwestMinnesotaArtsCouncil.org. The grant application process is conveniently online and NWMAC's Executive Director Mara Hanel can help walk you through the process of using the grants portal. You can also request a paper application or come, with an appointment, to our office to fill out the paperwork at our grant writing station. Contact her at 218-745-8886.